

EDITORIAL

County Roads Need Help Now

The special session has been asked by Governor Sigler to consider a more equitable distribution of highway funds. This is in connection with the legislative recommendations made by the Michigan Good Roads Federation for restoring and re-financing Michigan's highway system.

Governor Sigler told the legislature that he would oppose an increase in gasoline tax until there has been a more equitable distribution of all tax money the state is now raising. That could be a long time.

The Good Roads Federation estimates that nearly a billion and a half dollars and a 15 year program will be required to bring our highways up to date.

The Federation says that the program should be based upon a determination of needs. It has recommended an increase of 1 3/10 cents per gallon in the gasoline tax, higher automobile and truck license taxes, and the raising by the townships of half the cost of maintaining local roads.

The Michigan Farm Bureau for more than a year has urged an immediate increase of 2 cents a gallon in the gasoline tax, with the provision that half of it should be allotted to county road commissions.

The Farm Bureau is opposed to any property tax for highway purposes. We have held for 25 years that those who use the roads should pay for them in proportion to use. The gasoline tax is the fairest measure of such use.

Michigan has one of the lowest gasoline taxes in the nation. Only one state collects less gasoline tax for roads than Michigan does. Three others have the same 3 cent rate. All others are higher. The national average is 5 cents per gallon.

Clean Property Seldom Burns

April 4 to 10 has been designated as Spring Clean-up Week in Michigan. The purpose of the week is to encourage folks to dispose of rubbish and to clean up premises for fire prevention and for safety.

The farm fire loss in Michigan last year was more than \$2,500,000, or about \$16 per farm. Records kept by the National Fire Protection Association indicate that ninety per cent of all fires could be prevented by cleaning out rubbish and unnecessary combustibles and by correcting other obvious fire hazards. Clean property seldom burns.

Defective heating systems account for almost one-third of all farm fires. A sooty, partly clogged chimney will shoot out sparks. The heating plant should be cleaned as a part of the spring clean-up.

Every year spring brings an epidemic of fires. There isn't always time to stop a fire, but there is time to clean up to prevent one.

Farm Bureau Helps Step Time Change

The Detroit city council has returned the city to daylight saving time for the spring and summer months. People there will turn their clocks ahead one hour April 25 and continue so until September 26.

That was the signal for golf players and others with like problems on their minds to start movements in other cities for turning the clock ahead. It was suggested that Governor Sigler ask the special session of the legislature to put the state on daylight savings time.

The Michigan Farm Bureau protested such monkey business. It wrote a letter to the Governor asking him not to recommend a change in time to the legislature. Governor Sigler was advised that in the interests of farm production farmers are solidly opposed to what they call double daylight savings time. They have no use either for one kind of time in town and another in the country.

Thoughtful people in cities and towns made public statements that a change in time was not in their interest. Quite a number of them said they supported farmers' objections to a change.

Governor Sigler let it be known that he saw no reason for bringing the matter before the legislature. When he presented his final recommendations March 30, the time question was not among them.

It is well to remember that Michigan has been on permanent daylight savings time by action of the legislature for the past 17 years. Before that legal time was central standard. After World War I many Michigan communities adopted Eastern time for the summer months. When a number of eastern Michigan communities made it permanent, the legislature acted.

District No. 10 Farm Bureau Members Visit Legislature



Twenty-nine farm leaders of six counties of the 10th Farm Bureau District in northern Michigan made a two-day study tour of the Michigan legislature, the Department of Agriculture, the Michigan State College, the Michigan Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Services' headquarters at Lansing, March 30 and 31. The group attended a banquet meeting with their respective senators and representatives which highlighted the two-day affair. Legislators present were: Senators Otto W. Bishop, James T. Milliken, George Girsch and Representatives Arnel Engstrom, Emil Peltz, Louis E. Anderson, and Alexander M. MacKay. Wesley Hawley, Farm Bureau district representative who conducted the tour, served as master of ceremonies on the dinner program. Stanley M. Powell, legislative representative for the state organization, discussed the issues coming before the special session of the legislature prior to their visit to the state capitol. The delegation had the opportunity of hearing Governor Sigler's message as it was read to both houses the night of March 30. E. A. Wenner, district supervisor of county agents of northern Michigan, led the group on the tour of Michigan State College. Ralph Tenny welcomed them to the college campus. The farm leaders spent several interesting hours visiting various departments of the Michigan Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Services, Inc. Considerable time was taken in the several divisions of the State Department of Agriculture in the State Office Building in Lansing. Persons representing the northern Michigan counties were: Alpena—Arthur E. Hahn, Alex Kennedy, and Carl VanWagoner; Antrim—Mrs. Leo Montgomery, Myra Ballard, Mary Jane Addis, and Lila M. Carpenter; Charlevoix—Vernon L. Mathews, Lawrence Strau, Mrs. Oakley Saunders, and Mrs. John L. Boss; Cheboygan—John M. Brown, Thomas Tryban, Perry F. Bollinger, and Mrs. John M. Brown; Emmet—Orval E. Coors, Lynn A. Ward, Folkert Sikkens, and Rena M. Lombard; Isabella—Cecil Evans; Otsego—William Leino, William Berkman, A. Gruszczynski, and Will Hansen; Presque Isle—William Karsten, Rudolph Klee, Paul Bruning and Fred LaPointe.

Van Buren Group Has Large Hosp. Enrollment

The Bloomingdale-Columbia Community Farm Bureau in Van Buren county has 185 group hospitalization and surgical contracts in force, according to Mrs. M. G. Dickerson, Blue Cross secretary for the organization. This community group also reports that they have attained their 1948 membership goal.

LONG RANGE FARM PROGRAM IN U.S. SENATE

Senator Aiken of Vermont introduced the Long Range Agricultural Program bill, S-2318, in the U. S. Senate March 16. The bill contains recommendations made by the American Farm Bureau regarding modernization of the parity price formula, decentralization of the soil conservation service. Hearings are scheduled to start the week of April 5 before the Senate committee in agriculture and forestry.

The bill would establish a National agricultural council in the Department of Agriculture made up of a producer, consumer, processor and distributor representative, plus one representative each from four major regional areas, and a representative of the land grant colleges. The council would advise the Secretary and the Congress on agricultural programs, supports, parity, etc.

A state council is provided for. It would be elected by farmers with college extension service and experiment station ex-officio representatives. It will supervise agricultural programs and handle the Farmers Home Administration program in the state. Agricultural programs in the counties would be handled through executive committees elected by county farmers associations created in the bill.

The Soil Conservation Service. Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment programs would be decentralized with the Extension Service handling educational functions, the Experiment Station handling research work, and the above state and county organizations handling the administrative work. A division of Soil Conservation and Improvement would be set up in the Office of Experiment Stations in the department of agriculture.

Parity Price Formula. A ten-year moving average base is provided for the parity formula, or as an alternative, the present base may be established, whichever is higher. Farm labor is not added to the formula for prices paid by farmers, but may be added later after the hearings. Normal supply is fixed on a progressive, ten-year average, and deviation therefrom is the basis of support prices which vary from 60 to 90 percent of parity with fluctuations of 130 to 70 percent of normal supply. Wool is added to the list of basic commodities for support purposes. Section 32 funds will accumulate to \$300 million for established surplus and export programs.

The earliest record of the potato dates back to 1524.

DETROIT PACKING COMPANY ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Manard M. Andrews, R. 6 Jackson, Jackson county, was elected president, and Mrs. Edith M. Wagar of Carelton, Monroe county, was elected first vice-president of the cooperative Detroit Packing Company by the new board of directors March 19.

Calvin P. Hammond of Dimondale, Eaton county, was elected second vice-president; William Stein of Pigeon, Huron county, treasurer; and Elmer R. Porter of Blissfield, Lenawee county, secretary. Other directors are Edward Dippy of Perry, Shiawassee county; Remi Cramer, Williamston, Ingham county; Otto C. Hagans, Britton, Lenawee county, and Robert Waidecker of Plymouth, Wayne county.

William H. Hill was made general manager at a special board meeting March 25. He has been with the Packing Company for years and was assistant to the general manager.

The association has been pioneering in the field of cooperatively slaughtering, processing and merchandising livestock products since 1934, and receives most of its livestock from farms in southeastern Michigan. The directors represent areas in which its largest numbers of livestock are produced.

Barry, Calhoun, Clinton, Hillsdale, Livingston, Macomb and Tuscola counties also contribute a large volume of livestock. All of the association's edible products and most of the inedible products are merchandised in Michigan's industrial areas. During 1947 slaughtering operations used over nine million dollars worth of livestock.

Juniors Have Picture Story of Trip South

Sixteen Juniors, who participated in the Short Course on Wheels, now own a complete set of colored slides obtained on their travels. The slides include a sketch of their travels and high points of American history, soil of the South and T.V.A., rebuilding of Southern agriculture, the citrus industry, sunny Florida, and the Farm Bureau in Washington.

Community Farm Bureaus interested in seeing the slides may contact the following owners: Charles Abrams, Decatur; Wayne and Carol Smith, Osseo; Bob Drury, Durand; Roy Grueber, Frankenmuth; Lila McLachlan, Ewart; Robert Brown, Kalamazoo, R-7; Leon Gruehn, Sebawaing; Dale Foster, Niles, R-3; Myron Bishop, Battle Creek; Duane Gettel, Bay Port; Kenneth Baur, Faintgrove; Paul Garbow, Middleville; Dorothy Harrington, Caro; William Nyblad, Kent City; Verland McLeod, Lyons; and James Williams, Belaire.

51,851 Subscribers

Subscription list for this edition of the Michigan Farm News is 51,851.

The potato was brought to England by Sir Francis Drake in 1586.

Kalamazoo FB Blue Cross on County Basis

Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau is qualifying for Blue Cross hospital enrollment on a county basis. To do that half the membership had to have Blue Cross membership. Thereafter any member is eligible to membership regardless of where he lives, or whether he is a member of a community group.

BEGIN STUDY OF FARM BUREAU INSURANCE CO.

The committee of the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors and County Farm Bureau representatives charged with investigating a Farm Bureau insurance service limited to members has held two meetings, March 20 and 31. The committee expects to make a progress report to the entire board of directors May 11.

Members of the committee are: Blaque Knirk, president of Branch County Farm Bureau, chairman; John M. Converse, president of Calhoun County Farm Bureau, co-chairman; Michigan Farm Bureau directors: Martin Garn of Eaton county, Clyde Breining of Washenaw; Harry Norris of Muskegon; J. Burton Richards of Berrien.

At the first meeting the committee determined its responsibility to be a thorough investigation of a Farm Bureau insurance service limited to members, and its possible effect on membership building and maintenance. The committee will make studies in Michigan and in other states. It will compare the service and costs of Farm Bureau insurance companies and competing companies, and gather other information. The results of the investigation and the recommendations of the committee are to be presented to the board of directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau for consideration.

The committee is at work. It has trips scheduled into Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin for a complete study of their Farm Bureau insurance company programs, rates, service and financial standings. It will study the effect on Farm Bureau membership building and maintenance. The State Farm Mutual Insurance Company will be visited at Bloomington, Illinois.

March 2 a delegation of 68 representatives from 20 southern Michigan County Farm Bureaus asked the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors to consider a Farm Bureau automobile insurance services limited to members only. They believe it would be successful and would provide a membership differential that would build membership. The board agreed to investigate. President Knirk appointed the committee named in this article and set it to work.

Since 1926 the Michigan Farm Bureau has been state agent for the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. of Illinois. The Farm Bureau agency has nearly 100,000 automobile policies in force and about \$20,000,000 of life insurance. The business is mostly rural with Farm Bureau people and others alike. The agency earnings belong to the Michigan Farm Bureau and have been used in Farm Bureau work.

9 MIDWEST FARM BUREAU LEADERS VISIT MICHIGAN

The Michigan Farm Bureau was host to 9 directors of organization from as many Mid-Western State Farm Bureaus for a 3-day conference, March 28, 29, and 30 at Lansing.

The visiting Farm Bureau leaders discussed Michigan Farm Bureau techniques and program building. They visited various departments to see how this work was carried out.

The group paid a visit to Farm Bureau Services' modern million dollar fertilizer plant at Saginaw and marveled at the up-to-date labor saving mechanisms used in the manufacture of fertilizer at the plant.

A report on the Junior Farm Bureau "Short Course on Wheels" was made to the group by Miss Barbara Collier of Perry and Leon McCloud of Ionia.

Keith Tanner, director of organization for the Michigan Farm Bureau, served as chairman of the conference. Other directors present were: O. D. Brissenden, Illinois; Harry W. Culbreth, Ohio; David H. Engel, Nebraska; Kenneth E. Johnson, Kansas; A. G. Mereness, Minnesota; T. C. Petersen, Wisconsin; Coe Pritchett, Missouri; H. B. Thorntinsson, North Dakota and Wayne E. Tyler, Iowa.

FERTILIZER PLANT STARTS SHIPPING FOR SPRING

The first carloads of fertilizer were shipped April 1 from the Farm Bureau Services new fertilizer plant at Saginaw.

Among those present were several officials of the New York Central railroad. They had five new boxcars set on the siding to celebrate the event. Shipments to dealers should be continuous from here out.

Manufacturing and shipping operations are on schedule, said Fred J. Harger, manager of production and manufacturing for Farm Bureau Services. The plant began mixing fertilizers March 3. Since March 20 a day and night shift has been on the job. A large stockpile of finished fertilizers has been accumulated. The acidulating plant should be manufacturing acid phosphate the first week in April.

Shipments are being made now to Farm Bureau Services fertilizer dealers in southern Michigan, and the north as the season advances. Adolph Ecklund, plant manager, and his crew are making good progress. It will go better when construction workers still in the plant complete their work.

Chicks

When the temperature in a brooder house gets uncomfortably cold, chicks crowd against the "mother". Their instinct is to get under something—they pile up and as a result many chicks are smothered.

Special Session Results in Doubt

Farm Bureau Opposes Revival of Property Tax for State or Highway Purposes; Attack Made on 15 Mill Law

By STANLEY M. POWELL

Although the special session of the Michigan legislature has been grinding along at Lansing for the past three weeks, I am still unable to guess what new legislation and proposed constitutional amendments may emerge from the deliberations.

Most attention seems to be focused on formulating the budget for the fiscal year starting July 1, 1948. I have never seen the lawmakers manifest a more earnest and intelligent concern about the items entering into appropriation measures. This is true not alone as to what goes on behind the closed doors of the appropriating committees, but it includes also the consideration of bills after they have come out onto the floor for the action of the Committee of the Whole, which is made up of all the members of each branch of the legislature.

The general fund budget, as submitted to the legislature by Governor Sigler, called for appropriations of about 265 1/2 million dollars, which the Governor said would exceed estimated revenues for the coming year by 46 million dollars. He said that it is expected that there will be a general fund surplus at the end of the present fiscal year of 26 million dollars. That would bring the actual anticipated state deficit at the end of the next year down to 20 million dollars.

The Governor did not recommend the imposition of any new taxes as a means of balancing the budget. He did urge that the proceeds of one mill of the present general property tax should be turned over to the state, leaving only 14 mills to be allotted for local governmental purposes by the County Tax Allocation Board. A one-mill general property tax would produce about 9 million dollars which would, of course, amount to almost half the anticipated deficit. The Michigan Farm Bureau is on record as opposing any property tax for state purposes. A similar action was taken this week by the Michigan Conference of Mayors.

Constitutional Convention. Along with the budgetary problems, various constitutional provisions are receiving a great deal of attention. A bill has been introduced to take effect from the November 1948 election ballot the proposal to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of making a general revision of Michigan's Constitution. It has been discovered that to call such a convention would require a majority vote of everyone who voted in the election rather than a majority of those voting on this particular question. Meanwhile a proposed constitutional amendment has been submitted which would change the required vote to a simple majority of those voting on whether or not a constitutional convention should be called.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary, to which SJR C has been referred, held a hearing on the measure on March 31. It was supported by spokesmen for the Michigan Education Association who pointed out that its provisions are identical to those of an amendment which they had planned to initiate by securing signatures to petitions. Naturally, they would be happy if they could have the legislature take the necessary steps to place this issue on the ballot and save them all of the bother and expense of circulating petitions.

The proposal was opposed vigorously by representatives of the Michigan Real Estate Association and by the legislative counsel of the Michigan Farm Bureau who pointed out that this amendment goes so far that it would render the 15-mill limitation of little value from the standpoint of protecting property owners. He explained that, as the result of a single election, the millage could be raised anywhere up to 50 mills, which is 5%, for as long as 20 years by a simple majority of those who happened to participate in the election, without regard to whether or not they own any property in the assessing district, and that the resulting increased revenue was in no way restricted to any capital improvement, but could be absorbed in routine governmental expenditures.

State Officials. Several constitutional amendments, recommended by Governor Sigler, have been introduced in the Legislature and are being threshed over. These include proposals for a 4-year term for the Governor and elected state officials and county officers, removal from the Constitution of all reference to the salaries of state officials and members of the legislature, allowing such salaries to be established by the legislature, and provision that the Governor would appoint the Attorney General and Secretary of State rather than having them elected as at present.

Other Proposed Amendments. Some constitutional amendments not endorsed by the Governor have also appeared. Constitutional amendments are embodied in joint resolutions and can be considered during a special session without the subject matter being submitted to the lawmakers by the Governor. Some of the proposals which the legislators have introduced without executive endorsement include authorization for a 15 million dollar bond issue to finance expanded mental hospital facilities, an increase in the term of office of members of the Legislature from 2 to 4 years, and a rather drastic liberalization of the 15-mill limitation.

15 Mill Limitation. A proposal, sponsored by Senator Blon I. Bates of Ovid, would provide that the length of time during which the millage could be raised above 15 mills as the result of any one

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Weather Observations

There is a man in our town who is not wondrous wise For every turn the weather takes he's bound to criticize It makes no difference, I have found, just what the weather is He seldom fails to exercise this carping trait of his.

I've tried to make him see the light. I've argued till I'm hoarse But every ill that comes to pass he traces to one source. And as to this prediction stuff, as far as I can tell Because the past few days were mild—or raw and unrefined.

Now every man, it seems to me, has seen his equal share, In just proportion to his age, of weather, foul and fair, And most of us are now convinced that nothing we can do Can make one drop of rain to fall just where we want it to.

Through meteorology, as such, has made some slight advances We still can't boss the thing at all; we still just take our chances. And as to this prediction stuff, as far as I can tell The goose-bone prophets of our youth did mighty near as well.

We cannot swerve the hurricane from its appointed course, Or cause the pinch of wintertime to ease its chilling force; We cannot cool the summer drought or dodge the lightning's flame; We need not like the weather but we take it just the same.

So, since I cannot pick and choose, I very much prefer To countenance the status quo, in toto, as it were; To take the weather Heaven sends, in faith and not in fear And use it all as best I can in what I'm doing here.

R. S. Clark, 315 North Grinnell Street, Jackson, Michigan.

FOOD IS MORE VITAL THAN FUN

(Editorial from Detroit News)

Of all the arguments on either side of the daylight saving time discussion, we are most interested in that made by the farmers. Farmers are against making the change to faster time, as proposed in the City Council.

They say it will interfere with food production. And that, certainly, in these days of food scarcities and high food prices, is important.

Everybody would be glad to see the golfers have more time for play and exercise in the evenings, but if that advantage is to be placed against the disadvantage to the farmers, any popular vote would go to the latter.

Harvey Betal, secretary of the Wayne County Farm Bureau, explains the farmers' problem: Field work must wait until the dew has dried; under daylight saving time the dew would dry just before the noon lurch hour; farm hands quit work at 5 p. m.

Obviously that means less food grown.

Surely any golfer would concede that the food problem is more important than his fun.

We urge the Council to give this side of the question serious thought before it votes to change Detroit's time!

Ionia Co. to Have Farm Bureau Store

The Ionia County Farm Bureau, at its second meeting to organize a Farm Bureau store, voted that it be set up as a county function with a local board of directors, and to operate as a management contract point of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., Lansing.

There was considerable discussion as to whether the co-operative should be set up as a Farm Bureau Services' branch store or a locally owned Farm Bureau establishment. The county organization felt that the farmers of that area needed an organization to purchase their supplies and market their produce for them.

A meeting was held March 25 in the County Court House, to adopt the by-laws and elect the directors for the new store.

Advisory Committees Set Commodity Meets

Advisory committees surrounding Farm Bureau Services patron's relations points throughout the state have been holding meetings during the past month for the purpose of formulating plans for patrons' commodity meetings to be held during the month of April.

Commodity meetings are scheduled for Farm Bureau Supply Store, Ann Arbor, April 7; Plainfield, April 8; and the Charles Ruesink Farm Supplies Store at Adrian, April 9.

Among the various subjects to be discussed at these meetings will be the paint and petroleum departments of Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

Entertainment and refreshments will make up the balance of the program.

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World War II brought us another hour of daylight savings time for the emergency. Michigan farmers dubbed it double-daylight savings time. They protested its bad effects, and demanded repeal at the earliest possible moment. Even city folks got fed up with it.

It will be interesting to see how the new time wears in Detroit.

Come Oftener and Tell Us More

Ben Pattison, field representative for the Michigan Association of Farmer Co-operatives, tells this story about keeping relations with our legislative representatives in good repair.

Last January, 34 leaders of Michigan farm co-operatives went to Washington to talk with Michigan members of Congress in regard to anti-co-op legislation developing in Congress.

"As we were preparing to leave Washington," said Ben, "one member of the party apologized to his Congressman for taking so much of his time." The Congressman replied:

"You don't need to apologize. We love to have our constituents come to see us. These visits keep us in closer touch with the people. We wish you could stay longer and tell us more."

Furthermore, it is a good policy for farmers to get acquainted with their state senators and representatives as well as their Congressman and United States Senators.

Too few farmers know their lawmakers personally.

Change in Farm Sales Tax Exemption?

Governor Sigler has asked the special session of the legislature to consider a new definition of agricultural producing in the sales tax law. This is to determine what farm supplies shall be exempt from sales tax, and under what conditions.

Today agricultural producing means the commercial production for sale of crops, live stock, poultry and their products by persons regularly engaged in business as farmers or nurserymen.

Purchases by such people of feeds, seeds, fertilizers, spray materials, and other items are exempt from sales tax when used for commercial production of crops, live stock, poultry and their products for resale.

The State Dep't of Revenue and many dealers in farm supplies would like to make some changes in the definition of agricultural producing. Several bills have been presented to other legislatures, but they were not enacted. Perhaps there will be one at this session that farmers can accept.

In any event, the Michigan Farm Bureau will be heard from. We believe that the experience, rulings, and court decisions that have been built up the past 13 years with regard to exemption of farm supplies are too valuable to consider lightly. If we didn't have any of them, farmers would be paying a great deal of money in sales taxes they shouldn't pay.

SANILAC USES DIFFERENTIAL AT MEETING

Sanilac County Farm Bureau attracted more than 1,000 persons to Sandusky high school auditorium the evening of March 12 to hear a panel discuss the question, "Shall the State Have a New Constitution?"

An interesting feature of the meeting was that admission was by ticket at \$1 each. Farm Bureau members had only to show their membership cards. Upwards of 100 other interested persons bought tickets. Everyone thought that the differential in favor of Farm Bureau members was a good idea.

The question of a constitutional convention is voted upon in the fall of 1948, and the people vote for a constitutional convention. It is but one step. Their action will set up machinery for an overall study of the constitution and recommendations by those given the job. Then the people must vote on the various recommendations.

A few days spent checking equipment will help to prevent costly lay-offs when the busy spring work period comes along.

Community Farm Bureau Activities

By MRS. MARJORIE KARKER

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

Eastey, Bay-13. Group decided to have a bingo party and picnic to raise money for the cancer drive.

Burlington, Lapeer-13. Group voted in favor of capital punishment.

Wilson No. 1, Alpena-17. Secretary of group was instructed to write a letter to Congressman Roy Woodruff asking him to vote against any changes in laws pertaining to co-operatives.

East Hersey, Osceola-9. Group voted to write their Congressmen and Senators opposing the removal of a tax on oleomargarine unless it is to be colored other than butter color.

Penn, Cass-19. Vote in favor of repealing the tax diversion amendment was passed by the group. They decided they want no new taxes but more efficiency in spending state money now available.

Union, Washtenaw-13. Group hospitalization, medical and surgical benefits were recently obtained by this group.

Campbell, Ionia-18. A discussion on a recent leadership training meeting for Community Farm Bureau officers was held at the March meeting.

Muskegon, Holton-15. Two girls from this group recently competed in the county cherry pie baking contest and placed first and third.

Pokagon, Cass-26. Group favors a gasoline tax up to 6c per gallon in order to build and maintain the roads.

Busy Corners, Kent-20. Group wrote the Governor that they are in favor of having eight members on the Board of Education and feel that at least one of the lay members of the Board should represent the rural areas.

Vance District-Antrim-12. Moved by this group that a letter of commendation be sent the county road commission on the good job it did on the snow removal project this past winter.

Albee-Spaulding, Saginaw-36. Group raised \$244.65 at a bingo party and the money is to be turned over to the Cancer Detection Center at Saginaw.

Hayes, Charlevoix-12. Discussion by the group on the dumping of garbage along the country-side resulted in a motion that other community groups in the county be asked to join in investigating what can be done to prevent it.

Ogden, Lenawee-27. During a discussion on the potato situation it was decided to write Commissioner of Agriculture Pigy for information on potato grading laws in Michigan in an effort to determine why Michigan potatoes do not come up to the standards of Maine potatoes.

Pickler Lake, Kalamazoo-18. During the discussion on the road situation this group advanced the idea that a law controlling the operation of heavy vehicles on asphalt roads might be helpful.

Banfield, Barry-38. A suggestion made by this group on the road situation was that the licenses for fishing and hunting be raised and that some of this money be applied on the roads inasmuch as a lot of traffic is caused by fisherman and hunters.

West Dundee, Monroe-16. New group organized in February and one of two groups now in Monroe county.

Thomas, Saginaw-15. Mr. Herbert Vassold who recently took a trip to Washington with other cooperative leaders in Michigan to talk to Congressmen and Senators about the laws for Co-operatives about his trip at the March meeting of this group.

East Orleans, Ionia-24. Group instructed their County Organization Director to ask for the co-operation of the county board of directors in getting mail delivered to their farm and for better telephone service.

East Somerset, Hillsdale-14. Miss Connie Duryea and Miss Virginia Bernstein, two Junior Farm Bureau members who recently returned from the six-weeks "Short Course on Wheels" told of their trip through the south.

Custer, Mason-13. This group won first place in Mason County in the "Farm-to-Prosper" Contest. Congratulations!

Tobacco Road, Emmet-15. Each member agreed to write letters to Gov. Sigler and to their Congressman regarding their views on the 15 mill tax limitation and the tax on colored-oleomargarine.

Patricks Day dance was well attended. Proceeds were turned over to the Red Cross.

Townline, Livingston-This group favors an increase of the gasoline tax to keep up our highways, and if necessary an increase in the weight tax on cars and trucks. Hereafter meetings will be held the third Thursday evening of the month. Maynard Brownlee of Farm Bureau Services discussed the Farm Bureau's supply services.

Richfield, Genesee-60. They entertained the Davison Central Farm Bureau, the Davison Southwest Farm Bureau and the Junior Farm Bureau. A potluck supper was served and an entertaining program followed. The program consisted of community singing, two Irish readings by Mrs. Lloyd Algeo, three Irish songs by Mrs. Stantford and a technicolor film entitled "Red Wagon" produced by Swift and Company.

Kent Co. Opposes Sigler's Power Bid

The Kent County Farm Bureau voiced determined opposition of Governor Sigler's program for broader appointive powers. At the same time, the Kent organization supported the Governor's recommendation that the proposed referendum on the repeal of the sales tax amendment be withdrawn from the fall ballot.

The organization also backed a program for returning state aid to county library budgets, and opposed any changes in the state school aid formula, that would penalize rural schools with lower enrollment.

They also opposed any change in the present time system for Michigan.

Plant Farm Bureau seeds.

Heads Ohio FB Co-op



JOHN W. SIMS

John W. Sims, a former Michigan man, has become the executive vice-president of the Ohio Farm Bureau Co-operatives Ass'n, the farm supplies service of the Ohio Farm Bureau. Mr. Sims succeeded Murray Lincoln who will devote his time to the Ohio Farm Bureau Insurance Companies. Mr. Sims was formerly county agricultural agent in Hillsdale and Tuscola counties. He was associated with the Tennessee Copper & Chemical Company fertilizer division for several years before joining the staff of the Ohio Farm Bureau.

Phillips Named to FHA Advisory Board

Waldo E. Phillips of Deatur has been appointed to the state advisory committee of the Farmers Home Administration, according to Roswell G. Carr, state FHA director. Mr. Phillips is chairman of the Michigan Ass'n of Farmer Co-operatives, and for many years was a director of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Classified Ads

Classified advertisements are cash with order at the following rates: 5 cents per word for one edition. Ads to appear in two or more editions take the rate of 4 cents per word per edition.

MACHINERY

Stewart Shearing Machines for Sheep, Antrim, for cows, horses, mules, dogs. Repair parts, sharpening service on all types of cutters and combs. Michigan Co-op Wool Marketing Ass'n, 506 North Mechanic Street, Jackson, Michigan. (4-1f-34b)

Electric Motors, all Sizes Available. V-Belts and pulleys in stock. Guit Service Station Lawrence, Mich. (7-12-15p)

For Sale—Used and rebuilt grain threshers, 20", 22" 24" and 28". Various makes. Silo fillers and shredders, rebuilt. Belle City grain threshers, new, in all sizes. Belle City new corn pickers. New saw mills, Simonds saws. Diction chain saws. Used 7, 8 and 10 ft. binders. Recommended 2-row corn binder with elevator. Write your needs or come and see us. Get first choice. Marshall Machinery Sales, Albion, Mich. One mile west on US-12. (3-5t-78p)

BULBS, PLANTS, SEEDS

For Sale—Beautiful gladiolus bulbs in all colors of the rainbow. 100 large \$2.00, 100 jumbo size \$3.00. And 1000 bulbs free with all orders. Postpaid, Orrie DeGraff, Spring Lake R-2, Michigan. (3-2t-31p)

Large Dahlias, ten different varieties \$2. Chrysanthemums, 12 different colors \$1. Pink Zephyranthes day lilies, 60 cents dozen. Orders of \$2 and over postpaid. Roy Laberdy, Eau Claire, Mich. (4-2t-28p)

LIVE STOCK

Corriedale Sheep. The better breed. Mikesell and May's consignment of five bred ewes to Michigan Purebred Ewe Sale sold for an average of \$71.50 each.

We are taking orders for fall delivery of yearling rams and bred ewes. Make your selection early. Our spring lambs are a sturdy, uniform group. Your inspection is welcomed at the time. Mikesell and May, Charlotte, R. 2, Mich. Farm located on US-27 at south city limits. (4-6t-70b)

MAPLE SYRUP SUPPLIES

Complete Pure Maple Syrup Making and marketing equipment. Glass bottles, tin containers in quart, half gallon and gallon sizes. Labels, filters, thermometers, hydrometers, reamers, tapping bits, etc. Make our shop your headquarters for your complete equipment for this coming fall crop. Write for price list and catalogue. Sugar Bush Supplies Company, Box 187, Lansing 4, Michigan. Located on M-43 (West Saginaw street) just west of Waverly golf course, Lansing. (1-tf-68b)

FARM FOR SALE

477 acre stock farm, excellent soil. Nearly new 40x80 barn, 3 room house, chicken coop and garage. 125 acres under cultivation. An ideal stock farm. One mile off highway 66. Near good hunting and fishing. Kalkaska county. Dines Frederickson, 139 South Fairview Ave., Lansing 12, Michigan. (3-2t-45p)

FERTILIZER

Schrock Natural Hi-Test Phosphate 22-44% 2203. Fertilizer, granular. D.D.T., 2-4-D and other Agr'l Chemicals. Prompt deliveries. Airplane application arranged. Dealers wanted. Schrock Fertilizer Service, Connersville, Illinois. (3-tf-29b)

VETERINARY REMEDIES

Prevent severe mastitis infection. Have on hand for injection in quarter either Penicillin or Sulfa. \$2.00 average cost for course of five treatments. Just received, 60 cc. super-quality syringes, complete with needles and infusion tubes, for \$5.00. Sulfa tablets, 60 grain, \$4.00 per 100. No sales tax. H. P. Lingo, Pharmacist, 1456 East Michigan, Lansing 12, Michigan. 12-tf155b

Calif Diseases—Pneumonia, use Sulfa. Scours controlled by Sulfaguanidine with Nicin (Gov't approved specific), or sulfacarbolate Tablets. Prevent, and feed heavier by using University of Wisconsin Calif Capsules (Vitamins) for first 21 days. \$5.00 per 100. H. P. Lingo, Pharmacist, 1456 East Michigan Ave., Lansing 12, Michigan. 12-tf-146b

BABY CHICKS

Cherrywood Champion Chicks. Leghorn cockerels \$2.50 per 100. Also, heavy laying Leghorns, Rhode Island Reds, White Rocks, Chicks. Cherrywood Farms Hatchery, Box 7N, Holland, Michigan. (3-3t-25p)

Better Blood Tested Chicks from carefully culled farm flocks headed by ROP sons of ROP males. Barred Rocks, White Rocks, R. I. Reds, White Wyandottes, Jersey White and Black Giants, and large type English Whites. Leghorns. Chicks available now. Farm Bureau member, Litchfield Hatchery, Litchfield, Mich. Phone 94. (4-2t-45b)

WOOL GROWERS

Attention, Wool Growers—send your wool to us and you are guaranteed the ceiling price. We are purchasing wool for the government. Year around wool marketing service and prompt settlement made. Michigan Co-operative Wool Marketing Association, 506 N. Mechanic St., Jackson, Michigan. Phone 3-4246 (3-tf-44b)

YOUR NAME

Trim up your farm. Have your name on the barn. K & E ready cut letters are painted and ready to put up. Nylon can install them. For further information, write K & E Industries, P. O. Box 2145, Lansing 11, Michigan. (1-tf-56b)

FOR SALE

Army Tents, 16x16 new \$32.50; used, in perfect condition \$26.50; used and slightly damaged \$15.50, \$21.00 new, \$17.50. Used in perfect condition \$12.50 and \$15.00. 17x20, used, \$40.00. Harry Marcus, Benton Harbor, Mich. (2-5t-22b)

Rural Tele-news



LONG FURROWS: An improved type of telephone wire is used for rural service in certain areas where soil and weather conditions are favorable. It is plowed underground instead of strung on poles. Covering of synthetic rubber and steel mesh makes it stronger than underground wire previously used.

LESS PER LINE: We're building more rural lines and making good progress reducing the number of subscribers per line. Two years ago nearly half of our rural-line subscribers were on lines with more than eight parties. Today four out of five are on lines with eight or less!

BIGGER VALUE: Your telephone grows in value to you every day. That's because our construction program is constantly expanding the system... giving you more telephones you can call... making possible more telephone errands to save you time and money.

MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY Our \$13,500,000 post-war rural construction program means more and better rural telephone service

Pay Share Credits To FBS Branch Patrons

Securities issued in payment of share credits accumulated by patrons through their purchases of Farm Bureau products from Farm Bureau Services branch stores, covering the period from September 1, 1945 through August 31, 1946, are now being issued and will be sent out to the patrons in the near future, according to Leonard Carter, manager of patrons relations accounting.

Patrons of eight of the dealers on the patrons relations program received patronage refund securities in December for the same period.

Patrons' accumulated savings, which are below \$10, the face value of the debentures issued as patronage refunds, or fractions above the \$10 denomination, are kept on record to be added to the following year's savings. With present book-keeping equipment and methods, it is impossible for Farm Bureau Services to notify each patron as to these figures.

New equipment needed to speed up this work, is on order.

Less Than One in Five Lives on the Farm!

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR, Briar Hill Farm, Carleton, Mich.

When we realize that at present the farm population of the United States is less than 20 per cent of the 140 million people, we must know that in many respects, we are at a great disadvantage in comparison to some other groups.

Within the memory of some of us, this count has changed tremendously. Not only do the young folks leave the farm, but whole households are moving cityward. The census figures tell us that in 1947 there were 3% less people on farms than in 1940. One-fourth of farm men are under 35 years of age. Another fourth is between 35 and 44. Three-eighths are from 45 to 64 years, and one-eighth, 65 and over.

Our 20 per cent of the people received, last year, only 13% of the national income.

The standard of living on the farm has risen rapidly during the past ten years. The American farmer has the highest standard of any rural people in the world, yet there is still a big gap to be closed to bring farm standards up to the standards enjoyed by the city dwellers in the United States.

Today but half of the farmers in the United States have electricity. Only 30 per cent have telephones, 28 per cent have running water and 20 per cent have flush toilets.

To be sure, we have the wide open spaces, the beautiful sunrises and sunsets, the abundance of fresh air that nature has lavished upon us, but we probably could enjoy them all the more if they were coupled with the comforts and conveniences our city cousins take as a matter of course.

If farm folks could be limited to an eight hour work day with every other Sunday off, I am certain they would be satisfied with Eastern Standard time, or even the old fashioned sun time, for they would have at least some time for play.

The average farmer is on the farm from choice. He likes the

ever changing type of work, the opportunity for bettering his production; he likes, to a great extent the gamble of farming, and he appreciates and enjoys the many good features of rural living. He'd like a little more leisure, a little more consideration from urban people as to hours best for his work, a narrower spread between producer and consumer, a better school system for his children, better health care, and more attention to his country roads. He wants to preserve the traits and the natural advantages that make farm living wholesome.

To have these things, farmers should do all in their power to better themselves. They should unite with their neighbors in co-operative effort so as to accomplish the goal they feel they should attain. To be sure, there are limitations to co-operative effort. We must not only strive to make our own business of farming better, but we must aim to put better products on the consumer market.

We must convince the public that we are within our rights to not only grow our crops but to deliver them to the consuming public in any way that best stabilizes the business of farming. To do this, the farmer, as an individual, must do his full part; he must join farm organizations; pay the fee as required for full membership and observe the rules governing the organization. Any business worth while to its patrons must have a pattern to guide its operations or it will fall by the wayside.

We have on the statute books many laws that govern farm co-operatives. They should be adhered to and respected by the membership. Some co-operatives require a marketing contract; others require a year round base production; some require rigid commodity grading, but whatever the requirements are, you must qualify if you expect full membership and desire the advantages accruing from it.

It's the man who tries to participate in the business without subscribing to the rules that govern, who is detrimental to the success of the organization. So far as I know, there's no farm co-operative that requires anything more of a member than what the member should be happy to conform to in return for the privilege of participation.

False propaganda against farm co-operatives has made it imperative that all connected with the co-operative system bind themselves as closely to their unit as possible in order to meet the situation with understanding and positiveness.

No farmer can afford to neglect knowing all about the business of his co-op in these days of trial. Don't criticize your own business. Do your full part so that farming will bring about a higher standard of living for those who have chosen it for a vocation. Do your part to place farming on a par with all other business ventures.

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Mrs. WAGAR

Blame Inefficiency For Road Conditions

The Berlin Community Farm Bureau decided at its March meeting that the inefficiency of road commissions was one of the chief causes of the poor road conditions in Michigan. Other reasons were listed as: roads are not built for heavy loads and the excessive speed which they receive scarcity of gravel, lack of funds, and high labor costs.

The organization voted again in favor of a 2c gasoline tax increase as a means of raising necessary funds to repair roads.

Howard Smith, president of the county organization, told of plans to form a soil conservation district.

8 Counties Organize Live Stock Co-op

Representatives of 8 Southwestern Michigan counties, sponsored by Farm Bureaus, met in Kalamazoo March 17 to complete the organization of the Southwestern Michigan Live Stock Co-operative, Inc.

Capital stock of \$100,000 will be issued.

Russell E. Hazel of Richland was chosen as chairman, and James Reagan of Cassopolis, vice-chairman. A nine-man board of directors was also elected.

This board will go to Columbus, Ohio to visit the Ohio Live Stock Producers' yards, which do a 100 million dollar annual business.

OCEANA BUREAU FOR SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PROGRAM

The board of directors of the Oceana County Farm Bureau is much concerned with the safety of school children who ride in school buses. The board voted to have copies of the school bus law sent to all Community Farm Bureau Groups in Oceana county, and to have them discuss this problem and report their reactions on the law back to the county board.

Plans are being made by the county organization to conduct a publicity campaign calling attention of motorists that there is a law requiring them to stop for buses loading and unloading school children.

There was discussion about contacting the state highway department as to the possibility of obtaining highway signs such as are found in states where school buses have been in operation for many years.

Hospital Service Aide



Harold Vaughn of Ann Arbor, formerly an agricultural extension agent in Oakland and Manistee counties and more recently general manager of the Saline Valley Farms Cooperative, has been appointed Blue Cross rural enrollment representative. It has been announced by Austin L. Pino, Blue Cross rural enrollment manager.

Vaughn will visit Farm Bureau groups throughout the state, Pino said, explaining that the appointment has been made "in order to serve more adequately the rural groups enrolled in the Blue Cross

program of hospital-surgical care." A native of New York state where he was reared on a farm, Harold Vaughn has lived in Michigan since 1914 and is a graduate of Michigan State College. He did postgraduate work in sociology and social sciences at the University of Chicago, and was general manager of the Saline Valley Farm Cooperative for 15 years before joining the Blue Cross staff.

Ingham Group Plans Agr'l-PTA Unit

The organization of an agricultural school, community parent-teacher association, is being sponsored by Farm Bureau community groups in Ingham County.

The first meeting for organization and election of officers, was held February 18 in the school gym at Dansville.

Parents of school children and teachers attended the meeting and potluck dinner. Other meetings are planned for the near future.

Marshall Wells Speaks To Casnovia FB Group

Marshall Wells, farm editor of WJR, told 125 people at the Casnovia Community Farm Bureau banquet March 29 that radio can help farmers in their relations with the public. Mr. Wells urged farm groups to use radio programs. Kenneth Bull was toastmaster. Mrs. Richard Peters gave an accordion solo and Mrs. Marck Hersey sang. Bill Nyblad of Muskegon Jr. Farm Bureau, and Earl Dickerson of Howell gave a travelogue with slides at the recent Junior Farm Bureau Short Course on Wheels trip into southern states. Dan Reed, district representative for the Farm Bureau, took part in the program. Mary Norris was chairman of the program committee.

The Spanish found natives of Peru cultivating potatoes called batata or papa.

More and more of the automobile tourists are from country homes.

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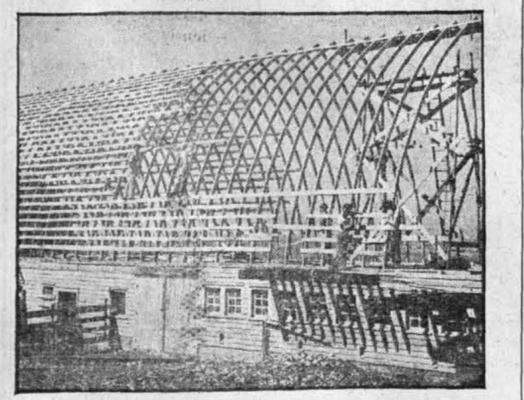
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JR. FARM BUREAU ANNUAL BALL APRIL 10

A spring theme has been chosen for the annual Michigan Junior Farm Bureau ball to be held in the Union Ballroom, Union Building, Michigan State College, Saturday evening, April 10, commencing at 9 o'clock.

This all-state formal dance of the year is being sponsored by the Campus Junior Farm Bureau. Eddie Mac's 14 piece campus orchestra will be featured and surprise entertainment during intermission has been planned.

Spring's refreshing atmosphere will prevail throughout the evening in the gayly decorated ballroom. Refreshments will be served in the Union Grill.

Girls wishing to don their formal attire after arriving on the campus may do so in the second floor women's lounge in the Union Building.

The committee responsible for the event is: Lynn Bower, General Chairman; Betty Peacock, Darwin Deihl, Harry Lynch, Carolyn Tribby, John Manby, Clayton Cory, John Baker, Lennie Ehrmann and Barbara Preston.

Emmett Co. Urges Soil District Program

The formation of a county soil district is being pushed by the Emmett County Farm Bureau and Grange. Benefits for the farmers from the proposed program will include developing complete soil and water conservation and assistance in the form of materials, equipment and services.

To get the district organized, 25 or more farmers must petition the state soil conservation group asking for such an organization. A public hearing would then be held, and the state soil conservation club would conduct a referendum to determine whether or not the plan is practical.

As the soil district is formed, a five man board of directors, three of whom would be elected, and two appointed, would gather information about soil management problems and recommend farm and land use practices.



Renew Your Farm Bureau Membership BY MAIL

Always in the annual Farm Bureau membership campaigns there are several thousand members who were not at home when the membership workers called. Consequently they did not get to renew their memberships. If this has happened to you, you may renew by mail.

All you have to do to renew your Farm Bureau membership for 1948 by mail is to complete the 1948 Membership Renewal Card in this advertisement. Attach a check or postal money order for \$10.00, payable to your County Farm Bureau. Mail to your County Farm Bureau Secretary. See list of county secretaries below.

1948 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CARD

I, _____, hereby renew my membership for the year 1948 in the _____ County Farm Bureau, the Michigan Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau Federation and make payment of the annual dues of ten dollars (\$10.00) to cover same, including a year's subscriptions to the Nation's Agriculture at 25c per year and the Michigan Farm News at 25c per year.

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- Antrim—Robert Hubbell, Kewadin
- Barry—Russell K. Mead, Nashville, R-1
- Bay—Mrs. Esther Leinberger, Bay City, R-4
- Benzie—Mrs. Dortha Nevius, Beulah
- Berrien—J. W. Artman, Three Oaks, R-1
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- Calhoun—Mrs. Harry King, Marshall, R-1
- Cass—J. Herbert Kinsey, Cassopolis, R. 4
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- Jackson—Laverne L. Wheeler, Parma, R-1
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- Macomb—Jack Harvey, Utica, R-1
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- Mason—Leonard Mattox, 303 First Street, Scottville
- Mecosta—Orville Miller, 204 Bridge Street, Big Rapids
- Midland—Mrs. Roy Varner, Midland, R-3
- Missaukee—Mrs. Maradell Peterson, Lake City, R-2
- Montcalm—S. T. Elder, Box 143, R-1, Greenville
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- Monroe—Ted Goettsche, Milan
- Newaygo—Mrs. Joe Brinkman, Fremont, R-3
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- Oakland—Lucius Lyon, Milford, R-4
- Oceana—Henry A. Johnson, Mears
- Oscoda—Mrs. Rhoda McLachlan, Ewart, R-1
- Otsego—Mrs. Arthur Estelle, Gaylord
- Ottawa—Gerrit Elzinga, Hudsonville, R-3
- Presque Isle—Mrs. Berthema Pauli, Hawks
- Saginaw—Mrs. Isabel Sawatzki, Bridesport
- Sanilac—Mrs. Wesley Mahaffy, Marlette
- St. Clair—Mrs. Fay Shell, 805 Federal Bldg., Port Huron
- St. Joseph—Mrs. Ernest Fairchild, Constantine, R-2
- Shiawassee—Robert Drury, Durand, R-2
- Tuscola—Allison Green, Kingston
- Van Buren—Leo M. Godin, Box 122, Gobles
- Washtenaw—H. F. Howelson, Clinton, R-1
- Wayne—Harvey Vetal, Plymouth, R-2
- Wexford—Miss Jeanne Finstrom, Cadillac, R-2

JOIN YOUR COUNTY FARM BUREAU

FARM BUREAU IS GOING AFTER RESEARCH FUNDS

The board of directors of the American Farm Bureau Federation has issued a statement sharply criticizing the House appropriations committee of Congress for funds already authorized by law refusing to approve additional for agricultural research and for agricultural extension service activities.

The committee disallowed a budget request for an additional \$7,000,000 for the Agricultural Research Administration and \$4,000,000 for the Extension Service already authorized.

"The Extension Service appropriation is particularly vital to assist agriculture to meet the problems of the postwar period," said Allan B. Kline, Federation president. "We intend to do everything possible to bring about better understanding of the issue by Congress, which we hope will lead to corrective action. It's a poor place to economize. No federal money is more productive than extension service funds. American

agriculture is the most efficient agriculture in the world, largely because of research and teaching by the agricultural colleges and the extension service. These institutions are the wonder and the envy of all other nations. They should have adequate funds.

"The Board of Directors of the American Farm Bureau Federation is keenly disappointed by the action of the House Appropriations Committee.

"All of the technological helps that can be brought to bear on the critical problems facing agriculture will be needed to enable farmers to discharge their obligation to produce abundantly. Food prices today are of deep concern to every citizen. More efficient and cheaper production is the need of the hour.

"In agriculture, there is no counterpart to General Motors of the U. S. Steel Corporation with their huge funds for private research. Agriculture must rely almost entirely on government agencies for technological advances. A magnificent program of research has been inaugurated under the Research and Marketing Act of 1946. To slow up this program now is to take a backward step that can not be defended.

"It is particularly unfortunate that additional funds under Title I of the Act have been denied, because it is under this title that funds are distributed to the States on a matching basis. One dollar of federal money means two dollars' worth of research. Many states have already made plans for expanded research programs, relying on the authorization in the law for increased funds. Refusal by the House to grant the additional funds will be extremely unfortunate."

Group service, not profit, is the objective of co-operation.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPT' CREATED BY AFBF

Creation of a department of international affairs by the American Farm Bureau Federation has been announced today by Allan B. Kline, Federation president.

"Development of a long-range plan to rehabilitate Europe, and the key role of food and fiber in that plan make it imperative that farm people and farm organizations not only become well informed on international affairs, but also that they be prepared to use their influence to keep such plans on a sound basis," said Mr. Kline.

"Our organization has attended all the world-wide conferences held by the Food and Agriculture Organization, and is a member of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers. These activities have grown so important that it is impossible for us properly to discharge our responsibilities in the field without full-time personnel."

W. R. Ogg, long-time employee of the Federation, and currently director of the Washington office of the organization, has been named to head the new department. Mr. Ogg attended the Food and Agriculture Organization meetings in Copenhagen in 1946, and in Geneva in 1947. He attended the United Nations meeting in San Francisco in 1945 and he has kept in close touch with negotiations over the years which finally resulted in signing of the International Wheat Agreement early this month. "Mr. Ogg is exceptionally well qualified to head the new department," said Mr. Kline.

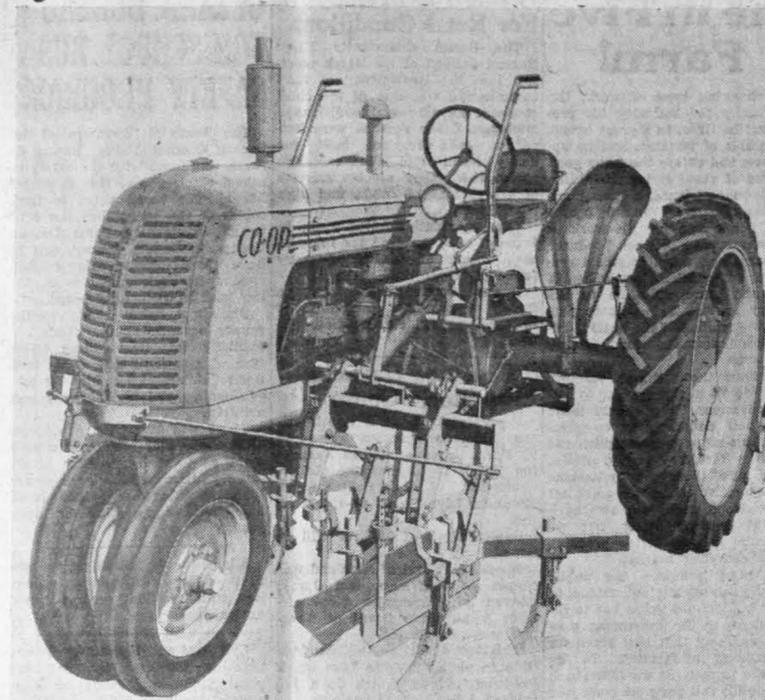
Roger Fleming, secretary of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, will succeed Ogg as head of the Washington office. Regarded as one of the outstanding young men in the entire Farm Bureau organization, and with many years of experience in Farm Bureau legislative activities in Iowa, Fleming was a logical choice for the Washington post.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF COMMUNITY FARM BUREAUS

Reports of Community Farm Bureau secretaries reveal some interesting project activities. We present a few of them:

- 1—Installing a blinker-light at dangerous intersections.
- 2—Getting a city bank to establish a branch in a rural town.
- 3—Snow removal on back roads.
- 4—Raising money for cancer detection center.
- 5—Holding series of dances for young people.
- 6—Tractor demonstration.
- 7—Established telephone service where there was none.
- 8—Established a farmers' market.
- 9—Raised money for 4-H building.
- 10—Furnished leaders for 4-H groups.
- 11—Worked on soil conservation districts.
- 12—Built a roadside park.
- 13—Promoted means for rural fire protection.
- 14—Community beautification project.
- 15—Participated in Farm-to-Prosper Contest.
- 16—Worked for county abstract office.
- 17—Helped neighbors through emergency period.
- 18—Caused township dumps to be provided to eliminate dumping of rubbish along roadsides.

New Co-op Tractor-Mounted Cultivator



A new two-row tractor-mounted corn cultivator, designated as the Co-op MC-3, is scheduled for addition to the Co-op line of farm machinery early this spring, says an announcement from the National Farm Machinery Co-operative, Inc., at Bellevue, Ohio.

Farm Bureau Services, Inc., of Lansing is the Michigan distributor for Co-op machinery, and is a part owner of the National Farm Machinery Co-operative. We have many Co-op tractors at work in Michigan and expect considerable interest in the new tractor-mounted corn cultivator.

The cultivator is engineered exclusively for use with the Co-op E-3 Tractor. Rugged and unusually strong, the new cultivator is entirely constructed of steel with the exception of one small casting on the rock shaft. The elimination of practically all cast iron is an innovation in this type of implement.

Its "clean" design, evident at

first glance, was accomplished by the liberal use of welded parts which adds strength and eliminates all but a few essential bolts and cotter pins.

In building the MC-3 Cultivator, NMFC engineers paid particular attention to the ease of mounting and unmounting both the front and rear gangs. The fact that one man can easily attach it or take it off his tractor in less than five minutes is expected to make the new tool exceptionally popular among farmers.

The MC-3 is designed to cultivate rows 36 to 42 inches in width. It is equipped with nine sweeps mounted on the front gangs and two spring teeth mounted behind each rear wheel to eradicate wheel marks. There is room to mount two mower sweeps or shovels on the front gangs if the operator chooses to use them.

Listed as standard equipment are five 8-inch full sweeps and

four 6-inch half sweeps. Nine 5 1/2-inch spear point shovels in lieu of the sweeps and a lever lift for hand lifting are listed as optional equipment. All sweeps are mounted on spring trip type standards. Front gangs which have a clearance of seven inches are raised and lowered by the tractor's hydraulic system.

Indicative of the MC-3's ruggedness, the entire implement weighs 690 pounds. The cultivator gangs are carried on a 2 1/2-inch square tubing which has a wall thickness of one-quarter inch. The gang drawbar and gang beams are 2x1 inch steel and the shovel standards are 1-3/8-inch diameter steel. Other parts are proportionately strong.

The new tractor-mounted cultivator which is soon to make its appearance was finally certified for production after extensive field tests under many different conditions and types of soils.

Traps, probably the oldest rat control, will help to keep down the excess rats.

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Irrigation systems are on the march in Michigan—and the march time is double quick. Although 1947 was not called a dry year, the number of irrigation systems installed on farms in the state climbed from less than 300 to more than 500 at the end of the growing season. The phenomenal increase was noted today by Frank Peikert, irrigation specialist for the department of agricultural engineering at Michigan State College. Approximately 30,000 acres were irrigated during the 1947 crop year, he added.

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UNIORS STUDY MICH. MARKETING STANDARDS

Thirty Junior Farm Bureau members from Shiawassee, Clinton, and Genesee Counties made a two-day study, April 2 and 3, of marketing standards and conditions in southern Michigan.

The group began the study with a tour of the various departments of the Michigan Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Services, Inc., in Lansing, Friday morning. In the afternoon of that day, they spent several hours at the Farm Bureau services' wholesale warehouse in Grand Rapids learning more about wholesale marketing.

The group also made a study of the type, quality and quantity of Michigan grown produce made available to consumers in local retail markets located in Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Paw Paw, Benning Harbor and Dowagiac.

Friday evening, the Juniors were guests of the Muskegon County organization at Casnovia where they met local fruit growers and members of the Co-operative Cannery plant in the Senior Farm Bureau.

On Saturday, Andrew Lohman, of the Hamilton Farm Bureau, was host to the group. Here they learned more about the many phases of

operation of this outstanding co-operative organization.

Saturday afternoon they visited Carl Buskirk, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, on his farm at Paw Paw. While in this area, they visited several fruit and vegetable growers.

At Dowagiac, Saturday evening, the young folks were guests of the Cass and Berrien Junior Farm Bureau organizations where a summary was made of the two-day study. A state market inspector inspected and graded samples of their fruit and other products collected on the tour. He also led a discussion on general marketing conditions in Michigan.

There were 8 students from Genesee, 8 from Shiawassee, 6 each from Clinton and Eaton Counties. Clarence Bolander of the State Department of Agriculture, accompanied the group and was on considerable help to them.

West Berrien Jrs. Honor Frenchman

Michel LeGouls, a young Frenchman who is currently studying American agricultural methods at the Harry Nye farm, south of St. Joseph, was made an honorary member of the West Berrien Junior Farm Bureau at their regular monthly meeting at Buchanan Co-op, March 16.

The young Frenchman is here under an exchange agreement between the United States and France.

SPRING CLEAN-UP PROTECTIONS AGAINST FIRE

The Michigan Farm Safety Council says that fire prevention is the chief reason for the Spring Clean-Up campaign April 4 to 10. Ninety per cent of all fires are preventable through removal of fire-breeding rubbish, and unnecessary combustibles, and through correcting other fire hazards.

Recommended jobs for Spring Clean-Up week on farms include:

- 1—Clean attics, closets, basements and other places. Dispose of old papers, magazines, old clothing, rags, discarded furniture. Such materials often are the sources of spontaneous combustion and provide tinder for any spark or flame.
- 2—Clean heating plant from fire spot to chimney top.
- 3—Inspect lightning rod connections to see that they are properly grounded.
- 4—Get rid of cleaning fluids marked "flammable" or "inflammable." Both words have the same dangerous meaning. There are efficient cleaning fluids which are safe to use.
- 5—Do not store gasoline or kerosene in house. Keep away from main buildings. Follow insurance regulations regarding storage.
- 6—Check electrical equipment. Don't use it if it is not operating properly. Make repairs, replace worn extension cords. Clean dust, cobwebs, shavings, etc., away from fuse boxes, motors and other electrical devices to prevent flash fires.
- 7—Be sure that barn roofs are water-tight. Water dripping into hay can result in fire from spontaneous combustion.
- 8—Remove trash from sheds or garages where tractors, trucks or automobiles are kept.
- 9—To prevent field fires, dead vegetation should be cut down, leaves should be raked away from buildings and fences, trash should be cleaned up.

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400 LIVE STOCK PRODUCERS AT EXCHANGE ANNUAL

Better than 400 livestock producers from all sections of Michigan attended the 26th annual meeting of the Michigan Live Stock Exchange at the Olds Hotel in Lansing, March 13.

Two hundred and twenty-five delegates, representing Michigan's 26,000 livestock producers, elected three members to the nine-man board of directors, and voted on proposed changes in the by-laws and new operating policies. New directors are William McCarty of Bad Axe, William Clarke of Eaton Rapids, and James Mielock, of Whittemore who was elected secretary-treasurer. Art Ingold was retained as president of the organization and Allen Rush as vice-president.

It was agreed that they continue to organize co-operative trucking associations to give producers sufficient farm-to-market transportation. They also asked for the development of the feeder procurement service to more effectively move livestock from western ranges to Michigan feed lots.

"Agricultural co-operatives are the keystones in American democracy," Dr. Raymond Miller, Dean of Public Relations for the American Institute of Cooperation, told 700 people attending the banquet meeting. He emphasized that if farmers wished to keep this vital tool of co-operation, that is so necessary to the farmers way of life, greater individual participation is needed.

Twenty-eight 4-H Club county champions of a state-wide meat animal production project, were special guests at the meeting.

Genesee Women Hold Rural-Urban Meeting

Mutual problems of women living in Genesee county were discussed at a rural-urban conference sponsored by the Genesee County Farm Bureau women at the Goodrich High School, March 30.

A panel made up of Mrs. Lee Clemence of Flint, representing the Council of Church Women; Mrs. Thomas Gwyn, Flint, President of the League of Women Voters; Mrs. John Sickles, Flint, past president of the Michigan Federation of Associated Women's Clubs; Mrs. Donald Kline, Grand Blanc, speaking for the Home Economics Extension Clubs; Mrs. Ward Berry, Grand Blanc, representing Farm Bureau women; and Mrs. Harvey Swanebeck, Fenton, representing Michigan State Grange; was very well received by 175 women that attended. Miss Esther Anson, associate professor of Adult Education at Michigan State College acted as the moderator.

Mrs. Ralph Williams of Grand Blanc was chairman of the meeting. She was assisted by Mrs. Marjorie Pringle of Montrose and Mrs. Robert Shepherd of Swartz Creek. The entertainment consisted of vocal selections by Mrs. Francis Williams of Grand Blanc and group

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Nation Needs Long Term Farm Program

"A long term farm program is in urgent need by this country," Carl Fair, director of organization and field services of the Ohio Farm Bureau, told members of the Ypsilanti Farm Bureau Ass'n. at their 28th annual meeting.

The business meeting was highlighted by the re-election of 4 directors, including President Clyde Breining and the election of one new director at large. In addition to Mr. Breining, George Simmons, Robert Wanty and Ray Gibbs were re-elected. The new director at large is Glenn Bird, who succeeded Max Ross.

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JOHNSON TO SERVE MASON AND OCEANA

Henry A. Johnson, of Mears, was recently chosen as the organization director for Mason and Oceana County Farm Bureaus, according to the presidents of the respective organizations.

Mr. Johnson, who took up his duties as organization director for the Oceana Farm Bureau last fall, will handle most of the clerical work of the two organizations through his office in the Shelby Co-operative. He will spend part of his time in the Mason County area.

Principal duties will be concerned with public relations, furthering community groups and assisting with the completion of the annual roll call campaign.

Healthy hogs use more feed efficiently than unthrifty shot-keep them healthy by housing them well.

Rat killing campaigns will begin March 10 through April 1 in Michigan.

Services Dealer Holds Grand Opening Day

A grand opening celebration of the new Munro Schultz Store at Elkton, dealer of Farm Bureau Services' commodities, was held April 3.

Many farmers from the surrounding area saw elaborate displays of electrical farm equipment and home appliances. They also saw a complete line of Farm Bureau Co-op machinery.

Door prizes were awarded at the end of the day.

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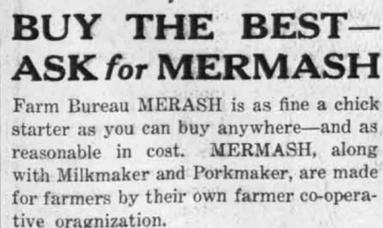
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Growers and distributors are in the food business together, and it is in our mutual interest to maintain sound markets for farm products. To do so, we must work together. Each of us can make a real contribution, and each of us has definite responsibilities.

What Can Distributors Do?

- We of A&P and ACCO can and do take these effective steps to maintain consumer demand for your products:
1. Constantly promote produce through advertising and sales effort, intensifying these activities when especially heavy crops are on the market.
 2. Handle food more and more efficiently to reduce waste, spoilage and distribution costs, and insure a greater return to growers.
 3. Work with agriculture to find new markets, and devise improved marketing methods.

What Distributors Can't Do

Growers recognize that there are definite limits to what distributors can do. We can't create consumer demand for inferior produce. Nor can we sell a product priced too high in relation to a competitive product. And since food retailing is a highly competitive low-profit business, we can't pay more than our competitors do for the same grade product, for that would force us to charge customers more and we and our suppliers would lose their patronage.

What Can Growers Do?

- The primary responsibility for doing this job obviously rests with growers. Good performance by distributors, therefore, is effective only if growers follow these practices:
1. Step up production and marketing efficiency to keep costs down.
 2. Provide consumers continually with the variety, grade and pack of food they want.
 3. Keep unripe and poor off-grade products off the quality markets, for they lessen consumer acceptance.
 4. Encourage the development of processing plants as supplementary outlets.
- We know that no easy answer to our common problem is at hand, but we sincerely believe that if, working together; growers do their part of the job right and distributors do their part of the job, we can help maintain sound, profitable markets for farm products.
- We know that no easy answer to our common problem is at hand, but we sincerely believe not let this happen again. Co-operative effort by growers and distributors can do much to prevent it.

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Shall Foreign Credit Be Extended?

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

By NORMAN K. WAGGONER, Research and Education

Foreign countries are no different than individuals. In order to buy they must have either cash or goods to exchange.

What does our foreign market mean to Michigan farmers? This question might be answered in part by the following table:

Product	Percentage of Total Production Exported
Wheat and Flour	42 %
Dried Fruit	30
Dried Beans	18
Fresh and Canned Fruit	12.5
Evaporated Milk	10
Potatoes	9.5

What would the price of dried beans have been in Michigan this past year had the 18%, which were shipped abroad, stayed in this country? Many fruit growers in Michigan will testify as to the condition of the fruit market this year. There probably is no way of definitely knowing what the price of Michigan apples and peaches would have been without a foreign market for all forms of fruit. It has been calculated that had the export quota for wheat been 300,000,000 rather than 500,000,000 bushels last year, the price would have been \$2.00 rather than \$3.00 per bushel.

We ask: Do Michigan farmers have an interest in our foreign market? Do we want to have anything to say about—Shall Foreign Credit be Extended?

The present bill before Congress calls for the issuance of about seventeen billion dollars in foreign credit to be extended over the next 4½ years. It is expected that for each of those years one and one-half billion dollars worth of petroleum and equipment will be shipped under this plan, 26,000 railroad box cars, 22,000,000 tons of grain, one-half billion dollars worth of lumber, \$208,000,000 worth of coal mining equipment, 150,000 motor trucks and one and three-quarter million tons of steel.

Do Michigan farmers have an interest in these commodities? It must be recognized that if they are shipped abroad, there is much less for domestic use. It must not be forgotten that somebody will have to foot the bill. Very likely our people will get 15% less milk, 13% less red meat, and 18% less poultry and eggs if this foreign credit is extended. Consumers would pay by going without and perhaps through taxation. Farmers would carry their end of the load through taxes and higher costs. Inflation is no respecter of persons. They too may find it necessary to cut on living to make both ends meet. Unfortunately, this program may mean a further depletion of our soils. The farmer must think of the future.

The plan proposed by Secretary of State George Marshall, calls for about seventeen billion dollars which is equal to about 5% of the total cost of the last war. The plan is designed to provide European countries until June 30, 1952 with those portions of essential imports which they themselves cannot buy. The purpose of this loan is twofold:

(1) To raise the standards of living in European countries.
(2) To enlarge Europe's capacity to produce.

Our aid will be in two forms: (1) Food. (2) The other in production goods—fertilizer, agricultural machinery, fuel, mining equipment, and urgently needed industrial goods.

Countries receiving such aid must agree to (1) Increase their agricultural and industrial production; (2) To stabilize their currency; (3) To make efficient use of their resources; (4) To reduce trade barriers; (5) To furnish the United States full information on use made of our aid.

Those Who Favor the Extension of Foreign Credit Say:

(1) It is a practical and sensible proposal for discharging our responsibility to put back on their feet our allies who shared in the war effort, and our impoverished foreign enemies who otherwise would be a big expense on the American tax payers as they are now.

The situation in Germany might be an example, where nearly a billion dollars has been spent for food in that country. If, however, German manufacturing should be restored, the Germans would be able to pay for food with the goods they would manufacture in the Ruhr Valley.

(2) It is a necessary move to prevent the spread of communism which breeds on poverty and economic disorder. Fascism and communism are hard-time philosophies. When men and women have a sense of security they tend to become responsible citizens and can be trusted to vote their honest convictions, but when they are hungry and see no definite hope for the future, they are willing to take chances on dictators.

(3) It is a move necessary to preserve an area in which economic systems similar to ours will continue to exist. Without them our international trade will be greatly reduced.

CHARLEVOIX CO-OP START POULTRY PROCESSING CO.

Organization of a poultry processing and marketing co-operative and the construction of a modern plant were approved recently by representatives of the chicken and turkey growers of the Charlevoix area.

The new organization will be known as the "Charlevoix Co-operative Poultry Processing Company" and will be a subsidiary of the present Charlevoix Co-operative Company. The new Co-op will have an authorized capital of \$25,000, together with its own officers and board of directors. It will be managed by Fred Willis, who is also the manager of the parent organization.

E. A. McCarty, supervisor of branch and management contracts of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., assisted in formulating the new organization which will operate as a non-profit co-operative.

The proposed new building will be 32 x 70 feet, located on the south side of Stover Road near the Charlevoix Co-operative Company's warehouse.

In 1947, more than 20,000 turkeys were marketed by growers of that area.

Bonnett Chosen COD For Cheboygan County

Harry Bonnett has been appointed county organization director for the Cheboygan County Farm Bureau. His duties will be to supervise the formation of new community groups and to call at least once a year on the present organization, and to assist them with their problems.

The county now has ten community organizations. An action committee has been set up for the county which will have the responsibility of keeping members of the County Farm Bureau informed on legislation of rural interest.

BUSKIRK AND WARD TO VISIT RURAL EUROPE

Carl E. Buskirk of Paw Paw, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, and Roy D. Ward of Dowagiac, president of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., expect to take part in an agricultural tour of England, France, Germany, Denmark, Netherlands and Belgium in the period May 22 to June 24.

Upon the authorization of the boards of directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Services, Mr. Buskirk and Mr. Ward will join a group of farm organization leaders from New York and the New England states. The purpose of the tour is education and information. The group will endeavor to see what is going on in rural Europe and what rural people are doing and thinking.

POULTRY PEOPLE MUST IMPROVE SELLING METHODS

Michigan poultrymen were recently advised by Andrew J. Lohman of Hamilton, member of the American Farm Bureau's Poultry Industries Committee, that the poultry industry is faced with a consumer ultimatum to improve the eye appeal of fowl in the market place if it wishes to retain its war-time gains in per capita consumption of chicken.

Mr. Lohman pointed out that poultry is displayed unattractively in most market places. The time is rapidly approaching, he said, when all, or the major part of the nation's poultry will be eviscerated and wrapped in plastic or cellophane bags before being placed on display in retail stores.

Poultry dressing methods are being revolutionized. In an Iowa plant, chickens are mechanically plucked by a new cold water process. The plant had no hot water bills to pay, and there was no steam to raise the humidity and temperature of the dressing room.

It is believed that Michigan producers may find it advantageous to adopt a system used in Virginia of grading and labeling the birds all the way to the consumer's kitchen.

Virginia chickens are federal-state graded. The grade is determined by means of a wing clip. The wing clips have done much to develop a preferential consumer demand for that product.

Such a plan in Michigan would require additional state inspectors before it could be inaugurated. The Department of Agriculture in Michigan, is now handicapped by a shortage of technically trained inspectors.

Portland Co-op Sales Total \$337,000

Portland Cooperative Company of Tonia county sales totaled \$337,000 in 1947. Dividends and refunds for the year were \$11,500. Charles Mathews is manager.

Hundreds of bushels of grains and feedstuffs can be saved through rat extermination.

Community Farm Bureaus Are Most Important

- 1—In Michigan 800 Community Farm Bureau groups meeting monthly provide a regular working relationship between the member and his County, State and American Farm Bureau.
- 2—Farm Bureau leadership is developed in the community groups.
- 3—Community group programs enable members to discuss and act on local, state and national farm affairs and other matters through the Farm Bureau.
- 4—Every member participation in Farm Bureau program is promoted by the community organization.
- 5—The social and recreational side of the Farm Bureau is at its best in the Community Farm Bureau.

Van Buren Asparagus Ass'n Organized

Van Buren county asparagus growers have organized an association to aid growers with cultural problems, encourage research on new varieties, seek legislative recognition and protection, and to aid the growers to receive better returns.

Directors elected are: Harry Webb, Kermit Washburn, Ed Star and Warren Woodman, all of Paw Paw; Bert Warner, Lawrence; Ray Gorski, Decatur; Kenneth Overton, Bangor; and Myron Dowd, Hartford. All members of Van Buren County Farm Bureau.

Applications for membership are being taken at Lawrence Co-op, Bangor Fruit Exchange, Decatur Asparagus Growers Ass'n, and by board members.

Meat Production 64 Million Pounds Daily

The year 1947 was the sixth consecutive year in which the nation's meat output totalled more than 21 billion pounds, according to the National Live Stock and Meat Board. Production during this six-year period averaged more than 64 million pounds every day. To put it in another way, meat was produced at the rate of more than 22 tons per minute during the period, 1942-47 inclusive.

The Board points out that the estimated per capita consumption of 156 pounds in 1947 was the highest since 1909. The 1947 figure was 30 pounds greater than the annual per capita consumption in 1935-39. This record has been made in the face of an increase of some 13 million in population.

Special Session Results in Doubt

(Continued from page 1.) rather ambiguous reference to this very troublesome question among the 18 issues mentioned by the Governor in that document.

Mr. Sigler called attention to the fact that the report of the Michigan Good Roads Federation had been submitted. He pointed out that he was opposed to an increase in the gasoline tax at this time and would "continue to assume that position until there has been a more equitable distribution of the local tax moneys which the state of Michigan is now raising. Among the more important proposals contained in that report is one relating to a more equitable distribution of highway funds. I feel this should be opened for your consideration." Just what those words mean I am not quite sure. I would assume that the Governor implies that there should be no gas tax increase until the sales tax diversion amendment has been repealed.

On the day following receipt of that message, 21 Senators joined in sponsoring a resolution urging the Governor to submit for their consideration proposals for increasing highway revenues. This resolution passed the Senate under suspension of the rules and is now in the House where it has been referred to a committee for consideration.

In most parts of the state the past few weeks have seen an unusually serious and destructive spring breakup of roads. The very deep frost and heavy rains and floods conspired together to pile up a tremendous total of highway havoc.

The recommendations made by the Highway Study Committee of the Michigan Good Roads Federation proposed that the gas tax rate should be increased to 4.3c per gallon, that the weight tax on passenger cars be raised from 35c to 50c per cwt., that the weight tax on commercial vehicles be increased by one-third, and that townships finance half the cost of local roads. Their report also advocated placing all weight and gas tax revenue

in one fund and distributed on the new basis, which would give the County Road Commissions a smaller proportion than they have been receiving.

At the last annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau delegates approved increasing the gas tax to 5c providing a favorable distribution of the new revenue could be secured and definitely opposed any property tax for road purposes. No mention was made as to the weight tax.

No one knows how long the special session will continue. It is a safe bet that as soon as the appropriations have been made, the session will be brought to a rather prompt conclusion regardless of how much or how little progress may have been made concerning the rest of the Governor's program. During a special session some of the rules which slow up legislative procedure in a regular session are not in effect. Developments can occur plenty fast in a special session. That means that you should not put off contacting your lawmakers to give them your viewpoint on issues now being decided in the legislative halls at Lansing.

Rats are among the world's most dangerous disease spreaders.

MSC FOREIGN STUDENTS TOUR FARM CO-OPS

Seventeen foreign students at Michigan State College recently made a tour of eastern Michigan co-operatives under the sponsorship of the Michigan Association of Farmer-Co-operatives.

The tour included visits to Farm Bureau Services, Inc. at Lansing as well as co-operatives in Howell, Detroit, Emmett, Yale, Uby, Ruth, Kinde, Saginaw, Chesaning and Elsie.

The students, most of whom are studying agricultural economics, represented Holland, Burma, Egypt, Turkey, Columbia, Panama, India, China, Ecuador and Canada. This is the second year the Michigan Association has sponsored such a tour.

If you never see rats, but see signs of rats and their damage, there are one to 100 rats on your farm.

The farmer is essentially a manufacturer; a producer of goods.

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Everything but the squeal? ... Not quite

Utilization of livestock by-products is important to all farmers and ranchers. Of the total dollars received by Swift & Company for lambs, 15% to 25% comes from by-products. Cattle by-products amount to 10% to 20%. With hogs it is 2% to 5%. When bidding on live animals, Swift & Company's buyers estimate the yield and grade of edible meat. In their estimate they figure, too, the value of all by-products, including hides and wool.

Livestock by-products have greatly increased the value of your meat animals. Since earliest times, man has used hides and wool to make clothing. But only in the past half-century has research found the present great variety of uses for by-products. Fats, and lanolin from wool, are the base of many cosmetics, healing creams and beauty aids. Photographic film is coated with a gelatin compound. Other uses of gelatin and glues are almost endless. Animal fats are the main raw material of toilet soaps.

Life has been lengthened for people with diabetes, anemia and other diseases. They are helped by drugs such as insulin, liver extract, pepsin, adrenalin. These are all made from the glands of livestock. But for the painstaking care of meat packers, these glands would go to waste. This happened during the wartime "black market" in meats, and the supply of insulin ran low.

With the growth of meat-packing plants the war on waste began in earnest. Science found new ways to use by-products of your animals. Bristles make brushes. Bones make knife handles. Hair makes upholstery padding. Bones, blood and scraps go into animal and poultry feeds. Yes, we find use for every valuable part of cattle, hogs, and lambs.

Each new use for by-products adds value to livestock... and directly benefits producers.

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Gage Rate of Planting Corn by the Yield Expected

by George H. Dungan University of Illinois



G. H. Dungan

Proper balance between the number of plants per acre and the ability of your land to produce, is needed for maximum corn yield. On the average, corn yields are highest when the ears weigh approximately 1/2 pound each.

Use of the average size ear, as a good measure of whether or not the number of plants is great enough for maximum yield, is a result of many field trials. These tests have been made at the Illinois Agricultural Experiment Station and other Corn Belt stations.

On this same basis, if your average ear last fall weighed over 1/2 pound, you probably did not get maximum yield. With more plants in your fields, producing more and smaller ears, your cribs might have been fuller.

To put these results to work, you should know that 7,000 half-pound ears per acre are needed for a 50-bushel yield. Seventy-five bushels require 10,500 such ears; one hundred bushels, 14,000 ears; and one hundred twenty-five bushels, 17,500 half-pound ears.

At planting time, yield of your land should be estimated. Keep in mind that not every kernel will produce a plant. Expect 90 plants from each 100 kernels, under favorable conditions.

If you estimate your land can produce 50 bushels per acre, you should end the season with 7,000 plants. This calls for planting two kernels per hill in rows 40 inches apart each way. With this same spacing, if one estimates yield at 75 bushels, he should plant three kernels per hill; 100 bushels, four kernels; and 125 bushels, five kernels.



Speaking of By-Products... Here's a movie about 'em—just the film to complete your community or school program: a 16mm. sound, color cartoon, "BY-PRODUCTS."

It runs 10 minutes—and tells the story of livestock by-products and their uses. You may also want to show "MEAT BUYING CUSTOMS," another 10-minute cartoon. For a history of the livestock-meat-packing industry, you'll like "LIVESTOCK AND MEAT"—49 minutes, black and white. "A NATION'S MEAT" is a shorter version—30 minutes—full of information on the American meat supply. Then there is "COWS AND CHICKENS... USA," a story of diversified farming—the dairy and poultry business in a nutshell. Please give us at least a month's advance notice to handle bookings. We can ship by express or parcel post. Only cost to you is payment of express or postage one way. A 16mm. sound projector is required. Order from Agricultural Research Dept., Swift & Company, Chicago 9, Illinois.

A Steer is NOT all Beef

Let's take a look at this steer. It weighs 1,000 lbs. It's not all steak. In fact, only a little more than half is salable beef.

Hanging in Swift's cooling room, our steer has become two sides of beef. Together they weigh 543 lbs. What happened to the rest?

Modern meat packers save everything of value from the steer—heart, tongue, liver, sweetbreads and other fancy meats. Hides for leather; bones, blood and scraps for animal feeds. Glands for medicines. All told, 161 lbs. of the steer is saved in by-products. But 296 lbs. is shrinkage and material of no value. Only the meat and by-products can be sold.

What happens to the money the meat packer receives? It is used to buy livestock and other raw materials. It meets the expenses of slaughtering, dressing, refrigerating, transporting and selling. It pays rent, insurance, taxes—all the costs of doing business. The amount remaining after all of these expenses are paid is the meat packer's profit. Over a period of years, Swift & Company's profit has averaged a fraction of a cent a pound on the products we sell.

That's the explanation of the "spread" between livestock prices and wholesale meat prices.

We All Want the Top Dollar
You, as a producer of livestock, want to get the best price for your animals—the top dollar. As a salesman for Swift & Company, selling the products which result from these animals, I, too, want to get the top dollar.

The meat packer's buyer has to judge the grade of the animals and estimate how they will yield. He then makes his bids in competition with buyers for many meat packers and other commercial slaughterers. To get the animals, he has to offer going prices. Otherwise he just won't get them; somebody else will. And that "going price" which he must pay depends on the number of animals on the market and the demand for them.

After Swift & Company has made the animals which it has purchased into meat and by-products, we must sell them, again in stiff competition. If we don't offer meat at the going price, retail meat dealers will buy from somebody else who does. This competition in both buying and selling is so keen that we have to operate on a margin of profit which averages but a fraction of a cent per pound of product handled.

In our business, as in yours, it takes hard work and good management to come out with money ahead on a year's operation. Our efficiency in selling meat and by-products results in important economies and savings. Only through such savings can we earn our profit—and help increase the value of your livestock.

Mr. Jones, "guest editor" this month, is Vice-President of Swift & Company in charge of sales and advertising.

Soda Bill Sez:
... the best way to get out of trouble is to plow right through it.

Martha Logan's Recipe for FRIED CHICKEN WITH GOLDEN GRAVY

(Yield: 5-6 servings)

1 frying chicken (2½-3 lb.) ½ teaspoon pepper
¼ cup yellow corn meal 6 tablespoons bland lard
¼ cup flour About ¾ cup water
1½ tablespoons salt 3 cups milk

Clean, wash and cut up chicken into serving pieces. Dry. Combine corn meal, flour, salt and pepper in paper bag. Put chicken pieces into bag, close top and shake bag until pieces are well coated. Reserve excess corn meal-flour mixture for gravy. Brown chicken well in hot bland lard in heavy skillet. Add ¼ cup water. Cover tightly and simmer slowly for 1 hour or until chicken is tender. Add remaining water as needed. Remove chicken and keep it warm while preparing gravy. Combine corn meal-flour mixture with the drippings in skillet. Brown tightly. Stir in the milk and cook until corn meal is cooked and gravy thickened. Serve gravy with chicken.

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