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## EDITORIAL

Strongly Financed Midwest Leads

The American Farm Bureau Federation reached a membership of 1,128,259 families in 1946, the largest membership in the history of the organiztion. Thirtyfive of 45 State Farm Bureau organizations increased their memberships substantially in 1946. The continuous growth indicates that farmers believe in the Farm Bureau as a means to get things done for agriculture.

More than 480,000 of the national Farm Bureau membership is to be found in 12 midwestern states, including Michigan. Farm Bureau in the midwest is becoming more strongly financed for more and better work than ever before. Seven of the 12 midwest states now have \$10 annual dues. The memberships of three other states are considering expanding their programs and \$10 dues to get it done.

#### Applies To Community Farm Bureaus

The greatest need of the present day is clear thinking based on knowledge and understanding. This is particularily true in the field of agriculture. Groups of farm people who meet to discuss the problems of the day have an important responsibility on their shoulders, to guide thinking towards constructive action.-R. J. Baldwin, director of extension work at Michigan State College.

**NORTHERN COUNTIES** 

meeting sponsored by Farm Bureau

membership district 10 under direction

of Wesley Hawley, Farm Bureau re

presenative, was held at Gaylord this

The purpose behind the meeting was

to help put northern Michigan agri-culture on a par with southern Michi-

gan and the upper peninsula with the

office for agricultural agents and a

broader opportunity for the extension

A resolution was introduced by Tom Colter of Antrim county, state direc-

tor of the Farm Bureau, at a five

county dairy herd round-up last month

that ask for a regional dairy specialist

Mr. Shaw began his career in 1920

as a county agr'l agent in Peoria coun-

ty, Illinois. In 1928 he entered dairy

there until 1946 when he entered the

employe of the American Farm Bur-

ADAPTED ALFALFA

because of a scarce supply.

A great many farmers have gained

the impression from newspaper ar-

The actual scarcity that has been

referred to is a scarcity of Michigan

There is a large crop of adapted al-

L. Smith of the Michigan State Col-

that we study our insurance coverage

and confer with our insurance repre-

sentative to lessen the risk of a great

Three-fourths of the group studied have increased their insurance an

average of 25 percent but building

Plant Farm Bureau Seeds.

financial loss.

SHAW

SEEK REGIONAL

**FARM OFFICE** 

past week.

workers.

tary-treasurer.

### **GOOD REASONS** FOR REINSTATING G. I. INSURANCE

The Veterans Administration is conducting a campaign to convince the nation's 14,000,000 veterans to hold ties of Michigan, an eight-county their National Life Insurance, to reinstate it if it has been allowed to laspe, or to apply for it if they never

took it out while in service. Two out of three Veterans have dropped their G. I. insurance. No doubt many of the 10,000,000 who have dropped the insurance would reinstate if they were aware of the liberalcongress brought into the advocation of a regional extension program through the recent insurance

It was so after World War I. great many veterans dropped their government life insurance. Congress added many improvements to the program within a few years after the war. Many veterans reinstated their insurance in the campaigns that followed for the 21 northern counties. We have observed that World War I. vets who kept their government insurance have long considered them exexperience has been just that. The policies compare well with the best in

the field and the net cost is low. Congress has broadened World War II veterans insurance so that (1) a veteran name anyone he choses as beneficiary; (2) beneficiary may col- The announcement was made by Preslect insurance in lump sum if so ar- ident Edward A. O'Neal. Mr. Shaw, ranged: (3) veteran may convert his director of the dairy dep't of the AF term insurance to any or a combina- BF, will assume his new duties on tion of plans, including ordinary life, 20 ro 30 payment life, 20 or 30 year endowment, endowment at 60 or 65.

### RADIO FIRST TO **GIVE HEED TO** WOMEN'S PROTEST

Women of the Michigan Farm Bur eau has been invited to send a represenative to New York March 10 to participate with the Nat'l Ass'n of Broadcasters, educators, government agencies and others regarding crime story programs under attack as harmful to NO SCARCITY OF

Mrs. Marjorie Karker, director of women's activities for the Michigan Farm Bureau will attend the confer-

Michigan Farm Bureau women at their convention last November start- ticles that it will be necessary to reed things. They adopted a resolution strict the use of alfalfa seed this season saying women had delayed too long in expressing their disapproval of unwholesome movies and radio programs They said that if crime programs must grown seed. be on the air, they should be moved up to 10 p. m. or later and not go on falfa seed from Kansas, Nebraska, while children are still listening. Utah and the Dakotas. The Farm Bur-Community Farm Bureaus were as eau Seed Service says that it can still ked to set up committees to express supply farmers with plenty of alfalfa County Farm Bureaus disapproval to the proper places, in- seed, guaranteed as usual, and from cluding the Nat'l Ass'n of Broadcas- sources approved by Michigan State

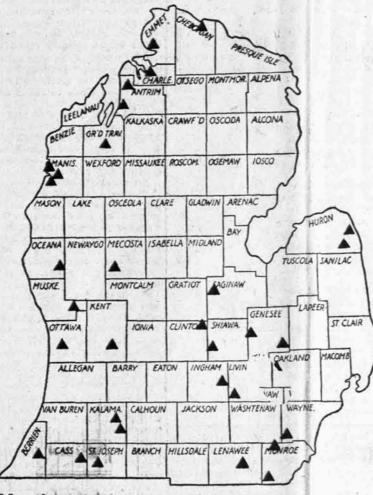
College as entirely satisfactory for In December 1946 the Associated Michigan conditions. Women of the American Farm Bur-**Building Costs Urge** eau made the Michigan resolution a part of their national program. No doubt, Farm Bureau women's organi- Check of Insurance zations in many states have expressed themselves to the movie and radio program directors.

#### No. Michigan County Officers Have Schools

The week of Feb 24 County Farm Bureau officers of Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Presque Isle counties held all day training schools for COFB and Community FB of-Bureau research and education dep't, Claude Nash of the MSC economics ings. Wind insurance on the same the way to meet postwar problems is dep't, J. D. Marcus of the extension dep't in adult education of central Michigan College of Education at Mt. Pleasant.

Accurately kept farm accounts help costs have gone up 70 per cent. to show strong and weak points of management in farm business.

## Farm Bureau Patrons Relations Dealers



Map shows location of 32 Farm Bureau Services farm supplies dealers. They are the first to adopt the Patrons Relations program designed to make every farmer patron of FBS a stockholder and entitled to patronage dividends direct from FBS.

#### 8 More Take Patrons In an effort to improve the agricul-Relations Program tural set-up in the 21 northern coun-

A little more than a year ago Farm Bureau Services, Inc., announced that it would put into effect as rapidly as possible a patrons relations program for farmer patrons of FBS supplies and for their dealers.

Purpose of the plan is to distribute all of the savings or margins of the co-operative Farm Bureau Services, Inc., to the farmer patrons who buy Farm Bureau supplies. The patrons relations program is a system of records for (1) enabling the dealer to record all farmer purchases of FBS supplies (2) enable FBS to pay patronage dividends direct to those farmer patrons, and (3) it provides for a patrons relations organization around each dealer to advise with the dealers and FBS.

So far 32 farm co-operatives and other dealers are operating on the John C. Berlin Was a plan. Eight adopted it in February. Fifteen are taking steps to make it Member for 28 Years Wilfred Shaw of Illinois has been effective. There is widespread interappointed secretary-treasurer of the est among 46,000 Farm Bureau mem-American Farm Bureau Federation. bers and their farm supply stores

throughout the state. Dealers adopting the plan in Feb. Feb. 2. Mr. Berlin was a member for ruary were: Harbor Springs, D. J. 28 years and held the award for 20 A Blue Cross enrollment period for April 1. The present secretary-treas-Borculo, Bussis Bros.; Three Rivers, urer, Roger B. Corgett, is retiring af-Three Rivers Co-op Co.; Holly, Frank Mr. Berlin was born in Manheim, Gertive date of the Blue Cross protection ter three years of notable service to return to the University of Maryland Mill; Azalia, Yeck's Sales & Service; see county when 18 and farmed there will be May 1. as associate dean and director of agri-Ottawa Lake, Ottawa Lake Farm Im- all but two years. His wife and three cultural extension work. Until April 1, Mr. Shaw will serve as ass't secreplement & Supply Co.

Other dealers on the patrons relaions program are: Adrian, Charles Ruesink, Farm Supplies; Bear Lake, Bear Lake Hardware Co.; Bellaire, co-operative work, and in 1935 became manager of the milk marketing dep't of the Illinois Agr'l Ass'n. He was Cheboygan Co-op Co.; Climax, Niles Hagelshaw; Ellsworth, Ellsworth Farmers Exchange; Eau Claire, Berrien County Farm Bureau Oil Co.; Elsie, Miller's Hardware; Galesburg, Galesburg Mills, Goodrich, Goodrich Lumber & Coal Co.; Harbor Beach, Harbor Beach Farm Bureau; Hemlock, Hemlock Co-op Creamery Co.; Kingsley, Kingsley Co-op Co.; Laingsburg, Hunter Hardware; Lennon, Chapman Elevator; McCords, Kleinheksel Feed Service; Marcellus, Four County Co-op Ass'n; Onekama, Schimke's Farm Service, Sellers Farmers Exchange; Plainfield, Plainfield Farm Bureau Supply Store; Ravenna, Ravenna Co-op, Inc.; Ruth, Ruth Farmers Elevator, Inc.; Stanwood, Stanwood Marketing Ass'n.

# Organizing Two More

Before long we should have two new County Farm Bureaus in District 10 of northern Michigan. Farmer committees have started work in Otsego and Cheboygan counties with the as sistance of Wesley S. Hawley, district representative. Farm meetings will be held early in March to organize Buildings on many Michigan farms Community Farm Bureaus. The comcould not be replaced or repaired munity groups will build the county with the amount of money for which they are insured. This is due to the 50 or more family members, the Coungreat increase in building costs. N. ty Farm Bureau will be organized.

#### lege farm management dep't, suggests 225 Attend Mason County Farm & City Women's Meet

Mason County Farm Bureau women were very successful with their first A survey indicates that fire insur- rural-urban conference for women ficers. Instructors were Norman K. Waggoner of the Michigan Farm about 43% of the farmer's estimated mond Sayre of Ackworth, Iowa, was cost (1946) for replacing the build- the principal speaker. She said that buildings would cover about 38 per "to begin where you are and with what cent of the 1946 replacement costs. you have. The problem of peace is a problem of human relations, and we must learn to live with people."

> Labor, including hired, family and operator's labor, is the largest item of expense on Michigan farms,

# **DESPITE SNOW BLOCKED ROADS**

Snow blocked roads have handicapped every County Farm Bureau mem bership campaign this winter. They have interferred with the origina campaign and with the clean-up a

In spite of these adversities, the first report from County Farm Bur eaus on February 21 totalled 37,000 members. The work goes on, All counties are confident that they will reach their goals, and that the state total will be 51,500 or more.

Half of the counties need less than 150 members each to make their goal for 1947. Counties over goal are An trim, Benzie, Charlevoix and Emmett Less than 50 to make goal: Alpena Kalamazoo, Macomb, Presque Isle, Wexford, Less than 100 to make goal Calhoun, Hillsdale, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Oakland, Wayne, Less than 150 to make goal: Bay, Barry, Clinton, Eaton, Livingston, Midland Van Buren, Monroe, Muskegon, Oce ana, Osceola, Saginaw,

## STATE FARM CO. HAS 98,024 AUTO POLICIES IN FORCE

The Michigan Farm Bureau, state gent for the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company o Bloomington, Illinos, told 300 agents in annual convention at Lansing February 21 that they have 98,024 automobile insurance policies in force in Michigan. There was a gain of 9,000 policies in 1946. This is an all

time high.
A. W. Tompkins, State Farm Mutual vice-president, said that the company has 1,340,000 automobile policies in force in 40 states, the District of Columbia and the province of Ontario in Canada. The State Farm Life Company has \$218,000,000 of life insurance in force

Four days before the Michigan conto make the state total more than governments. \$20,000,000 in the State Farm Life. Most policyholders are farmers.

The Michigan Farm Bureau began as state agent for the State Farm Alfred Bentall has been the Mutual. Farm Bureau's director of insurance for the entire period. He is assisted by Roscoe Jones.

# 7.000 FB Families in

Farm Bureau members-have become annually. Genesee County Farm Bureau lost subscribers to Michigan Hospital Serone of its oldest members when John vice, the Blue Cross Plan, and have C. Berlin of Swartz Creek passed away protected themselves against the cost of hospitalization.

Moore Co.: Hesperia, G. E. Knowles; years of membership. He was a mem- Farm Bureau members is now open ber of the Gaines community group. and will continue until April 1. Effec-Gromak; Willis, L. E. Gorton Feed many July 4, 1867. He came to Gene- for those enrolled during this period

> sons and a daughter survive. Joe, as Preventing off-flavors from developthe highest returns from it.

# 1ST REPORT 37,000 Progress of Bills Affecting Farmers

New Taxes Await Court Decision on Sales Tax Diversion; 15 Mill Limit Attacked; Farm Bureau Legislation Appears

By STANLEY M. POWELL

The legislature appears bewildered by the enormity of the financial crisis due to the sales tax diversion and veterans bonus constitutional amendments.

The auditor general and state treasurer have refused to distribute any funds to schools and municipalities under the sales tax diversion amendment until the supreme court clarifies puzzling questions arising from the indefinite language of the amendment.

Meanwhile, appropriations committees are grinding along, listening to the requests for state institutions, departments and other appropriations. When the court decides, the legislature will get down to the business of enacting new taxes, taking state funds away from local governments, and turning back to them financial responsibility for services now provided at state expense, if that is what has to be done.

In such readjustments farmers may find themselves saddled with greatly increased state and local tax burdens. We should follow developments closely and let our Senator and Representative hear from us on pending measures. Such expressions by farm folk are very effective. It's too late to squawk after an unfavorable law has been enacted.

New taxes proposed to meet the tax, state income tax, 2c a pack on cigaretts, abolish the \$50,000 ceiling on the corporation tax, tax on payrolls, a poll tax, tax on various forms of gambling. Bills have been introduced to return to the state general fund the entire proceeds of the 10% tax on liention the agents started a drive for quor and the intangible property. The life insurance. They wrote \$286,000 state has paid these revenues to local

15 mill tax limitation enemies are active. Senator Quinlan of Kent county and Senator Cloon of the Upper its insurance service in August, 1926 Peninsula have introduced a resolu tion to repeal it

The senate has approved anothe neasure 25 to 0 that would mutilate the 15 mill tax limitation amendment so that it would provide almost no protection to property owners. The drastic proposal sponsored by Senator Haskell Nichols of Jackson and Hills-Group Hospital Service all counties, was made more sweeping by amendments in the senate com-

To approximately 7,000 Farm Bur-eau members, March 17 is a date of The present constitutional provi special significance. It was on March | sion establishes 15 mills as the prope Cross subscriber was enrolled. Since ty tax ceiling, but does permit voters 17, 1939, that the first Michigan Blue in any assessing district by two-thirds that memorable date, more than 1,150,- vote to raise the ceiling not to exceed 000 perons—including these 7,000 5 years at a time to as high as 50 mills

> The Nichols proposal as approved by the senate would extend the num ber of years to 20, and drop the vote requirement to a simple majority. The Farm Bureau is willing to ac

cept a majority vote of property tax payers but says if property ownership question, then the vote should be twothirds majority. The Farm Bureau has been agree

able to extending the time the millage everyone knew him, will be missed by ing in cream is the best way of getting diture purposes to 15 or 20 years to might be increased for capital expenpermit purchase of real estate and construction or improvement of buildings. Although the Nichols proposal is advocated for school construction, i contains no safeguard as to how the millage raised will be expended.

Farm Bureau's Tegislative spokesman immediately arranged to be heard by the House committee on revision and amendment of the constitution. After he had explained the nature of the proposal, the committee voted to postpone further considera tion of it.

Compulsory pasteurization. Bills in both houses to require compulsory pasteurization of all milk and dairy products sold in Michigan are making no progress. Opposition in the house committee on agriculture. Farm Bureau has said farm sales to permanent and temporary help should be exempt-

Drivers license. House passed bill raising minimum age for drivers license to 17, but permitting issuance of restricted license to persons 14, 15 or 16 years of age on proper showing of special reasons of need, etc. Proposal to revoke all licenses now in force for 14 to 17 age group failed in House. Senate state affairs committee has the

Schools-Various portions of the Farm Bureau's legislative program are making their appearance. Senator Don VanderWerp of Fremont is sponsoring a proposed constitutional Hamilton Co-op Holds the members of the State Board of Ed. 27th Annual Meeting ucation from 4 to 8 and authorizing | Completing the most successful year them to select the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who is now forced to secure his office through participating in a primary and general year in excess of \$3,000,000, according election campaign each two years, to Rndrew G. Lohman, manager. The Grinding Hay-Another bill demand-

ed by the Farm Bureau delegates during the year to include a sawmill would lower from \$20 to \$1 the re- and an electrical appliance store. quired fee to permit a person to grind hay of his own production and sell it commercially. Sponsored by Rep. reaus forming co-operatives highlight-Walter Herrick of Hubbardson and ed the February meting of the Town Floyd E. Town of Jackson,

Agr'l Research-A number of im- Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Herbert. portant agricultural appropriation Junior Duncan led the business por measures are jeopardized by the tion of the meeting. Fritz Kunde, in state's financialy emergency. For instance, the last Congress passed the rected the discussion. The March Hope-Flannagan Bill providing for ex- meeting will be held at the home of tensive revision in regard to the pro- Mr. and Mrs. Fyrciak. cessinf and utilization of farm prod-

ate deficit include a state property a direct federal grant, but most of the benefits require matching. measure is now being prepared to accept the provisions of It will be difficult to convince the Legislature that any new projects should be undertaken in view of the state's finances. Farm folks who understand the provisions of the Hope-Flannagan Bill and who realize the importance of research to promote utilization of farm products so as to avoid surpluses, should immediately contact their Senator and Representaive in behalf of this measure.

Agr'l Appropriations threatened by resent conditions are those for build ngs and operation at Michigan State College, soil conservation districts, Bang's disease control, premiums and operations of the Michigan State Fair. premiums for the State 4-H show and ounty fairs, state aid for county nealth units, participation by the state in payment of bounties on fox and funds for administering the proposed pullorum disease control program.

# FIRST 10 DAYS

The success that farmers have with their chicks often depends on how they care for them during the first 10 days, says H. C. Zindel, extension poultryman at Michigan State College, It is then that the chicks learn to eat is not a qualification for voting on this and find the source of heat in the brooder house. If conditions are not suitable, they often die or do not grow at the proper rate.

When the chicks arrive, the house hould be clean and warm. The floor should be covered with dry litter. If you start the brooder stove about 48 hours in advance, the house should be warm enough. With a coal or oil prooder, the thermostat should be adjusted so there is a temperature of about 95 degrees about 2 inches above the floor at the hover edge. A little higher temperature is recommended for an electric brooder. The chicks can be taught not to get too far from the heat by placing a guard of boards or wire about 18 inches from the brooder hover.

As soon as the chicks arrive, they should be fed. A good starting mash is best for them. Feed them 4 or 5 times a day, feeding only what they will eat in one half to one hour. After the first three or four days, the mash can be placed before them at all times, The chicks should have water or milk from the time they arrive.

#### 51.450 This Edition

This edition the Michigan Farm News sets a new record with 51,450 regular subscribers; 5,000 are new members. Critical shortage of news print continues us as a four page

In April we shall appear with an eight column page, converting present marginal space into 4 extra columns

in its history, the Hamilton Farm Buco-operative expanded its operations

Townline-The need of Farm Bu-Line Farm Bureau at

ucts. Some of the money provided is Buy Farm Bureau Seeds,

## 90% of PARITY PRICES

many friends and neighbors.

Compared with Average Market Prices Paid Farmers

When President Truman terminated hostilities December 31, 1946, that made the calendar years 1947 and 1948 the two years for which Congress has guaranteed farmers not less than 90% of parity prices

Congress enacted the Steagall amendment at the request of the Farm Bureau and other groups to give farmers a reasonable degree of price protection for a two year period while they adjust from production for war (a 30% increase nationally) to an anticipated lower

The following figures from Farm Credit Administration reports show the relationship of present day market prices to 90% of parity prices under the Steagall amendment. Indications are that potatoes, eggs and grains will be the first to feel the need of price support

	Michigan commodities included under the support program	Jul. 1914 Price (base)	1.0	U.S. Price Jan. 15	Av. Price to 90% Parity	
	Wheat, bu.	\$ .88	\$ 1.71	\$ 1.91	112	
	Corn, bu.	.64	1.24	1.27	98	
1	Soy Beans, bu.	.96a	1.85b	2.93	158	
	Dry Beans, cwt.	3.37	6.52	12.20	187	
	Flaxseed, bu.	1.69	3.27	6.95	212	
3	Potatoes, bu.	.69	1.35	1.29	90	
	Hogs, cwt.	7.27	14.07	21.80	155	
	Butterfat, Ib. (c)	.26	,53d	.74	141	
	Milk, whisle, cwt. (c)	1.60	3.28d	4.96	151	
	Chickens, lb.	.11	.22	.25	116	
	Eggs, doz.	.21	.43d	.41d	96	
	Turkeys, 1b.	.14	.28	.31	110	
	Michigan commodities not included under the support program					
	Oats, bu.	.40	.77	.80	104	
	Hay, ton	11.87	22.97	17.50	76	
	Apples, bu.	.96	1.86	2.65	143	
	Beef, cattle, cwt.	5.42	10.49	17.30	165	
	Veal calves, cwt.	6.75	13.06	18.00	138	
	Lambs, cwt.	5.88	11.38	19.00	167	
	Wool, 1b.	.18	.35	.41	117	
	(a) Comparable base	price, Aug	. 1909-July	1914. (b	Compar-	

able price computed under Sect. 3 (b) of Price Control Act. (c) Does not include dairy production payments made directly to farmers by county PMA offices Oct. 1943 to June 1946. (d) Adjust-

for certain commodities named in the Steagall amendment.

volume for a nation at peace.

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#### Community Farm Bureau Activities

By MRS. MARJORIE KARKER Membership Relations and Education

In these summary reports of community Farm Bureau meetings the name of the group, the county and number in attendance are given in that order.

meeting dedicated to new members of leading broadcasting companies. group. Each one was introduced and Henry VanDeusen gave an interesting ed by group to be forwarded to road report to new members as to the principles of Farm Bureau.

Northeast, Hillsdale-56. This group roads than on county parks. combined business with pleasure and charter member of the group celebrate record as asking for help from Michihis 80th birthday. A large cake ser- gan Farm Bureau on this project. ved the big crowd and a gift was presented Mr. Zorman from the group.

of the Rescue Mission in Port Huron trim trees and grapes, with the ladies gave a very interesting talk.

group about the work.

township supervisor, explained

they will effect Midland county be cause of the sales tax diversion and soldier's bonus.

North Washington, Gratiot - 18 Group voted to organize one or more 4-H Clubs in the community during the summer.

Chester Heights, Ottawa-19. Road conditions were discussed by group and they decided to confer with other groups in vicinity to see if sand bags tould be placed on hills and corners.

Dallas, Clinton-14. Discussion of erime programs on radio was held and group composed a letter objecting to Wright, Hillsdale - 50. January this type of program to be sent to

> Plains, Ionia-15, Resolution pass commission and board of supervisors that more money be spent on rural

Elk-Riverside, Huron-19. Group in addition to holding their regular in favor of more effective control of meeting helped George Zorman, a cold storage plants and have gone on

N.W. Oshtemo, Kalamazoo-18. One of the members having broken his arm, Carsonville, Sanilac. Rev. McDonald the group voted to have a "bee" and furnishing the dinner.

Hazelton, Shiawassee—14. Dr. Cook Wolverine, Kalamazoo—10. Group of the Shiawassee county health unit thinks that a course in fruit raising and one of his nurses talked to the and animal husbandry should be offered as an evening course by Depart-Ingersoil, Midland-29. John Vin- ment of Adult Education.

Klee, Presque Isle-11. Inasmuch some of the tax problems and how as 47% of the homes in this community

# RAM and

## Pillow to Pillow

It seems, as I ponder the news of the day, Of "portal-to-portal" and claims for arrears Of harsh ultimatums and "minimum pay" Deduced from statistics compiled thru the years, It seems, as I ponder the gulf that is fixed

Between modern labor and dirt farmers' toil That some new crusader should rise from the sticks And broadcast the case for the sons of the soil.

Now this is a point my crusader would make: If portal-to-portal is industry's debt To painters of autos and slicers of steak, If labor is cheated by all it can get. Then the farmer should have, my crusader would say, Retroactive to date from the day of his birth. In the courts of the nation a claim for back pay To be based on the hours that he works on the earth.

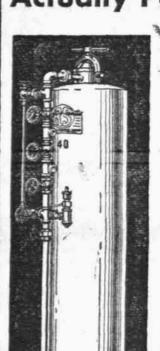
And Pillow-to-Pillow our slogan should be. Full pay from the moment he opens his eyes To the ultimate hour in the evening when he Is finally through with the day's enterprise, No time out for smokes, and no coffee at nine Should rise as a specter to shadow our claim No slowdown or strikes and no waiting in line, No pickets, no stewards, no seekers for fame.

But an honest day's work at an adequate rate Should form the sound basis for all computations, A forty-hour week, and then time-and-a-half With extra allowance for chores and vacations, Then Pillow-to-Pillow, with extras for all. Let this be the slogan we proudly proclaim:

Arise, fellow farmers! Give ear to our call, Let's hire a sharp lawyer and get into the game! R. S. Clark

315 North Grinnell St. Jackson, Michigan

# The Reynolds-Shaffer WATER CONDITIONER **Actually Pays for Itself!**



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- Down-flow mineral bed is "tailormade" to your needs.

and filters.

- Thoroughly corrects undesireable water condition.
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On Sale at Your Farm Bureau Dealer

# ANTU and You

### The War on Rats Is

not confined to minor skirmishes. It is a major battle. To win it we need to be ever alert. We need the best weapons at our command and a determination to continue the use of them. There is one real weapon and that is ANTU.

Recent publications have pretty well told the story of ANTU. It was perfected at Johns Hopkins hospital at Baltimore by Dr. Richter. It kills rats by causing their lungs to fill with fluid. Here is what two of many leading publications have to say about ANTII:

#### "Readers Digest," Oct. 1946 Said:

"Rats have an uncanny instinct for avoiding poisoned food. 'ANTU' was the exception."

#### "Liberty," June 8, 1946 said

"The standard rat poison is red squill, favored because it is not harmful to pets or human beings". Comparison showed ANTU to be twenty to forty times as effective. The most deadly raticide then in use was thallium sulfate. Dr. Richter found that ANTU was twice as deadly. Furthermore it was virtually a specific for the common "brown" or Norway rat, the chief pest both here and abroad.

#### BUY FARM BUREAU BRAND

So convinced are we of the demand for this new product that we are committed to a large quantity purchase under our own Farm Bureau label. The label bears the name "Quick Deth" at the top and is printed in three colors. Be sure to ask for it at your Farm Bureau or Co-operative dealer.

#### There Is A Difference

We suggest that you check the active ingrelients of any ANTU killer you buy. 5 per cent is quite common with many preparations which compare with the Farm Bureau brand in price. Our Farm Bureau ANTU is 20 per cent active.

"FOR QUICKER RIDDANCE OF RODENTS USE FARM BUREAU ANTU LABELED 'QUICK DETH'."

#### FARM BUREAU SERVICES. INC.

Feed Dept.

221 N. Cedar St.

Lansing, Michigan

that R. E. A. be continued. North Branch-Arcadia, Lapeer-33.

the fact that potatoes are being furnished free by the government to sonally thought a lot was accompolishfeel this is in direct competition to a member of a group like this one; them as potato growers who have for- they get information, they take action, merly sold their potatoes for this pur-Kinderhook, Branch-36. Ted Wal-

spoke to the group. Among other things he said that 4,174 farms in Branch county are in touch with the local co-op which has a membership Ovid, Branch-26. Group voted in

favor of an increased gasoline tax pro- Group favored less red-tape and overwould be left in Branch county for improved rural roads. Bridgeport, Saginaw-22. County to luxury articles.

Board Member, Frank Scharr read the the village council and the township railroad crossing in Ellsworth.

East Leland, Leelanau-31. Met with this group last week and enjoyed it immensely. They were discussing farm organization.

are without electricity group decided a local problem and after the discuswrite their Congressmen urging sion asked that the conclusion of the discussion be presented to the local people involved. The meeting started Opposition evpressed by this group to on time; the program and time to be spent on it was well planned and I perthe school hot lunch program. They ed. Incidentally, I would like to be they have fun and awfully good "eats."

In short, they have everything! Dowagiac, Cass-17. Group voted lace, manager of the Coldwater Co-op, to give \$10 each to the Red Cross and interested in pure seed. It is also a the "March of Dimes" campaign. Marcellus, Cass-35. Carl Buskirk,

president of the Michigan Farm Bur- orders. Mixes are too often the natural of a bigger membership. Friendly Neighbors, St. Joseph-14.

County Farm Bureau budget for 1947. tion passed by the group that the largely because of sticks, stems and Ellsworth, Antrim-15. Committee County Farm Bureau sponsor some other inert matter which can clog appointed by this group to meet with 4-H award in connection with the seeders and otherwise prove dear. Alboard to see if anything can be done Bureau contribute toward the build- bags, re-run the seed over the mill about getting light installed at the ing of a permanent 4-H club building and rebag again for our trade, it is at the fair grounds.

The Farm Bureau is a nation-wide

#### 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

#### VETERINARY REMEDIES

TEST FOR MASTITIS (GARGET) Use either the quick blotter test (50 clotters for \$1.00), or the Brom-Thymolest solution (complete with test tubes— \$1.25). Treat internally by 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 oll; penicillin solution or Tyrothricin emulsion. Write H. F. Link, 1456 East Michigan, Lansing, Mich. Has the larg-est veterinary department in the state. (1-tf-67b)

VETERINARY INSTRUMENTS - HY-VETERINARY INSTRUMENTS—HYpodermic Syringes with needles and udder infusion tubes; dose syringes, mouth
spreaders, bailing guns, milking tubes,
dilators, teat plugs and splitters, dehorners, trocars with capula, emasculators.
Write for prices. H. F. Link, Pharmacist, 1456 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Mich. (1-tf-41b)

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#### LIVESTOCK

HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES, SIRE son of Wisconsin Admiral Burke Lad, Gold Medal, 25-2 yr. 4 mo. daughters average 17,160 lbs. milk, 618 lbs. fat; dams by our Gold Medal sire, Pabst Sir Belcade Dewdrop, 19-2 yr. daughters average 443 lbs. fat 2X. Farmer prices if sold young. Special price to 4-H club members. Also, Berkshire hogs. Rinkland Farms, John A. Rinke & Sons, Warren, Michigan. (1-3t-60p)

Registered Red Poll Cattle. Butter, Registered Red Poll Cattle. Butter, beef and beauty. Our herd has won more firsts and champions than any other herd at the state show the last four years. 90% of the calves sired by a Red Poll Bull from any cows will be red and hornless. We usually have breeding stock for sale. Popular Stock Farm. Phil Hopkins, Homer, Michigan. (2-3t-59p

Let us do your printing! Special prices to Farmers and Dealers. We have a Modern Printing Plant located on the farm and prompt service can be had at reasonable prices. Envelopes, Letterheads, Statements, Invoices, Bulletins, Circulars, pamphlets. Special Offer: 200 envelopes and 200 sheets of paper with your name and address imprinted \$3.00 postpaid. 50 shipping labels free with each order. Fruit Belt Printing Company, Coloma, Michigan. (3-2t-56p)

#### BABY CHICKS

BABY CHICKS. REASONABLY PRICed with livability guaranteed. White
Rocks, White Leghorns, Legorcas, Reds,
Red Rocks. All stocks blood tested.
Write for folder and prices. Caledonia,
Farmers Elevator Hatchery, Caledonia,
Michigan. (2-2t-%9b)

Meadowbrook Farms Hatchery R.O.P. bloodline chicks. Wing banded R.O.P. cockerels heading breeding pens. U. S. approved. U. S. Pullorum tested. Six standard breeds. Serving central and eastern Michigan from Charlotte, Michigan. Get our new chick manual free. Meadowbrook Farms Hatchery, Box MN-5, Zeeland, Michigan. (2-2t-43p)

MORTON'S BABY CHICKS HATCH-MORTON'S BABY CHICKS HATCHed from breeding stock on our own farm
exclusive. Pullorum and T. B. tested.
Livability and sex guaranteed. White
Leghorns, Barred and White
Prepaid parcel post. Write for folder
and prices. Morton Foultry Farm, Saline,
Mich. Phone 65R2. (3-3t-42p)

#### TURKEY POULTS

BROAD BREAST Bronze and Domes White Hollands hatched from eggs received direct from Victor Ryckebosch's and Henry Domes' own U. S. Pullorum Clean Breeding Farms. Operating under National Turkey Improvement Plan. We are now shipping. Phone, wire or write for open dates. Pine Creek Turkey Roost, Box FN-702, Holland, Mich. (3-3t-54p)

#### MAPLE SYRUP SUPPLIES

ESSENTIAL MAPLE SYRUP MAK-ESSENTIAL MAPLE SYRUP MAKing and marketing equipment and suppiles, including felt filter bags of cleansing, thermometers, hydrometers, tin and
glass containers, fancy labels, sap spouts,
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-tf-70b)

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 in autumn colors. 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.

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Attention, Wool Growers—aend your wool to us and you are guaranteed the ceiling price. We are purchasing wool for the government. Year around wool marketing service and prompt settlement made. Michigan Co-operative Wool Marketing Association, 506 N. Mechanic St., Jackson, Michigan. Phone 3-4246

#### FARM EQUIPMENT

Statements, Invoices, Bulletins, Circulars, pamphlets. Special Offer: 200 envelopes and 200 sheets of paper with your name and address imprinted \$3.00 postpaid. 50 shipping labels free with each order. Fruit Belt Printing Company, Coloma, Michigan. (3-2t-66p)

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# GOOD SEED DEAR AT ANY PRICE

By WARREN E. DOBSON, Farm Bureau Services Seed Dep't.

Losing a hay crop is plenty serious ousiness. First loss is the direct noney loss when it becomes necessary to purchase hay for the crop that wasn't there. But how about upsetting the rotations, re-fitting the land, loss of revenue from idle acres, loss of potential nitrogen from legumes that failed, soil erosion, and an increase of weeds where the hay failed?

Cheap seed. The Farm Bureau has always contended that "cheap seed" is generally too costly to think of using. What tends to make field seeds

Unadapted Seed. One kind of cheap seed is southern grown or other un-adapted seed. If you bought Argentine alfalfa, for example, and it winterkilled the first year, it was expensive seed at any price.

Noxious Weed Content. Another class of cheap seeds are those containing noxious weeds or an excessive amount of weed seeds of any kind. Suppose you have alfalfa seed which tag states has a content of 97 quack grass seed per pound. (The writer observed such a Michigan dealer sample last year). At ten pounds to the acre, you are sowing nearly 1,000 quack seeds per acre. Even if you have a field infested with quack now, do you wish for that kind of multiplication? For the man lucky enough to be "quack-free", no price should be low enough to induce him

Take clover seed with only 1% farmer's seed with that much buckhorn is rated very good. At average weights, this means 3600 buckhorn seed in one pound of such seed. At five quarts or about 10 lbs. per acre . . figure it out for yourself. Do you wonder that weeds are on the in-

Cheap Crop Mixes. Not all crop mixes are bad. Many times genuine values are to be found in crop-mix seed. However, in any determination of "bargains", know exactly what your crop mix contains! Discounts that apply on sweet clover content in alfalfa seed, for example, needs to be high for the protection of the buyer who is fact that top quality seed is seldom mixed with other crop seed except on eau, spoke to this group on the value haven for too much seed that will not make No. 1 quality.

High Inert & Low Germination. Seed may be cheap for low germinaviding a certain per cent of the tax lapping of government agencies. Also tion and high inert matter. Every voted as being against the luxury tax year we experience shipments of alfalas they felt this tax was not limited fa which are supposedly OK for resale (and are resold by some dealers). We Florence, St. Joseph-27. Resolu- find it necessary to re-clean them county fair, and that the County Farm though it costs money to dump these the only way to make Farm Bureau grade.

Home grown timothy can be cheap in price and prove entirely unaccept able because of low germination. The same is often true of lawn grasses, Reeds canary grass, orchard grass, domestic rye grass, brome and others. It's better to sow less pounds of better seed for true economy.

Farm Bureau's Mission. Your seed department has long put emphasis on quality. We guarantee Farm Bureau brand seeds to be of known origin, adapted to Michigan, true to variety name, purity and germination as stated on the analysis tag, if received in our sealed bag containers.

The facts we have listed regarding "cheap" seed is a rather sketchy treatment of a subject of greatest importance to every man who seeds acreage, It states the case for making price a secondary rather than a primary con sideration in the selection of the right seed to use.

If we seem to be "cranks" on using only good seed, it is because we have long been in position to know of the damage done by the rather indiscriminate use of seed with which the grower felt he might get by.

Acting only as a purchasing and dis tributing agency, the Farm Bureau seed dep't could perhaps justify its existance. As an exponent of better seed prac-

tice, and practical insistence upon it

we can perform the type of service you

people hire us to perform. In all farm enterprises, whether

crops or livestock, timing is the factor which often means success or failure.



### SOME APPARENTLY | PAINT SEALS SILO AGAINST DAMAGING AIR SEEPAGE

In the fall the farmer and the farmof sauerkraut, her husband fills the silo. Both processes are similar,

the farmer's wife. She does a better late constructive thinking by the resi-job of processing. She wouldn't think dents affected. Clair Taylor repreof putting up sauerkraut in a porous crock or leaky barrel. Of all the destruction. Stanley Powell and Edwin trimental factors that enter in the making of good silage, air seepage is the number one enemy, according to George Fansler, Farm Bureau Ser-

vices' roof and silo paint man. Lactic acid is formed in the fermentation of silage. It preserves the silage. Also present is yeast which lives on the lactic acid, but only in the pre sence of air. Therefore, the more air seepage through the staves in the silo, Mr. Fansler says, the deeper the moldy belt in the ensilage will be. A six or seven inch belt of moldy silage in a twelve foot silo 25 to 35 feet high constitutes a good many tons of inferior feed.

In concrete or plastered silos there is the problem of pitting. Even though the silo constructed in this manner is air tight, the action of the acid on the mortar has a tendency to turn neutralize the acid, resulting the grow a good crop the pitting or sluffing of the silo. In the pitting or sluffing of the silo. In-ferior silage results from contact with of legumes without

"The most successful way of treating the above problems," Mr. Fansler said, "is through the use of good bituminous paint. However, this paint should be constructed that it will seal the silo, both as to air seepbuckhorn content. In many sections age and acid, but should not be of the type that will leave the walls gummy. The paint should be economical, long lasting, and one that can be applied as the silo is being emptied. Farm Bureau silo and tank paint is the answer to these problems.

#### St. Joseph Tops USO Quota

St. Joseph Count Community Farm Bureaus accepted a USO quota of \$400 for 16 townships and raised a total of \$574.90, with prospects of making

About 50 per cent of Michigan's land area is in farms

#### Eaton Women Stage Rural Schools Meeting

Women of the Eaton County Farm Bureau presented a discussion of rural school problems at Charlotte, January 28, which filled the high school auditorium. People came to hear men from the states dep't of public instruction, local school superintendents and school officers, and speakers from the The farmer's wife puts down a crock Michigan Farm Bureau discuss school finances, school district organization and the building problem. The object One thing will have to be noted for of the public meeting was to stimusented the state dep't of public in-Steffen spoke for the Michigan Farm Burean. Jay Dykhouse, sup't at Charlotte, and C. P. Titus, sup't at Bellevue, spoke for their areas. Mrs. Harold Nye presided. The meeting was reported fully by Eaton county newspapers.

Alfalfa seed from southern states and Argentina or South Africa are not recommended for Michigan. Plant Farm Bureau adapted seed.

Excess buildings increases farm expenses without adding to income.

# Yes, You may inoculation...

it actually costs you \$10 per acre in nitrogen taken from the soil. INOCULATE your clovers, alfalfa, and soybeans, and you'll take this nitrogen free from the air.

#### UNI-CULTURE

the only 3-in-1 Inoculation for field crops, and save money!

Sold by FARM BUREAU Seed Dealers KALO INOCULANT CO.

Illinois

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# "Look, Dad-I've got a check for growing seed potatoes!"

· Nobody had ever grown seed potatoes in this section

But good crops of table potatoes were raised, and soil, climate, and location were right for seed potato production. So one day a railroad agricultural agent, working in close cooperation with the county agent and the State Agricultural College, talked to local farmers about the

opportunity and how to capitalize on it. It was decided that some Future Farmers and 4-H Club boys should try growing the seed on a small scale. Experience had proved that this reduced the initial risk by enabling the farmer gradually to learn the best way to produce disease-free, certified U.S. No. 1 seed.

Working with the State Extension Services and with farmers along their lines in this way is typical of American railroads. Similarly, in different sections all over America, railroads have worked to increase the efficiency of farm production, improve the quality, and help the sale of market lambs, poultry, dairy cattle, and other livestock; lettuce, peaches, grapes, soybeans, and scores of other

crops. This is additional evidence of the real partnership of farmers and railroads in the business of growing and distributing the agricultural products which America needs.

### AMERICAN RAILROADS



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ALL AMERICA

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

221 North Cedar St.

INSURANCE DEP'T. . MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU P. O. Box 960 Lansing, Michigan

It is good business to reduce farm debts as much as possible when farm lion pounds of alfalfa seed each year. product prices are high, according to Michigan's 1946 production was 2½ MSC farm management department, million pounds.

Michigan farmers use about 51/2 mil-

# TIPS to Our Bosses



## on **POULTRY**

Baby chick season is close up. Don't look just at egg prices today to decide whether a flock of hens next fall and winter will pay. The fewer chicks raised in the overall picture means better egg prices in the future.

In brooding chicks, as a connection of ours puts it, watch the GCcR of brooding: "G" is for good chicks. No high success is possible without the foundation of good chicks. Michigan Hatcheries stand high when quality and production are concerned. Check with your college and buy the best chicks available from your choice of hatcherymen. "C" is for the clean brooder house-one that has been scraped, then brushed, then scrubbed with a solution consisting of a pound or lye dissolved in a gallon of water. "c" is for a cool brooder house. The chicks must have heat but this heat must be concentrated in one area and balance of house should be at 60 degrees, if possible. "R" is for room. There should be no more than two chicks for every square foot of space.

THEN GET: Mermash 16% (to be fed as an all-mash for 10 or 12 weeks) or Mermash 18% (to be fed as an all-mash for 6 weeks, then gradually feed chick grains as birds get older), or Mermash 20% (to be fed as an allmash for 3 to 4 weeks, then start chick grains gradually—reaching 40% scratch and 60% mash at about 12 weeks).



Lansing, Michigan

FEED a little chick grit with first mash (use newspapers over litter for a few days and use clean papers each lay). A little chick grains as first feed often prevents pasting. After the third day a teaspoonful of chick grit per day on top of mash hopper.

#### REMEMBER

MERMASHES (made with Farm Bureau M.V.P. Concentrate) carry 8 pounds of A2000, D400 and 4,400,000 micrograms Riboflavin per ton-also liver meal, dried whey, fish meal and meat scraps.

Buy at Your Local Farm Bureau Feed Dealer FARM BUREAU SERVICES. Inc.

221 N. Cedar St. Feed Dept.

## An Honest Appraisal May be What We Need OVER THE STATE

tution

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR It seem like no one is satisfied with

life as it is now. Suppose we should make a list of the things we Americans are accustomed to think of as part of our everyday life. We'd probably find that they could be enjoyed in no other country

in the world. When we hear of three straight weeks with no sunshine whatever in



MRS. WAGAR

Perhaps if we didn't appraise ourelves so high and would get down to country and the folks who are in it. I have wondered just what the voters really wanted in our last general

government that woud clean house. election. A great majority wanted a That's what we wanted when we voted still paying rather high for what we for prohibition, but too many wanted are getting. it only for the other fellow. It looks the same now.

port. We just can't have our cake and We can never maintain Michigan as a great state if a group can put its

constitution an amendment to gratify

### **COUNTIES & STATE** DISCUSS \$10 DUES **DIVISION & PLANS**

At the 1946 annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau the county ering suggesting one man to serve delegates voted to increase Farm Bu- two or more counties with less than reau dues to \$10 effective Sept. 1, 1500. Agreed that county office and over-all Farm Bureau service program effectiveness of the volunteer FB Roll to members, and with great emphasis | Call and other work but cannot supon the county program. The action plant it. Agreed that state should ary dance party. culminated numerous conferences of share with county responsibility for county and state leaders.

Jan. 27 to Feb. 14 county leader employed personnel. meetings were held in the 10 Farm counties each to discuss state-county Center; 2, Blaque Knirk, Quincy; 3 wide Committee on \$10 Dues to con- mont; 8, DeWayne Kyser, Shepherd tinue the study, one from each dis- 9, Glenn Robotham, Beulah; 10, Geo

Executive Sec'y Clark L. Brody at ionville, Waldo E. Phillips, Decatur. Lansing, elected Burton Richards of Also, President Carl E. Buskirk of Berrien county chairman and took Paw Paw.

suggested (1) state office should pro-AFBF dues of \$1.00, fifty cents for Michigan Farm News, some amount and information director, \$1 for Roll Call and public relations, 50c to reserve fund for lean years, balance to joyable meeting.

I hope the dilemma created by the Briar Hill Farm, Carleton, Monroe Co. sales tax diversion amendment will be a warning to folks against voting un-

> Two items over the radio tonight that were of great interest. One was that hogs went to an all time high of \$29 a hundred on the Chicago market and promised to go higher. Well, that's good news for the farmer who has hogs to sell, but it doesn't do other farmers a bit of good. It is quite misleading, for it's only a case of supply and demand, like the present day market for new cars. All farmers tend to be measured by the situation in hogs.

The other item was that 2,400 teachpathetic towards teachers, but I wontract to serve this year for a given wage, Doesn't a contract mean any-thing to them? It certainly would if school boards had closed the schools.

While schools are under discussion, I feel we should give some thought to box social and oldtime dance netted real hard work and expect no more the report that Michigan schools rank for it than we could honestly earn, we would be more contented with our paid to teachers but ranks 27th for paid to teachers but ranks 27th for Margaret Diehl and Leona Algoe en the efficiency of the educational sys

> Now if Michigan had ranked 10th in efficiency, I'd go all out in behalf of teachers, but it looks like we are

Michigan and America will never run smoothly until we all get into a We cannot expect a governor or a state legislature to progress if we we are paid for; we must pay for withdraw our moral and financial supwhat we get; we must get what we Joyce Heisler writes that State pay for, whether it is for food, manufactured products, time or service.

We must drop the notion that there individual interests above all other in- are indispensable. We can either be terests in the state by writing into the constitution an amendment to gratify move forward. We cannot be neutral tended the JFB Winter Camp at Yanand be honest with ourselves.

#### Community FB, Junior FB, Women's Plan-Agreed in principle that county share of dues should be in

proportion to its plans for effectively sing the financing. Agreed-That counties with less

than 1500 members may find it financialy difficult to carry the expanded program alone. Committee is consid-Purpose was to expand the personnel should add greatly to the financing and supervision of county

Committee members present Feb Bureau director districts of about 5-25-Dist. 1, Burton Richards, Berrien division of the \$10 dues, and new Clyde Breining, Ypsilanti; 4, Ford county-state programs. Out of these Goodemoot, Lake Odessa; 5, Martin conferences came a 14 man State- Garn, Charlotte; 7, Andrew Kole, Fre trict and 4 from the state board of Block, Charleyoix. Michigan Farm Bureau directors-Albert Shellenbar Feb. 25 the committee met with ger, Lake Odessa; Jesse Treiber, Un-

# Dues division-Nothing final, but Washtenaw Farm and

Women of the Washtenaw County Farm Bureau sponsored a meeting of to assist in financing county opera- city and farm women recently for a tions. (2) VCounties should expect panel discussion of the economic prob to invest \$2.75 to \$3 of dues for full lems of the present day family. The time county office with organization object was to bring these women closer together through a discussion of mutual problems. It was a very en-

> The great end of life is not know ledge but action .-

# JFB NEWS FROM

By CHESTER CLARK State Publicity Chairman

From the stack of papers I have next to the typewriter this evening here in the office of the Bancroft Branch of Farm Bureau Services I shall glean bits of news received from various Jr. Farm Bureau groups in the state. Let us see what our members have been doing.

First, I had an invitation to attend the tenth anniversary banquet of the Berrien Co. JFB held in the Berrien Springs Methodist church. Carl Busirk, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, was the speaker.

Ann Counterman, publicity chair man of the East Allegan group, tells us that Allegan county members held talent shows as a major winter project ers in Buffalo were on strike and 79 Attendances were good at Filimore schools were closed. I've been sym- and Fennville, A regular Allegan JFB meeting was held Feb. 18th. The new der if that is the best way to settle stationery of the East Aliegan group their problem. They are under condisplays the names and addresses of their officers.

News of the Davison gang in Genesee county comes from Marian Leach the situation were reversed and the and Leona Algoe. Marian's card tells of a regular meeting and Fun Night at Leona's home. Leona reports that a their group \$85. Stanley Powell was speaker at a joint Jr.-Sr. meeting. tertained with comments and movies of their San Francisco bus tour.

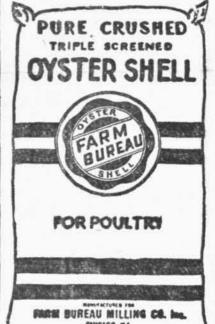
Wayne Smith, director of District entertained the members of the Frisco bus tour at his home in Osseo. State President Ruth Parsons, State Secretary Barbara Preston, Director Ben Hennink and Mrs. Hennink and Mrs. Burton Richards and daughter.

Calhoun county had a full schedule. Joyce Heisler writes that State Director Ben Hennink was guest speaker at a regular meeting. Their Ice Follies of '47 was held the night of January is something coming to us, or that we 23rd. Two carloads of members at tended the regional training school in kee Springs.

Regional Director Fred Schilling of District 1, reports they were the first to hold a regional training school, 40 persons attended. Classes were led by former state president, Marian Frost Williams, Barbara Preston, Ben Hennink, and Fred Schilling.

Darwin Diehl, regional director of District 6, reports his training school was held in Byron with 50 in attendplanned for May 3rd and 4th at Camp Conneconic. A district meeting will be held in Byron in early March. Cass county held a winter outdoor sports party. Dale Swisher showed movies of Frisco trip. Publicity Chairman Pat Walker tells of a Febru-

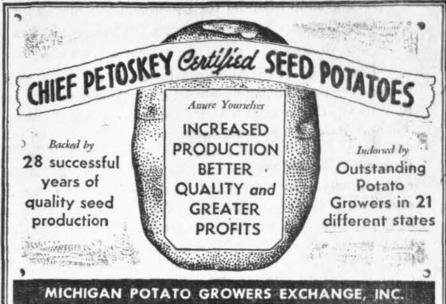
Livingston county held its 10th an niversary banquet in Howell. Ben Hennink was guest speaker. The county group voted to contribute \$75 toward the new 4-H building at the Fowlerville fairgrounds. L. D. Dick



on the Dickerson farm last summer. try Kids" was given by the Owosso Since his return to France Rene has Junior Farm Bureau. written various magazine articles and is writing a book. Bob Drury of Durand said the Shiawassee county meeting at the Casino in Corunna Park featured Stanley Powell as guest speak- saving much time and labor.

erson read a letter from Rene Capde- er. Senior members were guests. Al vila, the French farmer who worked preview of their play "A Pair of Coun-

Income taxes are easier to figure when accurate farm accounts are kept. A good chore plan is one method of



CADILLAC, MICHIGAN

# **Attention Members!** Michigan Live Stock Exchange Plan to Attend the ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY, MARCH 15

at 10 a. m. at Hotel Olds, Lansing

BUSINESS SESSION-Business to come before the meeting includes the election of three directors, and consideration of certain amendments to the articles of incorporation and by-laws.

EVENING BANQUET-Business session will be followed by a banquet and program at 6:30 p. m. at the Olds. Dr. C. L. Anspach, president of Central Michigan College of Education, will be the principal speaker.

SPECIAL BUSINESS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

The board of directors is considering adoption of a program for setting up and operating live stock auctions, concentration yards and marketing facilities and procedures for marketing livestock direct to packers and other buyers and therefore the subject of revising the corporate structure, the plan of operations and method of financing will be brought before the annual meeting for consideration and action.

Instruct your trucker to deliver your consignment to the Michigan Live Stock Exchange state organization of livestock producers, feeders, and shippers-farmer owned and controlled.

It has a membership of approximately 26,000 in Michigan-90% of whom produce other farm commodities, such as grain, vegetables, fruit, etc., of very high quality.

The Michigan Live Stock Exchange operates its own selling agency on the Detroit market-handling all kinds of live stock on a commission basis. It also handles feeder cattle, calves and lambs in any number on the Detroit market-and in carload lots direct from the range or western markets to any point in the state.

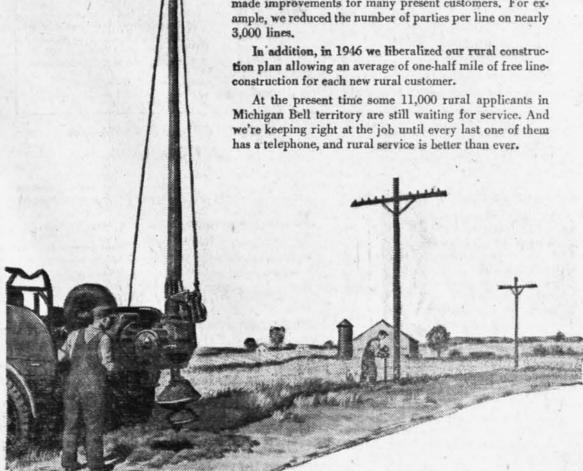
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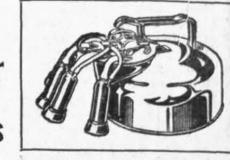
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# Making the Most My Membership

Background Material for Discussion this month by Our Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

By NORMAN K. WAGGONER, Research and Education

Ever since 1776 American farmers have been striving 90% of parity for the price of farm to preserve their liberty and to improve their economic security. The Declaration of Independence was written by Thomas Jefferson, a leader among farmers. The Revolutionary War, a war to make men free, was fought largely by farmers. The fight goes on. No wonder American farmers, shortly after the Civil War, spurred on by high costs and low income, flocked to the new Grange movement in the 1870's. No wonder they turned to group action when the post-war depression robbed them of their farms and drove them west. They joined forces with each other just as their forefathers did in 1776. The great railroads were bleeding them white so they took their cause to Congress and won the first Government control over freight rates. American farmers value their freedom high.

gay 90's. The American farmers to their organizations. Out of this again took up the fight to regain their crisis sprang the American Farm Burrights as free men. Then it was the eau. Out of the farm depression of Farmers' Union which sprang up in the early 20's it developed a healthy the west in 1902. These were our farm growth. Farmers again awoke to the organization parents and grandpar- necessity of getting together as citients . They were fighting for us. Farm | zens to make their voice heard. people are still building the sinews | Today we face the reconstruction of democracy—the soul of America. period following World War II. Eyen The fight for a decent life must be in the midst of record farm income world is on the move.

after World War I. Right on top of the leaves of farm prosperity. Amerirecord food production and inflated can farmers are saying, this time we farm income came a sudden collapse are not waiting for the storm in farm prices. Who says farmers strike. The memory of past experience

Next came the depression of the mers all over America have swarmed

won again and again because our farmers see thunderheads rolling up on the skyline. Already the hailstones See what American farmers faced of mounting costs are beginning to cut won't organize? Time after time far- is sharp. We must put our houses in

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order while there is yet time. Can the mer's share of the consumer's dollar. storm be closing in faster than we think? The fate of hard earned freedom is once more in the balance. Will agriculture has a stake. We can not we rise to the occasion? Will we organize? Will I, as an individual, do my part in this organized effort?

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4-An opportunity to buy seeds which are guaranteed as to vitality, description, origin and purity? 5-Federal aid for hospitals and medical facilities?

6-Federal appropriation of funds for research in agricultural market-

7—A part of the revenue of the state iquor tax allocated back to this couny for the maintenance of roads? 8-In this community, an opportunty for the farm youth to affiliate themselves with a farm organization, or for the women to take an active part in this organization?

9-A Community Farm Bureau in this neighborhood?

These are a few of the achievements o agriculture which are noteworthy. Have these come about as a natural course of events or has it been that other economic groups thought they should do something for agriculture? Or, have farmers been able to accomplish this for themselves through being organized? It seems that if these achievements have been worth workng to obtain they surely are worth our every effort to protect.

Those who favor a strong farm rganization say:

1-Farming is a big business. The average investment in land, buildings and equipment on Michigan farms in 1945 was \$8,221. Farmers must organize to protect this interest.

2-Organized labor and consumers want cheap food. Farmers must organze to maintain a fair share of the National income.

3-Through farmers being organized it becomes possible for them to process fruit, dairy products and other farm produce, thus bringing the producers and consumers closer together, thereby increasing the far

4-Agriculture must be represented at all legislative hearings in which make ourselves heard here unless we are organized.

5-Farmers must organize or be satisfied with a Government in the control of those who are organized. Those who question the value of

farm organization often say: 1-What has the Farm Bureau don

2-Farm organizations frequently A Tribute To express themselves on matters pertaining to agriculture, but many times that is the sentiment of only a few. 3-I am not interested in what happens in Washington, I want to run my own busines.

4-Farm organizations have helped Our annual loss of soil fertility is of facilities in rural areas is a big problem. It seems that the matter of price adjustments for farm products needs some attention. Why doesn't Farm the board meetings every month. To some attention. Why doesn't Farm Bureau do more along these lines? The Present Situation:

should wait until such conditions arise cussion group, as to endanger our economic position.

ing has not become a closed shop. However, membership is not enough We must go farther, Every Farm Bureau member is invited to affiliate him self with a Community Farm Bureau to express himself on agricultural matters, to make his wishes known and to take an active part in the organization and direction of its policies.

## Those Who Serve Us

A tribute is in order to those faith ful Farm Bureau members who have so loyally carried on the business thru the past years; Those, who with out of thought of pay or reward, have out. But why haven't they done more? worked faithfully to bring about better living conditions for those who till grave concern. Our lack of health the soil. This tribute is owed to the members of the board of directors and their wives who, without pay or the county secretary, whose work is keeping records of the members and It is significant to note from the funds, far exceeds the pay he receives; above mentioned origin of farm organ- to the officers of the community izations that farmers have recognized groups upon whose shoulders rest the the importance of organization, particularily during periods of economic looking after all the small and nume distress. It seems unfortunate that we rous details necessary for a good dis-

To the county community group di-

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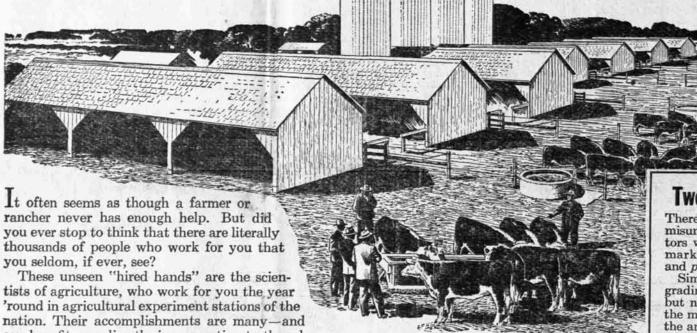


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City Cousin is shocked to see How strong a one-wire fence can be . . . Wheeee!



Soda Bill Sez: . . . a feller that's wrapped up in himself generally makes a mighty puny package.

#### by J. L. Tennant Rhode Island State College A farm business should be large

enough to pay operating costs, interest on the investment, and family living expenses. A southern New England dairy farm, for example, should have at least 18 cows per man; a poultry farm, 1,500 layers; a market-garden farm, 10 acres; a potato farm, 40 acres; and an apple farm, 20 acres.

Doing more business with the same capital investment is one way to lower costs and higher profits. With the larger business, the operator can spend more of his time at productive work. For example, workers on a dairy farm with 9 to 10 cows per man will be just as busy as on a farm with 15 to 18 cows per man. The gross sales and net income on the larger operation will be much higher because more of the time is used in producing milk. Reducing costs per unit puts the farm operator in a stronger competitive position.

If more crop land cannot be bought, perhaps it can be rented. Another plan is to check means by which crop production on present acreage can be increased. Ways to do this include: the use of lime and fertilizer; winter cover crops; higher yielding varieties; double cropping; drainage and terracing.

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## **Two Different Things**

There seems to be a good deal of misunderstanding about two factors which are important in the marketing of livestock-grade

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conformation and finish of animals. Now, let's have a look at price. Price is not a factor in determining grade. Just because some animals are in a higher grade does not mean that they always will sell for a higher price than animals in a lower grade. For example, it happens at times that a medium grade of cattle sells for as much or more than a good grade. Such a condition may come about when there is a heavy demand for, but only a hight cupply of, medium cattle; while on the same day a big supply and a light demand of good grade cattle will not bring so high a price.

The same situation may exist in the case of lambs. In communities where racial customs affect eating habits, there are times when carcasses of lightweight, thin, lean lambs sell for as much as the fat, well-finished, choice type. Again the law of supply and demand is in action.

Always remember that price and grade are two different things. Try to think of each separately, and we believe you will have a much clearer and truer picture of grading and marketing of livestock.

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seed (optional)

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#### Martha Logan's Recipe for BEEF GOULASH

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11/2 cups water 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

1/2 cup celery leaves 1/4 teaspoon pepper

1 teaspoon salt Cut beef into chunks and roll in flow. Melt fat in skillet. Brown meat well. Add remaining ingredients. Cover skillet and cook slowly for 31/2 hours, or until tender. (Yield: 6 servings.)

#### Things are NOT always as they seem

Which of the two shapes shown at left is the larger? The white one or the black one? The white one certainly appears to be bigger. But actually they are exactly the same size. In the livestock-meat industry, too, things are not always as they seem. For example,

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