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22nd Year

7,000 AUTO

1943.

act

fooled him. He worked hard, asked demeanor which may cost one his

lots of questions and learned fast. driver's license and car registration.

CASES BEFORE

SEC'Y OF STATE

Nearly 7,000 automobile accident

reports are before the financial re-

sponsibility section of the secretary of state's office for action under the

law approved by the legislature in

The state supreme court has upheld

the constitutionality of the act. It

had been challenged by interests represented by Edward N. Barnard,

Detroit attorney. However, on July

27 as the state was about to start action on the 7,000 cases the court

halted enforcement of the act to con-

sider a petition filed by Mr. Barnard

for a review of the case. It is under-stood that the court will not hear the

petition for a review until September.

Michigan State Farm Bureau has this

to say of the financial responsibility

It applies to Michigan motorists or truck owners driving anywhere in the United States or Canada. Should a Michigan driver be involved in an

accident in which any person is in-

jured, or killed, or property damage is caused in excess of \$50, he must

make a report to the secretary of

state for Michigan within 10 days thereafter. He must make the report

without regard as to who is to blame

for the accident. Failure to make the

The report must show that driver

If the driver is unable to produce

insurance, cash, or bond to satisfy the

driver's license and the registration

certificates for all his cars and trucks.

has sufficient automobile insurance

The insurance department of the

Published Monthly

Real Aim is to Destroy Farm Co-operatives One of the best statements we have seen regarding the organized

attack on farm co-operatives by certain business interests describing themselves as the National Tax Equality Ass'n is that published by the Southern States Co-operative at Richmond, Virginia. Southern States said:

"Determined and greedy interests who want to throw the farmer back into economic bondage are trying to bamboozle the public into believing that farm co-operatives pay no taxes, and, in particular, that there is unfair discrimination with respect to patronage refunds.

"Every farm co-operative pays taxes of various kinds. Very properly Southern States Co-operative, and other farm co-operatives like it, does not pay an income tax on savings returned to patrons. The reason is perfectly simple: the savings do not belong to Southern States Co-operative but do belong to its patron-members. Under Federal and State laws farm co-operatives are non-profit institutions and cannot realize a profit for their own account. Each member is liable for income taxes on the patronage refunds he receives.

"Any corporation or private business can be free of income tax by refunding its net earnings to its customers. Any private business that is willing to operate on the same basis as farmers operate their self-help co-operative ass'ns will pay the same taxes as does the co-operative and no more.

"The tax issue raised by the foes of farmers co-operation is a bogus propaganda issue. The real issue is the destruction of farm co-operatives.

"Without the competitive, pace-setting effect of such co-operatives as Southern States, farmers would be paying many millions of dollars more for the production supplies they need and the quality would be lower also.

"The anti-co-operative people seek the elimination of co-operatives in order that they may increase their profit margins on services rendered for farmers.

"Actually the attack is against farmers and not their co-operative institutions. Men who say they are for free enterprises challenge the right of the farmer to go in business for himself and to perform for himself services that are vital to the successful operation of his farm as a means of a livelihood."

Farmers Amend Price Control Act

In our June edition we said that the American Farm Bureau Federation was urging Congress to amend the OPA act to get rid of certain practices objectionable to farmers and which interferred with production.

Congress did amend the OPA in many particulars when it extended its life to June 30, 1945. What farmers asked for, they got, on paper at least. It remains now to see what happens in the matter of administrating the new act. Following are amendments which were supported by the Farm Bureau:

Prices: Amendment by Congressman Crawford of Michigan provides, "It shall be unlawful to establish or maintain" any price for a farm commodity or a commodity processed from a farm commodity which reflects to the producer a price below the highest price prevailing between January 1 and September 15, 1942, with adjustments for farmers' increased labor costs and other costs since January 1, 1941.

The old law directed the OPA to do that but the order was ignored in many instances. Now the law has teeth in it.

Another price amendment assures producers parity prices or the prevailing Jan.-Sept., 1942 prices, whichever is higher, for basic and non-basic crops for which increased production has been sought. Wheat, cotton, and eggs are three major crops now selling below parity and which may be affected by the parity provisions of the act.

Subsidies: (a) Food subsidies for consumers must be terminated after June 30, 1945, unless specifically appropriated for by Congress. (b) Packers and other processors may not collect subsidies unless they can show they have paid farmers the highest prices specified in the act.

Floods, Freezes, etc.: OPA is required hereafter to make adequate allowances and adjustments in price ceilings to offset general crop losses caused by freezes, floods, and other crop hazards. Court Procedure: Numerous amendments were adopted to liberalize OPA court procedure. Citizens are guaranteed the right to protest and to have a hearing. Citizens are granted the right to protest a price order or regulation and to contest its validity at any time. They may be represented by counsel in an OPA hearing, a right not accorded before. Upon conviction for an OPA violation, or upon imposition of a judgment, provision has been made whereby a citizen may appeal to a federal court and determine the validity of the regulation violated.



FARM NEIGHBORS RECALL DEWEY

slept well on the farm what little or cash to meet any possible judgment. ime they slept there." The minimum amount of guarantee Mr. Putnam knew the Dewey family, under the law is \$5,000 in the case of time they slept there." Clayton E. Potter of Owosso, R-5, and Earl Putnam of Ovid R-1, Shia-wassee County Farm Bureau memand, of course, followed the rise of one injury or death, \$10,000 if there Thomas E. Dewey. As governor of is more than one injury or death, and bers took part in the radio discussion New York, said Mr. Potter, it was to \$1,000 for property damage. of Thomas E. Dewey by his old be observed that Mr. Dewey acted friends and neighbors which was broadcast from Owosso, July 24 by promptly and effectively to relieve the feed shortage for farmers there. He secretary of state as to his financial WJR.

saw to it that New York state farmers were assured sufficient gasoline to Mr. Putnam recalled that in the were assured sufficient gasoline to summer of 1918 Dewey worked on the carry on their operations. Putnam farm for three months. Farmers needed help and Dewey responded. He was a high school boy of 16. Mr.

He cannot drive nor cause his cars or The problem of producing enough trucks to be driven until he has satis-Putnam said he told Mrs. Putnam containers to take care of military fied the sec'y of state that he has when the boy arrived from town that and essential civilian needs is one of financial responsibility in accordance he'd probably be looking for help the most serious today. with the terms of the law. he'd probably be looking for help the most serious today.

The Truth About Farmer Cooperatives and Taxes

tives.

Tom's mother told Mr. Putnam later

that Tom remarked in a letter, "He

Despite clever propaganda to the contrary, farmer co-operatives are not exempt from taxation. They pay taxes the same as any other business.

They pay state and local property taxes.

They pay excise taxes.

Any other corporation operating on such a non-profit basis would also pay no income tax, for the simple reason that there would be no income to tax. This method of doing business is actually being followed by many other concerns other than farmer co-opera-

In other words, there is nothing to

Farm Coops Organize **To Meet Attack**

Two national farmers' co-operative groups-the National Association of Co-operatives, and the National Council of Farmers Co-operatives-pooled efforts at Chicago, July 27 to fight and defeat an organized effort to cripple farm co-operatives.

The farm groups joined forces to conduct a national campaign to create a better public understanding of the co-operative marketing and purchasing activities of 3,000,000 farm families. The campaign is made necessary by organized attacks on farm co-operatives by business interests openly or secretly hostile to the present scope and success of farmers co-operative marketing and purchasing. We believe that the National Tax Equality Association program represents their desire to use an axe on the legislation which Congress has set up for farm co-operatives in the last 20 years.

Clark L. Brody, executive secretary of the Michigan State Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Services, Inc., has had an important part in shaping the farm co-operative program now getting under

Mr. Brody is president of the National Association of Co-operatives, organized by a group of regional farmers co-operatives and Farm Bureau service companies in the middle west and northwest to carry on an educational campaign to save the federal laws under which farm co-operatives operate. He is also a director of the National Council of Farmer Co-operatives and is active in its program along the same line.

We believe that program of the National Tax Equality Association is to destroy farmers' co-operatives as a non-profit service organizations in marketing and purchasing. It charges that co-operatives do not pay taxes, that they are subsidized by government loans, and can do as they please in business. The NTEA hopes to build public opinion hostile to co-ops and thereby force Congress to repeal many laws Congress has 'enacted to express its support and approval of the service given by the co-ops.

We think that the NTEA has undertaken a large order. On the other hand, the NTEA intimates that it has plenty of funds. The volume of NTEA literature which is flooding the country and the number of co-op hating speakers touring the nation, and other evidences of a deep and well filled pocketbook are to be taken serious-

First on the NTEA list is to be killed off is Section 101 of the Internal Revenue Code. In Section 101 Congress has recognized that the savings of margins of a farm co-operative operating in accordance with co-operative law belong at all times to the patrons. When distributed as patronage dividends in accordance with the law, such dividends are not taxable to the co-operative, but are taxable to the patron receiving them.

Other co-operative laws which NTEA mentions and no doubt would like to cripple are:

Capper-Volstead Act of 1922 which makes it possible to organize farm co-operatives and makes a legal definition of them; Farm Credit Act of 1933 creating Farm Credit Administration; Section of the Robinson-Patman act of 1936 which says a patronage dividend is not a rebate or a discount.

These measures have been placed in law by farmers through their farm organizations. It has taken years of hard work. We're certain that farmers are going to oppose with all their strength any program to repeal those laws.

WAR DOMINATES **MID-WEST FARM BUREAU MEET**

With 150 persons present, the Michigan State Farm Bureau had the largest delegation at the Midwest Farm Bureau Conference at Milwaukee, June 19-21. It was attended by 700 state and county Farm Bureau from 11 states. Purpose of the conference was to strengthen all phases of the Farm Bureau member ship effort by an exchange of ideas. After hearing national leaders of consumers, labor and agriculture discuss the thinking of their groups for the future, the Farm Bureau Conference adopted this resolution: "Farmers will insist upon the adoption of national policies necessary to maintain the largest possible production and consumption of the products of both agriculture and industry. There is an inescapable relationship of interests between the man in the country and the man in the city. "The people of this generation have JOHN BRANDT witnessed a swing from monopolistic Ionia County Farm Bureau has anpractices of big business and sweat nounced that John Brandt, general shops for labor to an equally if not manager of the Land O' Lakes more serious abuse of power by cer-Creameries of Minnesota, and a leadtain leaders of labor. ing spokesman for the dairy farmers "What organized farmers are think- of the nation, will speak on the farm ing and wanting is not a return to the organization day program of the 4-H old deal. They are becoming inreas- club fair at Ionia free fair grounds, ingly alarmed over the trends of the Saturday afternoon at 1:30 CWT, new deal. What they want and are August 19. going to fight for is an honest deal." Farm organization day for many Allen Kline, president of the Iowa years was one of the main features Farm Bureau, reported his observa- at the Ionia Free Fair. It is being tions of British agriculture. He said continued this year in connection with that every farmer and every commod- the 4-H club fair. It is sponsored by ity is under full control of the British the Pomona Grange and the County ministry of food. Barley, wheat and Farm Bureau. Other features of the rye are bread grains. It is illegal to afternoon program in front of the use them for other purposes. grandstand include a band concert, a Agriculturally and industrially, Mr. program of music and other entertain-Kline said, England is a low wage ment numbers in charge of Mrs. Hope country. Farm owners live rather Sargeant, lecturer of the Pomona elegantly, but the families who do Grange, a parade of prize-winning 4-H the work do not. War time farm live stock, the annual calf scramble, wages are about \$13 a week without and the auction of steers caught in the board, which is is double the pre-war scramble one year ago. There will be Britain achieves high acre- an exhibition of western saddle rate. yields, but the productivity per man horses. All seats are free. The pubis low. Industrial machinery is ob- lic is invited. Loud speaking facilities solete by our standards. Industrial will enable everyone to hear well. wages are low. One group in Eng- Preceding the program, Ionia Counland argues that to hold international ty Farm Bureau members will have trade after the war, wages must be a basket picnic dinner in the fair kept low. Another group says that grounds picnic grove by the river the full possibilities of mass produc- promptly at noon. tion must be exploited and wages raised. Mr. Kline said that well informed Ferguson Speaks To people in England think the Labor 1,000 at Huron Picnic party will win the first election after the war. Labor is frankly socialist, fair play for the farmer now and party will win the first election after the war. Labor is frankly sociality, fair play for the tarmer nost war advocating government ownership of land, mineral wealth and all natural agriculture before 1,000 farm folk at the the the Conserva resources. He said that the Conserva-tive party of Mr. Churchill would be regarded as ultra-radical in the United not repeat the years after World War States for its views on economic I, when farm prices dropped 125%. questions. However, said Mr. Kline, the British government is really op-erated by a great group of skilled civil servants, who, no doubt, would continue affairs about as they are House of Representatives and Huron Farm Bureau leader, introduced Sennow. Clifton Utley, foreign affairs comator Ferguson. Senator and Mrs. Fermentator for the Chicago Sun, said a guson had an enjoyable day at the piclasting peace depends upon the re- nic.



The First Twenty States

Ten states account for HALF the national farm income. The next ten states account for one-fourth of the farm income, and the remaining 28 states produce the remaining fourth of the national farm income.

Illinois Agricultural Ass'n-the Farm Bureau in that statepresented an exhibit at the Midwest Farm Bureau States Conference at Milwaukee, June 19-21, to show the relationship between farm income and Farm Bureau membership. The farm income figures were obtained from the U. S. Dep't of Agriculture. Here are 20 states which account for three-fourths of the national farm income:

1—Iowa6—Ohio2—California7—Wisconsin3—Texas8—New York4—Illinois9—Indiana5—Minnesota10—Kansas	11—Missouri 12—Pennsylvania 13—N. Carolina 14—Nebraska 15—Michigan	16—Oklahoma 17—Arkansas 18—Mississippi 19—Kentucky 20—Georgia
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When we consider the first 20 states for Farm Bureau membership, we find that the best states for farm income also rank high for membership, but those with good and well established organization programs rank shead of their standing for farm income. Here they are for Farm Bureau membership:

1—Illinois	6—Minnesota	11—Kansas	16-N. Carolina
2—Iowa	7—Mississippi	12—Michigan	17-Virginia
3—New York	8—Arkansas	13—Kentucky	18-Georgia
4—Indiana	9—Ohio	14—Missouri	19-W. Virginia
5—Alabama	10—California	15—Tennessee	20-Texas

No Purge at the Primary

Farmers went to the polls in the primary July 11. They had been forewarned by the Farm Bureau that other interests would try to eliminate as candidates for Congress men who had stood up for agriculture by opposing food subsidies, etc.

Every Michigan Congressman was re-nominated, including, of course, all the out-state members who had been marked for retirement.

Labor unions were credited with this strategy: They were to provide, if necessary, each of the offending Cgonressmen with opposition for the party nomination. They were to swing the labor vote to a party candidate designated as pro-labor. His nomination would eliminate the Congressman.

This system had worked in other parts of the nation, but it didn't get results in Michigan July 11. The vote was light. Apparently rural voters went to the polls in fairly large numbers and voted for candidates who were considered sympathetic to the farm viewpoint. Citles like Lansing, Flint, Grand Rapids, Saginaw, Jackson, Bay City, Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Pontiac and Muskegon have large labor unions. But labor didn't vote in large numbers to purge members of Congress who had disagreed with labor on certain issues.

Iowa Goal 75,000

AFBF at Chicago eration has announced that the 1944 goal for 1944 is 75,000. annual convention will be held at Hotel Sherman at Chicago, Dec. 11-14. Order fertilizer for wheat now.

Iowa Farm Bureau Federation re-The American Farm Bureau Fed- ports its membership at 75,000. The

They pay transportation taxes on the movement of goods or persons and taxes on communication services.

They pay social security and unemployment insurance taxes.

They pay stamp taxes, use taxes, import taxes, occupational taxes, sales taxes, and miscellaneous taxes on various commodities wherever other businesses pay them.

Many co-operatives pay income taxes -the reason others do not, is that they have no income to tax. Farmer cooperatives are service-not profit-organizations.

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Co-operatives operate on the basis of deducting from the returns to the farmer for his products, or adding to the price of supplies purchased for the farmer, an amount sufficient to cover estimated costs plus a margin for operating contingencies.

What is left after the actual costs are covered belongs to the farmermember or patron and systematically is returned to him. Even the margin left for contingencies is returned if not used.

It is in no sense a profit to the ass'n; it is a revolving fund into which balances due the patron are from day to day accumulated, pending settlement with the farmers, and from which excess contingency charges are from day to day paid out.

Furthermore, like all individual citizens, the farmer must report all taxable income, including refunds from co-operatives which he receives in cash or stock; and for that matter, all equities that may be credited to his account on the books of the co-operative.

FARM BUREAU SERVICES, Inc. 221 North Cedar Street Lansing, Michigan

Member of National Association of Co-operatives Member of National Council of Farmer Co-operatives

prevent any industrial or commercial corporation from contracting to refund to patrons all proceeds, less expenses of operation, thus operating on a cost basis as does a co-perative.

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The relationship between a co-operative and the farmer is essentially that of agent and principal. To tax the co-operative for balances of earnings or savings which it is obligated by law, charter or agreement to handle as trust funds for, and, to pass to, the farmer would be taxing an agent for income belonging to his principal, the absurdity of which is obvious.

If the farmer gave his hired man \$10 with which to buy three bushels of seed potatoes on his trip to town, and the hired man was able to get the seed for \$9, including truck hire, and later returned the \$1 to the farmer, nobody would maintain that the other \$1 was income or profit and should be taxed to the hired man.

Farmers set up their co-operatives to provide themselves with needed services-not to make profits on capital investment in unrelated enterprises.

In the event of liquidation, the net assets of the co-operative are prorated to the members or patrons on the basis of use they have made of the ass'n; if they are stockholders they can receive as such no more than the paidin value of their stock. In addition, they may receive as patrons, their equity in any undistributed balances on hand.

Thus, the principles of non-profit and patronage refund, termed recently by a federal judge as part of the "warp and woof" of any co-operative, are carried out not only in operation but also in the process of liquidation.

> education of the German people. They have considered aggression as a pay-

ing proposition. (Continued on page three)

First Michigan tron ore (bog iron) was mined in 1828 in Union township, Branch county.

Vaccinate Hogs **To Prevent Cholera**

Michigan farmers who immunize their hogs against cholera, well in advance of the time the disease usually occurs in the state, save themselves money and worry, says Dr. B. J. Killham, extension, specialist in animal pathology, Michigan State college.

Most severe outbreaks of the disease occur in late summer and early fall. In 1943 more than 2 million hogs died

from cholera in the United States. Usually, only a single animal be-comes sick at first. An affected an-imal at first shows lack of small also afford protection to bogs imal at first shows lack of appetite. Later as the disease becomes more advanced, it shows signs of weakness, particularly in the hind legs and may walk in a characteristic weaving man-The animal should be isolated ises must be vaccinated. ner.

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at the first symptoms and a veterinarian called to determine the trouble Use of the regular serum-virus, sometimes called the simultaneous or double treatment, on pigs that have not already contracted the disease gives lasting protection. To insure success, this treatmnet should be given by a trained veterinarian. Recently some newer products have been man-keted that will provide protection,

but these require a period of time be-fore the animals are fully immunized. If it is necessary to protect the herd at once, the regular serum-virus treat-

that have been recently infected. Many outbreaks of hog cholera have been traced to garbage. As a result, Michigan laws require that all hegs fed garbage coming from off the prem-

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East Buffalo, N. Y.

H. K. Fisk, Secretary

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Vermont Farm Bureau Expects 9,000 Members Vermont Farm Bureau expect to have 9,000 families as members in 1944. That is twice the membership of three years ago. How many counties in Vermont? Fourteen.



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THE farm machinery and equipment which you would ordinarily be buying today is merely "delayed in transit." It's going to Berlin and Tokyo first in the form of guns and tanks and planes!

In buying War Bonds to help pay for those guns and tanks and planes you are just as surely buying that machinery and equipment for yourself for future delivery. When these Bonds mature, you'll have the pick of the finest machinery and equipment the industry has ever built.

And there are two other things you are buying: independence for your country, independence for yourself. Without these, it would make little difference whether you had good machinery and equipment or not.

No better investment opportunity has ever been offered than Uncle Sam offers us today in War Bonds. When held ten years, Series E Bonds yield 2.9% interest, compounded semi-annually. Of course, no one should cash a Bond unless he has to; but if an emergency comes along, Uncle Sam will redeem them in cash-at full purchase price -any time after you've held them 60 days. So buy Bonds today. Back the Attack!

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Community Activities AETNA, Mecosta County - Our recommendations for our Farm Bu-reau program for 1944-45: Community -citizenship and health head the list: county-activity in local government;

folk should make price control act a tion of rural schools. major project. (6) Sugar ration. Farm families need more sugar. We're



Thoughts About the Fourth

- I used to prepare for the Fourth of July By saving each penny I got
- At picking potato bugs one cent a row And a quarter saved up was a lot.
- It would buy quite a outfit of racket and smoke,
- And I'd rise with the chickens at dawn.
- When nine o'clock came my cap-pistol was done And my last ammunition was gone.

But later I grew from the cap-pistol age

- And Fourth of July meant a gun-A Civil War musket to blow out my brain,
- A trick I had never seen done.
- It wouldn't stand cocked, and the nipple plugged up; I fired it by means of a string.
- I well can imagine my Mother was shocked When she caught me reloading the thing.

Then four or five years changed my outlook on life. I had me a rig and a gal.

- We drove to the lake on the Glorious Fourth;
- Went swimming and picnicked, et al. We drove slowly home in the warm summer dark;
- Ah, those were the days of real sport,
- Till I roused, all at once, with my face full of hoof And the wheels of the buggy cramped short.

Years later my wife and the babies and I Drove out in our short little car To Grandma's and there spent a Fourth of July As good as the best of them are. For Grandpa shot rockets and all such as that And Grandma had chicken and cake. We buzzed home at night in the traffic parade With all the fresh dust we could take.

But this year it was different-or seemed so to me. I celebrated this year with prayer For the sake of our sens who are fighting today All over the world-everywhere. May the Power of the Spirit still strengthen their arms May their faith and their courage ride high So that children at home, in our cities and farms May still love the Fourth of July. R. S. Clark, 315 North Grinnell Street, Jackson, Michigan.

tween city and farm folks. From farm

state-citizenship and education.

TRI-TOWNSHIP, Kalamazoo-We think the Farm Bureau program should include work on: (1) Schools. a problem. (2) Corn borer control. more through farm groups for greatship should do the work through local (4) Recreation. We favor more gettogethers, and particularly county get-

point of view, city folk should know what farmers get for milk. They should know something about the farm cost of producing milk.

rural areas to urban schools. We believe that children below the 8th grade in school are better prepared in rural schools, both from standpoint of scholarship and adaptability to rural conditions

are of the opinion that the war bonds More teachers needed. Financing is after this war the spending orgy of the early 20's and the depression of Perhaps this work needs to be done the early 30's. We have scheduled a picnic sometime in August, asking er public support. (3) Farm Bureau membership. We think the leader-BUENA-VISTA-BLUMFIELD. Saci BUENA-VISTA-BLUMFIELD, Saginaw-At a recent meeting we discuss groups and everyone should work. ed the questions in the State Farm Bureau's "What's Your Opinion?" surtogethers in winter. (5) Farm Bureau sented a discussion on the reorganiza-

met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. sending petitions to State Farm Bu- Frank McDermid and were taken on reau. (7) Farm Bureau promotion. a tour of the apple and peach orchards Prove to non-Farm Bureau members that organization program gets good les and James McDermid gave a

Huron Wants Pheasant **Population Reduced** Huron County Farm Bureau directdep't to lengthen the hunting season on pheasants, to permit the killing

of male and female birds, and to allow farmers to shoot pheasants at any time to protect crops. The Farm Bureau said that the

birds are increasing rapidly and do POULTRY MEDICATION AT PRICES much more damage to corn than crows do. The Elk-Riverside Community Farm Bureau of Huron county was the first to suggest action against the pheasants.

Saginaw, Tuscola and Bay Picnic Aug. 17

Saginaw, Tuscola and Bay counties have set Thursday, Aug. 17 for their annual picnic at Frankentrost grove, 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 mar-ket infermation and satisfactory market service. Michigan Co-operative Wool Growers Ass'n, office & verehouse at 506 North Mechanic St., Jackson, Mich. (4-tf-44b) prizes are awarded during the day.

The agricultural co-operative movelent

Helen Preston and Dean Hewitt gave reports of the recent Rural Youth Midwest Conference held at Milwaukee, Wis., and Frances Foster reported on the recent Tri-County Officer's

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Buy at Farm Bureau Stores and Co-op Assins

Huron County Farm Bureau direct-ors have asked the state conservation Farm Bureau

of Lincoln as a statesman and man of God. The Juniors welcome Vic Wier

Nyhuis, Anthony Bosch, Hester Kling- of the U. S. Army home on furlough. enberg, Carl Immink, Joycelyn Schaap and Robert Folkert. At a recent meeting everyone en- Calhoun and Hillsdale counties. joyed roller skating and a box social. Marjorie Jewell, Maurice Arendt Bay-Officers of the newly organ- and James Dorris attended the Wal-

ized comunity group of 15 near Stand- den Woods Older Youth camp on June ish are: President, Andrew Suszko; 2, 3 and 4. Marcella Greenamyer, vice president Virgil Kraatz; sec'y Wilmot McDowell, Jr., and John Stan-and treas., Geraldine Schmidt; public-ton attended the annual Midwest Con-

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Springs.

chairman,

Training School held at Berrien

Berrien County-Robert Tillstrom

was elected the county president for

the coming year. Vice pres., Ted

Payne, Galien; sec'y-treas., Velma

Benedix, Benton Harbor; publicity

camp chairman, Norris Young, Buchanan. They will be installed at the

"Lincoln, the Politician" was the

topic used by Rev. J. Kenneth Hoff-

master at a recent meeting. Rev.

Hoffmaster emphasized the greatness

Frances Foster, Niles;

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ennock is counsellor. The scrapbook on Bay county activ-Was held by the entire county at ities for the state contest has been which bathing and boating was enjoynearly completed by Elaine Mansch. ed. Officers were elected for the com-South Berrien-A square dance ing year: Pres., Margaret Pease; vice brought about 185 young people for pres., Wendall Harrison; Sec'y, Delphine Brown; treasurer, Glenn Wiley; Central Berrien-"Boy and Girl Re- camp chairman, Esther Brown; pub lations" was the topic used by the licity chairman, Beverly White. Mr. Rev. H. B. Loomis of the First Meth- John Foster is counsellor. Plans are odist Church in Coloma, guest speak- being made for the annual camp at Walden Woods and also the week end

er at a recent meeting.



social meeting.

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Activities

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Junior Farm

By MISS MARGARET PEASE

State Publicity Chairman

body's Crazy Now" was a huge suc-

cess with about 350 attending. Direct-

ed by Mrs. Ray Busscher and Mrs.

Earl Gunneman the cast included:

Norma Wolters, Harvard Hoekje,

ity chairman, Wm. Hartman, Jr. Paul ference in Milwaukee. Pennock is counsellor.

Overisel-Our annual play "Every- meeting in September.



A letter was read from Robert Koe- camp at Cory Lake to be for the ennigshof of the U.S. Navy. Delegates tire district.

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results. (8) Co-operatives. A good sheet metal roofing demonstration as way to help them is to have a strong one of their 4-H projects. Mrs. Farm Bureau. (9) Better markets. Thomas Nelson spoke on the prepara-We can improve our market position tion of foods for frozen lockers and thorugh farm marketing and supplies how to cook frozen foods. Mr. and co-operatives. Mrs. Orville Dunlap assisted the EAST LELAND, Leelanau-Agreed hosts

that we should get out the vote for the July 11 primary by announce-WOMEN'S RED ments, by telephone, and take someone to the polls with us.

PLEASANTON, Manistee-Through **CROSS CLUBMOBILE** efforts by local people creamery has been started at Kaleva. Shortens hauling distance. Roll call commit-IN ITALY tee to survey community for persons not members of Farm Bureau and plan next campaign.

The Associated Women of the Amer-REMON, Newagyo-52 farmers in ican Farm Bureau Federation are this community fly the the American proud to announce that a Red Cross flag on flag poles erected at their Clubmobile, purchased with funds confarm homes in honor of the young tributed by Farm Bureau women from men and women in the service of our coast to coast, is now in operation in country. This is one of our 1944 Italy. projects

On the Clubmobile are inscribed WEST GRANT, Oceana-Growers these words: "This Clubmobile is the here say that 7.7c lb. cherry ceiling is gift of the Associated Women of the low in view of high labor costs and American Farm Bureau Federation." year to year crop uncertainty. It should be 8½c this year. WINN, Isabella—Isabella county The women have raised \$10,000 for the project. \$3,500 purchased the Clubmobile, leaving \$6,500 to apply on community groups are grouped in two the operating cost for one year. The teams for a Farm Bureau contest endwomen are continuing their efforts to ing October 1. Losing groups treats raise \$15,000 for operational funds bethe winners. Points awarded for: tween now and the end of November. Community group attendance, 1 point Red Cross Clubmobiles serve soldper family; new community group, 10 iers behind the lines. They are outpoints; group hospitalization started, fitted with a doughnut machine, a cof-10 points;, publicity, 5 points per fee urn, newspapers, magazines, writ column inch

ing materials, victrola with records. WEST HURON, Huron-Len Dressetc., Some are equipped with the 16 ler and Adolp Baur, members of the m. movie machine. They are operated emergency labor committee, report by three American Red Cross girls several boys working on farms in the and a mechanic. Clubmobiles are servicinity. Committee appointed to see ving in the European and Pacific war what can be done about reducing crop areas. damage by pheasants. Private David Johnson of Guilford

one. We had a movie and all the

doughnuts and coffee we could hold

Contributions should be sent to Mrs

is Michigan director of the Associated

Women of the American Farm Bureau

Michigan contributions to the Club-

and more too."

OREGON, Lapeer-Resolution sent with the Fifth Army in Italy, wrote. to county board of supervisors favor-"Today has sure been a red letter ing establishment of a county abstract day for us, here. I have read about office the clubmobiles driven by the Red

ALBEE-SPAULDING, Saginaw-Dis-ALBEE-SPAULDING, Saginaw-Dis-cussed putting names on mail boxes project Naming and posting coffee to units like ours, but today as a project. Naming and posting was the first time I had ever seen next meeting. NORTH HASTINGS, Barry-Dis-

cused a Community Farm Bureau exhibit at Barry county fair to streng- Ray Neikirk, St. Louis, Mich., R-1. She then it as an agricultural fair. Suggested that each Community Farm Buerau be asked if it prefers to exhibit as a County Farm Bureau or hibit as a County Farm Bureau or as a community group. CLARKSTON, Oakland—Appointed Dr action community to get former

an action committee to get farmers out to July 11 primary and to general H. Amrhein; Climax CommFB, 322.75, both sent by Mrs. A. election Nov. 6, and urge them to support candidates who will support farmers' interests in Congress. Mrs. Mallory Stickney, Fred Beckman and \$2: Shiawassee Farm Bureau Women, \$2: Shiawassee Farm Bureau Women, Stickney, Stickn

Mrs. William Edgar are the commit-tee. LYON, Washtenaw—We think there Bethany CommFB, Mrs. Howard should be a better understanding be- Krick, \$10; Mrs. Edith M. Wagar \$2.





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July 31 WFA notified all eastern igan ceiling from \$2.85 to \$2.60.

Farm Bureau Fruit Products Co. Mr. Utley said that the United Na. everywhere. called a meeting of Bay county potato tions should: Defeat the German But it was growers at the plant of Bay Co-opera- armies in the field, abolish the Gertive Canneries, Inc., at Essexville, man army, punish the war criminals, August 2. Bay county has the second extinguish the Nazi government and largest potato acreage in Michigan, its heirs. Such steps, he said, call and the crop is early potatoes. Char- for the military occupation and govles Figy, state commissioner of agri-culture, and his deputy, Clarence Bo-time. Germany should be stripped of lander, took part in the program. Ap-parently a report of a short early crop She must pay reparations in goods in Michigan and not reached Wash- and work to the nations she has inington. Mr. Figy telephoned the pros-pects of a reduced crop to WFA at low countries of Poland, she should be Washington, and asked a \$3.60 per required to give up comparable lands. cwt. ceiling for Michigan growers, In no way should Germany come out stating that he would send latest in-formation on the Michigan crop Au-War Food Administration has goods used in war. She should face a gust 3. said that the Michigan situation will United Nations prepared to put down be reviewed when data is received on by force any act of aggression. the August crop report. OPA has said that relief will be granted on Utley, a government devoted to the WFA recommendation.

Georgia Membership Now Exceeds 18.000

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time to get them.

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war and slave labor systems.

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but they will respect it.

The remedy, said Mr. Utley, is to By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR Briar Hill Farm, Carleton, Monroe Co. As I sat on the porch this afternoon our country takes its rightful place Utley pointed to German's ruthless up the road in the oat field, and once

program for reducing the manpower in a while the sound of a far away states producing early potatoes that of conquered nations as a preparation tractor. A little wren was singing her effective at once the ceiling to farm. for a third war. Hundreds of thous- best on the limb of a tree from which ers would be \$3.60 per cwt., on repre- ands of men have been slaughtered. her nest swung. Everything seemed so sentations made of drought damage. Family life is prevented for 2,000,000 quiet and calm and peaceful that one At the same time it reduced the Mich- young Frenchmen by the prisoner of could not help thinking for the moment that everything was all right

But it was only for a moment, for a bomber on a trial flight came over the house with its terrible roar. It recalled that peace is not here nor

We Must Meet

Conditions As They Are



MRS.WAGAR fore has the world been so small that with modern transportation almost any place could be reached in 48 ways of peace will rise in Germany. hours. So our thinking and our plan-The process of re-education might rening must of necessity be far differquire 20 years. They won't like it," ent than it has been. The other day I heard a group ex-

pression their opinions on bringing in German prisoners to help with our The army now publishes 23 military factory and canning work. Some were very much opposed. Now if we would only all convince

ourselves that things are never going to be just as they were, and that each of us must give a little and take a little in order to meet conditions as they are. By doing so, we could help tremendously in the war effort. I wish we could get ALL the Ger-

man prisoners over here. Under very rigid supervision, of course, and keep them here long enough so they can see for themselves that the American way of living for peace is much better than the atmosphere of war in they and their fathers and grandfathers have lived. Then when Germany is

of means for further planning for war, I'd send them back to help rehabili-tate the countries they have tried to destroy. They must be convinced that

JUNIOR FARM **BUREAU TO HAVE** THREE CAMPS **UNICO DUSTS** and

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ceive the attention of the campers.

the mechanics of a work shop. Mr.

direct the recreational leadership.

B. F. Hennink, director of the Jun-

ior Farm Bureau, will hold a confer-

ence with each county delegation of

campers for the purpose of correlating the camp work with the county pro-

gram. In addition to these staff mem-

bers will be Mrs. Clayton Klein, a

regular member of the staff; Mrs. B.

F. Hennink, in charge of the camp records. Richard Nelson, president

of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau,

will act as assistant director of the

camp. . Warren Dobson of the Farm

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soring young people to camp will

have active places in the program.

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to September 2, will be for two groups. The west side of the state will fill the camp for the first three days, and the east side of the state will fill the camp the last half of the week. To this camp will be sent the young people

We must not be talked out of these aims by politicians, labor leaders, greedy industrialists, or radical farm groups In the meantime, we should seal our from thoughtless chatter. It's ips just too bad that people do not try to hear all sides of a story before they speak. There'd be less grumb-ling about little things if all of us would stop and think before we speak. If we only realized how many more comforts and conveniences Americans

enjoy in comparison with any nation in the world, and how many less hours work is given in exchange for them action. Never be- I'm sure that we'd feel that none of fore have we had us has made a very big contribution men in service in as yet toward winning the war. Yesterday we dedicated an honor

roll in Monroe for the men and women of Monroe county now in service. It had more than 5,000 names. Other counties are doing the same thing Any place we go we cannot help but notice the lack of young people. We can more fully realize just what war means to France and England and Russia if we would ask ourselves, "What would it mean to the future of our country if none of these young folks came back?"

But for the determination of England and Russia, we would be much closer to the full concept of war in

this country than we are today. We all hope and pray that all our young people will come back. As a thank offering we should show helpfulness and generosity and good will to these other nations who have stood between us and the enemy until we could build our army and navy.

Sometimes it takes sickness or death or a fire, or an accident to bring neighbors to their better judgment so that they can live in the same community harmoniously.

Just so, out of this terrible conflict should come a discard of petty things and an understanding of good will and peace between our nations so that a world war can never happen again. If we put that goal above everything else, we can make it a reality.



1,712 Farm Bureau members in 109 Community Farm Bureaus in 36 coun-ties have been recorded so far in a "What's Your Opinion Survey" con ducted by the State Farm Bureau's membership and education division. Following are the questions asked and the percentage of YES votes re

Agi'l Adjustment Administration The following three guestions sug-gest a choice of one of three extreme

alternatives in regard to Triple-A: 1-Do you favor continuation of the AAA farm program exactly as at pres

ent? YES, 14%. 2-Do you favor continuation of AAA, but limit its activities to a minimum, retaining the framework of the aw for the nest war period?



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Million Farm Boys in Service About one million farm workers have been inducted into the armed forces since 1940 when the selective service

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The railroads were built. Frontiers were pushed back. The soaring increase in the value of land retained by the government far more than compen- sioners join with transportaated for the lands granted the

government has reaped an additional and ever-growing advantage from greatly reduced rates. Not alone from the few railroads which received land grants (about 9% of the trackage), but from competing roads as well.

Through these reductions alone the government has been repaid many, many times. At the rate of government shipping today, the deductions amount in a single year to just about twice the value of the grants when made.

Under present conditions, these land-grant deductions are both discriminating and unfair to shippers who do business with the government but who cannot use land-grant railroads.

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who are new to Junior Farm Bureau 55% or who have never been to camp be-3-Do you favor complete elimina-

The third week of camp is to be held tion of all phases of the AAA farm September 4 to 9 at Camp Grielick in program? YES, 31%. Grand Traverse county. The camp for this section of the state is a new The following three questions present controversial questions pertaining venture. It is designed to give the to AAA:

1-Do you favor election of the state northern part of the state the same AAA committee by AAA co-operators? opportunities for leadership training.

The program for the camps for 1944 has several innovations: The first week is a work shop to fill the needs sonnel and informatic 2-Do you favor the use of AAA personnel and information by other fedof the leaders and counselors of the Junior Farm Bureau. Problems of eral agencies, such as Office of Price Administration, War Food Adminis the Junior Farm Bureau, of Juniortration, Commodity Credit Corpora-Senior relationships, of program planning, and counseling are to retion, etc.? YES, 41%; NO, 59%. 3-Do you favor AAA's practice of

merchandising seeds, fertilizers, limestone, etc.? YES, 36% NO, 64%.

Use of State Funds The following questions suggest a choice of one of four alternatives with respect to state funds; 1-Do you favor having state taxes

Ray Sorensen, director of young peoemain at the same rate as at present, ple's work of the Iowa Farm Bureau and have the state hold as a post-war Federation, will direct a demonstra-tion in the art of team play; and Mrs. reserve all tax money in excess of exenditures? YES, 46%. Kermit Washburn of Paw Paw will

2-Do you favor reduction in state taxes from the present level to reduce state revenues in line with current expenditures? YES, 14%.

3-Do you favor maintaining present tax rates, but distribution of all money over current expenditures back to local government? YES, 17%.

4-Do you favor maintaining present tax rates, but distribution of a portion of the excess to local government, perhaps \$1,000,000 per month as recommended by the State Ass'n of Supervisors? YES, 23%.

Mail Army Xmas Parcels Overseas Sept. 15-Oct. 15

Christmas packages may be mailed to American soldiers serving overseas, without presentation of a request from the soldier, September 15 to October 15, which has been designated as Christmas mail month for soldiers overseas, the War Dep't said July 6. Christmas gift packages must be labeled "Christmas Parcel". Weight and size limits: 5 pounds in weight,

15 inches in length, and 36 inches in length and girth combined.

All articles must be well packed in strong boxes of metal, wood, solid fiber board, or strong double-faced corrugated fiber-board which is well wrapped in heavy paper and tied with strong twine. Addresses must be legible in typewriting or ink. Ad-

dress should show grade or rank, full name, army serial number, service organization or unit, the APO number in care of postmaster at port of embarkation through which the mail is routed. A similar address should be enclosed in the package. Postage must be fully prepaid at parcel post rates from post office where mailed to postmaster at port of embarkation.

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Our Legislative Program for 1944-45

FOUR

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

> By EUGENE A. SMALTZ Membership Relations and Education

ROLL CALL QUESTION-Name one problem in agriculture which state or national legislative action might solve.

Because of the constant development of the Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups and the improved functioning of the Action Committeemen, it is anticipated that the Farm Bureau membership will take an increasingly active part in developing the legislative program of the organization. This can be accomplished both by bringing such matters to the attention of the members and making it easy for them to turn their thoughts in this direction. Also, by emphasizing from time to time the very important part which legislative measures, state and national, play in influencing the price of every commodity and service which farmers buy or sell.

When we realize that in the price tag of every purchase or sale the impact and influence of a multiplicity of state and national statutes is reflected, we will all of us naturally take greater interest in what our lawmakers are doing both in Lansing and in Washington.

Frequently problems arise which relate only to a restricted area or a certain commodity. The folks living within this small community have only limited influence, but by bringing the matter to the attention of their state or national organization they can frequenly develop enough support to secure favorable action to assist them out of their difficulty. This merely illustrates the power of, and the necessity for, strong rural organizations to help farm folks secure favorable legislation.

Comparison of the resolutions of former years with the actual legislation which was enacted during the months immediately following is very significant and encouraging. It would hardly be expected that the program could be carried out 100% in any given year. There are normally several important items which are carried over and which we might regard as coming under the head of unfinished business.

It has been truthfully said that if at any previous time, by some miracle, the entire Farm Bureau state and national legislative program could have been put into effect completely, new problems would have arisen over night to have made the Farm Bureau's power and facilities necessary for their proper solution. Certainly that is true in hectic times like the present when conditions are in a constant state of fluctuation and transition. We require statesmanship of a high order from our leadership, and intelligence, diligent study and loyalty on the part of the members if the program of the Farm Bureau is to be adequate to cope with current conditions and if it is to be properly presented and promoted.

Other important economic groups have been announcing to the lawmakers that they are going to remember the votes of these officials when the next election comes along. In other words, they are announcing that they will reward their friends and punish those who have not voted in harmony with their program. Undoubtedly farm folks must adopt rather similar tactics. Thus, those public officials who have been sympathetic and helpful to our cause should be properly supported by us for re-election. By the same token, those office-holders who have thwarted and flaunted our desires are not entitled to our support and we should seek to replace them by men who would be responsive to our needs. This means that from now on it is going to be necessary for us as farm people to look beyond a candidate's party lable before we decide how our vote shall be cast.

What is to be included in the Farm Bureau's legislative program for the coming year is a definite responsibility of the membership. It has never before been as important as it is right now that you keep your state and national Farm Bureau officials advised as to your desires in regard to these problems.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What can be done to stimulate greater participation on the



part of individual Farm Bureau members in the development of the legislative program of their organization?

2. What legislation is most needed to help improve the conditions of the farm families in this community?

3. What amendments should the Farm Bureau promote to laws already on the statute books?

4. Do you think that it is just as important to follow closely the provisions and progress of legislation being promoted by other groups as it is to sponsor the measures which we are advocating?

5. Why it is important that we keep well informed as to the type of representation which we are receiving at Lansing and at Washington?

6. Should party loyalty, the pledge of the candidate or the record of the officeholder, with reference to measures in which we are especially interested govern our attitude toward candidates at election time?

EVERY CO-OP SHOULD CHECK TAX LAW POSITION

Changes in state and federal laws affecting farm co-operatives make it imperative that managements know and apply the requirements to operate within the law as a profit or a nonprofit type of co-operative, as the case may be, says Prof. Arthur Howland, Michigan State College extension economist. The requirements apply, said Mr.

Howland, to annual reports due dur-ing July or August at the Michigan Corporation and Securities Commission, and to the information returns and income tax reports to be filed with the Bureau of Internal Revenue. Mr. Howland said:

"Under Michigan law marketing and merchandising co-operatives are classified as profit type and non-profit

type. "The profit type of co-operative is one which either pays a limited dividend on its capital stock or membership stock, or which does not make a distribution of margins to non-members on the same basis as to stockholders or members.

"The non-profit co-operative does not pay dividends on its capital stock or membership stock. It distributes its margins to its patrons, whether they are members or non-members. 'Farmers non-profit co-operatives which claim federal income tax exemption on the ground that there is no income to tax should see that their by-laws should provide for: '1-Provision that the co-operative

intends to operate without profit. "2-Provision that the co-op must do a majority of its business with its own members.

"3-Provision that all or substantially all of the voting rights in the co-op must be held by agricultural producers who are patrons of the co-op. "4-Provision that the co-operative

intends to treat all patrons alike, whether they are members or nonmembers. "5-Provision that the members au-

thorize the co-operative to withhold from the proceeds of sales from their products, and to add to the cost of supplies purchased for them such amounts as are necessary to pay the operating expenses of the co-op, to provide for valuation reserves such as depreciation and bad debt losses, to pay interest upon indebtedness, and to withhold such additional amounts as may be necessary for further cap-

italization of the business. "6-Provision that at the close of the year amounts deducted in excess

of expenses, valuation reserves, interest on indebtedness shall be RETURN-ED to the patrons from whom they were deducted. Returns shall be on the basis of patronage. It is important to empasize that at no time does the money belong to the co-operative.

It belongs to the patrons.

patronage refunds by non-profit type co-ops, the amounts returned as such refunds are not income of the co-op and therefore are not subject to taxation Michigan's profit and non-profit type farm co-operatives should not

take it for granted that their corporate structure meets the present requirements of the law. They should make sure.

Prof. Howland said that the Michigan State College Economics department has prepared a standard form of provisions for the co-operative plan of operation which can be included in the by-laws of co-operatives, or be substituted for the co-operative plan now found in the by-laws of most cooperatives.

In addition, said Prof. Howland, managers and directors should make a careful study of the by-laws and mode of operations of their co-operative to make certain that they conform to state and federal statutory requirements for farm co-operatives

WHERE ARE WE **GOING? COMMUNITY** THEME FOR 44-45

The committee charged with de veloping the theme and topics for Michigan Community Farm Bureau discussion programs for the duration of the war, has announced that the theme for September, 1944, to August 1945, inclusive, will be "Where Are We Going."

Should the war come to a final de cision this year, as many well informed persons think it will, the question of where are we going from here is all important. The commit-tee consisted of J. H. Yaeger and Stanley Powell of the State Farm Bureau, and R. J. Baldwin, director of extension services at Michigan State College.

In other years the committee has selected one discussion topic for each month. This year it offiers two topics for the months October to April, inclusive. Community Groups may dis cuss one or both topics. Following are the discussion topics: September, 1944

"Our Community Goals and Plans for the Year." October

"Aims and Objectives of Co-operative Action." 1-Co-operation and the Indi-

vidual. 2-Function of Co-operative 'Business.

November

"Inter-Group Co-operation." 1-Goals of Other Occupational Groups.

2-Rural-Urban Relationship. December "State Legislative Program," or,

Rural Youth." 1-Study of State Farm Bureau

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-Provision that amounts withheld for capital purposes must be credited to patrons from whom it is withheld. A portion of this may be held as a capital reserve. The remainder may be issued as capital stock or in some other form of in-debtedness. In any event, the co-operative definitely must maintain records which will show by years and the belongs any persons to whom it amounts retained and held in the organization but belonging to the patrons.

"8-Provision should be made for repaying the amounts with held as cash funds become available for that purpose

"Profit type co-operatives may pay a limited dividend on their capital stock. Unless they obtain and qualify for exemption from filing federal income tax returns, they are subject to taxation upon net income in excess of the amounts they have returned as on whose business the amounts refunded were realized.

"From the standpoint of income tax exemption, it is immaterial whether a farmers' co-operative is organized upon a profit type or a non-profit type basis. The requirements for income tax exemption under federal laws are the same for both types. Their bylaws must make provision for the patronage refunds. If the by-laws of patronage refunds. If the by-laws of | In a freshly cut log, 25 to 75 per a profit type co-operative have pro- cent of the total weight is water.

Resolutions. 2-Developing Young Citizens.

January, 1945 "Nat'l Legislative Platform" or 'Farm Tenure."

1-Study of AFBF Resolutions. 2-Agriculture as a Way of Life. February

"Things Are Happening." 1-Study of 1945 Agr'l Outlook. 2-Comparison of World Wars I and II.

March "Rural Education."

1-Educational Needs in our Community.

2-The School in our Community. "Rural Health."

1-Health Conditions in our Community.

2-Health Programs. "Post War Agr'l Objectives and

Plans." June

"Post War Marketing and Distribution Plans." July "Post War Adjustments for Agricul-

ture.' August

"Picnic Month."



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