EDITORIAL

Farmers Must Fight Back

The attack upon farm co-operatives has been renewed in full force as the House ways and means committee of Congress prepares to make its recommendations for a general tax revision bill.

Late in February Chairman Harold Knutson asked members of the committee to submit their recommendations within a week. Asked by the Associated Press if the proposed bill would contain a section on the taxation of co-operatives, Mr. Knutson replied, "There is a strong feeling within the committee that no controversial matters should be included in the tax revision bill-you can draw your ewn conclusions."

Fulton Lewis, Jr., a radio commentator with a nation-wide hook-up, is enjoyed by those in business who hate farm co-operatives. Lewis flew to his microphone to appeal for thousands of letters and wires to members of the committee. Such letters, of course, would demand the kind of tax legislation for co-operatives that Lewis and his friends would like to have written. You can imagine.

Farm co-operatives in all states have renewed the battle, too. In Michigan, Clark L. Brody, executive secretary of the Michigan Farm Bureau, is asking all members of the Farm Bureau and members of farmers' co-operatives to write to their Congressman and to Senators Arthur Vandenberg and Homer Ferguson opposing the inclusion of any anti-cooperative legislation in the tax revision bill. Mr. Brody said:

"It has become increasingly evident that taxation of patronage refunds is but a screen for the real issue. The fundamental purpose of the anti-co-op forces is to render ineffective or destroy farm co-operatives. Our enemies are trying to eliminate farm co-operatives and keep the farmer in a weak bargaining position with proprietary forms of business dealing in farm supplies and in the marketing of farm produc-

Chairman Knutson believes that the House ways and means committee will have its tax revision bill ready about April 10. The committee is now holding closed sessions to consider what items shall be in the bill. Under the rules, the committee's tax bill may not be subject to change in the House. Therefore, what the committee does about farm co-operatives is most important. Congressman Roy O. Woodruff is Michigan's representative on the House ways and means committee.

Farmers Paying More

Farmers are paying more for the things they buy. The Bureau of Agricultural Economics at Washington reports that the index of prices paid by farmers, including interest and taxes, was at a record high in December.

Importance of Farm Bureau Fertilizer Plant

The first week in March the Farm Bureau Services fertilizer plant at Saginaw started production of mixed fertilizers. This spring it is planned to deliver fertilizers from that plant by the thousands

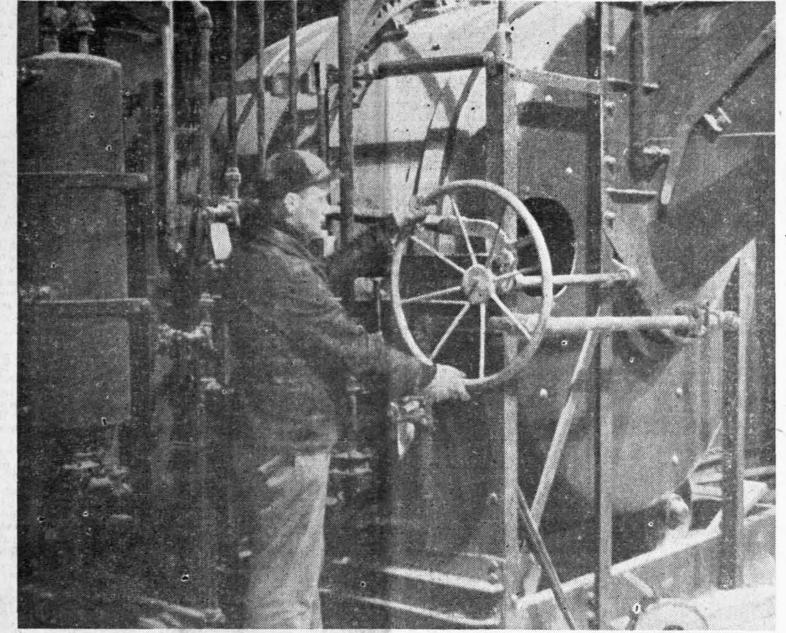
The million dollar plant is an example of what farmers can do for themselves through membership in the Farm Bureau, and as patrons of Farm Bureau Services through farm co-operatives and other deal-

During the war years it became apparent that if the Farm Bureau was to have adequate supplies of fertilizer for the future, it would have to build its own plant and locate its own sources of raw materials. Things were changing in the fertilizer industry. The alternative was to give up our service on fertilizer.

The Farm Bureau decided to build, and 196 associated farm co-operatives and dealers pledged their help. The membership of the Farm Bureau, the Services dealers and their patrons subscribed more than \$800,000 to the project.

Ground was broken for the mixing plant March 15, 1947,—less than a year ago. In June it was decided to almost double the project by adding facilities to manufacture acid phosphate. As everyone knows, acid prosphate is a most important fertilizer and an ingredient for mixed fertilizers. It is also the only fertilizer that is actually manufactured in a fertilizer plant. Possession of an acid phosphate plant makes the Farm Bureau operation a complete

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Turning the valve that started the first batch of fertilizer in the mixing process, we see Adolph Ecklund, general superintendent of the Farm Bureau Services' fertilizer plant at Saginaw, as he brought the mixing plant into operation the week of March 1. More than 80 carloads of materials have arrived at the plant.

During March, April and May many Advisory Committee and Pa-trons Information Conferences will be held and numerous prob lems pertaining to the purchasing of farm supplies will be discussed. These conferences afford patrons an opportunity to become better informed of the services their local outlet can render for them.

ganized with one thought in mindthat of supplying better service and quality merchandise to farmers of Michigan. Because of the acceptance of Farm Bureau products by farm people, Farm Bur eau Services has grown to be one of Michigan's leading farm supply organizations, serving farmer through 400 co-operative and inde pendent dealer accounts.

For a number of years prior to 1945, Farm Bureau Services has been trying to devise a means whereby patrons purchasing Farm Bureau merchandise could partici pate in the wholesale earnings of Farm Bureau Services. Farn Bureau Services wanted to make members of its patrons through the earning of common stock, the hold er of which would be entitled to one vote at the annual meeting of Farm Bureau Services in the conducting of its business.

This has been made possible by establishing the F. B. S. Patrons' Relations Program at various points in the state. There are 100 retail distribution points of Farm Bureau products participating in the progam at the present time. Patrons around these points are building for themselves an equity in Farm Bureau Services through patronage, a stronger purchasing organization, and a better informed membership because of the educational work that goes along with this program.

PROPOSED SCHOOL HAS SUPPORT OF

A strong enthusiasm for a school eau in the northern Michigan area, ing to Wesley Hawley, district re-

through primary school. by doing rather than by watching. The school will be open to any boy or girl in the 10th district area.

school project committee.

Place of Farm Co-ops in America

By CLARK L. BRODY

Executive Secretary of the Michigan Farm Bureau An address delivered to meetings of Ohio farmers, industrialists and other businessmen at Columbus, Feb. 16; Findlay, Feb. 17, and at Wilmington Feb. 26.

Let us at the outset recognize that business, industry, labor and agriculture are interdependent. Their co-operation with one another is essential to their mutual welfare and to a strong, serviceable national economy. In group this time of national and world postwar readjustment it is County Farm Bureau, stated that of highest importance to resolve and avoid domestic con- Bureau insurance agency would be flicts and dissension. All groups should join in a united program for the discharge of our great national and international responsibilities. That this is the spirit in which this meeting is called is indicated by the title, "Friendship

Our responsibilities are world wide. This is well stated by John Foster Dulles in a recent issue of Time Magazine, when he said: "Our nation cannot long survive as a mere citadel of self-indulging privilege surrounded by massed human misery."

We are citizens of the only strong nation to which many countries of the world can look for aid. We are strong today because our citizens are free. We are free to develop our individual initiative in a private enterprise and capitalistic economy. We have met here to consider the relationship and common interests of two important segments in our free enterprise system: business and

The businessmen of the farms have invited the businessmen of the towns and cities to this Friendship Banquet to facilitate a mutual understanding and co-operation between two neighbors in the business economy of

I commend the Central Ohio Co-operatives and the Ohio Council of Farmer Co-operatives for sponsoring this important meeting. Likewise, I congratulate the businessmen of Central Ohio, on the neighborly spirit you are showing by your presence here.

The proposed school will provide business services is determined by supplementary education for the greatly varying conditions concernyoung people who could only go ing our diversified agriculture. The It will objective they both must aim al education project in which em- the farms in the territory concernficient manner.

to a clearer understanding of the ing and interrelating the market-culture. Orville Walker, Antrim County relationship by first explaining ing and purchasing phases with the club agent, is chairman of the the aims and purposes of the farm plowing, sowing and reaping of his co-operative. - The farm co-opera-

The marketing and supply serv-tive is an agency the farmer has vices required by modern farming found convenient and practical to project was indicated by more than may be achieved through either a integrate the several phases of the 40 Junior Farm Bureau members proprietary profit enterprise not farm as a business unit. Farm cofrom the 10th representative dis- owned and operated by the operatives have shown a marked detrict of the Michigan Farm Bur- farmer, or through a farm velopment because the farmer has co-operative owned and controlled found it good business to add pur the early part of February accord. by its farmer members. Whether chasing and marketing facilities the proprietary or co-operative en- to the production operations carterprise, or both, furnish these ried on within the line fences of the farm

our free enterprise system. They be in the form of a rural vocation- to achieve is to serve the needs of are an integral part of the farm business unit. Their purpose is to phasis will be placed on learning ed in the most economical and ef- increase the profits of the farm and not to make a profit as a cor-I believe I can best contribute porate enterprise. In so integrat-(Continued on page 2)

FARM BUREAU

A proposal that the Michigan Farm Bureau establish an insur ance program limited to Farm Bu reau members only was made to the state Farm Bureau board of directors at its March 2 meeting by a delegation of 68 member from 20 County Farm Bureaus.

Blaque Knirk, spokesman for the the group believed that a Farm eventually it would provide a rethat would be a great help in the membership building program.

The state Farm Bureau board said that it would make a thoroug investigation of the feasibility o Farm Bureau insurance company to write insurance for member President Carl Buskirk ap pointed the following committee to Marten Garn of Eaton county; Clyde Breining, Washtenaw: Harry Norris. Muskegon: and J. Burton

Since 1926 the Michigan Farm Bureau insurance dep't has held the state agency for the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company and the State Farm Life Insurance Company of Bloomington, Ill. The Farm Bureau igan and is with Farm Bureau peo- Exchange.

refunds of farm co-ops be included prepared.

The directors said in their resolution that patronage refunds are a part of the returns and savings on the farmers marketing and sup ply service from the co-operative The patronage refunds are the property of the farm business and

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States has 140 million rats.

Fertilizer Plant Starts Production

More Than 80 Cars of Fertilizer Materials Have Arrived: Expect to be Shipping Finished Goods by April 1 Farm Bureau Services' new fertilizer manufacturing

plant at Saginaw started mixing operations the week of The factory is expected to be shipping finished goods

by April 1. From that time sacks of fertilizers should pour out of the plant in continuous process for the balance of the spring season.

Actually, the plant has been in operation for some weeks. Up to March I more than 80 carloads of fertilizer materials had been taken in and moved to storage by elevator and conveyor belt in readiness for mixing. The second phase of the plant operation, basing or mixing, got under way the week of March 1. The third phase of bagging and shipping will be under way by April 1.

Fred J. Harger, superintendent of construction and manufacturing for Farm Bureau Services, said the crew is working to get the new plant operating at capacity as soon as possible. He said that the plant has a rated capacity for mixing and shipping 30 tons of fertilizer per hour.

The Saginaw plant is one of the few in the country, equipped to mix fertilizer and bag fertilizer at the same time. Most fertilizer plants do mixing and bagging on different days. They can use their mechanical equipment to move materials to the mixer, or they can use it to move finished fertilizers to the bagging machines, but they can't do both jobs at once.

Farm Bureau Services has possibly doubled the handling capacity of its plant by installing an extra elevator and conveyor belting so that the plant can be sending up to 30 tons of materials an hour to the mixer. At the same time it can be sending up to 30 tons an hour of cured fertilizer to the bagger. Elevators No. 2 and 3 do this work. Both of them could be employed to send upwards of 60 tons an hour of cured fertilizer to the bagging machines.

Elevator No. 1 elevates all incoming materials to convevor belts that take it to raw materials storage. Elevator No. 4 removes mixed fertilizer from the mixer to conveyor belts that take it to storage for curing.

The plant is equipped with four bagging machines for automatic filling, weighing and closing of sacks of fertilizer. They are rated to take care of the maximum hourly production of the plant.

cattle.

LIVE STOCK EXCH.

Livestock producer members, exterested in the Michigan Live 26th annual meeting Saturday, March 13, at the Olds Hotel in Lansing. The business session will b gin at 10 a. m. and continue until 4:30 p. m. with the annual banquet scheduled to start at 6:30 p

The afternoon session will in has nearly 100,000 auto- clude reports from President Art mobile policies in force and about Ingold and Manager R. H. Wal-\$20,000,000 of life insurance. It's ton. Mr. Walton recently complete business is mostly in rural Mich- ed his first year as manager of the The delegation will elect three directors and vote on Stanley Powell, Michigan Farm The Farm Bureau board joined proposed changes in the by-laws. Bureau legislative advisor, address with the boards of the Farm Bu- P. O. Wilson, executive secretary ing editors and reporters attendeau Services and the Farm Bureau of the National Live Stock Pro-Fruit Products Company in a reso-ducers in Chicago; H. H. Hulbert, Michigan State College, warned lution to the ways and means com. Farm Credit Administration of mittee of the House of Congress Washington, D. C., who has been passed by the legislature if, sales sking that no provision to tax working with the Live Stock Exe tax collections drop off." change; and Dick Cummins, manain the tax reduction bill now being ger of the Indianapolis Producers Association, will talk about live- will probably turn some of the re stock marketing problems.

The business volume, through to local units. the continued operations at the terminal, has shown an increase over the previous year. The Exthe year in the establishment of to be seen," Mr. Powell said. several decentralized co-operative do not belong to the co-operative. livestock markets in the state which are to be sponsored by County Farm Bureaus. It is proposed that the necessary capital will be funds needed to meet the present raised by local livestock producers of their respective areas to chase or build the stockyards. The plan calls for the Michigan Live Stock Exchange to lease these facilities from the County Farm Buraus and operate them.

Considerable interest has been shown by 9 county Farm Bureau there be no state aid for any school organizations in the Kalamazoo area and 10 County Farm Bureaus

in the North Central area. A feeder procurement service by It is estimated that the United the Michigan Live Stock Exchange, to secure feeder cattle at reason-

added service to its members during the past year. The Michigan Live Stock Exchange has leased the Wabash Railroad Yards at Detroit to carry on feeder sales in

Blaque Knirk, president of Branch County Farm Bureau, has been engaged by the livestock ortension workers and farmers in ganization as a field representative to organize trucking associa Stock Exchange will attend the tions and to assist in public relations work commencing March 1.

BUDGET TROUBLES

Urging the repeal of the state sales tax diversion amendment that, "a flock of new taxes will be

He said that the legislature will not only pass new tax bills, but sponsibilities of government back

"Whether or not it will be pos coming year into balance without change became interested during imposing any new taxes remains

There is a real threat that the state may in the special session return to the property tax basis for raising much or all of the

critical condition of highway financing. This is contrary to the wishes of the Michigan Farm Bur-The state aid for schools will be another leading issue before the

lawmakers. school aid will recommend that district having less than 10 pupils, unless by special dispensation from the superintendent of public instruction

Plant Farm Bureau Seeds,

HIRAM and

Happy Birthday to Marthy

Within the chambers of my soul

As those I bear for you.

I wish that I might say

My love for you this day.

The fortunes of mankind,

But what I have is yours always

is fond desire to smooth your road

From trouble and dismay;

To make each birthday be for you

But it is sound and true;

It comes sincerely from my heart,

Can make your birthday happier

Then for that thing I live.

With all that that can mean

Of joy and love from year to year

Unfroubled and serene.

A Happy Birthday is my wish

And may the years to be

My Darling, you and me.

R. S. Clark,

Jackson, Michigan

315 North Grinnell Street,

Include us with the young in heart,

So Happy Birthday to you, dear,

And ever in my mind

Indeed a happy day.

And it is all for you.

Or do or be or give

If anything that I can say

My love is just the simple sort

My hand is not the one that sways

Some happy phrases to express

There dwells no love so true

No thought so kind; no dream so fond

And when each year your birthday comes

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EDITORIAL

The experience of building and equipping the plant within a year in spite of post-war shortages of materials and delays in deliveries recalls the wartime slogan of the army supply service, "The difficult things we do at once, the impossible takes a little longer."

There is still a lot of work to be done. It will take some time to get such a machine operating at its best. But when the men in charge do have everything going the way they want it, they will be producing up to 30,000 tons of acid phosphate and 45,000 tons of mixed fertilizers a year. For a picture of the plant, see page 5.

Tremendous Use of Fertilizer

Farmers will have available for 1948 more fertilizers than ever before—about double the pre-war quantities. There will be slightly more of nitrogen, potash, and phosphorous.

But in spite of these increases, supplies will not be large enough to meet all needs. Nitrogen will be particularly short, and potash will continue to be hard to get. Phosphate supplies are expected to be more nearly adequate.

In considering that the consumption of fertilizer has doubled since the beginning of World War II, it is interesting to note that the largest percentage of increase in the use of fertilizer has been in the Midwest and Western states.

The next forward move for the fertilizer industry appears to be in the increase of plant food content in the fertilizer distributed to farmers. The U.S. Dep't of Agriculture is authority for the statement that the industry has not increased the plant food content of fertilizers distributed to farmers as rapidly as the plant food content has been increased in the materials from which fertilizer is made.

The Farm Bureau Services, Inc., fertilizer plant at Saginaw plans to supply farmers with fertilizers high in plant food.

Place of Farm Co-ops

farm business, the farmer is follow-

even their own transportation for purchasing power adequate to ably, it will come to be believed. the finished paper. Merchants may sorb the products of labor and in-

The same principle is followed level for labor and industry. vide it for himself. In the cases terprise. where he provides the services through his business co-operatives,

cess in principle that is carried on The Ohio Livestock Association, by the integrated industrial enter- under the direction of our host. Mr. prises previously mentioned. In Ketner, for example grades the the case of a proprietary commer- livestock so that the farmer procial enterprise, it has the option ducing the high quality animal is of being taxed on the end result rewarded above the grower of the and is not taxed on each separate step in the series of processing, manufacturing and distribution op- be evident that the fundamental

to depend to a greater extent on himself with additional business his business cooperatives in order service necessary to the success iness unit in our modern business is an integral part of the farm standing alone has little bargain- form of free enterprise in existing power to deal with the exten- ence. It is not designed to destroy sive proprietary chain businesses private enterprise but to serve free dealing in his products and sup-enterprise. Farm co-operatives

may own control and operate all business. Therefore, it is natural holy fear. phases of production from mine or for farmers to unite with their

operative he integrates the various come and a reasonable standard of them. steps in the production and market- living for the farmer, the econoing of food and fiber. The extent mic, political and social consequenson these processes through co-op- be pleasant to contemplate. Coreratives is determined in his judg- poration farming might be the rement by whether proprietary en- sult, if, under our system of econterprises not under his control per- omy the farmer were not permitt form the service more efficiently ed to maintain his bargaining powand economically then he can pro- er necessary to a stable farm en- tives:

In quite another respect farm co-operatives are important to the savings above the costs of doing both producer and consumer. the business are returned to the Through better grading and the farmer patron where they are tax- marketing of farm products on the able as a part of the income of the basis of quality, the farmer is encouraged to produce a more ser-This is precisely the same pro- viceable product for the consumer.

less satisfactory meat animal. From what I have said it must purpose of the farmer in develop-The farmer is being compelled ing his co-operative is to provide to maintain a profitable farm bus- of the farm. The farm co-operative The individual farmer business unit, the most independent

are a part of farm business. They are in no sense a movement.

The farmer's co-operative and his cultivation and harvesting operations together constitute an example of one of the most independent types of private enterprise in our nation. Furthermore, farmers' co-operatives and proprietary business enterprises are operating successfully side by side in thousands of localities over the country. In many cases, the proprietary institution is serving agriculture so eficiently and economically that farmers prefer to trade with it rather than to assume the risks and responsibilities involved in op-



In many instances the owners well-managed and forward-lookmers have remained better satisfied than they would have been in attempting to operate a co-operative. The profits of this type of business are the result of serand support a co-operative.

I have dwelt at some length on next annual meeting. the same relationship of the farm ooperative to proprietary business understanding regarding the far- retained as secretary-treasurer. mer's efforts to maintain and imrove his economic stability.

Baseless fears have been develed in the minds of thousands of industrial and mercantile businessmen and generally over the entire nation. Co-operatives have been painted as the forerunner of communism or socialism. Druggists. jewelers, novelty store operators plies. The developments in our and other mercantile interests, business economy have made it professional men, and industrial necessary for the farmer to deal leaders whose enterprises are far ing the same practice employed by with greatly increased aggrega- removed from any possibility of mercantile and industrial business tions of capital. The individual competition from farm cooperativeverywhere. You as businessmen farm unit is a comparatively small es, have been imbued with an un-

Small businessmen generally through manufacturing, neighbors in farm co-operatives to have been the target of innuendo wholesale and retail services even to the ultimate consumer.

The automobile industry may choose to own forests, sawmills, mlnes, lake transportation, and so on. Publishers may choose to own their own paper mills, and even their own transportation for

Skilled publicists are employed choose to join together for group dustry. Directly or indirectly, and controlled by a comparativepurchasing and for other coordina- prosperous farm conditions are an ly narrow segment of American tion of operations for their mutual important factor in the mainten- business. They are supported by \$2.00. ance of a satisfactory economic hundreds of thousands of dollars. Reliable information indicates that by the farmer. Through his co- Without an adequate farm in much larger sums are available to

They are working cleverly and effectively to prejudice the public against farm cooperatives. Their real objective is to destroy the farm cooperative as an effective bargain-ing instrument for the farmer. Let They are working cleverly and to which he controls and carries es to our national life would not against farm cooperatives. Their me list the announced program of those who are attacking coopera-

1. Repeal of co-operative income

tax exemption 101/12. 2. Secure amendments to Revenue Act to tax co-operative patronage refunds at the corporation level. 3. Repeal of Capper-Volstead Act. legalizing the organization of far-

mers' co-operatives. 4. Elimination of the Federal Farm Credit System-the Banks for Cooperatives.

5. Possible repeal of the Agricultural Marketing Act-Commodity

the taxation of patronage refunds is not the end objective of our opponents. Their purpose is to remove the farm cooperative from the competitive field by securing the repeal of the legislative acts which legalize their existence.

Their efforts have resulted in getting a Congressman to make preparations for introducing a bill prime trees. All equipment included whole or half interest. Niles-Fleming, Pollasky Block, Alma, Michigan, (Continued on page six) getting a Congressman to make (Continued on page six)

erating a co-operative.

GREAT BATTLE **COMING FOR** MINDS OF MEN

"One of the biggest and most crucial battles in world's history will be fought in the next few years for the minds of men." Clarence J. Reid of Avoca, past president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, told Lapeer County Farm Bureau members at their annual meeting recently.

"Farmers should be organized and participate in discussion groups ng profit business have made them- so they can keep posted and act elves well to do financially while on local, state, national, and interat the same time, the farmer custonational affairs." Mr. Reid said that Farm Bureau community groups are ideal from this stand-

Lapeer County Farm Bureau voted to change the date of the anvice rendered. Under such condi- nual meeting to the last Thursday tions there is little or no desire on in October, and appointed a comthe part of farmers to organize mittee to rewrite its by-laws and present them for approval at the

George Brigham was elected pre sident, and Roland Hamilton, vice-

FARM GROUP RADIO PROGRAMS FOR MARCH

WJR - Marshall Wells "Voice of Agriculture" Saturday Mornings-6:30 to 7:00 Mar. 6-Farmers & Manufacturrs Sugar Beet Ass'n. Mar. 13-State Dep't of Agricul-

Mar. 20-Michigan Milk Producrs Ass'n. Mar. 27-Michigan Farm Bur-

> WKAR-State College "Farm Forum'

Community Farm Bureau Programs First Monday-1:00 to 1:30 p. m. Mar. 1-How are our roads going be financed? Apr. 5-Shall foreign credit be xtended?

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DEMAND FOR HIGH QUALITY SEED AT ALL TIME HIGH

By WARREN DOBSON, Ass't Mar Farm Bureau Services Seed Dept.

Not in many years have we been faced with the shortage of good seed grains that exist this spring The elements combined in the 1947 crop year to produce a set of circumstances unfavorable to good seed production. The late wet spring followed by unseasonable conditions throughout climatic much of the growing season defeated the best efforts of many growers to produce grain of good test weight, color and proper germinating quality. Shortage of commercial fertilizer also hurt produc-

In view of the situation outlined, it is inevitable that the demand for high quality seed should be at an all time high. Orders now on file at our office already surpass the combined total of many previous years of seed grain sales.

With what can this demand be met? There are still many calls for old favorite varieties, but the accent this year is on the "youngsters" in their various fields. Old favorites among oat varities that still rate occasional calls are Swedish Select, Worthy, Wolverine, Huron and Vicland.

All have been good varieties and still have their place. Each has its champions and not without reason. However, popular fancy has rated a few new varieties as outstanding choices this year. We have a few comments on some of these varieties.

Marion Oats is a variety that have been favored the past few years. Their popularity has been ased on their white color, good length straw, yielding ability and resistance to disease. They have not the extreme weight of Hurons but are not as susceptible to lodg ing. Marion is a Michigan product but limited in quantity. Clinton oats were developed in

Iowa, but have spread rapidly over the corn belt and rate very high in popularity. In color, they are yellow rather than white with very good test weight and high yielding ability. They have a considerable resistence to stem rust but are not immune,

Eaton oats. Top place among Michigan oat varieties goes to the Eaton variety. This year is the first in which this seed has been available in quantity. It is a white oat that has proven equal to Clinton in vield, with long stiff straw that resists disease and stands up well. Not enough certified stock is available yet this year, but a considerable quantity of one year from certified grade of nice quality should help materially.

In addition to the above mentioned oats, some other new varieties such as Benton, an Illinois oat, and Forvic, a product of Wisconsin, de serve favorable mention. They are not available as certified stock in Michigan through a limited amount of uncertified Forvics are avail-

Sparton barley is still favored by many people as an outstanding variety for a feeding barley. It yields well and grows a large kernel, light colored grain on a tworow pattern. It is popular as a

nurse crop for seedings.

Bay is the choice of most Mich- well before time to sow if in need igan people as a replacement for of oat or barley seed this year. the old Wisconsin 38 in the malting barley sections. It derives its popularity mainly from an ability to hold its head longer after maturity. It ripens somewhat earlier than Wisconsin 38, has proven a better yielder, and is equal for malting purposes. It belongs to the six-row group.



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Mrs. Carl E. Buskirk

Mrs. Lola Buskirk, wife of Carl Buskirk, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, passed away Feb. 23 at their farm home near Paw Paw. Mrs. Buskirk had been in poor health for some time. Farm Bureau people from all parts of the state attended the services. Inarment was at Wildey cemetery.

ertson at Fort Wayne, Ind., March March 16 to make appropriations 7, 1887. She was married to Carl E. for the coming fiscal year and to Buskirk, June 15, 1909. Carlola consider such other matters as he Farm was their home for nearly may submit to them. 40 years. There are two sons, Robert, of Paw Paw, and Dr. Maurice Governor outlined eleven points Puskirk of Midland.

Mrs. Buskirk was deeply interested in the Farm Bureau from its beginning and worked for its success. She took an active part in Farm Bureau. the Women of the Michigan Farm hurch work and in the ladies com-plunity organizations at Paw Paw. franchise. The sympathy of the Farm Bureau organization is extended to Presithe family.

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FARM BUREAU COMMENTS ON SIGLER PROPOSALS

Governor Kim Sigler has called the members of the Michigan legis-Mrs. Buskirk was born Lola Rob. lature to meet in special session on

In a recent press conference the which he stated he was considering referring to the Legislature for appropriate action. We present them, with comment from the

1. Insurance. A statute to amend Bureau and was director for Van the state insurance code to include Buren county. She was a leader in real estate development as one of

Farm Bureau comment: There is a provision in our state constitudent Buskirk and the members of tion which forbids corporations to hold the title to real estate for longer than ten years unless they are using such property directly in connection with their business operations. It has been urged that more the farm editor of the Grand if this provision could be amended Rapids Press and daily newspap- or some way found to get around ers at Ann Arbor, Bay Cfty, Jack- it, insurance companies could inson, Kalamazoo, Muskegon, and vest in rental multiple dwelling Saginaw, died suddenly March 4. projects and thus relieve the pre Mr. Runnells was the outstand- sent acute housing shortage. When kg farm reporter in Michigan. He this matter was before the 1947 ravelled constantly and attended legislature, the position of the housands of meetings, including Michigan Farm Bureau was that very annual meeting of the Mich- it would not oppose such legislaigan Farm Bureau. His subject tion provided it was specifically matter was farm people and farm stipulated that it should not apply organizations, and what they were to the holding of agricultural

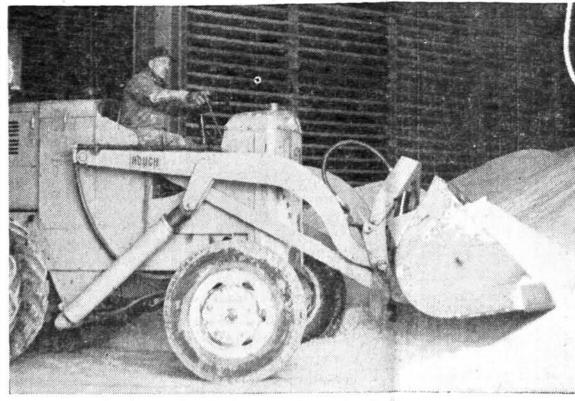
2. Finance companies. State that the little guy who borrows money will have some protection."

This is re-opening the question of regulation of finance or loan companies, a matter that has been before several legislatures, particularily with reference to interest

3. Oleomargarine. Suspension of the law forbidding the use of

oleomargarine in state institutions. This law has been in force over 50 years. It was enacted as a protection to the people in public institutions and to the dairy industry. At the last session, the legislature rejected a bill to permit the serving of oleo in state institutions. 4. State fair employment prac-

We can't tell from the title just what this proposal would provide. 5. Excise taxes. Most city charters provide the right to levy excise taxes, subject to a referendum. Presumably this proposal would empower city governments



Considered as one of the most modern fertilizer plants in the country, Farm Bureau Services' factory at Saginaw has the advantage of having the best of mechanical equipment. The huge mechanical loader seen above is scooping up petash from one of the raw materials storage bins to be transported to the mixing section of the building. George Walton, maintenance foreman, is the tractor

to take such action direct.

mill of the existing property tax to the state treasury. The delegates the Michigan Farm Bureau adopted regulation of finance companies "so a resolution voicing opposition to the levying of any property tax for state purposes.

7. County Road Commissions. Some method of giving financial assistance to the county road commissions, possibly forcing townships to contribute to county road funds.

This proposal is rather vague and is hard to know just what the Governor may have in mind. The Michigan Farm Bureau is on record as favoring repeal on the sades tax diversion amendment, As long as it remains in force some legislation providing that all or a certain portion of the revenue which townships receive therefrom should go to help finance local roads might win the support of the Farm Bureau although this is a matter which has thus far received no consideration by the delegates or Board of Directors. A resolution was passed at the 1947 annual meeting placing the Farm Bureau on record as strenuously opposing any property tax for highway purposes

8. Inheritance tax. Replace state inheritance tax with a gift and an estate tax. Described by Gov. eat and how destitute they are for Sigler's tax study committee as warm clothing. 'not for the purpose of increasing revenues, but for making the tax is good for us, not only do we have more fair and more easily administered." So far the Farm Bureau of that, we will go to some function

9. Stream pollution. A new stream control and pollution law. Nothing seems too good for us nor municipalities who stand accused that there are millions of people of polluting public waters.

Advocates say that a state reirement system for judges would than we'll ever wear out, yet we attract able men and would provide buy more and hang on to the old. for retirement of judges at retire- What would we do if the tables ment age. Opponents hold that were turned? Would we be very judges are well paid and that all apt to love other countries if our retirement plans are expensive for all had been blown to smithereens, government and taxpayers.

of agricultural producing under were people in the world who had the sales tax law, long a bone of more than they needed many times

subject has been receiving careful to convert them to some sort of consideration by Michigan Farm workable Christianity. Bureau leaders. In connection with would be meaningless and there the children may gain. would be some uncertainty as to These same people will not hesitant matter which should not be decided without the most careful consideration.

Branch Has First Co. step towards maturity, and each

commendations.

last spring by the Branch County blessed with too many churches! farm co-operatives in the county, churches than they can adequately the county agr'l extension service, support. The preachers are un-State College. Mrs. Belle S. New-that they should be, the leadership ell. County Farm Bureau secre- is overtaxed, and the congregatary, is technician for the labora- tions are small. We've all heard tory. County Agent Gorden Schlu- the story, and we admit a fewer batis interprets the findings of the number of stronger churches would laboratory and sends them to far- serve the community better and be

Animal parasites annually cause to the point of union, many of us the loss in efficiency of about 10 draw the line. It would be all right per cent of all grain fed to live- for the other fellow, but not for us.

6. Property tax. Return of one Upon the Frailties to the state treasury. The delegates at the last annual convention of Human Nature

Bu MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR Briar Hill Farm, Carleton, Monroe Co.

I've had occasion to think quite often of the frailties of human nature. The trait creeps out once in a while in the best of us, so no one can rightfully point a finger at anyone else until they have examined themselves. But, together we could be much better disciples of the golden rule.

Last week I listened to a man decrying the great extravagance of our country in aiding other countries, especially in giving them food. He seemed to think we had



How MRS. WAGAR

All of us have more to-eat than are served refreshments during the evening-or a tea in the afternoon. This is aimed at industries and too abundant, even if we know in this world that do not have as 10. Judges. A state retirement much during the entire day than

we have for any one of our meals. Most of us have more clothing and our children were hungry and 11. Sales Tax. A new definition no food in sight, and we knew there over? I really believe we would A proposed amendment on this want to send missionaries there

In many places in our state the this issue it is important that the time has come when some changes interests of the farmers, the deal- must be made in the educational ers and the state be properly pro- opportunities if the children are tected. The amendment to the sales to derive the education they should tax act by which supplies used in have to meet the problems of these agricultural producing are speci- days. Yet when there's any menfically exempt was adopted in 1935 tion of grouping districts into an and hence has been in effect near- enlarged unit-the first thing ly 13 years. It has been construct- many demand is that there must ed by the courts and is quite gen- be no increase in cost or they will erally understood. If any change oppose the proposition, no matter tute, the previous court decisions he or what greater opportunities

how the law would be interpreted tate on the cost of a new car or a the courts. This is a very impor- so doing, they can boast a bit over their neighbors.

All new things cost money, but we must always remember that each day of a child's life is another day must offer him the very best Soil Test Laboratory to fit him for that future when he Farmers in Branch county are can be deemed a valuable asset to among the few in the state who the community where he lives. can take soil samples to their own Let's not value our money hightesting laboratory for test and re- er than the children of our commu-

nity. The laboratory was established How often we hear that we are Farm Bureau, in co-operation with Many small towns have more and the soils dep't of Michigan derpaid, the buildings are not all far more beneficial all-around.

But, when it comes right down

We don't want to relinquish any

similar in their doctrines and their governing laws. I was quite dis turbed when I listened to the min ster opposing the proposition.

how meager or how little it actual

I listened to a debate on the

ly means to us.

wondered if when he had been or dained, he had truly given his life to the Lord's work. He admitted 256 denominations were too many but he was adamant in his "don" touch me" attitude. I feel that the greatest weakness of the American people today is

their failure to practice "give and take" in their daily lives and their failure to realize the disastrous re sults if they fail to work togethe in a common cause. We see such bitter strife between industry and labor. To all other nations our glorious opportunities for peace and comfort and happiness are most envious blessings.

We see a growing tendency to law evasion, to a lowering of moral standards in business practices as well as in individuals. We prolittle they have to have the best country in the whole claim from the housetops that we world, yet far too many resent any and all taxes for support of that

In the agricultural groups we are too often far too indifferent to has not yet established a position of our lodge, club or church and our need of personal loyalty to our on this matter. to stay free from any organization that might be of service to them if given a chance. Many who have joined with others of their craft are so lukewarm in their suppor that they are almost a hinderance rather than a help.

Far too many do not fully realize what tremendous tasks are placed on the heads and hearts of the leader ship which is aiming to build up and advance the cause they represent. Many an organization is hindered from doing its best because some part of it is pulling in the wrong direction. There's many a defunct organization, be it a commodity, local or any other type of co-operative attempt that went down on account of inside friction or lack of loyality. There's many a state or national group trying to survive an epidemic of abuses inflicted by its own thoughtless membership.

Now comes the thought-do we have it too easy? Would we as a people, as a church, as a business, as a country, cling to each other and forget our little bickerings and our pretty notions if we had our hopes blasted, our homes and our business places bombed, our families killed or scattered to the is made in the language of the sta- how outmoded their old school may the East and the West of us? Why can't we do straight thinking and place less for ourselves and more for humanity as a whole? Why until new cases involving various deep freeze, or the latest model of and share them with the less forsituations had been cleared through all sorts of farm machinery if by tunate? Why don't we practice what we preach and preach less, but co-operate more?

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NEW LOOK IN FARM PRICES

"The 'new look' that agriculture ecently acquired is not understood for its true meaning," Waldo E. Phillips of Decatur, chairman of the Michigan Association of Farmer Co-operatives, told stockholders of the Hamilton Farm Bureau at their 28th annual meeting, February 20, at Hamilton.

HAS IMPLICATIONS

"Some commentators have called the recent decline in prices a commodity break. It wasn't a commodity price break at all, but purely a farm price decline.

Other commodity prices have not broken. The price of steel was advanced \$5 a ton recently. There has been no change in the price of 51,825. manufactured goods.

"Everything that we have been hearing and reading about the high cost of living, has placed emphasis upon the high cost of food. Yet. there has been no mention of the high cost of automobiles, and a very little has been said about the high cost of fuel oil and gasoline.

"The farm price break," Mr. Philips said, "could have serious implications if it's prolonged to the point where farm purchasing powr is destroyed." He said that hapened in 1920-21, and warned that t could happen again, even though inflationary forces are at work in the national economy.

"A recession in agricultural prices would have a wholesome effect upon the nation's economy if the decline was spread across the board on everything. In view of the recent developments, farmers should sportion of our doctrine no matter give serious thought as to whether they now want to let go of the government's price support program. At present, it promises to merger of two denominations very brake the decline in basic price ommodities."

Jackson Co. Pushes Save-Soil Campaign

Petitions have been circulated in Jackson county for the estab lishment of a soil conservation district through the efforts of the Jackson County Farm Bureau and the Grange.

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Mr. Tanner warned, however, that high production can cause many problems; particularly ,in lower prices for agricultural products and urged that these problems be handled by a strong farm organization on local, state and national levels.

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The present wave of attacks on farmers' co-operatives is pointed toward crippling their financial stability.

Not all of you may be familiar with the full implications of the attacks upon your financial independence.

Before reviewing the financial implications of the present attacks, I should like to review the past waves of intensive action against farmers' co-operatives by their opponents. I have classified these determined attacks into four phases:

Criminal Indictment Phase—1890-1922. Farmers began to organize producers' associations before the passage in the year 1890 of the federal Sherman Anti-trust Law and the passage of similar laws by many states. With the passage of these acts, opponents of co-operatives stimulated many ambitious city attorneys, district attorneys, state attorneys, and some federal attorneys to look upon each farm unit as a separate business enterprise. Therefore, these lawyers reasoned, when two or more farmers joined together to market their products, they were violating numerous prohibitions of anti-trust laws to prevent third persons from been the lack of concentrated capilaws. Farmer members learned, to their sorrow, that causing the members of coopera- tal in the business. The grain

Congress, in 1914, because of pressure from farmers, passed the Clayton amendment to the Sherman Law. ed States Supreme Court. Others lion farmers as individuals could Its Section 6 was called the "charter of liberty" for the courts farmer. It was followed by a nation-wide stampede of farmers into producers' leagues and unions. Colleges of agriculture and State departments of agriculture put on one of them to break that contract they could secure capital just as campaigns and drives to organize the farmers.

Section 6 of the Clayton Act, however, did not prove tion for damages against the wrong doer.

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for their products.

to be enough. In Cleveland, Ohio, back in 1919, specific language in annual approthrough the bars at a jailer. They of justice that prohibited any part court actions. In a few instances were all substantial farmers. The of its appropriations to be extend-trade journals were forced to apolosheriff had refused to bring them ed for the prosecution of producers gize publicly for their derogatory n, but the district attorney had of farm products and associations deputy sheriffs to arrest them. For more than a week those seven Ohio farmers sat in crimincourt listening to testimony, seeking to prove them guilty of trust law. They were likened to proved February 18, 1922, at long 3. Credit Stringency 1914-1929 violating the State Valentine Antievery sort of criminal. They were acquitted by a jury of consumers, into our free enterprise system.

each constituted a separate crime.

In similar cases at about the Most of the states, about this time, same time in California, Illinois, enacted legislation having similar New York, and Minnesota, the effect. courts refused to convict the farm- 2. Propaganda Phase 1921-1934 Although propaganda of misrep-

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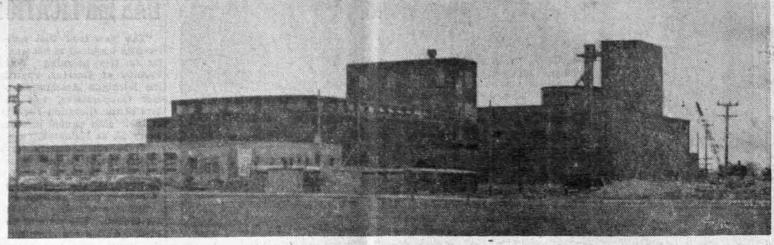
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employed to influence farmers to fectively: their marketing agreetucky case was carried to the Unit- cultural operations, and the 6 mil were settled in state supreme not match the power of the money

ciously interferes in a contract between two parties and induces o the injury of the other, the

Many malicious statements were circulated against the officers of funds with which to match their seven farmers were looking priation bills for the department associations. Some resulted in competitors and control their own of farmers who co-operate and or- eratives.

Also, boycotts against the proganize in an effort to and for the purpose of obtaining and maintain- ducts marketed by farmers' coop- for the organizations it must have they know that these farmers' eneratives were carried out with ser- in the marketing of its product, terprises will be so weakened that ious consequences to the farmers' And since we want the farmers of they will be ineffective or, in many The Capper-Volstead Act, ap-

Many cooperative managers can last gave the farmer his passport

ficient funds to meet their barest management out of their hands." marketing requirements. Even

veakness in 1923 when it passed power and strength. for loans to farmers' cooperatives enterprises? is limited mainly, however, to If we narrow the term "finance"

commodities pledged. Congress, by the Agricultural business enterprises. Marketing Act of 1929, for the first | Statistics show that the real own- 8. Inhibit the activities of the

of fixed assets. tural Marketing Act, and the 13 Telegraph Company each has many ments 307 and 308 of the 1948 aptablished. Assets salvaged from this number there are the millions corporations.

in these banks. Net Worth Restriction 1942-?

farmers' co-operatives by restrict- velopment in this country have ed by farmers or farmers' enternet worth and by limiting their industrious, middle class. ability to retain net worth.

We know that if a large number incidental to the every day plan- If for no other reason than the of farmers permit their savings ning of life. to be invested in farmers' co-op- The great industries of this coun- much emphasis on the importance eratives, then these co-operatives try are owned by the people. It of your financial soundness, every

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he intensive assaults, perhaps the House of Representatives, when in economic institutions. All this is most concentrated attacks-in this 1929 it reported the bill which beield—occured during this period. came the Agricultural Marketing has assumed the form of corpora- paid within 50 percent of the time Every conceivable method was Act, stated this principal very ef-

"Finally, we can and propose to with their co-operatives. do what we have not done for in-This phase of obstruction became dustry. One of the chief difficulsevere that many states passed ties in organizing agriculture has tives to breach their contracts. traders and cotton factors, the mil-Many cases were taken to the lers and manufacturers, generally, for settlement. One Ken- have supplied capital for all agriconcentrated in the few hands to The courts held that if one mal- which they sold their product.

"If we desired our farmers to incorporate on the production side, industry has done; but since we party injured can maintain an ac- do not want that kind of an agri-

"We, therefore, propose, in the egislation we report today for agriculture, what has never been done for industry, and that is to own business, we will make the event they will pass out of the com necessary advances to them upon petitive picture. still remember the difficulties they terms that preserve their ownerhad in having some banks even ship and assert no claim on the accept their bank accounts. Others part of the Government, as the ing the net worth structure of had difficulties in borrowing suf- financing power, to take the farmers' cooperatives include:

The methods by which farmers' tax exemption. when loans were obtained, they co-operatives acquire and maintain rarely met the needs of the coop- net worth will eventually enable ratives as to maturities, rates, or them to concentrate capial in their business so that they can match Congress first recognized this their competitors in financial

Act. The lending authority of the ing and using of concentrated capi- change Commission for the sale of federal intermediate credit banks tal, do we find in other business all their net worth and debt se-

loans secured by title documents to embrace only the principles and tles to the investing public. covering staple agricultural com- methods of obtaining control of 6. Restrict, within unsound limits, modities and to loans of a seasonal money from those who have saved the policies for establishing and nature-loans that are liquidated it, and of administering it by those maintaining reserves. out of the sales proceeds of the into whose control it passes, we have a comparable situation with capital shares demand liabilities

struction, refinancing, or purchase country merchants. The Farm Credit Act of 1933 ation, the Pennsylvania Railroad, uncertainties or definite restrictmade amendments to the Agriculand the American Telephone and ions as was proposed by amendbanks for co-operatives were es- thousands of stockholders. Beyond propriation bill for Gevernment the revolving fund have provided of creditors of the life insurance In regard to the position and the \$178.5 million capital that is companies and mutual savings action of the National Council of banks whose contributions have Farmer Co-operatives and the made possible the enormous bond- Farm Bureau for making all the

accumulation of capital is merely sible.

Lansing, Michigan

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 inter-

ested in talking the proposition over with one of our managers.

It would be very helpful to us if any of our readers would sug-

gest the names of likely agent prospects in their nearby cities

and towns. The remuneration is good. This is a particularly

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P. O. Box 960

good time to start. Address your inquiry to

dual permanency-and yet so great getic opponents during each of The agricultural committee of the permanency of our fundamental acquisition of net worth so that: possible because immense wealth fixed assets or facilities will be

> Farmers' co-operatives have become useless either from depreadopted comparable methods of ob- ciation or from obsolescence? taining adequate capital-both in the form of net worth and debt ing capital to operate newly accapital-that have been effective quired facilities, realizing that it for creating the permanent, econo- usually takes from \$1 to \$2 of curmic institutions of America. The rent assets for each \$1 invested in following table shows the increase fixed assets? of farmers' investments in their

own associations:

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	associations	34
	companies 23	. 2
	Farmers' mutual irrigation companies	19
	Farmers' mutual fire	
	rinsurance companies . 42 Production credit associ-	4
	ations 17	1
	National farm loan associ- ations108	10
	Federal land banks 3	

If the opponents of farmers' cooperatives can stop this progress in supply it with the money it needs the accumulation of net worth, America to continue to own their cases, they will collapse; in either

Procedures being stressed to occomplish the result of emasculat-

2. Tax patronage refunds. 3. Force the payment of patron

age refunds in cash. 4. Persuade co-operatives to rotate

capital very rapidly. 5. Force co-operatives to obtain Federal Intermediate Credit What analogies as to the acquir- clearance with the Securities Excurities; even though co-operatives, as a rule, do not offer their securi-

7. Influence cooperatives to make instead of permanent capital.

time provided loans to farmers' co- ers of the business enterprises of banks for co-operatives either by operatives for their overall needs: this country are the life insurance liquidating them as was advocat-(1) loans secured by commodities companies and the small and ed during the Spring of 1947 befor the financing of seasonal op- large national and State banks, fore the Agricultural Committee of erations; (2) operating capital and the mutual savings banks; the House of Representatives, by loans either secured or unsecured and the real owners of these in the Chairman of the Subcommittee for seasonal or term requirements; stitutions are the thrifty wage on Agricultural Credit of the Comand, (3) facility loans for the con- earners, shopkeepers, farmers, and mittee on Federal legislation of the American Bankers Association: The United States Steel Corpor- or by stifling their usefulness with

The present attacks seek to lim- ed issues of those corporations. permanent institutions of the Farm t the usefulness and expansion of The means for the economic de- Credit Administration wholly owning their methods of accumulating come from the wide-spread thrifty, prises, we of the Farm Credit wish to concur with you as to this obbility to retain net worth.

Sporadic cases exist of large caljectives. Since legislation for pitalists. The large merchants and making the banks for co-operatives forced to limit the amount of their large banks use their resources, wholly owned by their borrowers net worth, they cannot expand; But the resources of even such con- is under your immediate sponsorneither can they obtain the finan- cerns are insignificant compared ship, we wish to offer every availcial stability to become sound, with the aggregate of the small able assistance to you to accompermanent, service enterprises for savers of the country to whom the plish this result as soon as pos-

fact that your opponents place so will become strong, effective, and explains why our unstable econom- farm co-operative should review the financial policies of your association so that you are sure they meet accepted principles of sound finance. Check these simple rules with your present policies:

A-Does your association have sufficient net worth so that:

1. Its seasonal borrowing is repaid once each year and it is free from such debt for at least 60 days? 2. Its unsecured seasonal borrowings outstanding at any one time does not exceed \$1 of such debt for \$1 of working capital?

3. Its seasonal borrowing that is secured by commodities does not exceed \$4 of such debt for \$1 of working capital?

4. Its term borrowing for fixed assets or facilities does not exceed 60 percent of the value of such assing or merchandising programs are undertaken?

4. It will maintain adequate valuation, liability, contingent, and

capital reserves? Unless each of these questions can be answered in the affirmative, Reeman Farm Bureau. net worth should not be distributed; it should be increased.

You should thank your opponents for pointing up to you the most im- reau, Marne PTA, Ottawa Trange portant financial policies for you follow-the acquisition and maintainence of sufficient net worth so that you may meet the re- Grange, Shelby Farm Bureau. quirements of your members and so that you can assure these help-

and know-how for acquiring concentrated capital in their off-farm business.

Protect these savings as a trust; do not permit this present attack against the financial stability of co-operatives to undermine the far-B-Do the financial policies of mers' rightful place among our your association provide for the free enterprise institutions of Amer-

50 COMMUNITIES

Bureau, Ottawa county, surrendered to the Fruitland Grange, Muskegon county, the Michigan state dealer for Farm Bureau evalpflag which annually goes to the Sweepstakes winner in the West of the Marlette area attending Michigan Farm-to-Prosper contest. the Farm Bureau Services, Inc. Awards to 1947 winners were made by Governor Sigler at the annual Round-up at Muskegon

rural community organizations of McCoy, assistant manager of Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ma- farm equipment division of Farm son, and Ottawa counties as a Bureau Services, explained the means of stimulating rural commu- functions of this great farm organinity life through friendly rivalry. zation and its aims. Mr. Blackett, Winning organizations in 1947 manager of the dealership said he Mason: Custer Farm Bureau.

Pere Marquette Grange, Summit- to render the good service that was Pere Marquette Farm Bureau, Riv- due them. 968 1,031 erton Farm Bureau, Lincoln River Farm Bureau.

Trent Grange, Lakewood Civic Builders association, Holton Farm

Bureau, Montague PTA. Newaygo: Brookside Farm Bu reau, Ashland Grange, Big Pairle. Grange, Garfield Farm Bureau,

Ottawa: North Chester Farm Bureau, North Ottawa Junior Farm Bureau, Huyser Farm Bu-

Oceana: Ransacker Farm Bu

reau, Newfield Farm Bureau, Crystal Lake Farm Bureau; Ferry Fifty organizations competed in 1947, an increase from 33 in 1946. ful services on a permanent basis. Organizations turn in reports of Farmers, through their coopera- their year's activities to their tives, have obtained the experience county agricultural agents. These are judged for county winner by local committees. The reports of the first winner in each county are

> Michigan State college, where the sweepstakes winner is chosen. County prizes consist of framed certificates of award and cash pri-zes of \$50, \$30, \$20, \$15, \$10. The sweepstakes winner receives an additional certificate of award and \$100 cash. In addition it takes the state flag to be kept until won by another group.

sent to the Extension Service,

Business organizations in the five counties contribute the * ize

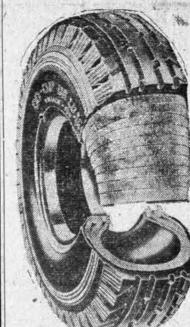
Services Machinery Dealer at Marlette R & B Blackett firm was recent-

ly introduced as the machinery ment to approximately 500 people meeting at Marlette High School.

They were told the virtues of : co-operative by Clarence Prentiss The contest is carried on among county agricultural agent. Mari would co-operate in getting the equipment the farmers wanted and

Plant Farm Bureau Seeds.

SALE on TIRES



in which these fixed assets will

2. It will have sufficient work-

3. It will not seriously deplete

(Million dollars)

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For Every Farm Now is the time to buy CO-OP tires during this

special Farm Bureau Tire Sale. The savings are yours. CO-OP and UNICO tires are built to give superior performance. They are proving to be first choice among more and more farmers. There is a tire for every farm need.

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Farm Bureau tires were built specifically for farm use. Unico or Co-op tractor tires have rugged, deep, curved bar, self cleaning tread that provides plenty of traction and smooth riding. Super, heavy duty truck tires are tougher, cooler running, built with rayon cord fabric for heavy loads and rough going. Our passenger tires are strong, servicable, with squeegee safety tread for non-skid protection and quick straight stops. Insures quiet ride. Buy a set now. Ask your local Farm Bureau dealer about the great money savings.



Outstanding Savings For You If



You Buy Your Spring Needs

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IT'S HERE! The annual Farm Bureau Winter Of Sale! And this year it offers you the biggest savings yet-up to 10% or better discount on all purchases of Farm Bureau Premium motor oils, during the sale.

By purchasing your year's supply of oils and greases now, you will enable your dealer to spend most of his time supplying you with motor fuels, parts and accessories and other products when you need quick service.

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Lansing, Michigan

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ONSTANTINE HOWS ITS NEW ALK PLANT

Hight hundred of 2,000 member ducers of Constantine co-operave Creamery Company visited feir new fluid milk processing ant and heard a well rounded agram of information and busias at their annual meeting Feb.

Already one of the largest proteers of butter in Michigan, the Constantine organization now has i operation a plant equipped to I maile 200,000 lbs. of fluid milk ly bad weather. e ich 24 hours. The co-operative is culpped to produce processed s voet cream and any of the various GASOLINE SUPPLY cordensed or spray dried milk The past year the plant reduced more than 3,000,000 lbs.

At the business meeting Secre- OF SPRING NEEDS t ry-Manager Paul Oster and Pres dent Troy E. Lutz explained 1947 e ations. They asked each mem-1 ember to increase the number of tory. ember producers from 2,000 to

Vashington and state capitols to mands of farmers. 1 alte oleomargarine a direct comlyger urged each member to give years. l is Congressman his opinion on

You've got to

keep plowing

something back!

You've got to keep plowing back in railroading too.

products-to do a better job for you.

service you need

including yours!

In railroading, you've got to keep plowing money back.

New money is needed continually for new, more efficient

rolling stock, for better roadbed and tracks, improved

signals. New money is needed for a thousand improve-

The ability of the railroads to obtain this money

depends upon railroad earnings. And adequate railroad

earnings depend upon rates and fares in line with today's

costs of producing freight and passenger transportation.

which will enable them to maintain the transportation

It's good business for your railroads to be allowed rates

For everybody's business is linked vitally to efficient,

economical railroad service. Everybody's business-

Association of

American Railroads

WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

i on his trip their last fall.

and Holland are well on the way to recovery from their food production problems. Belgium appears to be on top of the world with its people well fed, and the stores crammed with the latest merchan-

England has as her major problem the obtaining of world exportimport credit to enable her to buy food on the world markets.

The black picture is in western Germany, where there are so many thousands of unproductive people who have to be fed and so much war desolated land which is not yet being used

French farmers apparently are about able to feed their own nation. They have been hampered greatly the past two years by extreme-

MAY BE SHORT

Gasoline needs for Michigan farms for the 1948 crop season are 1 or to strive for at least one new expected to be the largest in his-

Gasoline wholesalers say that 2 000 or more in six southern Mich- there hasn't been enough gas to an counties and six northern satisfy the winter demands of mo-Indiana counties. The creamery torists and truckers. A terrific perates 37 truck routes covering squeeze in the petroleum industry I ore than 1,110 miles daily in those on farm co-operatives is causing them to set up more deeply in the Directors John Mallo of Constan- gasoline, motor oils and fuel oil t ne and B. J. Richards of Edwards. business in order to control their lurg were re-elected for three years. own supply of crude oil, the same E. J. Ryger of South Bend, mana- as they have been forced to gain ger of Mid-West Producers Cream- control of other sources of raw maeries, Inc., described efforts at terials, in order to meet the de-

The outlook for obtaining fuel lettor of butter. The proposals in- for tractors, harvesters and other c'ude removal of the tax that is ap- farm equipment, is cause for con-I lied when oleo is colored by manu-cern. From all appearances this i w urers to resemble butter. Mr. shortage may continue over several

According to state figures, farmers used in farm machines only Clifford M. Hardin, professor of nearly 7 million gallons during gricultural economics at Michi- July of last year. Many farmers solls program 100d situation in Europe as he saw age tanks of 500 to 1,000 gallons capacity in an effort to stock up Mr. Hardin said that Denmark now on part of their future needs.



With the installation of mechanical equipment in the acidulating plant of Farm Bureau Services' fertilizer factory at Sagi naw in its final stages, it is hoped that production of acid phosphate will begin in two weeks. Here we see the first load of sulphuric acid concentrate being delivered at the plant by Farm Bureau Services transportation division's new \$25,000 double bottom transportation unit.

FAVOR MSC FOR

Charles Figy state director agriculture, said March 3 that he people who hesitated earlier at apfavors placing the soil conservation proving an increase in the 15 mill program under direction of the tax limit for the financing of the Michigan State College extension unit had changed their minds. service, provided that the present system of local soil conservation districts is continued.

President John Hannah of Michgan State College made a similar tatement at Washington recently. He was speaking to a committee in Congress which is considering a bill to merge all soil conser-

proposition that (1) the soil conconservation service, the agr'l ex- in the regular budget. tension service and the production Marketing administration should be merged to eliminate du Farm Bureau Men plication of effort and expense (2) that direction of the work should Muck Crops Officers be shifted from Washington to the work through the state agr'l experi-

A simple farm account book is btainable from the Michigan State college farm management depart

As a safety measure to avoid fire, keep all matches in a metal

to do it

ments in plant and equipment-to insure better and better service-to keep open national markets for your

> greater production, do the job for keeps with concrete! Here's a "how to do it" book that will help you build such essential structures as:

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Paste on penny postal and mail PORTLAND CEMENT ASSOCIATION Please send me "Concrete Handbook of Permanent Farm Construction." I am

Ionia Tries Again To HOSPITAL PROGRAM Form Co. Health Unit **SERVES** 21,000

Another attempt is being made to organize an Ionia county health unit. The new effort was made on reports that a number of farm

The effort is being pushed by several groups of the Ionia County Farm Bureau, represented in a committee headed by Mrs. Ray Peterson, chairman of Ionia County Associated Women.

The proposal to form a country health unit was first made several years ago with the support of the Farm Bureau. It called for The Michigan Farm Bureau and plans to enlarge the Ionia hospithe American Farm Bureau have tal, but fell through when supportfor several years supported the ers did not want an extra tax imposed for the service. They wanted servation work of the federal soil to include the health unit finances

Veril Baldwin of Jackson, a mem states and local groups (3) that ber of Jackson County Farm Burthe educational work should be eau and one of the leading prodone through the state ag'l exten- ducers of muck crops in Michigan, sion service, and the research is president of the Michigan Onion Growers Ass'n. He is also presi dent of the Michigan Ass'n of Essential Oil Producers. He is a member of the national potato and onion committee working with the US Dep't of Agriculture to develop improved, disease-resistant vareties of potatoes and onions

Alden Livingtson of St. Johns County Farm Bureau Clinton member, is a vice-president of the Michigan Muck Farmers Ass'n, and is treasurer of the Michigan Ass'n of Essential Oil Producers. Marinus Vandenberg of Imlay City, Lapeer County Farm Bureau nember, is a vice-president of the dichigan Muck Farmers Ass'n.

Ionia, Barry Hire

Organization Director Ionia County Farm Bureau has joined the Barry County Farm Bureau to hire Dexter D. Beavers of Portland as joint organization director for the two counties.

His time will be divided between the two counties, and his work will be to assist and co-ordinate the activities and committee work of the County Farm Bureaus.

Mr. Beavers is also a minister of the West Sebewa Church of Christ, and will continue in that capacity. He was born and raised on a Virginia farm, and has always worked with rural people in social organizations. He lives in Sebewa Township, Portland, R-1.

Kreiger Succeeds File As Berrien President

Robert Krieger of Bainbridge is the new president of Berrien County Farm Bureau. He succeeds Russell File of Niles, who held that office for 4 years, making him ineligible for re-election. Harry Nye of St. Joseph was chosen vicepresident, replacing Carl Whitstone of Berrien Springs, also ineligible for re-election. Thomas Payne of Three Oaks was named a member of the executive board.

Farm Bureau Discuss Stockvard Purchase

The Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau recently held a meeting to discuss the possibilities of the Farm Bureaus of southwestern Michigan, purchasing the stock yards and sale barns at Kalamazoo.

Cass County Farm Bureau board of directors appointed a committee to study the same project. Other County Farm Bureaus of that area will be discussing the matter soon.

SHOULD FARMERS RETURN TO COWS, PIGS & POULTRY?

Farm Bureau Services Feed Dep't

credited with this famous quotation. The thought expressed is one with which faces Michigan farmers right now. Because of high prices for grain

and short supply of labor, many livestock farming and raised cash rops, grain, beans, etc.

The problem now is whether this policy should be followed or not et's look the situation over in view of conditions existing now or which may face us in the not too distant future.

In the first place, our Michigan agriculture, based to a marked degree on the family-sized farm has been sold on the value of livestock raising for the following rea-

1. Both grain and roughage fed through livestock and poultry usua-l ly brought a greater return than old at wholesale. This takes into account milk, eggs, and wool, as well as pork, beef, lamb and veal. 2. Cattle and sheep especially ave been markets for roughage which often had a low value mar-

3. The manure from livestock has provided fertility as well as humus. 4. Livestock raising gave greater rotection against drastic, sudden declines in prices and offered special rewards to the good livestock nan that don't exist in grain rais-

5. Livestock and poultry tended to bring in regular income that helped the economy

Fred Reimer Accepts Job With FBS

Approximately 21,000 persons

are enrolled in the Blue Cross

Plans for hospital-surgical care

through their membership in Farm

Bureau discussion groups, accord

ing to Austin L. Pino, Blue Cross

persons, representing 8500 rural

families in Michigan, live in 54

counties of the state, and are Blue

sion Groups, Mr. Pino said.

help maintain pig numbers.

Rural enrollment manager. Thes

Fred Reimer of Saginaw, Michigan Farm Bureau membership representative in District 8, will join Farm Bureau Services at Lansing, April 1. He will work in connection with organization and promo tion of branch retail stores and management contract points.

Mr. Reimer will assist E. A. Mc-Carty, director of branch and management contracts division, Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

Succeeding Mr. Reimer as district man for the Michigan Farm Cross-enrolled through 478 Discus Bureau, is D. Eugene Brooks, former Midland County Farm Bureau leader, and now county organization director of Saginaw County Producing pigs on pasture saves Farm Bureau. No successor for part of the grain and makes more Mr. Brooks has been named as yet. economical gains. This will also Mr. Reimer will retain his Saginaw residence.

District 10 Leaders Meet With Co. Agents

Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Alpena, Otsego, Antrim, Oscoda, Alcona, and Crawford Counties met at a conference recently to formulate plans for correlating ac-"To be or not to be," Hamlet is tivities of the Farm Bureau and extension department of Michigan State College.

The meeting was held at Cheboygan to discuss activities dealing with livestock, dairy, 4-H, forestry, and wild life, tourists and re-Michigan farmers have eased up on sorts, which the extension department and the Farm Bureau will be interested in.

OCEANA SPONSORS RADIO PROGRAM

Oceana County Farm Bureau was approved the radio program. "The Farmer's Point of View," over radio station, WMUS, Muskegon, and has accepted responsibility for future broadcasts scheduled the last Thursday of each month at 12

The board of directors of the organization adopted the report of for each of the 13 community groups in the county to participate in a radio contest. Each group is to prepare its own script which will portray the true situation of the farmers and their respective communities. A prize of \$10 will go to the community organization with the best program for the year. Morrice Johnson of Hart is chairman of the radio committee and is assisted by Mrs. Herbert Brandel and Carl Fuehring, also of Hart.

Protein feeds must be in the ration for fattening cattle economical-

FARMERS & FBS County Farm Bureau presidents and county agricultural agents of

sisting of an elevator at Yale and another one at Peck, has been sold to the farmers in those areas in conjunction with the Farm Bureau Services; Inc. of Lansing, according to E. A. McCarty, manager of the branch and management contract division of Farm Bureau Services

The Yale plant is being purchased by the farmers in the Yale area to function as a branch store of Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

The Peck Elevator will becom branch of the Sanilac Co-op, Inc. which is a management contract of FBS. Peck will be purchased through the sale of stock in Sanilac Co-op, Inc. Series B debentures in Farm Bureau Services will be made available to the families of the Yale area for the purchase of that plant.

The business volume of the Yale Elevator Company for the last fiscal year totaled \$1,500,000. The elevators have carried in a comits radio committee which called plete farm supply business, but the through the marketing of grain and beans. The bean business, while varying from year to year, has been one of the largest in Mich-

The two elevators have a storage capacity of approximately 50,000 bushels of grain. The new warehouse with modern offices built this past year, makes this property one of the most desirable in Michigan. Approximately 600 railroad cars were used for its shipping during one year of business.

Plant Farm Bureau Seeds.

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Lime your fields now to insure greater production.

FRANCE AGSTONE has been aiding production successfully for over 25 years. Monroe, Mich., Plant located just south of the city limits of Monroe on US-25. Silica, Ohio, Plant located 8 miles west

THE FRANCE STONE COMPANY

of Toledo, 1 mile north of US-20N.



FARMING IS BIG BUSINESS. Farmers know-as businessmen-that only by working together through a strong organisation can they achieve real success.

48,000 Michigan farmers have been getting results through their Farm Bureau. They measure their success by their farm supplies program . , and by securing constructive farm legislation,

Let's Look at the Record

FARM SUPPLIES: Farm Bureau members and patrons of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., own co-operatively a farm supplies service. They will own a fertilizer manufacturing plant They are part owners of a feed mill, a farm machinery plant, a paint and implement factory, and a motor oil and petroleum distribution plant. In addition, they have a state-wide distribution system through farm co-operatives and Farm Bureau ... membership. Family membership is \$10 per year.

Services branches. All the savings effected by Farm Bureau Services belong to the member patrons,

Above is the architect's drawing of the plant now under construction.

CONSTRUCTIVE LEGISLATION: National-At Washington the American Farm Bureau Federation is responsible for much of the constructive farm legislation enacted by Congress during the past 25 years. The Farm Bureau speaks for more than a million farm families.

Michigan-During 1947 the Michigan Farm Bureau helped enact bills . . . authorizing the use of unexpended township funds for highway purposes . . , resubmitting the sales tax diversion amendment on the 1948 ballot appropriating \$151,000 for horticultural research and \$100,000 for agricultural marketing research by Michigan State College.

THE MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU has done its job well in the past. But, to do the most effective job possible, it needs the support of ALL farmers.

Join the Farm Bureau, Take an active part. Continue your

JOIN YOUR COUNTY FARM BUREAU

How Shall Our Roads Be Financed?

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

By NORMAN K. WAGGONER, Research and Education

We can mine the roads just as we can mine the fertility of the soil. During periods of low farm income, farmers frequently take more from the soil than they return. Much the same has happened to Michigan highways during the past seven years when materials and labor were scarce. During this time we have continued to wear to balance. away the roads at a much faster rate than we maintain them. Consequently, many roads in Michigan are in a very poor state of repair.

The Michigan Good Roads Federation in a very extensive study of highway needs in Michigan has found that it would require about one and a quarter billion dollars to build Michigan highways up to a standard that would be satisfactory.

What Do Good Roads Mean? The dairy industry yields about \$120,000,000 in products annually. Practically all of those products are moved to market over the highways. Last year Michigan produced a cherry crop worth \$11,000,000 which traveled over the roads to market. By means of the highways, 25,000 migrant laborers came into the state to work on Michigan farms.

In 1920, only 4% of the livestock arriving in Detroit came by truck. Last year, 84% came over the highways leading to Detroit. The importance of highways in marketing farm products is steadily increasing. As farms become more commercialized, the farmer becomes more dependent on the highways for movement of production supplies. Likewise, rural education depends upon the about 5% of the payroll. The plan highway facilities. There were ninety times as many school busses traveling Michigan highways last year as compared with 1919. Rural living depends on the highways for police and fire protection as well.

The study made by the Michigan Good Roads Federation reveals that there were four times as many automobiles registered in 1947 as there were in 1920. Not only were there more automobiles, but they were driven two and one-half times as far, which indicates the dependency of Michigan people on our highways.

highways.

(4) Improved highways reduce

the cost of operation and main-

tenance of motor vehicles. Hence,

goes to maintain and improve the

come from some other source.

they are at present.

(5) The increased cost of labor

Who Uses The Roads? City streets make up 13% of the total one state has a lower gasoline tax mileage of road ways in the state. than Michigan and 43 states have They carry 52% of the travel, a gasoline tax higher than Michi-79% of the miles of roads in Michigan. gan are considered county roads. These carry 14% of the traffic. igan are owned by the city and motorists can afford to pay a high-79% of the cars and trucks in Michvillage residents. An interesting er gasoline tax when the money fact has been revealed that 67% of the traffic on rural roads comes from vehicles which are owned by fact of considerable importance in crease in revenue for proper maincity dwellers. This might be a deciding who should pay for the tenance and improvement of high- Bureau Co-op at Charlotte; Greenmaintenance of such roads.

Highway Finances: tion of Michigan highways is such as to demand considerable repair crease the gasoline tax. People Ludington Fruit Exchange; Marwithin the next few years. 32% can and will pay more taxes in shall Farm Bureau Oil Co.; Sagiof the miles of roads in Michigan prosperous times. All of the renaw Farm Bureau Oil Co.; West are unsurfaced. This compares venue need not be spent at once. Branch Farmers Elevator; Bay Cowith 18% in Ohio and 20% in Part of the additional revenue operative Cannerles, Inc., Essexof construction and maintenance prices, wages and employment are Co.; Oceana Fruit Growers, Inc., of highways in 1946 was \$5.43. The at a lower level. cost of the state trunk lines has Opponents to increasing the gasaveraged 18.7 million dollars an oline tax say: nually over the past seventeen years. For the county and town- cost the average motorist in Michi- plan for retirement of employees. ship roads, this figure has been gan \$28.69 last year. This cost to It has been assisted by the Vandi-19.7 million dollars during the the commercial vehicle amounted vier Company of Indianapolis, a

revenue during recent years has automobiles and auto supplies are been retained as retirement plan been gasoline and motor vehicle li- increasing in price would make the consultant. cense taxes, which last year total cost of operation almost pro amounted to \$10.15 per capita. hibitive. \$4,000,000 of the gasoline tax is (2) Improved highways enhance returned to the counties on the the value of local property. Farms Cancer Education basis of total mileage of McNitt and homes are worth more if loroads in the county. \$2,550,000 is cated on an improved highway. distributed in proportion to the Perhaps these property owners favorable comment, is sponsored by total weight tax returned to the should contribute to their main- Farm Bureau women of Macomb county. The remainder of the gas- tenance. oline tax revenue is used to maintain state trunk lines and to pay buted greatly to the tourist resort of cancer to schools, churches, and administrative costs of both the and other businesses. Perhaps physicians. gasoline and weight taxes. \$200,000 these businesses should pay a larggoes for snow removal purposes in er share of their maintenance than the county.

The total weight tax collected is | (4) It has been calculated by the returned to the counties and cities, Michigan Good Roads Federation tient who might need them. 1/8 of which is divided equally that meeting the present needs for among all counties and 7/8 is di- highway construction and mainvided among the counties in pro- tenance at 1947 prices would cost Henry Bentley also of Armanda, is portion to the amount of weight almost 1 1/4 billion dollars. If this in charge of patient aid. tax received from the county. In were done over a fifteen-year per-1947 \$27,000,000 was collected in jod, with the gasoline tax as a maweight tax, all of which was re- jor source of revenue, it would re- new "wrinkle resistant" quality. turned to the counties.

If the highway system of Michigan is to be maintained, several auggestions are being advocated for raising the necessary revenue. Some suggest a uniform state property tax, others suggest increasing the weight tax. Several are advocating an increase in the gasoline tax. A decision is going to be made, and very shortly.

Those Who Advocate an Increase

in the Gasoline Tax Contend: (1) The roads might well be maintained by those who use them in proportion to the use made of them. This can best be accomplish-

ed through a gasoline tax. (2) Michigan being a tourist state, a gasoline tax appears to be the most effective means of getting the out-state motorist to contribute the maintenance of the

highways he uses. (3) Frequently it is argued that an increase in the gasoline tax would make the operation of automobiles so costly as to discourage the tourist industry. On the other hand, it has been found that only

Therefore, some other source of highway revenue, such as a property tax, is needed.

crease in gasoline tax will not Act. yield any more to the local road system.

(6) In 1926, 72 percent of the property tax. We have since drifted away from the property tax until now the motorist pays practically the total cost of maintaining highways. Frequently it is felt that these two forms of support should be brought more nearly in-

FARM BUREAU RETIREMENT PLAN

A retirement program for Farm pating farmers co-operatives has been placed in effect by the boards of directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Services.

The benefits of the program with the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance company of Boston, when added to Social Security Benefits. should provide an employee with 25 years of participation in the plan with approximately 50 per cent of average monthly earnings as re tirement pay, according to C. L. Brody, executive secretary of the state Farm Bureau organization. Eligibility requirements provide or three years of service with the company and a minimum age of 25 Employee contribution is 3% of The employer contributes has been made effective as of July 1. 1947, with a retroactive feature which provides benefits to employees with years of service with the organization

The Farm Bureau organization with headquarters in Lansing and operating co-operative businesses in 28 towns in Michigan has 533 employees. Ninety-three per cent of the eligible employes are particle pating in the plan. The contract written with the insurance com pany makes Farm Bureau Services, Inc., an administrative employer for all member co-operatives and associations in Michigan. There are about 200 and they employ about 3,000 persons.

The present group of employers affiliated with Farm Bureau Ser vices in the plan include: Michi gan Farm Bureau of Lansing Branch County Farm Bureau Oil Company of Batavia; Farm Bureau Fruit Products Company of Lansing; Caro Farmers Co-operative Elevator Co., Charlevoix Co-opera tive Co.; Chesaning Farmers Ele and materials necessitates an invator Co.; Eaton County Farm ways. If the gasoline tax is not in- ville Co-operative Ass'n, Inc.; Hart creased the money will have to Farm Bureau Co-op, Inc.; Hartford Co-operative Elevator Co.; Hills (6) Now is the best time to in- dale County Co-operative Ass'n; The per capita cost might be saved and spent when ville; Coloma Co-operative Canning

at Hart. For the past two years the Farm Bureau organization has been en-(1) The gasoline and weight tax gaged in developing a satisfactory to \$33.43. It is felt that to increase firm devoted exclusively to that The major source of highway the cost of gasoline at a time when work. The Vandivier Company has

Macomb Women Sponsor

A rural program for cancer education that has attracted much county. They supply pamphlets, (3) Improved highways contri- posters and booklets on the subject

They are making cancer pads for patients in their own area. Every family physician has been advised that they are available to any pa-

Mrs. George R. Keeler, Armanda, is chairman of publicity, and Mrs

Cotton goods will soon have



CADILLAC, MICHIGAN

Place of Farm Co-ops

(5) Unless the present law which to place farm cooperatives under and that mislead the consumer. oline tax be distributed among lo- Exchange Commission and to make zen who will follow such leadercal units for road maintenance cooperative groups of farmers sub- ship. The anti-co-op forces, how-

tee a document entitled, "The Law total highway support came from of the Case." In this is proposed exploitation. a new section in the Internal Revenue Code,-No. 431. The enactment of this recommendation would make taxable as income to co-opfrom his co-operative.

position. It is unfortunate indeed it sound and pumping the life city interest into a unified comthat thousands of small business- stream of free democracy through munity. During the past three years men have been deceived into be- the channels of our national econ- a group of industrialists and farm coming the foot soldiers in this an- omy. Bureau employees throughout the ti-co-op army of destruction. By state and for employees of partici- so doing, industrial and mercantile more clearly how much he is de- dation for American Agriculture businessmen on Main Street are pendent upon the local merchantile to promote co-operation and uncontributing their money and influence to forces that would cripple should appreciate that the clothier, the farmer's purchasing power, one druggist, furniture store, factory of the most important sources of and professions generally supply support upon which their business his varied needs and create a marmust depend directly or indirect ket for his products. Also that showing the mutual relationships

the minds of businessmen are in- and farm supplies fields. he eventuality of all business be- output of industry and labor. ing done through co-operatives, and alarming the general public.

haust fumes of the visionary, ul- and interests." tra-liberal and demagogic pro- Both the farmer and his urban joined their forces in the Michi-

provides that \$6,750,000 of the gas- the restrictions of the Securities The farmer is not the type of citi- gent campaign for a better mutual and as a result find these greatly and snow removal is changed, an in- ject to the Sherman Anti-Trust ever, have used these unfortunate pronouncements as a convenient | ing such an objective. Modern The anti-co-op forces have filed handle for their destructive prop-

> confusion and highly detrimental our urban high schools. Farmers situation is an intelligent under- are members of luncheon clubs, standing between the businessman lodges and churches in town. Co eratives all returns not received and the farmer. American business, by the farmer at the time of delivery industry and agriculture need to quite often serve as mayor or memof his crop or farm supplies to or seek the answer in their own trad-These extremes on the part of monopolistic propaganda on the Chamber of Commerce and so on. the farm cooperative opposition one hand, and impractical theo- I am one of the few honorary life make it clear that the tax issue is rists on the other hand. After all, the members of the Port Huron, Michibut a screen for the real objective local community is really the heart gan, Chamber of Commerce. of this campaign to keep the far- of America. The farmer and the ner in an ineffective bargaining businessman should and must keep have been associating the farm and

> > and industrial institutions. He

istic expressions of some idealists, is producing the food and fiber to an entertaining and informative agitators and extreme liberals. Such sustain our urban population. At radio program by farmers to the expressions advocating a co-opera- the same time, he furnishes a very public. The Foundation has brought ive commonwealth, elimination of important portion of the purchas- the leaders of the NTEA and reprethe profit and capitalistic system, ing power necessary to absorb the sentatives of the farm co-operatives

other visionary and demagogic poli- Agriculture and Industry Council, on both sides of the controversy cies seem to be particularly adept put in this way, "Industrialists are over farm cooperatives to resolve at catching the headlines and interested in agriculture selfishly their differences. and otherwise, since 40% of their These doctrines are but the ex- business comes from rural areas dustrial, agricultural and profes

nouncements that are not pleasant partner must work at the job of gan Industrial Conference. The in the nostrils of the businessmen better relations. They need to make purpose has been a better under-

their objectives clearer other through meetings like this. lems and interests. The Michigan They must enlist the rural and ur- Industrial Conference is what its ban press, the luncheon clubs and name signifies, not an action orfarm organizations in an intelli- ganization. We confer and discuss understanding and appreciation.

Fortunately, many forces are already at work that make for achievcommunication and transportation with the Ways and Means Commit- aganda to enlist the small business- have eliminated most of the isolaman as a private in their army of tion between city and country. Rural children make up an appre-The fundamental remedy for this ciable portion of the attendance in operative managers and directors ber of a small city or village couning area, and not be influenced by cil, president or director of the

organization representatives have The farmer needs to realize been working together in the Founhas originated the American Film Foundation for the purpose of proprietary industries, regionally of business and agriculture. The Contributing to this state of and in many localities, are perform- Foundation for American Agriculconfusions worse confounded" in ing good service in the marketing ture suggested the RFD America radio program on the air each judicious, radical and anti-capita- On the other hand, the farmer Thursday night at 9:30 to present together in several J. A. Lyon, director of the Detroit hoping we might get the moderates

In our own state of Michigan, in sional groups have since 1934

to each standing of our mutual state probdiversified interests going their

separate ways but in a harmonious fashion with one another. In conclusion, may I express the hope that my effort tonight has in ruary. a small way served to emphasize that the farmer and businessman constitute a two-horse team pulling together for a better America,

Townline Community Farm Bureau

Twenty members and four guests of Townline Community Farm the Willis Duncan's Feb. 18. In a good acre of alfalfa brome gras the discussion of the Future Mar- has been determined to yield 4,000 mainly responsible for excessive prices. Mrs. Herbert reported on the recent meeting of the Cancer Clinic Society and distributed lit-

Genesee Co. Sponsors Farm Crops Meeting "Obtaining good crop yields the first essential in profitable

farming," R. C. Lott, Genesee county agricultural agent, told members of the Farm Bureau com munity groups attending a farm crops meeting the early part of Feb

Mr. Lott said it costs just much to plant, care for, and harvest a crop of corn that yields 25 bushels as it does one that will yield 50 bushels per acre.

"Fertilizer is one of the best investments a farmer can make to day. It is a good buy in compar ison to farm crop prices," he said With regard to better pastures Bureau, Livingston county, met at which is of interest to dairymen

keting of Live Stock, it was held pounds of milk, and at present marthat the profits taken on meat are ket prices, this means an income of around \$175 per acre.

> Parasites can easily be controll ed by spraying at the right time. Consult your county agent.

NO USE DODGING FACTS!

because it is a fact that some day your earning power might not be what it is today . . . that some day you might not be able to provide for your family at all.

Let's face it. If you should pass away, is your family completely protected against want and misery? Or will they just be able to make the grade? Have you provided for such things, for instance, as insurance to pay up that mortgage on the house, to provide adequate education for your children, the comforts as well as the bare necessities of life? And, if you should live as long as you hope to will you have a retirement plan to make your future comfortable?

All this is possible — and not as expensive as you might think - with the State Farm Life Insurance Company's balanced insurance program. It is designed to give you complete protection, complete peace of mind about your own and your family's future. A little foresight today may mean so much tomorrow! Give me a call, and I'll be glad to consult with you and tailor an insurance plan that answers all your needs.

MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU

State Agent Lansing, Michigan

Representing State Farm Insurance Companies
Bloomington, III.

"Good" Grass Isn't Good Enough!

The output of our grasslands can be doubled!" Top experts of the U.S. Department of Agriculture will tell you that. So will many a lar

sighted rancher and farmer out of his actual experience. So will students and teachers of land management everywhere . . . In that bright possibility of range and pasture improvement lies one principal hope for more food for a hungry world. Not only more food, but better food. For proper grassland management will improve the fertility of the land, and the nutritive value of the foods coming off it. It will save the land, too, protecting the precious layer of topsoil from

blowing away or washing off to sea. And it will increase the amount and value of hay for cashcrop or winter feeding.

The way is wide open for you to improve your grass. Strong and willing allies stand ready to help you. For advice and active help in planning your own grass-management program, there's your County Agent . . . For technical, practical help in putting your program into operation, call on the Soil Conservation Service technician

who lives in your district . . . And for information on newest experimental developments, call on your State Agricultural College or experiment

The program of good management for your grassland which you work out together will probably consist of some-or perhaps all-of the following practices. If you're in the range country: (1) Livestock numbers balanced to the amount of grass you can produce. (2) A rotation schedule of seasonal grazing. (3) Water located conveniently. (4) Elimination of excessive brush. (5) Wider distribution of salt to prevent overgrazing near salt source. (6) Re-seeding of overused or abandoned range. (7) Introduction of improved native grasses and adapted new grasses. (8) Irrigation. (9) Protection against wind and water erosion. If yours is farm pasture land: (1) Liming. (2) Fertilization. (3) Seeding with pasture mixtures which stretch the grazing season at both ends. (4) Weed control by mowing or chemicals. (5) Rotation grazing. (6) Avoidance of over-grazing. (7) Irrigation.

We of Swift & Company have the same deep, basic interest that you have in range and pas-ture improvement. More and better grass is to our interest as it is to yours—and to the nation's. That's why we urge you to act, if you have not already done so, to increase the productiveness of your grasslands.

OUR CITY COUSIN Cries Our City Cousin to the hired man,

"Please turn off that big electric fan!"

Martha Logan's Recipe for SPRINGTIME PORK AND VEAL

(Yield: 5 to 6 servings) 1/2 pound pork shoulder 1/2 pound veal shoulder 1/2 cup diced rhubarb

2 tablespoons flour 1 tablespoon sugar 1/4 cup water

1 1/2 teaspoons salt Cut pork and veal into 1-inch cubes. Brown in heavy skillet. Add rhubarb. Cover and simmer 1 hour. Remove cover. Combine salt, flour, sugar, and water. Stir lightly into meat. Simmer 5 minutes to blend. Serve hot with or

Soda Bill sez:

without toast.

1: that flattery is soft soapand soft soap is mostly "lye."



Profit Comes from SAVING!

The story at the head of this page is

about farmers and ranchers making the

most of their grasslands. By good plan-

ning, managing well, and operating efficiently, they can grow more grass, produce more food for the world, and make more money.

While writing that story, I was struck by a similarity in the Swift business. For it is careful planning and efficient operation that keep us in business, too. Like you with your grassland, we've got to make the most of what we have. We've got to practice efficiency. We, also, must cut costs, operate with economy. Not only also, must cut costs, operate with economy.

the important economy of finding uses and markets for

every possible by-product, but economy and efficiency all along the line.

Maybe you saw Swift's recent financial report for 1947. It showed that we earned \$22,334,977 after pro-

vision of \$12,000,000 for high cost additions to fixed

assets. This earning represented one cent out of our average dollar of sales. That one cent was earned in

large part by the savings we made. The operating fig-

ures of our business prove that statement. They show

where the savings came from. New methods of doing things which save time and cost. Modern equipment

replacing old, worn equipment. Better ways discovered by Swift research to produce, use and handle

Swift products. A small saving here . . . another there . . . little economies pyramiding into big economies.

Until, added together, the savings which we made last year in the actual day-by-day operation of the Swift business amounted to a considerable part of our earnings.

Careful planning, good management and efficient operation are "musts" in our business as in yours. "Lit-tle things" can often add up to the difference between

F.M. Simpson

Agricultural Research Department

Save More Spring Pigs by C. M. Vestal, Purdue University

Surveys indicate that one out of every three pigs farrowed dies before weaning age. These death losses are one of the biggest leaks in the hog business. They can be reduced during the cold spring months by the use of electric brooders in individual forms in the latest and the second se

individual farrowing houses or pens of a central house.

A three-year study and observation of 105 litters showed that an average of one and one-half more pigs was saved per litter when electric brooders were used in individual farrowing houses. The death loss from chilling was 10 per cent in the unheated houses against 2.2 per cent in those equipped with heated brooders.
These losses in the houses without heat increased when
the weather became colder. Outdoor temperature, however, had little if any effect on death losses when

the electric brooders were used. The electrically heated pig brooder, either homemade or a factory-made type, proved to be the most practical method of supplying heat. The brooder provides a small area in the pen or house which can be heated economically. The simplest type of brooder is a 150-watt reflector flood lamp

suspended over a protected area for the pigs in a corner of the pen or house. Installation

and use of electric pig brooders require the necessary careful handling of electricity.

Details for the construction of a pig brooder usually may be obtained from county agents or Agricultural Experiment Stations.

"Weigh 'em to Swift!"

The pen gate opens and cattle crowd into the alley, headed for the scales. A cry rings out, "Weigh 'em to Swift!"

Another lot of livestock has been sold to Swift & Company:

producer sent them to the stockyards, consigned to a commission firm. In the "yards" livestock buyers came to look and make their competitive bids. Competition is always keen because 26,000 meat packers and other commercial slaughterers in the United States are active in livestock buying. Each buyer knows that unless he bids "the going price" for the animals he wants, some competitor will get them. Also, he knows that if he bids too high

SWIFT & COMPANY

NUTRITION IS OUR BUSINESS-AND YOURS Right eating adds life to your years - and years to your life

That deal is a miniature of the business relationship between livestock producers and When this lot of steers was "finished," the

his company will take a loss.

Thus competition and the law of supply

and demand set the prices all along the line. This load of steers went to Swift & Company because the Swift buyer offered more than other buyers. And the price he paid was based on his estimate of what the meat, hides, glands and other by-products would be worth to Swift & Company.

UNION STOCK YARDS CHICAGO 9, ILLINOIS

a profit and a loss.