## 40,000 FARM BUREAU MEMBERS OUR GOAL FOR



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## EDITORIAL

#### We Can Do It

At the 25th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, 700 delegates set the membership goal for 1945 at 40,000, and the long time goal for 1950 at 80,000 members.

It can be done. Our experience in the last two Roll Calls for increasing the membership shows how much we can do when we set ourselves to do a good job. In the 1944 membership campaign, we advanced from 14,000 to 20,996. In 1944 we finished with 29,025. That is a net gain of 7,000 and 8,000 in two years.

Forty thousand isn't too far away for 1945.

We are better prepared for the coming membership campaigns than we have ever been. Before March 31 next, more than 4,000 men and women in 47 County Farm Bureaus will have done work on membership teams. The northernmost counties start in December.

For the third year, a complete advertising campaign has been offered the County Farm Bureaus for use in their newspapers to build public interest. We think that the advertisements are more than twice as good as they were last year. Apparently, they helped in 1944, because 32 County Farm Bureaus which used the advertisements gained an average of 260 members for every 90 gained by comparable counties that did no advertising. We have prepared five advertisments, in 4 cols by 12 inch size, and in 3 columns by 10 inch size. Two of the smaller advertisements are published in this edition of the Farm News. You'll be seeing all of them as your county prepares for its Roll Call.

We can have 40,000 members if we want that many. It will come easily if everyone of us will contribute some time and effort toward building our Farm Bureau organization.

#### Post War Rural Telephone Program

In 1941 a very good beginning was made toward extending telephone service to most Michigan farms. It was done by the Michigan Bell Telephone Company under a Michigan Rural Telephone Construction Plan suggested by the Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan Grange, Michigan State College and the Michigan Farmer.

The plan provided that the company would build 3/10 of a mile of telephone line for each prospective subscriber, without a construction charge. For each additional tenth of a mile of line to be built, there would be a charge of 45c per month to be added to the telephone bill for not more than five years. If two or more new customers were in that tenth of a mile, the 45 cent charge would be divided between them. Additional subscribers on that line would tend to reduce the monthly installment on a standard construction charge, and perhaps eliminate it. The plan was modelled after the rural power line construction program suggested by the Farm Bureau in 1935, and which was so successful in Michigan.

Pearl Harbor stopped the extension of rural power lines and rural telephone lines. Those programs will be resumed after the war. The Michigan Bell Telephone Company has announced its intentions, and indicates that new methods and new services are coming to rural telephones.

New construction materials and methods will substantially lower the cost of building wire lines to areas not previously reached. A practical system has been developed for transmitting telephone conversations over electric power lines. The same system can be used over telephone lines to increase their capacity. A form of radio telephone connection with the telephone exchange may become practical for homes far from a telephone line or a power line. The farm family may be able some day to call certain numbers to hear the telephone company broadcasting the weather forecast, time of day, highway conditions, market information, and other types of information important to farm subscribers.

#### A Hint of What is Coming

Speaking to Farm Bureau members recently, Stanley M. Powell, legislative counsel for the Michigan Farm Bureau, said that it would

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1944

## HOW ABOUT IT NEIGHBOR ? THIS IS NO TIME TO STAND ALONE ! FARM BUREAU-ANSWERING AGRICULTURE'S NEED FOR ORGANIZED ACTION

## THE FARM BUREAU FIGHTING Your BATTLE ...

for Fair Prices, Fair Laws and A Square Deal

A GOOD FARM ORGANIZATION enables farmers to work together effectively for fair prices, laws that are fair to farmers, and a square deal for agriculture. How much can you do alone?

THE FARM BUREAU keeps its membership informed on legislation and other proposals which will affect their business. Men of ability represent our membership to Congress, the state legislatures, and departments of the federal and state governments. The Farm Bureau has advanced or protected your interests many times in the past. You can depend upon it in the years ahead.

YOU CAN HELP YOURSELF by joining the Farm Bureau, or by continuing your membership. 700,000 families in 46 states are members. Family membership is \$5 per year.

YOUR COUNTY FARM BUREAU Michigan Farm Bureau American Farm Bureau Federation Roll Call for Membership Starts Soon 22nd Year

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## Farm Bureau Looks To Post War Years

#### 700 Delegates Work on Recommendations At 25th Annual Meeting, Largest in the **Organization's History**

The Michigan Farm Bureau began writing a post-war program for agriculture and began strengthening the organization for the years to come at the 25th annual meeting held at Michigan State College, Nov. 9 and 10.

Seven hundred voting delegates, representing 29,000 members in 47 counties, and a large number of visitors made it the largest of all our annual meetings. The meeting was moved from Fairchild theatre to the big auditorium in the same building.

Adopt New By-laws. The delegates adopted a new set of by-laws to bring the institution up to date on laws affecting co-operatives and to enable it to take part fully in new developments in the co-operative field. The new by-laws shorten the name to Michigan Farm Bureau. The word "State" was dropped to end any misunderstanding on the party of other groups as to whether the Farm Bureau has a connection with the state government.

Elect Directors by Districts in 1945. Effective in November 1945, the new by-laws provide that most of the Michigan Farm Bureau board of 16 directors will represent districts of not less than 5 counties to the district. There will be 11 such districts. At each annual meeting, beginning in 1945, district delegates will caucus at the convention. Their choice for a director will be confirmed by the convention. Three directors at large will serve on the board. They will be nominated and elected in the convention. The Michigan Junior Farm Bureau and the Associated Women of the Farm Bureau will each name a director to the board. Directors will serve for two years, half of them outgoing each year. This year 8 directors were elected for one year terms in order to make the change apply to all directors in 1945.

The new by-laws include recognition of the Associated Women of the Michigan Farm Bureau as an affiliated organization on the same basis as the Junior Farm Bureau.

Last year for Commodity Directors. The Michigan Live Stock Exchange, the Elevators Exchange, Milk Producers Ass'n, Potato Growers Exchange, Michigan District of the Mid-West Producers Creameries, and the Michigan Co-operative Wool Marketing Ass'n have each had a director on the Farm Bureau board under a system of exchange directorships that was adopted in 1921. This will be terminated by agreement in November 1945. The several commodity exchanges will be represented to the Farm Bureau by commodity committees, now well established.

Looking Ahead for Agriculture. The Farm Bureau resolutions said, "The problems of post-war readjustments . . . will be nearly as difficult as those which precede V-day. It is none too early to be giving most careful thought to them."

The Farm Bureau said that it will support an international agricultural organization of the United Nations for collaboration on world food problems, but will insist that the interests of farm producers be not subordinated to those of other groups in whatever agreements are reached.

The first post-war problem for agriculture may be that of burdensome surpluses. Stating that food production has been increased 37% over pre-war, the Farm Bureau urged an 8-point national farm program for continuing adequate production of food and fiber, and to give agriculture a fair break in the readjustment.

A key recommendation, said the Farm Bureau, is support of farm prices at a level that will encourage maximum production which can be consumed domestically and leave farmers free to use their own judgment in planning crop programs. It was explained that this meant marketing surpluses abroad at what they would bring and charging the loss, if any, back to the home market price. This recalls the

-opener to the membership if it could observe how seriously Farm Bureau resolutions of policy are considered by other organized groups and by public officials.

Mr. Powell represents the Farm Bureau on the Governor's Public Education Study Commission and the Michigan Tax Study Advisory Committee. Within the last few days those groups have been considering the 15 mill amendment to the state constitution.

The Public Education Study Commission in a preliminary report recommended that the 15 mill amendment be liberalized so that the 15 mill restriction could be increased by a majority vote of the electors of any district to not more than 50 mills for a period not to exceed 15 years. The amendment now requires a two-thirds vote, and limits the period to not more than 5 years.

Mr. Powell pointed out that the Farm Bureau is opposed to repeal or drastic amendment of the 15 mill tax limit. He said that if any change should be made in the amendment, we should retain the provision that two-thirds of the voters must approve any proposal to go beyond the 15 mill limit, and further, that the use of the additional revenues should be limited to capital expenditures.

For the Farm Bureau, Mr. Powell pointed out the preliminary report of the Public Education Study Commission failed to limit in any way the use that might be made of additional revenue derived from raising the limitation. Some Farm Bureau people feel keenly that there should be some liberalization of the amendment so that a school district could have longer than 5 years to retire the debt caused by construction of a new school, or for remodeling an an existing school. However, it should be made plain in any broadening of the amendment that funds raised for schools by exceeding the 15 mill limit should be used exclusively for capital outlay purposes, such as a school site, school construction or improvement. The requirement for a two-thirds vote should be retained.

In the Public Education Study Commission a spokesman for the. American Federation of Labor pressed for repeal of the 15 mill amendment. When his motion came to a vote, it was a tie.

The Michigan Tax Study Advisory Committee considered the liberalization of the 15 mill amendment a few days later. This body at present favors leaving the 15 mill amendment as it is for operating expenses, but rather favors a majority vote for raising the limit for capital outlay purposes for a period not to exceed 15 years.

All of this is just a prelude to developments which will come thick and fast when the 1945 legislature convenes.

Charles Walker Heads

The re-organized Sanilac County

Sanilac Farm Bureau

paign manager.

#### Farm Bureau An Investment

The Farm Bureau membership fee of \$5.00 in an investment in the op-portunity to work with one's neigh-meeting recently. Charles Walker of bors to try and solve problems one Sandusky R-2 was elected president; can't solve alone. The investment is Ward G. Hodges of Snover, vice-presimuch more apt to pay dividends if the dent, and Wesley J. Mahaffy of Marnew member participates in the pro- lette, secretary-treasurer. Directors gram and activities of the Farm Bu- are: Charles Walker, Russell Campreau. The Community Farm Bureau bell, and Everett Hale of Sandusky; gives the member the opportunity to Wesley Mahaffy. Theodore Laursen, (a) get together with other mebers,
(b) to plan together with others,
(c) Hodge and Dan Jurn of Snover; and to act together with others. All Farm William Williams of Watertown. Mr. Bureau members should join a Com- Hodge will serve as membership cammunity Farm Bureau.

The time to save money is when you're making it. Buy War Bonds to about \$95,000,000 was destroyed by Osceola. fire last year.

## **DIRECTORS FROM ELEVEN DISTRICTS IN NOVEMBER 1945**

The new set of by-laws adopted by the Michigan Farm Bureau at its annual meeting Nov. 9-10, provides that the state board of directors shall number 16 instead of 17 as at present. The by-laws set forth that begin-ning at the November 1945 meeting eleven directors shall be elected from districts. They will be nominated in district caucuses at the state convention, by county delegates certified to the convention. The director nomi-nated by a district will be elected by the convention. Three directors at large will be nominated and elected by the convention delegates. The Michigan Junior Farm Bureau and the Associated Women of the Farm Bur-

eau will each nominate a director to the Michigan Farm Bureau board. Such nomination will be submitted to the convention for acceptance. At present 9 of the directors were elected at large. One was named by the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau, and 7 were nominated by the co-operative milk, fruit, potato, creamery, wool, elevator and live stock market-

ing exchanges. The commodity sys-tem of directors will be dropped in November 1945 by agreement. It is being replaced by a system of com-modity committees working with the Farm Bureau.

In 1945 the directors from even of Free Soil, Mason count numbered districts will be elected for presidents serve one year. one year, those from odd numbered districts for two years. Thereafter all district directors will be elected for two years. The new directors at large will be elected in the same man-It was provided that no district might have more than two directors, including one at large. A district must have at least 150 members in

two organized County Farm Bureaus in order to qualify for a director. Following are the districts: District No. 1-Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Van Buren.

No. 2-Branch, Calhoun, Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee. No. 3-Livingston, Macomb, Monroe,

Oakland, Washtenaw, Wayne. No. 4-Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Kent, Bureau Fruit Products Co.; G. S. Coff-Ottawa. No. 5-Clinton, Eaton, Genesee,

Ingham, Shiawassee. No. 6-Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, St- Gratiot, Michigan Live Stock Ex-Clair, Tuscola.

No: 7-Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Mont-American farm property valued at calm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Russell File, Niles, Berrien county;

Gratiot, Isabella, Midland, Saginaw ADS INVITE No. 9-Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford. **FARMERS TO JOIN** No. 10-Alcona, Alpena, Crawford,

Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Iosco Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otse go, Presque Isle, Roscommon. No. 11-Upper Peninsula.

FARM BUREAU **BOARD FOR '45** 

page 2. The remaining three will be At the close of the 25th annual meetpublished in our January and Februing of the Michigan Farm Bureau, the ary editions. new board of directors re-elected Pres-These are 3 column by 10 inch adident Clarence J. Reid of Avoca, St. vertisements. They are made also in a larger size, 4 cols, by 12 inches. Clair county. He has been president since November, 1939. Mr. Reid is a County Farm Bureaus will use a com dairy farmer. bination of the two sizes in county newspapers for several weeks pre-

Carl E. Buskirk, fruit grower at Paw Paw, Van Buren county, was receding their annual roll calls. elected vice-president. Clark L. Brody roll calls indicated that the advertiseof Lansing was employed for another ments were helpful. They increased year as executive secretary and treaspublic interest in the Farm Bureau urer. Mr. Brody became secretary in in the weeks preceding the campaign. 1921.

They enabled the Farm Bureau to The board named President Reid, state important points of its program in a forceful manner. The advertise-Vice-Pres: Buskirk, and Directors Waldo E. Phillips of Decatur, Van ments helped prepare the way for the Buren county, Jesse Treiber of Unionmembership workers. ville, Tuscola county, and Mark Westbrook of Ionia, Ionia' county as the Farm Bureaus used the advertising. executive committee of the board. They had good organizations of cam Herbert Fierke of Saginaw, new paign workers and gained 260 mempesident of the Michigan Junior Farm bers for every 90 members gained by Bureau, represents that group on the 9 comparable County Farm Bureaus board. He succeeds Richard Nelson

1944 meeting:

Ionia, Ionia.

change

which had good campaign organizations also, but did not use advertising of Free Soil, Mason county. Junior as part of their publicity program. In order to bring the new district

plan for directors into effect in No-WFA Created a Gigantic vember of 1945, the new by-laws pro-Icebox of Leased Mine vided that 8 directors elected in 1944 should be elected for one year instead The War Food administration is of two in order to make the change now storing 75,000 tons of food in a

apply to the whole board in 1945. leased limestone mine near Atchison. Kan. Its 12,000,000 cubic feet of cav-These directors were re-elected at the erns are equivalent to nearly one-At large - C. J. Reid, Avoca, St. tenth of all public refrigerated stor-Clair county; John Houk, Ludington, age space in this country today. While the construction of a warehouse with Mason county; Mrs. Ray Neikirk, St. Louis, Gratiot; W. E. Phillips, Decathis capacity would cost about tur, Van Buren; Mark Westbrook, \$15,000,000, the chief expense of equipping this mine was \$1,000,000 for ma-Commodity Directors: C. E. Buschinery to reduce its temperature of

FARM BUREAU

tinue their membership.

Above in one of a series of five ad-

vertisements which many Michigan

County Farm Bureaus will use in county newspapers to invite farmers

to join the Farm Bureau or to con-

Another of the series appears on

Experience in the 1943 and 1944

In 1944 thirty-two Michigan County

kirk, Paw Paw, Van Burean, Farm man, Coldwater, Branch, Michigan awee: Jesse Treiber, Unionville, Tus-District of Mid-West Producers Creameries; Frank Oberst, Breckenridge, Bussey, Lake Leelanau, Leelanau, Michigan Potato Growers Exchange; Other members of the board are: Forrest King, Charlotte, Eaton, Michigan Co-op Wool Marketing Ass'n; James Harris, Traverse City, Grand George McCalla, Ypsilanti, Washtenaw,

McNary-Haugen equalization fee program supported by the American Farm Bureau as a solution to the problem of agricultural surpluses after World War I. Congress adopted it twice. President Coolidge vetoed the plan.

Soil Conservation. The Farm Bureau urged retention of a strong program of soil conservation as part of a national post-war farm program. It urged bi-partisan administration of government's part in a national farm program, and the greatest possible freedom of initiative for farmers in the conduct of their business.

Subidies. The Farm Bureau reminded OPA once more that farmers prefer price adjustments to reflect changes in production costs rather than any type of subsidy. It said that food subsidies for consumers are indefensible and should be eliminated.

Taxes. A series of resolutions dealt with present and post-war tax programs. The Farm Bureau said it would oppose repeal or drastic amendment of the 15 mill property tax limitation. It said that the Michigan retail sales tax should be continued at 3%. More than \$92,000,000 of a toal of \$156,000,000 of state revenues came from the sales tax during the past year.

Highways. A resolution on highway finance called for adequate financing of primary and secondary highways on a pay as you go basis, with a reminder that the township highways have come last always. Perhaps a 4 cent gasoline tax may become necessary in this period of declining highway revenues.

The Public's Money. The Farm Bureau said the state surplus should be conserved to meet the accumulating needs of state institutions, and the state's responsibility to returning war veterans. Should any of the surplus be returned to units of local government, the townships should have equal consideration with other units. Nationally, control of government expenditures should be restored to Congress to reduce extravagance and waste brought about in part by useless bureaus and surplus employes.

The complete set of 61 resolutions setting program and policies. for 1945 are being sent to all Community Farm Bureau Community groups for discussion in January.

> in the United Co-operatives case to show that patronage dividends or refunds by co-operatives are no differ-Although United Co-operatives ent. was incorporated under the general corporation laws of Indiana and had never attempted to qualify for exemption under section 101 of the U. S. internal revenue law, the court said its patronage dividends were free from taxation because its patrons "were entitled as of right" to their patronage dividends under its by-laws. "Any corporation which is willing

"Neither the Internal Revenue Bureau nor Congress itself has power NTEA has set out to do."

patrons at cost is not taxable upon the resulting rebates to patrons.

Oxygen masks for crews of Flying No. 8-Arenac, Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Traverse; Lloyd Ruesink, Adrian, Len- Michigan Elevator Exchange. He cited the recent court decision Fortresses cost \$40 each Remember! Neighbors, If you want a square deal in this world, you have to be ready to fight for it

The freedom of farm co-operatives from paying income tax on their patronage dividends does not spring from

> section of business always hostile to under the 16th amendment to the co-operatives, admits that it is out to compel co-ops to pay income tax which is not income," Uewton de-

Newton quoted court decisions to show that any corporation which agrees to sell goods or services to ducer after the Soviet Union.

a special privilege, R. Wayne Newton, manager of the National Ass'n of Co-to return its entire accumulation of operatives, told the Consumers Co-op-surplus to its patrons can enjoy the erative Ass'n at its annual meeting same tax position," Newton said. Nov. 9 at Kansas City. The National Tax Equality Ass'n. a 50 degrees F. to 30 degrees.

cola; I. K. Maystead, Osseo, Hillsdale, Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n; J. T. said.

**COURT UPHOLDS CO-OP PATRONAGE** DIVIDEND



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## Summary of Farm **Bureau Resolutions**

Following is a summary of the actions recommended to Michigan Farm Bureau officials as the program of the organization for 1945, as set forth in the resolutions adopted by 700 members of the boards of delegates at the 25th annual meeting at Michigan State College, Nov. 9-10, 1945;

iums as in past

propriate for state's share of prem-

Unicameral Legislature-Opposed.

#### NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

World Peace-The United States Legislative Reapportionment-Any constitutional amendment should proshould co-operate in an international should co-operate in an international organization to prevent breaches of the peace, promote international col-laboration in trade and other affairs to promote world pace and security.

World Agriculture—We favor an a separate district. International agricultural organization Highways—We favor fair allocation to promote study of word farm prob- of funds between primary, secondary lems, exchange information, develop and farm to market roads. Finance recommendations. Rights of farm pro- on a pay as you go gasis. Increase gas ducers should not be subordinated to tax if necessary at this time. Townconsumers, as appears probable in United Nations Food Conference held ship roads have not had adequate financing under McNitt act. Road laws should be clarified to protect rights at Hot Springs, Va.

National Farm Program-Interests of public, Agr'l Zoning-Favor land use planof consumers and farmers calls for ning, rural zoning and building rea sound national farm program. Farm strictions.

Bureau favors individual freedom of State Dep't of Agriculture-Favor action for farmers, national admini- establishment of a bi-partisan state stration of program by bi-partisan agr'I commission along lines of state board suggested by farm organiza- conservation dep't to emphasize ser tions; state administrations to be vice program of Dep't of Agriculture named by delegates chosen in coun- and take it out of politics. Corn Borer Control-Farm Bureau ties by farmers. Program should recognize fair price relationship be- pledges aid to State College and calls tween farm products and other com- for renewed efforts against this pest. Live Stock Marketing Trendsmodifies. Prices should be supported Farm Bureau will appoint committee to encourage maximum farm producof producers and co-operative intertion which can be consumed domesests to work with College and other tically. Export any surplus and groups on trends in Michigan live charge loss if any back to domestic stock marketing. Urges legislature to price as necessary production control. Soil conservation should be promoted provide adequate financing of law to regulate live stock auctions, prevent by practical measures. Encourage spread of live stock diseases. farmer co-operatives.

research for control and eradication Post-war Readjustment - Farmers prices and industrial prices and wages measures must go up and down ladder together.

finance expanded program to reduce this disease in Michigan herds. Farm Credit-Co-operative features of farm credit system should be strengthened by giving more responport advertising program conducted by farmers through the American sibility and authority to local farm credit ass'ns.

Dairy Ass'n. Price Control - Continue OPA Artificial Insemination - Endorse this program as established by Michceilings should be adjusted as needed authority to control inflationary prices igan State college. and wages during emergency. Price to offset farmers' increased cost withto encourage industry by releasing price support program not later than out subsidy payments. No call to bormoney to subsidize comsumer Jan. 1. .1945. food prices

Taxation & Fiscal Policies-Restore Taxation & Fiscal Policies—Restore to Congress stricter control of gov-ers, Farm Bureau recommends: state ment expenditures without harming bounty on fox. Open season on hen the war effort Post-war Federal-Aid Highway Pro-

gram-Legislation pending in Congress contains many provisions not dorse Michigan experimental program acceptable to rural people. on adult education, through which Automatic Transportation - U. S. Michigan Community Farm Bureau senior board member. Senior board should maintain world leadership in groups received assistance in leader-synthetic rubber. Drop federal \$5 ship training. State dep't of public to locate prospective senior Com-



## After-Dinner Snooze No doubt you've got a pain or two, Puffed up like some balloon, But that's no way for a man to spend Thanksgiving afternoon.

Ev

Marthy, I guess I'm getting old If not, then tell my why I hurt in every joint and limb As here at ease I lie. Last summer seemed to do me out. The drought held on so long It scorched the nubbins in their

shucks And everything went wrong.

Then when at last the rains came on, Too late to help the hay The weather man sure soaked us down It poured most every day.

Even the garden went to pot Sweet corn I never tasted. I hoed both late and early there And all my work was wasted. This war will just go on and on And bleed the nation white

is it every twenty years e whole blame world must fight?

Hiram, rouse up! I wish to land You wouldn't mumble so. When you're asleep you talk and talk And yet I never know If what you say is good or bad But this time, seems to me, You're grumbling and grunting like A hog in misery.

## **JUNIOR & SENIOR RELATIONS GOOD**

By MISS BETTY LOOMAN Publicity Chairman, Juniors Holland, R-2, Michigan State

The relationship of the junior and senior Farm Bureaus is very good. Thirty-four junior groups have dis- the purpose of preparing themselves cussed their program for the year for their work in 1945. with the Senior County Farm Bureau.

Nearly all of the County Farm Bureaus have a representative of the juniors on the board of directors. The president of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau is a director of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

These counties have taken steps toward a stronger junior and senior relationship: Berrien-Russell File, president of

at the junior meeting, commending retiring officer and giving inspiration to the incoming officers. Juniors infestival November 27.

Calhoun-Juniors named a commitcuss Farm Bureau work, and explain new 4-H club building.

Cass-Juniors invited seniors to Thanksgiving festival. Washtenaw-Juniors who had been

in the recreation class at camp took charge of entertainment at senior meeting at Dexter Copeland auditor ium. Juniors prepared illustrations for Washtenaw County Farm Bureau exhibit at Michigan Farm Bureau an-

nual meeting. Hillsdale-Juniors served about 300 people at seniors' annual membership

roll call banquet St. Joseph-Juniors and seniors had booth together at county fair.

Shiawassee-Juniors are working pheasants in areas where desirable. Lengthen season on rabbits to Jan. 31. on Farm Bureau membership signs Program on Adult Education-Enfor members of senior group. Livingston-A printed copy of the junior program was given to every



Get off that couch and do your chores, And thank the Lord that we Are up and at 'em in a land Where people still are free.

Thank Him that crops have averaged

Thank Him the war is going well. America shall still Stand to the world for what is right. For justice and goodwill.

It's hard to die, yet this we know In spite of grief or pain: No man who died for Liberty Has ever died in vain.

Come on, get out and do your chores, And you can safely bet Those turkey pains you've got are due To sumpin' that you et.

R. S. Clark

**NEW LEADERS** 

315 North Grinnell St.

Jackson, Michigan

good Across this country wide. ven if ours were just a mite Upon the meager side.

camp of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation in Barry county, December 1-2-3 for

The officers and regional directors will study the prospects for junior work in their counties and will train themselves for their new duties. They will discuss also the ten point program adopted at the state convention, November 4.

President Fierke said: "It is customary for each Junior Farm Bureau president to pick out

some particular problem that he would like to emphasize during the term of Berrien County Farm Bureau, spoke office. I have tried to study the problems of Junior Farm Bureau, and I have come to the conclusion that our Junior Farm Bureau should lay emvited the seniors to a Thanksgiving phasis on Junior-Senior relations but from a broader sense than just within

the Farm Bureau. In fact I would tee to visit all senior groups to dis- like to make this year's project one of public relations. It is my impression junior project to raise money for a that the Junior Farm Bureau's and young people as a whole have not done

a very good job of acquainting the public with the constructive things young people are doing in our counties

and in our state."

JUNIORS' STATE **OFFICERS FOR '45** 

> Herbert Fierke of Saginaw, member of the Junior Farm Bureau for five years, has been elected the ninth state president. Fierke operates 120 acres north and west of Saginaw in partnership with his father. He attended

Saginaw high school and has farmed since graduation. He is 27 years old. Other officers are: first vice-president, Ralph Roth of Lowell; second vice-president, Clayton Klein of Fow-

#### **Co-operatives** Active Heckendorn Reports

William Heckendorn, ass't sec'y of the National Council of Farmer Co-operatives returned to Washington co-operative principles.

this week from a two-weeks field trip into the states of Tennessee, Ken- 300 With Jobs tucky, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. He reports that he found a very

A group of Farm Bureau leaders in

Isabella County have set down objec-

keen interest in farmer co-operatives tives and developed a program for ac-

igan and Ohio, Heckendorn reports.

In these two states it is the plan of

and last with the geological survey

division of the conservation depart-

efforts are now under way in Mich-| Search For Iron Ore



Geologists will push their search

next year for new iron ore deposits

Findings of a field survey party from the Michigan College of Mining

and Technology, working this year

at the west end of Marquette range, in the vicinity of Lake Micigamme in

Marquette county.

auto stamp tax. Not enforced. Co-operatives-Farm Bureau pledges

resources to fight attempts to cripple farm co-operatives by certain sections of business always hostile to farm co-

Military Deferment-As long as young men 18-26 in any occupation are deferred, we ask equal consideration for agriculture.

Electoral College-Farm Bureau by which farmers must sell. favors direct vote for President and vice president

Returning Veterans-Farm Bureau empt from 20% cabaret tax. pledges co-operation with all agencies in relocating returned veterans in agriculture.

War Time-American Farm Bureau asked to work for repeal o federal war time.

farmers and thereby control production and marketing of food.

Oleo-Favor as policy probhibition of manufacture and sale of any product made in imitation of butter. In meantime, retain 10c pound tax on colored oleo.

Point Value of Butter-Increase price of butter in relation to other dairy products. Butter points can be reduced as butter production increas-

Federal Aid for Schools-States should be able to accept federal aid for schools without federal dictation. Surplus Government War Goods-

Provide fair distribution, prevent speculative profits. Farm Representation - On all

boards affecting farmers.

Foreign Patents -Government should retain ownership of confiscated German, Italian and Japanese patents. American business should have use of them free.

formulated. Price Schedule for Farm Storage WFA and OPA should consider sliding scale of prices by periods to encourage home storage of crops.

STATE AFFAIRS

Rural School Districts-Any re organization should be permissive, no mandatory, aim to afford rural children educational opportunities equal to those for urban children.

15 Mill Law-Oppose repeal or drastic amendment.

Michigan Sales Tax-Continue at

Stored Grain-Urge 2-mill per cwt. duced themselves right into the midon stored grain in lieu of general die of another depression. property tax to encourage building of A return to more norma A return to more normal times will

storage in Michigan. throw huge war stocks into the bal-Corporation Franchise Tax - Re- ance and make unnecessary the presmove \$50,000 limit on Michigan cor- ent demands on American farmers While achieving a miracle of producporations.

Surplus State Funds-Should not be tion at a time when the need was for returned to local units of government. more and more, farmers have demon-Hold for needs of state institutions, strated a capacity to produce at a rate and to meet responsibilities to return- far greater than the normal world ing veterans. If returns are made to market will take at our prices.-local governments, townships should "Washington News" in Michigan receive equal consideration with oth-

Agr'l Fairs-Endorse agr'l exhibits | Be wiser than other people, but do at fairs and ask that legislature ap- not tell them so,

instruction administers program for munity Farm Bureau groups. all groups. Urge that legislature continue the program. ing December 15.

Grain Screenings - To prevent spread of noxious weeds, Farm Bureau asks law to prohibit bringing grain screenings into Michigan unless inely ground.

Control of Mastitis-Urge further

Bangs Disease-Urge legislature to

Dairy Promotion Program-Sup

Beet Sugar Industry-Request WFA

Fox, Pheasant and Rabbit Control-

Potatoes-Legislation to require that retail stores selling potatoes and other farm products use same grades

Recreation Halls-Having milk bars and soft drink stands should be ex-Fence Laws-Consider amendment

to Michigan line fence law to require that a legal fence must be hog tight.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE Harry Johnson, St. Louis, Chairman; I. K. Maystead, Osseo; Mrs. Hat-Labor Relations-Farm Bureau will tie Holmes, Nunica; Mrs. Claudine oppose labor union efforts to organize Jackson, Howell; John Hopkins, Beulah; Charles Walker, Sandusky; W. E. Phillips, Decatur.

Where Is

Farm Bureau?

Grant juniors had charge of joint meeting where discussion was on "Keeping Youth on the Farm." Grand Traverse-Keith Shugart and Dick Leggett met with senior com-

munity group and interested it in starting a junior group. Gratiot-Juniors have presented vocal and instrumental music at four senior community groups meetings Bay-Juniors served lunch at sen-

#### ior community meeting. Notice to Junior F. B. **Publicity Chairmen**

Michigan is one of 45 States and Reports of Junior Farm Bureau Puerto Rico comprising the American activities for publication in the first Farm Bureau Federation.

of the month Michigan Farm News Michigan now has the largest active should be sent to Miss Glenna Looman, membership in its history and is surstate publicity chairman, Holland R-2, rounded by the five States of Ohio, to arrive there not later than the 20th Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin of the month preceding. Jan. 1 copy which have a total of over 267,000 is due Dec. 20, etc. In writing, try to members.

Michigan is one of the mid-western follow style of the Junior Farm Burand southern states where the Farm eau activities as they appear in the Bureau has more than 480,000 mem-News. bers. During the past several years

Regardless of date hatched, pullets 229 congressional votes from this section have been effectively influenced. should be housed at early maturity, This area represents the food and about 5 to 6 months, depending on the fiber basket of the Nation where agribreed. cultural policies are and should be



FARM BUREAU MILLING CO. M.

lerville. Both of these men have had long experience in Junior Farm Bur-Muskegon - Juniors and seniors eau work. The secretary is June Nor ris of Berrien county; publicity chairscheduled for a joint discussion meet-

man, Glenna Looman of Holland; and the state camp chairman is Mary Far-Saginaw-Juniors were ushers a annual County Farm Bureau meeting. rell of Ada.

Lapeer-Juniors and seniors had a The twelve regional directors are joint meeting to discuss constitutionas follows: Dick Koenigshof, Lorrainne Marshall, Don Failing, Bill al amendments to be voted upon at November election. Rasch, Dorwin Williams, L. D. Dicker-Newaygo-Fremont juniors visited son, Leo Esper, Dick Damkoehler, Ed. four community groups where dis-Hooper, Evelyn Brower, Herbert Getcussion was on child delinquency. ter, and Dick Leggett.

> There are approximately 1,900 varieties of milkweed.



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they give lives. The toughest part is just beginning. War in the Pacific will probably be the costliest in his-tory. Distances are vast—supplies must travel thousands of miles, in huge quantities, to many places. Your money is heeded as never before-to huy B-29 Superfortnesses at \$600,000 each; torpedoes at \$12,000; 16-inch shells at \$750. Iapan thinks our home-front is soft; that we'll quit before we've licked them. That's why they fight on famatically. Let's give them our answer, in BIGGER War Bonds!



#### Test For Farmers Is Just Ahead

Speaking at a recent meeting of Pure Milk Products Co-operative local in Illinois, William O. Perdue, general manager, pointed out that farmers lost out after the last war because they neglected to support their general farm organizations and co-opera-

This is a story which needs to be told repeatedly. The test for farmers is just ahead. They must, if they are to avoid repetition of the agricultural depression which followed the last war, maintain at all costs the orin the Farm Bureau. ganizations they have built through

years of steady effort. Despite their high water content milk and kale give more calcium than fruits, root vegetables, meats



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By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR jous thought to rural-urban conferences Briar Hill Farm, Carleton, Monroe Co. on a county or district plan easily ac-cessible to all who wish to attend. In my opinion, one of the best steps We should be studying health meas-

and ringworm.

forward for the Michigan Farm Bureau was the recommendation made Nov. 8 at the annual meeting of the Associated Women of the Farm Bureau that a women be employed full time in the interests of women's work

Whoever that woman may be, she will need the co-operation of us all in formulating and setting up plans whereby our women will know what they can do to broaden the scope of activity within the Farm Bureau. Heretofore the women have somewhat reluctant to advocate ideas

simply because there seemed to be no logical way to put them into operation. Many have known that the women in other

states were working under a supervised leadership that brought satisfying results, but it seemed impossible

to do much here without someone on the job all of MAS. WAGAR the time. It takes time that no one seems to have any more and it takes money that an individual member could not afford. As a

consequence Michigan Associated Women has been something in the abstract - something created but not functioning. It will take time to develop a state

wide program, but it will all come in time. We must all remember though that we cannot expert added privileges without accepting added responsibilities, and it will be up to us more or less to either make any venture a success or a disappointment.

I certainly hope our Associated Women's work will be so closely affiliated with the Farm Bureau state office that there'll never be any danger of our drifting out of line from any of their counties, for from the beginning the general Farm Bureau policies. We will always need the sympathy and encouragement of the general organization in order that our department can take its rightful place in the fam-

ily. My long hoped for dream is that the girls of the Junior Farm Bureau will eventually graduate into the Associated Women of the Farm Bureau and serve as its leadership. Right now we should be giving seri- with industries:

Community Farm Bureau **Activities** 

Bureau.

By EUGENE A. SMALTZ Membership Relations & Education

SOUTHWEST OAKLAND, Oakland -We met Nov. 15 at the home of J. H. Pittenger. Mr. Pittenger reported on the Michigan Farm Bureau meeting. Oakland, Livingston, Macomb, Washtenaw, Wayne and Monroe counties will constitute the 6th district and will be entitled to one director of the Michigan Farm Bureau, beginning with the annual meeting in 1945. Eleven state directors will be elected by districts. Robert McCrory led the

discussion on co-operation between groups. UNION, Isabella-We made a \$10

Fund of the Associated Women. Some

wondered if the farm co-ops wouldn't benefit themselves by processing more

of their own products and if maybe a

meat packing plant wouldn't be suc-

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I feel also our women can make a

real worthwhile contribution if they

gloomy to others and it might sweet-

We could mention a score of other

things on which we might concentrate

systematically and make our decisions

more effective. We want to build our

It was written into the by-laws of

the Michigan Farm Bureau at it's re-

cent annual meeting that one of the

state board members elected at large

shall be a woman. Now, who shall

I hope we may never be guilty of

electing a woman by the color of her

hat or the way she combs her hair, but

always by her knowledge of Farm

Bureau affairs, by her ability to work

with others, by her interest and loyal-

ty to all things pertaining to farm life.

We must never select one who will

ust fill a chair at a board meeting,

for there is nothing so depressing as

to have members of any board who

have nothing to offer or to add but

I attended the organization group

meeting and was keenly interested in

the reports and discussions. I did not

have to guess as to why the lady from

Branch and the one from Saginaw

were chosen to give the reports from

one realized that they knew what it

was all about. They gave of their

best when representing their county

We must never let that kind of talent

be overlooked. We do not wish to

supersede the men but rather to work

with them and thus strengthen the

organization into doing its best. Even

at the best, there are many difficult

problems ahead of us if we get and

keep farming on the level it should be

hat after the war a good many farm

ers would be without work. He said

that the United States would only need

12 of the 22 million farm people to

supply enough farm products and

what would the other ten million do

for a living? If any farmers have to

quit let it first be those who have

farms for a hobby as well as avoiding

BLUMFIELD, Buena-Vista-Saginaw

Three of our members attended the

State Convention at East Lansing and

reported on changes in the by-laws and on resolutions adopted.

sibility of a junior college for Traverse

HOWELL, Ionia-Plans were made

WILSON, Ingham-After consider-

o have a combined meeting of four

ownships in the near future.

TWIN LAKES, Grand Traverse-James Milliken discussed changes of the public school system, also the pos-

who is always painfully agreeable.

division strong and enduring.

that woman be?

en our own opinion a lot.

NORTHWEST, Shiawassee - Following an interesting discussion by the group, a resolution was decided

upon: "Whereas at present the draft officials are taking farm boys under 26 years, especially those producing seasonal crops, we go on record ask-ing that greater leniency be given as we feel these boys are essential to the food production program of the naures touching prevalent disturbances such as the recent epidemic of polio

LOCKPORT, St. Joseph - Each member responded to roll call by tellng some special benefit he had receiv-

will voice the blessings that are as ed from co-operatives. sociated with rural living. It will TEXAS CORNERS, Kalamazooserve as an alkalizer for sour aspects OSHTEMO, Kalamazoo-The memon farming. I've listened many a time bers of the Oshtemo Community Farm Bureau discussed organizing a co-op to farm leaders who enumerated the drawbacks and the inequalities of the association in Kalamazoo county; its farmer's life in their earnestness to possible location, advantages and dis-advantages, the reason for failure of correct some of its evils until I've wondered that more of the young folks the last Kalamazoo co-op, the competihave not left the farm if they had to tion a new one would have, and how much it would help Kalamazoo farmlive day after day in that atmosphere. If our women would train them-

TRI-TOWNSHIP, Kalamazoo - We selves to bring out the sunshine as were told that the resolution we sent well, our story would not sound so in in regard to having a committee to revamp the school laws on the election of school commisisoner was not recommended by the resolutions com-mittee. We also learned that plans right now, but we must take them up are under way to have four high schools for our county and members of our group fail to see how this plan will work out. Probably there will be fewer children attending high school

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CHANDLER, Huron-A motion was made that we give \$10 to the War Chest Fund

CHESANING, Saginaw-Our group will sponsor a home nursing course for women members. We want to help raise funds for a 4-H building at Fair Grounds and for a farm institute this winter.

#### Acts to Protect Good Name of Perch

The Federal Trade Commission has moved to protect the good name of a popular fish of the Great Lakes region -the perch. Hereafter, processors or sellers of a saltwater species, the rose-fish, or redfish, are enjoined from mislabeling it as "ocean perch" or "red perch." Rosefish is sold usually as fillets, frequently frozen. It is a good food fish.









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able group discussion which might easily have become a heated one, the contribution to the Clubmobile fund group seemed to feel that while labor which is being sponsored by the Assomay be disposed to be sympathetic tociated Women of the National Farm ward the farmers problems, it still in-sists on low food prices.

City.

ncome tax.

CHIPPEWA LAKE, Mescosta-Dis-NORTHPORT, Leelanau-Marketcussion question, "Why do we trade with other countries?" Because we ing Michigan potatoes was fully dis-Because we cused after which a motion was made need some of their products, and they and supported to appoint a commitneed some of ours. Most members did tee to look further into the matter and not feel that Latin America would be report on same too big a competition in world markets

BARRY TOWNSHP, Barry-Decidafter the war. And that practically ed to bring a gift at the next meeting. all farm products especially in pro-cessed food and dehydrated foods would be in demand. Our group does-Gifts will be turned over to yets at Percy Jones Hospital. This was indeed a very fine thought. Every memit feel that we need protection from ber was pleased to be able to bring cheer to someone there.

REEMAN, Newaygo - The War ELMIRA, Benzie-Chairman gave Fund Committee collected \$350 for the an account of the Junior Farm Bur-war fund in our community. |eau's trip to Lansing. He suggested BERLIN, St. Clair-Discussion of that we have a junior attend our meetwhat to do for Christmas led to the suggestion by Mrs. Terry that we between seniors and juniors. suggestion by Mrs. Terry that we should co-operate with the American

ATTICA, Lapeer-Motion by Oliver Legion in the program to furnish Christmas boxes for hospitalized ser-vicemen. It was decided to take up a Youngs, supported by Mabel Palmer, that our group go on record as supporting the change from individual to ollection and \$18 was turned over to county supervision of abstract busi-ness, that we urge our supervisor to he committee for this purpose. SODUS, Berrien-Mr. Bowers presupport the change when it comes be-

ented a gavel which had been awardfore the Board, and to urge all other ed the Sodus Boosters Club for out-standing discussion work done. ounty groups to do likewise. IRA, St. Clair-A humorous illustra-

INGERSOLL, Midland-The time tion of how high officials figure finances was enjoyed by all. situation was discussed. The Chamber of Commerce of Midland is going

MANTON, Wexford-Motion was to meet with Saginaw and Bay City to made by Esther Cox and seconded by work out a uniform time. Everyone was in favor of slow time. Motion Everett Goldsmith for the secretary to write to Mr. Hawley to find out when made by Frank Schreiber that resoluthe next meeting of the Missaukee tion be drawn up in favor of slow time group will be held so that we can send and sent to the Chamber of Commerce. two delegates to find out what the TRI-TOWNSHIP, Kalamazoo-Vot- other Farm Bureau groups are doing, ed to donate \$5.00 to the Clubmobile

ATWOOD, Antrim-The topic for discussion was "Inter-Group Co-opera-tion" and was very well discussed. PLEASANTON, Manistee-Our dis cussion question was: "Why people don't come to meetings." A few con-clusions reached were: Lack of in-

GREIBICKVILLE, Leelanau — Mr. Hoolihan brought out a lively discussion when he told about a meeting he through with our meetings at a reasattended recently where it was said onable hour, and there should be more



from any of our Michigan Farm News readers if they are interested in talking the proposition over with one of our managers. It would be very helpful to us if any of our readers would suggest the names of likely agent prospects in their nearby cities and towns. The remuneration is good. This is a particularly good time to start. Address your inquiry to

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## **December Topics**

Background Material for Discussion in December by Our Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

By EUGENE A. SMALTZ Membership Relations & Education

#### Sub-Topic 1

STATE LEGISLATIVE PLAT-FORM." A Study of the Michigan the platform of the state organization. thought, understanding and action.

ROLL CALL QUESTION-What state legislation would you suggest which make it possible for young peo will be needed to meet the needs of ple to acquire these prerequisites. The agriculture in the post-war period?

nation test. Divide into small groups. organizations should be studied, and Have each group list the five resolutions which they consider most im-portant in the order of their import-the scheme of things should be recoance insofar as they affect the farm- gnized. ers in your community. Set a time limit on this. List the five most immost important on national affairs. tary of each group report first choice. Use blackboard if available. By dis-

#### Questions for Discussion:

1. Who determines our state legislative platform?

2. How may a Community Farm Bureau member help make up this platform'

3. What should the average member do about resolutions after they are passed?

4. How can we help in making effective action follow the passing of resolutions?

Background Material-Throughout organization have always been determined from the bottom up by the bers. Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups have afforded an excellent opportunity for thorough discussion of pending legislative issues and for the crystallization of sentiment on questions of current interest to rural people.

Bureau program express the current Bureau membership was indicated when they asked County Farm Bureau officials last spring that the County Farm Bureau annual meetings be held preceding the state annual meeting or special membership meeting be held so that resolutions could be considered and adopted to send in to the state meeting. It was also urged that members of County Farm Bureau resolution committees be appointed 90 days in advance of the county meeting.

Throughout the year, resolutions are sent in to State headquarters from County and Community Farm Bureaus, individual members, state-wide commodity exchanges and local co-These are all carefully reviewed by the resolutions committee which usually consists of 7 capable and well-informed Farm Bureau men and women chosen to give proper recognition to the various geographical districts and commodity interests in the State organization.

which they offer from the floor for discussion topic of the month.

Background Material-In-develop ing an understanding of those factors which make it conclusive for young folks to choose agriculture as their Farm Bureau resolutions. They are lifetime occupation, it is well for us to analyze the characteristics, under A careful review makes for unity of standing and skills which the success ful and satisfied farmer must possess. One must also recognize the factors role played by the home and family, Suggested Method-This is an eval- the church, schools, libraries and farm possible (improvements made. The

The goals which we hope to reach by directing all the forces to that end portant on state affairs, and the five will pertain to character building morals and honesty. Building citizen-Reassemble the group. Have secre- ship is a process that deserves planning. Training young folks for their vocation, an understanding of agriculcussion of all members, decide on tural economics, of earning a living, most important resolution. Follow is part of the over-all program. A similar procedure for second, third, sound program for health, recreation and social activities, an appreciation of the cultural aspects of life-music, books, etc .- is the responsibility o

those who are concerned. The discussion of this topic might easily be labelled, "When Tomorrow Comes". A great majority of the farmers have a desire to pass their

EGG PRODUCTION farms on to someone who will treat the farm well such as he did during To keep egg production of the poulthe time he owned it. try flock at a satisfactory level during With the end of the war and the the fall and winter months, encour-

transition that will take place after age feed and water consumption by the war, none of us have the insight every means possible, recommends O. the history of the Michigan State or foresight to see what will happen E. Farm Bureau, it has been noteworthy to us. There will be realignments of Michigan State college. that the program and policies of the interests and groups, there will be tremendous vocational readjustments noon hour will help. Wet mash mixed on the part of the young men who are with liquid milk is attractive to the majority will of the individual mem- now in the Army who will be coming back to private life.

In spite of all this, our nation must eat. Our nation must be clothed. It seems necessary, therefore, that agriculture concern itself with the problem of its contribution to the stability of our democracy by maintaining a

That the officers and directors of stable agriculture. Perhaps the probthe Michigan Farm Bureau are sin- lem can be stated by asking several cerely interested in having the Farm questions,-Do we have a responsibility towards influencing young people thinking of the majority of the Farm to take over the farms? Are we interested enough in our good farms to be concerned about passing them on to someone else who is deserving? Is it possible to originate some sort of a system whereby deserving young couples might be given a break to purchase and maintain a good farm? Should young pople prepare to occupy a farm with the attitude of mind that it is just a business out of which to make money, or is it a way of living Do we conceive a future agriculture for the young people who are to run it as being a culture in itself as it is

in Denmark? (Special thanks to Dr. Howard Mc-Cluskey, University of Michigan; O. Ulrey, Michigan State College; Benjamin Hennink and Stanley Powell of Michigan State Farm Bureau for resource material.)

#### WKAR Farm Forum (Tune 850 on your dial)

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nace operation. If anthracite coal or coke is being used, it may be spread uniformly over the fuel bed, but at least 2 inches of ash should always cover the grates.

With bituminous coal, fresh coal should be placed in one side of the furnace, while live coals are piled in the other half. Thickness of the ash on the grates and thickness of the fuel bed should be varied as the weather changes. Proper amount of secondary air—that coming through the grate in the furnace door—is essential. The smoke coming from the chimney can be used as a guide for regulating this air. Too much secondary air will cool the combustion chamber and increase the heat lost through the smoke pipe while too little will cause unburned fuel to escape.

It is generally recommended that shes never fill the ashpit to a height greater than one-half the ashpit's depth, otherwise overheating and damage to grates may occur. To avoid dust when removing ashes, dampen sential if every bird, even the timid them either by spraying, filling a holones, are to get plenty to eat. Each lowed out basin in the ashes with wat-er, or pouring water in the ashpit, if 100 layers should have 30 feet or more of feeding space. Fresh mash should be added to the hoppers once or twice water tight, and shaking the ashes into the water. Another method of encouraging

Extension bulletin 263, "Greater Economy and Comfort in Heating Michigan Homes," gives further de-tails on furnace firing, insulation, and heat plant care. It is available from the county agricultural agent's office.

#### Pelican in Michigan A white pelican has fished daily since late August from the roof of a partly submerged boat house at Rose

Lake near Lansing. The big bird, with a wingspread of more than six feet, is far east of its usual haunts in the Mississippi valley. Other reports of white pelicans have been received from Michigan residents this summer

according to the conservation depart-ment . A number of the birds visited Isle Royale several weeks ago. They nest in western provinces of Canada.

The average human heart weighs only 21/2 pounds, but in 12 hours it generates enough energy to lift a 65ton weight one foot off the ground, scientists say.

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Seed Cleaning this year has been heavy. It will continue heavy. It is a service we are glad to perform. We have not changed our cleaning charges in spite of higher labor and machinery costs. We are not charging what we would be allowed to charge under OPA. In all these instances you as a producer are the potential benefactor.

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getting your seed in here if you want it custom cleaned. We are compelled to start bulking and blending our own seeds for early shipments to our dealers. We are therefore obliged to set a final date that we will accept seed for custom cleaning.

#### December 15th

is the final dead-line. Don't blame us if you fail to make the deadline

FARM BUREAU SERVICES. Inc. Seed Dep't 221 N. Cedar St., Lansing, Mich.

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#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1944

**Propaganda** Distribution

Theme-"Values in Agriculture for preferable that all resolutions clear through the resolutions committee, there is no desire to prevent any dele-

gate from bringing to the attention of the convention any proposition of interest to Farm Bureau members. The resolutions finally adopted by

the delegates not only serve to let the general public know the views and attitude of the membership, but they constitute a definite working program of the organization for the ensuing year. Every effort is made by the administration of the Michigan Farm Bureau to carry out these recommendations. Many letters are written to various individuals, officials and agencies regarding the matters covered by the resolutions. Complete copies of the resolutions as adopted are fur nished to Michigan members of Congress and to the members of the legislature, accompanied by carefully prepared letters.

#### Sub-Topic 2

"KEEPING YOUTH ON THE FARM." Consideration of the social and recreational needs of our community. Character building influences in the community. The Junior Farm Bureau and the relation of our group to its program.

ROLL CALL QUESTION - Should rural youth choose farming because they are best suited to it, or should they go to the city if they desire, to get more money?

Suggested Method-This discussion might be started by having a demonstration discussion by 3 or 4 representatives of the Junior Farm Bureau. These J.F.B. members will serve as resource speakers in the discussion that follows. Note-It is suggested that the J.F.B. be asked to consider this matter at their regular meeting previous to yours, outline their discussion, and choose representatives to attend this meeting.

Order of this discussion: 1. Reports from Junior Farm Bureau.

Divide into small groups with a J.F.B. representative in each group. Reassemble to arrive at group conclusions and recommendations.

Questions for Discussion: How many young folk are need

ed on farms? What are some of the forces and factors that encourage young men and women to farm?

How may young folks become etablished in farming?

4. How may farms be best trans-ferred from one generation to the next?

5. Do conditions encourage young folks to start farming as tenants? 6. What training and experience is needed for farm youth who plan to farm and for those who do not plan to farm?

7. What can be done to help returning service men and women who may wish to return to the farm?

Farm Youth.' December-4-Possibilities for the Individual. 11-Emphasis on the Family.

18-Human and Physical Resources

One bee would have to work every day for a year to make one comb.





The Department of Agriculture has urged greatly increased milk production to meet the needs of the United Nations for dry milk, butter, cheese. Concrete improvementssuch as a new milk house, cooling tank, dairy barn floor, granary, manure pit or storage cellar-will help many farmers do a bigger production job. Concrete improvements are firesafe, sanitary, cost little to build, last for generations. Concrete farm jobs require a minimum of critical war materials. If you need help, get in touch with your concrete contractor, ready-mixed concrete producer or building material dealer.

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Please send booklets checked below: "Dairy Farm Improvements of Concrete" with pictures, drawings and "how to do it" information.

Name other concrete improvements on which you want booklets. P. O., BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS



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A short time ago I was talk-John Holmes, President Swift & Company ing about improved methods with a farmer. He said, "The way I look at it is this -what helps agriculture helps all of us."

That is it in a nutshell. What helps agriculture does help all of us-producer, meat packer and processor, retailer and consumer. So the purpose of this page is to tell in a few words and many pictures about all manner of things that do help agriculture. We hope that by searching out news items, telling of new trends, big or little, reviewing findings of agricultural experiment stations, by recounting the experiences of successful individuals, and in many other ways, we can render a worthwhile service to all who produce our nation's food.

The Editor will be F. M. Simpson, who is already well known to many of you as Manager of our Agricultural Research Department. He will welcome your suggestions and original ideas. Mr. Simpson is the Editor-but it is your page. Please help us make it a useful one.

A Merry Christmas to you all!

John Holmes President, Swift & Company

"Sorry if I disappoint some home folks this Christmas. But I've got a date with the Service men and women. I mustn't be too little or too Intel"

#### **PROFITABLE CATTLE FEEDING**

Under present conditions the Illinois Agriculfeeders or better to a good finish but not to choice. Their suggestions:

1. Keep cattle largely on pasture and roughage until they have most of their growth. 2. Feed common two-year-old feeders minimum amount of corn to medium finish, producing commer-cial or B-grade beef. 3. Feed medium twoyear-old feeders minimum of corn to a medium finish, producing commercial or B beef; or short-feed them a full feed of corn to a good 4. Short-feed good and choice two-year-old feeders a full feed of corn plus suitable supple-ment to produce good or A-grade beef. 5. For details, write College of Agriculture, Urbana, III for Bulletin No. 501 Ill., for Bulletin No. 501.

#### SOFT CORN FATTENS LIVESTOCK



If you are caught with "soft" corn, due to a sudden freeze before your corn matures-remember you still have feed. It makes a good fattening feed for steers, calves, feeder pigs, and lambs.

I. B. Johnson

These were the conclusions of the South Dakota Experiment Station, based upon the first year's feeding trials, wherein cattle, hogs and lambs fed soft corn were compared with others fed sound corn of No. 3 market grade. The soft corn was bought at 50 cents a hundredweight-the No. 3 corn at 75 cents a bushel.

No preparation was given to this soft corn. It was stored in uncovered piles on the ground, and fed field run-soft, moldy, rotten, husk-covered ears just as they came.

Yearling steers were fed for 150 days, calves 195 days, pigs from 87 to 118 days, lambs 90 days.

In ALL cases the return was greater from the lots receiving the soft corn, due to the price at which the corn was purchased.

The gains of both cattle and pigs on soft corn, compared to those on hard corn, were reduced after the beginning of warmer weather in April. It is advisable to feed your soft corn early.

In figures, the soft corn had the following approximate values when compared with the price of No. 3 ear corn in the rations fed:

#### 84% when fed to yearling steers 80% when fed to steer calves 76% when fed to feeder pigs 71% when fed to feeder lambs

If you want additional information, write the Animal Husbandry Department, South Dakota State College, Brookings, South Dakota.

(The views expressed in this article are those of the author.)

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Maybe you've heard the epic story of "Zeke" Givan. "Zeke" was a farm boy from Dearborn County, Indiana-until he enlisted in the Marines. His first big show was at Kwajalein. The Japs started to rush him, and "Zeke" started to shoot. When the shooting stopped, those present were "Zeke," one red-hot Browning Automatic Rifle, and 35 dead Japs. "Zeke" says modestly, "I did nothing except my duty." Later he was wounded at Saipan. We'll say that

like many thousands of other farm boys, in and out of the Service, he is doing his duty extra special well. Swift & Company, CHICAGO 9, ILLIMOIS



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and cook for one hour.

round, provides the roast, accompanied by browned on-

Abeefchuck, rump or

in flour, then brown in hot fat in a heavy kettle. Heat water, cover tightly and cook slowly for two hours. Add peeled potatoes, onions and carrots,

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ions and carrots. Roll the beef well Ex-Farm Boy Knocks'Em Dead

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entist, each has a part in the preparation and

Feeders of livestock know that diet has a lot

to do with the health of their animals. It is the

distribution of meats and other foods.

same with human beings. There is a great deal of research being conducted at the present time in our universities to find out more about the relationship between diet and human health, and Swift & Company gives many grants to aid this kind of research. Not so many years ago a lot of people said meat

was hard to digest; that children should never be

given pork, etc. Nutritionists have proved that

pork is one of the most digestible of all meats,

rich in Vitamin B1. These and many other basic

truths about meats and other foods have been

established by the work of nutritionists. You can

readily see why such discoveries help the sale of

meat and of livestock. That is why we say-