Brody Strong Proposal For Farm Co-ops

Reports from Washington hold that Clark L. Brody, executive secretary of the National Grange, has prepared a proposal, tentatively entitled, "Farm Co-ops: A New Concept of Farm Marketing," for presentation to the National Executive Council of the American Farm Bureau at the annual meeting of the Farm Bureau at the end of the month. Mr. Brody is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Grange and Farm Bureau Councils have been notified of the proposal which will be under consideration at the meeting of the board of directors of both organizations.

Community Farm Bureau Awards

Recognizing that Community Farm Bureau services are essential to the farming industry, the board of directors of the Farm Bureau, Inc. have selected the Farm Bureau Services Plaque as the award of the year. The award will be made at the annual meeting of the Farm Bureau. The award is made in honor of the Community Farm Bureau Services, which have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of agriculture in the state of Michigan.

EMMET COUNTY OBTAINS GOAL IN 30 HOURS

Emmet County Farm Bureau was the first to go over its goal in the recent Dues Collection Drive. The drive was conducted in connection with the 28th annual meeting of the Farm Bureau at Michigan State College, November 13 and 14. The drive was headed by re-elected Clark L. Brody of Lansing, executive secretary and treasurer.

More than 800 delegates and visitors attended the meeting. They represented a membership of 48,000 families.

The Farm Bureau pledged itself to work for a strengthening of the national farm legislative program to adjust agriculture to post-war conditions.

Farmers were urged to do their full part in conserving grain to feed hungry Europe. The convention asked the government to support practical farm measures for conserving grain, rather than mealy seeds.

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EDITORIAL

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This fight has been going on for years. One of the most discouraging aspects of the conflict between the House Ways and Means Committee and the farmers' organization occurs when the Committees agree that the Farm Bureau women's activities are strongly to the public interest.

President

Community Farm Bureau Activities

In these summary reports of County Farm Bureau activities for the year, the number is the county number, and the report ends with the approach by the Michigan Farm Bureau Women's National Congress, which will be held on June 20-21 at the Lakeview Hotel in Muskegon.

President

SPeAKS ON RURAL URBAN RELATIONS

In order to have a successful program of farm improvement, and to make the farm and urban relations the problem of the Farm Bureau, it is necessary to present the program in such a way that the farmers and urban leaders can appreciate the need for action.

By L. Royce executive secretary of the Michigan Farm Bureau, and William White executive secretary of the American Farm Bureau Fed.

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Results in better passenger service.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

TO CONTINUE THIS PROGRESS

The railroads will continue to make improvements in their service and facilities. They will continue to provide the kind of passenger service that is needed to meet the demands of a growing nation. They will continue to provide the kind of freight service that is needed to meet the demands of a growing industry.

Association of American Railroads
WASHINGTON, D.C.
LIVESTOCK CO-OP PLANS EXPANSION PROGRAM

In an effort to market the more than 1,500,000 hogs raised in the state, livestock producers have the opportunity to establish a unified marketing program through their local co-ops. This will enable producers to control the quality and price of their pigs, and ultimately benefit the consumer through better products.

STATE EASTERN DAYS

May not be economical

In the past, farmers have been faced with the challenge of marketing their livestock, which often resulted in lower prices due to lack of control over quality and quantity. With the establishment of a co-op marketing program, farmers can now work together to ensure fair pricing and quality, ultimately benefiting both producers and consumers.

CO-OP WAY

The Michigan Farm Bureau, through its co-op division, has been working towards this goal. They have successfully established a program that allows farmers to pool their resources and market their products collectively, leading to improved prices and better quality for consumers.

Webb E. Phillips, chairmen of the Michigan Farm Bureau when the program was announced last month, explained the reasons behind the initiative: "Our goal is to improve the economic situation for our members by working together to ensure fair pricing and quality.

W.D. Phillips, chairman of the Michigan Farm Bureau, reaffirmed the importance of the program, saying, "This is a great opportunity for us to work together and ensure that our products reach consumers at the highest possible price."
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1947

Summary of Resolutions Adopted by the Farm Bureau

Emphasize National Agricultural Development

Petitioning in a summary of the Michigan Farm Bureau's program at a recent meeting to the State Farm Bureau at East Lansing, Mrs. R. R. No.

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Rules.

Dedicated to the principles of the Michigan Farm Bureau and the National Farm Bureau. We urge Congress to pass legislation to establish and maintain a strong National Farm Program, which will include provisions for an adequate and balanced national marketing program, increased funds for research and development, and adequate support for the Farm Credit System.

Local Action

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What Legislation Do Farmers Want?

By Norman R. Washburn, Research and Education

What is the policy of organized agriculture concerning matters of a local, state, or national nature? What do the farmers want in connection with price policies, taxation, education, and such issues which directly concern them?

For this reason, 400 men and women, each representing 100 Farm Bureau members, gathered together on November 13 and 14 from every County Farm Bureau in Michigan to determine how the policy of organized agriculture on the many and varied pertinent issues which directly concern them.

Considerable time was spent in determining policies which would be fair and equitable to all forms of agriculture. How futile it would be to assume that the job is done as soon as policies have been determined. Rather, the job is just begun.

Farmers have long recognized that they can not work alone in the solution of problems concerning local, state, and national affairs. But rather, to be effective, it requires that the policies be understood by all members so that all of them may be thinking and insisting on the same thing at the same time.

Parity, one matter which received considerable attention at the annual meeting was the parity price principle. For some time, the parity price of commodities has been looked upon as that price which would give a farm family the same purchasing power that it had during the early 1930's.

It fell that in view of the advances in production methods, particularly in the field of dairy, the same purchasing power that parity formulas should be revised. The Michigan Farm Bureau delegates recommended that Congress give careful study to modifying the parity formula. The base period for computing parity prices became a ten year moving average. They suggested that a recent ten year period be selected and that each following year, another year be added to the base period and the most distant year be dropped from the base period which would maintain ten years average parity prices.

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Pork Producers Face Problems

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