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EDITORIAL

Let's Be sure our House is in Order

A farmers' co-operative has its legal house in order, says the Michigan Ass'n of Farmer Co-operatives, if the by-laws contain several important provisions, and the co-operative operates in accordance with those provisions. They are:

1-The articles and by-laws should contain language that describes clearly the co-operative way in which the ass'n will do business.

2-The by-laws should state clearly that the association is distinctly the agent of the patrons at all

3-In those by-laws there should be a contractual obligation for the co-operative corporation to distribute all net margins and savings to all patrons, with no distinction as to whether they are members or not.

A farmers' co-operative which has those provisions in its by-laws and lives up to them faithfully is operating in accordance with federal and state laws for co-operatives. It is in harmony with U.S. Treasury and Bureau of Internal Revenue rulings regarding exemption from income tax on patronage dividends paid to patrons. The patron pays the tax.

A farm co-operative without those provisions in its by-laws may be operating faithfully as a cooperative and still be open to trouble with the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

The MAFC, a dep't of the Farm Bureau, will examine articles and by-laws. The MSC Economics Dep't has a model set of articles and by-laws that will enable a co-operative to set itself up properly and put its legal house in order.

LIVE STOCK EXCH.

REORGANIZED AT

ANNUAL MEETING

The Michigan Live Stock Exch

The 1947 board of directors is

NATIONAL SOIL FERTILITY BILL BEFORE CONGRESS

Through the American Farm Bureau Federation a bill providing for ange was reorganized at its annual a national soil fertility program has meeting March 15 at Lansing by been introduced into Congress. HR delegates representing 23,000 mem-2494, sponsored by Rep. John ber shippers. It is now operating Flannagan, Jr., of Virginia, em. under new management, and is bodies the instruction of the Farm getting ready to broaden the pro-Bureau membership to the AFBF gram of service. convention at San Francisco in

Farmers would help to shape McCarthy of Elkton, Huron; W. J. policies and plans from top to Clark of Eaton Rapids, Eaton, bottom. A national committee, and George Wheeler of Mt. Pleasant, of 12 farmers and three represen- Isabella. tatives of the Association of Land In order to promote good work-Grant Colleges and Universities, would advise the secretary of agriculture on national policy.

The Association of Land in greationships with other big co-operatives, the delegates authorized and elected these advisory

At the state level working plans directors: Ben P. Pattison of Lanswould be made by the state dir- ing from the Michigan Farm Burector of extension with the help eau; Minard Farley of Albion, of a committee composed of two president of the co-operative Detfarmers, the director of the exper- roit Packing Company; and M. D. iment station, and a representative Lynch of Silverwood, from the each from farmer cooperatives and Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n. the fertilizer industry. The county agent would be the responsible the Live Stock Exchange commiss- Fred Bassett, Northport; Floyd E. official in each county, and he ion sales offices at the Detroit might call on farmers to advise stockyards and other sales activities him in establishing and operating to be developed, started work March the program. It is estimated that 17. He is the former manager of about \$16,000,000 a year would be the very successful Green Bay required. branch of the Farmers Equity

The test would be made, insofar | Co-operative Live Stock Sales Ass'n as possible, with high analysis fer-tilizers. Since phosphate is the Changes in the legal structure bottleneck which prevents large of the Exchange/were made so scale production of high analysis that the new management may mixed fertilizers, government funds offer a number of new services if would be used to build a high farmers want them, such as: Set analysis phosphate plant at Mobile, up an order buying and feeder Alabama. The Tennessee Valley procurement service; (2) establish Authority would build the plant local auction markets to complete and operate it for a period of not the live stock marketing service more than five years, after which and to strengthen both terminal it would be disposed of according and local marketing facilities and to a plan approved by Congress.

WOOL ASS'N

Marketing Ass'n announces that it is buying wool for the government until April 15, or longer if the government should extend its interest in wool purchases. Growers may bring or ship wool to the Ass'n ware house at 506 North Mechanic Street, Jackson. They should send to the Ass'n for shipping instruct-

trouble from an influx of foreign of those co-operatives. wool. At present the government is selling US wool at several cents a pound under what it paid for that Marcellus Remodels Mill wool in order to compete with for-

The Assin has recieved considerable wool for 1947, starting with deling and rebuilding of feed mill. several carloads of lamb wool. The management believes it now Last year \$40,000 lbs. were market- has the most modern small elevaed for a membership of 2500 grow- tor in the state. ers. Twenty-four co-operative state wool associations sell through the ing Ass'n at Boston, now the largest Raymond Miller of the American rooms for offices, and full kitchen ragged tooth may cause cancer in most cordial manner. National Co-operative Wool Market- wool handler in the nation,

Flies to Farm Bureau Meetings



plane for the return flight.

port, by way of Jackson, at the rate was about 55 minutes. He took a taxi from the airport to the Farm chores.

41 FBS DEALERS

RELATIONS PLAN

That makes 41 so far.

the dealer and FBS.

Norris, Cathro.

Milling Company, Bloomingdale;

Moline Co-operative Milling Com-

pany, Moline; Modjeska Farm Ser-

vice, Springport; Vestaburg Market-

ing Ass'n, Vestaburg; Owosso

Many other dealers are preparing

April. A number of patrons meet-

FBS FERTILIZER

PLANT STARTED

AT SAGINAW

ings will be held during April and

Fred J. Harger, manager of pro-

said concrete blocks are being

house section, which has a storage

will be poured soon for the wide ap-

building is due in June for erect-

by December of 1947 to produce for

patronize other business."-Dr.

he 1948 crop season

Coop's Job to

Build Farm Income

Institute of Co-operation.

Elevator Company, Owosso; Parma

NOW ON PATRONS

During March nine more Farm

Bureau Service dealers placed them-

selves and their former patrons on

the FBS Patrons Relations program.

Purpose of the plan is to enable

LLOYD RUESINK, 34, of Adrian, personal plane is easy, comfortable of instruction in the air at the rate director of the Michigan Farm Bur-eau, and of Farm Bureau Services, the flight to Lausing. His airfield alone for 23 hours. When he has is the farm field nearest his home. 30 hours of solo flying, he is eli-Inc., set a new pattern for travel to He took off and headed for Lanboard meetings March 10 and 11. sing, gaining an altitude of 6,000 He purchased the 6 months old Pi-Each day he flew his plane from the feet. Then he set the throttle for per Cub plane this February a farm near Adrian and returned the RPM necessary to maintain \$1,289, comparable to the cost of home in the evening. He is shown cruising speed. Navigation consist- an automobile. He said that is at Lansing airport, refueling the ed of observing the landmarks as costs about \$2.25 an hour to fly the shown on the map, and to watch for plane. That includes gasoline The distance by highway is about other aircraft. It was far less tir- maintenance, depreciation, etc. The 80 miles. Mr. Ruesink flew a bee- ing to fly to Lansing than to drive. trip to Lansing required four galline from the farm to Lansing air- Before leaving home, Mr. Ruesink lons of gas at 28 cents a gallon. of 73 miles an hour. Flying time baby chicks. He was back in the ust of 1945. His first Farm Bur evening in time to help with the eau trip was to Jackson last Jan

Mr. Ruesink said that flying a flying time. That includes 30 hours eau.

milked 23 cows and cared for 1300 Mr. Ruesink began flying in Aughores.

Mr. Ruesink has had 53 hours of of the Jackson County Farm Bur-

College Short Course **Aids Farm Elevators** Michigan State College reports expense is lightened considerably

people to become feed mill opera-

50, distributed over each state, board are Seward Shepherd of would be a test demonstration farm. Onstead, Lenawee county; Wm. ron a stockholder of FBS and to change, and the faculty of the colron a stockholder of FBS and to around each dealer to advise with Short Courses, East Lansing, Mich- Company, Gilbertsville, Iowa.

> speakers this fall were Fred N. and management, dairy feeding, Rowe, Valley City Milling Co. nutritional highlights, livestock through the Mill", Charles Force, try diseases, feed manufacturing, Little Brothers, "Public Relations speech, farm crops, soil, marketing for the Elevator"; Ernest McCarty, of agricultural products, operating for the program. Meetings with Elevator Expects of an Employee"; salesmanship along with credit boards of directors and patrons ad-Farm Bureau Services, "What An and financial information, and tor Exchange, "Merchandising Grain vital to successful farming, and and Beans"; and Andrew Lohman, farm co-operatives. Hamilton Farm Bureau, "Quality Marketing and Service to be Per- field study trips were taken to formed". Also speaking to the Fowlerville Co-operative Elevator group were L. P. Dendell, H. Lew- Bergy Brothers at Alto, King Mill eke, and John Vaughn of Michigan ing Co., C. H. Runciman Co. at Low-Millers Mutual Fire Insurance Co. ell, Richland Farm Services, Little and George Fansler, Farm Bureau Brothers and Farm Bureau Serv-Services. "Selling Roofing and ices at Kalamazoo. Other trips were Paint"; C. M. Meredith, Portland taken to Chesaning Farmers Eleva Cement Association, "Knowledge tor Co., A. T. Ferrell at Saginaw, of Quality Cement", and several of Michigan Bean Co. and Richville Foundations are in for the 35,000 Farm Bureau.

> ton fertilizer plant which Farm Bureau Services, Inc., is building tion of the course is spent part at of equipment, and make notes on on a 9 acre tract east of Saginaw work in an elevator, and part in up to the minute developments in at the intersection of the NYC rail- classes at the college, the burden of processing.

great success in its first year of for the student. The course is inthe Elevator and Farm Supply tended to improve greatly the stu-Training course which is still in dent's value to his employer and This course is designed his opportunity for advancement. to meet a demand for training Students who have attended the course and are now working in farm tors, feed and farm supply service industry are Charles Hilbert, manaheaded by Art Ingold of Blissfield the co-operative Farm Bureau Serators and manager. Included in operative; Lawrence Smith mana-The National Soil Fertility Bill as president, Allen Rush of Romeo, would establish a nation-wide system of test demonstrations to be conducted by farmers themselves, included to the farm supplies organitation to distribute its savings direct to farmer patrons who buy farmers themselves, included in discourse are many subjects pertaining to co-operative management, and manager. Included in this course are many subjects pertaining to co-operative management, and operative; Lawrence Smith manager, Smith Brothers Velte and Co., course. Dr. A. E. Oliver of the Short Course department stated in the co-operative farm bureau Services, and manager. Included in this course are many subjects pertaining to co-operative management. Course. Dr. A. E. Oliver of the Short Course department stated in the co-operative farm bureau Services, and manager. Included in this course are many subjects pertaining to co-operative management. Course. Dr. A. E. Oliver of the Short Course department stated in the co-operative farm bureau Services, and manager. Included in this course are many subjects pertaining to co-operative management. Course. Dr. A. E. Oliver of the Short Course department stated in the co-operative farm bureau Services, and manager. Farm Bureau Services, and manager. The co-operative farm bureau Services farm bureau Services farm bureau Services farm bureau Servic extension services, experiment stations and the U. S. Department of Bryan of Hartland, Livingston ing the dealer to record all puring the dealer to record all chases of FBS supplies (2) to en-Feed Men, Michigan Elevator Ex-Feeds, Ionia; Sylbert Heindl, manager, Farm Bureau Services at Haslege. It is a one year course com- tings; and George Rothny, assistant pay patronage dividends direct to bining resident instruction and manager, Morrice Grain and Bean him, and (3) it provides for a training. The year term starts in Co.; Paul Kaechele, Caledonia Far-September. Veterans will be given mers Elevator Co.; Floyd Campconsideration to start at the begin- bell, Freeland Grain and Bean Co.; ning of any quarter of the course. Joseph Pittenger, Wixon Co-oper Dealers who adopted the plan in Full information regarding quali-March: Washtenaw Farm Bureau fications etc. may be received by ducts Co., Detroit and Gerald Delwriting to M. S. C. Institute of angrdelle, Gilbertsville Milling Subjects. This course covers

Speakers. Seminar and guest such subjects as poultry feeding Efficient Flow of Ingredients feeding, elevator operation, poul-

Touring. During their fall term the staff members of the Michigan Elevator Co. During these trips the students were given an oppor Employment. Since a large por- tunity to study the various types

duction and manufacturing for FBS BERRIEN MEMORIAL Give Chicks said concrete blocks are being laid for the warehouse section of the plant. Steel is on the ground for supporting the roof of the ware.

capacity of 17,600 tons. Concrete Berrien County Junior Farm Bureau has raised \$11,000 of \$30,000 according to H. C. Zindel, specialist for a Rural Youth Memorial Ruid in poultry at Michigan State college. proach to the warehouse truck for a Rural Youth Memorial Building to be erected in Berrien county take of not providing an adequate loading dock. Steel for the main as a memorial to rural youth who Michigan farm co-operatives and members of the Michigan Farm place for such rural groups as:
Bureau have raised \$830,000 to build Junior Farm Bureau; 4-H Clubs; a modern, completely mechanized FFA groups; farm co-operatives; fertilizer manufacturing plant. Dairy Herd Improvement Ass'n. ural and civic groups.

Milton Taylor, secretary of Berren County Farm Bureau, presented ter supply for them. the Jr. Farm Bureau with \$1628 in the behalf of the Women of the "Farm Co-operatives, by stabilicome, have greatly increased his women's organization. purchasing power and ability to

The proposed building will have a seating capacity of 1500, smaller

Feeding Space

Baby chicks that are finding new homes on many Michigan farms these days need special attention,

served in World War 11. The number of hoppers and water dishes building will be used as a meeting for their chicks. At first, 75 to 100 square inches of feeding space should be provided for each 100 chicks can eat at one time. And national cherry queen, at a cere- the state executive office. don't fail to keep an adequate wa- mony at his office March 13. Following the ceremon

Zindel warns that uneven growth shown accepting the pie made by It was presented to the House of sackers; Mrs. Ray Fox, Mrs. Fred can result when the less vigorous Miss Field, and a 3x5 foot state Representatives by Rep., Clyde Kerr, and Ray Fox, all of Shelby, Berrien Farm Bureau. The money chicks are crowded away from the flag from Mrs. Ward E. Gillifland, Cooper of White Cloud. A visit Shelby group; Mrs. Donald Hawwas raised by Community groups feeders. By providing space community organization director to the Michigan Farm Bureau of ley, Shelby, Blooming Valley; zing and improving the farmer's in through projects undertaken by the enough, the danger of crowding is for the Oceana County Farm Bu- fices concluded the day.

the mouth.

'47 ROLL CALL TOTAL NOW 45,171 MEMBERS

The 1947 Roll Call for member ship in the Michigan Farm Bureau reached a total of 45,171 families in 54 counties March 31, as the state dug out from the most paraly zing snowstorm of a winter mark ed by blocked roads.

It was the worst winter in years

from the standpoint of travel. Old Man winter tied up all highways in January. That upset many County Farm Bureau campaig schedules. Continued snow and winds tied up secondary roads mor or less throughout the winter. The late March storm presented anothe complete tie-up. Never has ther been such a headache of a winter from the viewpoint of the severa thousand people who wanted to get out and call upon people for Farn Bureau membership. less, they did a magnificent job in overcoming obstacles to call upo and enroll or renew a total of 45,171 memberships. Many county can paigns were reorganized severa

Quite a number of counties have met the goals set to accomplish state membership of 51,500 for 194' Many are within reach of their goal and expect to make them. Severa thousand members are usually en rolled during the spring and sum mer months. We may see 50,000 o better by August 31, end of the membership year.

Counties over their goal are: An rim, Alpena, Benzie, Calhoun Charlevoix, Clinton, Emmet, Hills dale, and Kalamazoo.

UMW UNION

Michigan Farm Bureau members and other farmers in Michigan and Ohio are victims of a strike that has stopped shipments of fertilizer from the Lockland, Ohio, plant of the Tennessee Corporation for the past three weeks. The plant is the resent source of Farm Bureau

The plant is idle on the issue of workers, as demanded by a United Mine Workers District No. 50 The company said a wage adjustment could be arrived at, but refused to yield on the closed shop. The union has since refused to eral labor mediators.

Considerable fertilize

Blissfield Co-op

29th annual meeting held recently would make the situation even that sales for the year exceeded worse, \$2,500,000. The Company handled 15 Mill Tax-The senate has re-285 cars of coal, 168 cars of fertili- called from the house of representing missioner. All of his salary would zer, 163 of feed, 41 of soy bean meal, atives senate joint resolution F, be paid out of the schools' share 70 of soy beans, 131 of corn, 104 of which would drastically amend the of amendment No. 2 money. That oats and 116 cars of wheat. The | 15 mill tax limitation. This is a oats and 116 cars of wheat. The 15 mill tax limitation. This is a Company has over 920 stockholders proposed constitutional amend-bill is passed. Existing school and 3,000 customers. It has plants ment which ran into serious opat Blissfield, Riga, Ogden and Jas- position in the house committee on per in Lenawee county. It is a revision and amendment of the stockholder member of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., and the Michigan Elevator Exchange, J. C. Kitter is by a Farm Bureau spokesman.

Legislature Waits On Court Decision

Balancing of State Budget and Question of New Taxes Will Turn on Court Decision Expected in Mid-April

The legislature is grinding along with the consideration of relatively minor measures. No progress has been made regarding balancing the state budget. Paying the veterans' bonus is well under way. No plan has been adopted for raising the \$18,000,000 annually, which will be required to pay the interest and handling charges and retire the \$270,000,000 bond issue.

Most legislative leaders feel that new taxation will be required to finance the bonus and to replace revenues diverted from the state treasury by the sales tax diversion amendment. Their decision as to how much new revenue will be needed and where it will be secured will probably not be formulated until the supreme court announces its decision as to what the amendment means. Lawyers representing cities and school districts instituted proceedings before the supreme court demanding immediate distribution of the funds. Briefs were filed and arguments were heard before the court March 27. A decision may be announced about the middle of April.

inance the bonus has apparently been abandoned. Many legislative Appropriations - Appropriating leaders and the Governor feel that committees are studying needs of a state income tax might be poor politics. A bill has been proposed for a tax of 3/10 of one mill on all commodities manufactured in Mich- bate. The bill to provide the igan. Thus far, this suggestion necessary state matching funds for doesn't seem to be very popular. accepting the benefits of the Hope-Several consumption taxes are Flanagan Act for research in propending. These include proposals to tax cigarettes and soft drink? farm products, etc. has been introand increase the levies on beer present 15% discount to licensees

the 20 biggest corporations in the shop closed to all but union their paid in capital and surplus as do the 20,000 smaller corporations in the state was returned to committee where it may die.

Gasoline Tax-A bill to raise the gas tax from 3 to 5c per gallon was reported favorably by the house meet to negotiate a settlement, committee on roads and bridges, the farm people in any county comdespite the efforts of state and fed- but was later returned to the committee for a public hearing, which will be held at 10:00 a. m. Wednes- county school commissioner shipped before the strike began, day, April 16. In the form in elected at large and in counties The backward spring has cancelled which it had been reported from some of the inconvenience caused committee this bill would have by the strike as far as farmers are divided the resulting new revenue concerned. But great damage can 41% to the state highway departstill result to them as an innocent ment, 41% to county road commissions and 18% to the cities for street purposes. Most county road commissions have been under-financed for many years. Present rural folks would plainly dominate Sales Top \$2,500,000 prospects are that the legislature such a meeting and would prob-Blissfield Co-operative Company of Lenawee county reported at its of several existing taxes, which

constitution when its provisions were explained to the committee Senate sponsors hope for amend-

A 2-mill state property tax .to ments to remove Farm Bureau op

all state departments and instituitons and are preparing budgetary bills soon to be reported for de moting the increased utilization of duced. It is H-322 and provides and liquor and to discontinue the \$267,688 to MSC and \$50,000 to the state department of agriculture for for consumption on the premises. the fiscal year ending June 30, Corporation Tax-A bill to take 1948. This is an exceedingly imthe \$50,000 ceiling off from the portant matter, which was earncorporation franchise tax so that estly endorsed by the Farm Bureau delegates. As a new project it state would pay the same rate on will, be difficult to secure legislative approval of such appropria Schools-The senate passed S-79

which would somewhat remove the

office of county school commissioner from partisan politics and set up machinery which would give plete control of rural school supervision. At the present time the having substantial urban population the choice of the commissioner may depend considerably on the city vote. Under the terms of S-79 one member of each school board in the county, large or small, would meet together and elect a 5-member county school board. The select and supervise the county superintendent of schools whose duties would be the same as those boards would in no way be affected by the bill. It is in the house committee on education.

Pasteurization-Compulsory pasteurization bill, S-75, has been reported favorably by a senate com-

Oceana Farm Bureau Presents Flag to Governor



GOVERNOR KIM SIGLER was inspired by a chance remark made and Ward Gilliand, president of

feau. Mr. Sigier expressed his ap . Those in the picture are, first Mrs. William Harjes, New Era,

Plans to present the flag were jorie Field, Mrs. Ward Gilliland, Knowles, Hesperia, Newfield group,

presented with a state flag by 13 by Mr. Sigler at the West Michigan | Oceana County Farm Bureau, chicks. As the chicks become older, more space is necessary. It is a good plan to provide sufficient hopgood plan to prov Horticultural society, and other per space so that almost all of the by Miss Marjorie Field of Shelby, was reminded of the worn flag in Shelby, Benona group; Donald

In the picture, Governor Sigler is group toured the capitol building. Era; W. Hull Yeager, Hart, Ran-

preciation and made each member row, left to right: Lyle E. Tomp- Claybanks; Albert Vanden Heuvel, An ill fitting dental plate or a of the delegation welcome in a kins of Hart, Oceana county agr'l Hart, Crystal; William Harjes,

Hawley, Shelby, Blooming Valley; Following the ceremony, the Mrs. Jesse Bonham, Shelby, New

Henry A. Johnson, Mears, Golden; agent; Governor Sigier, Miss Mar- New Era, Claybunks group; G. E.

The Michigan Co-operative Wool ions and other information.

Services to Manage Fremont & West Branch

prices. Arrangements were made

to strengthen the financial struct-

ure of the Exchange to further

improve its ability to render ser-

board and management after many

years of service were Frank Oberst of Breckenridge as president, and

ager of the stock yards sales serv-

Officers who retired from the road and Outer Belt drive.

George Boutell of Detroit as man- laid for the warehouse section of

lon in July.

vice to live stock producers.

Farm Bureau Services, Inc., has assumed the management of Fremont Co-operative Produce Com-After April 15, said Paul Finn- pany at Fremont, Newago county, egan, Ass'n manager, the wool and West Branch Farmers Elevator market is rather indefinite. But at West Branch, Ogemaw county, it is expected that Congress will under management contracts conprotect the wool industry against cluded with the boards of directors

Four-County Co-operative Assoc iation at Marcellus, Cass county, recently celebrated complete remo

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Community Farm Bureau Activities

By MRS. MARJORIE KARKER Membership Relations and Education

Community Farm Bureau meetings has a "birthday table" at each the name of the group, the county meeting. Members whose birthand the number in attendance are given in that order.

Sherman, Isabella-14. Group passed a resolution saying that Michigan Hospital Service issue notices for group hospitalization 30 days in advance of date premium is due and give receipts when premium is paid.

South Farmington, Wayne. Blue Cross group hospitalization was discussed by this group.

South Jackson, Jackson - 16. to meet personally their representativa in the state legislature and so we shall invite these men to our June meeting.

Lowe-Grove, Clinton - 23. Mr. Brophy, manager of the Maple Rapids Airport, talked to the group on the low-flying aircraft problem. the rules be reported and in doing so plane numbers, date and time of

disturbance be noted.

Onekama, Manistee-22. The possibility of establishing a revolving fund be used to loan money to 4-H participants in order that they might buy good cattle to start their projects, was discussed. Committee to work on this project will report at a future meeting.

North Chester, Ottawa-60. In these summary reports of has been reported that this group days occur during the month sit at this table at which there is a "cake" and all the "fixin's".

McBain No. 1, Missaukee-14, Mr. Langdon of the public school showed some pictures of the projects of the F.F.A. boys in the

Today?"

Williamsburg, Grand Traverse-Members have expressed a desire lators by this group stating that at the Hastings High School audithey favor a 5c sales tax.

Swan River, Presque Isle-20. talk was given by Leonard Lamb on how to become a better Farm derson, county club agent, talked Bureau member.

were sent to Governor Sigler and John Hannah, president of Mich-He asked that any infraction of igan State College, commending

their stand on Communism. Memphis, St. Clair, Kenneth An-

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BARRY COMMUNITY GROUP LEADERS CONSIDER MOVIES

Barry County Farm Bureau ommunity group discussion leaders and legislative Action Committee men turned out 60 strong at Hast ings March 6. Herber Foster, county president, and Albert Shellenarger, of Lake Odessa, Michigan Farm Bureas director from district 4; were co-chairmen.

A 16 M. M. film projector was introduced to the group, and some very entertaining film was shown It was the opinion of most of the group that such a machine would go far in aiding their programs on both Community group and County levels

Heber Foster stated Charles Rockhill from the MFB had informed him of a tenative plan to establish a film service to County Farm Bureaus, through which the Community groups would receive the service

Keith Tanner of Michigan Farm Bureau, led the discussion group on such topics as, "What do I expect most from my membership in the Farm Bureau?" and "Why have farmers organized?"

The Action Committee group was directed by Norman Stanton, who Good Harbor, Leelanau-14. Roll outlined present legislation and the call was answered on the question, methods of keeping farmers heard "What Did You Do of Importance on such matters. Taxation was the topic discussed most.

A family night with pot luck din-Letters sent to Michigan legis- ner was announced for March 31, torium. J. F. Yaeger was announced as speaker for that occasion.

to the group on parent responsi Tipton, Lengwee-12, Letters billty in 4-H work,

> North Eaton, Eaton-11. Group wrote their Congressman saying that they do not favor a 20% re duction in income tax but rather favor the idea that exemptions be made higher for the lower income

East Hamlin, Eaton-33. After discussion on radio programs group sent a letter to major radio networks protesting present trend to "crime programs."

Highbank, Barry-9. A member of the State board of directors, Albert Shellenbarger, talked to the group on the problems of a county of directors in allocating funds and deciding what worthwhile projects the membership might desire. Hap also showed pictures taken on his trip to the Farm Bureau convention in San

Wheatland 1, Mecosta-14. This group reported that they are not in favor of too many livestock auction sales.

Tri-Township, Kalamazoo - 21. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Becker met favor of this project and are writ-

per year and for what purposes it by the Farm Bureau. an be used.

Ransom, Hillsdale-30. Group voted to help the church buy a

South Wheeler, Gratiot, It was de cided by the group to have a program committee to plan each monthly meeting. Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Zimmerman were appointed to act on the committee

RAM and

Inheritance

A good old man has passed away, and I wish that I Might now inherit just one-half the goodness he laid by, I knew him well for thirty years and seldom have I heard A mean expression pass his lins, or any evil word,

A kind old man has shuffled off this cumbering mortal coil, patience and in charity, he lived his life of toil, His unassuming kindliness, constant from year to year, I wish it might have been bequeathed to one still living here.

A true dir! farmer left the farm when he unhitched and quit, Fruit culture was the field he knew, and knowledge prospered it. Year after year full harvests came; oh, would that his success Might be again the just reward of equal worthiness,

He was not one to cry "Lord, Lord", nor yet to rail at fate, But lived by such conscience as the saints might emulate And now that he has passed I pray, with admiration high, "God, let that humble mantle fall on even such as I.

A grand old heart, a gallant soul to his reward has gone, Simple and true and unafraid; but character lives on, And if that robe I covet so for me was never meant Let is but clothe The Littlest One and I shall be content.

> 315 North Grinnell Street Jackson, Michigan

Albion 1, Calhoun-27. It was voted by this group to send a representative to the annual "Boy's State" at East Lansing.

passed by group saying that they favored a plan whereby state and federal taxes on gasoline would be handled in the same way as a sales tax on commodities used in agricultural production, rather than sending in sales slips and getting the refund returned to

Lake View, Emmet-15. After a discussion on the telephone sitution in this area it was decided that the Lakeview group investigate the possibility of telephones for this area. (Note-1 understand there is a township in this county phones.

Lenox Center, Macomb-48. It was voted by the group to set aside tion to a "flower fund."

Three Oaks, Berrien-36. County 4-H Club Leader, J. D. Johnson, met with the group and explained 4-H work. It was decided by the group to appoint a committee of three to investigate the possibility of organizing a 4-H club in this vicinity. N.W. Aurelius, Ingham-25, Rich-

ard Ferris took several pictures of the group.

Chesaning Veterans Visit Farm Bureau

Sixteen war veterans taking G. I. on-the-job training program on farms and through the agr'l high with the group and explained the school at Chesaning visited the proposed Bookmobile for Kalama- Michigan Farm Bureau April 2. on zoo County. After a discussion on a tour sponsored by the Chesaning this subject the group voted in Farmers Co-op, Inc. The veterans ing the county board of supervisors Ivan Kurrley, agr'l teacher, out-

PLAN SURVEY OF Glead, Branch—85. Resolution FARM OPINION TO AID CO-OPS

A survey of farmers' opinion on the need for co-operatives, and what armers think about them, was proposed at the meeting of the board of the Michigan Ass'n of Farmer

Co-operatives at Lansing March 3 J. F. Yeager, ass't executive secretary of the Council, stated the purpose of the proposal survey would be to assist the co-operatives to better says the montain Potato Development to better serve the members by askwhere there are only two tele- ing farmers to answer a number of

Dr. C. P. Leomis, Dr. E. A. Schuler, and Dr. D. L. Gibson, of MSC one-tenth of their monthly collec. discussed surveys conducted by the college in other farm communities. sent a person's real opinion.

answers to questions like this: "What advantage did you expect men; Forrest A. Smith and W. R. to obtain by becoming a patron?" Keasey for the retail trade; Floyd

of the farm co-ops to farmers and phase of the potato industry. to city people ranging in the hundreds of thousands through the city farm meetings, local and state wide radio programs, newspaper articles and advertising in many of the state's daily and weekly newspapers.

Waldo E. Phillips, chairman of the MAFC said numerous articles are farm residents of the area. attacking farm co-operatives have been written by poorly informed lined and conducts the 16 weeks groups or persons. Mr. Phillips East Marion, Osceola-11. Mar. teaching program in agriculture stated the necessary steps were takion township severance tax was and farm shop. Classes are held en by the MAFC to inform the edidiscussed and it was voted to have at night at the school two nights tors and those responsible for such the secretary write the Michigan a week. The young men came to articles, that the MAFC and the Public Service Commission to find Lansing to observe the farm sup Farm Bureau would more than out how much this amounted to plies and other services conducted welcome an opportunity to give them accurate information.

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COMMITTEE TO **WORK ON POTATO** GRADES PROBLEM

Governor Sigler has called upon the Michigan potato industry to make recommendations regarding the inspection and grading of potatoes by federal-state inspectors. The object is to maintain fully the U. S. No. 1 grade for market pota-toes, and to avoid disagreement over the grade of a given lot of potatoes anywhere in the marketing process.

There was an uproar in the potato industry during March because potatoes graded US. No. 1 by one inspector had been turned down by The Michigan Farm Buanother. reau was represented at several hearings on the subject, the last one being an industry hearing with Governor Sigler presiding. At that hearing it appeared that all parties were for strict grading in accordance with the potato grading law. It was apparent that varying conditions in the marketing pro cess contributed somewhat to the trouble over grades.

Thursday, March 20, President Carl Buskirk of the Michigan Farm Bureau, Ben Pattison, sec'y of Farm Bureau commodity committees, and Pres. Harold Taylor of Montcalm County Farm Bureau, met at Stanton with growers representatives of the Montcalm Potato Development Ass'n, and representatives of the State Dep't of Agriculture in an effort to solve the problem. The Farm Bureau was at the meeting with Governor. Sigler that evening.

Governor Sigler said, "This is apparently a problem of the ludustry and will have to be worked out by responsible parties." He appoint ed Charles Figy, director of the state dep't of agriculture, and Fred Ass'n, the complainants group, to select and conduct a study committee that will work out the differences in the present potato in-spection program.

The committee selected includes: Clarence Perkins of Mc-They said there is an advantage in Bride and Ray Rossman of Greenhaving such a survey conducted by ville to represent growers; Fred someone not in co-operative work P. Hibst of Cadillac and W. V. in order to get answers that repre- Meredith of Plainwell, potato shippers; Jake Ysseleyke of Grand Such a survey might ask the Rapids and Mark Groen for the potato wholesalers and warehouse The MAFC reported that its Jenkins of Cadillac, H. C. Moore first Co-op Month observance dur. and C. L. Nash of Michigan State ing January presented the services College for the general production

The committee has had several meetings up to April 5. It has issued no statement of progress on the recommendations it is to make

to Governor Sigler. The Michigan Potato Development Ass'n has recommended that the state appropriate \$50,000 insted of \$15,000 to finance a more effic ient potato inspection program,

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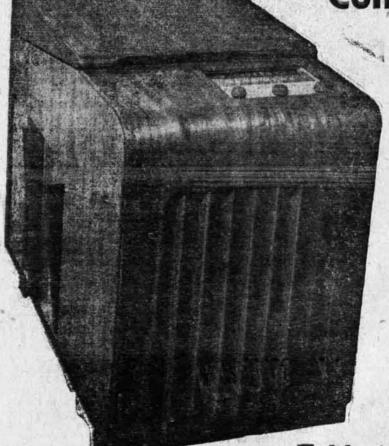
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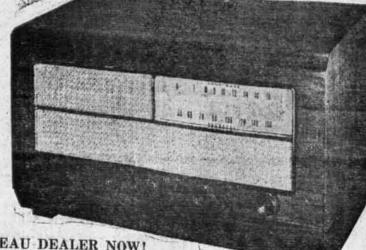
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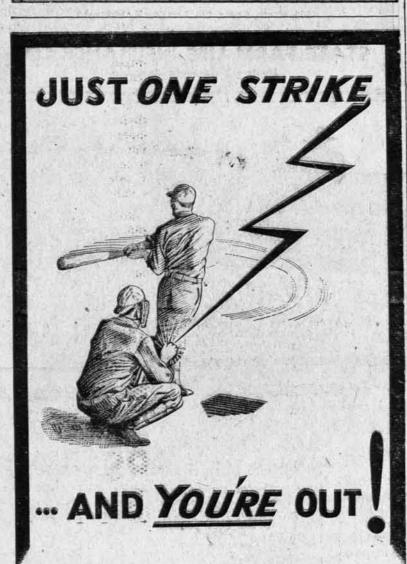
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If you need further information about lightning protection, write the Michigan Farm Mutual Insurance Company which handles your insurance. They will be pleased to advise you, and will furnish names of suppliers of lightning rod equipment if you so request.



What Do We Expect From Our Dues?

Let's conduct a little self-analysis as to what we expect for the Farm Bureau in return for our an- policy that hampers the develop-

We must keep in mind that the dues we pay not only keep the state ting. and county organizations functioning, but they pay our share towards the support of the national work. All divisions of the Farm Bureau nave developed tremendously during

the past few years. Those of us ly have to pinch ourselves to be plishments of the But, are we mov-Farm Bu

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very short-sighted to adhere to a

ment of our organization in order

to keep the out-sider from benefit-

We have always had free-riders in every progressive movement in civilization. We are all more or less guilty. For every blessing that Americans enjoy has come about through the sacrifice and public spiritedness of somebody else.

Our state organization has felt who pioneered in the pressure of stretching its dues this work literal- dollar to the very limit. Every thing else has gone up in price The Farm Bureau has undeveloped projects that must be passed up for lack of funds.

Time and tide wait for no one past 25 years. If we don't have a program when its needed, some one else will. And ing fast enough? it may not be to our liking. We can-Are we limiting not afford to let our organization lag in anything that serves to proreau's speed and tect our interests. Not if we want fluence and prog- to hold our own with other groups.

ress by the way we finance it? As we grow in numbers our im-We have no right to expect an mediate responsibilities increase expansion in progressive service accordingly. We must be fair in from depression-time dues. the load. The county organizations of us have carried that we would that have acquired a large member ship have outgrown volunteer service in some departments.

When Branch County Farm Bureau, for example, had but a few hundred members, one could serve as secretary and not feel that he was overworked or that it was done at a considerable personal expense. But when the membership increased to considerably more than 1000, it

Several other counties are estabished on a permanent basis. They are pushing ahead with county programs which could have been

Every county can find leaders who can serve splendidly. But none of us have a right to feel that it should be volunteer service when Yes, You may that any of us can afford. We then heaven free-riders like the non-

Let's not hamper our organilegumes without in- zation by insisting on something the other fellow cannot share. We hurt ourselves more than we hurt the other fellow, so let's not be unfair to ourselves.

ingness to co-operate. We need an active, informed membership that is loval through prosperity or depression. We need those things if we hope for our business to do its best at all times.

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Left to right-Guerdon Frost Lansing, Ingham county, Michigan

Michigan Farm Bureau board of Gordon Gill, Ypsilanti, Washtenaw, sing; Carl E. Buskirk, president, of the Farm Bureau; Harry Norris, District 3; Lloyd Ruesink, Adrian, Lenawee, District 2; Harry Johnson, St. Louis, Gratiot, director-atlarge; Harold Frahm, Frankenmuth, Saginaw, District 8; Albert Shellenbarger, Lake Odessa, Barry, Junior Farm Bureau; Ward Hodge, District 4; Clark L. Brody, execu-

large.

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Snover, Sanilac county, District 6; I tive secretary and treasurer, Lan- Newell, Coldwater, Branch, Women Paw Paw, Van Buren, director-at- Casnovia, Muskegon, District 7: Harold Spink, Mason, Ingham, Dis-Jesse E. Treiber, Unionville, trict 5; Thomas E. Colter, Elmira, Tuscola, director-at-large; Harry Antrim, District 10; Waldo E.

Traverse, District 9; Mrs. U. S. trict 1.

Traverse City, Grand Phillips, Decatur, Van Buren, Dis-

SALES TAX OFF FARM TOOLS FOR CUSTOM WORK

As the result of a presentation nade by the Michigan Farm Bur eau, the Attorney General of Michiate the collection of sales tax on farm equipment purchased to do eustom work in agricultural pro-The ruling is now in efis of considerable impor-

In making the ruling, Attorney General Eugene F. Black's office issued Opinion No. 118 to declare invalid a Department of Revenue rule for collecting sales tax on farm tools for custom work. The Attorney General said the Dep't, of Revenue rule was "invalid because it exceeds the statute, and amounts to legislation by administrative agency. The agency does not have authority to determine the degree of use." In substantiating his opinion, the Attorney General quoted from a recent Supreme Court decis-

The Department of Revenue Rule 6c declared invalid, said:

"If farm machinery or equipment is also used in custom work or rented to others, the sale of such equipment is taxable if less than 40 per cent of its use is for the purhaser's own agricultural production. All sales of gasoline, oil, etc., You need for use in doing custom work are taxable."

Stanley M. Powell, director of public affairs for the Farm Bureau, can do your processin made this argument to the Attormethods. It's obscilately or poultry.

by other methods.

Legislature Waits on Court Decision

mittee and will be considered in the senate early next week. Drivers License-A senate committee has set at 16 years the minimum age for securing a regular driver's or chauffeur's license. This

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facilities have served as proving grounds for

marketing ideas initiated by these groups,
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and improvements and then work together in applying these essentials. Recognizing that the Hope-Flanagan Act (H.R. 6932) has set up the machinery to accomplish these objectives, agricultural leaders everywhere are studying the Act and discussing it with a view to putting this machinery to work. Producers, too, are obtaining copies of the Act in order to see how they can cooperate

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FARM ACCIDENTS **COMMUNITY TOPIC** FOR APRIL

By NORMAN K. WAGGONER or Comm. Farm Bureau Groups

occurs. It is easy for all of us to develop the attitude that "It can't for wiring. happen here." There is no way of determining the dollars and cents link in every pull chain. value of caution. Every day somewhere on farms there is costly evidence of what the lack of caution horsepower or more should supply can mean. The following table il- 240 volt electric current. lustrates the significance of acci- The Michigan Department

ment of Health for 1945 show that accidents occurred to those people accidents are the No. 1 killer of all between the ages of 45 to 64. That persons between the ages of 1 and over 1/3 of all the farm accidental 24. About 10% of all the persons deaths which occurred on Michigan between 25 and 44 who died dur- farms brought death to this age ing 1945 in Michigan met their group. It also shows that the pos death accidentally. For persons sibility of the farmer being killed

Fires claim over \$90,000,000 worth The following table shows those of farm property every year. Much factors which have brought death of this loss could be saved by cau- from accidental causes: So we have little reason to say, "It can't happen here."

through farm accidents is sufficient to produce a major portion of the 4; Others, 12. United States wheat crop each year. Inited States wheat crop each year.

The question arises as to "What 2—One farm family in forty exists my liability in case an accident

3—Falls cause 39% of the fatal the intention of the legislature, in passing the Workmen's Compensa-

40% of the farm accidents. 5-Each year accidents claim one half again as many farm and fural people, permanently or temperari ly injured or killed, as the total battlefield in World War II.

6-Every day an average of 820 farm people are injured while at he can prove that the scaffold col-

7-Corn pickers and shredders cut off more fingers and hands than any other farm machine.

8-While driving a tractor 6 miles an hour, our chances of being injured is four times as great as it is at 3 miles per hour, and at 12 miles per hour our chance of being injured is 9 times as great as it is at 4 miles per hour.

9-Burns account for 1/4 of all accidents in the farm home 10-Horses account for about 45% of the accidents resulting from handling livestock.

When one considers the frequency with which farm accidents occur, we feel duty-bound to do something about it, lest over night we lose our life's savings or even lose life

Cautions regarding farm machin-

1-Always keep the tractor in gear while going down a steep hill. 2-Always put on or remove the

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belt when the pulley is idle. 3-Keep the thumb alongside of

of the tractor. ongue to adjust the harness. Never ployer may be held liable for intie the reins around the waist while juries to employees operating farm driving the team.

machinery only if it can be proven Electrical Pointers for Safety: that the employer was neglectful 1-The fuse is a safety valve. If in providing reasonably safe equipone blows out one of two things is ment. wrong; too much load on the cir-We never appreciate the significult or a short circuit. Located damage done by his livestock which cance of farm accidents until one the trouble before replacing fuses. may have escaped only if it can be 2-Always use porcelain sockets proven that his livestock escaped through his negligence to provide

3-Be sure there is an insulating

4-Don't overload electric motor: 5-All outlets serving one-half

Health report shows that during Accidental Deaths in 1944: the last five years the three months Agriculture, 4300; Trade, 3700; of June, July and August are the Manufacturing, 3100; Transporta- most hazardous months on Michigan tion, 2600; Mining, 2000; Construct- farms. Their records show that ion, 1800. This table is evidence of 40% of all the accidental deaths the potential hazard to agricultural occurred during those three months. The Health Department records re-Records of the Michigan Depart- veal that the greatest number of between 45 and 64, accidents as a is 23 times as great as it is that cause of death stood in fifth place. his wife be killed by farm accidents.

Causes of Fatal Farm Work Accidents: Machinery, 29; Livestock, Facts Regarding Farm Accidents: 26; Falls, 10; Excessive Heat, 9; 1-The annual loss of man-days Lightning, 6; Burns and Explosions, 4; Crushed by Falling Tree,

periences a serious accident each occurs to my hired man while he is working for me?" 4-Farm tractors are involved in tion Act, to include farm labor or domestic employees. However liability in case of accidents to farm laborers is dependent entirely upon the degree of neglectfulness on the part of the employer.

If, for example, an employee falls from a scaffold and is injured, he may collect from the employer if

the fingers when grasping the crank stantial material or to properly construct the scaffold. The same is 4-Never walk out on the wagon true for farm equipment. An em-

The accidents have occurred in

connection with the use of elect-

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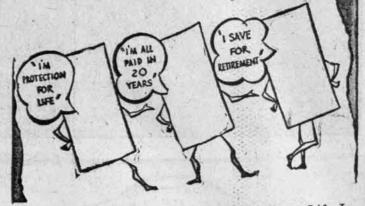
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Gangsters in the Grass



Mesquite and sagebrush in Western range country are often thieving plants. They're tough and aggressive. The carrying capacity of a hundred million acres of good grazing land has been greatly reduced by these two alone. Weeds and brush can

be burned or poisoned, grubbed out with bulldozers or yanked out with tractors and cables. Grass thrives again when the brush is gone. Then, cattle or sheep production can be increased, sometimes as much as 300 %. From farming states come reports of doubled

beef production per acre of pasture simply by mowing weeds. In dairying sections startling improvements in production, flavor, and milk and cream profits have resulted from cutting pasture weeds two or three times a season. Promising experimental work is proceeding with 2, 4-D and other new chemical weed killers. Spraying pas-



Soda Bill Sez: . . . the time to hold on hardest is when you've just about decided to let go.

Martha Logan's Recipe for FRANKFURTS AND HOT POTATO SALAD

4 large potatoes 4 large potatoes
3 tablespoons bacon drippings
4 cup diced onion
4 cup vinegar

4 cup diced onion
4 cup vinegar

5 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
14 teaspoon black p 1/4 cup vinegar

1/4 cup diced green pepper 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Cook potatoes. Peel and cut in 1/2-inch cubes. Place frankfurts in saucepan of boiling water. Remove from heat and let stand from 5 to 8 min-utes. Heat drippings. Add onlon and green pepper, and brown. Add vinegar, water, sugar, salt, and pepper. Cook over low heat until flavors are thoroughly blended. Pour hot sauce over cubed potatoes and mix lightly. Top with frankfurts and serve hot.

Judging Producing Ability of Heifer Calves



by W. W. Swett Bureau of Dairy Industry U. S. Department of Agriculture

The results of preliminary analyses of data obtained by scientists in the Bureau of Dairy Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, offer much promise that dairymen will soon have a new, practical, money-saving system for judging the future producing ability of heifer calves.

We have found that by examining the udder of a dairy heifer when she is 4 months old we can get a good idea whether or not she will be a good milk producer. We think that with a little practice any farmer can learn to judge heifer calves the same way.

Working with our experimental dairy herd at Beltsville, Maryland, we first determined, by feel, the average udder development of calves. Then we graded all the heifers as High, Medium, or Low. Later we checked the grades of these calves against their milk production records as cows. We found a fairly close match between the grades of the calves and the milk production of the cows.

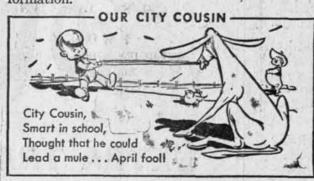
Since these results are based entirely on the study of animals in one herd, the plan must be rigidly tested for reliability in other herds where the inheritance for milk production may be at different levels and more variable, before it can be recommended for practical use.

The pay-off, of course, comes in culling out low producers at an early age. It costs about \$125 to raise a heifer to milking age. Nearly one-third of the heifer calves now raised turn out to be unprofitable cows. If the method ads up under field tests it appears that this proportion the resulting monetary loss can be materially reduced.

Once weeds are under control, pastures benefit by liming, fertilizing, reseeding with recommended pasture mixtures, by harrowing or discing to break up manure. Few crops give as great return for a little attention as does grass. A good starting point in an improved grass program is to take steps to

control weeds and brush.

We-both you and Swift-are interested in making the best use of what we have. It has been said that "a penny saved is a penny earned." There are many dollars to be saved by making the most efficient use of grass lands. We suggest that you contact your state agricultural college, county agent. or vocational agricultural teacher for further information.





Price balances supply and demand

There is always a demand for meat. Yes, at some price. But that price is not determined by the meat's cost, or set by the meat packer. It is set by what the consumers are willing and able to pay for the meat and by-products. That is something which must be known and remembered if one is to

understand the meat business A good many people think that the meat packers sell meat for the cost of the livestock, plus expense, plus a profit. But that is not how meat prices are made. We must sell our meat-because it is perishable. We hope, of course, to sell it at a price which gives us a profit. But profit or loss, we must sell it. As our president, John Holmes, said recently, "We seek the price that balances supply and demand.

is a loss. The records show that, on the average, we make a modest profit year by year. As for prices paid for livestock, they, too, are set by the forces of supply and demand. No meat packer could control them because there is so much competition both in buying and selling. There are over 4,000 meat packers and 20,000 commercial slaughterers competing daily for live

Sometimes this is a profitable price; sometimes there

F.M. Simpson

Agricultural Research Department

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for the finished products. Our Research Laboratories are in twenty-one cities. More than 1,000,000 exacting tests are made each year in our Quality Control program. Each test takes time and work. But constant testing is the only way we can be certain that the quality of Swift products is uniformly high. This constant Quality Control not only builds confidence in Swift products, but it also helps create a steady, dependable market for the livestock and other raw materials we purchase from producers. A permanently successful business must be grounded on the solid foundation of uniform quality.

Things are NOT always as they seem



Which weighs more? The cubic foot block of iron, or those four big rolls of 26 fence wire? The wire looks much heavier, but it isn't.
They weigh the same—491 pounds each.

that fence wire, for example. The fence maker paid perhaps 2¢ a pound for the iron. You buy it as fencing at around 7¢ a pound. That leaves a "spread" of 5¢ a pound between the raw material and the finished product. This "spread" covers heat treating, drawing the wire, weaving it, rolling, and other processes we may not know about. It includes also manufacturer's profit; transportation, jobbers' and retailers' costs and

profits, and delivery to you.

There is also a "spread" between what you producers get for livestock and what you pay the meat dealer for meat. For one thing, an average 1000-pound steer produces only 543 pounds of meat and 161 pounds of by-products; both edible and inedible. In processing there is unrecoverable shrink and waste of 296 pounds. We also have the costs of "disassembling" live animals into meat, refrigerating, transporting to market, and delivery to retail stores. The "spread" covers also retailers' costs and profits plus a profit for the meat packer which averages only a small fraction of a cent per pound of prod-

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