EDITORIAL
Selective Service & Essential Farm Help

January 13th, 1945

To the Editor—

In the interest of all local draft boards, I am writing to call to your attention the facts which have developed in the past week.

Local draft boards have been informed that all owners of farms are required to submit a statement of the number of essential farm workers who are on the farm and the number who are available for draft purposes. This statement is to be made to the local draft board and is to be filed with the Board of Draft Appeals.

The essential farm workers are those engaged in the production of food and agricultural products. This includes all workers who are engaged in the operations of the farm, such as farmers, farm laborers, and farm equipment operators.

The statement is to be made within ten days of the date of the statement and is to be filed with the local draft board.

I hope that you will take this matter seriously and cooperate in the inspection of your farm and the submission of the statement.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
COMMUNITY FARM BUREAU ACTIVITIES

By ROGER J. SMITHE Membership Chairman

JANUARY 27, 1945

We shall meet with North Huron group on Saturday, January 29th, at the Newberry School. All members please attend.

BIRCH VISTA-BLUEFIELD—Say, and seniors of Birch Vista-Bluefield Community are now being held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. York. Mr. York's son, a student at Michigan State College, has suggested that all members in the school district be invited to a discussion of aims and needs. It was voted to hold the first meeting on January 30th at 2:30 p.m.

FARMER'S MARKET—The farmers of the Farmers' Market will meet in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Anderson on Saturday, January 29th, at 2:30 p.m. All members please attend.

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**February Topics**

**Background Material for Discussion in February by Our Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups**

**Membership Sections & Education**

**Sub-Topic 1**

"The Study of 1945 Agricultural Industry"

**Agriculture**

The Washington office of the American Farmers Bureau has asked the ODT at Washington if the bag on present information stating that there are adverse conditions in the world for the future. The ODT has stated that it will make a study of the conditions and make recommendations when the information is available.

**Sub-Topic 2**

"The Problems of World War I and World War II" (Efforts of the Three National Cabinets) - The three national cabinets of Europe are making efforts to coordinate economic policies to ensure peace and prosperity. They are working on various programs to promote international cooperation and reduce the threat of future wars.

Questions for Discussion:

1. What are the prospects for the future?
2. What are your suggestions for making the most of the present situation?
3. How does this relate to your personal life?
4. What are the advantages of working together?
5. What are the disadvantages of working together?

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**Why So Fussy?**

Over the past 5 years of farming, we've noticed a trend among farmers to be more careful and attentive to details. This is especially true during the current period of post-war economic uncertainty.

Farmers are anxious to ensure that their crops and livestock are in good condition. They are making more efforts to monitor weather conditions, disease outbreaks, and market trends. This focus is likely due to the shortage of farm labor and the need to optimize their resources.

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**Perhaps We're Wrong**

Mr. Boutell said that the Exchange Committee, which monitors the market for farm products, has changed its stance on the future of agriculture. While previously they predicted a decline in prices, they now believe that prices will remain relatively stable.

**Questions for Discussion:**

1. What is the basis for this change in outlook?
2. How might this affect your farming practices?
3. What are the implications for the local community?

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**Selling for 1945**

Mr. Boutell said that the Exchange Committee is recommending that farmers prepare for a challenging year. They advise against planting crops that are prone to disease and to focus on crops that are in high demand.

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**NOW DATING FOR ALL FARM BUREAU MEETINGS**

The National Farm Bureau, which is the largest organization of farmers in the United States, has announced a new dating system for its meetings and conventions. The system is designed to ensure that meetings are scheduled in a manner that is fair and consistent across all regions.

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**BUREAU-PEENN or UNICO MOTOR OILS**

UNICO CRUSS TIRE

Farm Bureau oils are available from the UNICO CRUSS TIRE company. They offer a variety of products for farm vehicles, including motor oils, tires, and filters. These products are designed to meet the specific needs of farm equipment and to help farmers operate their vehicles more efficiently.

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**What's the Matter with the other Haystack?**

Cattle are smart animals, as told by a farmer from the Midwest:

"That cattle can give you the answer to this question is due to their grazing habits and ability to adapt to changing conditions. Cattle are able to eat a variety of plants and are well adapted to environments ranging from arid steppes to wet forests. This adaptability makes them valuable for farmers who need to feed their livestock in diverse climates."

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**Swifty & Company**

While the focus of this discussion is on farming and agriculture, it's worth mentioning that Swifty & Company, which is known for its meat processing, has also been affected by the current economic situation. They have had to adjust their production levels to meet the demands of the market and ensure the best possible quality for their customers.

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