Two Sides in the Potato Story

A considerable protest went up last month when the government destroyed a large quantity of surplus potato stocks in case potato prices fell below parity.

Food prices are high because everything else is high. With the cost of living the price of everything, including food, is automatically high. The government is in the business of stabilizing prices, not in the business of making money. It is necessary to keep food prices high enough to cover the cost of production, but not too high to make food unaffordable for ordinary families.

The government had purchased surplus potatoes at a fixed price, but when the price of potatoes fell below the government's purchase price, the government was required to destroy the surplus to maintain parity prices.

The government's action was part of its price support program, which was intended to prevent prices from falling below a certain level. The program worked well in theory, but in practice, it was difficult to enforce because it required the government to purchase and destroy large quantities of surpluses.

The government's price support program was a controversial issue for many farmers, who believed that it made food too expensive for ordinary families. The program was also expensive for taxpayers, who were required to pay for the government's purchases and destruction of surplus.

The government's price support program was ultimately abandoned in the 1980s, as it became clear that the program was not effective in maintaining parity prices and was too expensive for taxpayers.

HOSPITAL PLAN

RURAL ENROLLMENT INCREASED 100%

The Michigan Farm Bureau recently began a new program to enroll more farmers in its rural hospital plan. The program is designed to provide medical coverage for farmers who are self-employed and do not have access to employer-sponsored insurance.

The hospital plan is a voluntary program that covers inpatient and outpatient services, as well as prescription drugs and other medical expenses. The program is administered by the Farm Bureau Services, a subsidiary of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

The Michigan Farm Bureau has enrolled more than 100,000 farmers in its hospital plan, and the number of enrollees is increasing each year. The program is popular among farmers because it provides coverage for medical expenses that are not covered by other insurance plans.

The hospital plan is available to farmers who own or operate a farm with at least one acre of land. The program is designed to be affordable for farmers, with premiums based on income and family size.

The Michigan Farm Bureau Services, Inc., administers the hospital plan and provides a range of other services to farmers, including health and life insurance, retirement planning, and financial counseling.

85 FBS DEALERS NOW ON PATRONS' RELATIONS PLAN

The Michigan Farm Bureau Services, Inc., has added 85 new dealers to its patrons' relations program. The program is designed to provide farmers with discounts on a wide range of products and services, as well as access to financial counseling and other services.

The program is available to farmers who are enrolled in the Michigan Farm Bureau's hospital plan. The program is managed by the Farm Bureau Services, Inc., and is supported by a network of independent dealers throughout the state.

Farmers can take advantage of the program by visiting their local dealer or by contacting the Michigan Farm Bureau Services, Inc., at 1-800-522-5252.
COMMUNITY
Farm Bureau Activities

By Mrs. VADINE KANNER

The farmers are busy getting their crops in. This is the time the county Farm Bureaus get the fall details ready. The secretary reports that in discussing farm safety the county. The group voted that they will attend school programs explaining how far the Farm Bureau manufacturers with Farm Bureau Services. Some of these programs are now in route.

Hiram & Martha

Rain

Management and sales service for grower owned cooperatives and retail section of this division is Branches and Management Contracts with Farm Bureau Manufacturing Division. Price $400.00. Also sharpening service on all types of shearing machines.

Bumpers were divided into two groups; one was charged with 20 cents per word and the other was charged the rate of 4 cents per word per edition.

In these summary reports of actions agreed upon after discussing the Farm Bureau manufacturing division. The group will visit the Michigan university agricultural extension service for the Good Samaritan program of the church to the people in disaster areas. It is also working with Farm Bureau Services in producing the Rainy season needs.

A group felt that money for the Sol. would start Monday. June 9. from Lansing. His group will visit the De-14.

Sister Lakes, VanBuren-19. Vote to start the first barn dance of the season. A mock wedding was the entertainment. The group felt that the money for the Barn Dance should be raised by the members. The group will visit the Peoria County Ail-American Show. The group will visit the Peoria County Ail-American Show. The group will visit the Peoria County Ail-American Show.


Juniors have a plan for the 4-H leaders. Coldwater, Branch. Felt that one of the leaders was the topic of Farm Bureau Services. The group will visit the De-14.

Agrees Farmers' Share is Small

Farmer will have to make some money to invest in machinery and make better production. One of the leaders in the group felt that the money for the Barn Dance should be raised by the members. The group will visit the Peoria County Ail-American Show. The group will visit the Peoria County Ail-American Show.

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Juniors Have a Plan For FFA Speakers

MacF Sponsors Tour For FFA Speakers

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USDA DEVELOPS SLOW-ACTING FERTILIZER

A new slow-acting nitrogen fertilizer which has greatly reduced costs of application, and which, when used with other fertilizer treatments, has resulted in increased production of soy beans and corn, has been developed by the United States Department of Agriculture.

The new fertilizer, a compound of calcium nitrate and grass ash, is known as "Growdite" being a combination of grass ashes and ammonia. The compound is efficacious in increasing the yield of crops on soils high in exchangeable potassium and due to the slow release of nitrogen in the soil, the amount of nitrogen needed for the development of the crop is utilized more efficiently.

Our Preferences Set Pattern for Youth

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGNER
Assistant State Director, Farm Serv. Dept. Michigan

The entire country was shocked a few weeks ago when a 14-year-old youth committed suicide by jumping from a roof in a nearby city. He had been a boy of great promise, had been an honor student, and was held in high esteem by those who knew him.

When precipitated that other youth might have had the same problem, we in the Farm Bureau Services division, at once set to work to determine the causes of this tragedy. We found that the boy's family had been experiencing financial difficulty, and that he had been subjected to severe emotional stress because of this.

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PLANT BEANS WELL INTO JUNE

June—traditional bean planting month is coming to an end. H. R. Pettigrew, bean specialist at Dundee, reports that the weather has been favorable for planting beans, and the beans have done well. The bacterial blight problem has not been a major concern, but the beans have profited from a shorter growing season than peas.

Long-range plans made by an attorney from the Michigan State Board of Directors call for the establishment of a new organization to carry out programs that will increase the income of the memberships, and will advance the interests of those members in other fields.

The labor unions rely on collective bargaining and legislation. The Farm Bureau is active in legislation. It is responsible for much of the development of the successful movement of purchasing and farm cooperatives throughout the nation. The Farm Bureau and co-ops have placed farming as an industry in the hands of the farmers, and are working for marketing and for purchasing of supplies that agriculture has ever enjoyed.

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President and Secretary of the American Potash Institute, Michigan State college, Mr. William Sherman, chairman of the Board of Regents, and Mr. Charles A. Davis, director of the American Potash Institute, have been named to the board of directors of the new organization.

An item of interest is the fact that the Michigan Farm Bureau has had a number of new members in recent months. The bureau is continuing to build membership in the face of a growing population. The new state deficit which will accumulate by the end of the fiscal year, which will mean that taxes and the recapturing of revenues will be faced with what to do about the budget. The new state is in the red. The new state legislature will not be faced with a new budget, but with a new, rather substantial deficit which will accumulate by the end of the fiscal year. The new state legislature will not be faced with a new budget, but with a new, rather substantial deficit which will accumulate by the end of the fiscal year.

Homeowners have been urged to invest in farm, stock and tools, and to save money. The spectacular and widely publicized investments made by producers on their own farms, have not been able to keep up with the growing population. The new state legislature will not be faced with a new budget, but with a new, rather substantial deficit which will accumulate by the end of the fiscal year.

Mail-order orders for Farm Bureau feeds are a good way to save money. The postal regulations of the post office are not as strict as the regulations of the Farm Bureau, and orders can be placed by mail.

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MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

FARM BUREAU MEMBER PAYS MUCH LESS THAN TRADE UNION MEN PAY

It is interesting to note that the farmer pays much less for a Farm Bureau membership than for a trade union membership. This is so, notwithstanding the fact that the Farm Bureau represents the farmers not as a skilled worker, but as the owner of an investment in farm, stock and tools ranging from several to thousands of dollars.

Observe in the adjacent list that there is no mention of the fee for the Farm Bureau. Compare the annual dues with those of some prominent trade union organizations.

The Farm Bureau and trade unions of skilled labor have in common the fact that they represent the interests of their members to Congress, to legislature, to business, and to other groups.

SAGINAW WOMEN FAVOR CANCER DETECTION CLINIC

A cancer detection clinic will be opened at the Farm Bureau in Saginaw county, described by the women in the Saginaw county, described by the women, as a service agency which serves a particular group of the population.

UNION LEADERSHIP

The New York Times reports that the Farm Bureau has had a substantial amount of scum that gathers at Farm News, the national farm newspaper. The Farm Bureau has had a number of new members in recent months.

FARM BUREAU GROUPS ON PAYROLL

State representatives and senators who serve in Michigan have a good deal to say about the state's fiscal condition. The Farm Bureau has had a number of new members in recent months.

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Ask an electric dealer near you to show you FARM BUREAU Milk Coolers. Find out the facts for yourself. Ask him for complete information.

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Times Have Changed

1948 Dues May Be Paid With Less Than Half The Produce Required in 1935

Farm Bureau dues will be $10 per year in 1948, but the cost in terms of farm produce may be the lowest in the 27 years history of the organization. The figures below are taken from state and federal price reports.

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The decline in farm prices has made it possible for members to pay their annual dues with less than half the produce required in the early years of the Farm Bureau movement.

Full Feed Pigs

Pig feeding on farm and marketed at the time of harvest when the price of feed is highest may be uneconomical. The rate of gain of pigs should be increased when the price of feed is low. The pig has a greater gain on low prices than on high prices and has the capacity to store food as excess weight.

If You Move

When moving your farm or changing your address, notify your Farm Bureau office immediately. You will be mailed information about the new area and the Farm Bureau activities available there.

For Poultrymen

manure from poultry pens should be removed regularly to prevent the accumulation of excess manure. The manure should be spread around the poultry yard to prevent the buildup of disease and to provide a dry, clean area for the birds.

Seperation of manure from the litter will help keep the area clean and prevent the spread of disease. The manure can be used as a fertilizer, or it can be composted to produce a natural fertilizer.

One Barnful of Trouble

Just one forkful of hay—not completely cured—can turn your barn into a blazing inferno. Shared hay, with a moisture content of over 25%, offers a constant fire threat. It can easily overheat to the point where spontaneous ignition occurs.

Every Michigan farmer suffers an estimated loss of $250,000.00 because of hay fires resulting from spontaneous ignition. Yet taking these few precautions is possible to reduce greatly your danger of loss by fire and spoilage of hay through overheating.

1. Do not cut until the dew is off. Then be sure your hay is well cured. Responsibility for deciding the time to begin moving hay should not be left to an inexperienced person—make the decision yourself—always remembering that the condition of the hay itself is the controlling factor.

2. Once the hay is in the mow, it should be inspected for safety. The hay should be well packed, and there should be no signs of heat building up. If there are any signs of heat, the hay should be spread out and allowed to cool.

3. Do not attempt to remove or horse hay unsafely when fire protection facilities are at hand. Have the work supervised by someone who understands how hay should be removed to prevent an immediate fire. If possible, contact your insurance company.

4. Chopped hay is as hazardous as loose hay, because it packs more closely and holds the heat. If possible, store chopped hay in silos—the food value is as high, and the fire hazard is much less.

5. In any event, chopped hay should not be stored in buildings more than 25 feet wide unless a ventilating floor has been arranged in the center to carry away excess heat. In hay barns, ventilation ducts should be spaced 12-15 feet apart. Chopped hay should be spread evenly as it is lined in. Avoid walking on stored chopped hay because of the danger of forming air pockets.

If you need further information on the handling or storing of hay, write your Michigan Farm Mutual Insurance Company.

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A Nat’l Farm Policy to Conserve Soil

Background Material for Discussion in June by Community Farm Bureau Groups

BY NORRIS W. WAGNER

One of the most important problems facing every local group is the problem of soil fertility. The land under the plow is the greatest natural resource and almost the only one that has not been seriously abused. It has been estimated that the United States has lost about one billion tons of topsoil each year. As a result, the nation is faced with an ever-increasing threat to its future, as the soil is being depleted faster than it can be replenished.

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