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## EDITORIAL

Ship Michigan's Fertilizer to China?

Farm Bureau Services is endeavoring to save 1200 tons of sulphate of ammonia nitrogen fertilizer for Michigan farmers for the 1948-49 crop season.

The Services board of directors has urged Congress to call upon the State Department to set aside a directive that requires the Ford Motor Car Company to ship its production of sulphate of ammonia for part of the summer to China.

The sulphate of ammonia in question had been scheduled for Michigan farmers for the next fertilizer season starting July 1.

The Ford Motor Car Company is the only concern in Michigan manufacturing fertilizer nitrogen in important quantities. The supply of nitrogen carriers is a controlling factor in the amount of mixed fertilizers that can be produced by manufacturers in this state. The 1200 tons of sulphate of ammonia from Ford could be utilized to manufacture approximately 10,000 tons of mixed fertilizers.

The situtation in Michigan is bad enough without making it worse by shipping much needed nitrogen to China. Not only are fertilizer materials scarce, but several large fertilizer companies in other states have discontinued distribution in Michigan.

#### Lay Some Aside in U. S. Bonds

The Security Loan for the sale of United States Savings Bonds calls attention to the importance of putting farm financial reserves into bonds of our federal government rather than into land and live stock at inflated prices.

The human race has two characteristics which drive men in opposite directions. One is the liking to take the calculated risks and even the long gambles in business. The other is the sound desire to lay something by for a rainy day, or to accumulate a substantial cash savings that steadily increases in

A proper balance between risking some of today's wealth for ventures and saving some of it for the future makes the wheels of business turn smoothly and profitably. The amount put into United States Savings Bonds is a growing financial reserve. At the end of ten years they will return \$4 for every \$3 invested.

### The Lady Slipper

The showy lady slipper, a rare Michigan native orchid that decreased in numbers so alarmingly that it was feared the species might disappear, has a friend indeed in W. C. Waterman of Frankfort, botany professor emeritus of Northwestern University.

After 10 years' work with the rare plant, Mr. Waterman wrote in the national magazine of a wildflower preservation society that he has succeeded in reproducing the plant from seed. He has 50 transplanted lady slippers in his garden, and last season counted more than 200 blossoms on them.

The work requires patience, because it takes 12 to 15 years from germination to flower production. Even in its native marshy habitat, the plant's reproduction is poor, with only 10 per cent of the blossoms producing seed. Only after two or three years in the ground does the germinating seed produce leaves.

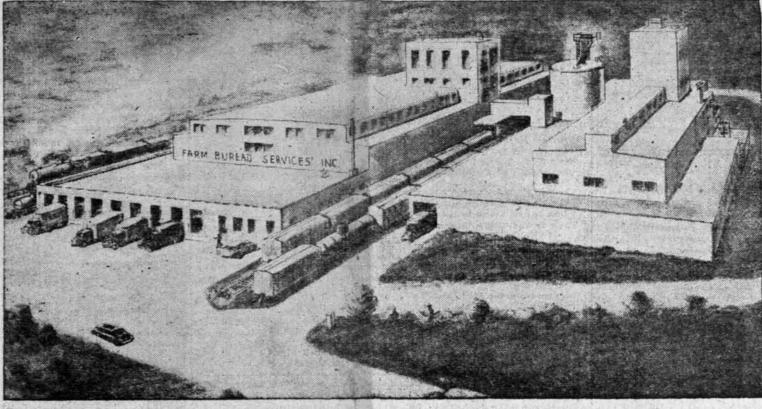
The lady slipper is one of the wild flowers Michigan law says may not be offered for sale without written permission of the owner of the land. The conservation department advises both school children and their elders that picking the flower will kill the individual plant, while persistant picking will wipe out the species.

### NTEA Comes to Grief in Iowa

We hear that in lowa the campaign against farm co-operatives has fallen apart for the present because of some plain speaking by the Des Moines Register and Tribune, the most influential and widely circulated newspaper in the state.

The Iowa Small Business Committe and various trade groups had been busy. The Small Business Committee is the name taken by the state branch of the anti-co-op National Tax Equality Ass'n. For months those people had been using the radio, meetings, newspaper advertising and letters to say that small businessmen pay taxes while co-operatives go free.

Then the Register and Tribune asked in an editorial "Who's Hurt by Co-op Tax Exemption?" It debunked the often quoted statement by Garner M. Lester, president of NTEA, that co-op exemption (Continued on page two)



## County Farm Bureaus Invited to Organize Tours to Fertilizer Plant

Farm Bureau Services wants the Farm Bureau membership and patrons of farmer co-operatives to see the new fertilizer manufacturing plant east of Saginaw.

So it is inviting County Farm Bureaus to organize tours this summer and fall. Services will have an "open house" tour of the plant and a program for each County Farm Bureau group. It hopes to show the various phases of operation to thousands of Farm Bureau members and patrons of Farm Bureau ferti-

The plant and its operations are sights to be remembered. Hundreds of tons of fertilizer materials can move in and out of the gigantic buildings daily. Few men are to be seen, and they are at various control stations. Mechanical unloading equipment dumps incoming materials. Elevators and belts move it swiftly to storage or to plant operations. Red, yellow and green lights enable men in various parts of the plant to do their part at the right time. Here and there are "Christmas trees" of lights that flash off and on and enable the operator to know what's going on in processes that involve the entire mixing plant or the acid phosphate manufacturing plant.

County Farm Bureaus are to apply for a date

through the Farm Bureau district man. He is in general charge of arrangements for his district. He is to make application to Fred Harger, director of production and manufacturing for Farm Bureau Services, at least two weeks in advance of the date sought. Dates may have to be arranged as between counties. Plant tours will be scheduled Monday through Friday, 10 to 12 noon, and 2 to 4 p. m.

It is anticipated that groups may number up to 100 people or more. They will be conducted through the mixing and acidulating plants in small groups by guides. Visitors are advised not to wear their best clothes. They should bring a jacket, overalls or other covering to protect clothes. Bring an old hat, too.

Lunches will not be served at the plant. Facilities there and plant operations themselves do not recommend serving food in the plant. Unfortunately, there are no suitable picnic grounds nearby. Upon request at time tour date is made, the plant will arrange for a noon meal to be served to the group by a cafeteria or restaurant in Saginaw.

First tours scheduled are: Jackson County Farm Bureau June 14; Mecosta County Farm Bureau June 15; Mason and Oceana counties June 22; Washtenaw county August 12.

# DISTRICT MEETS CALLED FOR

A series of district meetings for County Farm Bureau officers gets under way June 7. Clark L. Brody. Farm Bureau, J. F. Yaeger, ass't executive secretary, and Keith Tanner, director of organization work. will make the mid-year reports and discuss the situations that now confront the organization. The entire Farm Bureau organi-

zation and its business services have had a tremendous growth in recent years. The opportunities and the responsibilities of the organization have suggested these conferences. The schedule of meet-

June 7-For Farm Bureau Disrict 4. At Y. M. C. A., Grand Rapids, 8:30 p.m.

June 8-District 1. Hudson Memorial Building, Marcellus, 8:30

June 9-District 10. Gaylord nigh school, 8:00 p.m. June 10-District 9. Mesick high school, 8:30 p.m.

June 11-District 7. East room Community Bldg., Fremont, 8:15

June 14-District 2. Hillsdale high school, Room 106 at 8:00 p.m. June 15-District 3. Sheldon church, Sheldon, Wayne county, 8:30 p.m. Detroit time. Central

June 21-District 5. Methodist Temple house, Ottawa & Capitol, Lansing, 8:00 p.m. June 22-District 6. Marlette high school, 8:30 p.m. June 23-District 8. Hemlock

Methodist church, 8:30 p.m

#### Clearance Sale Starts June 12 At Lansing

Farm Bureau Services' wholesale epartment is holding a warehouse learing sale, beginning June 12 for the purpose of reducing overstocked items and to close out on several miscellaneous hardware ar ticles. The sale is to be held at the Lansing Warehouse, 728 East, Shiawassee Street. For further information, your attention is invited to the advertisement on Page 6.

ealiber by noting how much it takes to discourage him.

#### Lenawee Farm Bureau KNUTSON SAYS Benzie Co. to Have Oil Co-op Starts

Lenawee Farm Bureau Oil Co operative, Inc., began operations Tuesday, May 1 from its new plant at Adrian. The Co-op will operate a regular route to farmers, expanding the service as additional supplies become available. Equipment at Adrian includes a new cement block building 40x74 feet, two 15,-000 and two 10,000 gallon storage tanks, a pump for retailing gasoine at the warehouse, and a deivery truck for the first farm route. Oscar Hauch is manager. He was with the successful Berrien County Farm Bureau Oil Company at Eau Claire.

# STATE FARM **MUTUAL REDUCES**

The State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company has anrates according to R. S. Jones, assistant state director for Michigan. tion of the tax law. Three hundred agents, attending their annual meeting at Lansing you that there will be no contro-June 3 were informed of the reductrend in automobile insurance. Mr. tion totals approximately 18% for to the taxing of cooperatives. farm drivers, including collision, public liability and property cov

Auto insurance policyholders livreceive an average of 11% savings Lansing, Jackson and other principal cities in southern Michigan. -The new rates became effective June 3, and will affect policyhold- ty. ers at the time that they renew their policies, on or after the effective date of the change.

#### Protest Drinking Scenes In Movies

A letter condemning drinking reau in St. Clair County at a meet- payment of two premiums. ing held in the home of Mr. and You can generally gauge a man's Mrs, C. Young. Ray Steinbrink led the discussion on controlled agricultural production.

# NO CHANGE

Minnesota is chairman of the ties for the Beulah area, and the House ways and means committee village council recently granted pe of Congress. Last November when mission to use the public parking his committee conducted hearings lot for such use Tuesday and Sat at Washington on the taxation of urday mornings of each week. cooperatives, many felt that he was more than a little hostile to co-op. excellent support from its members eratives and warm to the National Tax Equality Ass'n point of view. Naturally, he has had many let

ters from farmers and farm co-op erative officers who want him and his committee to have more infor B. J. Rosenquist, secretary of

Northern Co-operatives, Inc., letter from Congressman Knutson AT the other day. "Outside of the Tax Equality

League I cannot recall anyone suggesting that patronage refunds be taxed. As a mattter of fact, such come under any possible construc-

"I am happy to be able to inform versial tax legislation in this Contions which reverse the current gress and the Tax Revision Bill. | which we are now working upon, field staff. Jones said that the over-all reduc- will make no reference whatever

#### Expect Dividends ing in small towns and villages will On G. I. Insurance If dividends were currently being

in premiums. No reductions will be paid on G. I. insurance, the cost made to policyholders living in to the policy-holder would be reduced about 50 per cent, estimates E. A. Gilbert in his just-published book, "Insurance and Your Securi-

Large dividends can be expected.

he asserts, because rates are based on a mortality table that assume a death rate double the actual rate Veterans Administration office aren't talking about this, but ex- Macomb Women Donate pect something to happen pretty

Four out of five veterans have scenes in movies was signed and permitted their policies to lapse.

> Sugar beets have been grown the U. S.

## Market in Beulah

The town of Beulah will have farmers' market place through the efforts of the Benzie County Farm Bureau. The Farm Bureau organization has placed considerable en Congressman Harold Knutson of phasis on the need for such facili-

> The county organization received and many other interested farmers of the county.

# MICHIGAN SENDING

Michigan Farm Bureau will represented by 150 or more persons at the annual Midwest Farm Bureau states membership trainnounced a general reduction in auto refunds cannot be classifield as in- ing school June 27-30. This year the school will be held at the Hotel Lowry at St. Paul, Minn.

The Michigan delegation will consist of representatives of near ly all County Farm Bureaus and members of the state office and

More than 1000 Fanm Bureau leaders from 12 midwestern states gather annually for a conference Farm Bureau program. This year Miss Ruth Parsons of Fowlerville is chairman of the Rural Youth committee; Keith Tanner, director of organization for the Michigan Farm Bureau, heads the organization committee, J. F. Yaeger, ass't executive secretary, will be one of the speakers on the value and power of organization. Stanley Powell will be one of the speakers on the Farm Bureau and gov ernment.

# \$504 to Cancer Fund

The associated Women of the Macomb County Farm Bureau have dosent to movie promoters by mem- Lapsed policies can be reinstated nated \$504 to the American Cancer bers of the North Avenue Farm Bu- any time up to July 31, 1948, by the Society from their cannister collections.

why so few people indulge in it.

## Authorize Petroleum Production Co-op

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Michigan Farm Bureau and F. B. Services to Set up Corporation to Produce and Distribute Gasoline, Oils, Etc.

and associated farmers co-operatives have taken steps to establish a farmers petroleum co-operative to help provide them with motor fuels and other petroleum products. The Farmers Petroleum Co-operative, Inc., a coopera-

The Michigan Farm Bureau, Farm Bureau Services,

tive stock company, was authorized by the boards of directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Services, Inc., at Saginaw, May 12.

June I at a joint meeting of both boards, the articles of incorporation and by-laws for the Farmers Petroleum Corporation, Inc., were adopted. The Michigan Farm Bureau will incorporate the Farmers Petroleum Co-operative, Inc., as a subsidiary corporation of the Farm Bureau. It proposed to raise a minimum of \$500,000 for initial capital through the sale of stock to farmers. The sale of stock will be started as soon as possible.

The new co-operative will be responsible for acquiring supplies of crude oil or oil producing properties, making arrangements for refining, and for distribution of the petroleum fuels and other products to co-operative dealers for farmer patrons. It will supplement the gasoline, tractor fuel, fuel oil and other petroleum products being supplied Michigan farm co-operatives by various refineries. All of them are feeling the shortage of crude oil supplies.

The decision of the Farm Bureau to acquire supplies of crude oil, and to make arrangements for refining it, has been under consideration for some time. As demand for gasoline has increased since the war, it has become increasingly apparent that distributors with large responsibilities had better own as much of their crude oil requirements as possible. Crude oil represents the supply, and there's little or no trouble in getting it refined.

Farm Bureau Services is one of the larger distributors of petroleum products in rural Michigan. Many farm co-operative distributors and thousands of farmers are

One of the first tasks of the Farmers Petroleum Co-operatives, Inc., will be the raising of capital from interested co-operatives and farmers to enable it to proceed with its work. Organization details and arrangements with state regulatory bodies are now in process.

# Special Session Provides Funds

Grants \$5,000,000 to Co. Road Commissions; To Help with Much Needed Repairs; Some State Building to Continue

By Stanley M. Powell

The extended special session of the Michigan legislature which has convened March 16, 1948, finally adjourned on May 21. The lawmakers had completed the main part of their special session, April 29, and had then recessed until May 20 and 21.

During these final two days of the spec'al session agreement was reached on the highly controversial capital outlay bill for state institutions. On most of the disputed items the Senate receded from its disagreement to House amendments which were for more liberal amounts than those provided in the Senate version of the bill. The appropriation for the Michigan State College includes an amount which is supposed to be sufficient to complete construction of the new physics building on the campus.

Road Finance. An amendment which the Represenatives had written into this bill three weeks previously providing for a grant of \$5,000,000 from the general fund on membership building and the to be distributed among the county road commissions was somewhat modified and then included in the final draft of the bill.

It now provides for distributing among the County Road Commissions on a mileage basis \$5,000,000 in four equal installments of \$1,250,000 each on July 1, 1948, September 1, 1948, January 1, 1949, and March 1, 1949. This money is not to be considered as an outright grant but rather as an advance which would be repaid at the rate of \$1,000,000 annually, beginning July 1, 1950, from additional revenue, if any, resulting from an increase in rate of tax on gasoline or registration of motor vehicles ,or both."

the county road commissions some

In other words, this money would very seriously needed additional not have to be repaid unless the revenue, beginning July 1, 1948. rate of the gas tax or weight tax Having recognized the inadequate is increased. The whole arrange- resources of the county road com-Thinking is the hardest work ment may not be entirely satis- missions, it will be expected that commercially for about 65 years in there is. Which probably explains factory, but at least it will give the legislature will in the future

WOMEN'S CAMP

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## EDITORIAL

from federal income tax on patronage dividends is grossly unfair to the nation's 9,000,000 small businessmen."

The Register and Tribune said, "Co-ops have no federal tax advantage over small business, and saying that their tax exemption is grossly unfair to 9,000,000 small businessmen-big as it soundsmeans exactly nothing."

Those who cry the loudest about tax inequality, said the Register and Tribune, enjoy exactly the same tax status as the co-ops. Owners of proprietary businesses, like owners of co-operatives, pay federal income tax only on a personal income basis.

The farm co-operative is usually a non-profit type corporation servicing a membership. The savings or other margins are distributed on a basis of patronage. Those who detest co-operatives would have the profit-type corporation tax applied to them. They figure that would reduce patronage dividends and reduce their competition.

#### Importance of Enough Feed

A. C. Baltzer, extension dairyman at Michigan State College, says that many cows yield one-half to two-thirds of their capacity because they are fed only half to two-thirds of what they can use to advantage. His information comes from the records of dairy herd improvement associations.

Many herds under DHIA test for the first time produce 2000 pounds less milk and 100 pounds less butterfat than they produce after testing from 12 to 24 months.

The average Michigan cow receives two tons of hay, between 2000 and 2500 pounds of silage, and about 1000 pounds of grain.

The average cow in dairy herd improvement associations receives two tons of choice alfalfa or alfalfa-brome grass hay; from 4000 to 5000 pounds of corn silage, and from 2500 to 3500 pounds of balanced grain mixtures.

Though the cost for feed is greater, the dollars returned by the more heavily fed cows is often three times greater than that produced by the poorly fed

### The Worry Habit

People are great worriers, as Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, minister of New York's Marble Collegiate church, told an executive club. He said:

"Four great enemies of the human race are fear, worry, sorrow and anger. The medical ass'n of California has declared that one-third of the people there are actually sick because of worry.

"We Americans have become expert in technology, in sales work, in production, in distribution, and in finance, but we are the greatest dubs in the world when it comes to the greatest of all arts-the art of how to live.

"And how does one acquire the art of worry-free living? By remembering that worries fall into three groups: 40 per cent relate to something that happened in the past; 50 per cent relate to something that might happen in the future; 10 per cent relate to matters about which you could do something.

"There may be some justification for worrying about the 10 per cent. But the 40 per cent we can forget about because it is past. The 50 per cent we can skip because the odds are that it will never

"Do the best with what you have today, and with God's help you will have the power to grapple with tomorrow when it comes."

# ST. JOSEPH CO-OP **COUNCIL HOLDS**

The quarterly meeting of the St. Joseph Co-op Council was held in the Community building in Burr Oak the early part of May,

The Co-op Council is composed of members from all of the co-operatives in the county and the County Farm Bureau board of directors,

Farm Bureau legal department, gave an interesting and detailed talk on the Taft-Hartley Act and its relationship to farmers, labor and management. Considerable interest was shown in his talk and

a lengthy discussion followed. Everett Young, director of education of the Michigan Association of Farmer Co-operatives, presented the current events in the national fight of the NTEA against co-operatives.

Herb Kinsey, county organizational director of the St. Joseph County Farm Bureau showed two Edwin Steffen, of the Michigan reels of motion pictures.

#### Isabella Co. Holds Victory Celebration

The Isabella County Farm Bur eau held a roll call victory celebration at the Memorial Field in Rose bush recently. Elvin Wood of Gilmore Township presided at the meeting, and Charles Mumford served as master of ceremonies.

The Weidman Community Farm Bureau put on a one-act play enitled, "The Three O'Clock Train," which starred Stewart Denslow, Ross Momany and Milford Lueder Musical entertainment was furnished by the Kansas City Ramblers composed of Irvin Lueder of Weidman, Paul Taylor and Gib Harris of Flint. Refreshments were served to complete the evening's pro

### Community Farm Bureau Activities

By Miss Marjorie Pattison In these summary reports of Community Farm Bureau meetings. the name of the group, and the county are presented in that order Johnsfield-Bay. April meeting was a card party to raise money for the benefit of the Cancer Fund. The group donated \$40 for cancer

South Evart Centerline-Osceola An interesting account of the tour into Illinois to investigate the Ill. Agr'l Ass'n insurance companies was made by one of the members of the group who participated.

Southeast Homer-Calhoun. Held its first meeting during the first Phelps-Charlevoix. Held its firs meeting during the month and time

was used for organization. A talk was given by the district representative on the Farm Bureau. Northwest Assyria-Barry. A dis

cussion of the proposed organization of livestock marketing yards under the name of the Southwest Michigan Livestock Cooperative at Kalamazoo was had. This project is to be carried out in conjunction with eight county Farm Bureaus.

Ransacker-Oceana. Members of his group volunteered to give blood to the Red Cross blood bank. West Mt. Hope-Eaton. This group wrote a letter to the county highway department commending the done on their roads during the year. For recreation, the men designed and made their wives new spring bonnets and a prize was giv-

en for the best and funniest hat. Sunnyside-Wexford. As part of their fight against communism, this group went on record as hav ing the women assume the respon sibility of getting voters registered and out to vote in the fall election. Van Buren-Wayne: Held a card

party and raised \$30 for the 4-H Club program. Rush-Shiawassee. Members o the group were entertained by two Junior Farm Bureau members who gave an account of their trip into southern states. They explained the objectives and program of the Junior Farm Bureau. After some dis-

month. Osceola-Livingston. The topic for discussion was, "Are Cooperatives Serving Their Purpose?" The group favored patronage refunds for Farm Bureau members only.

cussion, the group moved to spon-

sor a Junior Night the following

Laing-Sanilac. A new Commun ity Farm Bureau. Purpose and objective of the Community Farm Bureau was discussed by the county organization director, and an organization meeting followed.

Lachine-Alpena. Of interest to the group were the complete reports of the women's committee, Junior-Senior committee and the agricultural committee. The group went on record as favoring the present time system, and sent a recorded vote to the city clerk's office in Alpena.

South Arm-Charlevoix. A report on a two-day study tour of the Michigan legislature, the Department of Agriculture, Michigan State College, the Michigan Farm Bureau, and Farm Bureau Services headquarters was made for the members of this group by the delegate on the tour from Antrim coun-

Cathro, Poland, Bolton-Alpena. An announcement was made at the combined meeting of three groups that the Alpena County Farm Bureau will donate \$50 to help sponsor the trip to Europe by Walter Kirkpatrick, county agent in Antrim coun-

Eveline-Charlevoix. This group



## Michigan in June

But a close approximation to perfection all attune Is a springtime day on Hicks Street; in Michigan, in June.

It's a reasonable facsimile of heavenly accord When every flower and bird and bee sings praises to the Lord, When the sky is just the bluest and the woods are just so green That in the wonders of His works God's kindly face is seen, In every country some fair month surpasses all the rest,

In every state across our land some season is the best But I have never seen the spot, nor hope to see it soon, Where life is any sweeter than in Michigan in June,

There is joy for all who labor in the glorious out-of-doors; Who breathe the quickening ozone that the breath of June outpours; Who view familiar landscapes in an aspect rich and new With the sky as Heaven's window where the Heavenly light shines thru.

There is peace from wintry worries and forebodings cold as snow There is warm anticipation and the hopeful urge to grow; There is confidence unbounded in the mellow Mating Moon; There is trust and optimism here, in Michigan, in June.

Perhaps I'm sort of silly; kind of off my beaten track; Maybe Hiram is a crackpot, not too difficult to crack, But I can't escape the feeling, and I must express it here, Heaven seems to bend down closer at this certain time of year.

Do you doubt the kind intentions of the Father of us all? Has your faith been sorely shaken? Is it shriveled up and small? Then come out with me on Hicks Street, when the day is at its noon. When the year is at its springtime, and the Spring is at its June. R. S. Clark,

215 North Grinnell Street Jackson, Michigan

tive. Announcement was made at a the meeting that stock is now avail-Onekama - Manistee. Passed esolution urging both Bear Lake able for purchase. Sebewa-Danby-Ionia. April markand Onekama township boards to cooperate with their village coun- ed the organization of this new

group with election of officers and cils to obtain fire equipment. the selection of a name and meet-North Adrian-Lenawee. It was ing date taking the balance of the esolved that the group go on record as favoring the enforcement of

state uniform time law. Oregon Center-Lapeer. Organiza-tion of new Community Farm Bu-Oregon Center-Lapeer. Organizareau group with the meeting time taken up for the election of officers.

Lynn-St. Clair. Had as guest, he farm editor of the Times Herald and Radio Station WTTH of Port Huron, who spoke briefly on his dinner bell program.

Watertown-Sannac. This group

North-East Dowling-Barry. This cently. group is sponsoring a proposal for a playground for children in Dow-

newly organized at the April meeting. Business meeting consisted of the election of officers.

ousiness session for organization and election of officers. Clarkston-Oakland. During their

liscussion on extending foreign credit, this group suggested that an exchange of students might bring about a better understanding between countries.

ing, they had a guest speaker give an illustrated lecture on Japan, and received many facts about Japanese agriculture as compared to Ameriean farming.

Carp Lake-Emmet. This group went on record as favoring the formation of a soil conservation district in Emmet county.

Florence-St. Joseph. This group saw an education film on the processing of crude oil into refined products in conjuction with the propos-County Farm Bureau Oil Coopera- Three Rivers.

# IMPORTANCE OF ROAD PROGRAMS

The farmer's urgent plea today remains, "Get us out of the mud," nvited a representative of the H. Willis Tobler, assistant director Michigan Milk Producers in as of the American Farm Bureau lady said: quest speaker and he discussed his Federation in Washington, told the ecent trip to Washington to fight second Highway Transportation the bill to relax oleo margerine reg- Congress, sponsored by the Nation- better; those people haven't done critical months the crabgrass didn't al Highway Users Conference, re-

"The promotion or school reor ganization, furnishing of adequate ses were uncut, although shaggy ling and vicintiy. A logical site has hospital service, providing health and fallen over and not a beautibeen picked, and a committee was needs, and making possible social named to look further into the pro- improvements among farm people themselves are limited in many in-Wise-Isabella. This group was stances because of poor roads," Tobler said.

"Despite the billions of dollars that have been spent on American Center Eaton-Eaton. This group roads in the last 30 years, the conseld its first meeting, and used the dition of the many secondary roads are a sad commentary on our moern civilization," Mr. Tobler added. He emphasized that on rural

highway aid, the federal governpeen too high. He urged that the Sparta-Kent. At their April meet- made by only state and local gov. proud of. ernments so that the various improvements and developments of ural interests may be obtained.

study commissions to draft long new cells for new growth. The program in the near future. range road plans. He said that these groups should include members of organized agriculture as well as other highway users.

Mr. Tobler, formerly of Three Rivers, Michigan, is the son of Mrs. Wilhelmena Tobler and brother ed organization of the St. Joseph of Ted Tobler, now residing in

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Well. Electric, Gasoline, or Belted
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crops to be irrigated. Also whether
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WOOL GROWERS held their first meeting and organized.

Elm Creek-Emmet. It was resolved by this group that they favor the proposed insurance program Co-operative Wool Marketing Association, 506 N. Mechanic St., Jackson, limited to Farm Bureau members Michigan. Phone 3-4246 (3-tf-44b)

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lightigan Avenue, Lansing 12, Mich. chigan Avenue, Lansing 12, Mich. (5-tf-75b)

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FOR SALE Army Tents, 16x16 new \$32.50; used, in perfect condition \$26.50; used and slightly damaged \$16.50. 8x10 new, \$17.50. Used, in perfect condition \$12.50 and \$15.00. 17x20, used, \$40.00. Harry Marcus, Benton Harbor, Mich. (2-6t-32b)

Rope 5/16 inch sisal, mildew resis-iant treated, \$2.00 per 100 feet, post-paid. Army pup tents \$2.50 per set parcel post. Harry Marcus, Benton Harbor, Mich. (2-6t-23b)

## Set Mower High for A Beautiful Lawn

Doesn't sound rea-

At the soil testing laboratory at Purdue we tested many hundred lawn soils every year. The typical cases showed that the avairable phosphate and potash in the soil were high. Lime was seldom if ever needed where hard water had been used for watering. The nitrogen supply was usually too short in the cool weather of spring but adequate in the hot season.

These samples came mostly from people that were interested in beautiful lawns, and their letters frequently related how they had spent considerable cash for ferti-



Grasshort (not her real name) bluegrass for shades. who came to the laboratory one day much exasperated with a story crabgrass which crowds out the her lawn. It was indeed poor, ex- unwatered bluegrass lawn will look cept for weeds. The mowing was brown and dead in the heat and be forwarded to Mrs. L. F. Halvordone close to the root crown. My drought of July and August, but

street. Why is that grass so much since the lawn wasn't watered these a thing for the grass and hardly take over. The result of no water ever cut it?" The core of the prob- ing in mid-summer is frequently \$9,096 PATRONS' ful lawn, as it should have been with proper cutting as well as fertilization and watering.

Why Cut Lawns High? In the first place we like to mow shor! its annual picnic to be held at Huron because the mower tracks don't County Park, Caseville, according is like a clean shave and haircut- man for the organization. it looks neat. Those who have cut | Sports, contests, speeches and the | deducted and a reserve fund establishment. lawns high haven't liked the beat renewing of old acquaintances will lished, was made recently by the down appearance and wheel tracks. highlight the picnic program. And at first high-cut grass looks potluck dinner will be served at ads constructed with federal thin-not a deep-matted rug effect, noon. After a few high cuttings the mat | An attendance registration will ment construction standards have thickens, and the appearance of the be held with the awarding of valutrack wheels go away in about a able prizes. All members of comdetermination of standards be day-then you have a lawn to be munity groups and of the junior

The argument for cutting high 15 for fun. is to permit the grass plant to The county organization plans tronage refund stock is fully paid take more energy from the sunlight to publish a picnic edition of their and non-assessable. Mr. Tobler also asked for the to make more sugars. Without this Farm Bureau News with detailed It is the intent of the board of

By Dr. George E. Scarseth, Ameri- result of too short cutting is that ican Farm Research Ass'n, and Dr. the grasses starve for energy-G. O. Mott of Purdue University not enough sugar to make its car More lawns are poor from too bohydrates and maintain growth. More lawns are poor from too Well fertilized grass actually starves Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau more as a result of too short cut- Women's Committee, will open at ting than do poorly fertilized grass, Camp Hayo Wentha on Torch Lake. because the well fertilized grass at noon Tuesday, June 15. pushes its stems and leaves up faster to be cut short more frequently than do the grasses starving for some soil supplied nutrient. The and thus the first limiting factor from there.

is not energy or sunlight. Common broad-leaved lawn weeds up to U. S. 10 to Clare continuing as dandelion and plantain thrive straight on 10 to M-115. Take M where the lawn grasses are cut 115 to M-66, turn north on 66 and short, because their first feaves lie continue to the town of Mancelona close to the ground and escape the At Mancelona turn west on M-88 mower. They thrive especially to the town of Bellaire. There will well if the soil is heavily fertiliz- be signs in the town of Bellaire died as well as mowed short, be-

lizers, some even for topsoil, lawn tree branches are bad. Trim high to bring their own bed linen, and mulches, and reseeding-with still if you want better grass, and plant blankets will be furnished them shade grasses in such places. The by the camp as the nights and A typical case was Mrs. Cutter fescue type grasses are better than mornings are ather chilly, it is

of having spent a lot of effort and better grasses and looks very bad al and educational, along with cash, and still did not have an ac- after the first frost and leaves a some good fun. ceptable lawn. The soil tested poor winter sod. Bluegrass can rich in fertility. We went to see live through severe droughts. An If your reservations have not been when September rains come, this "Look at that lawn across the grass will spring to life again, and lem was in the fact the better gras- a better lawn in the fall and winter.

# For Annual Picnic

The Huron County Farm Bureau has selected Thursday, July 15, for show and the first effect to the eye to E. T. Leipprandt, publicity chair- ing October 31, 1947, after interest,

AT TORCH

cause weeds too high like fertility. 3-Women from the central part tilized soil are permitted to grow north on US-27 to the town of long (most lawn mowers can't be Clare. Turn west at Clare on USset as high as is desirable) these 10 and continue to M-115, as inweeds find the going pretty diffi- structed above. cult and are to a large extent crowded out. The proper use of new weed killing chemicals have their port or Central Lake. Transportabest effect under these conditions. tion will be furnished you from lawns should not be fertilized, but are planning to come by bus, you fertilization, topdressing and re- should let Mrs. Marjorie Karker, seeding do not make good lawns if Michigan Farm Bureau, Lansing the grass can't get enough energy Box 960 know at what time you because too much of its top is al- will arrive, and you will be picked

many other angles to obtaining plan to bring their own bedding. good lawns as adequate light. Low Those traveling by bus should plan

Midsummer watering encourages coat.

groups are urged to set aside July ume of business, and 41/2 % on the

The fourth annual Farm Bureau Women's Camp, sponsored by the Camp Hayo-Wentha can be read ed by the following routes:

1-Women from the western part of the state will undoubtedly come grass starving for a soil nutrient up U. S. 31 to the town of East. grows more slowly with the result port. There will be signs at East. that its grass blades are exposed port directing you to the camp. longer to the sun before being cut, which is about three or four miles

2-Women from the eastern part Bad Features of Short Mowing. of the state will undoubtedly comrecting you to the camp.

When the grasses on a well fer- of the state will undoubtedly travel

Women who find it necessary to come by bus can get off at East-Do not draw the conclusion that both places to the camp. If you

Other Considerations. There are Women coming by car should suggested that you bring a warm

The camp should be inspiration-

sent in at this time, they should sen of Cedar, R-2 immediately .. For further information regard-

ing plans for camp, contact Mrs

# REFUND IS MADE BY EATON CO-OP

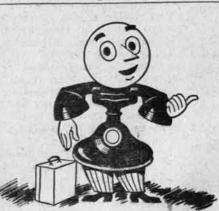
A patronage refund amounting to \$9,096 for the first fiscal year enddividends, and income taxes wer A Eaton Farm Bureau Co-op, Inc.

The patronage refund is paid in

the form of stock based on six month's of business. The Co-op commenced operations May 12, 19-Approximately 1% refund is being made on the marketing volpurchases of the patron. The pa-

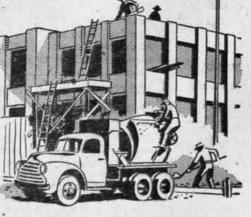
reation in the states of legislative sugar the plant can't make its information about the complete directors to retire the outstanding stock on a revolving basis.

# Rural Wele-news



HITCH HIKE: Telephone conversations "hitch" rides on an electric power line near Crystal Falls in the Upper Peninsula, by arrangement with the power company serving the area. This new system supplies telephone service for farms that have electric power but are far from telephone lines. Most farm families, however, will still be served by regular telephone lines.

POLE PASTURE: Bell Telephone Laboratories have "planted" hundreds of telephone poles in an experimental field for exposure tests of 10 to 50 years. Soaked in various preservatives, the poles are tested for reactions to earth dampness, hot sun, frost and damage by fungi and insects. Findings help preserve the life of the more than 15 million poles now in service in the U.S.A.



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## SOIL TEST AND CROP PLAN TELL NEED FOR LIME

Michigan is nearing its goal of one million tons of limestone a year on Michigan cropland. According to James Porter, soil scientist at Michigan State college, the amount used now is about 900,000 tons of limestone or its equivalent in marl or refuse lime

Placing lime on soils that need it is important. According to Porter, 100,000 tons a year is applied to soils which have already had enough lime applied or soils which naturally are not acid. Liming materials on such soils do more harm than good.

That same wasted 100,000 tons of liming material, and more besides, is needed on about 300,000 acres of crop land which were limed eight to 12 years ago and need it again. Porter estimates there is a total of 200,000 acres of crop land in the state where the farmer has never suspected a lime need, but where two to two and one-half tons of limestone or its equivalent in other liming materials, is needed.

A few rules for liming soil are 1. Lime according to soil test. The county agricultural agent can provide you with a testing outfit for your own use, or have samples tested for you.

2. Lime according to crop needs. For example, on fields where potatoes are included in the crop rotation, the soil should be kept moderately acid.

3. One application of lime might last 10 years or more, but don't depend on it. Test every rotation. 4. When lime is needed, apply it

well in advance of the legume seeding. A good place is on the sod before plowing for corn or other

#### Elected To Nat'l Co-ops Exec. Comm.

J. F. Yaeger, assistant executive secretary of the Michigan Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Services, has been elected to the executive committee of National Co-operatives, Inc. The association acts as purchasing and manufacturing agent for state and national co-operatives dealing in milking machines, electrical equipment, steel products and automotive supplies.

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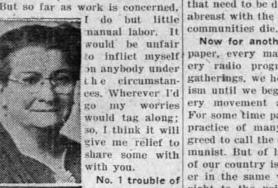
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# You Can't Always

By Mrs. Edith M. Wagar

Briar Hill Farm, Carleton, Mich.



MRS. WAGAR ference of parents toward the communist is one who believes evthings that vitally affect the future erything should be controlled by of their own children.

For several months I have worked and planned, and worried over a proposed consolidated agricultural high school embracing two over- almost everything for us, are we chools and thirteen rural schools.

The high schools have been compelled to confine themselves to a very narrow curriculum because of sease. Far too many in our country prohibitive costs. Their areas are looking for something they far too small for the tax burden have not earned. These are not al they are carrying; yet, there is a great need for a senior high school in this locality. Some of these rural school buildings are nothing more than shameful excuses for elementary education; some are overcrowded and some have only a handful of pupils.

The committee in charge has secured a lease of a closed navy base consisting of some forty-acres of land and ample buildings, all in good condition. That can be adequate for a senior high school with a curriculum broadened to include vocational agriculture, shop work, home making, music and any other branch considered necessary to modern education. With very little expense, this can be used for a period of 5 or 10 years, or until such time as a reserve fund can be accumulated for a permanent up-to-

I have served on the committee and can see the possibility of something outstanding for this community. But, we still have some in the the area who think "what was good nough for our great grandfather hould be good enough for our grandchildren". And there are far too many who appear to be favorable toward the proposition, yet are most willing to let George worry

My peeve is that the fathers and mothers of the hundreds of boys and girls who will be so greatly benefited by the new system do not

#### A New Book! The Farm Bureau Through Three Decades

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# Have George Do It

In projects of this sort, young I am undecided about putting my family men and women have opthought on paper. I may be bilious portunities waiting on all sides to and in need of a spring tonic, or do community betterment. To be should have a vacation where I can sure, it takes time and effort and get away from myself and work and sacrifice, but there's much satisfaction in doing the worthwhile things But so far as work is concerned, that need to be done. We must keep I do but little abreast with the times or watch our

> Now for another trouble. Every paper, every magazine, almost ev on anybody under ery radio program and at most circumstan- gatherings, we hear about communces. Wherever I'd ism until we begin to suspicion evmy worries ery movement and many people would tag along; For some time past, it has been the so, I think it will practice of many when they disagive me relief to greed to call the other fellow a comshare some with munist. But of late, the leadership of our country is dubbing each oth-No. 1 trouble of er in the same way. When we get mine is the indifthe state or the government or by the few or even one.

Well, when we are asking the state or the government to supply crowded, greatly hampered, high not falling into a line of commun ism? I feel we can take a lot of that name calling to ourselves, and may be we can stop the spread of the di laboring people either. When the report came in the Kaiser investi gation that the aim of the management of the concern was to make a net profit of \$5 million dollars dur ing the present year, I'm sure some of the American people felt that we had something just as bad as communism if we allow such a control of the world's goods as that.

When we hear of the hundreds o thousands of dollars already contributed to the coming national con ventions, we wonder if all will be above board in the control of our government as it now goes.

It is disheartening to hear the rumblings of another war and so little said about peace. How can anyone talk or think of war when they see the hospitals dotting our country filled to overflowing with veterans who served while far too many made money?

We cannot think of more war, and at the same time think of the terrible waste and the tremendous not plan it otherwise? If enough means to prevent it.

We have all heard speeches over against countries who think differthem, and no doubt they have, they

America. Now, why not be as big in spirit as we are in power, or in not continue to operate on any such the Farm Bureau movement. Writ-by O. M. Kile, who wrote the story the first few years of Farm Bur-book, "The Farm Bureau Through the more than a million a farm families holding the more than a million a farm families holding the more than a million a farm families holding the more than a million a farm families holding the more than a million a farm families holding the more than a million a farm families holding the more than a million a farm families holding the more than a million a farm families holding the more than a million a farm families holding the more than a million a farm families holding the more than a million a farm families holding the more than a million a farm families holding the more than a million a farm families holding the more than a million a farm families holding in the sales tax rect our own shortcomings.

## MOORE HEADS **EQUIPMENT DEP'T**

Farm Bureau Services announced early May 6 the appointment of Archie Moore as head of its ful scrutiny to these conditions and Farm Equipment Department which includes farm machinery, electrical equipment, and miscel laneous farm supplies. Mr. Moore fills the vacancy caused by the resignation of George Begick to go into business for himself.

Mr. Moore has been with Farm Bureau Services for six years. He started as a warehouseman at Lan sing and rose to department head in charge of farm electrical supoperated his own retail implement with all phases of the Farm Bureau's farm equipment program.

#### Patrons Conference At Evart June 16

this meeting. Because the present labor unrest

in the coal industry may be reflected in future steel production, George another special session for some Fansler, manager of Farm Bureau purpose, there will not be another will discuss the latest developments Senators and Representatives will of this condition and its relation- be elected this fall and the new ship to steel products essential to legislature will meet in regular farm production. A film entitled, session, beginning in January of

Relations, will explain what Farm usual interest and importance. Bureau Services is doing and intends to do, about this critical situ-

follow the main portion of the pro- the amount used by crops, gram. Door prizes will be awarded, and refreshments served.

Plant Farm Bureau Seeds.

Governor Sigler Signs Dairy Month Proclamation



Michigan's Governor Sigler Proclaims Dairy Month: Members of the June Dairy Month Committee who witnessed the signing of the Pro-clamation are: F. M. Skiver, Chief of the Bureau of Dairying; Leonard N. Francke, Secretary of the Dairy Month Committee; Charles E. Stone, American Dairy Ass'n.; Lewis W. Morley, Chairman, Dairy Month Committee; Donald L. Murray, Dairy Extension Specialist of Michigan State College, and Edwin J. Smith, Michigan Milk Dealers

Association.

#### Special Session Provides Funds

ake some steps to remedy the preent situation.

The capital outlay bill, as finall dopted, made provision for th most pressing state needs with th exception of increased facilities for mental patients. The House favored going ahead with the de velopment of the new institution at Northville. The Senate, under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor, Eugene C. Keyes, was op osed to going ahead with the new institution at Northville. As more or less of a face-saving gesture all around, the House passed a bill ap propriating \$1,000,000 for continuation of work at Northville. The Senate promptly defeated the proosal and passed a bill of its own roviding \$1,500,000 for expansion of the Pontiac State Hospital. This was defeated in the House in the final minutes of the session so nothing definite was done to provide more beds and other facilities for the mentally afflicted.

Appropriations actually made by the legislature which will be pay able out of the general fund for the state's fiscal year, beginning July 1, 1948, totaled \$255,115,000 These figures may be broken down as follows: \$226,814,000 for operaprofits during the last horrible extion and administration; \$14,713. perience. I firmly believe that if 000 for debt service (in connection there is another war, there'll be few with the veterans' bonus); and of us left to tell the story, so why \$13,588,000 for capital outlay (land and construction). The best estipeople decide they have had all the mates of the budget office are that war they want, they could find the state will have at the beginning of the next fiscal year \$21,000,000 of surplus on hand, and will take the radio from our own countrymen in during the coming fiscal year ently than we do. If they heard to \$219,818,000, which would make BOOK TO TELL 30 available for the next fiscal year would almost feel it was a dare. We \$240,818,000. This would mean are never going to have peace by that by the end of the next fiscal year the state would be faced with I think the world will acclaim a general fund deficit of \$14,297,000. FARM BUREAU It is obvious that the state can

diversion constitutional amendment was the result of trial-and-error sary for the legislature to impos substantial new taxes or turn back to the final result. to local units of government the financial responsibility for many funds. This situation means that er has never been told, except in advised as to what measures should

should be opposed. The Governor's bill to establish cluding two days of the recent sesoperations having to do with budget-resident of Washington, D. C., plies. Before his employment by ing purchasing, accounting and business. He is thoroughly familiar to do with transportation, communithrough the years. cations, publicity, etc. The department will be headed by a controller

Supplies of steel and petroleum into by the Governor, lawmakers Wednesday evening, June 16, at 8 November ballot a constitutional 3 of this issue. o'clock. Farmer patrons in the amendment to consolidate all trading area of Evart are invited to branches of the state government into not to exceed 18 departments has been dropped.

Unless the Governor should call Services' Steel Products Division, meeting of the present legislature. "Farmer Takes a Roof" will be 1949. At that time any member can introduce any bill which he With the crucial shortage of desires without the necessity of gasoline and fuel oil, the vital having that subject opened up for farmers today is, "How, where and is the case during a special session. when is this problem to be met?" It is expected that the 1949 legis Oscar Anderson, director of Patrons lative session will be one of un

The annual loss of soil fertility through erosion and leaching is The usual discussion period will estimated to be about seven times This year it is especially impor-

lambs and of keeping death losses down.

# FARM BUREAU INSURANCE CO.

garding a proposed Farm Bureau insurance company are expected to be presented to the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors at its meeting July 7.

At the May 12 meeting of the board, Blaque Knirk of Quincy, co chairman of a special committee on insurance, reported that the committee is continuing its study of the experience of Farm Bureau insurance companies in other states. Two large delegations from County Farm Bureaus have visited the Illinois Farm Bureau in surance company and quite a number of County Farm Bureau organ izations in that state. They have been impressed favorably with what they saw. At the Midwest Farm Bureaus conference at St Paul in late June, the insurance committee will confer with Farm Bureau insurance people of other

Members of the committee are County Farm Bureau, chairman John M. Converse, president of Calhoun County Farm Bureau, co chairman; Michigan Farm Bur eau directors: Marten Garn of Eaton County; Clyde Breining of Washtenaw county; Harry Norris. Muskegon county; J. Burton Richards, Berrien county,

# YEAR HISTORY OF

Who discovered, or developed, The answer is no one man. It

is repealed by Michigan voters this methods over the years in many coming November, it will be neces- states, with many farm leaders con-

farm folks should give very care- fragments. For the first time, the sion. It will combine in the new ing of the American Farm Bureau since he wrote his first book, he

The new book, which may well itation. e considered necessary equipment appointed by the Governor but su- for all Farm Bureau leaders at pervised to a considerable degree county, state, or national level, will by the State Administrative Board. be of profound interest to members Through a compromise entered of all Farm Bureau families.

The volume is being sponsored by for farmers will be discussed at the and political leaders, the effort to the American Farm Bureau Federa-Evart high school auditorium, secure signatures to place on the tion. See advertisement on page

#### Otsego Co. Proposes Full-Time Ag Agent The assignment of a full-tim

agricultural agent for Otsego county has been the objective in the course of activities taken by the Otsego County Farm Bureau. At the present time, Ray McMul-

len is dividing his time between Otsego and Montmorency counties as agricultural agent and serving as both 4-H club leader and exten- understanding, the farmers were sion leader. The County Farm Burquestion in the minds of Michigan consideration by the Governor, as eau is definitely convinced that Otsego is entitled to a full time man. It's agricultural committee was directed to work with the board of supervisors to obtain that

The organization also went on ing meters in Gaylord. They felt flooding. that meters would spoil the friendliness of the city and perhaps lead farmers present, the commission tant to do a good job of feeding the farmers to trade at smaller agreed to clear intersections of communities which do not have meters.

## 5 PROPOSALS OR MORE BEFORE VOTERS IN NOV.

There will be five and probably more special propositions submitted to Michigan voters at the gen- Prints submitted should be 5x7" the 1947 regular session, there will addresses of people in the picture, lowing three proposals: 1. The question of convening a

and submit to Michigan voters for constitution.

nual meeting of the Michigan Farm East Lansing. Bureau urged defeat of this propos

version constitutional amendment. (The delegates at the last annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bueau urged passage of this proposal. That is, the Farm Bureau position diversion.)

3. Establishment of a definite or der of sucession in case of vacancy in the office of Governor.

(This matter was considered by the directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau at a recent meeting of the Board and was referred by them to the Executive Committee for final decision.)

As a result of resolutions adopted during the recent special session, two additional proposals will appear on the ballot. One removes from the state constitution all reference to salaries of the Governor and elective state officials. The othproposals provide that if adopted, passed by the legislature and approved by the Governor.

constitution can be made except by of May. being submitted to the voters at a regular election and being approved by a majority of those voting on the issue. There are two ways by which such a proposal can be placed on the ballot. The first is by adoption of a joint resolution ap-Blaque Knirk, president of Branch proved by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members elect in both branches of the legislature. The other is through securing signatures to initiatory petitions. The number of signatures required is 10% of the total vote for Governor at the last election at which state officials were selected. Approximately 167,000 signatures would be required to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot this fall. the deadline for filing such petitions is July 2nd. How many of them there will be placed on the ballot by this method remains to be The Michigan Education Associ-

ation is circulating petitions to amend the 15-mill limitation so that the millage in any assessing money or in opportunity? I admit basis. If during a single year it the farm organization formula district might be raised to not to we do face danger, but most of the uses up a surplus of \$21,000,000 and which has won the backing of the exceed 5% for not more than 20 danger is within ourselves. While accumulates a deficit of \$14.297,000, we are pointing the way for other it has run behind during the year farm families holding membership a simple majority vote of the electors. At present a two-thirds major orty vote is required and the maximum time limit is 5 years. The proposal contains no safeguard as to what use might be made of the revtributing in one way or another enue resulting from the increase in millage provisions of this amend-Until now, the epic story of the ment are not in harmony with the great growth of the Farm Bureau position taken by our delegates at services now supported from state in membership, influence, and pow-

Some folks have the mistaken notion that this proposal would story has now been set down and raise the permissable tax rate 5 keep their lawmakers constantly documented by the man who wrote mills per year. It goes much furthe original Farm Bureau book in ther than that. The ceiling providbe promoted and what proposals 1921, Mr. Orville M. Kile, who was ed in the amendment, as explained employed in the information de- above, is 5% or 50 mills. Sponsors partment of the American Farm of this amendment have repeatedly department of administration in Bureau Federation in the early refused to tie it down to new school the state government was revived years. Mr. Kile's interest in the bouse construction or even to capiand finally passed during the con- organization has never lagged. He tal improvements and debt retirehas attended every annual meet- ment. It is left wide open so that the money so raised at the high department all state governmental Federation, with one exception. A rates could be used for routine operating expenses of any unit of gov-Farm Bureau Services, Mr. Moore several other varied functions of has been intimately familiar with ment should be passed, there will government, such as those having the activities of the Farm Bureau be very little protection afforded by the amended version of the tax lim-We understand that labor unions

are also promoting constitutional amendments to remove the sales tax from food and to provide a new basis for legislative re-apportionment which would more certainly insure urban domination of the

## MACOMB COUNTY LEARNS PROBLEMS OF COUNTY ROADS

The Macomb County Farm Bureau became better acquainted with their county road problems through a joint meeting held with the county road commission. Through this convinced that the commission could not do a more complete job without additional funds to meet the high cost of repairs and labor.

The Farm Bureau members were informed that they would be permitted to cut brush or trees growing in road ditch beds, and could record as being opposed to park- deepen them to save them from

Acting on a suggestion of the snow before clearing shoulders of main roads.

### Farm Safety Photo Contest for Farmers

best photographs from farm people to illustrate the need for farm safety measures. Pictures may show the farm hazard itself, such as a farm fire, or a dangerous situation." They may show action being taken to eliminate a dangerous situation. eral election next November. As a and be accompanied by a written result of legislative action during description, including names and be submitted to the voters the fol- and the name and address of the sender. Do not write on back of photo. First prize is a two day constitutional convention to draft trip to Detroit. Others of the 10 prizes include cameras and cash. adoption or rejection a new state Contest ends July 31. Mail entries to Photo Contest, Agr'l Engineer-(The delegates at the last annual ing Dep't, Michigan State College,

## 2. The repeal of the sales tax di- GRASS IS MOST IMPORTANT CROP

er and Bell River Community Farm favors adoption of the amendment Bureau groups heard Roy Decker, which would repeal the sales tax head of the Farm Crops Department, MSC, make recommendations as to varieties and management practices for 4-H crops and grains. Grass is the most important

crop in Michigan because of its values as livestock feed. It is important in improving crops that follow in the rotation and it has a place in conserving the soil.

The three hazards to maximum production of alfalfa are being overcome. They are: lack of hardy seed, insufficient fertilizer, and insect and disease damage. Dusting before blooming will kill insects but great care must be used with insecticides for legumes. He point er removes from the state constitu- ed out that new strains of alfalfa tion the stipulation as to salary of resistent to bacterial wilt are be members of the legislature. These ing developed. The brome grass concentration now recommended is the salary of state officials and 2 to 3 pounds per acre along with members of the legislature would | 6 or 7 pounds of alfalfa. A later be fixed by law; that is, by bills ripening variety of brome grass is being sought, he said. The meeting was held in the St

No amendment of the Michigan | Clair Township Hall the latter part

## COMMUNITY Prizes are offered by the Michigan Farm Safety Council for the GROUPS FAVOR

FOREIGN AID By NORMAN WAGGONER During the month of April, Com munity Farm Bureaus throughout Michigan discussed foreign credit and how it affects Michigan agriculture. It is interesting to note that 88% of the Farm Bureau peo ple discussing this subject and meeting in 184 community Farm Bureaus felt that the extension of credit to foreign countries by the United States was a wise move from the humanitarian, political and economic standpoints

Seventeen per cent of these Farm Bureau people in 38 Community Farm Bureaus, said that they would prefer risking inflation and higher taxes if necessary in an ef fort to extend this credit Twenty-three percent of th

Farm Bureau people discussing this subject in 44 Community Farm Bureaus, specified that when such credit is extended, it must be carefully supervised to arrive a the right place and that the receivers be informed that it comes from democratic countries and under free enterprise. Six per cent of these Farm Bur-

cau people did not feel that this country should extend credit to foreign countries, based partly up on the experience of this country in loans extended following the firs World War. A few felt that because this loar

was spread over about four years its effect would not be inflationary in this country. A few also felt that items extended in credit to foreign countries should be those items which are not in short supply in this country. Huron county stood in first

place this month for the largest number of Community Farm Bur eaus reporting conclusions on this particular subject. Northwest Michgan was in second place and Osceola in third place. Presque Isle County had the highest percent of groups reporting their conclusions

# An Open Letter to the Nation's Farmers

Subject: RAILROAD RATES

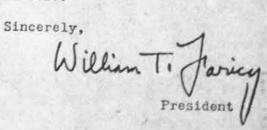
Rates and fares are the prices at which railroads sell their services. These prices are higher now, in dollars and cents, than they were before the war but as compared with most other prices, they are distinctly lower.

The increase since 1939 in the prices at which railroads sell their freight services has been only about half as much as the percentage by which railroad wage rates and the prices of railroad materials, supplies and fuel have gone up. In passenger service, the increase in selling prices has been only one-fourth as much as the average increase in the prices and wages which railroads

Increases in railroad rates are effects, not causes. Rail rates were no higher at the end of the war, and in many instances were lower, than when war began. Subsequent increases came after and not before the increases in the prices of other things. Indeed, there are few commodities or services for which the increase in price since 1939 has been so little, or so late.

Experience has shown that poor and inadequate transportation is costly, no matter how low the rate might be, while good and adequate transportation is worth what it costs. The foundation of good transportation is good plant and equipment. That requires investment, and investment depends upon earnings or the prospect of earnings.

The best way, and indeed the only sure way, to have better transportation in the future is to give railroads a chance now to make earnings in line with today's costs -- such earnings as will justify and encourage continued investment in the better railroad plant and facilities which are the one sound foundation of better service at the most economical cost.



Association of American Railroads

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## **IODIZED SALT PROTECTS** CHILDREN

"The need for iodized salt to predren is as great today as it was a quarter-century ago". Dr. G. D. Cummings, acting State health commissioner, said today marking the proxies. twenty-fourth anniversary of the state's fight against the typhoid ailment, May 1

He urged all parents to demand and use only lodized salt for all table and cooking purposes,

Until there is legislation requir ing that all table salt contain iodine, the responsibility for assur- in Battle Creek. ing that children get a sufficient quantity of iodine to prevent simple golter rests with the parents.

Iodized salt was first introduce in Michigan grocery stores, May 1 1924, after a survey made in four counties had shown that 47 per cent of children suffered from sim ple goiter. A survey conducted in 1935 after 11 years of voluntary use of iodized salt showed only one fifth as many children afflicted with simple goiter.

Simple goiter is an enlargement of the thyroid gland which lies at the base of the throat. The enlargement is chiefly due to the lack of natural iodine in food and drinking water. It does not commonly occur in areas where there is sufficient soil to provide a protective amount iodine in the soil and water, or in areas where unrefined salt is eaten. Michigan is a "goiter" area because there is not sufficient iodine in the

#### Cheboygan Plans Many Fair Exhibits

The community groups of the Cheboygan County Farm Bureau fine exhibits this summer at Northern Michigan's fair.

The board of directors of the county organization adopted a res- patron who buys Farm Bureau supolution, the early part of May, urg. plies. ing that all community groups of the county prepare exhibits for the employees of the Harry D. Shaw occasion. It is hoped that if enough community groups take part, addi- plain the program. Selection of tional awards will be added as prizes for the best community dis-



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#### Battle Creek Votes To Increase Stock

Stockholders of the Battle Creek Farm Bureau Association voted to double the outstanding stock of the organization to meet the cost of the present expansion program. The amount of stock was vent simple goiter in Michigan chil-rincreased from \$125,000 to \$250,000. About 50 members attended the meeting held May 27 with approximately 5,000 votes being raised by

> The meeting was held to comply with the state law which requires tricts. formal approval of a stock issue by stockholders.

The co-operative organization is engaged in a building program calling for the construction of a garage, elevator and other facilities

## WORK BEGUN ON PATRONS REFUNDS FOR 1946-47

Patronage refund payments to patrons purchasing Farm Bureau gates from the surrounding coun supplies and equipment for the year ending August 31, 1946 have been completed.

totalling the records for the year Bureau merchandise between the stock marketing program for the period of September 1, 1946 through Services' branch stores, co-operatives and independent dealers participating in the Patrons Relations of the chemical in foods grown in Program, will receive, late this fall, were adopted authorizing the sale earned for that period.

During the month of May, several dealer accounts of Farm Bureau will be sold to finance the opera-Services have asked for permission tions. to participate in the Patrons Rewill be well represented with many lations Program. The plans for the program call for the distribution of all savings made by Farm Bureau Services direct to the farmer

A meeting was held May 3 with Company of Cedar Springs to exfarmer patrons for an advisory committee to work with the Shaw Company is now under way.

During the past month advisory ommittees to formulate plans for patrons commodity conferences vere held at the following places: Knowles Feed Store, Hesperia; Kleinheksel's Feed Service, Mc-Cords; the trading area of Posen; and the Evart Co-operative Company. Evart.

Patrons conferences were held or the purpose of discussing Farm Bureau commodities during the nonth of May at the following points: Stanton Elevator Company Stanton; Morris Brothers, Cathro; Paul D. Robinson, Pellston; Smith Sales and Service, Rockwood; Harbor Beach Farm Bureau, Harbor Beach; Elkton Co-operative Farm Produce Company, Elkton; and Farmers Supply Company, Chelsea. A total of 485 patrons attended the

#### Gratiot to Boost Beans Thru Research

Gratiot county farmers are to ave a chance to prove claims that eans can be given a boost through

Test plats of beans have been made on the Norman Roth farm, a mile north of Breckenridge. Robust and Michelite beans are among the five varieties planted. Tests will offer some answer as to which types are best for certain soils.

The program is being directed by Clinton Milham, Gratiot county agricultural agent, who is also searching for farmers who are willing to run tests on soybeans in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture experts. The farmer who agrees to co-operate on the soybean test will be paid for the use of the land and the cost of preparing the soil and cultivating it for the crop.

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## CENTRAL MICH. LIVESTOCK YARDS **CO-OP ORGANIZES**

BY B. P. PATTISON Livestock producers of Bay, Midland, Clinton, Isabella, Gratiot, Os ceola, Mecosta, Saginaw and Mont calm counties have been giving ser ious consideration to co-operative marketing of livestock in their dis

Livestock producers in Montcalm and Gratiot counties met first at Carson City Dec. 13 to discuss the possibility of co-operative effort in the marketing of their livestock Speakers were Ike Walton and Arthur Ingold, manager and presi dent of the Michigan Livestock Exchange, Don Stark, marketing spec ialist at the college, and B. P. Pat tison, commodity relations direct tor of the Michigan Farm Bureau

It was agreed that effort should be directed toward the establishment of a decentralized livestock marketing program for the area and it was agreed to call in dele-

On February 19, B. P. Pattison of the Michigan Farm Bureau and The Farm Bureau Services' pa- Ike Walton of the Michigan Liveronage record department is now stock Exchange met with 110 delegates from the ten County Farm ending August 31, 1947. All pa- Bureaus and again discussed the trons who have purchased Farm idea of the large decentralized livearea. This was followed by a meet-August 31, 1947, from Farm Bureau | ing on March 1st, of incorporators who organized the Central Livestock Yards Co-operative, Inc. Bylaws and articles of incorporation patronage refund debentures or a of securities in the amount of notice of the amount of credit \$100,000. The common stock has a par value of \$10 per share and will draw five per cent interest. It

> The board of directors elected March 1st for the Central Live stock Yards Co-operative, Inc., is: Lester Allen, Gratiot county, president: Mark Westbrook, Ionia, vice-president: Athold Johnston. Isabella, treasurer; Harry V. Johnson, Gratiot, secretary. Directors: Leonard Schwab, Bay; Maurice Gove, Clinton; Ernest Gerber, Osceloa; Alfred Grueber, Saginaw;

James Gager, Montcalm. meetings have been held with the County Farm Bureau boards of di- legislation which would deprive rectors in Bay, Clinton, Ionia, Gratiot, Saginaw, Midland, Montcalm, and Mecosta counties and the proposed program was explained in some detail and arrangements were made with the various county boards of directors to call county wide meetings of livestock producers. Such meetings have already been held in Bay, Clinton, Ionia, Saginaw, Montcalm and Midland

At these meetings, speakers from the Michigan Livestock Exchange mission from the Michigan Securi-

counties.

ilities by either buying existing to the Senate, he had to return pared with the yards or building necessary yards. It is anticipated that the program will be in operation this fall.

Producers in the area are urged stand the story. to contact any of the directors mentioned above for further infor-

## PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW WHY FOOD PRICES ARE HIGH

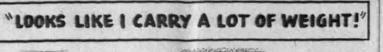
cessing and distribution costs make up the largest portion of prices consumers pay for food. This was the opinion of members of the Sanillac County Farm Bureau at a recent meeting.

The group felt that the possible now takes nearly half of our nation's output of wheat and from 30% to 40% of other grains is not to be ignored. This could happen if the Marshall plan were suspended and would result in depression prices for grains.

Farmers should take active interest in state and national affairs, it to demand passage of the bills. Bewas decided, because "what happens outside of our fence line can destroy many things we produce within them.

The County Farm Bureau board of directors voted to send \$10 to of the proposal. each of the 15 community groups in the county. They felt that Community Farm Bureau groups are important instruments of democracy for intelligent discussion and exchange of ideas.

Hard Work may not kill any- the Department of Interior, with body, but, occasionally, it sure Truman's approval, to provide for wears us down.





## Co-ops May Still Get Some Tide-Lands Oil

Editor's note-About 18 months ago Farm Bureau Services, Inc., of Michigan filed a claim for a 10 mile square area for drilling for cil in the Gulf of Mexico, near oil fields in Louisiana and Texas. Other co-operatives filed similar claims for tidewater oil lands as it appeared that the federal government might make such leases. There has developed in Congress a fight to transfer those oil rights to the states. Recently, the applications for claims were returned to the Farm Bureau Services without comment. The following article charges that the big oil companies are responsible for what's going on in

By JOHN CARSON Co-operative News Service

On the threshold of victory, and sive newspaper campaign of the St. Louis Post Dispatch.

There is some doubt now that erals of many states can succeed Following the incorporation, in forcing through the Congress and over a presidential veto the the federal government ownership Park Clean-up Bee of these oil resources.

> of these lands to the states. Now, there is some doubt about the final outcome. The stench which arises

win. Everything that has been accomand Michigan Farm Bureau have plished in the last few days to discussed in detail the possibility whip the oil lobby must be assoc of the marketing program for the lated with the St. Louis Post Disarea. It is planned to secure per- patch. Suddenly Senator Forrest C. Donnell of Missouri arose to opties Commission for the sale of pose the "tide-lands oil bill." It common stock to livestock productory was somewhat startling. Donnell ers and farmer co-operatives in the had no reputation as a progressive district and to buy or build the fighter. But he had a reputation as necessary marketing facilities at an obstreperous opponent who suddenly become aroused about a from 32,000 to 300? If and when the facilities are proposal which has been oiled and provided by the producers, it is progreased? Maybe it was not an anthe shortest? posed that they be leased to the swer, but the facts were that Presi- 6. When Jesus refers to himself walls should be insulated and have Michigan Livestock Exchange on a dent Truman, also from Missouri, as the vine, what does he call his at least three feet of straw in the rental basis sufficient to carry fix- was certain to veto the legislation followers? ed costs. The Livestock Exchange and in a vigorous veto message. is to furnish sufficient personnel And the further fact was that the ed? and operating capital to operate St. Louis Post Dispatch was stir- 8. What phophet rebuked David windows and drop down around the market. Livestock producers in ring interest in the "tide-lands- for marrying Uriah's wife? the area are being asked to pro- grab." And the further fact was vide the necessary marketing fac- that if Donnell wanted to return

> from Missouri. The background of this fight must be sketched, hastily, to under-

> The world is now seeking for crude oil. In the United States. somewhere from 81 per cent to 86 per cent of all "proved oil resources" are owned by "the industry," and that phrase means a clubby

Scientists agree now that the oil resources which lie beneath the waters of the Gulf of Mexico may the other eleven tribes. Numbers be greater than those discovered 3:9,21. already in Texas, Louisiana, and Consumers need to be shown that other states. Testimony given the farmers are not profiteering. Pro. Congress was that the oil could be recovered, that the cost of recovery might be greater than dry-land 1:40-42. explorations, and that the big oil companies were moving rapidly to get control of the resources. There is no doubt in Washington that the big oil companies are determined loss of the export market which to have these properties transferred to ownership by the States.

A powerful lobby in Congress succeeded a few years ago in getting Congress to pass legislation to transfer the tide-land oil properties to the states. Not only were the oil lobbyists active. The Attorney Generals of 46 states appeared cause one of President Truman's closest political friends was also interested, it was believed the oil lobby might win. But Truman surprised many by his vigorous veto

The oil lobby again went to work. The hill was again introduc ed a few months ago in the Senate and House. In the Senate, a com mittee favorable to the legislation heard testimony while the oil lob byists assisted. The committee refused to consider a bill offered by development of the resources by

the Federal Government. The House then rushed a bill through to final adoption. Everyone seemed resigned at that moment to the with the immensely valuable tide- belief that the Senate would act water oil lands in its maw, the big immediately despite that Washingfellows in the oil industry have ton newspapers denounced the legsuddenly been halted by an aggres- islation. Then, suddenly, Donnell threw sand in the gears. Now, it seems, the legislation will be thoroughly aired in Senate debate and the oil barons and the attorney gen- Truman's veto of it, if it is passed, may be upheld again.

# Charlevoix Holds

A small army of volunteers of A few weeks ago it was conceded the Charlevoix County Farm Burthat the oil trust was the master, eau swarmed onto the Lincoln Pub- new Co-op Deluxe tire is more than when the House of Representa- lic Park near Pellston with rakes. tives by an overwhelming vote baskets, hammers, axes, and other passed a bill to transfer ownership equipment in the annual clean-up bee which was an all-day event.

Tables were repaired, benches fixed, and ground leveled in cer off this legislation offers hope tain localities and the entire park that the lobby may not be able to area was policed by men, women and children.

### KNOW YOUR BIBLE

By ALFRED FROH 1. "Where there is no vision, the by Daniel, John, or Solomon? the way. Where does it lead?

4. What general won a great vicsome central point yet to be deter- could cause difficulty. Why had he tory by cutting down his army cultural engineering departments

5. Which of the four gospels is

7. How were the Levites support- gable end. In operation, the fresh

10. The leper said, "If thou wilt, did Jesus answer?

### Bible Answers

Solomon. Proverbs 29:18. Many. Matthew 7:13,14.

Mark. 6. The branches. John 15:5.

S. Nathan, II Samuel 12:1-10. - glory which shall be

To destruction. Matthew 7:13. Gideon. Judges 7:18; 16-22.

7. By the tithes and offerings of still in good condition.

revealed in us." Romans 8:18. 10. "I will; be thou clean." Mark

## CO-OP DELUXE TIRE WINS TOP HONORS IN TEST

The new Co-op deluxe tire won honors in a 15,350 mile controlled road test against four other top quality brand tires manufactured of Howell. by the nation's leading tire producers. The test was made by U. S. Co-op Tires.

only approximately 68% worn at furrows at a time. the conclusion of the test, it was some of the competitive tires had each year it has been held. been excessively worn in spots due to irregular wear. The continual wear of all brands throughout the Brown to Manage duration of the test, indicated that final ratings at worn out stages would not be different than those terminated at the 15,000 bracket.

as going to and from work, some speed highway driving. This route consisted of a fast drive from Lancaster, Pennsylvania to Los Angeles, through Los Angeles and out to the Pacific Ocean. It then returned through Los Angeles, then over a mountain route and finished on flat terrain. Approximately 90 ct of the road was pavement and the balance gravel. Three Buick cars and two Pon-

iac's, all 1947 models, were used. The speeds were broken down as

8% of the drive was at 75 MPH, 1% was between 60 and 64 MPH, 75% was between 50 and 54 MPH, 10 was 25 MPH.

This type of testing takes considerable time, and is rather expensive, but the final results are quite reliable and are indicative of the results which would be obtained by the customer. The final over-all wear ratings

are as follows: Co-op Deluxe 105, Tire "A" 103. Tire "B" 100, Tire "C" 90, Tire "D" 87.

Because the average owner usually judges the condition of his tires by the degree of wear, and appearance of wear, in the center grooves, the following is a rating for center tread wear: Co-op Deluxe 108, Tire "B" 100, Tire "A" 97, Tire "C" 85, Tire "D" 85.

The purpose of the test was to prove that the Co-op Deluxe tire is equal to the best 100 level tire manufactured in this country. The final results exceeded expectations and certainly indicates that the competitive. It is the best tire on the market today.

## VENTILATE POULTRY HOUSE THE MODERN WAY

Problems of ventilation in poul try houses are easily solved by the people perish." Was this written system advocated by A. J. Bell, agricultural engineer at Michigan 2. Wide is the gate, and broad is State college. He says that the day of the long narrow poultry house & Do many or few follow this is gone and a more nearly square house has taken its place.

Both the MSC poultry and agribelieve that the straw loft house is economical and easy to manage. To' operate it at highest efficiency, the attic. A louver is placed in each air can enter, usually through the the birds where it picks up heat 9. "The sufferings of this pres- and moisture. It then rises to the ent time are not worthy to be com- ceiling and on up to the attic. The straw absorbs some of the moisture and the rest stays in the air until thou canst make me clean." What It leaves through the ventilating louvers. These louvers must be large-at least six square feet for every 100 birds.

Dust will gather in the straw but this shows that the straw loft is working correctly. This dust can be washed out with a hose during hot weather when the birds are out of the house. Bell reports houses with straw 18 years old and

Straw in the loft, insulation in the walls and deep litter just about insure a dry house, he concludes.

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### Hold 4th Annual Tractor Field Day

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one furrow machines to huge Die- in Europe. Although the Co-op tires were sel caterpillars which turn three

The event was an all day affair decided to discontinue because and has increased in popularity

# Bancroft Branch

Dale A. Brown assumed the position of manager of the Farm Bur-The tire test was run to simulate eau Services branch store and eleextensive automotive usage such vator at Bancroft, effective June 2. Mr. Brown was previously a vocountry driving, and some high cational agricultural instructor and FFA advisor at Breckenridge high school. He is a native of Sebewaing and a graduate of Michigan State College. Mr. Brown has been teaching for two years.

#### Production Controls Needed, Groups Feel

Production control of some agricultural items, together with price supports, are necessary in order to protect the farmer, but normally supply and demand regulate production, the Ray Township and Old Oaks Community Farm Bureaus of St. Clair County decided at their community meetings.

The former group met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Eppler and the latter in the home of Miss Elizabeth Fitzgerald.

## RURAL MICHIGAN ASKED TO HELP

SAVE CHILDREN

C. L. Brody, executive secretary of the Michigan Farm Bureau, and Mitchell Road, three miles north W. G. Armstrong, master of the State Grange, are co-chairmen of Two Co-op tractors and Co-op the rural committee in Michigan to farm implements were among a raise funds for food and clothing Rubber company, manufacturers of score of tractors ranging from small for hungry and homeless children

The American Overseas Aid of the United Nations is endeavoring to raise \$60,000,000 in the United States for that purpose. A ten dollar donation will provide food for one of these children for a long time. It has been estimated that 7,500,000 of the 230,000,000 children in Europe are in danger of starva-Farm Bureaus, Granges farmers

groups will join with the agricultural extension service in campaigns to raise funds for the United Nations Appeal for Children. A gentleman is a man who can

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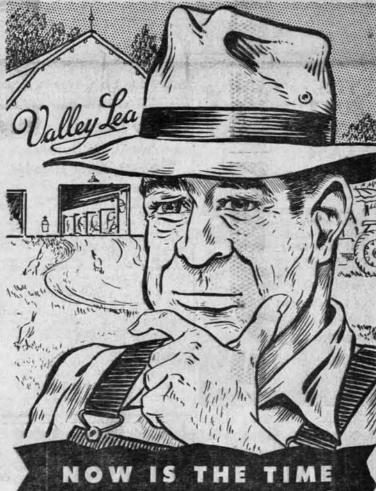
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Nashville—Farmers Coop, Creemery Assn.
Niles—Producers' Cooperative Dairy
51. Louis—S1. Louis Coop, Cry. Co.

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Paris-Equity Union Cry. & Produce Co. OHIO

Dayton—Miami Yalley Cooperative Milk Fraducers Association, Inc. Greenville—Farmers' Cooperative Dairy

Gollatin-Sumner Co., Coop. Cry. Assn., Murfreesboro-Rutherford County

Wabash-Producers' Creamery

Cooperative Creamery Association, Inc. Notensville-Notensville Cooperative

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Crawfordsville-Farmers Coop. Cry., Inc.

Kentland-Momence Milk Coop. Assn.

Marion—Producers' Creamery Medaryville—Momence Milk Coop. Assn. Middlebury—Middlebury Coop. Cry. Co.

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February 14 at Kalamazoo, the Livestock producers in Branch. Calhoun, Barry, Allegan, Kalamazoo, Cass, Van Bureau, and St. Joseph counties are holding a series of meetings to discuss co-operative livestock marketing for the area.

On January 23, livestock producers in Kalamazoo county met to d scuss the possibility of a local marketing setun S eakers were present from the Michigan Farm Bureau and urged that the idea be expanded to inclide other counties in the area. d legates from the eight County Firm Bureaus were present. The p ssibility of co-operative livestock n irketing was discussed in some detail by speakers from the Michig:n Livestock Exchange and the Michigan Farm Bureau and it was agreed to hold a second meeting of this type at a later date to further discuss the proposition.

March 17 delegates from the eight counties incorporated of the Michigan Livestock Cooperative, Inc. By-laws and articles of incorporation were adopted authorizing sale of securities in the amount of \$100,000. The common stock will have a par value of \$10 per share and draw 5% interest. Eligible holders of stock would be farmer producers of livestock and farmer cooperatives in the area.

The board of directors elected March 17 for the Southwest Michigan Livestock Co-operative, Inc.,

R. E. Hazel, Kalamazoo county, president; James Reagan, Cass, amazoo, secretary-treasurer. Directers; Leo Sanderson, Branch; John M. Converse, Calhoun: Albert Snellenbarger, Barry; Thomas Kelscy, Allegan; D. C. Richardson,



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Kalamazoo; L. C. Ford, VanBuren; Junior Farm Bureau to Operate Cafeteria Again at Ionia Fair

Meetings have been held with the boards of directors of the County Farm Bureaus who in turn have agreed to arrange for county wide livestock producers meetings. At this time, such county meetings have been held in Calhoun, Barry, Kalamazoo, Cass, Van Buren and St. Joseph counties and the remaining counties will hold their meetings the first part of June.

It is proposed that farmers provide the necessary marketing facilities either by building yards on purchasing existing livestock yards. As soon as permission for the sale of securities is granted by the Michigan Securities Comnrission, stock will be available to farmer producers and farmer co operatives of the area.

On March 29 and 30, the board of directors of the Southwest Michigan Livestock Cooperative, Inc. visited the operations of the Ohio Livestock producers at Columbus Wapakoneta and Findlay, Ohio.

The desire prevails in the area for farmers to have something to say about the marketing of their own livestock and it is hoped that the program may be under way some time this fall. It is proposed that if and when the marketing facilities are provided by the producers, that the vards be leased to the Michigan Livestock Exchange The Exchange is a producers co operative marketing agency, oper ating on the terminal market in Detroit since 1922. This arrange ment will provide for rental pay ment sufficient to meet all fixed expenses, the Exchange to furnish the necessary personnel and oper ating capital to run the markets.

Producers in the area are urged to contact any of the directors mentioned above for further infor-

#### vice president; Dale Kirklin, Kal- Gratiot Women Want Co. Health Unit

The Gratiot County Farm Bureau women expressed opposition to a suggested joint Clinton-Gratiot-Ionia and Montcalm health unit at their annual banquet held at the First Presbyterian Church at Alma, May 25.

The group has been vigorously seeking a Gratiot County health deredouble their efforts to attain Big Rapids. that goal.

Mrs. Clare Williams of St. Louis, R. 1. Chairman of the Gratiot Park. County Farm Bureau women, presided at the meeting.

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# The hoard of directors of the Me- Michigan's agriculture is being Road, 3-miles east of village of

MECOSTA HAS

costa County Farm Bureau arrang- brought to the farmers in Grass Lake Orion. ed a full program of summer activi- Day Demonstrations during June. partment. The organization went ties at their regular session held on record pledging themselves to in the home of Albert Emmons near to serve all areas, these all day programs will show farmers latest

The county's annual picnic will seeding, harvesting, hay handling be held August 15 at the County and utilization methods.

A livestock meeting is scheduled operative extension service is spor for June 19 in the Big Rapids High soring the events and machinery

companies are assisting with the School auditorium. Plans for the quarterly dinner equipment for demonstrations. neeting of the entire organization Richard Bell, extension farm were formulated with the exceptorops specialist at Michigan State tion of the date which will be an- college, points out that Michigan's

ounced in the near future. B. P. Pattison, director of com. from 5,400,000 acres in 1939 to 4. nodity relations for the Michigan 500,000 acres in 1944. The chair Farm Bureau and Ben Hennick, di- man of the Grass Days committee ector of Junior Farm Bueau acti- said farmers realized the need for vities, were present at the meeting. more cash crops and cereal grain Dave Flynn farm; at edge of vil-

The next regular director's meet- and met this great need. ing will be on June 9 in the Paul Schiffer home near Remus.

Plant Farm Bureau seeds.

hay and pasture acreage dropped

Michigan Junior Farm Bureau will operate a cafe-

teria again at the Ionia Free Fair the week of August

8. Last year the Juniors converted a bare building

at the rear of the grandstand into an attractive place

to eat. Good food and pleasant surroundings enabled

them to serve 7,000 meals during the week. The

venture was a financial success and so pleasing to the

fair management that they were invited to come back

Although there is still need for these crops, farmers are being encouraged to devote more effort southwest of Traverse City on Setoward getting better hay and pas- cor Road. ture stands for higher yields of

Scattered throughout the state

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good quality roughage. Dates, counties and locations for Ste. Marie. the Grass Day programs are as June 28, Alcona county. Otto

HOSPITAL COSTS

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care. The new benefits include

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igan Hospital Service.

June 9, Lenawee county. Lloyd ville on U. S. Highway No. 23. Ruesink farm; 5-miles northwest of Adrian or 4-miles south and 1- for any county will be delayed unmile west of Tipton.

Representatives of the Livingpraised that approach to better The new rates for Blue Cross things.

The Farm Bureau said that a

It was brought out that the city eight days, he says that the average of Howell lacks adequate assembly ost in 1945 was \$76.64. Today the facilities; particularly a place average cost of the same hospital where 300 or 400 persons might be served. Halls that are available for "Because the benefits to subscrilarge groups have high rental fees. ers of Michigan Hospital Service, Farmers want support for imare in hospital service rather than

ed hospital costs must be met by The Howell business men agreed Michigan Hospital Service in our There will be no change in the rates of Michigan Medical Service, companion Blue Cross Plan to Mich-Simultaneous with the increase in rates, Blue Cross is liberalizing

Those attending the meeting felt continuing rise in costs of hospital that it was very worthwhile. It was agreed that joint meetings of this nature should be planned for the

increase in benefits for the patient confined under the emergency progroup, and Orland Young invited European countries. vision in a hospital not participat-Board of Commerce.

A hen that isn't laying eggs is only a "boarder" and should be cull-Care should be taken when spraying with 2,4-D. Even a small ed from the flock so that she can't

# OF AGR'L EUROPE

Carl E. Buskirk, president of the Michigan Farm Burean, together with Roy Ward, president of Farm Bureau Services, Inc. and manager of the Farmers Co-operative at Dowagiac, left May 19 for New York on the first leg of a month's tour of agricultural Europe.

FARM LEADERS

DEPART ON TOUR

In New York, they joined a group of Farm Bureau leaders from 20 eastern states and departed Saturday, May 22 on the Queen Mary for Southampton and Lon don, England. The itinerary includ ed several days to be spent in the Kent area near London visiting fruit noultry and general farms; a visit to Harpenden and the Rot hamsted experimental station; a sightseeing tour of London and visits to farms in Biery St. Edmonds area near West Suffolk.

On June 4, they went to France to make a tour through Normandy, visiting farms enroute to Lion-sur mer to Rouen. Tours will be made from Paris to wheat fields and farming lands in that area.

The farm leaders will then proceed to Brussels, Belgium where they plan to see the rearing center for the famous Belgium Brabancon horses. They will also inspect the dairy farms of the area. The tour ists also plan to visit Luxembourg, the Danish cattle and pig raising agricultural areas in the vicinity of Amsterdam, and then return to London, June 23.

The trip back from Southampton will be made on the Queen Mary. starting June 24.

#### AFBF Offers \$500 For Bond Essays For the best statements support-

ing thrift and recommending sound investments as a means of control ling inflation, the American Farm Bureau Federation will pay a first prize of \$300 U. S. Savings Bond. a second prize of \$150 bond, and a third prize of \$50 bond. Statements should be limited to 500 words or less and should emphasize the de sirability of farmers using their money wisely during the time when prices are high and protecting their future with sound investments. You might well base your statements on personal experience in saving through government bonds. The winning entry will be published in an early issue of the Nation's Agriculture. est is held in connection with the U. S. Security Bond Campaign and is limited to members of Farm Bureau families. Statements can-

# WOMEN HOLD DISTRICT MEET

One hundred and thirty-seven Farm Bureau women from Jackson, Lenawee, Calhoun, Branch and Hillsdale counties held their quarterly discussion meeting the early part of May at the Wheatland Grange hall in Hillsdale.

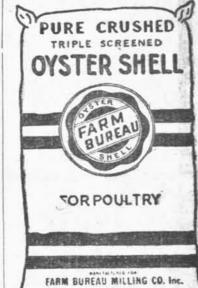
The business meeting was called to order by district chairman, Mrs. Carlton Ball of Albion. County chairmen gave project reports on cancer detection centers, mobile libraries, and measures taken to prevent dumping of rubbish along roadsides.

A round table discussion was moderated by Mrs. Marjorie Karker, director of women's activities for the Michigan Farm Bureau. Mrs. Belle Newell, Miss Gloria Conley and Ervin Lister, organization directors of the respective counties, participated.

Mrs. Karker gave a detailed re-

fort on the various projects being carried on by Farm Bureau women throughout the state. Miss Connie Duryea and Miss Carol Smith of Hillsdale county, showed colored pictures and described the Junior Farm Bureau short course on wheels into the southeastern states. Group singing was let by Lila Spotts with Mrs. Grace Crandell at the piano. Mrs. Fred Clark led the devotionals. The Pittsford Rusections near Copenhagen, Dutch ral School Chorus, under direction of Mr. Moody, sang several selections. The next meeting was set for October in Jackson county.

> not be returned. All contest entries must be submitted to the De partment of Information, American Farm Bureau Federation, 58 E. Washington Street, Chicago 2, Illinois, not later than July 4, 1948.



# Rates Reduced

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til the following day.

Grass Day Programs DESCRIBES FBS

June 14, Van Buren county.

June 16, Muskegon county. Don-

June 18, Ionia county. Henry

June 21, Tuscola county. Dorr

Perry farm; Elmwood and Jacob

Roads, 7-miles west and 1-mile

June 23, Osceola county. Arnold

June 23, Menominee county

June 25, Grand Traverse county.

June 25, Chippewa county. Clyde

Klein farm; 1-mile south of Harris

In case of had weather, the event

Ball farm; 10 miles south of Sault Farm Bureau Services.

Alfred Campau farm; 5-miles

Parsons farm; 3-miles south and 1

ald Nutt farm, one-half mile north

Horace Hayne farm; 31/2 miles

southeast of Lawton or

Ionia on Welch Road.

south of Cass City.

mile east of Evart.

lage of Harris.

north of Marcellus.

June 9-28 RealShows PATRONS'

Greater emphasis on high quality, June 11, Oakland county. Keith

lègumes and grass to stabilize. Middleton farm; on Stoney Creek

in 1948. Improvements have been made to the build-

ing. Miss Ruth Parsons of Fowlerville will manage

the project. The Juniors hire a cafeteria manager and

cooks. They develop volunteer crews of Juniors to

serve as cafeteria help for each of the six days. They

own, rent and build equipment, raise and buy stocks

of food, and aim to serve the best food on the fair

ground. Earnings go into the Michigan Junior Farm

Bureau treasury for educational projects of the group.

Welch farm; 4 miles northeast of Farm Bureau at their commodity

"Supplies of improved quality

and ever improved service, and a

financial savings to the patron is

the ultimate objective of Farm Bur-

eau Services in conducting a busi

ness in the production and distribu-

tion of farm supplies," Oscar An-

derson, director of Farm Bureau

Services' patrons relations program,

told patrons of the Harbor Beach

In explaining the purpose of the

patrons' program, Mr. Anderson

pointed out that the plan calls for

distribution of all savings or mar

gins made by the Farm Bureau

Services direct to the farmer pa

tron who buys Farm Bureau sup-

plies. The patrons relations pro-

gram is a system of records for en-

abling the dealer to record all far-

mer purchases of FBS supplies,

permitting FBS to pay patronage

dividends direct to those farmer

patrons and providing for a patrons

advisory committee around each

dealer to advise with the dealer and

Robert H. Addy, manager of the

Services, explained how the Farm

Bureau members wanted and felt

that they needed open formula

feeds to know what they were buy

ng. The Farm Bureau Feed De-

partment was organized many

years ago to protect them on quali-

y, price and to return savings.

He explained how Michigan and

other state Farm Bureaus purchas-

ed a feed mill at Hammond, Indiana

and are producing top quality open

formula feeds. Mr. Addy stressed the necessity of planting and

maintaining a good pasture for live

Merritt Bryant, commodity field

epresentative for Farm Bureau

Services, gave a report on the pro-

cress and operations of the Farm

Bureau Services fertilizer plant at

Saginaw. He said that the plant

had manufactured more than the production quota of fertilizer set

Based on the plant's first three

months of operation, a yearly pro-

duction of 50,000 tons will exceed

George Wruble, manager of the

Harbor Beach Farm Bureau, said

that he is improving his services

to the patron by installing a new

grain dump to speed the hand-

ling of grain. He also has three

new wagons for loaning purposes

William Harwood, Jr. presided at

the meeting. Two excellent movies

Door prizes were awarded to Mrs

H. Sueda, Shirley Lemonski, R. M

Conquesgood, Mrs. John Schoetz,

Mrs. Mary Wruble, Bert Toppin

Emmet Assists Agent's

Study Tour to Europe

The Emmet County Farm Bur-

eau appropriated \$100 toward the

financing of a trip to be made by

Walter G. Kirkpatrick, Antrim

county agricultural agent, for an

agricultural inpection tour of

The tour is the one that Presi-

dents Carl Buskirk and Roy Ward

are making, together with other

The county went on record as fa-

voring the re-establishment of a

Mrs. Raymond Stolt, Petoskey, R.

Cancer Society in Emmet county,

3. will represent the Emmet County

organization at the Mid-West Farm

Bureau Conference in Minneapolis.

American farm leaders.

and for the hauling of grain.

were shown by Mr. Anderson.

and Rose Mazure.

the anticipated plant capacity.

feed denartment for Farm

meeting held May 20.

Because of the increase in hospital costs, the rates of Michigan ston County Farm Bureau met with stock. Hospital Service, the Blue Cross officers and directors of the Howell Plan, must be raised, according to Board of Commerce to discuss a a letter from William S. McNary, few things which farmers think executive vice president of Michi- the city and county should accom gan Hospital Service, to Farm Bur- plish. The Livingston County Press au Blue Cross secretaries.

subscribers through Farm Bureau groups will be effective August county health unit is needed and for the short period of operation. Mr. McNary points out in gave instances where lack of such his letter that hospital costs, like facilities has endangered public other costs, have increased tremen- health. The Farm Bureau pointed dously within the past three years. out the need for enlarged and bet-Citing an example the costs for the ter hospital facilities. average hospital stay, which is

proving roads, particularly the dollars," he explains, "the increas-

> that the merchants appreciate the farm trade of the surrounding community and that they should be ready to support the reasonable requests of such patrons. The things that the farmers need require the backing of the townspeople and it will take the co-operation of both groups to accomplish the needs,

Andrew Jackson headed the farm

the officers and directors of the

trace of it drifting over to valuable waste valuable grain. plants can cause serious damage

> Soil treatment and good crop rotation form the foundation of erosion control.

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# Are Co-ops Serving Their Purpose?

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

By NORMAN K. WAGGONER, Research and Education

Every farmer looks back over his farm business from time to time and asks, "What part of my farm business has been the most successful, and why? Where could I make some improvements?"

Just as the livestock and crops raised are an important part of the farm business, so is the co-operative a part of the farm business. It is the tool by which the farmer buys his supplies or markets his products. Because it is a part IN THE GARDEN of the farm business, it might be well from time to time to look critically upon this side of the farm business from the standpoint of-ls the co-operative serving the purpose for which it is intended?

The realization of the advantage of co-operative action was known even to the early man. The simplest form of co-operation is demonstrated by two men working together to do a job which would be difficult or almost impossible for one to do alone.

The individual farmer has long realized that he, individually, is at a disadvantage. When it comes to purchasing farm supplies, he finds himself buying at retail prices and selling at wholesale prices. There are few business that could long continue to operate this way. Farmers have discovered many times that they can buy feed cheaper per pound in ton lots than they could by the hundredweight. It also follows that if they could buy several car loads at one time, the saving might be even greater. But few farmers are in a position to handle several car loads of feed at one time, but co-operatively that becomes pos-

There are nearly six million individual farm units in the United States. In order to operate efficiently, they need the advantages of large business. It is through the co-operative that the purchasing ability of the small farmer is equalized with the large operator. In more recent years farmers have discovered that this saving could be somewhat increased not only by purchasing feed co-operatively but the next logical step was to mill the feed co- books and other tall perennials. operatively.

improved marketing practices.

It would be interesting to know

In a survey conducted last spring

operative in your community?

Governor Sigler last winter in

total investments held by all the

ed; no matter how many shares of

3-Membership is open to all.

4-Every effort is made to treat

5-Merchandise is sold at the

6-Adequate reserves are set

7-After the expenses and in

are set up, the remaining earnings

Governor Sigler in his

ing to Patrons?

appeared on the market, which is tice has been quite widely adopted remove suckers on lilacs, roses and an indication that farmers have throughout the state until now any other grafted trees or shrubs. found it possible to improve the about 40% of 'Michigan potatoes quality of merchandise through co- are marketed in this special pack- Be particularly careful to water operative effort. It has been said age. It might well be said that cothat a co-operative cannot be jus- operatives are frequently the pace thoroughly, soaking soil to depth tified unless it does one or more of setter in the field of packaging and of three or four inches. Don't just

1-Provide a service that cannot be conveniently acquired elsewhere. 2-Improve the quality of the merchandise or product.

ter of service to patrons.

One of the earliest co-operatives to the consumer. The same might den plants, however. in this country was based on ser- be said for the purchasing of farm vice. Benjamin Franklin and a supplies. To cite one example, the group met in Philadelphia in 1752 Coldwater Co-operative Company at and pooled some of their money to Coldwater, was able to save \$63,reimburse any of the members in 198.00 for the 2,492 farmers who case of loss by fire. This was a patronized it last year. During service the members needed but the last twelve years, this co-opcould not be obtained elsewhere, erative has returned to its patrons, It proved to be the beginning of in the form of patronage refunds, mutual fire insurance in America. a total of over \$400,000. This is Since then mutual insurance com- just one form of savings. panies have been organized in such numbers that today there are ap- how the price of various items of proximately 1,900 local farmer in- farm machinery, feed, seed, fertilisurance units widely distributed zer and petroleum products would over the country. Their mortality compare if no business was done down through the years has been co-operatively. suprisingly low and at least a score of them are now more than 100 by Michigan State College among years old. Their total membership 500 farmers, it was discovered that is around three and one-half mil- 90% believed that co-operatives The growth of these co-op- do as well or better than non-coeratives insurance companies has operative business in price, qualispread until now practically every ty, service and efficiency of operacounty in Michigan has this ser- tion. Would this be true of the co-

Likewise several mutual credit organizations have been established his comments on farmer co-operato extend credit assistance. A typi- tives, indicated that 75% of our cal example of these co-operative farm families are members of the credit organizations are the Pro- 256 farmer co-operatives operating duction Credit Administration and in Michigan, and these co-operaseveral small local credit organiza- tives did more than \$164,000,000 tions, as well as the twelve Federal worth of business last year. Could Land Banks which now have a far- it be said that cooperatives are getmer invested capital in excess of ting too large? On the other hand,

About the time of World War I, co-operatives in this country do farmers in various parts of Michi- not exceed those held by the Stangan realized that frequently they dard Oil Company alone had cattle to market but not in | Can we look at the co-operative sufficient numbers to make up a in this community and say: car load; consequently the market- 1-It is democratically controlling costs per animal were high.

Farmers in some communities or stock a member owns, he has only ganized co-operative shipping as- one vote. sociations where members would 2-The interest on capital is pool their cattle in sufficient num- limited to not more than the legal bers to ship to terminal markets in rate car load lots thus reducing the marketing cost per head. In more recent years, shipping associations labor fairly and make working con have been reorganized into co-op-ditions as ideal as possible. erative livestock trucking associations which serve the same purpose. prevailing market price. Dairy farmers in some communities have had similar experiences aside for purposes of expansion or with co-operative milk hauling as- to carry the organization over persociations

iods of financial distress. Do Co-operatives Tend to Improve the Quality of Merchandise terest have been paid and reserves

In a survey conducted last spring, are returned to the patrons in pro-81% of the housewives contacted portion to their patronage, relative to buying potatoes, indicated that they preferred the fif- month proclamation of last Januteen pound sack. In tracing this ary, said: trend, one discovers that the fif- "The objectives of the farmerteen pound potato hag was first managed co-operatives, which now

embrace nearly every phase of agricultural life, are to improve the economic and social position of the family-sized farm through effiproduction and marketing; they likewise give the consumer the benefit of improved quality and better business methods, as well as to develop new and more stable outlets for our agriculture. This produces a wholesome effect on the entire economy of our state.

Do you feel that these objectives apply to the co-operatives in this ommunity? Can we say that cooperatives are serving their pur-

# JUNE MOST **IMPORTANT**

For home gardeners, the month of June means a little planting, a little pruning, a little watering, a ittle dusting and spraying, and lots of weeding. Jack Rose, Michigan State college gardening spe cialist, says that all added together it makes one of the busiest and jost important months in the whole gardening year,

June 1-10: Time still remains o plant part of the spring garden and start to plant some of the fall garden. If tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, and tender flower annuals have not been set out, do so now Make second seeding of corn and Sow lima beans, pumpkin, melons and cucumbers. Plant late potatoes. Sow seed of cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, and russel sprouts for fall crops.

FOR JUNE

WJR - Marshall Wells

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Saturday mornings - 5:30 to 7:00

June 12-State Dep't of Agricul-

June 19-Michigan Milk Produ-

June 26-Michigan Junior Farm

WKAR - State College

"Farm Forum"

First Monday - 1:00 to 1:30 p. m

Farmers' Concern with Rural

LIGHTNING RODS

June 7-Michigan Farm Bureau:

Lightning causes 37 per cent of

all farm fires. Fred Roth, farm

safety specialist at Michigan State

worth of farm property in the Unit

people and injures 1300 others, ac

you are working in a field and do

not have time to seek the protec-

in a low spot in the field. Keep

stock and machinery. Avoid seek-

Dahlias may be set out any time uring June. Continue making gladiolus plantings at ten-day inervals up to the last of June.

June 10-20: Start dusting sweet orn with rotenone or three percent DDT to control corn borer. Make five applications at five-day intervals. Keep squash plants dusted with rotenone to control vine borer. Spray tomato blossoms with horspray for early fruit set. Watch beans for Mexican bean

eetle. Spray or dust with rotenone overing top and underside of eaves for control. Dust or spray potatoes with mixture of DDT and opper dusts or bordeaux mixture. Pinch back chrysanthemums to

get bushy growth and abundance

of bloom. Stake delphinium, holly-June 20 - 30: Stop cutting aspar agus . Apply ten pounds of 10-6-4 As soon as farmers began milling marketed by co-operative potato or other high nitrogen fertilizer their own feed, open formula feeds growers of Boyne City., The prace per 100 foot row. Watch for and Water plants during dry spells. newly set evergreens. Water lawn

sprinkle. Do Co-operatives Effect a Sav-As a concluding note, the horticulturist urges gardeners to battle It has long been recognized that weeds. June is the month to whip the more hands through which the weed problem. Weeds rob gar-3-Effect a saving to the patrons. farm products must pass on the den plants of food and moisture Any business, regardless of its way to market the lower the per- Hoe them out, pull them by hand, cannot long survive in cent of the consumer's dollar the get rid of the weeds. This is a competition unless it is fulfilling producer will receive. Co-operative good time to use one of the 2, 4-D a need. Let us consider the mat- marketing of farm products is one sprays to destroy lawn weeds, too. way of bringing the producer closer Be careful not to get 2, 4-D on gar-

#### Shiawassee F. Bureau **Buys Building Site**

The Shiawassee County Farm Bureau has purchased a five acre building site on M-71, just east of the city limits of Corunna, for the erection of a Farm Bureau building.

Washtenaw Learns FARM GROUP **About Farm Credit** RADIO PROGRAM

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Association is an organization run by farmers for the benefit of farmers, Barney Hubbard of the southeastern MPCA of Jackson, told members of the Washtenaw Connty Farm Bureau at a community group meeting.

Mr. Hubbard gave numerous ex-June 7-Michigan Junior Farm amples of the many functions of the organization. He was introduced by Leland Bradley of Ann Ar bor. About 30 persons attended the meeting and enjoyed delicious home-made fried cakes and a var lety of home-made cookies which the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wolfgang served with co! ee at the close of the meeting

> Bureau Finds 2 Big Timbers

The Calhoun County Farm Bur an came to the rescue of the Battle Creek Farm Bureau Association which is constructing a new ward house. The plans called for two main support timbers, 20 inches square and 16 feet long.

To get timbers of this size, it was recessary to find two trees with a diameter of 30 inches each.

College, says that each year light-F. H. McDermitt, president of the ning destroys about \$20,000,000 County Farm Bureau, said that an extensive search finally led to the ed States. It takes the lives of 500 discovery of two such white oak rees on the farm of Norris Billings cording to National Safety Couner, southeast of Bellevue. The dis overy of the trees also led to the A building adequately equipped surprise of eight young racoons in with lightning rods offers the best the top of one tree. protection, Roth points out. If

Lawn Mowers

Lawn mowers should be set to tion of a rodded building, lie down cut at a height of not less than two away from wire fences, trees, live- inches for bluegrass and fescue lawns. This is especially important ing shelter under trees, particu- under shade trees where tree roots compete for water.

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Farm Bureau Seed Service oo-peratives as members, manaers, board directors or just steady tional corn acreage. customers, have acquired a certain basic philosophy concerning them That philosophy is colored by our particular experiences with the coperative located in our own localiy. Our personal status as a cusomer, stockholder or official has nfluenced to some degree our patern of thinking.

It is a long road from the co-op f the pre-Capper-Volstead Era to the streamlined model of co-operaives today. Back in the early ays, we recall that most of the arge suppliers of farm commodi ies were too big to want to trifle with us. That situation has now changed. The very largest of them vie with one another for our busi-

In the early days, we had no busies standing. However, today we have a very creditable one. Our competitors at tfirst were mildly imused with our awkward strug gles to attain our goals. Today many of them act alarmed at the progress we have made. The fact is that co-operatives have prospered. It was not meant that they have any desire or intention of monopo lizing the farm trade. However the growth of the anti-co-operative movement (though it professes no to be) as expressel by the NTEA, is indicative of a feeling that co-operatives in the co-operative way of life are making noticeable in-roads upon the rural business as it formally was conducted, and as some would still choose to conduct it.

Do we as co-operatively minded people value these gains made by o-operatives. If so, let us look alive; let's know before we place our business whether it will be recorded for or against the organized farmer. If there is any doubt as to its status, why not smother them out before we say, "It's a deal.

Thus far, we have been talking in a general way about all co-operatives doing business as farmer co-operatives. Insofar as seeds and eedsmen are concerned, the Michiamongst its contributors a very important segment of the whole sale seed trade. These contributors are found in nearly all sections of the state. Their actions are ample evidence that they are

friends of farmer co-operatives only when they need their business

We urge every friend of farmer co-operatives to be sure he does not do them a disservice by purchasing from those who are out to

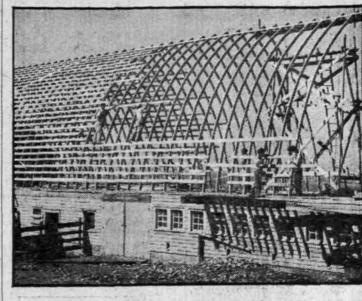
hybrid corn expanded so rapidly We, who have lived with farmer that by 1946 it occupied 62 million counted for the rest. acres or 67.5 per cent of the na

Machinery

Michigan State college farm safety specialists say that farm machinery of all kinds was involved in more than one-fourth of the accidents to farmers in 1947. Out of every five people killed in farm accidents, one was due to machinery. From a small beginning in 1933, Burns, falls, livestock, explosions, and other miscellaneous causes ac

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CO-OPERATION

Co-operation can't be 70% right and 30% wrong. It is a principle, and sometimes the working personnel, such as the manager and his associates, fail to deliver the power inherent in co-operation. They are the ones who fail and not the co-operative idea. You control the employees of co-operatives. Only if YOU live, breathe, and practice co-operation, can you have the co-operative philosophy thrive in the institution you own.



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