

Eaton Editor Appraises The Farm Bureau

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not so much a matter of urging favorable consideration for certain legislation as it is to see that offensive bills are detected and opposed early and actively.

THE LINK AND THE CHAIN

A little link in an enormous chain viewed its small size and often would complain.



"IT GIVES ME THAT 'UPSY DAISY' FEELIN'"

When this bull was born he was such a sad looking little guy they called him "Willie." ... Being from his best cow, the boss felt terrible.

Let Us Resolve to Be More Careful in 1945

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR, Briar Hill Farm, Carleton, Monroe Co. Let's have one universal resolution for 1945, and let's use our utmost to carry it thru the year.

Resolved that I will be more careful in my everyday living and thus help to prevent accidents. How about fire? Are we certain that the stoves, pipes, furnaces and chimneys are as safe as they can be made?

Then there's the kicking horse, or the kicking cow, or the unsafe bull, or any other animal that is a menace. It's better to be without and be safe than with and in fear.

JUNIOR STATE OFFICERS MEET

By MISS BETTY LOOMAN, State Publicity Chairman, Juniors, Holland R-2, Michigan. The state officers and directors had their first board meeting at district officers meeting.

"We are going forward in the county, state, and nation by means of a balanced growth through programs of education, creation, and public relations."

The first job of the regional director is to prepare and call a district officers meeting. By doing so, he will: (1) Establish the director's leadership in his counties; (2) endeavor to put his counties to work on some gainful project.

About 60 Juniors officers from the southwestern Michigan attended the camp. Eighteen came from Muskegon, Lenawee, Shiawassee, and Genesee counties.

Staff members at the camp included Mr. and Mrs. Fischer. Mr. Fischer teaches agriculture at Augusta is chairman of the camp committee.

C. L. Brody, of the Michigan Farm Bureau spoke to the group; H. B. Masters of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation spoke on the challenge of rural education; Dr. Prophet of Michigan State College conducted a session on geography and the news.

Regional Meetings. The Junior Farm Bureau officers are to be plenty busy in the next two weeks with twelve regional meetings.

What Is Farm Bureau? It's a National General Farm Organization. National—it is in 45 states and Puerto Rico, and is in over 1800 counties and 16,000 townships.

General—it represents all of Agriculture—North, East, West and South. Farm—only Farmers can join with the right to vote and to hold office.

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might have happened. One careless man on a job at that kind can bring about much misery for an entire neighborhood.

The polished floor, the waxed linoleum, and the loose rug have caused many a painful fall. The cellar stair without a railing, the wobbly outside step, the unsafe stepladder are everyday things that can be easily corrected and perhaps save a broken limb and much expense.

Electricity is one of the greatest conveniences granted the modern housewife, but it calls for judgment in using it. When an appliance shows any indication of not working right, have it looked after at once.

Let's keep in mind the many precautions we've heard about safety. Let's dress for our job. Let's obey traffic laws. Let's play safe at play.

When we hear that over 4,000,000 people were injured in this nation last year and over 30,000 killed, and there was a loss of about \$100,000,000 by fire, it seems high time that we make a determined effort to reduce these appalling figures.

DEPUTATION TEAMS ARE NEW

The whole Farm Bureau program is likely to feel the effect of a new idea that is developing in Junior Farm Bureau. The young people of Junior Farm Bureau are rapidly developing what they choose to call "deputation teams".

At the recent winter camp, the campers accepted a challenge to drill themselves in five-man teams to handle specific problems and situations of near-by senior community groups and Junior Farm Bureau groups.

The deputation team is quite different from a panel discussion team. State Director B. F. Hennink said: "The panel discussion team usually takes some broad subject and without any particular preparation, discusses that subject, laying various phases of it before the audience."

"A deputation team, however, knows what the problem is in the group to which it goes. The team is assigned the job of solving the problem or situation. It is trained in methods and means of solving the problem."

"In another situation a senior Community Farm Bureau was about ready to fold up. There was a specific problem of rebuilding interest in that Community Farm Bureau. A group of young people were assigned to accomplish this in a meeting."

News From Junior Farm Bureau. Calhoun—The Junior Farm Bureau sponsored a Junior-Senior New Year's party. The cooperation with the Seniors was very good last year and is expected to be still better in 1945.

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AGENTS WANTED. The Insurance Department of the Michigan State Farm Bureau has many openings for agents to represent the State Farm Insurance Companies in Michigan.

Ralph Baker was host at a Christmas party on December 30. Mason—The Juniors held a Christmas party in the Scottville community hall.

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souvenirs from service men and told about them—briefly. Lieutenant Colonel Wheeler gave a fine talk on military service. Ingham—The Wheatfield Group presented a skit and led singing at a special meeting of the Seniors.

make better communities. On December 20, forty orphans were guests at a Christmas party. Santa Claus made an appearance with gifts for the children. Ionia—At a meeting in early December, the group discussed methods of raising money to sponsor campers to summer camp.

1945 A good year to be alive! It will be a good year because: 1—We have progressed in co-operative thinking. 2—We have become accustomed to the fact that we can't have everything. 3—We are learning that success is not 100% a matter of dollars and cents.

Let us continue to THINK and act co-operatively in this Happy New Year

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