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Are We Going Places!

Do you remember our asking in this column last October why the Michigan State Farm Bureau shouldn't plan on a membership of 50,000 families?

At the moment the Illinois Farm Bureau was seeking 8,000 members to make it 100,000. Illinois now has more than 101,000.

Michigan is on the way!

As the result of membership campaigns conducted so far, quite a few of our 47 County Farm Bureaus are nearing 1,000 members each.

Allegan, Branch, Ottawa, Van Buren, and perhaps two or three others, are in the 1,000 class or close to it.

Berrien and Saginaw talk in terms of 1,600 to 2,000 or more.

All County Farm Bureaus are achieving the substantial increases they set for 1944. Some are 25 to 50% over their goal and are continuing.

What does it?

Good leadership in the counties, hundreds of willing workers, and the fact that the Farm Bureau is saying and doing what farmers want said and done on subsidies and other farm questions.

We're on the move! Let's keep going!

Community Farm Bureau Month

February is Community Farm Bureau month. We hope that every members of the Farm Bureau will affiliate himself with one of the community groups. There are several hundred. We expect that many more will be organized as the result of the large increase in membership this year.

The people in the Community Farm Bureau ARE the Farm Bureau. Their representatives draft a year around discussion program on state and national farm issues. All groups consider the same topic at each monthly meeting. In turn, out of those meetings comes action that shapes state and national Farm Bureau policies. The community meetings also provide the social life of the Farm Bureau.

By way of illustration, we present an account of the activities of the Unionville Farm Bureau Community Club of Tuscola county. It was written by a club member, Mr. Jesse Treiber:

The Unionville Farm Bureau Club observed its fifth anniversary this year. It was organized in March, 1927, with 12 families as members. The club has been very active, and the fact that it has doubled its membership is indicative of its popularity.

The club meets once a month throughout the year in the homes of its members. It keeps the public well informed on the club's activities and its views on state and national issues affecting agriculture. This is done through articles in the local newspapers.

The club asked Michigan members of Congress to include the cost of farm labor in figuring the parity formula for farm prices; it urged them to oppose government subsidies to farmers in lieu of fair prices in the markets. The club asked its state senator and representative to oppose eastern war time, and to support the bill which became the Post Act to assure farmers freedom of the highways for delivery of products to markets, truck drivers' unions or no truck drivers' unions. The club members have been active in war bond, salvage, Red Cross and other campaigns.

The Unionville Community Farm Bureau club has a mutual assistance policy. If any member happens to "get stuck" with his plowing or harvesting operations, the others come to his assistance.

The club won a prize at the Tuscola County Fair for an exhibit which showed a Tuscola county farm in miniature, with information as to its production in terms of food for the war effort.

The Unionville Community Farm Bureau sent six people to the State Farm Bureau convention. It has supplied the county with a go-getting membership campaign manager for 1944. He is Mr. George Bitzer, who is also discussion leader. The club believes that Mrs. Clarence Lindenberg, its recreational leader, is the best in the state.

Rough & Tumble on Subsidies

Lapeer County Farm Bureau invited the UAW-CIO and the State Farm Bureau to discuss the topic "Are Food Subsidies Desirable?" at its recent annual meeting at Imlay City.

A large crowd of Farm Bureau members and others had a roaring afternoon. There was plenty of fireworks.

Professor Harrison B. Fagan of Wayne University, Detroit, and Anthony Probe appeared for the pro-subsidy folks. Stanley Powell took them on.

Mr. Fagan opened by declaring that his reading of the Michigan Farm News had convinced him that Farm Bureau opposition to food subsidies was leading farmers astray. Warmed up, he declared that only the Farm Bureau and trusts oppose food subsidies. Mr. Fagan defied Mr. Powell to cite a single economist who isn't in favor of food subsidies. Later Mr. Powell obliged by

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AN INVITATION To Every Farm Family

Some day this war will end. A day of peace will come. The energies of America will turn from a war time to a peace time economy.

When that time comes, farmers will be faced with the great task of protecting themselves in the readjustment period.

Do you want to prevent farmers from being exploited as a producers, or made to bear unfair burdens in those days?

Unless we farmers are organized, we can do little or nothing now or in the future to protect our interests.

I invite and urge you to become one of the 25,000 or more farm families in Michigan who make up the Farm Bureau in this state.

I invite you to join hands with more than 700,000 farm families in 43 States who are members of the Farm Bureau. We should have a million or more families in this great farm organization.

In our membership you will find all kinds and classes of farmers who are striving through organized effort to protect agriculture's historic tradition of freedom and independence. Join your County, State and American Farm Bureaus in membership campaigns being conducted now.



CLARENCE J. REID
President
Michigan State Farm Bureau

Community Farm Bureau Activities

By EUGENE A. SMALTZ
Membership Relations & Education

Five hundred Community Farm Bureau discussion groups for Michigan is the goal adopted by a conference of Community Farm Bureau directors at State College January 20-21. We now have about 300. Membership is growing in all counties. Community Farm Bureaus give every member a better opportunity to understand the problems of agriculture and to have a voice in solving them. County and Community Farm Bureau leaders are asked to organize new groups during February. Every member is invited to join one of these groups.

KENOCKEE-EMMETT, St. Clair—Our discussion leader asked what we would like to discuss: Question box, types of farm organizations and their relationship to each other and to labor organizations, fertilizers and their ingredients, more about A.A.A., how we can impress farm boys that they are doing their patriotic duty as well on the farm as in a uniform in the Army? We are considering extra entirely social meetings during winter months to interest other folks in the Farm Bureau.

METAMORA, Lapeer—Mr. L. K. Walker thanked the Community Group for their co-operation in helping to get Metamora back as a Pre-pay Freight Station and to ask their patronage—to help keep it open. Much discussion was held on the proposed zoning and land use proposition.

ARCHIE & PENINSULA, Gd. Traverse—We shall try to reorganize a community group on the south end of the peninsula. Mr. Hawley met with the young people to organize a Junior Farm Bureau. Mr. Roy Hooper discussed the plan of the Michigan Edu schools.

REEMAN, Newaygo—We held our regular monthly meetings this year. The past year we have had five news items appear in our local paper. Our scrap book won fourth place in the state contest. It was prepared by Mrs. D. Tanes and Mrs. B. Frens. The committee handling the membership drive did a fine job and wrote up 11 new members and made 30 collections by the 25th of March.

Last year we set out 2,000 trees. We made donations to the Red Cross, Gideon Society and some of our members helped on the bond drive. We have the group hospitalization plan.

In 1944 we want to erect flag poles on all members, farms and any others that we can get to do so, and to display flags there on at the proper times.

DECATUR, Van Buren—January 1943 the Decatur group was organized. Interest has grown and membership increased. Louis Loeser organized an orchestra of Farm Bureau people. We

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Macomb Bureau Has Fine Annual Meeting

330 attended the annual meeting and supper of Macomb County Farm Bureau at Richmond M. E. church, January 27. President C. J. Reid of the State Farm Bureau spoke on farmers' objections to food subsidies for consumers. A resolution opposing such subsidies was directed to Michigan members of Congress. Pres. Allen Rush announced the annual membership campaign, Feb. 16-17. Ray Smalley, Farm Bureau district representative, said that Sterling twp. Macomb county, has more Farm Bureau members than any other township in his 8 county district in southeastern Michigan. County Agr'l Agent Bill Murphy made a good farm organization speech, drawing upon 24 years of county agent work in Macomb county. Wallace Schoenschak sang for the group.

BERRIEN STARTS FEB. 20 FOR 2,100 MEMBERS

Alex Gale of Sodus, membership roll call chairman for Berrien County Farm Bureau, has announced that they will campaign for 2,100 family memberships the week of February 20. It is quite possible that they will try for 2,400 or more.

Twenty-two township captains will secure two or three Farm Bureau members and their wives in each school district to call upon all farm people in their district and invite them to become members of the Farm Bureau. Township captains are:

Berrien, Lucian Strong; Baroda, Wm. Binger; Bertrand, Richard Koenigshof; Benton, John Culby; Bainbridge, Walter Warske; Buchanan, Norris Young & Harvey Reed; Coloma, Vern Warman; Chickaming, B. W. Keith; Galien, Clarence Prenkert; Hagar, Henry Peters; Lake, Herman Pintzke; Lincoln, August Totzke; Niles, Russel File; Oronoko, Carl Whetstone; Pipestone, Albert Skilbbe; Royaton, Harry Nye; St. Joseph, Harry Kerlikowski; Three Oaks, Joe Pfauth; Watervliet, L. R. Boyer; Weesaw, Thomas Payne.

Why Van Buren Has Many New Members

Waldo E. Phillips of Decatur, State Farm Bureau director, says there are many new members in the Van Buren County Farm Bureau. Contributing factors, he said are (1) Farmers' extreme distaste for certain features of the administration food program (2) Van Buren Farm Bureau's continuous program of public information in the county newspapers. Mr. Phillips enrolled 17 out of 18 persons called on in the campaign.

Calisthenics is a word of Greek origin that means beauty and strength. In 1850 San Franciscans sent their laundry to Honolulu to be washed.

Ottawa Membership Passes 1,000

Ottawa County Farm Bureau announced Jan. 31 at the close of its 1944 membership campaign that it has 1,040 members. Gerrit Elinga, secretary and real manager, said that additional reports expected from several townships would make it 1,100.

The membership of the Michigan State Farm Bureau is on the way to 25,000 or more. A dozen or more County Farm Bureaus which have had campaigns have reported very substantial increases in membership, some of them 25 to 50% over their goal for 1944. Nearly all of the 47 County Farm Bureaus will have completed their campaigns by March 1, weather permitting.

Some of the first returns are: Branch 1,300, Ottawa 1,040, Northwest Michigan 682, Benzie 160, Mason 650, Kalamazoo 635, Genesee 500, Washtenaw 782, Calhoun 970, Eaton 475, VanBuren 900, Huron 500.

Genesee Expects to Have 752 Members

State Rep. George Gillespie, roll call chairman for the Genesee County Farm Bureau announced at the annual meeting at Gaines, Jan. 25 that the campaign has raised the membership to more than 500. The campaign continues. He predicted that the county goal of 752 will be reached. 250 attended the annual meeting. Mrs. A. H. Torrey, Owen Rayner and Fred Lang were re-elected as directors. The Flint Daily Journal published a list of nearly 100 members taking part in the membership campaign.

RADIO DISCUSSION OF SUBSIDIES

Thursday, Feb. 10, at 1:00 p. m. E.W.T., 12:00 noon slow time, there will be presented over State College station WKAR a radio transcription "More Food at Lower Prices." Dana Bennett of the Washington Farm Reporter interviews Ezra Benson, sec'y of the National Council of Farm Cooperatives at Washington upon the relation of OPA restrictions, subsidies, etc., upon the production of food. Tune WKAR at 870 for 15 minutes of real information. This program will be given by the Traverse City station, February 8, and Kalamazoo station, February 11.

20,000 Tractors Built In December, 1943

Twenty thousand wheeled tractors, used principally on farms, were manufactured in December, 1943 as against 4,200 in December of 1942, according to the National Committee for Farm Production Supplies.

15 Mill Tax Limit Would Be Raised

Farm Bureau Objects to Certain Proposals Made by Michigan Public Education Study Commission

Farm folks have much at stake in connection with recommendations which the Michigan Public Education Study Commission now has under consideration.

About 17 months ago, Governor Murray D. Van Wagoner appointed a commission of 17 men and women to study the whole public school situation in Michigan and make recommendations to the Governor for legislation on this subject. Secretary C. L. Brody of the Michigan State Farm Bureau was originally appointed on this commission, but because of conflicting responsibilities designated Stanley M. Powell to take his place.

When Governor Kelly took office, he decided to continue the Study Commission and to enlarge it to a membership of 25. The 8 new members whom he added considerably improved the Commission insofar as an understanding of rural problems and viewpoints is concerned. The Commission has met quite frequently during the past 17 months. Preliminary reports have been adopted and released to the public from time to time and several studies have been in progress under the direction of the Commission.

Late in December of 1943, a 3-day meeting of the Commission was held at Ann Arbor, at which time a 552-page tentative report was submitted to the Commission by its research committee of three. Even during the 3-day meeting it was impossible to consider everything in such a large report so a further meeting of the Commission was held in Lansing on January 19 and 20.

Included among the recommendations contained in the 552-page report was the following:

"In order that the general property tax may bear its just share of the total tax burden, it is recommended that a constitutional amendment be proposed raising the ceiling on real and personal property taxation from 15 to 21 mills, with at least 10 mills allocated for public educational purposes."

After extended debate, this recommendation was removed from the report, but protection of the 15 mill provision of the state constitution appears to be still in danger, for the Commission has now recommended that a constitutional amendment be adopted "providing that the majority required for the approval to increase the limitation in excess of 15 mills be made a simple majority instead of the two-thirds majority required at the present time and that the maximum time for which a voted increase above 15 mills may be operated be extended from 5 to 15 years."

Could End Present Protection

Mr. Powell fought this provision vigorously, pointing out to other members of the Commission that the foregoing language is very broad and inclusive. For instance, no restriction is placed on the use to which the money raised by the added millage could be used. It is not limited to building or improving school houses or other capital expenditures. It might be absorbed in routine operating expenses of any governmental unit. Mr. Powell feels that if this amendment were adopted in the form suggested, there would be little left of the protection now afforded by the 15 mill limitation provision of our state constitution.

Another proposal of the Commission which the rural members succeeded in defeating was a proposal any district with less than 15 pupils in average membership should receive no state aid allotment. Another recommendation was that "the local school district should be responsible for the elementary and secondary education of the children resident within each district."

This might be construed as meaning that the payment of tuition by the state to pupils from primary school districts who go to high school in graded school districts would be discontinued. Since the state has been paying tuition to eighth grade graduates going from primary school districts to town and city high schools, the number of rural boys and girls receiving high school education has more than doubled. At the insistence of rural members on the Commission, this provision was stricken out from the recommendations so that state tuition payments will be continued without question or interruption.

Proposal To Reduce School Districts

The feature of the report of the Study Commission which is receiving most attention from the general public is the proposal that the number of school districts in Michigan be reduced from the present 6,274 to approximately 250. While many members of the Commission feel that the reduction in the number of school dis-

tricts would tend to equalize educational opportunity within the state and permit a simplification of the formula for distributing state aid to schools, there is no thought in the minds of any of the Commission members of remapping the school districts arbitrarily by any act of the Legislature or ruling handed down from any state authority. It is proposed that a county school district reorganization committee of 9 members should be created in each county to study preliminary proposals for school district reorganization and to decide what enlarged districts seem desirable. The school board of each district involved would have to approve the proposal before anything would be done along this line. It would then be submitted to a referendum vote of the electors of the proposed school district for approval or rejection, thus preserving the element of home rule.

In any such enlarged school district, the school board would be composed of a proportional number of rural and urban members. At the present time, farmers have no representation on town school boards even though in many cases a large percentage of the high school students are from the rural districts.

Rural Members Make Some Changes

A proposal stricken out of the proposed report of the Commission on motion of Mr. Powell was to the effect that the 4 normal schools or colleges of education, that is, the institutions at Ypsilanti, Kalamazoo, Mt. Pleasant, and Marquette, should be placed under the board of regents, which is the governing body of the University of Michigan.

Another proposal stricken from the Commission's proposed recommendations on motion of Mr. Powell was one favoring adoption by the Michigan Public School System of a broad program of teacher tenure. This is a sort of civil service for teachers whereby once they have become established in a position it is difficult to remove them, except for the most glaring inefficiency or misbehavior.

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Remember! Neighbors, If you want a square deal in this world, you have to be ready to fight for it

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naming two of national reputation who oppose food subsidies. For good measure Mr. Powell recalled that an overwhelming majority of the House of Congress has voted to forbid food subsidies.

Mr. Probe is a man with a powerful voice and a bang-bang delivery. He wants food subsidies for consumers with all his heart. He demands them because unions have pledged themselves not to strike for higher wages.

The farmers applauded generously. But when Mr. Powell concluded with the farmers' case against food subsidies for consumers, the roar that went up was like that when the ball goes over the fence to break up the ball game.

Feb. 3 at Ann Arbor high school J. F. Yaeger of the State Farm Bureau and Donald Montgomery, consumers director for the UAW-CIO of Detroit, debated the same subject.

Food Subsidy Before Senate

Since our January 1 edition, the legislation to prohibit food subsidies for consumers has moved ahead another notch. The Senate banking and currency committee has recommended that the Senate join the House in forbidding any agency of the government to finance subsidies to roll back food prices for consumers.

A vote is expected before February 17, for on that date the 48 day extension granted the Commodity Credit Corporation and the current subsidy program expires.

Everyone wants to save the Commodity Credit Corporation for its services to agriculture and to food production in general. The Administration, labor and consumer groups insist upon the subsidy program. CCC was to be the source of funds for subsidies, so the fate of the anti-subsidy legislation may be the fate of the CCC. It has been intimated that the President will veto a CCC bill carrying an anti-subsidy amendment. But Congress stands firm.

Three More County Farm Bureaus

As membership increases in our northernmost Farm Bureau organizations, we come to have more County Farm Bureaus.

A few weeks ago the Benzie County Farm Bureau was announced. For a number of years members in Benzie, Grand Traverse and Leelanau counties were organized as the Northwestern Michigan Farm Bureau. Grand Traverse and Leelanau continue as the Northwestern Michigan Farm Bureau.

Now we have two more,—Antrim and Charlevoix County Farm Bureaus. They replace the old Tri-County Farm Bureau which had memberships in Antrim, Charlevoix and Kalkaska counties.

Forty-seven County Farm Bureaus in Michigan today.

Rural People Are Interested

This year the Michigan State Farm Bureau joined with national farm organizations January 14-31 in assisting with the annual fund raising appeal by the Nat'l Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc.

Neither individual cases nor epidemics of poliomyelitis are confined to cities and crowded areas. It is a disease that attacks the weak and robust, the rich and poor, the urban dweller and the farm resident alike. There is some reason for believing that fewer farm people have developed an immunity to the disease than residents of cities.

Chapters of the Fund in every county are pledged to do everything which money and care can do for every case of poliomyelitis which may occur in the county. The National Foundation, through its Michigan headquarters, stands behind every county chapter with additional resources should the county chapter's funds be inadequate to meet the demands.

Send Waste Paper To War

The Michigan Farm News as a publication, the Farm Bureau as a farm organization and as a business concern, and all of us in one way or another are becoming increasingly aware of the growing shortage of paper.

Paper is the No. 1 production shortage at this time. Some 20 mills are shut down for lack of waste paper.

The first waste paper drive produced a glut of used paper, but that day is gone. The mills have completed their transition from peace time to wartime production.

What's going on now?

Several hundred thousands of items are being shipped



Snug Evening

I like these winter evenings
When the living room is snug;
When the old gray cat is sprawling
In comfort on the rug;
When Martha's busy fingers,
So nimble and alert
Are darning or embroidering
Or patching me a shirt;
When the clock ticks sort of drowsy;
When the stove is piping hot
And I've got a pan of apples
In some handy central spot;

When the stock is all in stable
And the evening chores are done;
When I've cared, as best I'm able,
For my critters, every one;
When the kitchen work is over
And the evening lamp is lit
Then I get to read the headlines
And Martha gets to knit.
I peel my sweater jacket off
And shed my overshoes
And I tune that good old farmer in—
Earl Godwin and the news.

I feel it's sort of pogan
To enjoy the warmth and light
When half the human race is sunk
In misery tonight;
When America's very finest
Are dying in the snow
Or crouch in stinking fox holes,
But in my heart I know
That this is what they're dying for
And this is why they fight—
That we and all of humankind
May sit in peace at night.

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overseas. Everyone of them requires paper, either in its construction or for packaging. None of that paper gets back to American mills for processing.

Every phase of the war effort requires paper. Due to at least a 25% shortage of wood pulp, we must turn more and more to waste paper to get enough paper for war and domestic needs.

The contents of every waste paper basket should be handled so as to reach the makers of corrugated boxes, wrapping papers, sacks, and the hundreds of items made from paper. Stack and tie your newspapers and magazines. Sell or give them to the people in your community in charge of paper salvage.

Copper Bull Rings Coming

Last week the Nat'l Committee for Farm Production Supplies at Washington wired the Michigan State Farm Bureau, "Approval of copper for bull rings effective today."

In our August edition we reported that Harry Green, member of the Macomb County Farm Bureau, was spending two months in a body cast as the result of an experience with an unrun bull. Mr. Green said that he had been trying to buy a bull ring since Jan. 1, 1943. He asked the Farm Bureau to see what it could do to have rings manufactured again.

Investigation revealed that it was almost impossible to find bull rings, especially those made of copper. Delegates to the State Farm Bureau annual meeting in November asked the War Production Board to allocate sufficient of the appropriate metals so that rings could be made. In the meantime, there were other accidents chargeable to unrun bulls.

Stanley Powell was assigned the bull ring resolution among others. He ascertained that four manufacturers made most of the rings. They told him that the WPB had been informed that steel could be substituted for copper in making the rings. Mr. Powell submitted a statement to Ezra Benson, sec'y of the Nat'l Committee for Farm Supplies, that the companies which made the standard and universally used copper ring were not equipped to make steel rings. Further, the steel rings corroded in use and caused infections.

Mr. Benson used that information in his presentation to the copper division of the WPB. The telegram quoted tells the result.

The story illustrates Farm Bureau procedure on requests from members for help and how the Farm Bureau follows up on the resolutions adopted at annual meetings.

Against Food Subsidies

At the Gratiot County Farm Bureau annual meeting January 11, a secret ballot was taken on the resolution opposing federal food subsidies for consumers. The vote was 94 to 1 against the proposed subsidy program Everyone voted. And apparently all the rural sentiment in favor of the idea was expressed in that group.

15 Mill Tax Limit Would Be Raised

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A provision in this connection to which Mr. Powell took decided exception was the following: "Gross immorality or gross indecency should be considered a sufficient cause for the immediate discharging of a teacher, custodian or clerk, regardless of tenure status." Mr. Powell argued that

when a teacher has lost the respect and good will of the people of the community it is not desirable that he or she continue to teach in that community. He stressed that now while the problem of juvenile delinquency is so acute and is receiving such widespread attention, increased emphasis should be placed on character of the teachers and the influence which the teacher exerts in the class room and in his or her activities in the com-

Behind the Wheel

With J. F. Yaeger,
Director of State Field
Services

WOOL AND EGGS

Ever since the collapse of the Farm Bureau wool pool 24 years ago, the organization has been trying to explain that it was due to circumstances beyond their control. It was pointed out, that when the government dumped millions of pounds of wool on the market, after the first World War, that the price of wool was bound to go down, as it did. The fact that farmers who pooled their wool and those who didn't were caught alike, and the fact that nothing the Farm Bureau could do under the circumstances altered the matter, in no way impressed the farmer who had pooled his wool.

In spite of everything that could be said or explained, in the mind of the farmer who did pool his wool the Farm Bureau was to blame.

In some ways a similar instance prevails today except that at this moment it concerns eggs and not wool. Many farmers wonder why the price of eggs has suddenly dropped. They are rather bitter in the denunciation of this circumstance, for which we don't blame them. For once, however, the Farm Bureau can't be blamed for the situation. Nor should it have been blamed for the collapse of the wool price many years ago.

The reason for eggs going down in price at this time is the fact that there was much over-buying of eggs last year, and that when the government "freeze" of storage eggs was lifted it released more than four million cases for civilian use. This in anybody's language, is quite a sizable omelet. Any time this quantity of produce is suddenly dropped into the market, there is bound to be a drop of prices. The old law of supply and demand sees to that. Coupled with this we have the fact that farmers increased the production of poultry and eggs considerably during the past year.

MAY HAPPEN AGAIN

This is not the end of such experiences for farmers, in our opinion. From time to time it will be discovered that there has been much over-buying of materials for military and lend-lease use, etc., and other items will then be released and will cause price disturbances.

There has already been some releases of canned string beans and tomatoes, citrus fruits, catsup, pineapple, as well as canned asparagus, corn, pumpkin and spinach. It just so happens that there hasn't been too great a production of these things during the past year and prices have not collapsed. We understand that plans are under way whereby large supplies of evaporated milk, canned pork and beans, more canned beans, tomatoes, and dried and shelled eggs are to be released along with other items.

Just what effect this will have upon farm prices and how serious it will be is hard to state, but one thing we would like to make clear this time is that it is not the Farm Bureau's fault. Neither was it in the case of wool.

AN ORGANIZATION CREED

We ran across something in the Farmers' Union Herald the other day which we think is worthy of repeating. It is entitled "The Farmers' Union Creed." It seems so applicable to the attitude that a farmer ought to be taking towards his own organization, whichever it might be, that we want to reprint it here:

"Because I know that as an individual I am nothing, but banded with my brother farmer I am power—I pledge the work of my hands, the fruit of my soil and the loyalty of my heart to the Farmers' Union.

"I will keep my eyes on the goal, and let no petty annoyance make me forget it.

community.

Another proposal which Mr. Powell successfully opposed was a recommendation that school elections be held at the time of the annual spring township elections. The purpose of this proposal was to insure a larger vote being cast for school board members. Mr. Powell pointed out that in his judgment such an arrangement would be very unworkable. In the first place, before an election can be held, there would have to be some arrangement for making nominations. Under present conditions, there are several school districts in the average township. How people from the various school districts could nominate and elect school board members at the time of a township election is rather difficult to understand. Where fractional school districts enter into the picture, the situation would be even more complicated. Under the proposed plan of enlarged school districts, the school boundaries would in most cases not follow townships or county lines. This would make the program very confusing.

Mr. Powell pointed out that in his judgment a school board election is only one phase of an annual school meeting and that he would dislike very much to see these annual school meetings discontinued as there is too much of a trend at the present time away from local government and direct participation by the citizens in public affairs.

"I will attend my local meetings and let no personal animosities keep me from mingling with my neighbors for our common good.

"I will support our co-operatives with my unswerving patronage and our leadership with my utmost confidence.

"And I will always remember, that greater than any man in it—worthy of any sacrifice—deserving of all faithfulness, is the Union itself, built for me and by me—my own organization."

ENVIABLE RECORD

The Gratiot County Farm Bureau Board of Directors meets each month. During 1942 not a director missed a meeting except in one case where one of the directors wrecked his car while on his way to the board meeting that evening.

This seems to us an enviable record. As the youngster in school said, when the teacher announced that his recitation was good, "Heck, it's not just good, it's perfect."

Doughnuts serve as wedding invitations in some parts of Macedonia.

Prices Control Production

With egg mash at \$3.60, scratch feed at \$2.85 and eggs from 25 to 28 cents, plenty of farmers are a little roiled up about being requested to produce more eggs. Poultry culling should be a popular subject, but most people talk in terms of disposing of the entire flock rather than a few culls. —W. S. Harrison, Oceola Co. Agr'l Agent, in Michigan Extension News, Jan. 1944.

Associated Women Sort

Clothing for Allies
Associated Women of the Oceana County Farm Bureau supervised the sorting of three tons of clothing donated by citizens of Oceana county for distribution where needed in the United Nations.

Alaska can maintain a population per square mile equal to that of Finland, 10 million people, according to a survey.

Manistee's membership goal is 200.

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Correction

In our Jan. 1 edition in the classified advertisement of Holland Laboratories, through a printer's error phenothiazine was quoted at \$1.00 per lb. instead of \$1.50.

Sends Food Parcels to Prisoners of War

Thousands of food parcels packed by volunteers are regularly shipped by the American Red Cross for distribution to American and United Nations prisoners of war and civilian internees in Europe. Similar shipments also go to the Far East. The Red Cross serves on every front. Maintenance of Red Cross services, however, depends upon the response to the 1944 Red Cross War Fund appeal. Let's give!



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WRITES BOOKLET ON CROP INSURANCE

Marlin Trapp, vegetable grower at Beulah, Benzie county, is the author of a booklet "Can Crop Insurance be Made to Help Solve our Food Problem and the Subsidy Question?" The booklet was published in co-operation with the Laymen's Fellowship of the Congregational Christian churches and the Benzie County Farm Bureau. Mr. Trapp is a member of the Farm Bureau.

He holds that these are the benefits of an adequate program of federal crops insurance:

- 1—Give reasonable protection and returns to the growers of basic and essential food products.
2—Keep food prices to consumers at lowest possible levels with equal justice to all.
3—Provide a sound basis for short term food production credit.
4—Furnish an incentive for greater food production with the least burden upon the public treasury.

Fast Milking Benefits

Fast milking has some definite advantages. Cows will give more milk and fat. Labor is saved, which is most important nowadays. It is also claimed that the udders are less susceptible to injury and the milk is of higher quality.

It is especially important to train heifers at first freshening to the shorter period. Cows trained to be milked speedily in 3 or 4 minutes with a machine or in 5 or 6 minutes by hand give more milk over a period of time than if the milking is prolonged. There is a definite reason for this. A substance secreted into the blood stream and carried to the udder tissue enables a cow to "give down" her milk. Normally after a few minutes the effect of this substance is exhausted. If the milk is not obtained during this short period it can be only partially obtained and then with great difficulty.—Dairy Husbandry Department, Michigan State College.

Our Great Need Is for Straight Thinking

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR, Briar Hill Farm, Carleton, Monroe Co.

The most essential factor in deciding any policy is straight thinking. To know what one really wants, to know what is right and just for everybody, we must consider the benefits, both immediate and long term. We must weigh the drawbacks and the dangers. These factors are part of any new policy and should be carefully thought out before a decision is made.

I must admit that straight thinking is most difficult in a time like this. I was dumfounded when I studied a new global atlas and found that American troops were stationed in almost every country of the world. We know that many of those in training are expected to go over seas soon.

What About Ourselves? Now, what are we at home expected to do? Strike when things don't go as we want them? Refuse to grow a needed crop when we don't get for it what we expect? Ignore rationing, ceiling, rules and regulations whenever we think we can get by? Allow ourselves to think all pleas for bonds, salvage drives, saving of gas and tires, and the numerous other curtailments are meant for the other fellow? Will those attitudes win the war and bring the boys home?

Should Party Come First? I wish there was not so much pulling and hauling in Congress but rather that every member would think and act for the good of our country and not for the good of a party. There are far too many lives at stake for anyone to haggle over anything that would interfere in even a minute way with the fullest prosecution of this war. When I read the vote cast on grave questions before Congress and learn it was wholly along party lines or along lines that will bring more votes to a prospective candidate, I feel that our country has fallen to a deplorable state. Under those circumstances I question the ability of the United States in taking any appreciable part in writing a fair and just peace for the world to follow.

I don't think that allowing the farmer a fair and just price for his produce would start inflation, yet that thought has been spread to the most remote hamlet in this country. At first it looked as though everyone but the farmer believed it. Gradually thinking people are seeing differently. This Spurge for Non-Essentials. It makes one gnash his teeth to know that consumers are forbidden to pay a cent more for a quart of milk even if they admit it is the cheapest health food money can buy. At the same time, we can see those same consumers buying senseless gewgaws to adorn their coats and dresses and

paying from \$5 to \$20 for this and that without a murmur.

It's disgusting that the policy for buying is a ceiling on all essentials but nothing to prevent prices on non-essentials going sky high. It proves to me that labor is being paid out of line with other groups or there would be no sale for these frivolous things unless they were priced at their true value.

It's gratifying to hear from our boys in service that they believe the farmers in general are doing their utmost in carrying their portion of war effort. I heard no complaint from them regarding farmers. But, believe me, some of them are saying plenty about what they expect to do when they come home about those who strike, and those who dawdle on their job, and those who think they are entitled to a vacation regardless of gas, tires and time.

Some Things We Can Do I wonder if we are still doing all that we might ourselves? Let's not complain about the other fellow until we are quite certain we are above reproach.

Thousands of our boys have been saved because blood plasma was at hand. Have we done our part in that line? Many of us say we'd give our life's blood to save a loved one, yet when it comes right down to the test, we pass it off as though we were not interested. There may not be a station near at hand, but contact your county or state Red Cross headquarters and see what can be worked out between you. Keep in mind that we must do our part in all of these things.

I'm wondering why so many women are still crocheting lace for pillow cases or table spreads or blouses when our country is calling for army bandages or for knee covers for our soldiers in hospitals or many other things needed so desperately. None of us as yet can be certain that we'll even have a bed upon which to put those foolishly adorned articles.

Let's put aside our own personal desires just now and spend our spare time in helping to make the men in service more comfortable. As farmers, we can't do things in a spectacular way but we can do many little things that will prove our willingness to carry on to our very utmost. Every effort that we make added to the effort that someone else makes will soon make a showing that will give a self satisfaction that cannot be earned otherwise.

Our Responsibility to Agriculture In the same way we can help work out what is best for a self respecting, enduring agriculture. Farming is not something that's here today and gone tomorrow. It will be here to the end of time, for folks must eat. But, the manner in which it survives in days of national crisis such as this depends wholly on how much you and I care about it. I'm sure none of us want farming in the future to be a national relief project. Let's preserve our self-respect in a way that all in time will admire us for the stand we take now.

Shiawassee Bureau Has Good Annual Meeting

200 attended the Shiawassee County Farm Bureau annual meeting and potluck dinner at extension hall, Cornua, Jan. 25. Stanley Powell spoke on the implications of some of the recommendations of the Michigan Public Education Study Commission. Resolutions adopted opposed food subsidies for consumers, urged the state and national Farm Bureaus to inform the public regarding food producing problems, opposed a national service act at this time, directed the organization of more Community and Junior Farm Bureaus, directed incorporation of Shiawassee County Farm Bureau.

Membership In the Deep South

Told at AFBF convention at Chicago by delegate from Georgia who witnessed the meeting.

After the white man gave his talk, he asked the negroes assembled in the little schoolhouse what they were going to do about the membership campaign.

One colored man stood up and said, "You know we're gwine to have a membership campaign on the 1st of September, but we can't have it the 1st of September because the 1st of September has gone past, but we gwine to have it just as close to the 1st of September as we can, and dat's to-night!"

Then turning to the man nearest him he said, "Sam, you goin' my way?"

Sam replied, "Yep, I'se goin' your way", and handed over his \$3 dues. Then he addressed the next one, "Mose, you goin' my way?"

Mose replied, "I can't go your way to-night, but I'se gwine to go your way."

"Joe, you goin' my way?"

Joe replied, "I can't go your way. I hain't got no money now."

A cry from the audience, "Let him borrow it then. If he can't borrow \$3 we don't want him in the Farm Bureau anyhow."

Thus it went thru the whole assembly until everyone had been asked. Finally someone noticed that one member had left the meeting who happened to be the preacher, and he said, "Where's the parson, where's he gone?"

"Oh, the preacher, he like to see money comin' in—he don't like to see money goin' out, so he skiddaddled."

John Honk of Ludington, State Farm Bureau director, saw 6 and signed 5 in Mason County Farm Bureau's membership campaign.

Order Farm Bureau fertilizer now; take winter delivery from car.

TUSCOLA'S PLEDGE TO ARMED FORCES

Four hundred twenty-five attended the annual meeting and dinner of Tuscola County Farm Bureau at Caro Methodist church January 28. Audley Rawson, state senator, gave a fine talk on questions of the day. Fred Reimer, district representative, presented the case for membership in a farm organization in a very convincing manner. Members who took part in a splendid program of entertainment were: Junior Farm Bureau quartet, Miss Helen Zimmer, Sebewing; Mrs. Clarence Lindenburg, Unionville; Mrs. Ed. Boeler, Akron; Keith Crawford, Caro. After paying tribute to the men and women in the armed forces, the County Farm Bureau adopted this pledge:

"We, the members of Tuscola County Farm Bureau, pledge ourselves never to let down our fighting men. We rededicate our best efforts to the production of essential foodstuffs. We shall not endeavor to strike or cause our work to be neglected, and we shall buy bonds necessary for your support.

"May the Almighty God in His mercy cause our boys to return at an early date safe and sound in body and soul, and may He, Himself, comfort and sustain the survivors of those who have been called upon or who may be called upon to make the supreme sacrifice."

Lincoln Horst, Akron, vice president, and Grover Bates, Vassar, were re-elected as directors. Harold Blaylock of Vassar was elected director.

Michigan farmers have \$10,000,000 invested in 100,000 automatic water systems.

One of the oldest clocks in the world is the clock tower in Venice. It has been ticking since 1496.

Athens, capital of Greece, has an average of only 25 cloudy days during the whole year.

Have you ordered Farm Bureau field seeds for spring?



You'll be surprised at the meanings of some of your friends' names. Have fun looking them up in "WHAT'S IN A NAME?"—the new cartoon-illustrated book that everybody's talking about. The Ethyl Corporation would like to send you this fascinating booklet free because we think it will help you to remember our name and what it means: "ETHYL" is a trade mark name. It stands for antiknock fluid made only by the Ethyl Corporation. Our war job is manufacturing this fluid for improving fighting gasoline.

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Champion Speaker—at 81

Winning a state wide speaking contest at the age of 81 is most unusual. Then to take the speaker's platform after such experienced speakers as President Edward O'Neal of the American Farm Bureau, and Anne Campbell of the Detroit News have spoken, and hold a large audience equally well and gain its enthusiastic applause is an accomplishment, indeed.

Mrs. Charles Pittenger of Wixom, Oakland county, did that at the annual meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau last November. Mrs. Pittenger won the speaking contest of the Associated Women of the Michigan Farm Bureau last fall, speaking to the subject, "The Farm Woman Faces up to Her Problems." She was invited to address the evening meeting of the Farm Bureau. The Prairie Farmer published this picture and said, "She's a champion speaker at 81... Speaking with a

voice and vigor that belied her age. Mrs. Pittenger was roundly applauded by an audience of more than 700 Farm Bureau folks.

"After completing a course in elocution 65 years ago, Mrs. Pittenger started taking parts in community plays, Grange ritualism, church work,



and other activities that kept constantly improving her personality and manner of expression. We salute Mrs. Pittenger—81 years young." Mrs. Pittenger is the mother of Joseph Pittenger of Wixom, one of the charter members of the Michigan State Farm Bureau.

BUCKRAKES WIN FOR HAYMAKERS

Credit at least one round in the haymaker's battle to produce wartime food and feed to the Michigan adaptation of the western buckrake. Among the labor-saving devices suggested for expansion in 1944 is the so-called transport rake for helping move the state's second crop in value and the one that covers the most acres annually.

In 1943, it is estimated, the transport rakes numbering nearly a thousand in the state lessened manpower needs on farms by nearly four thousand helpers in the haying season.

Several methods of lifting the rake have been devised, not all of them are entirely practical, but copies of plans in the offices of county agricultural agents have been made available by Michigan State College. Home-made rakes have been built for \$12 to \$15 plus time. Shops and lumber yards have been building such rakes for \$100 to \$125.

For small-size tractors the suggested size is 10 feet wide and extending 10 feet in front of the tractor or at the rear of a truck or car chassis. Rear installations on the latter are neces-

sary in order to cool the engines. The small size gathers, lifts and hauls 600 to 700 pounds of hay.

For larger tractors the rake size recommended is still 10 feet wide to accommodate lanes and barn doors but can be extended 12 feet and will carry approximately half a ton of hay.

The transport rakes should travel at least 5 to 6 miles an hour, with a speed of 10 or even 15 miles an hour more efficient, according to tests: Savings in manhours are so amazing, some operators claim the rakes have paid for themselves in a single season.

Oxford Co-op Reports Growing Business

Oxford Co-operative Elevator of Oakland county had an increase in business of \$86,000 the past year. Ray E. Allen, manager said at the annual meeting, Jan. 19. The directors declared a 25% patronage dividend. Two hundred stockholders and their wives attended the meeting and dinner. C. L. Bolander, deputy commissioner of agriculture, spoke on the influence of the war on dehydration as a method for preserving foods. The entire board of directors was re-elected for two year terms: Fred G. Beardsley, M. G. Dunlap, J. C. Haines, Ray E. Allen, George Scott, Milton Miller, Clyde L. Beardsley.

Advertisement for 'The Packer', 'The Ledger', and 'The C.P.A.' featuring illustrations of a packer, a ledger, and a C.P.A. professional.

Every farm, city and town business should keep books. Swift & Company would have to whether it wanted to or not. It must make accurate reports to its 60,000 shareholders, must know whether it is making or losing money. And then, at the end of the year the company must make accurate statements of the year's results to the United States Government for income tax returns as well as for other purposes. Persons not connected with the management of Swift & Company go over its books and check the accuracy of the figures from which Swift & Company's financial reports and income tax returns are prepared. These outside persons are Certified Public Accountants. They are licensed by the state, which certifies them as accounting and auditing experts. It is in this way that the accuracy of figures published by Swift & Company is verified to all those interested in knowing the facts about the meat packing business as conducted by this company. For information concerning the following two films, write us: "A Nation's Meat" "Cows and Chickens, U. S. A."

Red Cross Organized Blood Donor Program

The millions of volunteer donors who have visited American Red Cross blood donor centers have helped save the lives of great numbers of our soldiers and sailors. These centers are equipped with up-to-the-minute scientific apparatus and their operation is financed from Red Cross funds. Contribute to the 1944 Red Cross War Fund in March and thereby help save the lives of the boys at the front.

Husbands and fathers, brothers and sons in the service, all call upon the Red Cross in an emergency. Help keep the Red Cross at his side by supporting the 1944 Red Cross War Fund.

MORE EGGS!



FREE! This booklet shows how to build modern, improved-type poultry houses for all climates. Shows structural details.

Housing your hens in a comfortable, sanitary, rat-proof concrete poultry house is a good way to insure bigger egg production. When built of concrete a poultry house will last a lifetime and its modest first cost will be practically the last.

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ASKS MEMBERS HOW THEY STAND ON 6 QUESTIONS.

In an effort to learn what members think about the subsidy question and what is their opinion of the value of farm organization the Oceana County Farm Bureau sent a questionnaire to its members during the first week in January along with the annual request for payment of membership dues. The response has been gratifying and the results may be of interest to other counties.

Do you want subsidies paid on farm products in order to keep down price of food to consumers? 95% said no. Of the remaining, 4% some felt they did not know and a few said yes.

Do you believe the majority of the farmers are in favor of receiving subsidies? 90% no, 8% said they did not know, 2% said yes.

Do you believe the consumer is able to pay the present high prices for food without the aid of subsidies? 95% answered yes, although several indicated there might be exceptions. The balance did not know. One reply stated, "I think the vast difference in prices from farm to retail market is too great in many cases and could be adjusted to the benefit of all."

Do you believe the farmers want greatly increased prices for their products if government regulations could be properly applied? 86% said no, 12% said yes, the balance did not know. One said "No, but farm labor is 2 1/2 times higher". Others said "Farmers want a square deal." "A fair price, not above reason," etc.

Do you believe the Farm Bureau represents the farmers on legislative matters? 92% answered "Yes", the balance were uncertain or felt the program was not vigorous enough.

Do you believe the farmers' needs and best interests will receive proper consideration during and after the war if farmers are not well organized? 97% answered no. One member remarked, "It will be difficult to receive consideration even though well organized". Others felt that we will become the victims of other organized groups unless we organize. Still another wrote "If farmers don't get wise to themselves and organize they will sell their apples and potatoes again for 10c a bushel when the war is over as they have done before."

Buy repair parts now.

500 ATTEND VAN BUREN ANNUAL

Five hundred persons attended the annual meeting and dinner of the Van Buren County Farm Bureau at Paw Paw high school, Jan. 22. Hassil Schenk, president of the Indiana Farm Bureau, delivered a stirring address on what the Farm Bureau can do through a large and well informed membership.

Kermit Washburn of Paw Paw, secretary since the death of Jay Dodge, was elected president. Thor Hagerberg, president for 3 years and present membership campaign manager, retired, but was returned to the board of directors. Waldo E. Phillips, a director for 20 years, retired, but was asked to continue as an advisory member of the board.

The Van Buren membership adopted resolutions indicating vigorous action on a broad county, state and national farm program in 1944.

Tribute was paid to the memory of Jay L. Dodge, for many years secretary and in his later years membership campaign manager for the Farm Bureau. Mr. Dodge died April 8, 1943. Waldo Phillips said:

"A year ago Jay was with us. We did not know his candle was so low. His last strength was given in our membership roll call last year.

"For many years he had served his fellow man and us of the Farm Bureau in particular. As membership solicitor, county president and secretary, and through the years as delegate to various state and national meetings, his service was marked by distinguished ability.

"Those who knew him only casually little sensed the handicap of physical frailty under which he labored. Had his keen mind and strong moral fiber been supported by a matching physical strength, Jay would have gone far and accomplished great things for humanity and agriculture, the vocation so close to his heart.

"Because of his long service to the Farm Bureau, it is only fitting that we pause at this time to pay a highly deserved tribute to his memory.

"I never knew a cleaner man than Jay Dodge—no vulgarity, no malice, no envy, no hate. Although most of us are tainted to some extent by these vices, they could not be found in Jay.

"Honest, sincerely, loyalty. These are the key words to his character. He was true. He was loyal, loyal to his beliefs, loyal to his church, loyal to the Farm Bureau, loyal to his friends. He was my friend. He was your friend. And we are proud to have been his friends.

"An old philosopher has said, 'We can never replace a friend. When a man is fortunate enough to have covered, he finds they are all different. There is no double in friendship. And an ancient poet wrote, 'Friend is a word of royal tone; friend is a poem all alone.' Jay was our friend.

"But when we lost our friend, he gained a greater life with broader opportunity for service. No easy seat before a golden throne could be his Heaven!"

Powell Heads Michigan Highway Conference

Stanley M. Powell of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, was elected chairman of the Michigan Highway Users Conference at a regular meeting of that organization held at Lansing, January 26.

The Conference includes 42 groups and organizations in Michigan which are interested in the construction, maintenance, improvement and utilization of public highways. The conference is one of 46 state highway conferences now functioning in the United States.

Will Help Returning Servicemen Get Jobs

The State Clearing House Committee to help returning service men get jobs includes Farm Bureau leaders to date representing these counties: Charles Crandall, Calhoun; Frank B. Thompson, Ingham; Roy Hatt, Jackson; Lucius Lyon, Oakland; Edward C. Hoffman, Saginaw; Dale Kirklm, Kalamazoo; Elton Dudley, Lenawee.

Benj. Franklin Speaks About War Bonds

"A man may, if he knows not how to save as he gets it, keep his nose all his life to the grindstone and die not worth a great at last."

America must become a nation of thrift to prepare for the end of the War. Save for your family by helping to save your country. Buy U. S. War Bonds and Stamps every market day.—U. S. Treasury Department.

Many Hands, Quick Work

Mason County Farm Bureau believes in many hands, quick work. Ten to 12 members from each of the 9 Community Farm Bureaus worked in the membership campaign and signed 650 families.

The Quickest Way

The quickest way to increase food production is by efficient use of commercial fertilizer and manures. Half of the manure value is in a liquid form which usually is lost. All liquid should be saved. A pile by the barn is an abomination.

Seeds of the cocoa tree were once used as money in Mexico.

25 Yrs. An Officer of Oceana Farm Bureau

O. R. Gale of Shelby brought to a close recently 25 years as president or secretary-treasurer of the Oceana County Farm Bureau. Mr. Gale declined re-election as president but agreed to continue as a member of the board of directors. More than 25 years ago "O. R." helped organize the County Farm Bureau. Feb. 4, 1919 he was included in the Oceana group that attended the organization meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau at East Lansing.

He has given generously of his time ever since. Mr. Gale is a life member of the Farm Bureau. He served several terms as a director of the State Farm Bureau. At present he is president of the Farm Bureau Fruit Products Co., and president of the Oceana Fruit Growers, Inc. He has served as a director and officer of the Shelby Co-op, Inc. Mr. and Mrs. Gale are also prominent in Grange work in Oceana county.

BARRY HOLDS TOWN & COUNTRY MEETING

Some years ago Barry County Farm Bureau and the Chamber of Commerce at Hastings started an annual dinner which has been a fine thing for the community.

January 10 they filled the Odd Fellows hall at Hastings to capacity. Dr. Bonner Crawford of the University of Michigan spoke on community responsibility. He said:

"Modern governmental and business structures are so complex that the individual is likely to feel submerged and lose sight of his own importance as an individual. The tendency is toward the formation of large units (both in government and business) with power delegated to small minorities at the top. Thus the township has lost power to the county, the county to the state, and the state, in turn to the federal government.

"This trend toward ever-increasing centralization can be stopped only when each individual citizen decides to take more responsibility in the determination of public affairs and policies; when each individual decides to do his own thinking instead of unconsciously or deliberately delegating this responsibility to someone higher up."

Have we the right, Dr. Crawford asked, to send our young people overseas to fight battles and die for us when those of us back here on the home front are not giving sufficient thought and effort toward attempting to establish conditions which will make these costly wars unnecessary?

Dr. Crawford thought that a revival of the old type town meetings where people met and really talked things over, or the formation of discussion groups which seriously went about the business of getting at the heart of current problems would be healthy influences in good government.

Unusual Dairy Feeds

The dairy cow has great ability to salvage unusual feeds. In some sections of Michigan, apple pomace, pease silage, mint hay, cull potatoes, grape refuse, stale bread, and other types of feed material are frequently found. Such feeds will help to reduce costs provided good roughage and additional high total nutrient value cereal grains are supplied. When such feeds are available, consult your county agriculture agent for feeding directions.—Dairy Husbandry Department, Michigan State College.

Farms Get Nitrogen

Agriculture is now the No. 1 consumer of nitrogen, with munitions and industry in second and third place. It is expected that more than 11 million tons of farm fertilizers will be used in 1944.

A banyan tree in Bali, one of the largest in the world, covers two acres

NAT'L COUNCIL OF FARM CO-OPS NAMES OFFICERS

Homer L. Brinkley of Lake Charles, La., general manager of the American Rice Growers Co-operative Association and president of the Louisiana Council of Farmer Co-operatives, was elected president of the National Council of Farmer Co-operatives at the sixteenth annual delegates' meeting held early in January at Chicago. Mr. Brinkley succeeds C. C. Teague of Santa Paula, Calif., president of the California Fruit Growers Exchange, who continues as a member of the executive committee.

John H. Davis, acting chief of the wheat section of the grain division of Commodity Credit Corporation, was elected executive secretary to succeed Ezra T. Benson, who is retiring to become a member of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Mr. Davis will be in charge of the Washington office of the Co-operative Council.

Elected as vice-presidents were Clyde C. Edmonds of Salt Lake City, secretary-manager of the Utah Poultry Producers Co-op Ass'n and president of the Utah Council of Farmer Co-operatives, and Quentin Reynolds of West Springfield, Mass., manager of the Eastern States Farmer Exchange, both of whom have taken an active interest in Council affairs for many years. They succeed H. E. Babcock of Ithaca, N. Y., director of the School of Co-operative Administration, and N. C. Williamson of Lake Providence, La., president of the American Cotton Co-operative Ass'n, whose terms had expired.

The Nat'l Council of Farmer Co-operatives is an organization of 14 groups of co-operatives which represent as many commodities or services nationally.

C. L. Brody of Farm Bureau Services, Lansing, Michigan, was named chairman of the Division of Farm Supplies Purchasing Co-operatives. Others of this committee are Howard Cowden, Consumers Co-operative Ass'n, No. Kansas City, Mo.; Quentin Reynolds, Eastern States Farmers' Exchange, W. Springfield, Mass.; C. N. Silcox, Co-operative GLF Exchange, Ithaca, N. Y.

Resolutions adopted declared that the most effective price policy is one that encourages production of food in quantities to supply consumer demands at fair prices; they opposed food subsidies for consumers, saying that a device for stimulating inflation in times of deflation certainly cannot be a tool of deflation in time of inflation. Farmers were warned to keep an eye on the interests now making local and national attacks on farm co-operatives.

All Jackson Farm Groups Oppose Food Subsidies

Officers of 13 general and co-operative farm organizations in Jackson county on Dec. 29 wrote Senators Arthur Vandenberg and Homer Ferguson and Congressman Earl Michener that farmers in their groups oppose a continuation of food subsidies for consumers. Represented were the Farm Bureau, Grange, Farmers Clubs, Milk Producers, Grass Lake and Parma co-operative elevators, and Community Farm Bureaus.

1,000 Farm Bureau Meetings in 1944!

Membership District No. 1, Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Gr. Traverse, Leelanau, Mason and Manistee counties expects to have 70 Community Farm Bureaus by April 1, one for every 30 families. Meeting monthly, there will be 840 meetings by community groups during the ensuing year. County annual meetings, board meetings, picnics, Jr. Farm Bureau meetings will make it more than 1,000 meetings in the six counties.

Fish Supper Starts Membership Campaign

Sixty volunteer workers for the Oceana County Farm Bureau membership campaign gathered at Shelby Co-op hall, Jan. 18 for a fish supper and a general get-together preparatory to the campaign now under way. Very satisfactory results were reports from the start.

Classified Ads

Classified advertisements are cash with order at the following rates: 4 cents per word for one edition. Ads to appear in two or more editions take the rate of 3 cents per word per edition.

POULTRY SUPPLIES

POULTRY MEDICATION AT PRICES farmers can afford. 100 to 1, all purpose disinfectant. 1 pint, 80c makes 12 gal. spray; Proto-4, blue comb preventative, 1 quart medicates 64 gals. water, \$1.00. Phenothiazine, powder form, for worming hoes and sheep. 1 lb. \$1.50. Worms 38 shoats or 30 lambs. Available at Farm Bureau Services, at their stores and co-ops, hatcheries and feed stores. Mail orders postpaid. Holland Laboratories, Holland, Michigan. 11-1f-63b

MAPLE SYRUP SUPPLIES

SPECIAL MAPLE SYRUP LABELS for glass and tin containers. Attractive all-over illustration in three colors of sugar bush in operation. Place for your farm name. We print that for you. Label designed to draw attention to and sell your syrup. Label for cans covers three sides of can. Carries recipes too. For samples and prices, write Sugar Bush Supplies Company, 217 North Cedar street, Lansing, Michigan. (1-1f-66b)

WANTED

WANTED—CARLOADS AND TRUCKLOADS of baled straw, baled clover and alfalfa hay. South Haven Fruit Exchange, South Haven, Mich. (12-2f-15b)

BABY CHICKS

U. S. APPROVED WHITE LEGHORN chicks, from big type stock with 23 years breeding, will help you produce more eggs and profit. ROP male matings, Barred & White Rocks, U. S. Fullorum tested. Circuit from Wintrom Hatchery, Box B7, Zeeland, Mich. (2-5f-41b)

MAPLE SYRUP EQUIPMENT

ESSENTIAL MAPLE SYRUP MAKING and marketing equipment and supplies, including felt filter bags for cleaning, thermometers, hydrometers, tin and glass containers, fancy labels, sap spouts, etc. New King Evaporators and buckets are classified as farm machinery, production of which is on a quota basis. Orders booked now for next summer and fall delivery. New King Evaporators for use this spring are all sold. We urge producers to order all supplies early to be assured of delivery in time for spring use. For prices and information write Sugar Bush Supplies Co., 217 North Cedar St., Lansing, Mich. (Next door to State Farm Bureau.) (1-1f-102b)

WOOL GROWERS

ATTENTION—WOOL GROWERS. We handle wool for the C.C.C. and offer you other marketing services. All wool graded at our warehouse, 506 N. Mechanic St., Jackson, Michigan. Ceiling prices guaranteed. Michigan Co-operative Wool Marketing Association. (1-1f-35b)

Ladies' Membership Team Wins in Charlevoix Co.

Mrs. Mark Saunders of Ironton Community Farm Bureau, Charlevoix county, tells us how a volunteer membership team of three ladies and a little girl of two years enrolled 9 of 12 families. Their first call was a batchelor who served fruit and candy as heard the Farm Bureau story and asked questions. He joined and made good suggestions for strengthening the presentation. The side roads were not plowed, so they walked and carried the baby where they couldn't drive. The baby had a royal time and wanted to stay at every home. The visits improved acquaintanceship all around. The ladies surprised themselves by winning the county prize for getting the most members. They are Mrs. Mark and Mrs. Andria Saunders and Mrs. Edna Neilson.

Phrase books and dictionaries for our soldiers overseas have been printed in 20 languages.

Officers & Directors of Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

Following is the correct list of officers and directors of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., elected at the annual meeting at Michigan State College, December 14:

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Mark Westbrook, Ionia, State Farm Bureau director, called on 31 in the Ionia County roll call. He brought in 29 new members and collections, got 1 promise and failed on 1.

Advertisement for Limeroll, a manufactured product consisting of Calcium Carbonate and Roll-Crush Insoluble Granite Grit. Includes contact information for Allied Minerals, Inc. in West Chelmsford, Mass.

Advertisement for the 4th War Loan, featuring a window sticker and text about buying extra war bonds.

The Fourth War Loan is on! Every farmer, every rancher in America must put his shoulder to the wheel in the greatest financial offensive yet—by buying more War Bonds than he has ever bought before.

Advertisement for investment choices, including Series E War Savings Bonds and 2 1/2% Treasury Bonds.

Advertisement for Michigan State Farm Bureau, including the slogan 'Let's all BACK THE ATTACK!' and information about supporting the war effort.

Advertisement for State Mutual Fire Insurance Co., featuring the slogan 'When your place is burning, it's the soundness, not the cost of your Insurance that counts.'

Advertisement for Market Information, listing various services and contact details for the Michigan Livestock Exchange.

Advertisement for Bureau-Penn or Unico Motor Oils, highlighting their dependability in cold weather and quick performance.

Junior Farm Bureau

By MISS MARGARET PEASE, 318 W. Cedar St., Kalamazoo, State Publicity Chairman

STATE CONTEST OF INTEREST TO ALL DISTRICTS

The State Contest, approved by the Council in January 8, is under way. This is only the beginning but are you busy winning for your side of the state? This is your opportunity to aid your directors and vice-president so he can eat steak at the close of this contest.

The purpose of this contest is to stimulate, by co-operative and aggressive team work, the accomplishment of the county and state Junior Farm Bureau program. Your county will gain by this venture.

MEMBERSHIP means points for the contest but look what it means for your counties, a stronger organization with more ideas and benefiting more young people.

PUBLICITY means that the Senior Farm Bureaus and others shall know about the work you are doing and of what benefit it is to them.

GUESTS means prospective members and another means of publicity.

JUNIOR-SENIOR meetings mean a stronger relationship between those who are endeavoring to learn and those who have had experience. One will help the other.

PROGRAMS mean something to guide you and gives you an opportunity to follow out plans you have made. This is a feat in itself.

Earl Seybert, vice-president and leader of the east side of the state, wants those members in Districts 3, 5, 7, 6, 10, and 11 to follow him through in winning this contest. Ray DeWitt, vice-president and leader of the west side of the state, wants those members in Districts 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, and 12 to help him to win. Each one is helpless without your own individual support. Let's get in there and fight for our side.

DIRECTORS REPORT FOR THEIR AREAS

District 2, Robert Brown—December 10 Kalamazoo county was host at a District party. 150 young Farm Bureau members from Calhoun, Branch and St. Joseph counties met at the Kalamazoo County Agriculture Building in Kalamazoo. They spent the evening dancing, with Burel Henry of Calhoun county calling for the square dancing to Charles Fisher's music. The next District meeting will be held in Calhoun County, sponsored by them.

District 3, Donald Smith—Washnetaw—At the last meeting Clarence Bolander, deputy commissioner of agriculture gave an interesting talk on dehydrated and powdered foods.

President Albert Gall, presented a Christmas gift from the gang to Charlie McCalla for the use of his store.

The Juniors will provide the entertainment at the annual meeting of the Washtenaw County Senior Farm Bureau. Albert Gall also suggested that the Juniors aid the Seniors on their membership drive. The Saline group has grown so large they decided to form two community groups.

District 4, Ralph Roth—A regional dinner meeting was held at the Grand Rapids, Y.M.C.A. January 19, with Ben Hennink as a guest. The state contest was thoroughly discussed with special emphasis placed on paid membership.

The hospital bed that was purchased by the Overisel group of Allegan county is getting full time use by being passed around from house to house since the hospital there has been closed.

The Lowell group of Kent county is starting two new community groups with a paid membership of 55 members. Card parties are being sponsored to interest the older people in the community and also to raise money.

The Fennville group of Allegan county is promoting a paper and scrap drive.

The Ottawa group started last year with twelve members and now have 35 and has two community groups with prospects of many more members. Their county president, George Schwartz hasn't missed a county senior board meeting yet and this is promoting a much stronger Junior-Senior relationship.

District 6, Clayton Klein—District 6 held its officers training class. 16 officers of Shiawassee, Oakland and Livingston counties met at Howell to discuss Junior Farm Bureau.

The group agreed that this would be the year to devote more effort to building stronger county and community Junior Farm Bureaus.

Our district is planning a week end camp to be held at Waldenwoods in May. Another tri-county officers meeting will be held in April.

District 7, Charles Myers—The South Lapeer Junior Farm Bureau is inviting the north and central groups to their next meeting and will try to set up a county organization. Central group needs a reorganizing period. North Lapeer has their printed programs made. A committee was appointed to see what might be done about each of the groups giving a pint of blood to the blood bank. St. Clair brought flowers for Maurice Cline, who is ill. It was decided that a flower

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Cass County—Carl Sattelmire and Carroll Johnson reported a successful winter camp at Long Lake, Barry county, December 28 - January 1. Dowagiac Juniors discussed the contest and district officers training school.

Mason—Glenn Bedell, our councillor, was honored at a farewell party on January 14. He will work at Purdue University in Indiana.

Livingston—We are planning a Junior-Senior banquet in March. Southwest community group's orchestra and will make its debut, Tom Doenges of Howell is chairman of the newly organized Livingston Junior Farm Bureau discussion team.

At the annual meeting of the County Farm Bureau on January 20, the Juniors supplied the entertainment. Community singing was led by Burr Clark, Jr.

There are now three community Junior Farm Bureaus in Livingston county. County meetings still held twice a month. Northwest group has started a membership drive, the losing team to treat the winners to a weiner roast in February. Elnora and Robert Munsell entertained 75 members at their home, January 17, at a skating party. Merle Plourde left January 21 for California as a member of the U. S. Marines.

Ottawa—At the county meeting, January 11, George Schwartz and Bill Rosch gave a report on the bond banquet held January 8 in Lansing. North Group has held two meetings. At one bandages were rolled for the Holland hospital. The other was spent in fixing old toys for children in the community. The South group held a meeting at which war conditions and subsidies were discussed.

Berrien—Mr. A. P. Taylor of Gallen gave a talk on subject "What Post-War Farm Machinery May Be Like" to 39 young people at Buchanan Co-op. Dorothy Neese gave a report on Long Lake Camp at Yankee Springs.

Burton Richards, secretary of the Senior Farm Bureau and councillor of the North group, explained to us what an organization is for. "Learning to work together, having fun, thinking, planning, serving and doing things for others are points that make a good organization," he said.

Norris Young reported on the recent purchase of the \$10,000 war bond by the Michigan State Junior Farm Bureau. A report was given by Ted Payne on the State contest which began January 8. The next meeting will be a candy box social and dance, February 7. The public is invited.

Central Berrien—Marian Kerlikowski, Frank Simonton, Lloyd Kniebes, Virginia Thar, Carlton Hewitt, Barbara Preston, Josephine Medo, Edwin Rowland, Don Fields, Arnold Kling, Frances Sommer, Herbert Swartz, Dorothy Neese, Harry Nye, Norris Young, Burton Richards, and Stella Letts attended the winter camp at Yankee Springs.

Sixty members and guests of the Central Berrien County J. F. B. enjoyed a delayed Christmas party at the River School December 27. Letters

SHIAWASSEE JUNIORS HELP SENIOR CAMPAIGN

We're writing this article to make all the Junior Farm Bureaus mad. As yet you haven't informed your state publicity chairman as to the part you are playing in Senior Farm Bureau.

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"I have noticed that Mr. Burns said that there was to be a school of instruction for the membership workers. I feel that much more could be accomplished in the same evening if this group of workers were together for a supper and then could work on their membership drive afterwards. If it is agreeable with the county Farm Bureau the Junior Farm Bureau would like to put on a pancake supper for these workers, if you will tell us the number of workers you will have present. The Junior Farm Bureau would like to have a part in putting this membership drive over."

In accepting the offer President David Bushman, said that the Junior Farm Bureau had for the last five months addressed the envelopes for the monthly Newsletter sent to all Shiawassee Senior members and addressed a thousand envelopes to the prospective members in the membership drive.

We repeat, will other counties give us the story of what they're doing?

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SHELBY, Oceana—Resolved, Shelby Community Farm Bureau protests crime and gangster stories on the radio programs and motion pictures featuring robbery and shooting and the crime depicting pictures shown on the comedy page of newspapers. This is a measure to help in the prevention of juvenile delinquency.

HOWELL, Ionia—395 Farm Bureau members and 200 Grangers signed the petition for Portland township to remain on central war time. The village commission has decided for the township to remain on Central War Time.

TORCH LAKE, Antrim—The annual membership drive was completed on the day of our meeting. We brought membership from 28 to 89 members.

SUMMIT-PERE MARQUETTE, Mason—We signed a petition objecting to subsidies. The meeting went on record as opposed to any increase in the 15 mill property tax limit. The secretary was instructed to send letters to that effect to the Governor and Legislators representing the opinion of our 146 members.

Community Farm Bureau Activities

(Continued from Page One) have in force the hospitalization insurance plan offered Farm Bureau members. Our group votes against the subsidies.

MANISTEE, Manistee—We do not approve all doctors taking the same day off each week nor of their charging \$1.00 a mile for rural calls. Members of our group have written to our Congressmen voicing their opinion and wishes on problems vital to every farmer today. We have adopted the Michigan hospital plan which our members feel is a great advantage to them.

OREGON, Lapeer—This group was organized in the fall of 1937 by Raymond Bohnsack (now serving in the armed forces). We have been holding monthly meetings continuously. Since a soil district has been organized here, we are taking advantage of the educational program it has to offer. Of the annual Farm Bureau dues, 25c for each member is turned back to the Community Farm Bureau. Each January we serve an oyster supper, thus helping to build and maintain membership and interest in our program.

DUCK LAKE, Calhoun—Our recreation leader covered the details of the Discussion Topic in a very enjoyable way — everyone taking a part in answering questions. The men against the women. Questions were taken from the Farm Bureau papers, seeing who could give the quickest and best answers.

VICKSBURG, Kalamazoo—Merritt Harper, chairman of the 4th War Loan Drive, for our township, asked the Farm Bureau group to put us over the top again. Everyone who was physically able accepted the territory which Mr. Harper assigned to him. Mr. Harper said that our quote of \$43,750.00 is based on valuation. The February meeting will be given over to the study of 4-H work.

PLEASANTON, Manistee—Though our Pleasanton Farm Bureau group has been organized for less than a year, we feel that we have already benefited from our membership in the Farm Bureau through our lively discussions and by reports brought to us by the action committee.

There was an unanimous vote of the group to send this resolution to Senator Ferguson, and Rep. Shafer: "All farm boys with adequate farming experience should be deferred permanently for duration of war; this is necessary in order to hold maximum production."

CO. CENTER, Isabella—Discussion leader Earl Seybert, Jr., divided the meeting into two groups and a series of questions were discussed. Later the groups reunited and the questions and answers were read:

1. How is the Farm Bureau legislative program formulated? Answer, Through Farm Bureau meetings.

2. What part do the delegates to the annual convention have in shaping up the F. B.'s state and national legislative program? Ans. The delegates are the Co.'s representatives.

3. After the resolutions have been adopted by the delegates, what should be done about them? Ans. Make the program effective.

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Speed the Winning of the War

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

By EUGENE A. SMALTZ
Membership Relations & Education

Farmers are continuing their effort to meet the increased wartime need for food. Food requirements for non-civilian purposes which include military lend-lease European relief feeding and commercial exports virtually have no upper limits within our ability to produce them. In all probability, non-civilian requirements will continue to increase in 1944 and 1945. Meanwhile, there is a growing recognition of the necessity for keeping the civilian population well fed in order to make the most effective use of manpower on the homefront.

To meet wartime needs for food and other farm products, we must fully use the wartime productive capacity of agriculture. Every possible effort must be made to obtain the most effective use of our land, all the labor, machinery, supplies, and processing and transportation facilities that can be made available to agriculture. To do this, farmers must allocate the use of their crop land to the combination of crops that will yield the largest production of essential foods or feeds. They must also allocate available feed supplies to the classes of livestock and systems of management that convert feed most efficiently into essential food products. At the same time, every possible effort must be made to increase production efficiently or avoid a reduction in it resulting from insufficient care, overcrowding, and diseases and parasites. The physical limitations to production are not paramount. Production incentives and production facilities must be adjusted accordingly insofar as possible.

Additional food may become so essential to victory that we will divert to food production enough labor and critical materials to use our farms to maximum capacity.

With a general shortage of resources making expansion in farm production difficult, it becomes more important to consider how to get the most from available resources. To a considerable extent, it is possible to transfer resources from the production of one product to another within a relatively short period. For example, most land now under cultivation is adapted for growing several different crops and very substantial changes in the acreages of individual crops may take place between one year and the next. Concentrate feeds may be fed to several different classes of livestock, and an immediate change in the use of feed is limited only by the number of livestock on hand. Labor can be shifted from one use to another even more readily. On the other hand, certain resources such as farm machinery and buildings frequently can be used for only one purpose. The significant production problem in the period ahead is—how should transferable resources be used in order to contribute most to the total food supply?

Even though a general increase in all lines of production may not be possible, it may be possible to expand total agricultural production to a significant extent by redirecting the use of resources now on farms. For example, labor may be moved from areas where it is poorly utilized to other areas where it can be used more effectively. In the same way, feed supplies may be distributed better among areas so as to increase total output of livestock products.

However, in most areas very large increases of one product cannot be accomplished without reducing the output of other products. Therefore, in deciding how transferable resources should be allocated among farm products, it is necessary to balance the value of the food that is obtained when resources are used in one way against the values of the food that is obtained when resources are used in alternative ways. To do this it is necessary to turn to information about the nutritive value of foods.

Questions for Discussion:

1. In your community is there additional crop land now idle, summer fallowed, or in plowable pasture that could be converted to harvested crop land without permanent damage and without reducing total output?
2. Is any land or other resources in your community being used for the production of crops not essential to the war effort?
3. Which of the agricultural commodities essential

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to the war effort can be produced best in your community?

4. Is it possible to redirect the acreages of crops in your community and thereby produce a greater output of food in terms of nutritive value?
5. Could any shifts be made in livestock production which would cause your available feed grains and pasture to be used more efficiently in supplying essential nutrients for human consumption?
6. What production practices do you recommend should be used by more farmers in their effort to produce more?
7. Can community co-operation help alleviate any shortages of labor; machinery; materials; or storage, processing, or transportation facilities?

NW MICHIGAN PROGRAM FOR 1944

Northwestern Michigan County Farm Bureau (Grand Traverse and Leelanau counties) at its annual meeting January 8 adopted an interesting program for 1944, which we summarize here:

Community Groups—Northwest Michigan, with 650 families as members, should complete organization of Community Farm Bureaus so that every family is a member of one, on the basis of 12 to 15 families to the group.

Incorporation—Since Northwest Michigan now employs help, the directors should incorporate to eliminate the possibility of individual responsibility for members.

School—Consolidation as proposed by state planning commission is opposed for these reasons: debt burden created by buildings and transportation facilities; limitations placed on children regarding time, individual assistance at school, loss of school social activities, etc., because of transport schedules.

Strikes—Favor national service law. **Surplus Foods**—Farmers have increased poultry and other activities at request of government. When eggs drop below cost of production, U. S. should buy to sustain prices at cost of production at least if it is desired that poultry flocks be maintained.

County Program—Board of directors asked to consider group hospitalization, NW Michigan Farm Bureau paper, a part time Co. F. B. employe, a Junior Farm Bureau, labor relations service, a farmers' retail market, farm labor needs of each community.

Subsidies—NW Michigan supports AFBF and State Farm Bureau opposition to food subsidies for consumers.

Highways—Movement to discontinue rail service to Lake Leelanau can place farmers and merchants in bad position. NW Michigan therefore petitions state highway dept to include in post war budget plans for continuation of state highway 22 in Leelanau county.

Fruit Embargoes—Certain states are barring Michigan fruits on pretense of fighting fruit diseases. State dept of Agriculture requested to make similar studies on their products and impose similar restrictions.

Copies of the school and highway resolutions were sent to Governor Kelly. Copies of the surplus foods and food subsidy resolutions were sent to Congressman Engel and Senators Ferguson and Vandenberg.

Gratiot Announces 9th Community Farm Bureau

Announcement was made Jan. 29 of the establishment of Gratiot county's ninth farm bureau organization, including members residing in Sumner, Seville, Pine River and Arcada townships. Newly elected officers are: Ralph Deansmore, Russell Nestle, Mrs. Clifford Marcy, Mrs. Ellis Colburn, Clarence Fox, Mrs. L. S. Grunsted and Lloyd Sadler.

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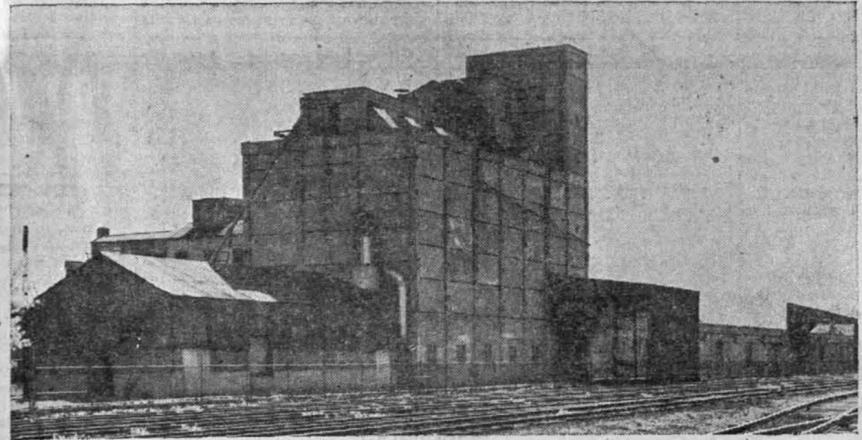
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