

EDITORIAL

Farm Bureau Wants Promise Kept

The American Farm Bureau will oppose a suggestion that post-war farm price support at 90% of parity for two years be abandoned in favor of a variety of subsidies to farmers.

Therefore, the foreseeable future for farm prices for two or more years under the Steagall amendment would include not less than 75% of current farm prices.

Those who urge a subsidy plan for post-war farm price support favor allowing farm prices to fall to their lowest level.

What is proposed for other groups? A policy of post-war wage increases has very strong support from leaders in government.

Co-operatives and Peace Thru Power

"The world charter subscribed to by the leading nations of the world proposes to insure peace through power. This means the power of not only combined military forces, but the use of economic sanctions as well.

Fog Machine the Coming Spray Rig?

Expense and time to apply sprays to orchard and horticultural field crops may be reduced sharply if Michigan State college experiments with an artificial fog machine are successful.

Field tests indicate that the fog dispensing machine will cover in less than an hour the orchard acreage ordinarily sprayed by a 25 gallon a minute outfit in a day.

DDT, the new insecticide, and 2-4-D, the new weed killer, as well as many types of insecticides and fungicides, were put through the machine with considerable success.

Plant Breeders Promise a Better Oat

Michigan farmers can look forward to still better oat varieties a few years hence. Plant breeders at MSC are working with two varieties, known for the present as .08 and .09.

THEY SAY THE NEW TEACHER WILL BE TOUGH...



NEED FOR LAND USE ADJUSTMENT SHOWN BY SURVEY

Ninety-five percent of Michigan's farm land is in need of some kind of land use adjustment and soil conserving practice to maintain productive capacity.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL MEETS OCTOBER 9

The State Advisory Council of Michigan Farm Bureau women will meet at Lansing on Tuesday, October 9th to make plans for the annual meeting of the Farm Bureau women at Michigan State College in East Lansing, November 7.

Powell on Farm Building Committee

The Michigan State College farm engineering dept. has launched a long range program to encourage the improvement of farm buildings in Michigan. A farm building improvement committee includes representatives of the steel, lumber, cement, plumbing, hardware and implement industries.

Bald Eagle's Nest

The bald eagle's nest measures five or six feet wide and deep and may weigh a ton or more. In Michigan the nests are usually situated in a sturdy crotch at the top of the largest tree available, frequently 60 to 80 feet from the ground.

Copper

In 1857 a mass of pure copper weighing 480 tons was taken from the Minnesota mine in Ontonagon county. It was the largest single movable piece of pure metal ever found in the world.

ELEVATOR EXCHANGE FACES POSTWAR MARKETING

How long will this so-called sellers' market last? This question was put to stockholders of the Michigan Elevator Exchange at their 25th annual meeting at Lansing, Sept. 5, by Stanley Wellman, exchange manager.

Mr. Wellman said that it is an uneasy thought for all sales organizations, and especially those which have had little to sell to the general public in the war years because of government set-asides.

When the buyers' market returns, Mr. Wellman said, quality merchandise and sales appeal will count most for getting business. In the bean trade that could mean preparing highest quality beans in cellophane or other packages.

Considering what may be ahead in business, the Exchange directors decided to distribute the year's patronage dividends in stock. It reported its working capital at an all time high.

Stockholders whose business was in the \$2,000,000 class were: Michigan Potato Growers Exchange, elevators owned or managed by Farm Bureau Services, Inc., Hamilton Farm Bureau, Litchfield Dairy Ass'n, Blissfield Co-operative Co., reported \$1,900,000.

Co-op Commodity Program Nov. 7

On Wednesday, November 7, the agricultural commodity groups of Michigan will meet in the Union Building at the Michigan State College in East Lansing, Michigan.

American Farm Bureau Convention Dec. 17-20

The 1945 convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation will be held in Chicago, December 17-20. Edw. A. O'Neal, president of the Federation, announced Sept. 21.

SOFT CORN CAN BE USED FOR SILAGE

Farmers who find themselves with a surplus of soft corn this fall may like to try making ear corn silage. George A. Brown, head of the animal husbandry department, Michigan State college, recommends ear corn silage as a satisfactory livestock feed.

AFBF DISCUSSES PRICE SUPPORT WITH PRESIDENT

Edw. A. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, and Farm Bureau leaders from all regions called upon President Truman Sept. 24, to discuss the farm situation with him, and to make recommendations as to price-support programs for agriculture during the postwar period of adjustment.

For beef cattle, they recommended removal of the over-riding price ceiling of \$18.00 per cwt. on live cattle, raising compliance rate paid by packers on A and AA grades of cattle by 50 cents a hundred, and early withdrawal of subsidies with corresponding increases in ceiling prices.

For hogs they urged lifting present ceiling of \$14.75 to \$15.00 on good and choice hogs, and to \$14.00 on all others, extension of present price floor of \$12.00 to December 31, 1946.

For wool, they recommended that the government take over all privately-owned foreign wool and become the sole buyer of any additional wool needed, foreign wool to be sold at the same price as domestic wool.

For poultry and eggs, they suggested equitable distribution of protein feed supplies, and early planning to meet anticipated difficulties in price-supporting programs.

For the farm youth who participate in the contest and those who hear their friends present their talks on farmer cooperatives will gain a vision as to the part the cooperative business may play in the future welfare of Michigan agriculture and may, upon becoming farmers themselves, see their responsibilities as loyal co-op members and directors.

The maximum price payable in Michigan for grapes delivered to a processor's customary receiving point is \$127 per ton for Concord, Early Concord, Cottage, Eaton, Fredonia, Hicks, King, Moore, Early, Rockwood and Worden grapes.

ANNOUNCE CO-OP SPEAKING CONTEST FOR BOYS

The Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives has just announced their sponsorship of a Co-op Speaking Contest with awards amounting to over \$500. The Co-op Speaking Contest will be carried on through the Michigan State Junior Farm Bureau and its 3,500 members, and the Michigan Future Farmers of America association membership of 5,500 boys of high school age.

The 150 member co-ops of the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives feel that it is about time that the future co-op members and leaders of the state be exposed to the principles of co-operation.

Pres. Reid Announces Resolutions Committee

President C. J. Reid has announced the resolutions committee for the 1945 annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, as follows: Richard Nelson, Chairman; Mrs. Rosalie Stewart; Dale Kirklind, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo; Frank McDermid; Lucius E. W. Lyon, Milford, Oakland; David Bushman; Corunna, Shiawassee; Ed Swanson, Jr., Bear Lake, Manistee; Carl Conant, Central Lake, Antrim; Jesse Treiber, Unionville, Tuscola.

FARM BUREAU AIDS FARMERS IN OPA CASE

So far there has been no final settlement for sales of live poultry among 650 poultry growers in Gratiot, Ionia, Montcalm, Clinton counties and surrounding areas for triple damage payments ranging from \$1.75 to more than \$11,000. The demands are penalties for sales of live poultry made to Shady Nook Poultry Farm at Middleton at prices allegedly over the ceiling.

At the request of Farm Bureau members, the Michigan Farm Bureau is assisting the poultry producers committee in an advisory capacity. Through its attorney, Edwin F. Steffen, the Farm Bureau has said that it will fight any attempt to impose OPA penalties upon people in a manner which deprives them of their constitutional rights, including a hearing on the charges made.

The storm broke early in September when the Saginaw office of the OPA wrote 650 poultry producers saying that they had sold a quantity of poultry to Shady Nook farm at more than ceiling price. Therefore, said the letter, the producer must send three times that amount to the OPA within 10 days or OPA would start proceedings. No mention was made of a hearing to determine whether or not the sale had actually been made above ceiling.

A farmers' organization committee, headed by Lawson Knowles of Middleton, called a mass meeting at Middleton, September 15. The Farm Bureau was asked to investigate the OPA procedure and to take appropriate action. The first the Farm Bureau asked, the OPA to delay further action until after the meeting. OPA agreed. At the meeting, attended by OPA men from the regional office at Cleveland, farmers said things about the methods of investigators that raised the question of an invasion of constitutional rights.

The Farm Bureau, through J. P. Yaeger, ass. sec'y, said that it would defend farmers who had not "willfully or knowingly violated OPA ceilings." The farmers committee said that it would demand hearings within the four counties to avoid compelling all farmers to travel to Saginaw or some distant point for a hearing.

It was brought out at the meeting that many people found local OPA offices unable to give reliable information on ceiling prices at the time they were about to make a sale. It was common practice to rely upon local dealers or local representatives of dealers as the best posted persons.

OPA CEILING ON GRAPES \$127 TON

In view of the fact that many farmers are uncertain of the maximum price that processors may pay for grapes under OPA ceilings, the Michigan Farm Bureau has secured official information from the Grand Rapids office of OPA, as of Oct. 4, 1945, as per OPA's MPR 25, including amendments 1-17, dated Sept. 15, 1945.

The maximum price payable in Michigan for grapes delivered to a processor's customary receiving point is \$127 per ton for Concord, Early Concord, Cottage, Eaton, Fredonia, Hicks, King, Moore, Early, Rockwood and Worden grapes.

If any person is offered money for transportation that gives him a price above \$127 per ton, he should inquire at the local OPA office if it is legal. If the OPA says it is legal, he should ask for a written ruling covering the facts. Neglect to do that may make one liable to triple damages for any amounts received in excess of \$127 per ton.

Michigan's Fur Industry

The Michigan wild fur industry harvests almost \$2,000,000 worth of raw pelts annually and requires the services of more than 25,000 trappers, more than 500 fur traders, and about 5,000 persons working in 269 fur garment manufacturing companies.

moisture, it is necessary at times to add some water while the ears are being chopped. While putting up soft corn this way involves considerable work, it enables the farmer to save the grain, and the leaves and stalks can be pastured off in the field.

MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING NOV. 8-9

The 26th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau will be held Thursday and Friday, Nov. 8-9 at Fairchild theatre, Michigan State college, East Lansing. Pre-convention meetings will be held at the college Wednesday, Nov. 7 for special groups within the Farm Bureau. They have work to prepare for the convention. The schedule for the week:

Resolutions Committee meets Tuesday, Nov. 6, at Michigan Farm Bureau, Lansing.

Associated Women of the Farm Bureau annual meeting, Wednesday, November 7, at Fairchild theatre.

Six Commodity Conferences, Wednesday, Nov. 7 from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., at Union Memorial building for the co-operatives: Fruit and vegetables, dairy, poultry, livestock and wool, truck crops, grain, beans, etc.

Junior Farm Bureau annual meeting, all day Saturday, Nov. 3 at Fairchild theatre.

Membership Relations Conference Wednesday, Nov. 7, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., Spartan room, Union building.

Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Thursday and Friday, Nov. 8-9, at Fairchild theatre, 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., with a speaking program Thursday evening.

Fifty County Farm Bureaus will seat 350 or more voting delegates on the basis of one delegate for each 100 paid-up members and major fraction thereof. This occurs when membership exceeds 38,000. August 21, at end of Farm Bureau year, the membership was 38,917.

At the 1945 annual meeting there will be a major change in the representation and in the manner of electing the state board of directors. An entire board will be elected in accordance with changes made in the Michigan Farm Bureau by-laws at the 1944 annual meeting.

Discontinued at the 1945 annual meeting will be: (1) the election of seven commodity exchange directors, nominated by those exchanges. (2) Nine directors elected at large by the convention. (3) One voting delegate allowed to each of 149 farmers co-operatives which are stockholders in Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

New Procedure at the 1945 annual meeting includes: (1) Nomination of 11 directors from 11 director districts created at 1944 annual meeting. County Farm Bureau delegates will caucus by districts at the convention. Each district will name a nominee or candidates for presentation to convention.

Convention will elect by ballot. Districts at general procedure are described in another article in this edition. (2) County Farm Bureaus will nominate 3 directors at large for election by convention. (3) Associated Women and the Junior Farm Bureau in their conventions will each nominate a director to represent them on the Farm Bureau board. Election will be by the convention.

The commodity exchange system of directors has been in effect, since 1921. It was established to bring together the commodity exchanges and the Farm Bureau. It was recognized that the milk, livestock, potato, elevator and other exchanges performed special co-operative services in marketing and related fields. The exchanges recognized the Farm Bureau as a membership and general service organization in many fields, including farm supplies. The objective was to work together effectively and maintain a good understanding at all times.

The commodity director plan provided that each exchange should nominate one of its directors to serve as a director of the Farm Bureau. The commodity director plan functioned well. While it is being discontinued, the fine relationships achieved will be perpetuated through a system of commodity committees having Farm Bureau and commodity exchange members.

Membership Campaign Managers Meet Oct. 11

Beginning in December in northern Michigan and continuing through January and February, Michigan County Farm Bureaus will conduct their annual membership campaigns. This year the job is to recruit 38,000 members they have, and add 5,500 or more new ones. Oct. 11 the county campaign managers will meet at Lansing with Michigan Farm Bureau membership workers to launch the step by step program of developing each membership campaign. Several thousand workers will take part in the membership sign-up.

Names on Farm Bureau membership agreements should also be shown in print to assure correct handling for membership card. Michigan Farm News, etc.



MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

Successor to the Michigan Farm Bureau News, founded January 12, 1923. Entered as second class matter January 13, 1923, at the post-office at Charlotte, Michigan, under the Act of March 3, 1879.



HIRAM and MARTHA BY R. S. CLARK

Nine O'Clock Lunch

I like to take a little snack at nine o'clock at night. The near approach of bedtime seems to rouse my appetite. When my daily work is finished and my daily strength is spent...

JUNIOR FARM BUREAU ACTIVITIES

By MISS GLENNA LOOMAN State Publicity Chairman, Juniors, Holland R-2, Michigan. Ionia—George Westbrook was elected president at a recent meeting. Others elected are Lester Smith, vice president; Marilyn Jones, secretary...

President Don Lundberg called on campers for their reports. On Thursday evening, August 20, officers of the county, community officers, and this year's campers met at the home of Dorothea Morrison.

ROOM RATE SCHEDULE

MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING At Fairchild Theatre, Michigan State College, East Lansing November 8 and 9, 1945

Table with columns for Hotel Rooms, Rates, and Reservations. Includes details for Lansing Hotels and Private Residences.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Make reservations as soon as possible. Last year the Olds, Roosevelt and Porter hotels notified the Farm Bureau one week before the convention that they could take no more reservations.

ROOMS IN PRIVATE RESIDENCES

The Michigan State Farm Bureau has a limited list of private residences in Lansing, and a few in East Lansing, where overnight lodgings can be had.

FINAL INFORMATION SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7—For information regarding rooms, etc., call at Membership Relations Department, State Farm Bureau, 221 North Cedar St., Lansing. Telephone 21-271.

Community Farm Bureau Activities

By MRS. MARJORIE KARKER Membership Relations and Education. September is organization month for Community Farm Bureaus! New officers are elected and plans are made for better carrying on the work of the Community Farm Bureaus throughout the year.

Classified Ads

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

Electric Motors

NEW ELECTRIC MOTORS FOR FARMERS. 2/20th H. P. to 7 1/2 H. P. Mail orders to Gulf Service Station, Lawrence, Mich. (4-121-17P)

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FOR SALE — TO BUSINESS MAN wishing to educate his family, a colonial home between Western Michigan college and Kalamazoo business district.

Farms Wanted

WANTED—TO HEAR FROM OWNER of farm for sale for fall delivery. Wm. Holly, Baldwin, Wis. (10-11-16P)

Salesman Wanted

SALESMAN WANTED TO SELL proven farm seeds direct to farmers. Full or part time. Commission paid weekly. Geo. K. Higbie & Co. Inc., established in 1877. Rochester 6, N. Y. (10-11-26P)

Auction Sale

SALE OF REGISTERED CHESTER White Swine—25 pairs, 26 gilts, at Washtenaw County Fair Grounds at the west edge of Ann Arbor, on US-12, Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 7:30 p. m.

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ONLY ONE out of ten rural telephones was dial operated in 1937. Today two out of three have dial service. That illustrates some of the progress that has been made in improving rural telephone service.

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### Farm Bureau Starts Community Program

The board of directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau on Aug. 13 established a community program. Mr. B. P. Pattison, who has been doing public relations work for the Michigan Ass'n of Farmer Co-operatives, will devote a portion of his time to the new activity. Mr. Pattison came to the Farm Bureau in July, 1944 from the Federal Land Bank.

The program will be carried out in conjunction with the activities of the several commodity organizations in Michigan. It is hoped to develop a service in which the Michigan Farm Bureau can be of greater assistance to co-operatives in all matters aside from the actual handling of commodities themselves.

The largest known reserve of high-grade iron ore in the world is reported to be in the state of Minas Geraes, Brazil.

## Farm Bureau Needs Talents of Its Women

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

Everyone who attended the gathering at Camp Greilick at Spider Lake, Grand Traverse county, sponsored by the Farm Bureau women of Northwest Michigan, have no misgivings whatever as to the need of the Associated Women the Farm Bureau organization.

When I listened to the reports of Women's activities from some six or eight counties represented there, I felt that at long last our women were demonstrating the fact that there had been a great surplus of support and talent that had not heretofore been used to its capacity. It proved to me that farm women have desires for expression thru feminine channels just as women of other groups have.

The women are all participating in some community group. They believe that no group will be ideal until every Farm Bureau family in their community is enrolled and active. They believe it is up to the woman in particular to bring this about thru woman to woman invitation.

Not only were these women willing to create interest in the Farm Bureau among their neighbors but they felt their responsibility in maintaining that interest and "keep 'em coming" thru social and worthwhile county and community programs of work. They were most interested in the "why" and "how" and "when" of the origin of the Farm Bureau and in the growth and development and substantial basis of the Farm Bureau today. Many said they now could approach the non-member with the knowledge that the Farm Bureau was right in its beginning, and had never knowingly advocated anything but what was right and just to all concerned thru-out its year's of service.

A story was told during this period of Farm Bureau history that seemed very appropriate for the occasion. An uneducated girl was asked to teach a class in Sunday school and she replied "You can't anymore teach what you don't know, anymore than you can come home from where you ain't been."

The women discussed the rural school problem both pro and con and

urged all communities to study their own particular district with the thought of giving the children an education that will fit them for a full and satisfactory future life.

They were emphatic in their desires for rural minded teachers for rural students, feeling that a better appreciation of farm life will result. All expressed a disappointment in the lack of participations in Farm Bureau work by so many of the members. Some of the reasons given were both pathetic and humorous. One woman said every group seemed to include a few who appeared to have no terminal facilities while others seemed never to start.

We must cultivate the discussion type of a program and gradually eliminate the speaker presentation. We need far more individual study and frank expression and less minority decisions on all of the problems confronting us.

The women got better acquainted, their every day world was greatly enlarged. They found that they had many problems in common and it would take the united effort of all to work out a solution.

The women of one county are interested in a county hospital that will care for both indigent and paying patients. Another group reported a growing sentiment for further development of their park. One county has already secured the services of a home demonstration agent as a result of united action. Some are pushing hospitalization groups and others are interested in a health unit.

In this northwest section of the state they all realize the possibilities of catering to the tourist trade in the near future and recommended clean-up days and beautification campaigns and advertising of their wares.

The women of the Farm Bureau are concerned about the future of the rural church; they want a better understanding between the city people and those in the country; they want a farm income for their hours of work and their investment that will assure their families the comforts and satisfactions of life that other groups demand.

They know these things will not just happen but if ever they are attained it must be thru concerted effort in farm organization. The women are satisfied that much of the preliminary planning and promoting of these local desires can best be done by the women thru their own group just as the youth activities are fostered by and thru the Junior Farm Bureau.

### Henry G. Henrikson

Mr. Henrikson, a charter member of the Michigan Farm Bureau, and president of the Oceana County Farm Bureau for a number of years, passed away August 23 at the age of 53. He had been in failing health since April. Mr. Henrikson was known to many



for the active interest he took in community and farm organization affairs. At the time of his death he was a director of the Oceana County Farm Bureau, the Shelby Co-op, Inc., and the New Era Co-operative Creamery. He was also a community committee man for the Agr'l Adjustment Administration. Mr. Henrikson was a life long resident of Benona township, on the farm which his parents purchased from the U. S. government. He served 16 years as superintendent of the Sunday school for the Bradyville Lutheran church. He was educated in the Marshfield and Shelby schools and at Michigan State College. At one time he was employed for two years by the state cow testers as a n. Wherever he was, Henry Henrikson contributed something worthwhile. His friendliness and other qualities made him a grand person to know. He is survived by Mrs. Henrikson, and one son, Elwyn, who is managing the farm.

### James S. Mitchell

James S. Mitchell one of the grand old men of the Michigan Farm Bureau, passed away at Hurley hospital in Flint, September 6, after a short illness. Mr. Mitchell was one of the group of less than 400 who organized the Michigan Farm Bureau in February of 1919. From that time on he did his share of the work and more. For many years he was a director of the Oakland County Farm Bureau. He served as its president. He served on numerous committees for the state Farm Bureau. Perhaps his most important committee work was done in 1933-35 in the successful fight waged by the Farm Bureau and associated farmers' co-operatives get sales tax

exemption on seeds, feeds, fertilizers and other goods which farmers buy and use to produce products for sale. Farmers asked the same exemption which had been granted manufacturers on their raw materials. That was the kind of a battle Mr. Mitchell enjoyed. We believe he attended every annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

The Pontiac Press spoke of Mr. Mitchell's services to agriculture and his fellow farmers in an editorial which said in part: "Few men have done more toward the advancement of agriculture in Oakland county than the late James S. Mitchell. Living his whole life of three quarters of a century on the same farm near Holly, he was always an outstanding exponent of methods to take the drudgery out of farming and to increase production, quality and financial results. "He made a life long study of soil conservation and gave his support to the recent adoption of the plan in his home county. He never ceased to be a close student of any movement to better the situation in his lifelong vocation, and to pass his ideas and findings along to others."

### AFBF Names Director For Fruit & Veg. Dep't

Porter R. Taylor, recently executive secretary and manager of the Co-operative Fruit and Vegetable Association, Washington, D. C., will become director of the Fruit and Vegetable Department of the American Farm Bureau Federation on October 16, Edw. A. O'Neal, Federation president, has announced.

The Taylor appointment is the second major step in the Farm Bureau plan to render improved service to various commodity groups, particularly in the field of marketing. The livestock department has been functioning for more than a year, with Herman Aaberg in charge. Still to be appointed are men to lead the poultry and dairy departments.

In his work with the Co-operative Fruit & Vegetable Ass'n, Mr. Taylor worked with the Farm Bureau in protecting grower interests in negotiations on OPA price ceilings. He was graduated from Michigan State College in 1915. Carl Buskirk of Paw Paw, Michigan, is a member of the AFBF Fruit & Vegetable Dep't.

### Wayne County Organizes County Farm Bureau

Farmers in Wayne county have organized a Farm Bureau with more than 100 members. A temporary board of directors and officers has been named. A county wide canvass for members will be conducted soon.

The cottontail rabbit is second in importance to the pheasant among Michigan farm game species.

Fifty-five counties in the southern peninsula cover more than 32,657 square miles of known salt deposits.

Farm Bureau hopes to increase Michigan membership from 38,000 to 46,500 or more in 1946.

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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. 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 DEPT. • MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU  
221 North Cedar St. Lansing, Michigan

## Get You House in Order!

Most farmers know that our national government has guaranteed us at least 90% of parity for many farm products for two years from the January 1 after the president proclaims peace.

## We Have Some Responsibilities

If peace is not proclaimed until after Jan. 1, 1946, farm prices will be supported on the above basis until at least Jan. 1, 1949. However, farmers cannot tell how difficult this guarantee may be. We don't know what inequities may occur. We do know that we control our destiny much better when we do everything possible to protect our income through greater efficiency.

### Why Not Sell These

Wouldn't it be well to begin to cull out the least efficient of our cows, poultry, and hogs? Wouldn't it be well to use the more efficient individuals as ancestors of our herds to come?

Now there is a fair market for meat of all kinds. It may not be so good later on. Why not get rid of the less efficient producers in the dairy herd, the poultry flock, and among the hogs?

## You Can Depend on Farm Bureau Feeds

Then feed Farm Bureau feeds to those you keep. Never let your good producers down. Milkmaker concentrate for cows—Mermash for hens—Porkmaker concentrate for hogs. Use these feeds to balance your home grown grains for best results.

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# Community Farm Bureau Oct. Topic

### Background Material for Discussion This Month by Our Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

By **NORMAN K. WAGGONER**  
Research & Education

1. What should we be able to expect from a good Community Farm Bureau Program?
2. How could we improve on our present County Farm Bureau?
3. What functions could the Farm Bureau serve in our community during this year?
  - a. To improve our schools
  - b. To improve our roads
  - c. To improve our recreational facilities
  - d. To improve our farming opportunities
  - e. To improve health facilities
4. What agricultural programs should our Farm Bureau sponsor?
  - a. Soil conservation
  - b. Land-use planning and zoning
  - c. D. H. I. A.
  - d. Rural electrification and telephone service.
  - e. Others
5. How can we develop a better local Farm Bureau program?
6. What should we recommend to the county Farm Bureau this year to be included as a part of the county program?
7. Why do we need a state organization of farmers?
8. How can we help to improve the Michigan Farm Bureau program?
9. What should we recommend to the State Farm Bureau this year that we as a group would like to have as a part of the Michigan Farm Bureau program?
10. How can we secure the best possible representation at the annual Michigan Farm Bureau convention November 8-9?
11. How can we take greater advantage of the services of the Michigan Farm Bureau and the Farm Bureau Services?

To inform its members on state and national agricultural topics, the Michigan Farm Bureau publishes the Michigan Farm News each month, and sponsors a radio forum over W.K.A.R.

Originating out of the demand of community groups, the Michigan Farm Bureau is sponsoring a series of leadership training meetings over the state this fall to better acquaint Farm Bureau officers with their duties and responsibilities, and the possibilities for building a greater community Farm Bureau program.

Farm Bureau women have recognized the need and a program of women's activities. Several local groups have seen the need for improving the health conditions in their community and have initiated group hospital service. One group has begun investigating the possibilities for a hospital for the county. Others are taking steps to improve the water supply for rural schools. Still others have considered the schools in their community in the light of improvements. In two counties, the women have taken the opportunity to meet together for a few days in a summer camp to pool ideas and plan a program of activities.

About ten years ago several rural youths of Michigan took the opportunity to organize The Junior Farm Bureau. Each year hundreds of boys and girls of Michigan enjoy the benefits of belonging to an organization of their own and taking part in the educational and leadership training opportunities as well as recreational advantages. Each year other communities organize such groups.

The activities of the national, state and county Farm Bureaus are the outgrowth of the needs of local Farm Bureau groups. From this standpoint, Farm Bureaus will do well to carefully select their representatives to the state convention in November, being sure they are well informed as to the program advocated by their home groups.

Much has been done. More remains to be done. The Community Farm Bureau offers the member the opportunity to study farm and community problems with other members, to agree on a course of action to make recommendations to the county and state organizations, and through cooperative action to bring about the desired results.

## Community Farm Bureau Activities

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**Central, Missaukee—21.** The roll call question suggested choice of project for the Farm Bureau women of Missaukee county. A county hospital is favored.

**Algonsee, Branch—125.** Mr. Palmer had his Boy Scout troop present and they presented some very interesting work.

**No. Ottawa, Isabella—18.** County Agent Mellencamp gave a very interesting talk on artificial insemination.

**Burton-Carland, Shiawassee—45.** E. A. McCarty, director of patron relations for Farm Bureau Services, gave an interesting talk. The group favors a Farm Bureau Services branch store in Shiawassee county.

**Gaines, Genesee—34.** The chairman gave the group \$5 which he had received for being membership captain in this township.

**Lansing, Delhi - Ingham—34.** Group in favor of a co-operative elevator in Lansing.

**Clarendon, Calhoun—31.** Group supported a resolution that Farm Bureau leaders try to meet with organized labor leaders in an attempt to understand and co-operate with one another.

## 16 DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED NOV. 8-9

In accordance with action taken by the annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau in November of 1944, a new system for election of the state board of directors becomes effective at the 1945 annual meeting, Nov. 8 and 9.

By action taken last year, the terms of all present board members expire at the 1945 annual meeting. The present board of 17 is composed of 9 directors at large, 7 representing the commodity exchanges, and 1 representing the Junior Farm Bureau. It will be replaced by a board of 16 directors.

The new set-up groups the counties of the state into 11 director districts. Delegates from the counties in each district are to meet in district caucuses at an appointed time at the annual meeting to select a candidate for director from their district. Election will be by the convention.

The new arrangement provides for three directors at large. Nominations are to be made by County Farm Bureaus. Election will be by the convention.

It is also provided that one director shall be nominated by the Junior Farm Bureau and one director shall be nominated by the Associated Women of the Farm Bureau. Election will be by the convention.

The terms of directors are for two years, with these exceptions: (1) In the 1945 election directors from the even numbered districts shall be elected for one year, and directors from the odd numbered districts for two years. (2) Of the directors at large two shall be elected for one year in 1945 and one for two years, the order of election to be determined by lot. Thereafter, all directors shall be elected for terms of 2 years.

A director district must have a minimum of 150 fully paid up members in at least two organized counties in order to be eligible to nominate directors. No district may have more than one director at large.

Herewith is the organization of the County Farm Bureaus into districts for election of directors, as approved by the 1944 annual meeting.

1st District  
Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph,

- Van Buren, 2nd District  
Branch, Calhoun, Jackson, Hillsdale, Lenawee.
- 3rd District  
Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw, Wayne.
- 4th District  
Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Kent, Ottawa.
- 5th District  
Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Ingham, Shiawassee.
- 6th District  
Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, St. Clair, Tuscola.
- 7th District  
Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oshtemo, Osceola.
- 8th District  
Arenac, Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Midland, Saginaw.
- 9th District  
Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, \*Gr. Traverse, Kalkaska, \*Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Westford.
- \* Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau.
- 10th District  
Alpena, Alcona, Cheboygan, Crawford,

Emmett, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Rosconmmon.

## WKAR Farm Forum

Michigan Farm Bureau will resume its weekly broadcasts over station WKAR October 15, from 1:00 to 1:30 P. M. and on each succeeding Monday at the same hour.

It is hoped these broadcasts may bring helpful suggestions to farm people on agricultural matters and to inform the public of Farm Bureau activities. The broadcasts are related to the Community Farm Bureau discussion topic for the month.

Oct. 15—Developing a Community Farm Bureau program.  
Oct. 22—The place of the Commu-

ity Farm Bureau in the County Farm Bureau program.  
Oct. 29—The Community Farm Bureau's place in the State and National Farm Bureau program.

After an absence of over 30 years the opossum appeared again in Michigan in 1927 and has been increasing steadily in the southern part of the state.

# Michigan Needs

We in the Farm Bureau are responsible for shipping hundreds of carloads and truckloads of farm supplies into Michigan every year. A whale of a lot of farm produce and supplies go out of the state from Michigan farms and factories annually. This is normal interstate commerce.

## WHERE THE SHOE PINCHES

Our Michigan grown seeds are hardy and adapted to a wide range of climatic conditions. Seed brought into the state from any point south of us does not enjoy the same hardness and adaptability. In any exchange of seeds with other states, we lose double. For, in such cases our grower's pay freight both ways. We also take a heavy risk of using seed not as good for Michigan conditions as our own.

## YOUR PART IN THE PROGRAM

If you grow seeds, be sure that the processor to whom you sell is not shipping out of the state seed needed in Michigan. You can be sure your Farm Bureau Seed Department, as a service organization rather than a sales organization, will not sell short. No prime seed is allowed to go out of the state until our Michigan needs are met. This can mean that no good seed should leave our state this year.

## IF YOU INSIST

Your seed can be handled through your own Farm Bureau. Our prices are the maximum amounts allowed by the OPA. You can serve yourself and other Michigan farmers well if you take advantage of our cleaning facilities. Take home what you need and let us distribute the balance for you. That's our job!

## CLEAN EARLY

Every year we are obliged to disappoint many who wish seed cleaned. We must have it early if we are to do the work. Fair warning!

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# Up from the Meadows Rich with Corn



ONCE again the folks who feed the nation are harvesting one of the great crops of our history, and the record-breaking harvest of these war years has been produced by fewer people maintaining top production on more and more acres.

The progress that has been made in agriculture in recent years is almost unbelievable—corn yields of well over 100 bushels an acre, a rarity a few years ago, are now common; the production of ton-litters of hogs in less than 6 months after farrowing is no great problem now; hens that lay more than 200 eggs a year are not hard to find; and there are dairy cows with records of well over 30,000 pounds of milk and 1,000 pounds of butterfat annually.

All of these advances in the production of food have played an important part in the building of America to its present greatness and to victory in the war.

Back in the days of George Washington, one farm family was able to produce enough food for itself and one other family. Today each farm family in America can produce its own food and enough for 19 other families. This tells the story of the American harvest. And it is a story unique in world history.

We at Swift & Company salute our farmer and rancher friends for their great achievements and we are proud to have had a part in the preparation and distribution of the fruits of the harvest to Americans everywhere.

**MEET THE WINNERS!** Hundreds of letters were received in our contest for the best letter in this series of Swift advertisements. The judges have awarded first prize of \$50 to 2nd Lt. Carroll M. Kester, 33rd Infantry Regiment, Camp Livingston, La., \$25 to Mrs. Carl J. Bachmann, Barberton, Ohio, \$15 to Mrs. Charles W. Voorhees, Trenton, N. J., \$10 each to Virginia Jean Potts, Philadelphia, Pa., Harold E. Marsh, Winona, Minn., Daisy McCutcheon, Dillon, S. C., Doris Reim, Covington, Okla., Mrs. Edward Seigel, Wheat Ridge, Colo., Mrs. Paul Norris, Grinnell, Iowa, Mrs. James Lennox, Indianapolis, Ind.



## SOFT CORN INTO HARD CASH

Corn that gets "cooked" by frost before it matures is still valuable feed, especially for cattle. Here are several ways to turn soft corn into hard cash, listed in the order of their value to the feeder: (a) Make ear-corn silage. (b) Feed ears with stalks, chopped or shredded. (c) Turn cattle and hogs into standing corn. (d) Leave in field and pick ears as needed rather than risk spoilage in storage.

Three main precautions in feeding soft corn are: (a) Change to soft corn ration gradually. (b) Feed a protein supplement. (c) Feed before freezing weather, if possible.

We'll be glad to tell you where to get detailed information on soft corn feeding. Write Swift & Company, Department 128, Chicago 9, Illinois.

## BUY VICTORY BONDS

### THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

When the war began, Swift & Company adopted the following wartime policy:

"We will co-operate to the fullest extent with the U. S. Government to help win the war. We will do everything possible to safeguard the high quality of our products. Despite wartime difficulties, we will make every effort to distribute available civilian supplies to insure a fair share for all customers everywhere."

Under the present conditions, meat packers

know that there is no profit advantage in shipping meat long distances as compared with selling it nearby. OPA regulations set prices, by zones and areas, that meat packers may charge for beef, lamb, veal and pork. The United States is divided into ten zones for beef, lamb and veal and five for pork. Each has its own base price for each kind of meat. Additions to the base price are allowed for transportation and local delivery. These allowances are the very minimum and in many instances do not cover the actual cost of transportation, icing, and shrinkage.

Consequently, meat packers are better off when they sell close to their producing plants. In general, the net money they receive is greater the closer to the plant the sale is made. But despite this, Swift & Company has voluntarily adhered to its wartime policy of fair distribution. Starting in July 1945, all meat packers were required by OPA regulations to distribute their meats to the same areas they did the first three months of 1944.



F.M. Simpson,  
Agricultural Research Department



## QUALITY FORAGE PROVIDES CAROTENE

Few feeds are as healthful and profitable for young stock, breeding stock and fattening stock as really leafy green hay and well-preserved silage. Not only are they good feeds in their own right but they enable your animals to make the most of corn, grains, and concentrates in the ration fed.

Carotene, the parent substance from which vitamin A is produced, is one of the important nutrients found in leafy green hay and other forages. It serves an essential life and health purpose in the bodies of animals. When animals are on lush pasture, or when fed leafy green roughage of any sort, they store carotene in the liver and other body tissues.

Even splendid feeds like corn and oat meals are short of carotene. It is also lacking in corn and sorghum fodder, straw, discolored hay and off-grade silage. Unfortunately, all too much hay and silage is of this kind. So, even though your animals get their fill of corn and oat meal, they may develop carotene deficiency symptoms which will retard full growth and development unless sufficient leafy roughages are fed.

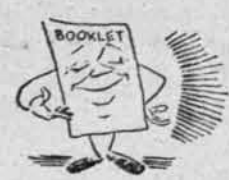
## EGGS IN HASH NEST

Combine 6 cups ground cooked beef or lamb, 3 cups mashed potatoes, 4 tablespoons minced onion, 1 1/2 cups top milk. Melt 8 tablespoons fat in skillet and cook hash until heated through. Season to taste. Shape hash in patties and place on greased shallow baking pan. Make a hollow in the center of each patty. Slip an egg into the hollow and season with salt and pepper. Bake in a moderately slow oven (325° F.) for 20 minutes.

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# Get Ready!

## Fence, Posts, Roofing, Bale Ties Are Coming

Farm Bureau Services, Inc., is making every effort to get a good supply of these items for delivery to our dealers for spring of 1946 business.

## You Can Help Yourself

by giving your Farm Bureau dealer now an estimate of the fence, posts, steel roofing and bale ties you expect to be in the market for in 1946.

Date .....

To .....  
(Farm Bureau Dealer)

(Address)

For your information, I expect to be in the market for steel products in quantities listed below for delivery in the spring of 1946. This is NOT an order, but it is an estimate of my requirements.

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