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EDITORIAL

Another Four Page Farm News

It is necessary to get out another four page edition of the Farm News for April 1 in order to comply with War Production Board restrictions upon the consumption of newspaper stock in 1944. Like all other publishers we are restricted to not more than the tonnage of paper we used in 1942. We had some 14,000 Farm Bureau members then. Now we have close to 28,000 and may have more than that this year. So, to make certain that every member gets a paper shortly after the first Saturday of each month, we must publish several four page editions during the year. We are still handicapped by the effects of the fire in our publishing plant at Charlotte February 18. We hope to print our edition for May 6 on the new newspaper press which will replace the press destroyed in the fire. In the meantime, we are setting the type in the plant at Charlotte and are doing the printing on the press of the Hastings

28,000 Families in Michigan Farm Bureau?

Returns continue to come in from the Farm Bureau membership roll call conducted by 47 County Farm Bureaus during the past few months. Early in March a total of 25,784 members was announced, with very good prospects for 28,000 by April 1.

Our goal this year was to go up from 20,993 to 25,000.

If we make 28,000, we shall have exceeded our goal by 16 2/3 per cent. We shall have doubled the paid-up membership since 1942. In 1943 we enrolled more than 7,000 new members for a net gain of 5,600. This year we appear to have gained another 7,000. A few more like that and membership of 50,000 will be in sight. We have spoken of that from time to time in this column since last October.

Several things are making posible these remarkable gains in membership:

1st-Good leadership in the counties and thousands of willing workers, several hundred in some counties.

2nd-The Farm Bureau is saying and doing what farmers want said and done on subsidies and other farm questions. It is giving good service on farm supplies.

3rd-Farmers feel the need of an organization. They want one that gets its program and authority and control from the farmer

4th-The discussion and social values in nearly 400 Community Farm Bureaus which meet monthly in members' homes holds the interest of those people and attracts others.

You and Your Bank Checking Account

Fifty million citizens have to their credit in 14,000 banks about 100 billion dollars. This money is owed to the people by the banks. So, said Congressman Fred L. Crawford of Saginaw, individual bank depositors are vitally interested in legislation dealing with banking practice and currency.

About 90% of business transactions are subject to bank checks. All bank depositors want their checks accepted and cleared at face value when sent by them to some other point in settlement of an account. So do the Federal Reserve Banks and most bankers. In Michigan 442 out of 443 banks clear checks at par, according to Mr. Crawford, who is a member of the House committee on banking and

But 2,500 banks, mostly in the southeastern states, clear checks on a non-par or clipping basis. Strangely enough, said Mr. Crawford, the House of Congress has passed HR 3596, sponsored in the interest of the 2,500 clipping banks. It has gone to the Senate. It and the companion bill, Senate 1642, should have the attention of 50,000,000 bank depositors.

Landing Craft Infantry

Early in March, Secretary Knox of the Navy announced that not including the smaller boats. He said that we have the largest navy in the world and are still adding to it.

Among the smaller craft taking an important part in this war are the LCI boats,-the Landing Craft Infantry. They put men, tanks, guns, and other materials ashore, and are equipped with fire power to give them protection while they are landing. LCI boats are tough and seaworthy. They have been herded across wide stretches of the Pacific under their own power.

We have many LCI boats, and we're going to have many more,-80,000 in all. That gives one an idea of the importance placed on landing craft, which have already played so important a part for us in the southwest Pacific fighting.

The Stader Splint

One of the new and most remarkable facilities available to army and navy doctors is the Stader splint, described as both a bone-setting mechanism and a substitute bone. Applied to certain serious fractures, it saves the patient many weary weeks in bed in a traction apparatus. In fact, an injured person equipped with a Stader splint may be up and about in a short time instead of spending weeks in bed.

The splint is named after its inventor, Dr. Otto Stader, a veterinarian. He developed it at his animal hospital at Geneva, Illinois, about 12 years ago. He was trying to mend leg fractures of dogs. The first dog to which the splint was applied walked immediately after it came out of the anesthetic. The splint was successful on other animals, including horses. Presently, the medical profession adopted it. Today the armed forces have a priority on most of the production.

The Stader splint is a metal bar which bridges a fracture, Each end is fastened to the bone by steel pins. The surgeon brings the ends of the bones together and checks a perfect set by means of the fluoroscope. The splint is locked into position. In a leg fracture, the Stader splint carried the entire weight of the body, and the leg below. The bridge bar takes all the strain from the fracture area,

Paper Container Shortage for Agriculture

The paper industry predicts that agriculture is facing a serious shortage of paper and paperboard containers in 1944 for marketing crops and for delivering supplies to the farm.

Not generally known is the fact that agriculture is the second largest consumer of bags and paperboard containers made from virgin pulpwood and waste paper. The armed services have the first call on such containers. The enormous quantities they require for overseas shipment are taken out of our domestic supplies

In agriculture multi-wall paper bags have replaced burlap and to a large degree cotton bags no longer obtainable. Last year more than a billion multi-wall paper bags were consumed in moving farm products and supplies. Common papersacks are used in great quantities by dealers in farm supplies, including our co-operatives. It takes months to get a shipment of them from the mills.

The great problem is a continuing supply of pulpwood and waste paper to keep the coarse paper mills in operation. Farmers have produced a lot of pulpwood this winter. We can help further by marketing our waste paper regularly.

564 Give to Blood Bank Sponsored by Berrien Junior Farm Bureau



William Bartz, president of the Berrien County Farm Bureau, registers with Miss Frances Foster, of the Junior Farm Bureau Blood Bank committee, to donate a pint of blood for Berrien county civilian hospitals in order to release plasma from the hospitals for Red Cross use. Berrien county residents gave 564 pints of blood during the period March 6-17 when the Michigan Health Dep't mobile unit was in the county under the sponsorship of the Junior Farm Bureau, and in co-operation with the county and state Red Cross. Members of the Farm Bureau committee: Juniors-Don Fields, chairman, Mrs. Mary Myers, Misses Eleanor Jenkins, Frances Foster, June Norris, Marian Kerlikowske, Ted Payne, Ray DeWitt, Harold Steinke, Dean Hewitt, Bob Tillstrom; Berrien County Farm Bureau-William Bartz and Harry Nye.

Junior Farm Bureau Activities

By MISS MARGARET PEASE

Allegan, Overisel - At a recent meeting we wrote round robin letters to these members in the services: James Lampen, Charles Kraker, Earle Schipper, John Jansen, Merle Slotman, Kenneth Wolters, Leonard Immink, Leslie Hoffman, Eugene Wolters, Alvin Brummel, and Howard Hulsman.

West Allegan-March 13, we were host to the Senior Farm Bureau and two other Junior groups. Ray De-Witt, chairman of our side of the State Contest, and Norris Young from Berrien county were our guests. They showed the pictures of winter camp. Walter Wightman of the Senior Farm Bureau, gave a brief talk.

South Berrien-Travel movies on a trip to England, taken by Mr. George Mayhew, Niles, was shown by Leslie and 37 collections. Second, Wm. Liefer, also of Niles, March 6, at Krickahn of Bainbridge, 13 new and Galien. Reports were given by Don 19 collections; third, August Totzke Fields, chairman, Frances Foster, reg- of Lincoln, 7 new and 19 collections. istrar of the blood bank. 57 pints Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Baker of Bertof blood were sent to the state the rand made the best husband and wife first day. March 20 we were hosts report. Miss Edna Baker of Waterat an all-county meeting.

lutes Labor and Industry" was our third \$5 in war stamps. with 65 members and guests present. Mr. Kelsey Smith, CIO representative for the hosiery industry at Benton Harbor; Mr. Phil Hadsell, an attorney of Niles represented the industry and Mr. Waldo Phillips, of Decatur, and the State Farm Bureau representted agriculture in the discussion.

Cass County-We had old fashioned square dance parties February 19 and March 4. The Tri-County dance planned for March 8 was postponed by a storm. It is planned for April 4

Grand Traverse County-Our February 8 meeting was a wagonride party on the peninsula. March 14, at the home of Nellie and Katherine Witkop, a discussion was held on the Junior-Senior relations. Copies of the Juior Farm Bureau manual were ordered by nearly all the membership. President Keith Slugart gave a short talk on a short course he took at Michigan State College.

Hillsdale County-130 attended the Drive. tenaw, Calhoun and Branch counties ces, superintendent of Southern Michigan State Prison farms gave an address and showed films pertaining to the institution.

Isabella County-Union Junior Farm Bureau held a box social with the 84 Junior Farm Gulick Community Farm Bureau Sale of 52 boxes netted \$135.40, which was given to the Red

Kalamazoo County-Southeast group met with Margaret and Doris Pease. March 5, to plan a carnival April 1 the meeting March 24.

Saginaw County-300 attended our ruary 19. Herbert Fierke, chairman, and Joy Ann Compton were in charge of refreshments. For 2 years our club has given a head of livestock to 4-H member who has proven himself to be worthy of assistance. This year's recipients of a purebred pig are Lee and Leonard Scharr, of Bridgeport by another boy who received a pig a of the offspring back to the Junior Farm Bureau. April 29 is the tentative date for the spring dance.

St. Joseph-We presented "A Henpecked Hero," a three act farce, at Centerville. Those taking part were: Helen Bruecks, Jean Yearling, Clar-

BERRIEN HAS 2,300 MEMBERS

Berrien County Farm Bureau has ,300 family memberships, the largest n the state.

March 3 at the victory banquet for several hundred membership workers it was announced that the 1943 total had been raised from 2,100 to 2,300. with prospects for more.

Four years ago the Berrien membership was 687. Substantial increases were made in 1942, 1943 and 1944. Alex Gale of Sodus has been campaign chairman, with strong sup port in every township. In the 1944 campaign, Carl Groth

and Nate Shuler, a team for Lake twp., won first prize with 78 new memberships and 18 collections. Robert Wenzel and John Warsco of Bainbridge were second, and Harry Snells and C. F. Kent of Benton,

Robert Camp of Niles placed first in the singles with 8 new members vliet got first prize for the best wo-

Ingham County Farm Bureau ac cepted responsibility for raising \$10. 000 in rural subscriptions to the current Red Cross war drive and prom ised to do it in a few days. Arthur Deyo, membership campaign chair-man, was named rural chairman for the Red Cross drive. Farm Bureau of the "Community Farm Bureau" members and others agreed to help. The Farm Bureau named a Red Cross drive chairman for every township, ward the year's goal of 500 groups. Up to 36 workers per township were and to call on every rural resident in the county and report. March 23

profit group. Emphasis will be laid on as how things are done. Community Farm Bureau work.

Bureaus Now

Since September 1, 1943 the number of Junior Farm Bureaus in Michigan has increased from 44 to 84, according to Ben Hennink, state director. The membership has increased at Fulton. Wendall Harrison and too, but not accordingly. Hennick ex-Duane Northam joined in the plans at plained that many county units of the Junior Farm Bureau have reorganized as two or more Community dance at Saginaw Township Hall, Feb. Junior Farm Bureaus. The trend continues that way.

Chester Clark Back in Australia

Cpl. Chester Clark, former editor of the Junior Farm Bureau section of township. The pig was given the club the News, wrote from Australia in February that he was at Melbourne year ago. By agreement he gave one enjoying his first furlough in 26 months. He had made a number of friends there before going through the New Guinea campaign. Cheste is eligible for a furlough in the U.S. sometime in 1944. He is in the medical corps.

ence Lints, Pricilla Hoover, Frank ing, Lucile Borgert, Ernest Ely, Paul Bogert, Jr., Russell Engle, Jane Year-Pinkerton, Doris Burgess.

STATEMENTS END **MISUNDERSTANDING** ON FARM GASOLINE

Compliance with the AAA farm pro gram, or certification by an AAA com mitteeman for non-highway farm gas oline is not required to insure the farmers sufficient gasoline for farm operations in 1944, according to state nents made by Maurice A. Doan Michigan AAA chairman and Storm Vanderzee, milegage rationing direct or for the Detroit office of the OPA The statements were made in reply to a request for information.

It is necessary that the farmer be prepared with information that will determine his non-highway farm gasoline requirements for the year whether his request is handled through the local AAA committeeman or directly with an OPA office.

"OPA has asked committeemen of the AAA farm program to aid in det ermining the gasoline needed by far mers on the basis of farming inten tions for 1944," Mr. Doan said. "OPA is asking for full information. The shortage of gasoline is becoming more acute. OPA wishes to deter mine farm needs quite accurately.

"Compliance with the AAA farm program is not necessary to assure an AAA committeeman's certification of a farmer's request for gasoline for farm operations. However, before the committeeman may recommend or certify to a farmer's application for gasoline, he must have a statement of the farmer's intentions for 1944. This can be had conveniently by using the AAA 1944 farm plan, the record used in conjunction with the food program. An OPA application for gasoline will be based on such calculations."

Storm Vanderzee of the Detroit OPA office, quoted a recent OPA regulation which said, "AAA compliance does not affect the farmer's allotmen of gasoline . . . if a farmer does not wish to register his intentions with the local AAA committeeman, he may request his gasoline directly from the ocal OPA office and the same consideration will be given his request as is given those certified by the AAA committeeman."

7-INCH PLOWING

Twelve years of experiments at Michigan State College indicates that there is no advantage in crop yields in plowing more than the normal sevconducted on sandy loam soil. Corn, barley clover, wheat and rye

tation in the order listed. Soil was forces. plowed at 4 inches, 7 inches and 10 inches. Crop yields generally favored the 7 inch plowing. Shallow plowed soil was mellow

Central Berrien-"Agriculture Sa- man's report. First prizes were \$25 and pliable, said A. G. Weidemann of bers from the roll call. Rep. David war bonds, second \$10 in war stamps, the soil science dep't. Plowing 10 in- Young discussed laws adopted at the not in favor of bringing in German ches deep brought up enough subsoil to make the soil crust over easily showed the movie, "Soldiers of the until we hear more about them. and often made it difficult for plants Soil." We favor slow time. to come up, especially if rains were followed by drying weather. The 4 inch plow depth made it difficult to turn over the thin slice of soil.

400 Community Farm Bureaus Now

400 active Community Farm Bureau discussion groups are now meet ing throughout Michigan as a result month drive to organize new discussion groups. This is a great stride to-

More important, the organization assigned to work on an area basis, has been established for keeping these groups serviced and functioning pro perly. Each county has appointed, or a full page advertisement in the Ing- is in the process of selecting a counham County News, county seat news- ty director of Community Farm Bupaper, explained the coming Red Cross reaus. These directors are responsible for getting more people to participate annual banquet March 16 at the 4H Ingham increased its membership in the Community Farm Bureau discount building in Hillsdale. Wash- from 368 to 576 in 1944. At the ancussion group programs and the opnual meeting in March the board was portunity of expressing their views were well represented. Maltion Fran- increased from 7 to 9 to better repre- on the county, state and national probsent new members. The County Farm lems. Participation enables the mem-Bureau will be incorporated as a non- ber to better understand why as well

Barry Gains 400 Members

Barry County Farm Bureau reports a gain of 400 families in the 1944 membership campaign. Carleton township leads with 60 new mem-Carleton bers. Barry folks are thinking about 10 or 12 more Community Farm Bureaus. 140 members worked in the campaign.

Huron County Groups Hit Fast Time

Western Huron County Community Farm Bureau and the farm committee of the Chamber of Commerce at Sebewaing have declared for central war time. The village of Sebewaing was asked to go along with the far-

Midland Milk Producers Midland Farm Bureau members in-

others in organizing 95% of producers OPA for a \$3.07 ceiling.

Powell and Sowers Debate Food Subsidies

March 29 we heard R. L. Sowers, Charlotte, Eaton county lawyer and Stanley Powell of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, debate before 500 farmers and union labor people at Charlotte the question:

"Resolved that consumer subsidies and food price roll backs are desirable and should be extended rather than eliminated."

FOR-Mr. Sowers, 75, owner of four farms, and a Farm Bureau member, argued that food subsidies for consumers are necessary to "hold the line" under the price and wage control act of 1942. He argued that subsidies are commonly accepted by industries, railroads, merchant marine, schools, etc., "for production of something deemed essential to the public." Why shouldn't farmers accept subsidies? Mr. Sowers argued that farmers need subsidies and should get more of them. He held that farmers are the beneficiaries of consumer subsidies paid to processors to provide price roll backs on certain foods. Admitting that labor has forced wage increases by real or near strikes in coal, railroads and factories, Mr. Sowers said that this is a condition that exists and must be recognized. He said we can't put wages down if we would, and we can't put food prices up or labor will strike for more wages.

AGAINST-Mr. Powell, 46, Ionia county farmer and Farm Bureau member, agreed that farmers are not overpaid, but they want their pay as a fair price paid by buyers, without getting part in subsidies, direct or indirect. He said consumers not farmers are the beneficiaries of consumer food subsidies. Powell doubted that farmers see much if any of the consumer food subsidy money. He said they can't recognize it in the payments they receive for produce from packers, etc. In practice, said Powell, before subsidies are paid, prices are rolled back and the farmer gets no more than he would have anyway. He charged that many consumers have accepted food subsidies and struck for further wage increases anyway.

Powell denounced consumer food subsidies on four counts: (1) Inflationary because they create fresh consumer buying power in amount of the subsidies (2) food subsidies for consumers and price roll backs are wholly unnecessary because consumers are abundantly able to pay own grocery bills. Gov't itself shows that since war started cost of living, including food, has risen 23%, but wages average 39% higher, with overtime 68% higher. Cost of food is less than 1% higher than 1926. (3) Subsidies multiply and assure bureaucratic rule and regimentation for farmers and others accepting them, Supreme Court ruled in wheat penalty AAA case "Government may regulate that which it subsidizes." (4) Consumer food subsidies and price roll backs are expensive to administer. They add to the army of federal employes which already exceeds the number employed by all units of state, county, city and township governments.

Mr. Sowers and Mr. Powell were engaged for 11/2 hours in debate which was sharp at times but in good humor. There were no judges.

Community Farm Bureau Activities

By EUGENE A. SMALTZ Membership Relations & Education

for green manure were grown in ro- products to the nation and armed ers tenure.

continue as a two township unit. Manley Dorr reported 18 new mem-Waldo Anderson

GRATIOT, South Wheeler - 100 erson heard Albin Rademacher of Alma, draft board member, explain new regulations as they affect farm deferments.

ISABELLA, Gulick-March 3, our Senior and Junior Community Farm Bureau group had a box social which netted \$135.40 for the Red Cross, tives, meeting at Washington, March Planned as the result of our Feb. 18 meeting and discussion of the Red

LEELANAU, Elmwood-Our group should be under farmer control. We need to educate city people on farm discussed benefits of contour farmshowed film, "Soldiers of Mrs. John Killman, April 19.

GIRARD, Branch-Mrs. Belle Newncome tax returns. It's a County principles as established by law. Farm Bureau service to members. We gave \$5 to the Red Cross. Our suggestions for the county program; A County Farm Bureau or community center building; eradicate rats and roeradicate noxious weeds on farms, along roads; release more farm machinery; a Farm Bureau marketing program; lower telephone rates; more community recreation.

DELHI-AURELIUS, Ingham - Our discussion on winning the war included these suggestions; Promote more and better repair services; more man power and machinery; more exchange of labor and equipment. COLDWATER, Branch-Our sug

estions for a county program included: A Farm Bureau marketing pro gram; publicity to improve producer consumer relations; a central Farm Bureau meeting place: a lake-site in the county for 4-H and farm groups; better understanding between farmers and labor; open meetings to show non-members Farm Bureau and its program.

NORTH THORNAPPLE, Barry-We discussed and we favor the coun ty owning the abstract books. Our discussion of live stock sales reveals that farms want a licensed man at the scales to check weighing.

RIVERTON. Mason-The AAA has terested in raising the price ceiling to asked the Farm Bureau to consider producers to \$3.07 cwt., have joined the 1944 production table for this county. in the area into a Producers Ass'n, af- County Farm Bureau board have an fialiated with the Michigan Milk Pro- advisory committee secure qualificaducers. Directors have petitioned the tions of candidates for political offi ces.

COUNTY CENTER, Kalamazoo-An article on "Agriculture After the War" was read by Mrs. Foster Smith. Conclusion of article was (1) Farmers should come out of war without debts (2) physical plant in as good conditions permit (3) without excessive livestock inventories (4) with cash reserves, 15 mill amendment was discussed and motion carried to SNOW, Kent-Albert Hall, Lowell instruct secretary to write our Senaag teacher, showed war and 4-H mo- tor and Representative stating group en inches deep. The experiment was tion pictures at a recent meeting. C. was opposed to any change in 15 mill H. Runciman, Lowell elevator man, amendment or any meddling with described the distribution of farm school system such as adopting teach-

SHERWOOD, Branch-Mrs. Newall SAGINAW, Buena Vista-Blumfield gave an interesting explanation on -At our March meeting we voted to Michigan Hospital Service that is available to every Farm Bureau mem-

ber and family.

KAWKAWLIN, Bay—Our group is prisoners for farm beln this year Not

Purchasing co-operatives in the National Council of Farmer Co-opera-9, replied to recent attacks on farm co-operatives by certain business interests. There are those who would like to make it illegal or impossible greed that the future of agriculture for co-operatives to pay patronage dividends to their members.

A committee headed by C. L. Brody problems. Guy Springer of the Grand of the Michigan Farm Bureau Ser-Fraverse Soil conservation program, vices, said that co-operatives are authorized by federal law which provides for payment of patronage dividhe Soil." Next meeting with Mr. and ends. On recommendation of the committee, the Council urged all co-operatives to join with it in supporting ell, county sec'y, gave information on and defending sound co-operative

> All farmer co-operatives should make sure that their operations are in full accord with the law. The new aw requires the filing of an informational return to the government sometime in May. The return will clearly indicate the status of every co-operative.

Eaton Adds 525 To Set a Record

During February and March 525 armers joined the Eaton County Farm Bureau to bring its membership o 860. Eaton believes that it has added the most new members for any county. Hamlin twp. gained from o 70. Windsor 4 to 70. Vermontville 21 to 65; Delta 2 to 40. Many doubled their membership. Roll Call chairmen: Francis Bust, Mgr., Lloyd Bacon, Edgar Van Vleck, Otto Neff, William Clark.

Milk Producers Meet At New Baltimore

78 delegates from Milk Producer Ass'n locals in Macomb and St. Clair counties attended the winter district meeting at New Baltimore, March 23, I. T. Pickford, editor of Milk Mesenger, and John Beem, public accountant, reported for the Ass'n, F. M. Members suggested that Skiver. State Dep't of Agriculture, discused milk tests. Web J. Hubbard, sec'y of Baltimore local, discussed need for attending meetings. Jack Harvey of Utica presided.

Mabel's Junior's at Mare Island
"Back in drydock to refit";
Back from Tarawa, thank Heaven,
Still alive and full of grit.

Still anve and full of grac.
Billy Freeman's a Lieutenant now
Some place in Washington.
They say he has an office job
And will have till it's done.

Bob Barnes is never coming back For with the honored dead He sleeps in soft white coral sand With his helmet at his head. A bright gold star now hangs for

him
in the old front window where
the blue one hung since Bob
signed up
And started for over there.

All up the length of Hicks Street There's a flag in every home. A three star flag in one i know, And every place has some. I can't begin to name them all

But proudly I can say That the Service Flags of Hicks

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Associated Women Scrap **Book Contest for 1944**

The Associated Women of the Michigan State Farm Bureau would like to have every Community Farm Bureau represented in the Farm Bureau Scrap Book Contest this year.

The scrap books are intended to record Farm Bureau articles printed in the newspapers and magazines within the county, including of course, the County Farm Bureau publication. Clippings may include County Farm Bureau, Community Farm Bureau, Junior Farm Bureau, Associated Women and general Farm Bureau items from your own county papers. The books may be made more attractive by the use of pictures, cartoons, and Farm Bureau and other papers, but possible. they will be judged on the volume of Farm Bureau articles published in your county.

Farm Bureau scrap books may be compiled by individuals or by repre-sentatives of Community or County Farm Bureaus. Most scrap books have been coming in the names of a Community Farm Bureau and the compiler. They are judged in advance of the annual meeting of the Associated Women of the Farm Bureau at

State College, East Lansing. That date will probably be Nov. 8 this year. Prizes to be awarded in 1944: Best book \$15, second \$10, third \$8, fourth \$5 and fifth \$3.

Produce Growers Warned Of Container Shortage

Growers of fruit and produce may have difficulty in getting enough box es, crates, and bags to handle their 1944 crops, warns V. H. Davis, horti-cultural specialist, Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, Columbus. The prospective shortage is due to scarcity of both materials and labor. Indications point to good crops this year and therefore much increased need for containers. Davis urges growers to order their supplies early other material from state and nat'l and to conserve them in every way

Indiana Farm Bureau Invests in Coal Mine

Indiana Farm Bureau Co-op Ass'n invested \$125,000 in March for an interest in a Harlan county, Kentucky coal mine now producing about 200 cars of coal daily. The company and the co-op have 3,400 acres under lease, estimated to be underlaid by 8,000,000 tons of coal.

If you are interested in sound, liberal Fire Protection at low cost, investigate State Mutual.

Michigan's Largest Farm Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

STATE MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.

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When the War Is Over

That much yearned for, almost legendary, day will mark a new era for transportation, as it will for everything

And our railroads will be ready.

We have plans for that day-plans that are realistic, forward looking, surprisingly progressive.

Michigan's railroads will join in the great change ahead.

They are picturing a future of improved plants, changed equipment, faster schedules, more efficient operation of both freight and passenger services.

The railroads have learned many things during this war period. America will benefit from this new "know how" in the days to come.

"When the war is over" America will move at an increased tempo. But no matter how much faster life will be, or how much greater will be the demands upon transportation, the railroads will be in the forefront, carrying the bulk of America's increased and accelerated passenger and freight traffic, and doing it with smoothness and efficiency.







Twenty Stars

Not many folks I know will say
"The War is not for me"
For Hicks Street too has gone
today
All out for victory.
Home after home has sent its lad
To storm some foreign shore
Till the flags in Hicks Street windows add
To twenty stars or more.

Bub Canfield is in Italy;
A doughboy in the ranks.
His weapon is a whoope gun;
The kind that's death on tanks.
Clem's youngest, Al, has been a
year
In England and he writes
That he is now a bombardier
Veteran of thirty fights.

Behind

Wheel

With J. F. Yaeger,

Director of State Field

FARMING AND FISHING

are through farming and fishing for

That advertisement appearing in

Grand Rapids paper last fall caused

considerable comment among farm-ers. They felt that it belittled their

activities as farmers and was an in-

sult to them in the magnificent job

that they were doing in producing

Just the other day I ran across

some figures that might be interest-

ing to people who regard farmers

produce 49% of the

wheat, 76% of the corn, 68% of the

hogs, 46% of the

cattle, 91% of the

soy beans, and

53% of the milk.

The War Food Ad-

from Michigan

100 lb. bags of

beans for lend

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last

purchased

1.384, 000

They also

ministration

farmers

Michigan farmers 25,000,000 lbs. of pork, 10,750,000 lbs, of dried skim

milk, 162,000 lbs. of evaporated milk,

lbs. of butter, 1,000,000 lbs. of dried po-

tatoes, 682,000 lbs. of beef and many

The slur upon farmers in the ad-

gan is only a small part of what Mich-

igan farmers produce and in no way

indicates the extra production for civ-

ilian consumption, nor the amount

purchased by the government for

DILUTION

from an Oceana county farmer who

ing in Muskegon a few weeks ago on

business that kept me in that city all

entered four factory workers at the

army and navy purposes.

table before them.

That makes it cheaper.'

buddy.

last round with water they could

save 40c which would enable them to

buy a pound of butter and they would-

oleo to cheapen it. The four men

looked surprised and looked at each

'Maybe you've got something there,

food rarely has anything to say about

A CRITICISM

A Lapeer county farmer encouraged me considerably the other day by

writing me that he always read my

column and usually agreed with me.

However, he did have a criticism to

facts you present are all right, but

you're talking to the wrong people.

I firmly believe that if the Farm Bu-

reau is to do the most possible good

that it must now put on an education-

al or publicity campaign in the big

cities which will acquaint our con-sumers of the true situation as it

"In this we may have to use paid advertising, billboards and radio. We

ought to learn by the experience of

other groups who use these mediums. It seems to me that if our Democracy

"The articles you write and the

the high cost of liquor.'

offer. He wrote:

concerns farmers.

"It is curious that the fellow who hollers most about the high cost of

6,000,000 dozen of dried eggs, 348,000

in this light. Farmers of the Midwest

the season, help your country by

coming an employe at our plant."

"Farmers and farm hands-if you

the

Services

food for the nation.

J.F. YAEGER

other items

The two Lynch twins are both away;
Mike and his double, Tom,
Are just one world apart today—
Anchorage and Assam,
Jay Cook is with a transport plane
On some far ocean route;
Even his folks don't know just
where

Street,
Number twenty stars today,
R. S. Clark
315 Grinnell Street
Jackson, Michigan where (The censor clipped that out.)

granted.

is not a thing of the past, the innate fairness of the great masses of people in this country would react in our favor. We need to tell the city men the fact that the American farmer makes up a fifth of our population tire national income; that during 1943 the average farmer worked 82 hours a week; that farmers don't get time and a half for over time; that out of 6.000,000 farmers about 5.400,-000 are without running water-an

item which our city folk take for

"We need to tell our customers that instead of farmers spending their income for an easier and more comfortable way of living, they spend their money for trucks, tractors, cultivators, milking machines, plows, harrows and other machinery, so that the farmer can produce and market more food-not live easier. We must point out to city folk that in the countries where farmers have the most machinery, the entire population has the most to eat; point out that throughout all history it would be hard to point to a single instance in which the farmers have been regimented or oppressed for long without dire results for farmer and non-

farmer alike. "We must point out to city folks that the farm segment of the population is the only class of people who support themselves, reproduce their own number and send an army of virile and vigorous young men and women to the cities every year to fill places in business, labor and the professions.

"We need to do a real public relations job in town. American farmers are as worthy of a public relations program as are either the railroads or the brewing industry."

We Have That Opportunity Again

"If I ever have another chance like 1919 I'll know what to do with it." Did you ever hear a farmer say that? refrigures. The figures given for Michigan is only a small part of what Mich. again reached that figure it did in 1919-top farm income year of World War I-they'd save their expanded income rather than put it in high priced land and expensive wartime equipment. Well, farm income has reached and passed the peak of 1919. The other day I received a letter For 1943 it was 19.9 billion dollars compared with 14.6 billion in 1919. recounted an experience he had in a Muskegon restaurant. He said: "Be The farmers of America again have an opportunity to save for the future.

day I went into a cafe for lunch. As Kansas Farm Co-op Owns Big Refinery

next table had just ordered four beers. While I was waiting for my "The marvel of the twentieth cen dinner they drank these and ordered tury is the quiet, unheralded growth four more. Before I had finished my of the cooperative movement," Ralph meal they had consumed the second Snyder, president of the Wichita round and a third round sat on the Bank for cooperatives said recently at Coffeyville, Kansas, at the dedi-"It was at this stage of the concation of the 81,000,000 gallons a year versation that one of them said, 'Do petroleum refinery purchased early you fellows know that it costs 40c to in January by the Consumers Cooperbuy a pound of butter? Think of it. ative Association from the National 40c!' One of the other fellows said, Refinery Company. The lubricating Well, we dilute our butter with oleo. oil refinery with a capacity of 11,000,000 gallons a year, which was secured "It was then that I broke in on along with the gasoline refinery, is their conversation. I suggested to the first lube oil refinery in the world them that they make the next round to be owned by the co-operatives. The of water and dilute the beer with it: co-ops will also operate the governco-ops will also operate the governthat, instead of buying four rounds of ment-built high octane gasoline refinbeer for \$1.60 that if they dilute the ery near by:

Without antimony, mechanized armies would stop in their tracks and n't have to dilute their butter with submarines would never dive for antimony is used in storage batteries that start the motors of land-driven vehifor the under-water craft.

FUTURE IS GOOD FOR BUTTER

Frank Stone, sales manager for the great Land O' Lakes Creameries co-operatives of Minnesota, says that war-time scarcity of butter is increasing public appreciation for butter. He believes that it will return to full consumer usage as soon as restrictions are relaxed.

Mr. Stone's statement was made to 200 delegates attending the 11th annual meeting of the Mid-West Producers Creameries, Inc. at South Bend recently. Pres. F. H. Suhre of vey Wiselogel. the Mid-West said that 25 member creameries in five states including five in Michigan, had processed 23,500,000 lbs. of butter in 1943. He said that the Mid-West is proving its worth to creameries and dairymen as a service organization dealing with war time regulations and other complexities. Fred Walker of Dairyland Creamery, Carson City, was re-elected as vice-president. Directors from Michigan co-op creameries include: G. S. Coffman, Coldwater; C. B. Grant, Lawrence; J. Paul Keeney, Elsie; Robert Blank, Carson City; Fred Walker, St. Louis.

Five Breeds Lead In State Poultry

Five breeds lead in popularity in Michigan's poultry flocks, a fact that can help poultrymen decide which breed to keep to gain the best breeding and selection.

In a survey of Michigan hatchery flocks participating in the National but receives only one-tenth of the en- Poultry Improvement plan, 96.5 per cent of the total number of chickens are represented by White Leghorns, Barred Rocks, Rhode Island Reds and New Hampshires, according to Ray Conolly, field manager of the Michigan Poultry Improvement association. A decade ago the White Leghorns made up nearly 70 per cent of the flocks grouped in poultry improvement work in Michigan. The percentage now is 59. Barred Rocks represent 17.9 per cent; White Rocks, 10.7 per cent; Reds, 4.2; and New Hampshires, 4.5 per cent.

Mississippi Farm Bureau Sells Bonds

Mississippi Farm Bureau, at auction sales held at Osceola and Blytheville, sold \$1,100,000 in war bonds. Articles were donated. Bidders bought war bonds to the amount bid and got the item on the block. Live stock, machinery, merchandise, foods, antiques, curios, heirlooms and pro fessional services were donated for the auction.

Farm Funds For Investment

As a result of 1943 operations, agriculture has nearly 2 billion dollars more cash available for saving and investment than in 1942. To insure the future prosperity of American agriculture most of this money should be invested in War Bonds.

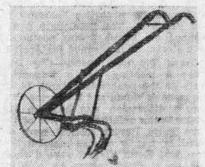
Feed Supplies for 1944

Van Buren County agricultural agent's office offers this table for calculating the average amount for feed crops to be grown this season: Each horse-2 tons alfalfa, 42 bu. corn.

Each cow-21/4 tons alfalfa, 40 bu.

7 pigs to 200 lbs.-100 bu. corn. 300 chickens (24 weeks)—62 bu. corn, 23 bu. wheat, 66 bu. oats. Each ewe and lamb-1/3 ton alfalfa.

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Note Special Features

Strongly built with 18 inch wheel. Wood handles, steel grips. Standard equipment includes spring steel teeth with double end, diamond point, shovel; also bar share for furrowing out. 12 inch tool bar designed for any adjustment or angle of teeth to 16 inch row width.

Price \$5.25 F.O.B. Lansing

Place your order with your local co-operative or with Farm Bureau Services, Inc., Machinery Dep't, P. O. other. Finally one of them said, cles and supply the electric current Box 960, 728 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing 4, Mich.

ACT

Lime your sour fields now-do your part in our greater production towards all-out war effort.

FRANCE AGSTONE has been aiding production successfully for over twentyfive years.

Your Local AAA Committee or Elevator Can Supply Your Needs

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MONROE, MICHIGAN

Calhoun Seventh to

Have 1,000 Members

Calhoun County Farm Bureau new has more than 1,000 families as members, and is one of 7 counties in that class. Robert Farley, 1944 roll call manager, said that 100 volunteer workers covered the county, saw 75% of the farmers, 100% in some townships. Large advertisements urging Farm Bureau membership were published in the six newspapers in the county. Thirteen Community Farm Bureaus will be in operation instead of 6. Roll call chairmen were A. M.

To Build Soy Bean Mill

Consumers Co-op Ass'n of Kansas City is erecting a \$60,000 mill to pro-cess soybeans and flax as soon as equipment is available under priorities granted. It will process 1,600 bushels of soybeans daily, and is another step in building a complete feed manufacturing program.

The lighthouse on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay has been in operation continuously since 1854.

The native home of the Angora Johnson, John Philo, Neil Brady, Har- goat is in the district of Angora in Asia Minor.

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"We've only been talking 30 minutes, Mary, I'm sure no one else wants the line."

SERIOUSLY, very few telephone party-line users are as thoughtless as the one in our drawing above. Most persons who share a party-line are "good neighbors". They try to keep their conversations reasonably brief. They avoid interrupting when the line is in use. And they are careful to replace the telephone receiver after each call. (When a receiver is left "off the hook", it ties up all telephones on the line.)

Considerate sharing of the line means better telephone service for all.

MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE CO.



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Several months ago when our product, LIMEROLL, first came on the market, the Poultry Dep't at Massachusetts State College became intertested. Without oud knowledge, and through no action on our part, they decided to determine just what LIMEROLL would do. The evidence here is the result of work done at Massachusetts State College under the supervision of Director F. J. Sivers and Dr. R. T. Parkhurst, and they have given us permission to publish it.

1-High egg production average throughout entire experimental period on all groups of birds. At no time during trials was shell

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Mole Killer



Kills the Moles in the Ground No Traps -- No Gas No Exposed Poison

Compounded from the mole's natural food and made in pellet form, ready to use. It also contains a poison deadly to moles, killing them right where they live, in the ground.

Guaranteed to Kill Moles or Money Refunded

Use according to the simple instructions with each package. Guaranteed to kill the moles or purchase price will be refunded. To quickly eradicate the entire family of moles, place these Pellets in all visible runways, at intervals of two feet. Moles readily seek these Pellets, eat them and die. These Pellets if placed around the edge and throughout a freshly-made flower bed, will eliminate the loss of bulbs or plants. Keep an ample supply of Force's Mole Killer Pellets on hand at all times to treat new runways as soon

35 Pellet Package \$.25 185 Pellet Package \$1.00 75 Pellet Package .50 875 Pellet Package 3.25

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SPRAYCOP * which has highly efficient spreader and adhesive qualities built right into it. It is used in the fruit or vegetable spray schedule for control of all copper-responding fungous diseases. Spraycop is compatible with all commonly used insecticides and it improves the covering and adherence of such spray materials.

USE FILMFAST IN Lead Arsenate and Sulfur sprays-also sprays containing certain other Insecticides and Fungicides-on Apples, Pears, Small Fruits, Potatoes, Tomatoes, Beans, Cabbage (all Collards), Cantaloupes (all cucurbits), Spinach, Celery, and many other food crops; also Shade Trees, Ornamental Plantings and Victory Gardens.

USE SPRAYCOP (alone or with any commonly used insecticides) for more efficient protection against any fungous disease for which a copper fungicide is recommended.

GET TOP RESULTS OUT OF THIS YEAR'S SPRAY SCHEDULES BY PROVIDING MAXI-MUM PROTECTION FOR ESSENTIAL FOOD CROPS.

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"See Your County Farm Bureau Co-op"

IT'S TIME 1CO-OP COUNCIL TO MAKE SOME

I once heard a man say that the hope of justice made the thought of heaven all the sweeter for so many good folks who were subject to so many injustices here. Let's consider for example the cut

> ted. When a person is on an essential job that re- said: quires travel, or there's no other means

of getting to and from work he should be he can share the a bus conveniently I feel he is entitled only. When people

demand extra gas take children to and from school at a distance of not ass'ns serving 2,300,000 farm families more than a mile they are using unin 98% of the agr'l counties of the necessary gas and pampering the children. Then we see people who drive away for the winter, for holidays, etc. Such things make the A book holder, feel he is being penalized War Units Rule for being honest.

.This time of the year especially on heavy soil, the farmer feels he must have rubber boots for his work. It galls when some trapper in the neigh-borhood gets the best on the market sential work. Draft boards "will use while the farmer is expected to their judgment. take half length make-believe boots. Last week there wasn't a place in Last week there wasn't a place in any of the local towns where one could sell an egg. Every storekeeper took in more than were needed for home trade and could find no outlet for the surplus.

At the same time there were colducts during the present year. It is pers as saying: difficult to keep sweet under such

circumstances. government representative about the farmers, for anti-strike legislation, a prospects for pork production. My bill to authorize sale of wheat for guess was that farmers are more apt to return to a more normal produc- corn parity, the Pace bill to intion of all things. There are prospects of less help than last year. Our parity prices. We have stubbornly recent unpleasant experiences in hog opposed the dumping of government marketing cautions against greater production until we are more certain parity prices, consumer subsidies and of the program when the time comes for selling the crop.

American farmers demonstrated last year that they are willing to included Clarence Highy, W. G. Don-make a supreme effort for increased aldson, Eugene Kent, Carl Enright, production. This was done without Bruce Holmes, Russel Cryderman, regard to impaired health or proper Harlan Townsend, Frank True, Clifregard to impaired health or proper financial returns, but it seems to me far better to do what can be done well, with the help available. It seems to be easier for the planners to advise and dictate and regulate at the beginning of a program, than it is to follow it through and do investor to all somewhat justice to all concerned.

RUSSELL FILE BERRIEN PRESIDENT

Russell C. File of Niles was elected the Berrien County Farm directors held at the home of the retiring president, William H. Bartz. This is Mr. File's second term as president. He was in office in 1940 when Berrien started the membership program that has increased its roll from 687 to more than 2,300 fam-Mr. File is a director of the State Farm Bureau.

Robert Koenigshof of Buchanan was re-elected vice-president and Burton Richards of Berrien Center was re-elected executive secretary and treasurer. Alex Gale, campaign manager for several years, is a new member of the board. Mr. Bartz was given a leather bill fold by the dir ectors as a token of their esteem and appreciation for six years of faithful service on the board.

Washtenaw County Notes

Washtenaw County Farm Bureau publishes a directory of the members er in booklet form.

in the Junior Farm Bureau.

SAYS 16 WAR

The National Council of Farmer Co operatives at Washington has advised Congress and Selective Service that in its opinion a 16 war units mini-mum for deferment of essential farm labor may seriously reduce farm pro in the A gasoline books. So far I duction. It argued for a fair review have no objections, but I certainly of deferred workers in agriculture resent some ways in which B and C saying that competent farm labor is books are distribu- just as essential as skilled help in industry, transportation, and trained soldiers and sailors. The Council

"The data prepared by the Bureau of Agr'l Economics indicates that about a third of the farm production of the United States as a whole, and other than his car, in some areas two-thirds of the production representing important fibre granted the gas he and food products, is produced with needs. But, when considerably less than 16 war units per man. This being true, we believe ride or can take that adherence to the 16 unit minimum will seriously reduce agr'l production." The council said that it represents

4,600 farmers' co-operative marketing, processing and supply purchasing

Hershey Drops 16

This week Nat'l Selective Service Director Hershey announced that war units will be dropped as a measure of

Macomb County Farm Bureau has umns of newspaper space devoted to the evils of black markets in food stuffs as well as pleas to the farmers campaign. President Allen Rush was to increase production of poultry pro- reported in Macomb county newspa-

"Farmers are ready to join an organization that has stood for legisla-A few weeks ago I was asked by a tion to stop labor racketeering upon feeding purposes at not less than clude increased farm labor costs in owned farm products at less than price roll backs in lieu of fair prices in the markets."

Membership workers in Macomb

Hillsdale Asks Simplified Income Tax Law

Hillsdale County Farm Bureau at its annual meeting in March asked the State and American Farm Bureaus to work for a simplified federal income tax law; another resolution Bureau at a recent meeting of the pledged support for the organization of a soil conservation district for Hillsdale county. The group adopted a new constitution and by-laws and voted to incorporate the County Farm Bureau as a co-operative non-profit organization. Stanley Powell said that now and after the war better times will be had if labor, capital, industry, business and agriculture work together. Farm organizations will make the voice of agriculture heard in working out successful programs.

Tuscola's 140 Workers Got Results

Tuscola County Farm Bureau had 140 workers on the job in the 1944 membership campaign. They enrolled 380 new members to raise the county total to 964. Seventeen township groups operated under a township captain. Akron township, with by townships. The directory is print- the largest area, had two captains. George M. Bitzer of Unionville was Clyde Breining, Community Farm county campaign manager. He and Bureau organizer, has organized 5 President Jesse Treiber worked in new groups and has 8 others in pro-several townships where help was cess. In March the county organiza- needed,-filling in for a captain who tion reported 820 members, and 100 was ill, helping short handed teams, etc.

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 POULTRY MEDICATION AT PRICES farmers can afford. Pheno tablets (for drinking water) 225 at 90 cents; Disinfectant "100 to 1" ½ pint 45 cents, for brooderhouse spray; Proto-4, Coccidiosis preventive, 1 quart \$1.00, medicates 64 gal. of water; Phenothiazine, powder form, for worming hogs and sheep, 1 lb. \$1.50. Available at Farm Bureau Services at their stores and co-ops, at hatcherles and feed stores. Mail orders postpaid. Holiand Laboratories, Holiand, Mich. (4-tf-65b)

ORCHARD and

packages, honey containers and Root Quality bee supplies. M. J. Beck Co., Successors to M. H. Hunt & Son, 510 North Cedar St., Box 7, Lansing 1, Mich-

BABY CHICKS

U. S. APPROVED WHITE LEGHORN chicks, from big type stock with 22 years breeding, will help you produce more eggs and profit. ROP male matings, Barred & White Rocks, U. S. Pullorum tested. Circular free. Winstrom Hatchery, Box B7, Zeeland, Mich. (2-5t-41b)

CHERRYWOOD CHAMPION CHICKS from large heavy laying Leghorns or Reds. Pullets or straight run chicks from blood tested vigorous northern stock Cherrywood Farmers Hatchery, Holland Mich. (4-2t-25p)

BEEKEEPER SUPPLIES

GRAFTING WAXES AND FRUIT

GRAFTING WAXES AND FRUIT

Mich.

SPECIAL — LEGHORN COCKEREL
Chitcks for broilers \$2.00 per 100 postpaid.
Cherrywood Farms Hatchery, Holland,
Mich. (4-1t-15p)

WOOL GROWERS

FOR SALE—REGISTERED JERSEY bulls. Bred by Hugh W. Bonneil. 9 months old, sired Pioneer Sybil Bullseye 441174. Priced at \$65. John Gasser, Girard R-1, Ohio.

THERE IS A GUARANTEED CEIL. ing price on wool. Why take less? Let us help you get the top price. All wool graded at Jackson, Mich. Reliable market information and satisfactory market service. Michigan Co-operative Wool Growers Ass'n, office & warehouse at 508 North Mechanic St., Jackson at 1865.

Isabella Honors Those Who Enrolled 500

Isabella County Farm Bureau published recently in the Isabella County members in the 1944 campaign. More ed, according to President Earl Seybert, Jr. Twenty-seven others won recognition for very good work in the campaign.

Ohio Membership Sets 15 Year Record

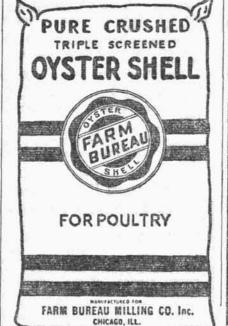
Membership for this year in the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation has passed 34,000, the highest in the past 15 years. This report is from Harry L. Culbreth, the federation's organization manager. Present membership totals about 13% more than for 1943, and 30% more than were enrolled at this time last year.

Garden Seeds

Farm Bureau offers a complete line of the best varieties of garden seeds for Michigan, Buy at Farm Bureau stores and farmer's elevators at:

Hartford Hastings Imlay City Lansing

Ludington Mt. Pleasant Pinconning Port Huron Saginaw Traverse City Woodland



Farm Bureau Advises on War Time Fence

One of the mail order advertisements offers fence as quality fenc-Times-News, county seat newspaper, a ing, but Farm Bureau Services says list of 76 membership campaign work- all fence is war time fence and not ers who enrolled two or more new to be recommended as quality fence. Farm Bureau says wait if you can than 500 new members were obtain- until quality wire products can be supplied. No quality fence as we consider quality is being offered by any-body at this time. Much of the fencing sold has only one-half the zinc coating applied to high quality fence before the war. Fence will be galvanized lightly until the government lifts the restrictions on the use of a

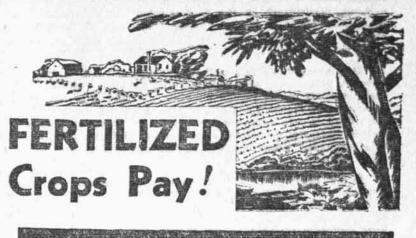
zinc for galvanizing.

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POTATOES SUGAR BEETS ALFALFA TOMATOES

ONIONS CABBAGE GARDENS

All Late Planted Crops **Need Fertilizer**

Farm Bureau fertilizer nitrogen is 90% water soluble to give plants a quick, strong start. Our fertilizers use the highest grades of phosphorous and potash. They're kiln dried to drill perfectly.

FARM BUREAU SERVICES, Inc., Lansing, Michigan

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March 1, 1944

"Last Sunday Dad and I

rode through the meadows

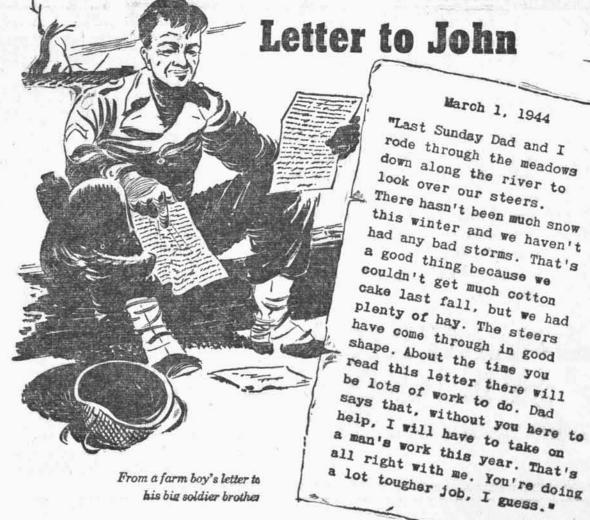
down along the river to

There hasn't been much snow

this winter and we haven't

had any bad storms. That's

look over our steers.



From a farm boy's letter to his big soldier brother

An American ranch boy in Europe knows the words of this letter from home by heart. He feels good inside because it tells him the folks back home are doing their best to help him - by getting all the extra work done - even though he isn't there to lend a hand.

The production of beef and other meat is a mighty important war job. Meat keeps John and all the other American fighting men fit for the hardships of battle. Meat provides proteins and vitamins for home-front workers who are keyed to peak production of the things John needs.

Swift & Company is proud to share with livestock growers in the production, preparation, and delivery of meat. With plants and marketing facilities throughout the country, nation-wide meat packers help distribute meat efficiently and effectively.

And we have diversified our business through the development of many by-prodacts and related products which fit naturally

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into our business. This is important, for it means that none of the livestock grower's war

effort is lost. Farmers will confirm that there is never a year when all types of farming pay, never a year when all lose. So it is with us. When some departments make money, others show a loss. But through diversification, new markets for new products are developed, and improved outlets provided for the grower's cash crops.

SWIFT & COMPANY

Chicago 9, Illinois

Although Swift & Company processes over 61/2 billion pounds of livestock and other farm products a year, net profits from ALL sources average but a penny a pound.

Please feel free to ask us for the use of the following films:

> "A Nation's Meat" "Cows and Chickens, U.S.A." "Livestock and Meat"

Effect of the War on Agriculture

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

> By EUGENE A SMALTZ Membership Relations & Education

ROLL CALL QUESTION-Name one effect total war has had on

At the present time, due to war demands and international confusion, products of the farm for both food and fiber are in heavy demand, particularly on the fresh markets basis. However, when conditions resume to normal peacetime business, we again must sell products of the farm, particularly food, in processed form as well as in the fresh form.

Most processing plants such as canneries and cold packing plants, freezing, drying, etc., have been working for many years to establish their products in the regular channels of trade. War has disrupted these regular channels and has, in part, destroyed the work that has been done to win consumers' acceptance of certain products. If a certain portion of this trade is not maintained during these war days, this consumers' acceptance will be lost and will have to be rebuilt

In the case of Michigan products, we must remember that we must compete with various other states for consumers' acceptance. Therefore, it is with a selfish interest that we ought to keep a certain portion, though small, of our products in the markets where they now have favorable acceptance, even if we might have to accept a lower price temporarily.

War has brought on several new developments and has accelerated other developments. Whether or not these developments will stick after the war depends on the acceptance by the public of the products developed by the new process. For example, we may be glad to eat dehydrated carrots if we are in Africa or in Alaska, but will we want such a product here after the war? Will we want dehydrated meat after the war, even though the soldiers are eating a lot of it at the present time?

However, some of these developments may prove to be very economical and very efficient, for example, dehydrated beans and potatoes may save a lot of freight and space and still prove to be a highly acceptable and palatable product.

A steady income is most desirable for the farmer in the long run. Therefore, he should choose between talking his chances on selling his products on the open market at whatever prices prevail at the time of selling, or making a steady delivery of his products to a Co-operative Association for packing, freezing, canning drying, etc. Perhaps in some areas, a program combining the handling of products on a fresh basis supplemented by a processing program of some kind may be more desirable than to choose between an entirely fresh produce program and a processed products program. In either case, it should be a program of an association of growers

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FARM LOANS

When credit will help you carry out your plans, come in and talk with us. All credit transactions are on a confidential basis—and the rate is low.

If you want to repair your machinery, purchase new equipment, buy seed and fertilizer, increase your livestock; if any financial assistance is needed to increase the production of your farm, we invite you to come in and talk with one of our officers. It is simple and easy to borrow from this bank.



QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1. What recent developments in chemurgy and substitutes will affect agricultural production after the war?
- 2. What changes and developments have taken place during the war and may be expected after the war in the transportation and storage of food that will change agricultural practices in our community? Frozen food, locker system, storage, etc.
- 3. What are the problems of maintaining fertility of our soil in view of increased crop production?
- 4. What is the responsibility of the farmers, of the farm organizations and the government in promoting land use and soil conser-
- 5. What are some of the changes brought about by the war which affect the ultimate consumer of farm products?
- (a) Packaging changes, (b) Grading, (c) Dehydration and frozen foods, (d) Glass and cellophane.
- 6. What do you think of price control and rationing, its value 5. What do you think of the future?

WHY FEED PRICES HAVE

Pathfinder magazine in a recent article reports the large increase in he prices for feed grains and mill feeds during the past year.

Oats are higher by \$19.25 per ton since Jan. 1943. Barley is higher by \$22.15 per ton since May, 1943.

Wheat is higher by \$6 per ton since March 1943.

Prices for these grains, said Pathfinder, were driven up by the tremendous demand for grains to take he place of corn, which was not readily available because of the government low ceiling price on corn.

Feed prices are up because grain prices are higher and because mill eeds are higher.

Soybean oil meal increased \$11.50 per ton under the OPA ceiling set Cottonseed oil meal increased \$10.50

per ton under the OPA ceiling July 31, 1943, Linseed oil meal increased \$2 per

ton under the same OPA ceiling. Corn gluten feed increased \$9 per on under the OPA ceiling July 31,

Manufacturing, mixing, and retail handling charges for feeds were limited by an OPA order dated January 16,

Farm Bureau Represented On Child Welfare Council

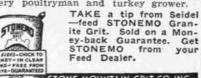
Stanley Powell is a member of the new state Child Welfare Council, representing the Michigan State Farm Bureau. The group will study changes in child welfare laws made by the special session of the legislature, study the visiting teacher program proposed by the state Dep't of Public Instruction, and other matters of interest to child welfare, and will make recommendations. Probate Judge Stephen Clink of Muskegon county is



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Caledonia Creamery An OPA Casualty

Caledonia Co-operatives Creamery Co. quit operations late in March. Of-ficers said that it was an OPA casual-They explained that under the OPA price ceiling of 45c a pound for butter, plus the 5c rollback, the creamery could not pay producers more than 54c a pound for butterfat. Fluid milk markets have been returning about \$1 per pound for butterfat. The creamery lost 230 of its 300 patrons. It had operated for 33 years. In World War I, said Pres. F. W. Ruehs, the creamery wholesaled butter as high as 70c per pound and held its patrons.

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