40,000 FARM BUREAU MEMBERS OUR GOAL FOR MICHIGAN



EDITORIAL

Kind Words

What silences we keep year after year, With those who are near to us and dear; We live beside each other day by day And speak of myriad things, but seldom say The full, sweet word that lies within our reach Beneath the common ground of common speech. Then, out of sight and out of reach they go, These dear, familiar friends who loved us so, And sitting in the shadows they have left, Alone with loneliness and sore bereft, We think with vain regret of some kind word That once we might have said and they have heard. -James Russell Lowell.

Membership Campaigns Under Way

Several thousand Farm Bureau members-all volunteer workershave begun their 1945 Roll Call of neighbors for membership in the County Farm Bureau, the Michigan Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau Federation.

They are seeking a net gain of 10,000 members in 1945. Their goal is 40,000 members or more by March 31. If they make it, this will be the third straight year in which gains of nearly 10,000 new members have been registered.

The 1945 Roll Call for membership will be conducted during December, January, February and early March. It is proceeding behind the largest advertising campaign in the history of the Michigan Farm Bureau. So far. 35 out of 50 County Farm Bureaus have arranged for the publication of 128 four cols by 12 inch and 219 three cols by 10 inch Farm Bureau membership newspaper ads such as you see in this edition of the Farm News. These advertisements are appear-

ing in the weekly and daily newspapers of the counties, in the two or three weeks preceding the membership campaigns. All other mechanics of the membership campaign have been prepared with a thoroughness that 'inspires confidence in the outcome.

Allegan County Farm Bureau is the first to make a report, with 742 paid up members so far for 1945. Northern Michigan County Farm Bureaus of Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Newaygo, Northwest Michigan (Grand Traverse and Leelanau) held their campaigns in late December to get ahead of the snow. This is one of the years they didn't quite make it. We have no reports from those counties.

We present below the remaining counties and the dates when their membership workers will conduct the canvass to win new members and continue present memberships: These dates are subject to change dictated by weather conditions:

Allegan-Ends Mar. 10	Ingham-Jan. 23-25	Montcalm-+*
Barry-Feb. 13-17	Ionia-Jan. 17-20	Muskegon-Jan. 16-20
Bay-Jan. 24-27	Isabella-*	Oakland-Jan. 23-27
Berrien-Feb. 13-20	Jackson-Feb. 6-10	Oceana-Jan. 23-26
Branch-Feb. 2nd wk.	Kalamazoo-Feb. 5-10	Ottawa-Jan. 22-27
Calhoun-Feb. 12-17	Kent-Jan. 15-20	Saginaw-Jan. 4-7
Cass-Feb. 5-10	Lapeer-Feb-*	Sanilac-Jan. 16-20
Clinton-Jan. 16-20	Lenawee-Jan. 15-20	Shiawassee-Feb. 5-9
Eaton-Jan. 16-20	Livingston-Jan. 17-20	St. Clair-Jan. 29-31
Genesee-Jan. 17-20	Macomb-Jan. 25-28	St. Joseph-Jan. 22-27
Gratiot-Jan. 24-27	Mecosta-Feb. 1	Tuscola-Jan. 23-25
Hillsdale-Jan. 24-27	Midland-e	Van Buren-Jan. 15-20
Huron-Feb. 7	Monroe-*	Washtenaw-Jan. 9-13

"Indicates dates not set yet.

Take Winter Delivery of Fertilizers

Farm Bureau Services, Inc., and everyone connected with the fertilizer industry are urging farmers to order NOW the fertilizers they want next spring, and to take delivery from the dealer during the winter months.

This system was employed successfully in the winter of 1944 to assure farmers delivery of fertilizer. The transportation, materials, labor and storage shortages which made that step advisable last year are much more critical this year. Demand for fertilizer is likely to be greater than for spring of 1944-the largest demand and delivery on record.

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Farm Bureau on **Post-War Prosperity**

Prosperous, Employed Nation Can Retire Debt; War Has Shown Productive Capacity; Time to Start Planning

The American Farm Bureau Federation has called upon leaders in agriculture, industry and labor to formulate policies in 1945 that will assure continued large-scale production of the products of agriculture and industry after the war and their inter-change on a basis of true economic balance.

This action was taken at the 26th annual convention of the national Farm Bureau at Chicago, Dec. 12-14, the largest annual meeting in the organization's history. It was announced that the membership in 45 states and Puerto Rico had reached a total of 828,486 as of Nov. 30, 1944. The Farm Bureau is working for 1,000,000 farm families as members by November of 1945.

"The postwar national debt", said the Farm Bureau, "may reach 300 billion dollars. The principal and interest can be retired only by a prosperous nation with, full production and employment in industry and agriculture. The war has demonstrated that this nation has a vast productive capacity which can be used to supply our peacetime wants if only we have the foresight and ability to adjust our economy in such a manner that will permit our productive capacity to function.

The 4,000 delegates and members at the convention adopted resolutions of Farm Bureau policy concerning the importance of a prosperous agriculture to the national welfare, the national farm program, agriculture in international trade, international co-operation, farm credit, agricultural development, federal tax program, price control and other matters dealing with the future well being of the nation and its agriculture.

The importance of a strong Farm Bureau organization was discussed by President Edward A. O'Neal. "Because other groups, particularily labor," Mr. O'Neal said, "have become strongly organized, and because Government has assumed such a large role in our economic affairs, it is a certainty that our national policies in the future will be arrived at through sort of a collective bargaining process between groups. That makes it more necessary than ever before for farmers to build their organizations beyond their present strength."

Michigan had 180 persons at the convention. They represented the Michigan Farm Bureau, many County Farm Bureaus and the Junior Farm Bureau. In the awards for County Farm Bureaus having made their goals in 1944 in the AFBF "Million Member" contest, 23 Michigan counties were honored.

Clarence J. Reid, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, served as a member of the national resolutions committee. Mrs. Edith M. Wagar of Carleton was a member of the resolutions committee for the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau

American Farm Bureau Resolutions

for the establishment and mainten-

ance of a standard of regular wages

economic equality by organized

modities and price supports (3) con-

Marketing Agreements Act of 1937;

fair share of world markets (5) fore-

going programs should be carried out

ing, new agr'l products, reduction of

mic balance.

fore .

Following is a summary of actions recommended to American Farm Bureau officials as the program of the national organization for 1945, as set forth by resolutions adopted by 4,000 delegates and members at the 26th annual convention at Chicago, Dec. 12-14:

Democracy and Economic Balance- | International Trade-Our domestic We appeal to the leaders in other groups of agriculture and to recognize commodities produced in this Nation, ed leaders in labor and industry to and must be preserved on the basis join a series of conferences in 1945. of efficient, abundant production; but necessary for the establishment and production and full employment are maintenance of policies designed to to be obtained in this nation during post-war period. We cannot sell products of both agriculture and in- surpluses abroad unless we are willing dustry, and for their interchange on to buy from other countries.



leaders in the government, business, and labor are considering policies affecting prices, wages, taxes and related matters? How much can you do alone?

The Farm Bureau brings to bear on questions national policy the conclusions and influence of 700,000 farm families who are members of 46 state Farm Bureau organizations. State and local Farm Bureaus are active on matters within their fields.

YOU CAN HELP YOURSELF by joining the Farm Bureau or by continuing your membership. Family membership is \$5 per year.

YOUR COUNTY FARM BUREAU Michigan Farm Bureau American Farm Bureau Federation **Roll Call for Memberships Starts Soon**

ELBA-HADLEY, Lapeer-The Jun-

MAPLEVILLE, Antrim-Subject dis-

ing and better cooperation.

in

Community Farm Bureau

It was agreed that advertising the Michigan potato should pay big divi-dends value of advertising was discussed. dends. NEWARK, Gratiot-Program by 1945 WOOL CLIP

To manufacture and deliver the greatest amount of fertilizer and to take care of the most farmers properly under present conditions. fertilizer manufacturers must ship much of their products during January and February. Farmers elevators and other dealers simply do not have sufficient storage room to take all the fertilizer now. when it should be moved into local communities. We don't know what transportation and priorities for transportation may be by spring.

Therefore, if farmers will do as so many of them did last winter -order fertilizer now and take delivery during the winter months, they'll be sure to have it. It's a good contribution to the war effort

Fertilizer manufacturers say that farm storage of commercial fertilizer is safe and practical in every respect in winter if a few simple precautions are taken. Mixed fertilizer should be stored on the farm in a dry, floored, weather-proof building. If the storage has no floor, build a raised platform for the fertilizer. Fertilizer should be stored in sacks as it comes from the manufacturer. Do not pile more than 8 to 10 sacks deep.

Time Change Before the Legislature

Senator Elmer Porter of Blissfield has announced that he will introduce a bill in the legislature January 8 to repeal the local option provision of the law providing eastern war time for Michigan. The effect would be to place the entire state on slow time. The law now allows cities and other local governing bodies to fix eastern war time as their legal time standard. Many rural communities operate on slow time. Others, whose preference is for slow time, feel compelled to use eastern war time because of the influence of a nearby city.

All of western Michigan, including Grand Rapids, has been operating on slow time for many months. Senator Porter said that all of Indiana and Ohio have returned to slow time.

In November the Michigan State Farm Bureau annual meeting adopted a resolution urging the American Farm Bureau to do its utmost to secure repeal of the Federal daylight saving time law. The Farm Bureau said that the time situation was especially aggravated for Michigan farmers because the state had previously advanced its time schedule by adopting eastern standard time.

Notice to County Secretaries

ship relations dep't at Lansing as soon | route numbers are important! as possible? The new memberships have to be recorded and cleared fice before Farm News gets them. proper places in the newspaper mail- of Magellan.

but by railway postal routings out of Charlotte to reach all parts of the lower peninsula. We should have We want your new members to re- names for the February edition by the ceive their monthly Michigan Farm middle of January, and so on. We can News the next edition, if possible. To handle a great many names if we have that end, when your Roll Call for them to work on every day, but we 1945 has been completed, will you can't handle them all at once. Counplease make your membership report ties with December and early Januto the Michigan Farm Bureau member- ary Roll Calls should act now. Rural

Another long and important link through the membership relations of- on the Pan American highway is in Then we must make Farm News ad- Peru; when completed the highway dressing stencils and put them in their will extend from Alaska to the Straits situation was discussed. Comparison should be encouraged to follow the

Activities By EUGENE A. SMALTZ Membership Relations & Education

CHESANING, Saginaw-We plan to asked us to help the young in their discussion. projects and told us of the plans for

Fair Grounds. All farm groups are "Farm Co-operatives",

LAWRENCE, Van Buren-Mr. Hag- ple's opinion be made; find out what ing reports will be made on operations perg told of the members themselves is being done by other co-ops, that the of the Ass'n the past year. The purraising the membership goal for the co-op be controlled more by local chase program for 1945 will be discussstate for 1945 from 30,000 to 40,000 people instead of being run by lead- ed. Members and other wool producinstead of from 30,000 to 35,000 as ers too far away, perhaps some state ers attending the meeting will be suggested by the state office. Van laws be made to standardize co-ops guests of the Ass'n at luncheon in the Buren county has 934 members, will so farmers would feel safer. Some Union Memorial building dining room co-ops have been failures, others fine at noon.

those in urban sections of the view. Bureau Red Cross Clubmobile which selves and fellow producer members. churches uniting in conducting union soldiers on the Italian battle front. services is a step in the right direc-

CLARKSTON, Oakland-In the dis- tennis court and skating rink. cussion of inter-group relations, the ior Farm Bureau has invited us to a short comings of the early Farm Bu-Nite-Club party at the Lapeer Gym reau, the problem of adjusting veterans to farming, insubordination of on January 12th. January 9th, tickets labor in support of the armed forces. will be offered for sale. and the individual organizations seekcussed was the State Legislative Plating solutions to their problems withform. The Resolutions regarding poout regard for other groups illustrates tatoes were discussed. It was explainthe need for co-odinated action of all ed how potatoes are graded and go on groups in the best interests of all the markets. For better potatoes we

concerned BATAVIA TOWNSHIP, Branch-The "Hard Times" party held to stirup more interest and larger turnouts for our discussion group meetings, went over with a "bang". 125 came.

Twenty from the Matteson group were there. We had the Nowak orchestra from Bronson, and after dancing for a short time we had the Matteson guests introduce themselves and in turn our group introduced themselves. Mrs. John Frost and Floyd Branker won the prize for being dressed the

'hardest SAGINAW-KOCHVILLE, Saginawgavel was given by the Michigan more successful in keeping youth in Farm Bureau to our club group for agriculture if there was more money carrying out the best organized program of the year.

introduced Harold McJilton their song

The Michigan Co-operative Wool leader who directed group singing. Marketing Ass'n says that the Federal a basis of true economic balance. Also Carol McCallum was at the piano. ALBION No. 1, Calhoun-Fred Kin- government will purchase the 1945 ney a Junior told of the plans of the wool clip through the Commodity

aid 4-H youth. Herbert Schmeige, 4-H Juniors to attend meeting of all the Credit Corporation. The ceiling price for workers on such a basis of econoleader, spoke on "Better Co-operation Farm Bureau groups in the county and regulations will be practically the With Our 4-H Boys and Girls". He during the month to assist in the same as in 1943 and 1944. The same ceiling price will be paid on the vari-

CHIPPEWA-UNION, Isabella-Dur- ous grades this year as last year. a new 4-H home at Saginaw County ing the course of our discussion on The Wool Marketing Ass'n will hold there were its annual meeting, Thursday, Feb. 1 to have the use of the building. We both compliments and criticisms. Sug- at Michigan State College, during plan to have names on all mail boxes. gestions: That a survey of local peo- Farmers Week. At the annual meet-

ELK-RIVERSIDE, Huron-Rural and helpful to their farmers. Mrs. The Ass'n enables producers to marurban relations might be improved by Lange said that the County Farm Bu- ket their fleeces on a graded basis, and a better understanding on the part of reau had given \$30 to the Farm to enjoy the volume afforded by thempoint of the farmer. Rural and urban serves coffee and doughnuts, etc., to Sales are made through the National Wool Marketing Corporation at Bos-GOLDEN, Oceana-This club will ton, sales agent for 26 farmer owned promote these projects for youth, a state wool marketing ass'ns.

Officers of the Ass'n are: Forrest D. King, Charlotte, president; Fred Knoblauch, Blissfield, vice-president, tor to a continuous prosperity for Paul Finnegan of Jackson is manager. The Ass'n office and warehouse is at 506 North Mechanic St., Jackson,

Notice to Roll Call Membership Workers

should plant them early enough so Be sure when signing new members they don't go to markets green. The for the Farm Bureau to write the RFD potato grower should be the judge number on the membership applica-

of when to plant. SODUS, Berrien—Harold Stienke tion. If the signature is rather hard to read, print the name somewhere on om the Junior Farm Bureau asked the application. ALL membership this club to sponsor two winter camprecords, county and state, and the ers at \$7 per camper. We did so. Michigan Farm News address, are UNIONVILLE, Tucsola - It was taken from what is written on that agreed that: Urban and rural people membership agreement. It's bad for should become better acquainted with the Farm Bureau for the new memeach other by holding meetings and ber to have his name come back to him discussing their respective problems. mis-spelled because someone not famthus creating a greater understandiliar with the signature mistook an "i" for an "e" or an "a" for an "o", QUAILTRAP, Barry-We would be etc. Furthermore, the postoffice regulations for publications distributed by mail require that newspapers and WEST COLUMBIA, Ingham-"Keepdress or RFD number to insure de- production, plant and animal breedlivery.

costs of distribution (7) consumers Non-residents of Michigan cannot fish through the ice of inland lakes of these programs and producers must all farmers and rural areas should be Branch, St. Joseph. Van Buren, Cass, be protected gainst losses due to given full consideration, with oppor-

International Co-operation - We ecommend co-operation with other nations along these lines: (1) A general international organization maintaining world peace; (2) inter-

National Welfare & Prosperous Agnational co-operation on monetary riculture-A stablized prosperous agriprograms; (3) international food and culture is essential to the maintenagriculture organization. ance of a prosperous nation. Rural

Federal Tax Program-For full pro-America offers a vast potential marduction and full employment in the ket for the mass production of inpost-war period, the national tax produstry. Nearly one-fourth of the gram must encourage individuals to population lives on farms. Another greatly expand business activity un-21% lives in rural America and perder a system of private enterprise. forms services for farmers. Those It should not be used as a means of people are directly dependent upon social reform. Personal income tax the production and buying power of should be the major source of revenagriculture. Agriculture is the naue for the Federal government.

tion's greatest producer of new The Farm Bureau will continue to wealth. Capital invested in agriculsupport the right of income tax exure exceeds the investments in all emption to those farmer co-operatives railroads, all utilities, and corporawhich do business with farmer memtions in trade. Agriculture employes bers and otherwise comply with the as many workers as all manufactur- restriction of the exemption Dro ing industries. The farmer spends a visions of the present law. The Farm greater proportion of his income for Bureau will also continue to support the products of heavy industries than the right of non-exempt farmer co-ops does any other segment of the poputo make distribution of their marlation. The demands of farmers for gins or savings to members without industrial products and services are subjecting such co-ops to taxation on the greatest single contributing facpatronage refunds so distributed.

Monetary Control-Price Stabiliza all segments of our economy. Theretion-Agriculture is most seriously the national well being re- injured by a widely fluctuating price quires policies and relationships to level. A co-ordinated, well-conceived. assure a fair exchange value for the well administered Federal monetary products of industry and agriculture. and fiscal program can do much to National Farm Program-The na- stabilize the general price level and ional farm program is the outgrowth encourage satisfactory production and of basic laws enacted by Congress as distribution. the result of 25 years struggle for

Inflation and Price Control-We reiterate that any plan to control infarmers. The American Farm Bureau flation must be equitably applied to played a leading part in getting these industrial prices, farm commodity prices, and wages

laws enacted. . . We insist on the following basic measures: (1) Retention and strengthening of the improvement of the farm credit Farm Credit-We recommend for Agricultural Adjustment Act and system: (1) That all federal farm related measures (2) continuation of credit agencies be placed under the mandatory loan rates on basic com- direction of a single independent national policy-making-bi-partisan board tinuation and strengthening of Agr'l (2) That various Farm Credit Administration agencies be made fully co-(4) adoption of positive, effective operative, farmer-owned and controllpolicy and program for regaining our

Rural Electrification-One of the greatest boons to better country livto enable farmers to obtain parity ing has been rural electrification. prices in the market place (6) con- Further extension of electric service magazines carry complete street ad- tinue work for improved methods of to rural areas should be pushed with renewed energy as men and materials become available.

Surplus Property-In disposal o are protected against scarcity in surplus government property needs of (Continued on Page Two

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

were of the opinion that although a

youth is reared in a farm, he may not

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ing system, which is not by counties

READING, Hillsdale-Lora Carpen- ing Youth in the Farm" provided a ter represented the Junior Farm Bu- spirited discussion. Most members reau and gave a report on their pro-

CRYSTAL, Oceana-Our potato be best fitted for farm work. Then he was made with the Idaho potato. The



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Community Farm Bureau Activities

(Continued from page 1.) vocation of his choice. One member expressed his belief that after the war more young men than ever before would seek farming. This was challenged

AETNA NO. 1, Mecosta-Keeping the young folks interested in farming was the chief topic. Young folks must be given some inducement to make them interested in farming if they are expected to stay on the farm. MONTCALM, Montcalm-Held a

very lively discussion on potato grading laws and difficulties. Agreed that the group send a protest to our state representative and senator regarding present laws COUNTY LINE, Leelanau-We received a check for \$5 from the Tra-

verse City Farmers Co-operative for having the third most number members present at the co-op's annual meeting.

WESTERN ALLEGAN, Allegan-1944 American Farm Bureau Federation's annual meeting was the largest convention ever held by the Federation, 4,000 people attended; 45 states were represented; 180 from Michigan tain number of veterans can and even far off Vermont sent 70. and Members were enthusiastic. Southern states reported large gains in membership. signed 700 new members in 1944. Goal set for 1945 membership is 1,000,000 families.

Walter Wightman took charge of discussion. Two groups, one of men and one of women, were formed. Wo- pulsory military training as now men discussed "Co-operation between Urban and Rural groups." Conclusion was that rural groups were willing eral aid to the states for construction homes and it is up to us to help un- ty CommFB, \$3.51; Louise McNally they are not interested in rural insist that such funds be based upon problems. P. T. A.'s composed of par- justificable highway needs; that wife of both city and country from might help.

Men discussed "Pressure Groups." for apportionment to funds to the Decided they are growing stronger and more selfish all the time and should be curbed. Farm production and value of farm land,-conclusion was that in spite of less help and less machinery, farm production has indue largely to machinery creased,

which was available. This raised the question as to what the results will be during the next ten years when machinery will reach its peak. Price of farm land-it seems to be danger-ously near inflation now. Tariff and exchange of goods with other nations -conclusion was that there must be free exchange for the country to be

prosperous. NORTHWEST OSHTEMO, Kalamazoo-Motion made that we call to the farmers to enable them to meet proattention of those responsible in planning the Michigan Farm Bureau Convention, that enough time is not al facilities are excellent forms of given the delegates to examine the resolutions and that we suggest that all resolutions be published and in the hands of the delegates 30 days prior to the convention and that no resolution be made from the floor. This in the interest of more intelli-

er to attend one of our meetings to get his point of view. At our November meeting we had an instructive report from the delegate who attended the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meet-

Reports were given to many groups members who went to Chicago to the American Farm Bureau Federa-

tion convention. Christmas parties were held by

groups in December. EAST ORLEANS, Ionia-Group hos pitalization was tabled at our last meeting. Not enough subscribers. Each Community group has been asked to be responsible for collections of dues and enrolling new members for the Farm Bureau. After seeing a motion picture on soil erosion having a discussion on the subject, we adopted a resolution for Farm Bureau sup

port of a · soil conservation district for Ionia county. American Farm Bureau

Resolutions

(Continued from page 1.) tunity to buy at fair prices. Specula-tive activities should be prohibited. Veterans and Agriculture-A cershould be taken into agriculture. It is One count in Mississippi port local advisory committees and urge their use.

Military Training-We favor continuation and expansion of military training as part of our educational system, but not a program of combeing publicly advocated.

Roads-We continue to favor Fedstates match Federal funds on a 50-

state be preserved; that greatest emphasis he given to all-weather, lowcost farm-to-market roads which will connect with Federal and state highways. Mineral Resources - Largest de-

posits of phosphate and potash are front. The money had been raised by remote from farming areas with women of the Farm Bureau during greatest need. We ask the American Farm Bureau to take action to protect, improve and increase the supply of mineral fertilizers drawn from large deposits in Florida and western states. The deposits in Tennessee are nearing exhaustion.

Farm Machinery and Supplies-Adequate farm machinery, repairs, and supplies must be made available to

duction goals. War Memorials-Health and hospitmemorials. We urge State and County Farm Bureaus to use their influence in this direction.

Membership Achievements - We commend State and County Farm Bureaus for their accomplishments in membership building in 1944.



Bureaus

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

There is one I hold dear; There is one I opine is immense.

By cracky, there's one I can see. Without any doubt They are going all out; All out to help us, to help me.

I refer to the County Farm Bureau.

State-wide in their aim and their pro-

To help us to help one another, To train us to work as a team To fight with a smile For objectives worth while. Oh, The Bureau is right on the beam.

ideals depends to a great degree upon

a high standard of public schools.

The need for improving rural school

facilities was set forth together with

in aid to supplement state and local

funds. Other resolutions pledged support to rural library and rural

health progress, safety progress, and

the organization of farm families in

the Farm Bureau. It was suggested

that more attention be given to Farm

Bureau youth activities, to 4-H clubs,

Future Farmers of America, and other

Our Clubmobile Serves

Mrs. Ray Neikirk, of St. Louis, di-

rector of the Associated Women of the

nuts to American soldiers in the front

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Morkey, \$2

Previous contributors are:

Augusta

Wheatfield, Saginaw county,

Community

Township

Bethany CommFB, Mrs. Howard

Total \$114.81. Contributions may be

youth activities.

Soldiers in Italy

a recommendation for Federal grants

R. S. Clark 315 North Grinnell Street Jackson, Michigan,

gram, Without any gimeracks or fuss, They work and they plan For the plain common man, They're out to help me, to help us.

I've heard there are hundreds of Bureaus, That people the Washington scene. Their aims are erratic, Their names alphabetic, Their ethics both dirty and clean.

They thrive on statistics and flub-

dub. They spend like a gob on a spree They ride pic-a-pac On the taxpayers' back Like Sinbad's old man of the sea.

They multiply faster than rabbits, mushrooms that sprout in the sun, foggy objectives, by broadcast directives, y spawn questionnaires by the that sprout in the sun.

I'd say we are far over-bureaued, To speak in a national sense. But locally here

Associated Women

The annual meeting of the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau Federation held in Chicago on December 9th and 10th was a great inspiration to those of us who were

ortunate enough to attend. The meeting opened on Sunday with a luncheon for the voting delegates at which time the founders of the Associated Women gave short talks on the progress of the organization during the past twenty years. Our own Mrs. Edith Wagar of Carle-

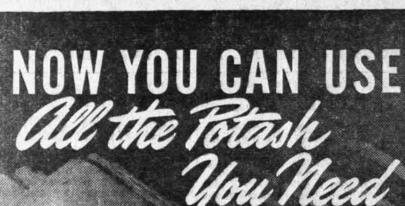
on. Michigan acquitted herself in fine fashion in this respect. At this luncheon it was pointed out that the Associated Farm Women of Farm Bureau, has reported additional the World, the organization with contributions to the American Farm whom the Associated Women of the Bureau sponsored Red Cross Club-American Farm Bureau now has a mobile unit serving coffee and dough-

membership of 880,000. This brought home to the Mich- line areas of Italy, as follows: igan women attending the conference a thing we had been thinking for Mrs. Anthony Ege, Mt. Pleasant, \$10: sometime. That the farm wives of Mrs. Guy H. Kanter for Woodland the nation are interested in the pro- Barry county CommFB, \$10; June C. blems confronting their business and Smith for Williamston Ingham Coun-

but city groups will not cooperate as of a national system of highways. We derstand and to help solve these for Mrs. Mark Clark, CommFB, \$5. wife of General Clark, commander of the Fifth army in Italy, showed 50 basis; that the historic formula pictures sent to her by her husband. CommFB \$22.75, both sent by Mrs. A. At the Monday evening meeting the H. Amrhein; Climax CommFB, Mrs. Red Cross was presented with \$17,000 to finance for another year the Club- Garrett, \$5; Southwest Oakland fewer than half of the hides would be mobile given by the Associated CommFB, Mrs. Chas. Pittenger, \$14.-Women of the Farm Bureau. It has been serving coffee and doughnuts \$2; Shiawassee Farm Bureau Women, to American soldier on the Italian Mrs. Wm. Sherman, \$3; Oregon CommFB, Mrs. Ralph Grossbauer, \$5

> the past year. Resolutions adopted said that reigious forces must be willing to work together for making faith in God the R-1. common denominator in world recon-

truction. Greater emphasis must be placed upon the work of the rural a pasture practice-it injures desirchurch. sized that the fulfillment of American ground exposed to erosion.



JANUARY 8-13

Confronted with such post-war prob- in New England. lems as production control, pricing, and reconversion, delegates form 48 Robbins, associate professor of foresstates will gather at the Edgewater try of Michigan State college, and Beach Hotel, Jan. S-13 for the 17th annual meeting of the National Coun-dent of the New Hampshire Maple cil of Farmer Co-operatives.

A key speaker will be J. B. Hutson, who has just been appointed agricultural comander-in-chief in the office of War Mobilization Director Byrnes. Friday, Jan. 12, will see Council delegates working full blast on reports

various standing committees from which list as members such national figures as Charles C. Teague, Santa Paula, Calif., president of the California Fruit Growers Exchange (Sunkist Oranges); P. O. Wilson, Chicago, III., National Live Stock Producers Ass'n; Ezra T. Benson, Salt Lake City, Utah, member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon); Karl D. Loos, Washing-ton, D. C., a senior partner in the law firm of Pope, Ballard and Loos; W. G. Wysor, Richmond, Va., general manager of Southern States Co-opera-tive, Inc.; Clyde C. Edmonds, Salt Lake City, Utah, vice president of the Council and general manager of the Utah Poultry Producers Co-operative Ass'n; and Harry B. Caldwell, Greens boro, N. C., Master of the North Carolina State Grange.

The National Council now repre-sents approximately 2,500,000 farmer memberships grouped into more than 4,500 co-operative associations. Davis forecast that the annual meeting will

lay heavy stress on postwar plans. C. L. Brody and B. A. Rainey will represent Farm Bureau Services, Inc., at the Co-op Council convention. Mr. Brody is chairman of its national transportation committee, and is a member of its national committee on farm production supplies.

Hunters Asked To Sell Deer Hides

An appeal to hunters to see that their deer hides are turned into regular commercial channels is made by the conservation department.

Deer skin is needed for use in make ing aviators' jackets and other cloth ing. All that is necessary for the ing. hunter to do is to send deer skin to a hide tanner, who will pay him for it While between 40,000 and 50,00

Farm Bureau \$20, and South Ypsilanti bucks are normally shot in Michigan during the November hunting season the department estimated that usually salvaged for tanning. The rest are dis carded when the deer is skinned. 5; Leslie CommFB, Mrs. Sheathelin,

New Regulations For Ice Fishermen

Krick, \$10; Mrs. Edith M. Wagar \$2. Ice fishermen who are readying shelters to be placed on lakes, ponds sent to Mrs. Ray Neikirk, St. Louis or streams whenever the weatherman gives them a break are reminded by the conservation department of some

Burning off weeds is condemned as changes in regulations. Most important is one that require pon the work of the rural a pasture practice in induces press. Most important is discussed in the solution empha-Another resolution empha-able grass plants, mulch, and leaves that all structures and shelters placed on the ice shall be identified with the name and address of the owner, placed on the outside in leters not less than two inches high. Structures must be removed also before ice conditions be ome unsafe.

Failure to identify, or to identify neorrectly ownership of such struc ures, or to remove them as required. are violations and sufficient cause for prosecution.

Michigan Syrup **Tops All Others**

A sample of Michigan syrup carried away first place among entries from all maple producing states at the recently held Plymouth Fair in New lots. Hampshire, rated as the greatest livestock show and agricultural fair

The sample was secured from P. W. Syrup Producers' Association.

Produced and selected at random culture estimates. from the second run of sap, the syrup was finished over a fire arch evaporator, canned and sealed at the matches, and a single match can deforestry sugar bush on the college farm at farm property.



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MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1945

East Lansing. Flavor, color, density, clarity and appearance of the package were considered in the selection of

award winners by the judges. Professor Robbins believes that Michigan farmers have a fine opportunity to profit from their maple wood He has noted a considerable upswing in maple syrup production in Michigan.

Tractor vs. Horse

Far from being crowded off farms, according to U. S. department of agri-

A dollar will buy thousands of department's experimental stroy millions of dollars worth of

NATIONAL COUNCIL **OF CO-OPS MEETS**

gent voting by the delegates. Carried unanimously

PLESANTON, Manistee-Our community director gave a report concerning the importance of community groups. He presented a map of our township to our group and explained groups in our county to finish township maps, placing in membership and remaining population. Four mem-bers will work on this committee.

SOUTH HASTINGS, Barry-Eigh- have been the culprits. teen members attended our December meeting, Topics outlined in the Farm er. We intend to invite a labor lead- of attacking sheep.

Eagles Killing Sheep In Southern Michigan

Indicted as sheep killers by the conservation department, the American his plans to have a contest among bald eagles that have been making forays against flocks in Jackson, Washtenaw, and Hillsdale counties continue to find defenders.

It has been suggested that coyotes

The department stands by its guns, and reviews the testimony of farmers News were discussed fully, with able and conservation officers that eagles assistance from our discussion lead- have been seen and shot at in the act

Classified Ads

Classified advertisements are cash with order at the following rates: 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

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POULTRY MEDICATION AT PRICES farmers can afford O. K. Spray for colds and roup, 4 ounce bottle 50c; 8 ounce \$5c, makes one gallon of spray. Warm tablets, 100-85c, 500-\$3.25. Mash-Nic flock treatment for worm removal-2 lbs. 80c, worms 100 birds Available at Farm Bureau Services at their stores and co-ops, at hatcheries and feed stores. Mail orders postpaid. Holland Labora-tories, Holland, Mich. (10-tf-62b)

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WOOL GROWERS

ATTENTION-WOOL GROWERS, WE handle wool for the C.C.C. and offer you other marketing services. All wool grad-ed at our warehouse, 506 N. Mechanic St., Jackson, Michigan. Celling prices guaranteed. Michigan Co-operative Wool Marketing Association. (1-tf-35b)

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BESENTIAL MAPLE SYRUP MAK-ing and marketing equipment and sup-ing and marketing equipment and sup- and elevery. New King Evaporators for sup and elevery in time for spring user for prices and information write sup and are equipment. (-1.1-1.02b) and elevery in time end and the end and the elever in time end and the end and the elever in time for spring and the elever elever elever elever elever elever elever eleve

inois State s. (1-2t-Jpd) WM Hawley, Baldwin, Wis. (1-1tp)

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

Eaton Editor Appraises The Farm Bureau

Editorial by M. H. DeFoe Republican-Tribune, Charlotte, Jan. 5. 1945

The annual Farm Bureau membership drive is scheduled to start in all major interests. Farmers everythis county on January 16th. After where should strengthen the Farm the last drive Eaton county took on Bureau by supporting these annual a new importance in the State Bureau drives. with its 1,000 members, the peak total the farmer, in these high pressure thus far for this county. It is not days, can make no better investment. difficult for the R.-T. to recommend

this service to our farm readers. THE LINK AND THE CHAIN

in these days, in Lansing and Wash- A little link in an enormous chain ington, it is vitally important that an Viewed its small size and often would

tation. This service in a sense may apart be lobbying but it also falls under And, breaking, split the whole great

the head of dignified security. It is mass in twain.

are detected and opposed early and Capital has always been represented at state and national

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR carry it thru the year. By that time with us.

help to prevent accidents.'

How about fire? Are we certain ed and perhaps save a broken limb that the stoves, pipes, furnaces and and much expense.

matches"

treme



one see lightning I rods hanging lopsided on a building, thus creating a ing, I saw a man I knew to be 80 yond us, but let's not tempt it by attaching a wire clothes line to the doing it. corner of the house or doing any of the thoughless things we've all heard cautions we've heard about safety.

We should do everything possible traffic laws. Let's play safe at play, to safeguard against fire, for not only at work, or at leisure. Let's do our realize

the kicking cow, or the unsafe bull,

It's better to be without and be safe last year and over 30,000 killed, and there was a loss of about \$100,000 000 than with and in fear. I'm always relieved when the silo by fire, it seems high time that we is filled and the shredding is done,

Two weeks later the boss said, "This little guy is goin' to make it." And from then on he called him "Bill", * * * JUNIOR STATE At 6 weeks of age Bill was eating dry Calf Manna at the rate of one pound a day, and, boy, did he bloom! * * * At 3 months of age Bill butted the boss, and it hurt. It was then the boss changed Bill's name to "William the Conqueror;" OFFICERS MEET

By MISS BETTY LOOMAN State Publicity Chairman, Juniors,

idea that is developing in Junior Farm teams". ten-point program adopted at the convention the following statement was At the recent winter camp, the

adopted '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 (1) Establish the director's will: leadership in his counties; (2) endeavor to put his counties to work on ome gainful project.

The state council meeting will be held Jan. 20 at Michigan State College.

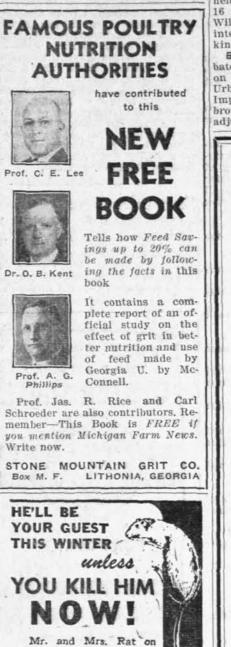
Therefore, it is urgent that the district officers meetings be called for some

"The panel discussion team usually takes some broad subject and withsouthwestern Michigan attended the out any particular preparation, discusses that subject, laying various enawee, Shiawassee, and Genesee phases of it before the audience

Ralph Baker was host at a Christ- souvenirs from service men and told | make better communities. On Decen

ty hall. The program consisted of roup singing of camp, patriotic, and Christmas songs, games, s dances, and a grab bag for gifts. square

ss. Parents and relatives exhibited



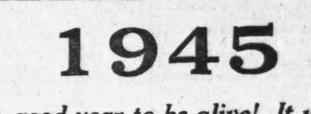
about them briefly. Lieutenant Col- ber 20, forty orphane were guests at Mason-The Juniors held a Christ- onel Wheeler gave a fine talk on a Christmas party. Santa Claus made an appearance Ingham-The Wheatfield Group pre- children. lonia-At a meeting in early De-

sented a skit and led singing at a special meeting of the Seniors. Febru- cember, the group discussed methods ary 21 has been set as the date for a of raising money to sponsor campers joint Junior-Senior meeting. Livingston-The Southwest Group district manager for the State Farm

Insurance Co's., spoke about the variheld a roller skating party November 16 in Howell. On December 14, Mr. ous kinds of insurance. William Haack of Howell led a very Washtenaw-Our Ch Washtenaw-Our Christmas party

interesting discussion on the various December 19 was a grand succes scrap drive has been planned for kinds of insurance. Berrien-At a recent meeting Pro- January 16. Four teams will compete.

bate Judge Malcolm Hatfield spoke on the subject, "How Rural and the County Junior Farm Bureau en-Urban Youth Can Work Together to joyed a skating party at the Three Improve their Communities." He Rivers skating rink. St. Joe county brought out the fact that emotional was host at a district Christmas adjusments must be made in order to party.



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.
- 4-We are resolved to spare no effort to make it so.
- 5-We cannot do less than go "all out" if we are really serious in our intentions.
- 6-1945 is the key to the years immediately ahead.

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

Happy New Year





capitols and now labor has intensified the importance of representation by

Personally and collectively

With almost every group represented,

industry as essentially great as agricomplain,

actively.

culture should have adequate represen- "What use am I?" . . . And so it fell

"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. He got some Calf Manna and held it in Willie's mouth. And Willie tried to spit it out and discovered that it tasted kinda good. * * *

Ever since then Willie has had a little Calf Manna every day, and he sure feels "Upsy Daisy." * * *

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owoc, Wisc

In a few days he was eating it right out of the box along with

not so much a matter of urging favor-able consideration for certain legisla-tion as it is to see that offensive bills More Careful in 1945

Imight have happened. One careles Briar Hill Farm, Carleton. Monroe Co. man on a job of that kind can bring Let's have one universal resolution about much misery for an entire for 1945, and let's do our utmost to neighborhood.

The polished floor, the waxed line let's hope it may get to be a habit leum, and the loose rug have cause many a painful fall. The cellar stair "Resolved that I will be more care-ful in my everyday living and thus step, the unsafe stepladder are everyday things that can be easily correct-

Electricity is one of the greatest chimneys are as safe as they can be made? Do we use good judgment in conveniences granted

the modern starting fires and housewife, but it calls for judgment in caring for the in using it. When an appliance shows ashes? When we any indication of not working right, look over the in- have it looked after at once. Don't

surance reports wait until something happens. and see "cause In these days of manpower short-unknown," "child- age, there's an inclination for both ren playing with the very young and the old to be "defec- allowed or persuaded to operate mative chimney" etc, we feel that some-judgement on the part of the operaone had been neg- tor. We have all seen both young and ligent to an ex- old on the farm do many things the past year or so that would never have How often can happened if it were normal times.

wonder if it is that necessary? Last year, on my way to a meet-

greater hazard than none at all, painting the roof of his two story Lightning is something that is be- house. While he was doing a good job, I wondered if he was justified in Let's keep in mind the many pre-

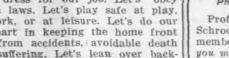
Let's dress for our job. Let's obey

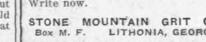
would we suffer the monetary loss, full part in keeping the home front but building material is almost out free from accidents, avoidable death of the question these days. The loss and suffering. Let's lean over back of time and the inconvenience would ward in our caution for those about be a greater setback than most of us us. They tell us "a burned child fears the fire," but let's avoid that

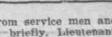
Then there's the kicking horse, or first burn if possible. When we hear that over 4,000,000 or any other animal that is a menace. people were injured in this nation

make a determined effort to reduce for almost everyone can tell of what these appalling figures.







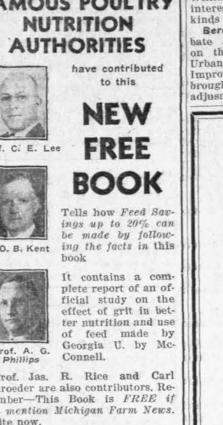


with gifts

to summer camp. Mr. Rolland Sleight,

nas party in the Scottville communi- military service.

Branch-"'V-Night" was a great suc-



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DEPUTATION TEAMS ARE NEW

on any Farm Bureau problem.

campers accepted a challenge to drill themselves in five-man teams to handle specific problems and situations of near-by senior community and Junior Farm Bureau groups

Each team then was assigned groups. one of these problems and prepared themselves to handle the problem. Reports from each of the Community Farm Bureaus, as well as the Junior Farm Bureau, indicate that the method of junior-senior relations gives promise of producing far-reaching results.

The deputation team is quite different from a panel discussion team. State Director B. F. Hennink said:

time before that date About 60 Juniors officers from the camp. Eighteen came from Muskegon,

Holland R-2, Michigan The state officers and directors had their first board meeting at Clear Lake camp, December 1-2-3 for the purpose of acquainting each member with his particular job. In studying the

The whole Farm Bureau program is likely to feel the effect of a new

Bureau. The young people of Junior Farm Bureau are rapidly developing what they choose to call "deputation Junior Farm Bureaus are training teams of five persons for work

The New Financial Responsibility Law is Now in Effect

> The courts have upheld the constitutionality of the act, and the Michigan Department of State is proceeding to enforce the law. About 8,000 accident cases are before the Department now.

The law provides that any motorist involved in an accident resulting in any degree of injury to any person must have ADEQUATE INSURANCE to guarantee financial responsibility, or post cash or bond in the amount of \$11,000 with the Secretary of State to guarantee any liability. The law applies to liability for property damage in excess of \$50.

Failure to comply with the financial responsibility provisions of the law can result in suspension of the owner's or operator's driving license and certificate of registration for all of his cars and trucks. The new law makes automobile insurance a necessity.

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MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU, State Agent Lansing, Michigan

unties times conclusions and summaries are Staff members at the camp included made, but the matter is usually left Mr. and Mrs. Fischer. Mr. Fischer there. teaches agriculture at Augusta is

"A deputation team, however, knows chairman of the camp committee. Marwhat the problem is in the group to garet Pease, president of the Kalamawhich it goes. The team is assigned zoo Junior Farm Bureau, was camp the job of solving the problem or situregistrar and financial secretary. ation. It is trained in methods and Esther Brown, home economics teachmeans of solving the problem. "There er in Grass Lake was dietician, and was a young people's group in Barry was assisted by Mrs. Fischer. Burton county that wanted to know about Richards directed the program of the Junior Farm Bureau. The deputation camp. Ben Hennink, director of the team decided that their approach Junior Farm Bureau, conducted the would be to so handle their discussion training course in developing the deof Junior Farm Bureau that the young putation teams. Miss Thelma Bishop people would sell themselves on Junior of the Michigan State College athletic Farm Bureau. The results produced department handled the recreation end by the team were greatly appreciated of the camp.

by the local group of young people. C. L. Brody, of the Michigan Farm "In another situation a senior Com-Bureau spoke to the group; H. B. munity Farm Bureau was about ready Masters of the W. K. Kellogg Founto fold up. There was a specific pro dation spoke on the challenge of rural blem of rebuilding interest in that education; Dr. Prophet of Michigan State College conducted a session on Community Farm Bureau. A group of geography and the news. Mr. Golden, young people were assigned to accom a prominent attorney of Battle Creek plish this in a meeting. The Commun ity Farm Bureau expressed great apspoke at the banquet New Year's eve. preciation for the specific help that

Regional Meetings

What Is

Farm Bureau?

Juniors in all counties are being The Junior Farm Bureau officers encouraged to form one deputation are to be plenty busy in the next two team for this year and give it a trial. weeks with twelve regional meetings.

News From Junior

was given by the team that evening.

ponsored a Junior-Senior New Years party. The cooperation with the Seniors was very good last year and is expected to be still better in 1945.

It's a National General Farm Organmoney. The last regular meeting was zation a Christmas sleigh ride. After the

National-it is in 45 states and ride, gifts were exchanged. Each uerto Rico, and is in over 1800 counmember brought produce for needy families and another gift for the ies and 16,000 townships. General-it represents all of Agri-Percy Jones hospital.

ulture-North, East, West and South. Hillsdale-Plans to go to Ann Arbor Farm-only Farmers can join with on December 15 as blood donors were he right to vote and to hold office. cancelled because of bad weather. Farm Bureau families representing

Organization-nearly 1,000,000 Farm Bureau families representing over 4, 000,000 farm folks have banded themtogether to formulate and es ablish policies for Agriculture.

Reports will be made by each Junior

Farm Bureau as to the progress of

their work. Formation of deputation

teams is to be demonstrated, transpor-

tation to the council meeting is to be arranged.

Urges Extra

Caution at Crossings

Railroad men urge farmers to play doubly safe when using private road crossings and highway crossings over railroad tracks. With the tremendous movement of war materials over the rails, the possibility for accidents is much higher. Farmers are urged to consult the nearest railroad agent or track supervisor when planning to move any slow moving or bulky equipment across tracks. Arrangements can be made for proper protection.

A new apricot developed by Russians contains 50 per cent sugar when tree dried.



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AGENTS

The Insurance Department of the Michigan State Farm Burean has many openings for agents to represent the State Farm Insurance Companies in Michigan. We would appreciate hearing from any of our Michigan Farm News readers if they are interested in talking the proposition over with one of our managers. It would be very helpful to us if any of our readers would suggest the names of likely agent prospects in their nearby cities and towns. The remuneration is good. This is a particularly good time to start. Address your inquiry to

INSURANCE DEP'T . MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU 221 North Cedar St. Lansing, Michigan A simplified Annual Report of the American Railroads in their third year at war

IN 1944, the railroads rendered to the American I public the greatest volume of service ever performed by any agency of transportation.

For doing this job, they received about 91/2 billion dollars. That's a lot of money-but most of it was earned by hauling tremendous tonnages of freight for less than one cent per ton per mile and carrying passengers for even less than before the first World War.

Out of every dollar the railroads received-

38¢ was paid out in pay rolls.

29¢ was paid for materials and supplies of all sorts and other operating expenses.

19¢ was paid in taxes-federal, state and local.

7¢ was paid in interest, rents and other chargesa great share of which went to insurance companies, savings banks, endowed institutions.

2¢ was paid in dividends to stockholders.

5¢ was left over in "change" to cover all such things as restoring roadways and equipment after the war, paying off debts, and providing reserves for the improvement of plant and the modernization of service necessary to keep pace. with American progress.



Dair Milk Poul Gran Pota Ice I Mac

Farm Bureau Calhoun-The Junior Farm Bureau

Cass-Two old fashioned square dances have been sponsored to raise

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January Topics

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

> By EUGENE A. SMALTZ Membership Relations & Education

Sub-Topic 1

"STUDY OF AMERICAN FARM mary on page of resolutions adopted by American Farm Bureau at 25th in tenancy. Rental agreements. annual meeting at Chicago, December 12-14.

ROLL CALL QUESTION-What national legislation do you believe necessary to meet the needs of agriculture in the post war- period?

Suggested Method-Use evaluation test similar to that used with state resolutions discussed in December. Have small groups list five most important resolutions in order of importance. Reassamble, and agree on most important resolutions as a group.

Questions for Discussions 1. How are the national resolutions

formed? 2. What responsibility does the in-

dividual member have in the forming of resolutions?

3. What responsibilities does the individual member have in carrying out action on resolutions?

Background Material-The tremendous progress in expediting transportation and communication and the constantly expanding sphere of activity of the federal government have combined to emphasize the necessity of organized farmers for ever greater interest and concern regarding national problems and policies. The American Farm Bureau Federation, being actively organized in 40 leading agricultural states, provides the ideal channel through which farm families can determine and express their views on vital national issues. It is for this reason that one of the most important features of each AFBF annual convention is the consideration of the resolutions which in their final form constitute the organization's platform and program for the ensuing 12 months.

The resolutions presented to the delegates are the product of a full week's study on the part of a resolutions committee appointed by the President of the AFBF representing each State Farm Bureau. This committee is appointed well in advance of the convention and is furnished with the latest resolutions from each state organization. The committee endeavors to harmonize sectional and commodity viewpoints and to present recommendations which are the basis of the discussion and action of the delegate body.

We are living in an era in which pressure groups are very much in evidence. It is fortunate that we have an organization through which we can formulate and express our desires. It is noteworthy that the leading political parties in formulating their platforms have requested recommenda tions from the Farm Bureau. Individual members of Congress also are anxious to know the position of our organization on proposed or pending legislation.

During the last two conventions of the AFBF most of one day has been devoted to a roll call of the states in which one or more spokesmen for each State Farm Bureau presented the problems which the Farm Bureau folks in his state were facing and told what they were doing or proposed to do about it.

Sub-Topic 2 "AGRICULTURE AS A WAY OF BUREAU RESOLUTIONS." See sum- LIFE". Values of farm life. Rehabilitation of soldiers as farmers. Trends

ROLL CALL QUESTION - How much can a farmer afford to pay for a farm in this community?

Suggested Method-Use representa- Clare. Wesley S. Hawley, Farm Butive of the Farm Credit Administrawestern Michigan, is a son. tion or local banker to open field of

Three Co-op

Leaders Die

During December the Farm News

learned of the passing of three men

who in their years contributed much

to the development of the Farm Bureau and to farmers co-operatives. Charles Woodruff, former director of

the Michigan Farm Bureau Michigan

Live Stock Exchange, passed away at

Hastings, Barry county. Robert C. Blank, of Maple Rapids, long active

in the Gratiot County Farm Bureau

and in farm co-operatives, was fatal-

ly injured in an auto accident while

returning from deer hunting. Oscar

Hawley, former manager of the Lud-

ington Fruit Exchange, and the Shelby

reau district representative in north

Camouflage is not a modern war

weapon. Shakespeare, in Scene 1V,

Act V, of "Macbeth," writes: "Let

every soldier hew him down a bough.

and bear't before him; thereby shalt

we shadow the numbers of our host

and make discovery err in report of

PURE CRUSHED

TRIPLE SCREENED

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Early Camouflage

Co-operative, died at his home at

land values and credit. Would later be used as a resource speaker. Small groups discuss one of the following (assigned by Discussion Leader)-

1. List values of farm life. 2. Problems of rehabilitating soldiers to farming.

3. Trends in tenancy. 4. Problems of acquiring farm own-

ership. Group reassembles to agree on conclusions on each topic discussed. Questions for Discussion and Back-

ground Material. 1. Agriculture as a way of life-What does this statement mean

to us? What are the values of farm life? What do we prize and cherish most about farm life? What can be done to improve the way of life in the country?

What are some of the forces and factors that contribute to a fuller

life on a farm? Security of farm tenure now and in the past.

Good land, the effects of Farm Management the effects of Modernization of farm houses, the need for Health facilities, adequacy of Neighborhood relationships, now

and in the past School situation Church and country life Family relationships **Recreation** needs

3. Which of these need emphasis in our community?

4. Farm tenure: What features of farm land tenure interfere with the fullest development of rural life?

High farm mortgage debt Short tenure, frequent moving of tenants

Soil depletion Building depletion

Heirship property

Unfair farm rental agreements The family size farm . What improvements in farm land

tenure will aid tenants and heavily mortgaged owner-operated farms to get the most of farm life and at the same time maintain or improve the farms? Farm credit

Length of lease Provisions of the lease agreement

Maintenance of the farm Compensation for unexhausted improvements

Landlord's responsibilities Tenant's responsibilities 6. How may a continuing permanent agriculture be attained? Father and son farm partnership Inheritance of farm property 7. What needs most to be done in

this community with respect to improving farm land tenure?

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

Business volume for the year was Greenville Dividend \$260,000, an increase of \$107,000. Greenville Co-op Ass'n recently de-Adolph Ecklund is manager, under a clared a 4% dividend on all common and preferred stock. Patronage divid- management contract with Farm ends to patrons amounted to \$8,100. Bureau Services, Inc., of Lansing.

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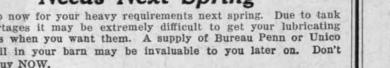
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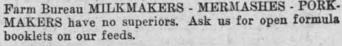
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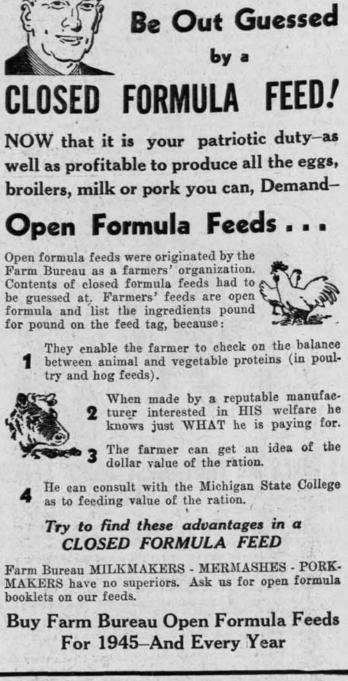
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doesn't know the meaning of defeat. These millions of American farm and ranch people are advancing along the road to final victory, shoulder to shoulder with the men and women in the armed services. No "E" flags fly from the ridge-poles of their barns . . . no medals are pinned on their shirt fronts. Their reward is the inner satisfaction of a job well done. Look at their record of victories! In 1944, food production again reached an all-time high-158,-950,000 meat animals were slaughtered; 3,101,-000,000 bushels of corn, 1,115,000,000 bushels of wheat; dairy products, poultry, eggs, etc., in record or near-record quantities! And because they produced all this food, the meat packing industry was also able to process and distribute a record volume of meats-25 billion pounds. Each year since the war started, what seemed to be "impossible" goals were set for food production. Each year these objectives have been reached and surpassed in spite of shortages of help and machinery. Farmers and ranchers have produced the staggering tonnages of foods required to feed millions in the armed services and the rest of the nation at home.

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Grain For Tires

make tools for the farmer received a very important cereal crop, as a grain big boost when for the first time used in breweries and as feed for livegrain was used as a base for the syn- stock. It is also a fine finisher for thetic rubber farm tractor tire. The bacon hogs. Indiana is not in the list tire is a product of the Firestone Tire of leading barley states. Minnesota and Rubber Company and is being tested on the Firestone farms at Col- Dakota and California in the order umbiana, Ohio. Six hundred pounds of shelled corn were required to make

the butadiene for the first set of tires, all of them of the ground-grip variety. | seeds for next year looks possible.



8. Returning Service Men and Wo men-What can we do to help service men and women who may return to the farm? Guidance in selecting a farm Neighborly help Social adjustments

9. What can we do to improve the way of life in this community? (Special thanks to E. B. Hill and G. P. Devoe of Michigan State College. and Stanley Powell of Michigan State

Per Capita Tax Collections

In 1913, the per capita tax paid was \$22.66. In 1923, this had been increased to \$64.86. In 1937, it was \$97.05; while the per capita tax colection for 1944 will be \$364.39. Thus, a family of five would be paying a per capita collection of \$1,821.95. With the conclusion of the war taxes will decrease; then the Nation will be confronted with the payment of a staggering national debt, now in excess of 210 billion dollars, which is steadily increasing. The interest on the national debt alone will cost the taxpayers from 5 to 8 billion dollars a year.

Barley

Barley was cultivated in the U. S by the early settlers for bread as well as feed for domestic animals but it proved to be so inferior to Indian corn that the use of barley for bread was The industrial use of farm crops to soon discontinued. Barley is still a is at the top with South and North named.

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More than 55,000,000,000 produced in U. S. in 1944—420 eggs for every man, woman and child

earnings catch up with his yearn-

"What do you know" Answers

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(1) Argentina (2) 25,000

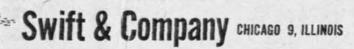
Another new year starts, full of promise, and questions for American agriculture. Will the war end in 1945? How much food will Europe need from us? Will rationing and price controls be relaxed? What about the feed situation? These are but a few of the "ifs" we are up against when we make plans for the coming year. To help livestock producers, we here condense opinions recently expressed by War Food Administration economists.

CATTLE: They foresee for '45 an increase in the number of cattle and calves slaughtered, partially as a result of the tendency to reduce the size of herds. They also expect an increase in the number of cattle fed for slaughter. From 1946 to 1949, they expect a gradual decline in slaughtering, with yearly slaughter around 28 to 29 million head.

HOGS: Their estimate of total 1945 hog slaughter is about 79 million, against approximately 100 million in '44. They expect hog production in 1946 to be close to 1945 levels, depending on the feed situation.

SHEEP, LAMBS: Slaughter in '45 will likely be the smallest since 1929, due to recent selling of breeding stock. By 1946, they see a demand far exceeding the supply, leading to possible expansion of flocks over the following five years. This trend may be upset by wool-factor uncertainties.

We have a period on "Beef Cattle Prospects for 1945," by C. W. Cr. kman, Economist of the Bureau of Agricultural Econo dics, U. S. D. A. Want a copy free? Mail your request, attention F. M. Simpson, to Swift & Company, Chicago 9, MI.



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CEILING PRICES ON LIVE HOGS

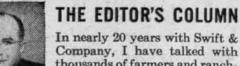


Under the present regulations, the ceiling price for all live barrows and gilts is \$14.75 per hundredweight and for all sows, stags and boars the ceiling is \$14.00 per hundredweight.

These ceiling prices are for Chicago only, and vary from market to market. The difference between the ceilings for sows, stags and boars, and for barrows and gilts is 75c at all markets, however.

Present support prices are as follows: "Good" to "Choice" barrows and gilts that weigh between 200 and 270 pounds have a floor price of \$12.50, Chicago basis. At terminal and interior markets other than Chicago, the support price is \$2.25 below the ceiling price (as of Nov. 15, 1944) at that market for hogs within the 200 to 270 pound weight range.

These support prices will remain in effect until June 1945.



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standing in the American livestock and meat industry. I have benefited greatly from these talks. But even in 20 years, a man can get the viewpoint of only a relatively few people. That is why this page has been born, so that we can talk things over with more of you than it is possible to do personally. We want your constructive ideas, views, and thoughts for the betterment of the livestock and meat industry. We will welcome your suggestions and fair criticisms. Any questions you raise will be answered in these columns, or by letter.

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May the new year bring to all of you good weather, good crops, good returns for your work, good health, and an end of war.

F.M. Simp son. Agricultural Research Department

- 1) In what country do the people eat more meat per person—United States, Australia, Argentina?
- How many slaughterers compete in buying U. S. livestock-10, 1500, 25,000, 800? Answers elsewhere on page

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

