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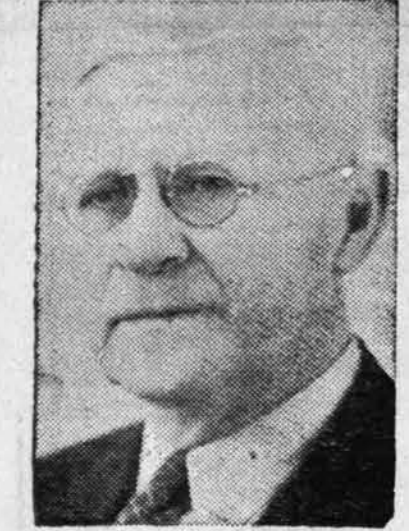
The Aim is to Destroy
The destruction of farm co-operatives has always been the real aim of the National Tax Equality Association.

SERVICES HAS BIGGEST YEAR; RE-ELECTS WARD

Roy D. Ward of Dowagiac was re-elected president and Carl E. Buskirk of Paw Paw was re-elected vice president of the Farm Bureau Services at its annual meeting for the stockholders at Lansing, December 11.

TWO MORE START ON PATRONS RELATIONS PLAN

Four County Co-operative Ass'n at Marcellus, Cass county, and Chapman Elevator Company at Lennon, Shiawassee county started January 1 to keep records of patrons purchases of Farm Bureau supplies and services in the Farm Bureau Services patrons relations program.



ROY D. WARD

reported upon in another article in this edition.) Many of those who could not attend the meeting exercised their right to proxy voting as provided in the notice of meeting.

Crop Reporting Service Guards Farmers' Market

In answer to the question, "Should the government's crop reporting service be abolished?" Porter R. Taylor, of Washington, American Farm Bureau marketing specialist, told an agricultural committee in Lansing that he didn't think it should be.

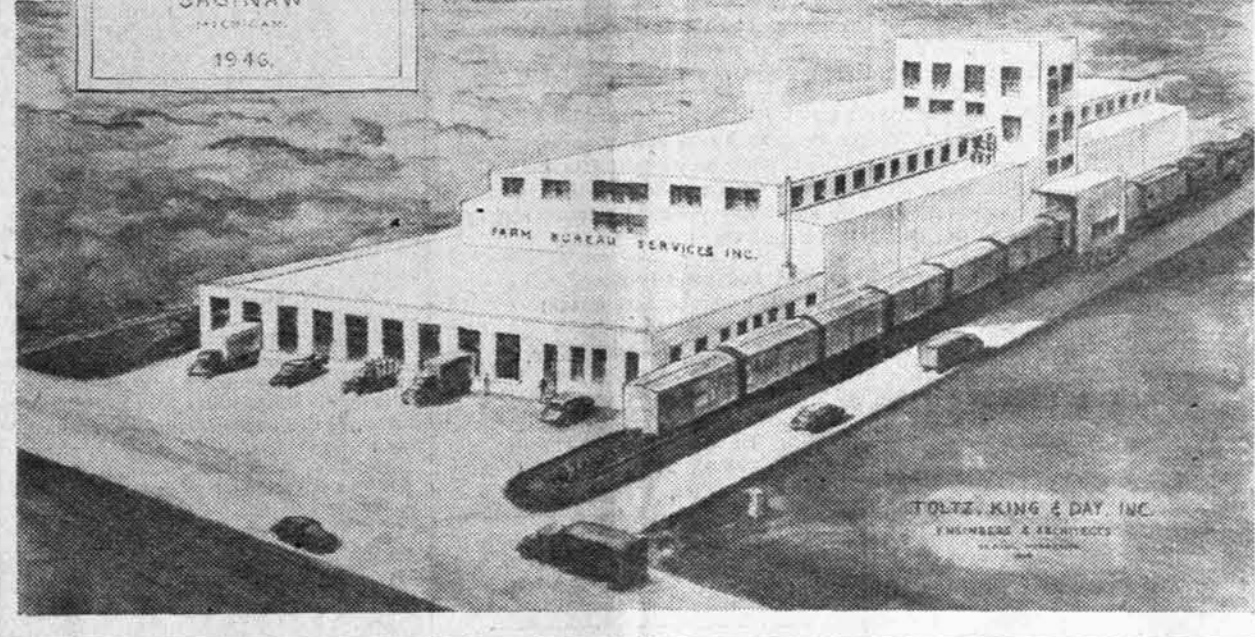
Clarence Reid Commended For Farm Bureau Work

Clarence J. Reid, Avoca, who retired recently as an officer of the Michigan and St. Clair County Farm Bureaus, was commended recently in the St. Clair County Farm Bureau, December 16, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wurzel.

Ionia Co. Sponsors Farmers Institutes

The regular farmers institute program sponsored by the Ionia County Farm Bureau together with the Ionia State and Portland Banks is being planned for February.

FERTILIZER PLANT SAGINAW



Architect's drawing of the fertilizer manufacturing plant to be built at Saginaw by Farm Bureau Services, Inc. The manufacturing capacity will be 35,000 to 45,000 tons annually.

BREAK GROUND FOR FERTILIZER PLANT AT SAGINAW

Dec. 26 officials of the Farm Bureau Services broke ground for the erection of the fertilizer manufacturing plant pictured above on a 9 acre tract east of Saginaw at the intersection of the New York Central railroad and the Outer Belt drive.

Governor Sigler Proclaims January Co-op Month

Michigan and the nation are hunting for a way to stabilize our economy, to give consumers of this country's vast production fair prices and necessary services.

LANING BUSINESS MEN GUEST AT MAFC CITY-FARMER MEET

Members of the Chamber of Commerce and service clubs of Lansing were the guests of the Michigan Association of Farmer Co-operatives at a farmer-city businessmen's dinner at the Hotel Olds, January 3, as part of the second annual convention of the farm group.

DISCUSSION GROUPS ATTRACT STATE, NAT'L ATTENTION

20,000 Michigan Farm Bureau members participate in the once a month meetings of 705 Community Farm Bureau discussion groups.

Newaygo Co. Furnishes Hospital Ward

The raising of money to furnish a three-bed ward at the Gerber Memorial Hospital in Fremont was the main project of the Newaygo County Farm Bureau women during 1946.

Farm Costs Rise 60 Pct. During War

The cost of farm operations in the United States jumped about 60 per cent from 1940 to 1945, according to the United States Department of Agriculture.

If You Move

Send us a postcard giving your old and new address, together with name of County Farm Bureau in which you hold membership.

38 Counties Will Campaign This Month

First Reports Good in Roll Call to Increase Michigan Farm Bureau Membership to 51,500 or More in 1947

Several thousand volunteer membership workers in 38 County Farm Bureaus will take part in Roll Call campaigns this month in the general effort to increase the Michigan Farm Bureau membership to 51,500 families.

The membership campaign is carried out by the County Farm Bureaus, with assistance from the state organization.

- Jan. 6, week of: Eaton, Hillsdale, Ionia, Isabella, Saginaw.
Jan. 13, week of: Allegan, Barry, Calhoun, Huron, Lapeer, Livingston, Monroe, Sanilac, Shiawassee, Van Buren, Wayne.
Jan. 20, week of: Bay, Clinton, Genesee, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Macomb, Oakland, Ottawa, St. Clair, St. Joseph, Tuscola.
Jan. 27, week of: Cass, Jackson, Kent, Mason, Mecosta, Midland, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola.

Ten counties in northern Michigan conducted their campaigns during December. They are: Alpena, Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Manistee, Missaukee, Piesque Isle, Wexford.

FARM-TO-PROSPER CONTEST ROUND-UP TO BE HELD JAN. 30

Farm Bureaus of Muskegon, Ottawa, Oceana, Newaygo and Mason counties are expected to be well represented at the Round-Up in Muskegon, Thursday, January 30.

FERTILIZER SUPPLY WILL BE SHORT THIS SPRING

It is known now that it will not be possible to satisfy the demand for fertilizers for planting next spring.

Holton Group Promotes Good-Will Project

Citizens of Holton township in Muskegon County are now the possessors of a town hall that should make anyone proud to see, thanks to the efforts of the Holton Community Farm Bureau.

Hybrid Corn 75 Pct. Of the 1946 Crop

Hybrid seed was used in planting 75 per cent of the 1946 corn crop according to the farm crops department of Michigan State college.

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

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

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Hiram and Martha Resolution

I was writing Resolutions on a recent New Year's Day, And dreaming of the future in a ruminative way. I was writing Resolutions that I knew would cramp my style If I kept the very least of them within a country mile; I was dreaming of a future that is shrouded dark and deep In a fog of resolutions that I make but do not keep.

Then Marthy came and found me there, all puzzled up and blue; Viewing Tomorrow with alarm, as I am wont to do, And, as her wifely custom is, she quickly set me straight "That's what you always do," said she, "upon this day and date. Your trouble, Hiram, is that you are handy at resolving. But awkward at the steady grind that keeps the world revolving."

"Why, every year you sit you down and take your pen in hand And write a lot of fancy words that read so brave and grand And then you just forget them all. Now, what you ought to do Is make the short and simple kind that's worth adhering to. You ought to make just one resolve and knot your puckerin' string And stick for all your hide is worth to that one single thing."

"Some ten or 'leven years ago, we argued and we wrote And here is what we both resolved, to wit, and viz, and quote: 'Hiram and Martha now Resolve that in the coming year, We'll think and talk and work and pray with just this one ideal, To try to live the Golden Rule, without no noise or fuss, To do our best and serve our God, as He has prospered us.'"

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

HIGHLIGHTS OF JFB 30 DAY BUS TOUR TO FRISCO

Highlights of the 30 day bus tour made by 21 members of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau and their counselor, Burton Richards of Berrien Center, to the American Farm Bureau Federation Convention at San Francisco have been most interestingly enumerated by Miss Leona Algoe of Davison, a member of the tour group.

The 21 members representing 11 counties of Michigan purchased the large bus just prior to their departure from Lansing on November 24. At Bloomington, Illinois, they visited the State Farm Insurance Companies offices, the McLean County Farm Bureau and Co-op Creamery. At Vinia, Oklahoma, the tour met Frank Ross, large-scale cattle buyer, who gave up his Thanksgiving to show them around.

On the ranch of Raymond Paoli, breeder of the new Brangus cattle, the group felt at home. They stopped to meet the famous Williams Brothers, star cow ropers of the west. At Dallas the Ford-Ferguson guide and Mr. Jolly, county agricultural agent, spent a day touring their county with the gang. The Fortworth stockyards were visited. Time was spent at El Paso, after which a tour was made to Juarez in old Mexico.

The various types of farming in the Imperial Valley surrounding El Centro, California were studied. Stops were made at Knott's famous historical ghost town and Berry farm near Santa Monica. The tour gave Holly-wood the once over and enjoyed Santa Claus Lane with all its lights. Time out was taken to visit Santa Barbara Mission before continuing on to the AFBF convention.

Enroute home the group went via the Grand Canyon and took a 16 mile mule trip to the great Colorado River. Through the northern states the members constantly compared the farming areas with Michigan.

State President Ruth Parsons, Fowlerville; National Rural Youth committee members Gloria Conley, Calhoun County, and Guerdon Frost, Ingham; and William Rosemead, Calhoun County, made the trip by plane. Among the bus group were State vice-president John Foster of Niles, and regional director Wayne Smith of Osseo, Michigan was represented in the national talk-fest by Leone Algoe of Davison. The opening vesper service was led by

Gloria Conley of Michigan. Young people from 24 states were present. The tour returned home for Christmas December 23.

With the Junior Farm Bureaus

West Allegan—A tour was made by members through the Allegan County jail in Allegan the evening of December 11. It was conducted by deputy sheriff Forest Reichenbach. Highlights of the experiences of a sheriff's office and the routine of the jail were explained. Leon Reimink and Margaret Sill arranged the tour.

East Allegan—Apologies to Ann Counterman and the East Allegan JFB from the state publicity chairman Chester Clark. East Allegan was the first to send in news and the report has been mailed.

Davison—A Christmas party and regular meeting conducted by president Gerry Holmes was held at the home of Darwin and Ralph Diehl the evening of December 19th. Plans for a box social and square dance to be held in the Atlas Community Hall were made. Participation by the members in connection with the Genesee County JFB annual meeting to be held at Goodrich high school was discussed. Among the five new members were Chester and Yvonne Clark of Goodrich.

Livingston—State president Ruth Parsons gave a detailed report at the regular meeting in the Howell Co-op Building, December 16, of her recent plane trip to the AFBF convention in San Francisco where she attended meetings of the National Rural Youth Committee. The resignation of Burr Clark as county president was accepted due to his studies at MSC. Bruce Love became president. A new vice-president will be elected at the next meeting at the home of Duane Hynes, January 6. A letter from L. D. Dickerson and Walter Krebs concerning their experiences to Frisco by bus was read by secretary Jean Belles.

District No. 6—Officers of JFB groups in Genesee and Livingston counties met in the Presbyterian church in Fenton for their district banquet. Problems of local and county organizations were studied and the solutions suggested. Plans were also made for the next regional meet with Oakland county as hosts.

"Nature seems determined to make us work." "Yeah, the less hair we have to comb, the more face we have to wash."

Order Farm Bureau seeds and fertilizers now.

Farm Appliance Dept. Holds Dairy Meetings

Methods of increasing milking efficiency by faster milking techniques was presented by the farm appliance department of Farm Bureau Services in co-operation with Co-op Universal Milker dealers at four meetings during December.

Much of the research information on faster milking was gathered by Dr. W. E. Peterson of the University of Minnesota and contained many interesting and valuable findings to dairy farmers.

As part of the program a new movie in color, titled "The Inside Story of Faster Milking" produced by the Co-op Universal Division, was shown. It brought out the fact that most cows can be trained to milk in 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 minutes by machine. In addition to saving the dairyman's time, it was found that more milk and butter fat were obtained.

Because these meetings proved so popular, additional meetings are being scheduled for the remaining winter months.

All but one of the 12 Federal Land Banks are owned entirely by farmer-borrowers.

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.

- VETERINARY REMEDIES**
TEST FOR MASTITIS (GARGET). Use either the quick blotter test (50 blotters for \$1.00), or the Brom-Thymol test solution (complete with test tubes—\$1.25). Treat internally with mouth with sulfanilamide tablets (100 60-grain tablets \$4.00), or inject infected quarters with either sulfanilamide suspension in oil; penicillin solution or Tyrothricin emulsion. Write H. F. Link, 1456 East Michigan, Lansing, Mich. Has the largest veterinary department in the state. (1-17-47b)
- VETERINARY INSTRUMENTS**—HYPODERMIC Syringes with needles and needles, rubber tubes, dose syringes, mouth spreaders, balling guns, milking tubes, dilators, teat plugs and splitters, dehorning, trocars, enemas, emulsifiers. Write for prices. H. F. Link, Pharmacist, 1456 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Mich. (1-17-47b)
- PHENOTHIAZINE**—BEST DRENCH grade, 90c per pound. 1 or 100 lbs. Write for 150 lb. drum price. H. F. Link, 1456 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Mich. (1-17-25b)
- WOOL GROWERS**
Attention, Wool Growers—send your wool to us and you are guaranteed the best price. We are purchasing wool for the government. Year around wool marketing service and prompt settlement under Michigan Co-operative Wool Marketing Association, 506 N. Mechanic St., Jackson, Michigan. Phone 3-4244 (3-17-44b)
- LIVE STOCK**
HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES, SIRE son of Wisconsin Admiral Burke Lad, Gold Medal, 25-2 yr. 4 mo. daughters average 17,160 lbs. milk, 815 lbs. fat; dams by our Gold Medal sire, Paist Sir Belvedere Dewdrop, 19-2 yr. daughters average 445 lbs. fat 2X. Farmer prices in solid young. Special prices to 4-H club members. Also, Berkshire hogs. Rinkland Farms, John A. Rinke & Sons, Warren, Michigan. (1-11-47b)
- MILKING SHORTHORN BREEDERS:** For your next herd bull select a son of our nationally famous sire, Incarnate of the Royal Juniper. For the past four years our herd has won the coveted Premier Breeder's Banner at the Michigan State Fair. Stanley M. Powell, Ingleside Farm, Ionia R-1, Michigan. (12-31-45b)
- BABY CHICKS**
CHERRYWOOD CHAMPION CHICKS are money-makers for you. 275-322 egg dried R.O.P. matings. Fullborn tested White Leghorns, Rhode Island Reds, Barred and White Rocks. Send for prices. Cherrywood Farms Hatchery, Box 7N, Holland, Michigan. (11-31-47)
- TURKEY POULTS**
EXCLUSIVE MICHIGAN REPRESENTATIVE for 100% pure bred Rykebech Broad Breast Bronze and Dome's White Hollands. Turkey poults hatched from eggs received direct from Victor Rykebech's and Henry Dome's own breeding farms. U. S. approved. U. S. pullets tested. Deliveries starting in February. Write or wire for prices. Pine Creek Turkey, Roose, Box FN-702, Holland, Michigan. (1-21-47)
- FRUIT PACKAGES, BUSHEL** Baskets, Berry Crates, Field and Apple Boxes, Plant Flats, and a large variety of other boxes and barrels. Write your needs for samples and prices. Harry Marce, Benton Harbor R-3, Michigan. (12-61-36p)
- MAPLE SYRUP SUPPLIES**
ESSENTIAL MAPLE SYRUP MAKING and marketing equipment and supplies, including felt filter bags of cleansing, thermometers, hydrometers, tin and glass containers, fancy labels, sap spoons, etc. Orders being booked for new King evaporators for delivery for 1948 syrup season. We urge producers to order all supplies early to be assured of delivery in time for spring use. For prices and information, write Sugar Bush Supplies Company, Box 1107, Lansing 4, Michigan. (1-17-70b)
- MAPLE SYRUP LABELS**
SPECIAL MAPLE SYRUP LABEL for glass and tin containers. Attractive all-over illustration in six colors of sugar bush in operation. Also, new this year, a six color label illustrating a maple leaf and maple syrup. Place for your farm name. We print that for you. Our labels are designed to draw attention to and sell your syrup. Label for can covers three sides of can. Carries recipes, too. For samples and prices of all labels and pure maple syrup making and marketing equipment, write Sugar Bush Supplies Company, Box 1107, Lansing 4, Michigan. (1-17-72b)

WOMEN'S WORK NOW ORGANIZED IN 51 COUNTIES

Though it is just two years old, the women's program is now organized on a county level in 51 counties as a separate activity of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Prior to November 1944, participation by farm women in the activities of Michigan Farm Bureau was rather limited, and only by courtesy and custom a woman was elected to the board of directors. A change in the by-laws voted at the annual meeting of the State Farm Bureau automatically places the chairman of women's activities on the board of directors of the parent organization.

Ten women, one from each of the ten MFB districts, make up the advisory council for program, planning and co-ordination. The program to date concerns itself with leadership training, rural health, recreation, library service, rural-urban conferences to effect a better understanding of the other person's problems on a community basis, and similar activities as they effect the lives of all rural people.

The only qualification of eligibility is individual or family membership in the Michigan Farm Bureau. Mrs. Marjorie Karker, of the Michigan Farm Bureau, is the supervisor of women's activities. Mrs. Belle Newell, of Coldwater, is the organizations state chairman.

AFBF WOMEN ADOPT MICHIGAN RESOLUTION

A resolution dealing with unwholesome movies and radio programs adopted at the Michigan Farm Bureau convention at Lansing in November was adopted December 11, at the National Farm Bureau Women's convention at San Francisco.

The resolution originated in the West Huron Farm Bureau group first coming up for discussion in the Young Women's League of Sebawaing. The movement gained speed and support as it progressed in the several conventions.

The resolution, in part, follows: "We have been inarticulate too long in expressing disapproval of unwholesome movies and radio programs. We urge that each County Farm Bureau express its disapproval to the proper sources. If crime programs must be on the air, they should be moved up to 10 p. m. or later."

ANNOUNCE CO-OP TRACTOR FOR 1947

In introducing the new "E-3" Co-op Tractor in both standard and row crop types, Farm Bureau Services' machinery department says that it has been designed for maximum adaptability.

In keeping with the trend toward hydraulic lifts for mounted tools, the new co-op tractor incorporates a 3 cylinder pump mounted directly on the governor shaft.

It also features a live power take-off which takes its power from the flywheel. It has its own separate clutch providing power at all times for draw or mounted machine.

Designed as a 2.3 plow tractor it develops 20 horsepower on the draw bar and 30 horsepower on the belt at 15 r.p.m. Being a high compression type motor, it gets the highest efficiency from high octane gasoline.

NW MICHIGAN GETS STATE AWARD

In recognition for accomplishments in developing and maintaining Community Farm Bureaus in the region, Northwest Michigan was awarded a beautiful rosewood gavel with gold lettering engraved on it by the Michigan Farm Bureau at its annual meeting.

Recognizing the importance of Community Farm Bureaus as a democratic function and an opportunity for the membership to take part in directing their own organization northwest Michigan Farm Bureau has done much to promote the Farm Bureau program.

Special recognition is due Leslie McCain, Jr. of Traverse City, who has been working jointly for the Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Services, Branch Store in Traverse on a full time basis, for the time and effort he has put forth in the successful organizations of 15 new Community Farm Bureaus in that area this past year.

Herrick Waterman of East Leland is president of the regional organization.

Farm Bureau Maxims

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.
You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.
You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.
You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.
You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.
You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence.
You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

NEW!
A WAY TO PREVENT ROT, SPOILAGE AND SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION IN HAY, GRAIN, FODDER AND GROUND FEED

SECURITY COMPOUND
FOR THE PRESERVATION OF FARM CROPS

Security Compound has been tested for over 10 years—it's approved by both practical farmers and agricultural experts. You need no longer worry about your feed being too damp—Security Compound will give you a tremendous margin in judging completeness of curing. No special equipment is needed and you can do your processing by your old methods—its absolutely harmless to stock or poultry.

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Choose the variety of seed best adapted to the location and growing conditions of your farm.

AT YOUR LOCAL SEED DEALER OR ELEVATOR

MICHIGAN Certified HYBRID SEED CORN PRODUCERS

FARM BUREAU MEMBERS CAN USE THEIR HEADS and PENCILS

When purchased feeds are high in price it is a very human reaction to feed less or none. Without any desire to flatter you Farm Bureau Members we know your intelligence and business ability is far above the average farmer's. Therefore, we want to present some hard facts that feeding practices have established. Read these facts carefully—use your good judgment.

POULTRY FEEDING

A hen eats about 80 pounds of feed a year—half mash and half grain. If your grain (corn, oats, wheat in 60-15-25 ratio) is worth \$2.50 per 100 lbs. (or write your own values in here), it would cost \$2.50 x 80 lbs. or \$2.00 to feed that hen.

Using the Pencil...
If you mix 325 lbs. of this grain with 100 lbs. of Farm Bureau M.V.P. Poultry Concentrate at \$6.50, your cost of 425 lbs. of a high quality mash would be \$8.13 (for 325 lbs. grain) plus \$6.50 (100 lbs. of M.V.P.) or a total of \$14.63. Each 100 lbs. of mash would cost you \$3.45 (cost of ingredients only). Add 35 cents for grinding and 25 cents for mixing and each 100 lbs. of mash would cost \$4.05. 40 lbs. of mash at \$4.05 would then cost \$1.62. Add cost of 40 lbs. of grain at \$2.50 per 100 lbs. (which is \$1.00) and it would cost \$2.62 per hen per year.

Using the Head...
\$2.62 is 62 cents more than the \$2.00 it would cost to feed 80 lbs. of grain so the added cost to feed a ration ample in protein, vitamins, and minerals is 62 cents. At 30 cents a dozen 25 eggs pay this added cost. Research shows that 3 1/2 dozen eggs per hen can easily be produced by proper feeding. This means \$1.05 worth more eggs for 62 cents spent or 43 cents more per hen—also healthier hens and less mortality.

DAIRY FEEDING

A good cow earns about 1 ton of grain a year. Straight grain at \$2.50 per 100 lbs. means \$50.00 a year. Using 500 lbs. of Milkmaker 34% with 1500 lbs. of grain would cost about \$25.00 for Milkmaker plus \$37.50 for grain, or \$62.50. This is \$12.50 more per year, or about 15 lbs. of butterfat at 80 cents per pound, or about 350 lbs. of fluid milk at \$3.60 per 100 lbs., or a little over 1 lb. more of milk per milking day.

To consider the health factor. Milkmaker 34% carries Vitamin D—honey meal—iodine—cobalt—iron—copper—and manganese plus molasses and multiple proteins. Your cows will milk well for more years—their calves will be sturdier—and their cows' health will be better.

— SEE YOUR LOCAL FARM BUREAU CO-OP DEALER —
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PURE CRUSHED TRIPLE SCREENED OYSTER SHELL

FOR POULTRY

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Here are some of the features that makes this stoker outstanding: Trouble-free spike trap, precision continuous type transmission, only four moving parts operating in a bath of oil, dynamically and static balanced type fan, patented tapered feed-crow, automatic smoke and gas eliminator, automatic air control which adjusts itself and air supply to windbox, rectangular burner or retort and an exclusive engineered hopper design. You get performance—not promises. One year mechanical warranty.

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Nat'l Legislation of Interest to Mich. Farmers

Background Material for Discussion this Month by Our Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups
By NORMAN K. WAGGONER, Research and Education

The delegates to the American Farm Bureau Convention met December 9 and 12th at San Francisco, California, to shape the policies of a legislative program for the betterment of American agriculture. Every effort was made here to incorporate the combined thinking of the entire Farm Bureau membership into the legislative program for the coming year.

Recognizing that the next twelve months are critical times for adjustments in agriculture and farmers are anxious to take advantage of their opportunity to make their wishes known through their organizations.

The delegates recognized that there are problems of national and international scope that affect farm people and are deserving of careful consideration.

International Affairs. After having paid the price of the last world war, we recognize the need for preserving world peace. We recognize the important role of responsibility which the United States must assume in establishing world peace. Often eyes of the world are focused on America. This responsibility calls for great measures of international co-operation. Along this line the delegates at the annual meeting looked favorably upon the United Nations Organization, and an international military police force, a plan for inspection and enforcement of armaments, an international bank and the Food and Agriculture Organization.

International Trade. With farm production nearly 1/3 above per-war production, possible surpluses in certain farm commodities and in view of the following information in regard to international trade in the past:

	Agricultural Products	Non-Agricultural Products
1932	1/2 billion	1 billion
1945	2 1/2 billion	9 1/2 billion

The voting delegates made these recommendations relative to the future of international trade. That trade barriers be adjusted to promote free movement of goods in international trade; that we share our industrial technical knowledge with other countries, such that it may tend to raise the standard of living of all countries. Also that the USDA be instructed to study imports and exports to expand our trade which may result in raising our standard of living.

National Farm Program. It is extremely important that the gains which farmers have made as a result of basic agricultural legislation enacted in the past be preserved. It is equally important that American farmers through their farm organization strive for the strengthening of these laws which are fundamental to our agricultural programs. Every possible step must be taken to prevent agriculture from going into the economic slump it experienced after the first World War. In connection with this, the delegates made these recommendations: Favor a concerted effort to adjust agricultural production to total market demand. The life of the Commodity Credit Corporation

should be extended for purposes of crop loans and price supports. That the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act be strengthened. Continuation of the price support provision at 90% of parity for two years following the official declaration of the war's end. The delegates also recommended that provision be made in the parity formula to provide for equitable treatment for prices of livestock and livestock and dairy products.

Co-ordination of Government Agencies. During the past quarter of a century several federal government agencies such as the extension service, soil conservation service, the farm credit, emergency farm labor, production and marketing administration, have been organized. All of which have made a contribution to agriculture. Some thought has been given recently that there is a need for these agencies to be co-ordinated for greatest efficiency and to prevent any overlapping of services. In this connection the delegates at the National Convention recommended a minimum of central control and greater farmer participation in program planning, and every effort be made to eliminate duplications of services of the agricultural agencies.

Taxation. Nationally the farmers paid an average of almost \$100 per farm in income tax last year. About \$33 per farm in state gasoline tax, and drivers permit. All forms of taxation cost the people of Michigan about 36% of their income last year. The matter of taxation is indeed an important one. In view of the national debt which now amounts to about \$5,000 for every working man and woman in the United States and also considering that to reduce taxes at a time when consumer goods are in short supply would be inflationary, the delegates at the National Convention recommended that the personal income tax be retained; that we do everything possible to avoid a federal sales tax; that the portion of a corporation's earnings which are retained should be taxed at the rate used in the first income bracket of personal tax; that excise taxes be limited to luxury goods. Also the delegates recommended that a definite policy be devised for replacing taxes lost to local governments by the acquisition of property by the National Government.

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OBSERVATIONS OF NEW GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE

By STANLEY M. POWELL

Michigan's Chief Executive, Governor Kim Sigler, delivered his inaugural address to a joint session of the Senate and the House Thursday afternoon, January 2. The Governor stated that he would submit further messages from time to time outlining his recommendations on various problems. He emphasized that passage by the voters of constitutional amendments No. 2 and 3 in the November 5 election had confronted the state with a real financial dilemma and he stated that he desired a few more weeks to study all phases of this problem before submitting to the Legislature his final recommendations as to a budget and as to how state revenues and expenses might be adjusted to meet the emergency.

A statement in Governor Sigler's message to the Legislature indicated that he was not happy about the measure which the Farm Bureau backed aggressively and successfully in the 1945 session which provided for the establishment of a state agricultural commission of five members to select the Director of Agriculture and have general supervision of the policies of the department. The Governor devoted 11 paragraphs in his message to a discussion of his attitude towards boards and commissions and their operations. He said, "I do not believe that any board or commission should appoint a director without approval by the Governor." He may have had in mind that the agricultural commission last month re-elected Charles Figg as Michigan's Director of Agriculture. As far as I have been able to learn, this action was taken without consulting the Governor. One of the principal reasons for passing this law was to insure a continuity of administration in the Department and to prevent a turnover of agricultural department leadership every time a new Governor might be elected. Whether or not Governor Sigler has in mind seeking a repeal of the 1945 Department of Agriculture reorganization act was not made entirely clear in his message.

Farm Bureau members will un-

doubtedly approve wholeheartedly one observation of Governor Sigler regarding the habit of boards and commissions of making and enforcing rules and regulations. The Governor emphasized that in this way commissions frequently encroach upon the duties of the Legislature and may even take unto themselves the rights and functions of a court. He stated, "This sort of thing must be stopped, and all subjects relating to legislative and administrative matters must be returned to the elected representatives of the people."

The first bill introduced in the Senate was in line with the Governor's thinking in this connection. It was proposed by Senators Bonine, Hittle and Smith and provides that state agencies must submit their rules and regulations to the Legislature for approval. If this is done we have the hope that some of the far-fetched rulings of the Department of Revenue regarding the sales tax on farm production supplies, such as on equipment purchased for custom work, might be repealed.

It is expected that during the coming week a large number of bills will be introduced and we can really begin to see which way the wind is blowing in regard to sentiment among the Senators and Representatives. We will try through the Michigan Farm News to keep you up to date on legislative developments of particular interest to farm folks.

Feed and Labor Costs Highest in History

Dairy feed costs and expenditures for labor for milk producers of Michigan are at the highest peak in history, a recent study at Michigan State College reveals. Records of the Michigan Dairy Herd Improvement association, the oldest association in the United States, date back to 1921. Through these records, it has been determined that these costs are now the highest in history.

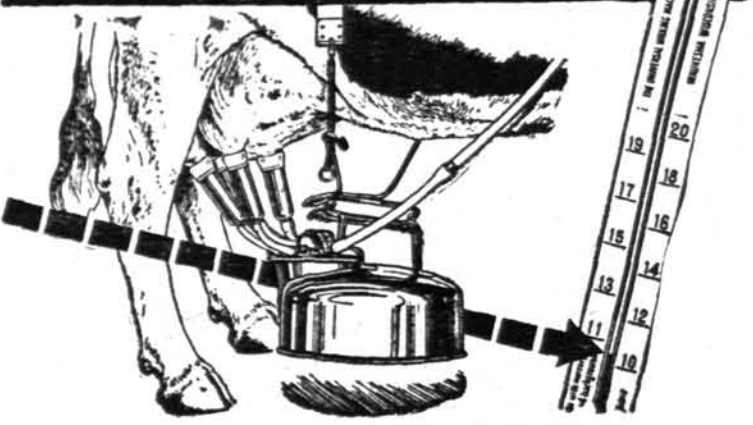
Dairy feed costs show that the average feed costs for producing a ton of milk in Michigan was \$34.25. Special studies also reveal that it requires 132 hours of milking time per cow per year. At an average cost of 55 cents per hour, which is far below comparative industrial wages, it costs \$73.60 per year just to get a cow milked.

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To you who ride the range from Montana to Texas... whose teams and tractors till the nation's fertile acres... who have labored hard, long hours... who, with soil and seed, sunshine and rain, grass and grain, have achieved miracle after miracle of food production—to you America gives thanks! Thanks for the part you have had in all-time record crops of wheat and corn... for bumper yields of small grains... for livestock numbers at high levels... for soaring dairy and poultry production. This abundance of food which you have produced means better nutrition for millions of families—

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Things are NOT always as they seem



A 1-inch pipe and a 4-inch pipe run water into gallon pails. It seems as if the 4-inch pipe would fill 4 times as many pails in a given time. The truth is that it will fill 16 gallon pails while the 1-inch pipe is filling one.

When you read something like this: "Meat in commercial storage on January 1 was about 590,000,000 pounds", it sounds like a lot of meat.

But this big country consumes about 50,000,000 pounds of meat every day. So when you figure it out, this reserve supply in commercial storage is only enough to last 12 days.

Yes, some meat is frozen during months of peak production and stored until months of low production. But practically all of the beef, veal and lamb that is in storage is the kind preferred for meat loaves, sausage, prepared meats—not the kind that goes over the butcher's block as steaks, roasts, chops, etc. Also, the amount frozen is relatively small, as it has never exceeded 1.9% of the annual beef production, 9/10 of 1% of the lamb, less than 6% of the pork.

Soda Bill Sees
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He Puts the NEW in Nutrition

We'd like you to meet a Swift scientist, Dr. H. W. Schultz. He is head of the nutrition division of our research laboratories. The work of Dr. Schultz and his associates is mighty important to all of us in the livestock-meat industry. They develop new products which open new markets for meats. This widens outlets for your livestock.

Dr. Schultz is the father of three children. As a scientist he knew growing children needed the body-building proteins of meat. As a father he knew the trouble of scraping and straining meats for the baby and dicing meat for the older children. An idea was born: perhaps Swift & Company could discover a way to prepare canned meats suitable for babies. A research project was undertaken. The scientists went to work! The research took more than two years. The Swift people consulted with leading doctors, child specialists. They agreed that special meats for babies would be a good thing. Many methods of preparing various kinds of meats were tried. Hundreds of feeding tests were made by families with small children. Finally, six kinds of meat were approved by the doctors, nutritionists, mothers, and the babies themselves. Placed on the market in test cities, these products won immediate acceptance. They are now being sold in many cities, and facilities for their manufacture are being expanded.

These new products—strained and diced meats for babies—create a big new market for meats. There are millions of baby appetites to satisfy.

OUR CITY COUSIN



Martha Logan's Recipe for Navy Bean Soup

- 1 pint dried navy beans
 - 2 quarts water
 - 1 cup sliced onion
 - 1 cup diced celery
 - 3 tablespoons butter
 - 1/2 tablespoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
 - 2 tablespoons flour
 - 4 frankfurters
- Soak beans in water for several hours or overnight. Drain, add water. Fry onion and celery in butter. Add to beans, simmer 3 to 4 hours or until beans are soft, adding more water as water cooks away. When tender, save out 1 cup beans. Rub other beans through sieve. Reheat to boiling point. Add seasonings and flour mixed with 1/4 cup water. Garnish with hot sliced frankfurters and whole beans. Yield: 4 servings.

Meat Packers' Risks

Meat is perishable. It cannot be held for prices to go up. Like all meat packers, Swift & Company must sell, within a few days, this perishable product for what it will bring—no matter what price we paid for it. We take risks in both buying and selling. In buying livestock the meat packer must pay the price established by competitive bidding of over 26,000 slaughterers. If the meat packer overestimates the quality of an animal, or the amount of meat the animal will produce, or the market demand for the meat, he will lose money. Hidden bruises, wounds, or other defects can create losses on any animal. In selling, the meat packer must also follow the market trends established by those who buy the meats. He stands the risk that meat demand will fall off and prices decline between the day he buys the livestock and the day he sells the meat—also the risk of accidents and delays in transit which can wash out his profit. An average profit of less than 2% on sales is a small return for taking these substantial business risks.

Know—Don't guess—in 1947

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An adequate record book is an extremely useful and valuable tool. It usually pays good dividends for the few minutes it takes out of the day's work to keep it up to date. Specifically, a record book helps a farmer or rancher:

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- Prepare a plan for future operations.
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- Establish a sound basis for credit.
- Comply with government programs.
- Prepare income tax returns.

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