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EDITORIAL

Playing It Safe

Each of the major wars in our history has meant a rapidly rising general price level, followed eventually by drastically falling prices. When the general price level of the country falls, prices of farm products have led the procession downward.

Changes in the general price level have made and broken more farm people financially than any other economic factor. The individual farm family can do little about controlling fluctuations in the general price level. But keeping debts at a safe level and building up financial reserve in U. S. Savings Bonds when incomes are good will help to cushion the drop in prices that may come later.

Question of a Constitutional Convention

One of the questions to be voted upon at the November election is whether or not a constitutional convention shall be called to draft a new constitution for the state. The proposal has been placed before the people by action of the 1947 session of the

If a constitutional convention should be authorized by popular vote, any constitution that it would draft must be submitted to the voters for adoption or rejection.

Our present constitution was the product of the constitutional convention of 1907-08. It became effective January 1, 1909.

It is interesting to note that in November 1910 the first amendment was submitted and adopted. Since then there has not been a single November election at which there hasn't been at least one constitutional amendment on the ballot. Only four April elections have gone by without the submission of one or more proposed amendments to the constitution.

Altogether, the people have voted on 92 proposed amendments to the constitution of 1909. They have approved 42 and have defeated 50 proposals.

All of this indicates that if we're to make a fresh start with a new constitution, we undoubtedly would continue to amend it, just as we have done

Some who are most insistent for a constitutional convention refer to the present consitution as a relic of horse and buggy days. Many of the provisions which they criticize are not provisions that were in the original constitution, but have been added by fairly recent amendments.

The Farm Bureau has opposed a constitutional convention. Its observation has been that most of the groups asking for a convention have asked for it because of something they want to take out of the document or something they want to put in, -and never mind the rest of it. The Farm Bureau would continue with the present constitution and its provisions for amendments proposed by the legislature or initiated by the people.

The Growth of Monopoly

Four reports have been submitted to Congress by the Federal Trade Commission which point out its arguments on the need for anti-merger legislation. For many years the FTC has called for legislation to amend the Clayton Act to prevent the growth of monopolies.

The Federal Trade Commission said that there has been a sharp upward movement in mergers and acquisitions in the last three years, especially in such industries as food and beverages, textiles and apparel, and chemicals. The Commission said also:

"No great stretch of the imagination is required to foresee that if nothing is done to check the growth in concentration, either the giant corporations will ultimately take over the country, or the government will be impelled to step in and impose some form of direct regulation in the public interest.

"Crucial in that fight must be some effective means of preventing giant corporations from steadily increasing their power at the expense of small

A report on farm machinery points out the growing concentration of the industry and discusses complaints of dealers arising from their dealer contracts with manufacturers.

Farm co-operatives today are the defense of hundreds of thousands of farmers against exploitation through a monopoly of goods or services. We are rapidly becoming large scale purchasers and manufacturers of farm supplies. We are tending more and more to process and market our produc-

1200 TO VISIT FERTILIZER PLANT **DURING AUGUST**

More than 1200 members of Coun ty Farm Bureaus, together with farmer patrons of co-operative organizations, and comprising fifteen groups are scheduled to make a tour of the Farm Bureau Services' fertilizer plant at Saginaw during the month of August, according to Fred Harger, director of production and manufacturing division.

The fifteen groups will average 80 persons each. Many of them are coming by chartered bus, however, some are driving in private automobiles. It is hoped that the plant will be back in all of the various phases of operation for the tours. Strikes have prevented suppliers of mixing ingredients from shipping. This situation halted manufacturing of fertilizers in the plant confining its operations to just shipping bagged fertilizer. Mixing and the manufacture of acid phosphate fo fall plantings will be resumed when ingredients

ommence to arrive in quantity. The daily tours will be broken down into small groups and conduct ed by guides through the mixing and acidulating plants. Visitors are advised not to wear their best clothes. They should bring a jack et, overalls, or other covering to protect their clothes. Arrangements for the tours are made through the Farm Bureau district representative. He is in general charge of the arrangements for his

Counties making the tours during August are: Aug. 5-Monroe: Aug. 11-Newaygo: Aug. 12-Wash tenaw; Aug. 13-Huron; Aug. 16-Ionia; Aug. 17-Genesee; Aug. 18 -Shiawassee; Aug. 19-Barry; Aug. 20-Clinton; Aug. 23-Ingham; Aug. 24-Eaton; Aug. 25-Oakland and Hillsdale; Aug. 26-Wayne; and Aug. 27-Livingston.

TOUR TO FLORIDA MAY PRECEDE AFBF IN DECEMBER

There is a strong possibility that Michigan Farm Bureau members may have a tour to New Orleans. Florida and New York City in con nection with the annual American Farm Bureau meeting to be held at Atlantic City, December 12 to 16. The tour is to be an all expense our as far as transportation and Pullman accomodations and the overnight stops and meals, except at the convention. Those interested should write the Membership Relations Dep't, Michigan Farn Bureau, PO Box 960, Lansing, Mich. It has been proposed that the tour leave Detroit about Dec. 2 and proceed by way of Cincinnati to New Orleans for a full day of sight seeing there. The group will proeed to Mobile. Ala., and have the morning there. Then there is to be five days of sight seeing by bus throughout the Florida peninsula. Stops will be made at Silver Springs, Bok Tower, Cypress Gar lens, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Fort Myers, Miami, West Palm Beach, St. Augustine, and Jacksonville.

The group will arrive at Washington early Dec. 11 for a day at the capitol, and have a half day in Philadelphia before proceeding to Atlantic City for the four day con-

After the convention they are to go by motor coach to New York for the night at a hotel and a full day of sight seeing. Leaving late the second evening, the party will be in Detroit shortly after the next day, December 17.

Vaniman To Speak At Ionia Fair

The farm organization day program of the Ionia Free Fair will feature as its principal speaker, Vernon V. Vaniman of Chicago, di rector of organization for the midwest region of the American Farm Bureau Federation, Friday, August 3, at 10 a. m.

Pomona Grange

mona Granges in Ionia County The program will be held in front of the main grandstand, and is open legislative counsel for the Michigan Farm Bureau, will be the master of ceremonies.

Otisco Twp. Picnic

Otisco township, Ionia county Farm Bureau members and their families enjoyed a picnic at Fallis burg park August 1. At a basket dinner everyone was served all the ice cream he could eat. The men played a ball game and games were provided for the children and la-Everyone enjoyed the day and expressed appreciation to Smyrna Community Farm Bureau for sponsoring the picnic.

Farm Bureau Has the Formula Get Out Rural Vote

By ALLAN B. KLINE

President, American Farm Bureau Federation

The extraordinary growth and development of the Farm Bureau in recent years is evidence enough that the farm organization formula necessary to enlist the great masses of farm families has been found.

That formula consists simply of a combination of education, economic and legislative service to the people who live

The Farm Bureau has never lost sight of the original basic aim of the founders of the American Farm Bureau Federation nearly 30 years ago when they set forth their

'The purpose of this organization shall be to corelate and strengthen the State Farm Bureaus and similar state organizations of the several states in the national Federation; to promote, protect and represent the business, social and educational interests of the

farmers of the nation; and to develop agriculture." As the years go by and population continues to increase, farmers become a smaller and smaller percentage of the total population-strictly a minority group.

For this reason, they must organize still more strongly to maintain our basic industry of agriculture in its rightful position in the national economy. By keeping everlastingly at the job outlined by the organization so long ago, the Farm Bureau has won the hearty support and loyalty of more than a million and a quarter farm families.

Farm Editors Visit Governor Dewey

He Asked Their Recommendations Concerning Long Range Farm Program Adopted By Congress in June

> By EINAR UNGREN Editor of the Michigan Farm News

"You are cordially invited to be my guest for dinner man of the committee, reported at the Grange Hall at Pawling, New York, at 12 noon project practical and possible, Saturday, July 24. Senator Aiken and Congressman said there are now 32 state Farm Bureau insurance companies. Their Hope will be with us. We would like to get views on history indicates that afer 3 to the country's current and long-time agricultural problems years of good operation those inas well as have the benefit of any written memoranda to effect substantial savings to you care to leave with us . . . "GOVERNOR THOMAS members. E. DEWEY.

The telegram received July 14 suggested that a confer-studies, especially with respect to ence with farm publication editors was in the making. sponsibilities by County Farm Bur-Sure enough, a few days later the newspapers said that on July 24 Governor Dewey would be host to farm editors and would ask their counsel on present and long bers should raise \$225,000 in cash time agricultural problems.

This is a story of the trip, and what I saw and heard in insurance company. four hours with Governor Dewey and 75 farm editors. Our visit included an hour of discussion between Mr. PETROLEUM CO-OP Dewey and the editors at Pawling and a two-hour visit to his farm up on Quaker Hill, several miles from Pawl- STOCK SALE OFF

The editors were advised to come to Poughkeepsie or New York City by rail, fly to the Dutchess County airport, or drive to Pawling. My overnight trip to Poughkeepsie leum Cooperative, Inc., got off to by rail brought me into Albany early in the morning. I a good start during July. Sale had heard that the Hudson River is navigable above ing made to farmers, farmers' co Albany—145 miles above New York. My first glimpse of operatives, and other rural people it included some good sized boats. Later I saw a big Mobiloil freighter on the way to Albany. The train follows the Hudson all the way into New York, and almost at the level of the river. So close some of the time that and many farmers have purchased apparently one could scoop water with about a ten-foot the maximum of \$1,000. A large

The Hudson demands attention. It's wide and it looks deep. There are very few bridges. I learned that it is really a narrow inlet of the sea with a rock bottom for acquiring established produc below sea level. It is very deep. Soon the river appeared to be nearly a mile wide. In the 72 miles between with refineries for refining, and Albany and Poughkeepsie, there are only two bridges and one ferry. Those bridges cross about 150 feet above patrons. the river. The tide comes in up to Albany.

Pretty soon I observed a long miles of distance precluded hearing The farm organization day, a big range of mountains across the thunder for confirmation. The Catday of the fair from the rural point river. They were the Catskills, skills are Rip Van Winkle country. At Poughkeepsie (Vassar Colof view, is sponsored jointly by the their lower slopes and valleys hid-Ionia County Farm Bureau and the den in mists and clouds. It look- lege and Smith Bros, cough drops, ed a bit rainy over there. I thought among other things) I found that Entertainment will be furnished I saw a lightning flash over two, on my train were John Lacey, diby seven of the subordinate Po- but the noise of the train and nine

Democrat Farm Plank **Endorses Co-operatives**

"We will encourage farm co-operatives and oppose any revision of Federal law designed to curtail their most effective functioning as a means of achieving economy, stability and security for American agriculture."

At its national convention at Philadelphia in July the Democrat party adopted the platform plank quoted above to pledge its continued approval and support of farm co-operatives. At Philadelphia in June the as one-third of each tank wagon Republican party strongly endersed farm co-operatives. Opponents of disappeared into the ground. farm co-operatives, led by the so-called National Tax Equality Ass'n, had a bad time before platform makers for both parties. NTEA is now station is believed to have been retrying to read into the language of the planks support for its attack on farm co-operatives.

REPORT MADE ON FARM BUREAU INSURANCE CO.

At the July 13 meeting th Michigan Farm Bureau board o directors heard the report of th committee appointed to investigate the feasibility of a Michigan Farm Bureau Insurance Company with service limited to members.

Blaque Knirk of Quincy, chair that the committee considers the

The board of directors voted to the assumption of financial reeaus and the membership for the proposed company. The committee estimated that

and secure at least 4,000 charter members to launch a Farm Bureau

TO A GOOD START

of Class A Common Stock are be Considerable interest has been

shown by petroleum co-operative as well as individual farmers

The average minimum purchas of stock securities has been \$100 number of petroleum co-operative have subscribed to and purchased all or large portions of their allo ed quantity of stock.

The Farmers Petroleum Coopera ive will attempt to raise \$1,000,00 tion of crude oil for drilling pu poses, for making arrangement for distribution of fuels and other petroleum products to the farm

The critical shortage of petroleum products, has forced farm co-ops to do something to supplement gasoline, tractor fuels, and other petro leum products they buy from othe refineries. It has been increasing ly plain that fermers had own as much of the crude oil pr duction as possible in order to as sure themselves of the supplies they need to operate their farms.

Discover Cause Of Gasoline Shrinkage

It took a heap-o-lookin' over period of 90 days by Watervliet Fruit Exchange to discover where some 20,000 gallons of gasoline

finally traced to a leak in the pipeline through which the gas is pumped from the gas trucks to the storage tanks. Perhaps as much

A sewer project near the bulk sponsible for the leak in the pipe.

Plant Farm Bureau seeds.

Sept. 14 and Nov. 2

Farm Bureau Organization Makes Plans to Insure Full Registration and Big Farm Vote this Fall

A strong effort will be made by the Michigan Farm Bureau organization to secure a large and well informed vote by Michigan's rural citizens at the primary Sept. 14 and at the general election Nov. 2.

There are so many important issues that it is vital that the best qualified candidates be nominated and elected. Seven special proposals will be on the ballot in November. It is most important that citizens vote intelligently in determining what shall be adopted and what shall be

Registration. The first step is to make sure that you and your neighbors are properly registered for these elections. To be eligible to vote a person must be 21 years of age by election date, must have lived in the state for six months before the election and must have registered at least 20 days before the election date.

August 25 is the last day for registering for the primary September 14.

October 13 is the last day for registering for the general election November 2.

Don't Neglect the Primary. There is too general a tendency to underestimate the importance of the primary election. In many cases, because of the dominance of one political party, whoever is nominated on that ticket is virtually assured of election.

Conference with Candidates. Some County Farm Bureaus hold public meetings with candidates for public office. The candidates are invited to make brief statements as to their views on current issues. They are asked questions as to where they stand on matters of particular interest to farm people. Such meetings should be of great assistance in helping rural citizens to vote with the benefit of full information.

At the general election in November, national, congressional, state, and county officers will be elected. Then there are the seven constitutional amendments and special proposals to be submitted to the people of Michigan for a decision. They are described briefly in another article in this edition.

Importance of rural vote. If an unusually high percentage of Michigan farm folks vote in the coming elections, they are more likely to get the kind of decisions that they want. A large rural vote also invites consideration and respect from everyone. A large rural vote also assists the Farm Bureau in its state and national legislative program.

Farm Bureau Action. It is felt that Farm Bureau Action Committeemen may well spearhead the drive to insure all voters register and vote in the primary September 14, and that all voters vote in the general election November 2. In this big job they should have the hearty co-operation of County Farm Bureau boards of directors, leaders of women's activities, and Junior Farm Bureau officers.

A series of meetings on a Farm Bureau district basis is being arranged for late August and early September. At these meetings more detailed plans will be made for achieving the objectives outlined in this article.

Our right of self-government depends upon our faithful and well informed exercise of the right to vote. It is our responsibility not only to vote, but to vote intelligently. This is not only our privilege but also our duty. If we fail to meet the obligations of citizenship, we have only ourselves to blame if regimentation and bureaucracy steal away our liberties.

48,000 Farm Bureau members | Certified seed gives a firm have been getting results through foundation for good crop productheir organization.

Junior FB Cafeteria At Ionia Fair

One of the most popular places at the Ionia Fair the week of August 9 will be the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau cafeteria across the street from the grandstand.

The Juniors expect to serve upwards of 10,000 meals during the week, dinner, supper and evening snacks of sandwiches, coffee and ice cream. Last year they served 7,000 meals. The fair management invited the young people to come back in The stoage tank shrinkage was 1948 and added to their serving facilities. The Juniors have modern cafeteria kitchen and serving equipment. They employ experienced cooks and key help and supply the remainder of the help themselves. Good food and a most attractive eating place won many compliments for the Farm Bureau in 1947. Miss Ruth Parsons of Fowlerville is general chairman for the scores of Junior members of various committees promoting the project. Earnings go to the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau treasury for educational work.

Appreciation

From time to time some friend of mine whom I have never met

Sits down and writes a note of thanks, and what a thrill I get To think that someone likes my lines enough to make the start

And take his trusty pen in hand and say so, from the heart,

Our finest sentiments sometimes come on us unawares

And everybody's heart is glad to think somebody cares.

Was carved upon a monument long after he was dead,

To cheer somebody yet alive, downhearted and abused.

To say today that kindly word may help someone a lot,

But it is true beyond a doubt that when a man is dead

So if you have it in your mind to write a note today

But get it in the mail today, while we are kicking yet

To me, or anybody else, or send a fresh bouquet,

ess of the guest on their left. This talk regarding cancer.

produced many laughs and good

present laws are allowed to drive,

the time of application for auto li-

Newaygo-Brookside. Member Geo.

meeting on the United Nation's

Appeal for Children and the group

decided to support this cause. On

a motion by Joe Brinkman they

pledged themselves to give at least

\$40. Mrs. Peter Smalligan moved

that a baked goods sale be held to

raise the funds and the following

committee was appointed: Mrs.

Smalligan, Mrs. Waltz, and Mrs.

Northwest Michigan-Grant. As a

ratives it was the group's opinion

that Farm Bureau in all its organi-

MACHINERY

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Reliable manufacturer of cow stalls.

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PULLETS

(8-1t-19b)

and whereas such drivers under our Rouge park.

be presented to the license office at |Smith:

sketches.

cense plates."

He's past the need of cheering up by what is done or said.

To smile that sympathetic smile will cheer him, like as not,

Don't wait till we have passed beyond and send it with regret

And thanks again to you, and you, who think it worth a stamp

That lights my rambling footsteps as I tread the darkening vale

Everyone was given a pencil and attended our meeting and heard

R. S. Clark.

315 North Grinnell Street

Livingston - Townline. Regular

Charlevoix - Barnard. A very

"OUR FARM BUREAU"

Our Farm Bureau Group meets tonigh

At Henry Potter's up the road.

To discuss problems of today.

Our topic we discuss tonight

We think it will solve problems

And each can have his say.

Is the co-operative plan.

At least if anything can.

And when the meeting is over

And eat the lunch provided

Which we, of course, all bring.

That serves over all the land.

We are a loyal, happy group,

For co-operatives we stand.

For each of us has our problems

Jackson, Michigan

To pat a stranger on the back-you keep alight the lamp

Toward that far land where Uncle Sam cannot deliver mail.

Smalligan reported attending They've plowed and dragged

esult of the discussion on co-op- We visit or play or sing,

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editions take the rate of 4 cents per word per edition.

sowed

meeting.

Of many a man the kindest thing that ever has been said

And many a sanctimonious phrase might better have been used

To be appreciated means so much to everyone

It seems a first rate pity that it is so seldom done.

HURAM and

it also means that the legume stand

obtained in grains un-nitrated may cost 30 to 60 bushels per acre of

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tion through our own sales organizations, which are

the co-operatives. Monopolies fear only the power

that can break them. Farmers in co-operatives have

Before long, no doubt, we shall begin to have

state legislation with respect to water rights for

irrigation. The continued growth of irrigation here

is drawing attention to legal and financial questions

In earlier days, says the state conservation depart-

ment, Farmer B did not mind Farmer A using water

from a creek for his stock. There was plenty for

both. But if Farmer A, B, C, and D install irrigation

systems that take about all of the water from a

creek, can Farmers E and F downstream later de-

mand a share in the supply and if so, how much?

Who may draw water from a lake for irrigation?

Last month conservation department geologists

and the Bureau of Economic Development were dis-

cussing irrigation, ground water supplies, dams,

flood control and beach erosion for the purpose of

users' rights, privileges and responsibilities have yet

to be defined in Michigan. At present the only

adjustment of difficulty is through court review of

Seven proposals will be on the ballot when we vote in the general PATRON RELATION

nual meetings.

BARBECUE AUG. 10

August 10 at Gaylord. The event,

sponsored by the Michigan agricul-

Vernon E. Vaniman of Chicago.

will be present for the affair.

ed by the Junior Farm Bureaus.

AT GAYLORD

of Gaylord.

amendments would remove from by the county Junior Farm Burthe Constitution present limitations caus, under the direction of J. M.

on compensation of state officials Moore, extension poultryman for

exhibit.

and members of legislature. If Michigan State College.

the calling of a constitutional convention to re-write the basic laws

According to the conservation department, water

assembling information for the legislature.

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some of that power.

that may come up.

How far may he pump it?

damages claimed in each case.

SEVEN PROPOSALS

Seven proposals will be on the

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of the state. Others would make

amendments to the present consti-

tution. Every person should in-

form himself on these proposals

and should vote. Some very im-

and the legislature. If adopted,

any new Constitution must be sub-

mitted to voters for adoption or

rejection. Farm Bureau believes it

is better to keep present Constitu-

tion and amend it as required. Fol-

lowing are 5 proposed amend-

No. 1-Office of Governor. Pro-

torney General, State Treasurer,

No. 2-Repeal of Sales Tax Di-

vision. Proposed by legislature. It

would repeal sales tax division

amendment adopted by the people

in 1946 at request of city govern-

ments and school people. The 1946

amendment earmarks for cities,

villages, townships and school dis-

tricts 78.1% of sales tax yields

channels funds without regard to

No. 3 & 4-Salaries. These

adopted, such salaries would be

No. 5 - 15 Mill Tax Limit. Mich-

igan Education Ass'n has promot-

ing district to be raised by simple

majority vote up to 50 mills for up

to 20 years. Present law requires

a two-thirds vote and the time

imit is five years. The proposal

means 50 mill limit instead of 15

mill limit. Farm Bureau urges its

1947 the legislature enacted the food nutrition.

need and financial situations. Farm

judgment of legislature.

lature.

Governor, Secretary of State, At- Saginaw.

Auditor General. Farm Bureau TO HOLD CHICKEN

are to be made.

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TO GO BEFORE

VOTERS NOV. 2

Irrigation and Water Rights

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JUNIOR FARM BUREAU

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PURPOSE of FARM BUREAU

The purpose of this Associa-tion shall be the advancement of our members' interests edu-cationally, legislatively, and economically.

The farm mortgage debt in the United States on January 1, 1948 was estimated to be \$4,882,000,000. This is up about \$104,000,000, or 2.2% from last year. The increase

The rise continues to reflect the arge purchases by farmers of land. nachinery, motor vehicles and other equipment. Many farmers used their 1947 high incomes to buy such items rather than to make further principal payments. Many other farmers borrowed money to make

Community Farm Bureau

By MRS. MARJORIE GARDNER

STAR AWARDS

pena county, Mrs. Alger Herron, secretary

Silver Star-Bolton Group, Alpena county, Mrs. Alex Kennedy, secretary.

Silver Star-Brookside Group, Newaygo county, Mrs. Joe Brinkman, secretary.

Congratulations!

The organization department of the Michigan Farm Bureau is awarding a Gold Star and two Silver Star citations for the outstanding minutes of three Community Farm Bureaus each month. The Callahan Act which would require awards for July are listed above.

agents of foreign governments to Berrien-Sodus. As the recreationregister in this state. People op- al part of the meeting a secret balposed to the Act circulated peti- lot was taken on the nominations tions for a referendum. A vote YES for President of the U.S. on the Resustains the act. A vote NO is for publican ticket in conjunction with a discussion of the present methods of nomination. On a motion by Mrs. Russell Handy, second by Robert Berndt, this group went on record as favoring a change in the methods of nomination for President of the United States and recommended that it should be by presidential primaries.

St. Joseph-Florence. Believes that the success or failure of a coopera-Beginning August 15 advisory tive in a community depends pricommitteemen around more than marily upon its manager. Illustrapostant and far reaching decisions 50 Farm Bureau Services dealers tions were cited from actual exparticipating in the FBS Patrons perience by members of the group.

Constitutional Convention. Pro- Relations program will begin their posal to authorize such a conven. annual meeting planning confertion was placed before the people ences. Plans will be made for an- that "inasmuch as we consider our nual meetings to be held during selves a democratic nation, we October. A record turn out of pa- should not discriminate against trons is anticipated for those an people because of color or creed. Mrs. Fred Miller, Sec'y.

At the annual meeting advisory Van Buren-Townline, Mrs. McCub commetteemen will be elected. Re- bin reported that the quota was met ports will be made in local services, by the Farm Bureau women for a and an annual report from Farm walker for the county hospital and Bureau Seervices. Slide pictures that they were also buying linoleum will show building progress and

vides that in case of vacancy, the fertilizer manufacture at the Farm Calhoun - Clarendon, Members order of succession shall be Lt. Bureau Services fertilizer plant at heard a very interesting talk on ing Sales, Vicksburg, Michigan Rural Zoning and Land Use Plan For Sale—Oil container with pump. Capacity 15 gallons, \$6.00. Mrs. W. E. Dunston, 24 Hanover Road, Pleasning by the guest speaker from the Extension Department of Michigan State College, Mr. L. A. Wolfinger.

> Livingston-Handy Township. This group expressed the opinion that they believed co-ops should pay bet-

ter wages and have the best help. Macomb-Old Oaks. Members of Farmers and their families from the group listened to a very inseven northern Michigan counties teresting report of the Women's will attend a chicken barbecue Camp by Mrs. Paul.

Barry-Stevens. This group believes that the incentive plan for the functions of legislature, and tural planning committee, will take paying co-op managers and employplace at the 4-H Club grounds north ees might promote better service which they felt could be improved in their local community.

Bureau favors repeal to enable legislature to appropriate sales tax revenues to governmental units tax revenues to governmental units are described and recordance with needs in accordance with needs and broadcasting and recording studio, which co-ops could be improved in their opinion: (1) Improve manage-The barbecue will be conducted ment; (2) More active support of co-ops by patrons; (3) More incen-

> Eaton-East Hamlin. Members of Maple Syrup Producers: Place your order now for sap buckets, spouts, sap storage tanks, gathering tanks and syrup filtering tanks. All steel will be hard to get if you wait until tree tapping time. For complete information on all syrup making and marketing supplies, write Sugar Bush Supplies Company, Box 1107, Lansing 4, Michigan. (8-21-55b).

support their co-operative. Lard is a high-energy food that is almost completely digestible and contains substances necessary for food nutrition.

Pullets—White Leghorns, White and Barred Rocks, and New Hampshire Rock an Referendum on Callahan Act. In contains substances necessary for Doris Locke, recreational chairman

Farm Mortgage Debt

was slightly greater than in 1946. The increase in farm mortgage debts during 1946 and 1947 reversed the downward trend which had been in progress every year since 1923, except for 1928.

these purchases.

Activities

Gold Star-Spratt Group, Al-

zations must work toward advancing | Our good wishes to the Farm Burea farmer unity as expressed by co-Northwest Michigan-County Line. The following resolution was passed at their June meeting: "Be it resolved that the Farm Bureau signs emain the property of the Farm Bureau, the members having the use of the signs only during the time his dues are paid." Emmet-Tobacco Road. Eighteen in fat tissues of animals.

Van Buren-Pine Grove, At the June meeting this group resolved

for the hospital.

tive for people to belong.

the East Hamlin Community Farm A queen will be selected from Bureau held an interesting discusfixed by laws passed by the legis. contestants representing each of the sion on cooperatives and brought counties. This event is sponsor out the following points: (1) that it is better to buy cooperatively The Cheboygan Junior Farm than individually; (2) in order to ed an amendment which if adopted Bureau is making plans to set up be attractive to the buying public would permit millage in any assess. an additional exhibit of crops, for- a co-operative must offer something est products and manufactured ar- special such as service, a saving to ticles from farms and factories in the patron, or an improved quality Cheboygan. Henry Dombroski, Jun- product. By improving quality of for Farm Bureau member, is in merchandise the co-operative saves charge of collecting articles for the money for the farmers, but most important of all is that farmers

> Eaton-North Eaton. An unusual of this group, at the June meeting.

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In Higher Gear With the Season

By GEORGE D. SCARSETH

American Farm Research Ass'n Let's look at our crop growing problems from some new angles. Let's raise some questions about peratures, and day and night temp- ter, thus low in available nitrogen. eratures upon how our crops per- His crop production is greatly limthey affect us.

states on through the midwest to do its best work. northern Minnesota. In both exing to farm too much by the same rules. This is natural since farm-

Length of Daylight Importance. hours, but the growing season is about 300 days, depending upon the location and kind of crop. Twel- able to plants after the soil warms ment station scientists to work out ve average hours multiplied by 300 up in the late spring and early days equals about 3600 hours of summer. Before the soil warms up daylight for plants to carry on his crops can't get at this organic photosynthesis (the first building nitrogen and as a result grow poorstep in plant growth).

paper and asked to sketch a like- Dr. Lashmet give an instructive see to read until nearly 9 p. m. and light is wasted. meeting included a weiner roast at the daylight rushed in before 4 Use More Daylight. Here is the Lapeer-Elba-Hadley. This group the Tomas Lounds. The following a.m., making a growing day of rub! Do northern farmers in the passed the following resolution at Sunday 30 members and friends about 17 hours. There the growing cool spring season have enough their June meeting: "Resolved enjoyed a conducted tour through season for hardy plants is about available nitrogen to make most whereas many accidents on high- Greenfield Village and the Edison 150 days long. So, an average of use of the good long daylight that ways are caused by drivers of cars Museum. We travelled by charterabout 15 hours x 150 days equals is so valuable? Remember, the longwho are not financially responsible ed bus and had a potluck dinner at 2250 hours or less of total growing est day of the year is June 21. Onehours for the season. These are only rough figures to convey the are gone by that date. therefore, we the members of the unique method of summarizing the idea.

Elba-Hadley Farm Bureau recom- proceedings of the June meeting mend the passage of a law that is shown by the poem submitted by property damage and bodily injury of the Barnard Group, Mrs. Clyde for the short seasoned farmer.

decided advantage from his long-But of course they'll attend the building block for all plant strucdoes the southern farmer.

Respiration is the fire of life that burns up sugars made in plant I have seen nitrogen starvation as photosynthesis. The hotter the the number one limiting growth weather the faster is the rate of factor for all non-legume crops as Decides Farming Best respiration both in the night and late as June 21, unless adequately daytime, and the longer the night nitrated through nitrate carrying the greater is the loss of sugars. for making growth or starch for

seeds and harvests. Corn treated with DDT should are best in cool ripening seasons this low gear? not be fed to livestock, warn Michand why corn yields are not as igan State College entomologists. n grows best in hot weather. It gen and won't grow fast. This ex- seeded.

growth from fertilizers containing available nitrogen.

The southern farmer has disadvantages in having, for the most the effects of length of daylight, part, sandy soils that are droughty. length of growing seasons, soil tem- They are also low in organic matform. Maybe we can do better if ited for lack of water unless irriwe study these forces and how gated, and for lack of nitrogen unless he fertilizes frequently and Between May 1st and June 21st heavily with it. Of course, the nit. early spring light-in order to get visited farmers from the tip of rogen must be balanced by "all the Florida through the Atlantic coast elements in the book" to make it

The northern farmer usually has tremes it struck me we were try- soils that hold water better and after the grain harvest, and evaporation is not so severe. Theregeneral soil and crop management fore, his moisture supply while often limited in the mid-summer ing developed as an art. Now, with heat, is not as a rule short in the new facts from science there may spring. An important feature is be new possibilities if we look for that his original soil was richer in organic matter and he uses more legume sods and manures. These n Florida the daylight was about 13 have given him a better backlog of organic nitrogen.

This nitrogen only becomes availly because they starve for nitrogen In northern Minnesota we could The result is that a lot of growing

half of the long days of the year The northern farmer has depend

For the northern farmer to have, ed largely on his available nitrogen only some 2200 or less growing from organic sources in the soil would require that an adequate in- Mrs. John Boss, Sec'y. The poem hours against about 3600 or This is the natural supply from surance policy or bond, covering was written by the Vice-Chairman more hours for the southern far- original soil organic matter and mer looks like a big disadvantage from turned-under manures and legumes. This latter practice is a The southern farmer does have a saving grace and the key to soil conservation, but does it give him er season if he uses it in a cropping all the advantages possible? Could system that makes use of this feat- he start his plant factory earlier, ure. However, a big favorable ad- take advantage of a lot of wasted vantage for the northern farmer is daylight hours, get into gear as that, not only can his plant factory early as plants start their life actiremain open more daylight hours vity but while the soil is still too for sugar making during his short- cool for nitrogen to be made availer growing season with less shut- able from biological sources, by usdowns for darkness, but he does ing adequate amounts of available not lose as much sugar (the first chemical nitrogen early? Some farmers have tried this, but it's full ture) through plant breathing as importance does not seem to be generally appreciated.

Throughout the northern states manures, or chemicals. Regardless This is one reason grain yields nitrogen. Can we afford to go in job he liked most.

is cold the corn starves for nitro- spring to grains where legumes are ty president.

grain not made, as in the case of oats. Such a cost must be charged to the legume.

Maybe there is a chance to in crease the efficiencies of both the grains and the legumes by seeding them separately and fertilizing each according to their respective and peculiar needs for maximum efficiency in yields. In other words can we sacrifice on producing the most efficient bushels of grainthose extra bushels made without any plant food starvation in the a legume stand, and can we afford to handicap our valuable legume crops by dovetailing them into a 'second table" role? Can't we find

to make them better? These are questions, not answers. We need to stimulate our thinking on how we might better take advantages of some seasonal and biological pecularities to do a more efficient job of growing our crops. We need to get back to our experithe answers to such questions

through good seed bed preparation,

mulches, and adequate plant food

applications, or some other means,

MANY OVERLOOK

Figures are often quoted which

give the value of cash crops in dollars and cents, but Ceorge Brown, head of the animal husbandry department at Michigan State College, says we sometimes overlook the value of that simple cropgrass. 56 per cent of our land area would

produce no human food without grass which is converted by livestock into meat, milk, butter, wool, cheese, leather, medicinal supplies and countless other aids to health and well being.

During the recent Grass Day pro grams held throughout the state many Michigan farmers learned the importance of grass and legumes in a balanced farming program. They saw demonstrations of new hay making methods and learned of improved ways of handling and using these crops. The Michigan State College Co-operative Extension Service, sponsor of the program, worked closely with county agricultural agents and local committees to see that no phase of grassland farming was neglected in the Grass Day programs.

Cheboygan President Having tried both farm and shop

work, Warren Peters of Black River, a former Wisconsin farm Sugars thus used don't go into stuff of the soil type or organic matter boy and the new president of the content of the un-nitrified soils the Cheboygan County Farm Bureau. grasses and grains were starved for decided that farming was the

A progressive farmer, Mr. Peters We agronomists have advised believes so thoroughly in farm adgood in the south, even with heavy against using more than 20 to 40 vancement, that he did an out-DDT is secreted in milk and stored fertilization and thick stands, as pounds per acre of chemical nitro- standing job of organizing to exthey are in the north. We think of gen in the spring on grain crops, tend Farm Bureau benefits to more corn as a hot weather crop because because more may injure or even Cheboygan County farm families kill the legume seeding. For this in 1947. In appreciation of his takes hot weather to make soil reason some agronomists have even leadership ability, members pronitrogen available. While the soil advised against any nitrogen in the moted him to his new job of coun-

plains why northern farmers ob- If adequate nitrogen to grains Plant Farm Bureau Seeds.

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"Doctor.

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fallacy of trying to economize by spending a little less for

ordinary seed and reaping a crop that is worth consider-

TO ILLUSTRATE:

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practices, good weather PLUS Good Seed equals a good

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MISS ALGOE

Mrs, Helen Murton, Clinton Couny Farm Bureau organization director for the past 21/2 years, resigned recently from that position. in one of our city dailies that prov- to be had between consumers and Miss Leona Algoe, who has been ed to me that the author knew but producers, there would be more employed by the State Junior Farm precious little about her subject. stable supplies of foods. But just Bureau at Lansing, has taken over She was writing about the as soon as any food commodity the duties of a full-time county or- High Cost of Living. ganization director for Clinton county. An office has been established in the Briggs building in

St. Johns. Mrs. Murton, while working as a part-time organizer since the be ginning of 1946, has helped the county organization grow from 7 scattered community groups to the present 28. There is at least one group in every township; two in the majority of them; and three active groups in Essex Township.

Clip cows regularly to prevent dirt from clinging to long hair on flanks and udders, MSC dairymen

Consumers Notions Add to Cost of Living

Briar Hill Farm, Carleton, Mich. it a gamble for the next. I read an article the other day If there were more co-operation

one who bemoans profit entirely.

but himself. MRS. WAGAR but himself.
The lady said in her newspaper

demand only the very best cuts of wanted meat at any cost. meat, they are going to pay more It may be of interest even to our COUNTIES WITH many chops in a hog.

animal, he not only buys the choice meat packing products was 1.7 61/2 years, has returned to Michicuts but he buys the hair, hide, cents per dollar of sales and slight gan Farm Bureau to assume the Farm Bureau Services' Yale Branch, horns, hoofs and the paunch and ly less than 8/10 of one cent per duties of director of membership July 1, 1948. its contents. Therefore, the over- pound on the business they did dur acquisition in the field service deall price of the slaughtered animal ing that year. must be great enough to allow the We must all remember that everypacker and the retailer to come out thing that is used these days costs Mr. Black where he served four Branch as assistant manager late whole. If the less choice cuts of far more than it did. We must years as a company commander in in 1934, and served in that capacity meat are a drug on the market, never forget that if labor demands a training center. At the time of until 1936. He returned to Saginaw enough must be charged for the higher wages for less work, not his entry into the service, he was to manage the Farm Bureau Serchoice portions to make up for the only in the place of business but employed by the Farm Bureau as vices elevator and held that posislow moving cuts. If only consum- in the manufacture of equipment district representative of the north- tion for 10 years. In 1946, he was ers could see that by changing and everything used about the pack- west counties of Michigan. their methods of cooking, they could ing plant, the cost of the meat or serve just as palatable meals at a any other commodity processed more reasonable cost!

It is almost useless to try to reason with most of them. For so lar sales of meat products with long as the average American con-some other industries and we can sumer has the money he is now re-still defend our farm meat prices. ceiving, he is going to have what he wants and when he wants it re- Commodity gardless of what it costs. He will Canned Goods try to excuse himself by cussing Canned Goods everyone else.

The retailers put the blame on the Non-Alcoholic Beverages housewife. They say she doesn't want to spend the time to cook. about the high cost of some other She doesn't want to "smell up her things that are non-essentials; so house." She has forgotten the fine why should the consumer demand meals her mother and grandmother cheap food? served, with less dependence upon steaks and chops.

good price for the livestock he sells, income that warrants us going on. but the average farmer never has account of the feed situation. The

raises, no matter how scarce or I admit living costs are high. how difficult is the production, the No one can dis- public puts up a howl about it unoute that fact til the farmer becomes very cau-But there's a reason for it, and it creases beyond a safety point. A would do every sudden drop and he could lose his

the fact much When it comes to storage, I'm good if he would sure there are food storage lockers make a study of within reasonable distance of every the cause rather family these days. Quarters or han condemn the halves of beef and the same of farmers or the pork, are available at certain seagovernment or sons of the year so that anyone who everybody else really wants to get meat at a more reasonable price can do so.

Farmers can recall the rationing article that the exorbitant price period of O. P. A. when every nonfor meat is caused by the large producer was allowed just so much quantities in cold storage. I do and no more. Farmers were harasnot doubt there are large amounts sed night and day to sell what they in storage; but some of that is the had fit to market for the consume consumers' fault, and they should who wanted it. Legal or not, and money seemed to be no object Just so long as consumers will whatever when the fellow really

than they think they should, for farm people to hear that the packthere's only a certain number of er's margin of profit is small insteaks in a beef animal, and so deed in comparison to many other industries.

When the packer buys the live | The net earnings for 1947 for all

must go up accordingly.

Compare the earnings per dol-

Earnings Per Dollar of Sales Chewing Gum and Candy111

We hear no great complaints

Farmers can help their own cause a lot if they would only defend their Now, the farmer is getting a business. We are entitled to an

We must tell these people who had so few head to sell. Many had want big wages and cheap food that to cut down their number on actithey themselves might have some count of the poor corn crop last thing to complain about if within year. Many culled to the limit on 10 days they found that a goodly portion of their income was cut alprice for livestock was attractive. most in half on account of a spell lany sold themselves short of breed of unfavorable weather. That is ing stock for they were sure of the what the wheat farmers of some of the southern Michigan counties have experienced just recently. The

> Consumers complain about the price of bread but they could reduce the price an appreciable home made bread that they rave so about, but seldom make. Many excuse the lack of making their it takes. But the majority of farmers now use either gas or electri-

> still many do their own baking. You know, it not only takes gas but it takes gumption to bake bread. or cook a boiled dinner or a pot roast or a stew.

> If we really want to do something very much, we will find a way to do it. I guess that's my reason for writing this article. I'm so "fed up" on this constant complaint about the price of milk, butter. chops and steaks, berries, sweet corn, etc., that I felt I must relieve myself and urge all of our farm folks to stop sympathizing with folks who seem willing to spend except food.

Let's take time to tell them o we budget our spending money ac- to Sept 2. cording to our income. If they fied with a soup bone. If enough field, Mass. of them will do that, the steaks will come down.

NEW OIL CO. HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

The St. Joseph County Farm ence. Bureau Oil Company held its first Dr. Karl D. Butler, director of of this year.

August to complete the securities represented by visitors. sale to raise necessary capital to

hers only in St. Joseph county. ing board of directors: A. W. Co. setts, Amherst, Mass., and be acpenhafer, Mendon, President: John companied by a registration fee of Wenzel, Sturgis, Vice-President; \$2.50. Lyman E. Seiler, Centerville, Sec-

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ean Services in Saginaw in 1933.

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der management contract to Farm

Bureau Services. From Caro he

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Farm Bureau Services as manager

of the West Branch Farmers Co-

operative, is the new manager of

Caro Farmers Co-op Elevator. He

John McLachlan replaced Mr.

Schantz as manager of West Branch

Farmers Co-operative, Mr. Mc.

Lachlan was assistant manager of

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Loren Black, after an absence of sumed new duties as manager of partment.

February 10, 1942, the army called From there he went to the Bay City mers Co-op Elevator, which is un-

Mr. Black's early life was spent



on a farm in Isabella county He attended high school at Mt. Pleasant. Upon graduation in 1936, he operated the home farm until 1940 During this time he became active cost of the crop was no less, but in both the Junior and Senior Farm Bureaus. He served as president of the Isabella County Junior Farm Bureau, and state vice-president of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau. and spend the time to make it into the lead of the lead of the made hand the lead of the l Bureau.

From 1940 to 1942 he worked for own bread on the amount of gas his release from the army, he enthe Michigan Farm Bureau. Upon tered Michigan State College in city that takes money to buy and degree in July, 1948, majoring in agricultural economics. Mr. Black is married and is residing in Lan-

CO-OP INSTITUTE AT AMHERST TO DRAW 3,000

ops throughout are expected to atmoney freely for all other things tend the 20th annual summer sestion of the American Institute of Co-operation at the University of ome things we cannot afford, and Massachusetts at Amhert, Aug. 30

Amherst, a New England college can't afford to pay the price of a town with a population of 6500, is T-bone steak, it's better to be satis- located 19 miles north of Spring-

Virtually all visitors who stay in Amherst will be assigned rooms in dormitories of the University. Ac commodations are available for approximately 3,00 people. Dormitories have veen set aside for men, women, and for married couples.

Quentin Reynolds, general manager of Eastern States Farmers' Mass., is the 1948 general program Exchange of West Springfield, chairman for the summer confer-

annual meeting of stockholders research for the Co-operative G. L. July 29 at Centerville. The oil F. Exchange, Inc., is president of company was organized in April the organization. Michigan Farm Bureau and farm co-ops have places An effort will be made during on the program, and will be well

Dormitory room rates are \$2 per begin operations. The stock is be- day per person. Requests for resering offered to Farm Bureau mem. vations should be addressed at once to Prof. Roland H. Barrett, Dep't The delegates elected the follow of Economics, Univ. of Massacsu-

retary; Lester Burgener, Constan-Rivers; Hobart Weinberg, Colon; tine, Teasurer; L. C. Beal, Three and James Roberts, Three Rivers.

ural teacher at Breckenbridge replaced Roger Foerch as manager of the Bancroft Branch.

Floyd Bartlett, formerly assis ant manager of the Woodland Branch, has assumed the duties of manager, replacing Garold Mahler who has been transferred to manage the Four County Co-op Association at Marcellus.

Charles Welsh took over the managerial duties of the Martin Farmers Co-operative Company which is a management contract of Farm Bureau Services, Inc. Mr. Welsh was previously the assistant manager of the Eaton Farm Bureau Co-op, Inc.

Oscar Hauch assumed the duties of manager of the new Lenawee Farm Bureau Oil Co-op at Adrian. Mr. Hauch came from Berrien County Farm Bureau Oil Company at Eau Claire.

Farmers Week Jan. '49

Farmers' Week which attracts' more than 30,000 farm people to the campus of Michigan State College each winter for exhibits, contests. talks and demonstrations, will be held again in 1949, Dean E. L. Anthony of the school of agriculture has announced the week of January 24 to 28 as the time for the event.

Poultrymen who are running Dale Brown, formerly an agricul-

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PULLETS ARE ON OUR MIND FOR AUGUST

By ROBERT H. ADDY Farm Bureau Services Feed Dep't

four months old hybrid pullets, be less than last winter. They were from White Rock and White Leghorn parent stock and that promote or prohibit profitable owned by George C. Rampe of Pier- production from a flock of pullets: son, Michigan,

They show the excellent care and heavy production purchased? management of a good poultryman. 2-Were the chicks brought While none were weighed, an es- along slowly and surely, with amtimate of between 5 and 6 pounds ple vitamins, minerals, and qualiwould hit closely, in our belief. They were bought from a Grand 3-Were the weak, diseased, and Rapids Hatchery, Loss in grow-misfits culled out? ing was negligible and Mr. Rampe 4-After babyhood, were the growis very enthusiastic about the pos- ing pullets given good range-givsibilities of these hybrids to live en access to a complete rationand produce profitably.

The subject of "hybrids" is much in evidence since hybrid corn has cleaned and disinfected-wallsproved itself. Getting hybrids among | roosts-'neverything? animals is much more complicated 6-(If you've fed Mermash, this and costly but the rewards can be question won't touble you because



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shown in Mr. Rampe's project, But

it is wise to watch and wait. Fall Pullets. We know that soon large numbers of them will be laying. Will they lay in large numbers? Will they be profitable? Who knows? We believe egg prices will make possible excellent returns if eggs are produced. Almost certainly (only a poor corn crop can hurt A month ago I saw a flock of 100 seriously) costs of egg mashes will

However, there are other factors 1-Were chicks with inherited

ty proteins?

were they wormed (if necessary)? 5-Has your coop been thoroughly

you put the pullet flock onto the egg mash you will use this fall before putting them in the laying

7-Did you hold out the retarded and timid pullets (for a longer period on the range) before you put them in the laying house?

8-Are you watching weights and planning for lights when needed (late August, possibly) to main- inc., in our edition of July 3. tain a 13 to 14 hour day-including daylight?

scratch?

10-Will you cull out diseased and inefficient birds regularly during the winter? 11-Will you follow sanitary

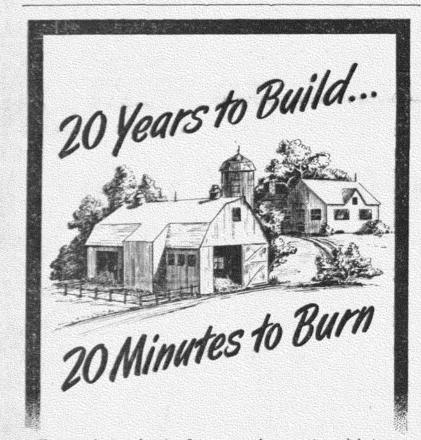
and comfort-making practices all

done, or will do these things and tal Stock Provisions.) making operating cost extreme feed a mash carrying the qualities dollars that jingle" in your pock- should have preceded the descrip- provisions. ets come Spring.

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- 4. Fires from Lightning. Provide all buildings with proper lightning protection equipment.
- Fires from Spontaneous Combustion. Theroughly cure hay and roughage before storing.
- 6. Fires from Matches and Smoking. Keep buildings clean
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come. A lot of interest is being Board of Directors of American Farm Research Association



The American Farm Research seth, who is the director of research diana; Ralph Held, Iowa; Boyd A. Association in made up of ten work. The organization works Rainey, Fa-r m Bureau Ser- can do it in about three days we are state farm co-operative organiza- closely with American Farm Bur- vices, Inc., Fred Herndon, II- likely to feel quicker the heart or tions. Its chief function is to as- eau Federation. Above is a pic- linois; John Simms, Ohio; Dan the heel of our world neighbors. semble, coordinate and disseminate ture of the AFRA Board of Direct Williams, Minnesota; Sec'y to Mr. research information on feeds, fer- ors taken at its regular meeting Williams; James Green, Wisconsin tilizer and petroleum products. held in St. Paul during the Midwest William Clyde Brown; George D. great if the obstacles can be over- Mermash is a lifetime feed) Did Monthly items of timely interest Training School June 27-30. From Scarseth, Director of Research; and are written by Dr. George D. Scar- left to right: Noble C. Logan, In- Ray Sorensen, Iowa.

CORRECTION Farmers Petroleum Co-operative, Inc.

in publication of the Prospectus for C common stock, but was omitted he Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, accidentally

Prospectus

1-Under OFFERING AND TERMS, it was stated "100,000 9-Do you know the program to shares Class A common stock, \$10 rights to subscribe for additional be followed in feeding mash and per share-\$1,000,000: Minimum 5% shares of any class of stock. All non-cumulative dividend. Non-assessable?

CORRECTION - Maximum 5% on-Cumulative dividend. Non assessable

(This provision was correctly Brother and sister, if you have Class A Common stock under Capi-

This is to correct two errors made tions of Class A, Class B, and Class

"PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL CLASSES OF STOCK-Shareholder shall have no pre-emptive stock is subject to the lien of the corporation for obligations owed by the holder to the corporation."

portunity to purchase future issues stated in the description of the of stock in proportion to their hold- in a corner of the Smithsonian Inings. The law gives the right to stitution, Washington, D. C. stockholders unless the articles of 2-Under CAPITAL STOCK PRO- incorporation of the corporation mentioned above, you will have VISIONS, the following paragraph state otherwise in the capital stock the University of Michigan, In-

SAGINAW-BAY

The annual picnic of Saginaw . as wonderful as youth, and as and Bay County Farm Bureaus is expected to draw 4,000 farm folk course at Michigan State College from that area August 12 at the the early part of July. This con-Bay county fairgrounds, according to Eugene Brooks, district repreentative of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

direction of Esther Lineberger. Sales indicate greater interest this than 3,000 people attended the fair

Parking space will be provided as chairman of that committee.

A horse pulling contest is being arranged by Cecil Brugge and Harold Helmrich. John Zeigler, Bay ounty president, will have charge of a rodeo

junior president, and Fred Dore, Situation"; S. C. Hildebrand, in-Detroit where it arrived Oct. 11, softball game.

Eugene Brooks, Lawrence G. gram planners. Other committees John Ziegler: rules, Fred Reimer: ponu rides, Alvin Nehmer: women's ontests, Mrs. John Albrecht: men's contests, Milton Wiltse and George Eisenman; ... Children's ... contests, Mrs. George D. Prevest; membership prizes. Mrs. Herbert Schmidt, Mrs. Williamer Bremer Jr., Lawrence Stewart, Tony Long, and Mrs. Walter Harger; doll rack, Francis Barko; kitchen, Mrs. Howard Davis; concessions, Eugene Nettleton, Henry Albrecht and Otto Rabe; tether tennis, Tony Long, public address, John Ziegler; tables, Er win Wegener, Leonard Schwab and Commotion About Christ Appold; signs, Carl Seeg miller.

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Sudan grass pastures make good growth during hot, dry summer months. They help to save grain and are good for livestock.

The Extension service in many states now promotes vacation camps for farm women and child-

Cows exposed to cold weather and winds use up much of their feed to keep warm.

100 SEEDSMEN ATTEND 2-DAY SHORT COURSE

Better than 100 seedsmen from Michigan attended a two-day short ference, sponsored by Farm Bureau Services, Inc. in co-operation with the Farm Crops and Short Course Departments of the College, was de-The ticket sale is under the signed to keep Farm Bureau seedsmen abreast of what is new in seed Isabel M. Sawatski, and Mr. Brooks. production and distribution. It was the first conference of this year than in previous years. More type, and it is hoped that it will become an annual event.

The seed committee, made up of the elected seed dealers, together on the grounds with Howard Davis, with the Farm Bureau Services seed department, was largely re-Herbert Schmidt will be master of sponsible for the two-day program, and river to Lake Superior. Then An interesting visit was made to the MSC experimental plots. Some of the program speakers,

Decker, MSC farm crops depart- "up to \$700" for expenses incurred ment head, who discussed, "A Seed in moving it to its present loca-Program for Michigan"; Clarence tion. This sum would in no ways led by Robert Schmidt, Saginaw Bolander, of the State Department cover Eldred's expenses, so he was of Agriculture, "The State Seed permitted to move the boulder to structor in the Farm Crops Depart- 1843. Crop Improvement Association and was taken to Washington. There President of Farm Bureau Services, eum. Inc., and recently returned from an agricultural trip of Europe, dis- Congress for redress. On January European farmer. Robert Potts, his time and expense in moving the Select Seeds, Inc. of Ft. Wayne, copper to Detroit. Indiana, spoke on problems in seed procurement.

Roy Bennett and Warren Dobson, ment, supervised the program for the two-day conference.

Shows at Fairs

Considerable commotion was raised recently in Shiawassee and Ingham counties when the County Detroit's Fast Time Farm Bureaus joined other oganizations in asking the elimination munities' fast time is once again of undesirable attractions at the under attack by Michigan farmers.

'gambling and indecent shows" be Commissioner Charles Figy, of the eliminated from the midway. The State Department of Agriculture, fair boards asked whether or not 'it is better to be a little sinful and pay expenses, or be pure and incur a deficit?"

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ONTONAGON RIVER COPPER BOULDER IS A MYSTERY

vention are concerned in the history of a three-ton copper boulder on the Ontonagon river which was the first commercial quantity of that metal taken from Michigan's upper peninsula.

The mystery deals with the boul-Pre-emptive right is the right of der's origin. The government haltstockholders to have the first op- ed a commercial scheme for utilizing the copper and caused it to end up

According to information in the Michigan historical collections at dians long knew of the massive chunk of native copper. The huge boulder was along the west bank of the West Branch of the Ontonagon river, about 30 miles upstream from Lake Superior. Indians worshipped it as a god.

First white man to see the wondrous boulder was Alexander Henry, a British trader, who found it dollars for national defense. How about 1750 or so. From then on foll much do we want to spend for selowed a stream of men interested curity for food even in our own in the copper and its possibilities.

Most successful of these was Louis Eldred, Detroit hardware merchant, who wanted to bring it to but the food crisis that may de-Detroit for exhibition at a fee of 25 | stroy us." cents a person. In 1841, he purchas ed the copper from Indians for \$150. However, he could not move it until two years later. But then he found it in possession of some Wisconsin miners. He had to buy the mass again, only this time it cost \$1,365

Days of backbreaking struggle followed as Eldred and his party of 20 labored to move the rock by land disaster struck Eldred's dream,

The secretary of war ordered the copper seized and brought to Washand their topics, included Roy E. ington. He authorized payment of

ment, discussing "The Michigan Less than a month later, the rock Stewart and Otto Rabe are pro-Michigan Seeds." Everett Young it was dumped in the yard of the are: Trouble, Herbert Fierke and presented the history and program Quartermaster's burean of the war of the Michigan Association of department and left for almost 12 Farmer Co-operatives. Roy Ward, years. Then it was put in the mus-

Meantime, Eldred appealed to cussed the problems facing the 26, 1847,, he received \$5,664.98 for

The copper mass, of course, had attracted considerable attention. Many persons tried to find the vein Farm Bureau Services' seed depart- from which it came. But the boulder's origin is still unknown although the Keweenau peninsula area to the northeast of where it was found is still yielding copper in large quantities.

Farmers Attack

Detroit and its surrounding com-Advancing the clock, according to These groups demanded that the Michigan Farm Bureau and s affecting agricultural production. Addressing the Detroit City Coun-

> il. Commissioner Figy told them that the farmer must leave his chores an hour later, pointing out that an hour of work in the afternoon is equivalent to two or three hours in the morning before the sun dries the crops, "Sun time is the time for the farmer," he said. Stanley M. Powell, of Ionia, said that the Michigan Farm Bureau is united in opposition to fast time, He went on to say that such transactions as shopping, banking, business appointments, and even haircuts, are disturbed by the fast

Co-operation Needed For Cleaner Roadsides

It was decided at a meeting of the Ashland Farm Bureau that Muskegon county's highways could be greatly improved if the property owners and the highway department would work together on the project for more attractive roadsides in the county.

POPULATION GAINS AND FOOD SUPPLY LEAD TO WARS

Bu GEORGE D. SCARSETH

American Farm Research Ass'n As a sea captain calls for a readof the wind, the position of the rocks and the bearing of the steering course, let us take a few fast ments of our agricultural ship.

How Many People in the World? areas of the nation.

Such a question did not matter much when it took three years to go around the world. Now, when a lad in a new mechanical miracle

According to Fairfield Osborn, president of the New York Zoological Society, the population of the world doubled between 1630 and 1830 (400 million to 800 million) It doubled again the next 70 years. Today it is about 2.25 billion, If you make a graph of these facts you will find that the world population will crowd the 3 billion mark within the next 20 or 50

In spite of World War II, we increased about 200 million people the last 9 years. (U. N. data). It looks for certain that within the next 20 or 50 years either birth rates must fall off drastically (not very probable) or some 400 to 800 million people must be fed, clothed and sheltered. Such a mass of new people can hardly be imagined; it is about 3 to 5 times as many as in the United States today.

World population increases seem to be winning the race with world food supply. Famine is likely changing from epidemic cases to chronic forms for a lot of people. No green island of abundance and freedom as our America is secure where there is not enough for large masses of people nearby. If hunger or fear of hunger leads to wars, we read this barometer with misgivings.

Our own fears are reflected when Congress contemplates 20 billion United States? Sir John B. Orr. retiring director general of F.O.A. said, "It is not the atomic bomb,

Application to America. In this bution? nation about 20% of our people

because the land is almost empty. reaction? While our crop yields are still up well, much evidence, as typical yields from Kansas State College, shows that the soils of our bread producing plains are on a fearful trend ing of the barometer, the direction downward as reflected in a lower organic matter content. In the eastern and southeastern states the soils never were so naturally ferreadings of the weather instru-tile. There it is largely a case of that we will need to move faster building or maintaining productiv- than we are toward those higher Since our cargo is chiefly food ity. Yet, those areas are still de- production figures so that all and fiber, we steer a ship that con- pending on food surpluses from the would say, "Den't nationalize agri-

> In broad areas of our nation our tent, freedom from excessive salts, society." erosion losses) is falling while ity and freedom?

Will our 80% be satisfied when and if the spread between soil orencies in both production or distri- protect us for their own good.

Supposing that then the 80% are food producers. 80% do other were to look at free agriculture and jobs, make our great industries see some facts as reflected by this and provide us their many services. example, with corn-to use only In India these figures are reversed one example-what would be their Bu. per Acre Corn

North South 12-20 40-50 Actual, Average 65-100 100-150 Possible Proven possible by research and demonstrations.

It seems that if agriculture is to remain relatively a free enterprise soil mining and soil destroying culture for fear there will be less, because farmers are making progress faster for our security on a soil quality (organic matter con- free basis than under orders from

Again your author emphasizes population is rising. When, if ev- that the blue waters are ahead for er, will the spread between these a long time only if we want to two directions threaten our secur- keep them so, but it will call for a lot of education in low and high places, and a change in bearings of our course in many instances. If ganic matter content and popula- we don't like being bossed we've tion widens so that foods are scarce got to do the job better than the or mal-nourishing in quality, or too boss can tell us, and we've got to high in price because of in-effici- do it so well that all will want to

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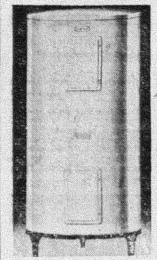
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Letter to Gov. Dewey

The Honorable Thomas E. Dewey Governor of New York Albany, N. Y. Dear Governor Dewey:

I should say that the outstandtion, prices paid to farmers, and farm production costs.

Farm production continues more than 30 per cent over pre-war years. At present our post-war industrial prosperity and our commitments abroad for our farm production provide a good market.

Farm production costs have kept pace with rising costs everywhere. So much so that we have been experiencing important shifts out of tors from Kansas, New York, Ohio, live stock and dairy production. Our World War I experience was that most costs to farmers remained to go to Pawling by bus and were

and post war levels. I believe that the short and long term interests of the country will be served best through a gradual readjustment of agricultural production and prices, with an equit-

able relationship to farm costs. To this end, I believe that the Aiken-Hope long range farm program is a practical answer. adjusting production to needs. The Act brings the parity formula up to date.

Yours very truly, Michigan Farm News E. E. Ungren, Editor Lansing, Michigan July 23, 1948

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OHIO

Farm Editors Visit Governor Dewey

rector of information for the Ameri- working into county organization dent of the Michigan Milk Produc- or tobacco and other crops. ers for so many years. Later I I was interested too by an elderly observed that he had two pages of man who represented the co-operamemoranda for Mr. Dewey. He tive wool growers' publication. He quoted it interestingly when the was a big man with a deep voice banker. So does N. P. Hull, and wore a lot of white hair, parted in grain surpluses for 1948 are of first

Mr. Hull is a banker. At the Nelson House at Poughkeepsie we met 15 other farm edi-Indiana, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Oklahoma and other places. We were high long after prices to farmers told that some 50 to 60 editors were had gone down from their war time coming from New York by bus, in addition to the arrivals by plane

The highway from Poughkeepsie to Pawling is scenic, indeed. It winds around the hills and over rolling country. Traffic up state from New York City on a Saturday morning was bumper to bumper. national We were going the other way and could buzz right along. Presently Alken-Hope Act provides we cut across that northbound trafstability for production through fic and were headed mostly east support for farm prices at 60 to 90 and quite alone. Eighteen miles per cent of parity. It contains over to Pawling. Many big bouldwithin these figures mechanics for ers and outcrops of folded rock were observed in the woods and fields. Pawling is a neat, one street

village. The construction of some homes show that Pawling has been there a long, long time. We turned out of town and came to a beautiful, rambling, one story Grange Hall, set well back from the highway. Behind us were two Greyhound buses. The editors jus; boiled out, and began looking and dinner. About 3:30, he left the

no resemblance to a beauty contest. But they were interesting to look and intends going on to Wyoming shortages in meats and livestock at and to place.

I met Joe Betts, editor of the Kentucky Farm Bureau News. We had corresponded for some time. He came into Farm Bureau tour in the advertising department makers. One day a phase of their tures the rest of the afternoonend and they laid off 2,700 fellows editors. like Joe all over the country. Kentucky Farm Bureau thereby has a to welcome his guests. The photo- portance of a high level livestock fellow who learned quite a bit graphers worked furiously. Pre- industry for the well being of agriabout retail sales promotion in an sently a line formed for editors to culture and for the American puboutfit that knows how. Joe said be presented to Mr. Dewey and to lie he got over into the decentrali-Kentucky now has \$10 annual mem- pass inside to dinner. Photograph- zation of government. bership dues. Their membership ers for the Co-operative Digest

can Farm Bureau and editor of Na- directors and broader County Farm require as little of production con tion's Agriculture. Met also for the Bureau service programs just as ing long time farm problem is the first time A. J. Glover, editor of we are. Some Kentucky County Dewey that they thought the 60 to relationship between farm produc- Hoard's Dairyman. He looks a lit- Farm Bureau operate spray rigs 90% of parity price support provitle like N. P. Hull, former presider eliminating the weeds in corn sions of the Aiken-Hope long range

time came. Mr. Glover looks like a of remarkable carrying power. He yers of livestock and the prospective

business have their prices protect ed by national legislation for mini mum wage laws, fair price laws, etc. Therefore, the editors were for farm price supports that will provide floors through which farm prices may not crash. They were for farm price supports that would trols as possible. They told Mr. farm program would do much to control surpluses.

Mr. Dewey said that in his opin ion the three year decline in num-



The Dewey home, near the top of Quaker hill near Pawling, N. Y., was built nearly 150 years ago by a Quaker family whose descendents lived there until recent years.

worked the western states over at again. y plane tonight."

In front of the Grange Hall en ants stood by with more plates and information work after an 18-month flash bulbs. A couple of photo- meat supply should improve by Nographers had motion picture camof Proctor and Gamble, the soap eras. They would be making picretail store promotion came to an and so would many among the farm

> ime in making it a shirt sleeve served an excellent dinner, and

Mr. Dewey opened the program activities concerned with agricu y making a short statement re- ture. ortunities for agriculture.

east ten years, will apply each year.

The Governor said, that in his pinion, Congress should be com- spoke at the dinner to say that a nended for the Aiken-Hope long new vaccine appears to be the conrange farm program, and that it trol for the hoof and mouth disease should be the cornerstone for future catastrophe in Mexico. Congressional action *

plain that he believed a better sys- a slight man, well along in years. tem must be developed for dealing Since 1896, the Mitchell family has

the middle. He had been every- importance. He suggested that our where in the west. So, he and the national farm policies be shaped much traveled Western Union ex- to convert the grain surpluses into pert on press wires for conventions expanding our livestock business

A group of farm editors bears tired out. I said "No, he is just suggested by President Truman, going to catch a plane for Chicago would surely make much worse the products. Unless this threat is removed, he said, many feeders will rance was a half moon ring of not operate, and meat now in sight dropped into the valley and connews photographers. Their assist- will not be matured to desirable weights. He predicted that the vember.

Mr. Dewey emphasized that he thinks that the expected surplus of grains this year may be a turning point for agriculture in the matter Presently, Mr. Dewey came out of shortages. In discussing the im-

Governor Dewey indicated reexceeds that of Michigan. They're formed a smaller half circle and peatedly in discussion with speakept themselves busy. It was hot ers that he favors placing the diinside, so Governor Dewey lost no rection and responsibility for livetock improvement, soil conservation affair. The ladies of the Grange and other programs in which government is interested in the hands we were off on a leisurely program of local groups. Information and for the afternoon. Whatever pres- assistance from Washington, yes, sures might be upon him, it was to but not centralized control. He e observed that our host was com- expressed enthusiasm for the work pletely absorbed in this farm dis- of the state agricultural colleges russion and visit to his farm, and and their experiment stations. He had all the time in the world for said that they were at the service it. He was having a good time, of farmers and are a logical part of a decentralization of government

> garding his position on national Because of his dairy farm and arm legislation and what he thinks association with leaders in the New are some of the problems and op- York state dairy industry, Mr. Dewey is being heard from on the He endorsed the Aiken-Hope long subject of prevention and eradirange farm program enacted June 20 cation of serious diseases of liveby Congress. The act continues war stock. So, while Senator Aiken time farm price supports at 90% and Congressman Hope were preof parity prices to January 1, 1950, sent, it turned out that they came After that, under the Aiken-Hope to listen and not to speak. But Act price supports will be perma- Dean Hagen of Cornell University, ent at 60 to 90% of parity, depend- and president of the American ing upon the production needed. A Veterinary Medical Ass'n, spoke at modern parity price formula, based the Dewey farm on the advanceon the average of prices for the ments being made in prevention of major diseases of livestock.

Albert Mitchell of New Mexico

One of my new acquaintances, While endorsing farm price sup- Mr. Prescott, editor of the Hereford orts, Governor Dewey made it Journal, told me about Mr. Mitchell,



Governor Dewey, center, calls to editors to follow him as he leads the way for the tour of the dairy barn at milking time. Camera men close behind are preparing for another round.

with surpluses that may show up. operated a 100,000 acre ranch in He said that the burning of surplus New Mexico for breeding Hereford the editors to provide a method that Herefords for feeder stock. that he turned the program over 500,000 cattle and probably as many to the editors.

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potatoes tended to discredit the stock. They have 5000 or more whole program. Yet, no one has head on the place. For many years, the answer to surpluses, so far, and Mr. Mitchell managed 400,000 acres no one is ready to do away with in New Mexico for a Connecticut farm price supports. He invited family interested in producing would hold down surpluses. With Mr. Mitchell said that more than

sheep, goats and hogs had been The editors replied that as a slaughtered in Mexico. Now that matter of principle, they would pre- he new vaccine has come in, slaughfer to do away with price supports ter is down to about 2,000 a month and the government controls for and is diminishing. He said that production that go with price sup- the United States had built 14 packports. But to be practical about ing plants in the area for canning it, they observed that labor and meat and thus reducing the loss.



Some editors are shown in the trench silo with Mr. Dewey as he faces the group on the embankment on either side to describe the grass ensilage program which has replaced corn on his farm

We have some farm depression the fields we saw were either above grapefruit were not picked this year Later growers were paying to have the fruit removed to save the trees. Before starting to the Dewey

ecommendations with Mr. Dewey's 1938.

curves and more curves. Presently we pulled up at the entrance. The spacious white house figure in the farm operation. sits at the top of a gentle slope home must include an acre or more. ped at a terrace at the rear to hear Dean Hagen and to discuss the farm with Mr. Dewey.

From the terrace, the Dewey farm tinued going down gently to where and spend as much time here as we it joined another. It was a long can. We come in the winter. ways over to the other rise. Turn We try our best to make the farm ing to the right, one could see for more than self-supporting. It has probably 25 miles up the valley un- to be for me. All the operations of til the blue hills were lost in the the farm are charged to the farm haze. Over to the left and from with the exception of the home. I the highway we had come up. Dew- ave a partner in the farm operation ey's farm fields on the slant were in Ralph Lyman. He owns half spread over that rise. We learned the machinery and he writes the that we were about 800 feet up on checks. When I am here I try to Quaker Hill and that the top had devote a couple of hours or more a an elevation of 1200 feet. Behind day to the farm. We have 400 acres. us to the right, and over the barn, Mr. Lyman and two men operate we could see Dewey's hay fields the farm. We are milking 32 spreading their way up Quaker cows, all grades and Holsteins ex-Hill. There was a level space for eepting two Jerseys. the home, some around the dairy barn and some here and there, but 9500 lbs. of milk, all marketed as

right now. The editor of a Flori- us or below us. The Quaker who da citrus industry publication said built the mansion in 1795 had an that more than 5,000,000 cases of appreciation of beautiful scenery. It must have been something to because they couldn't be marketed. get there in those days. The builder and his descendents lived there for more than a hundred years. Two other owners had it before farm, the editors left their written Mr. Dewey acquired the farm in

Governor Dewey had invited the The farm is several miles out of editors out to see his dairy and Pawling, which is only a few miles some of his practices. It appears from the border of Connecticut. It that in his agricultural college and was mostly up hill on a road with other farm contacts, he has a sharp eve for ideas for his farm. So ideas found in Montana and elsewhere The editors looked around and

from the highway. We thought it started asking questions. It wasn't was colonial in style. There is a long before they were asking him generous porch across the front and about the finances of the place, facing the road. The grounds around whether it was a hobby, or what? To those questions Mr. Dewey re P. O. Wilson of the National Live The smooth and luxuriant lawn plied, "This is my home. It's the listening for stuff that makes party at the farm. Someone re- Stock Producer, said that a return was landscaped by magnificent old only home I have a room marked that the old man must be to fixed retail prices for meats, as maples and tall white cedars. We in a New York City hotel and the walked around the house and stop- use of the executive mansion at Albany. By no stretch of the imagination could those places be called

"We bought this farm in 1938. We come here as often as we can "I think our production averages

now making 350 tons of grass ensil- of 350 tons of grass ensilage.

to the next.

It was a few rods from the rear and side of the home.. It was flanked with trees and plantings. We walked into the hay mow. Right there the grounds dropped off into a generous space before proceeding up Quaker Hill. Down below and under the hav mow in part was the barn proper. The cattle straw and shavings. Some were in place being prepared for milking. Others had proceeded to the places where milking machines were operated.

fluid milk. We are in a soil con-jon a slight raise was the long servation district and this year we trench sile into which chopped discontinued growing corn. We are grass was going for the making of

There we met Ralph Lyman, With that Mr. Dewey invited the farm manager and partner, Mr. group to visit his dairy barn at Lyman is a greying man of medium milking time. He led the way to height. He was wearing steel rimpoints of interest, described them, med glasses which gave to him an answered questions and moved on air of precision. He was pleasant and packed considerable informa-A neat little white building him first, he was working among marked the location of the barn. the cows. Later Mr. Dewey got him to dump a truck load of chopped grass into the trench and to answer some questions about it. The last pictures made were of Mr. Dewey and Mr. Lyman down in the ensilage discussing its feed values

with some of their guests. We took leave of Mr. Dewey. knowing that he had Senator Vanwere in one big pen, bedded with denburg and Mr. Dulles coming for dinner and a conference on foreign affairs. We had had a most pleasant and interesting afternoon.

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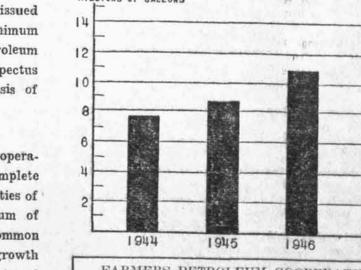
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Shall We Rewrite Our Constitution?

Background Material for Discussion this Month by stitutional convention, and the pro-Our Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups tion, would result in considerable

By NORMAN K. WAGGONER, Research and Education

Does the Constitution, which was written forty years ago, still serve the needs of Michigan people? If not, and cumulated over the years, and now can it be modernized by amendment, or should it be done in a Constitutional convention, at which time a new Constitution would be written?

This is a question which you, and all the rest of the very few of whom would have the voters in Michigan, are going to decide this fall. The ment. question is an important one, and far reaching in its ef- Hor these reasons, it is felt that Michigan's Constitution might beteffect. It is one that demands our careful consideration ter be modernized through the pro so that we may never look back and say: "I wish I had cess of amendment voted different."

Why is a Consitutional revision being asked? It was effort is made to present both sides written into the Constitution that this question should appear on the ballot in 1926, and that it would automatically be placed on the ballot every 16 years thereafter, and at any other time that the legislature votes to place it on the ballot.

In 1946, Governor Sigler began talking of a "horse and buggy" Constitution. one which was written in 1908, WILL PREVENT 1947, at the request of the governor, the legislature FARM FIRES placed the question of a Constitutional revision on the ballot. Then in 1948, the governor asked the legislature to take this question off the ballot. This request as defeated by a narrow margin in the Senate The question is: "Why did the governor wish to change his demand time to cheek your chimneys, for a Constitutional revision?

What has been our experience in the past in voting on this matter? When the question was put to the people on November 3, 1942, 408,188 voted in favor of a new Constitution, 468,506 voted "no". On the surface, it appears that this vote was quite close, and had 1942 not been a war year very likely the vote woud have been tight metal stops. somewhat different It apppears that if 30,000 of those who voted against revision had voted for it, the request of 18 inches from wood surfaces or would have carried. That was not the case.

The vote was not that close because, at present, the law requires a majority of those voting at the election, not a majority of those voting on the question. In 1942, for example, there were 1,226,000 votes cast, which means that it would require a vote of 613,000 to carry the proposal. The election experience has been that many people, voting at the general election, vote only for candidates and not on amendments. This may be the reason behind the governor's request to have this amendment taken off the ballot.

have changed from an agricultural

resort business has taken a promi-

nent place. The demands of the

people have changed. For these

reasons, our state Constitution is

(5) To modernize the Constitu-

(6) Many of the amendments to

(1) In the event that a new Con-

During the past forty years.

stitutional amendment has appear

was proposed. For that reason, it

would be wise to risk these limita-

(4) The cost of such an under-

the present Constitution have been

Frequently, the question is asked: | donces that our Constitution is out "What are some of the propable of date is the fact that the rate of changes that might be made, if a pay for legislators was written into new Constitution would be written?" the Constitution in 1908, and was There is no way of knowing exactly never changed. what changes would be written in- (4) Vast changes have been made to the new Constitution. However, in Michigan since the Constitution to believe that was written 40 years ago: Our popuconsideration might be given the lation has almost doubled. following:

(1) Elimination of township gov- to an industrial state. Tourists and ernment, especially the minor of-

(2) Probably redistrict the state for legislative purposes. (3) Provide for annual sessions out of date.

of the legislature. (4) Liberalization of elimination tion, by means of amendments,

of the 15-mill tax limitation amend- would be a slow process. Many of (5) Increase the term of office of present Constitution, stem from

the governor and some of the amendments that have been added county officials from two to four by this "piece meal" process. years. It has been felt that a twoyear term was too short for a governor to be effective in the state. advocated by various groups with-During the last forty years, only out due consideration of their ef-5 governors held office for more fect on the state as a whole, than one term.

every two years at the fall general by amendment, because: election

the new Constitution for the gov- only be a short time before it from each county board, committeeernor to appoint some of the state would be out of date in some reofficials, as Attorney General, Sec spects. This is evidenced by the together with a representative from retary of State, and State Treas- fact that, when the Constitution the state health department. was adopted in 1909, it was only a

(8) The legislature might be giv- matter of months before it was en power to levy a graduated in- amended. come tax for state purposes. (9) That no power be granted there has never been a November

to suspend the right of trial by election, but what at least one Con-(10) That the jury system be re- ed on the ballot, and only four

vised so that the verdict may be years have we had an April election reached in civil cases by less than when no Constitutional amendment unanimous vote

These are only some of the pro- becomes apparent that vast bable changes which may be writ- amounts of money and time might ten into the new Constitution, but be spent to modernize the Constivery likely these are some of the tution, and it almost would imissues which will be given consider- mediately be out of date.

Those who want a new Consti- have been added to the Constitutution say:

that both the governor and legisla- because 42 amendments have been tors should be given more power added to the original Constitution. for the efficient operation of the On the other hand, people in Calistate. The 42 amendments, and fornia are not seriously disturbed numerous restrictions, and provi- because 328 amendments have been sions which earmark over 70% of added to their Constitution. the state's revenue are all valid (3) At present, we have limitareasons why the people should vote tions on the power of state governnext November for a calling of a ment. It does not seem that it Constitutional convention.

(2) The governor, in his message tions at a Constitutional convento the special session of the legis | tion. lature last January, said: "If Michigan is to maintain its outstanding taking is difficult to estimate, howposition as one of the great enter- ever, it is reasonable to believe prising states of the nation, it must that the cost would be high, competition of the future."

would make a total of 96. These would be paid \$1,000 each for their services plus the same mileage as is paid to the members of the legislature and, of course, there would be printing costs, hall rent, and other miscellaneous expenses.

(5) The holding of such a Concess of rewriting the state Constituconfusion throughout the state.

(6) With the adoption of a new Constitution, we throw out valuserve as valuable guide posts along the paths of justice.

(7) In the event that a new Constitution is written, it will have to be adopted by the voting public,

fluence the thinking of the voters on this vital issue, however, every of the matter, such that everyone an intelligently discuss, and de

Shall our state Constitution be

PRECAUTIONS

By FRED W. ROTH

MSC Farm Safety Engineer During the winter months, most welling house fires start from defective or over heated chimneys and smokepipes. This is a good smokepipes and heating plants. Whether you burn coal, wood, oil or gas, these precautions will help protect your home from loss by fire.

1. Chimneys and heating systems should be cleaned at least once a year. Inspect for holes or leaks and make necessary repairs. 2. Unused chimney openings should be sealed with cement or

3. Be sure stove pipes, furnace and boiler pipes have a clearance protection is provided by insula-4. Be sure there is plenty of

room between the top of the furnace and the ceiling and that the furnace top is covered with a layer of

5. Do not allow trash to accumulate around the heating plant or

6. Use metal containers for ash-

Replace all pipes that show rust and corrosion.

8. Tighten all connections and see that the drafts work properly. 9. There should be a manhole or door to every attic in which there is a chimney to make the inspection of chimney as easy as possible. 10. Do not force and over heat furnace in extremely cold

FARM BUREAUS PROPOSE 4-CO.

A proposed four county health unit for Gratiot, Ionia and Clinton Counties was recently endorsed by the women's association meetings our most serious problems, in the in Gratiot County.

The poposed health unit would provide each county with a sanatarian, 3 nurses, a clerk and an office. One supervisor has been suggested to head the four county unit. A drive for the adoption of the plan is being pushed in the other three counties by Farm Bur-Those who oppose rewriting the eau groups. Representatives of (6) That school elections be held Constitution, advocates revising it these groups are to meet with a committee to consider the plan. Other members attending the (7) Provision might be made in stitution were written, it would meeting will be three supervisors men favoring single county units.

1,000 ATTEND TUSCOLA PICNIC:

Old time horse drawn buggies, a 1914 Cadillac convertible, and a group of rough riders of a Boots and Saddle Club paraded through the main street of Caro to launch the 1948 Tuscola County Farm Bu-(2) The fact that amendments reau pienic.

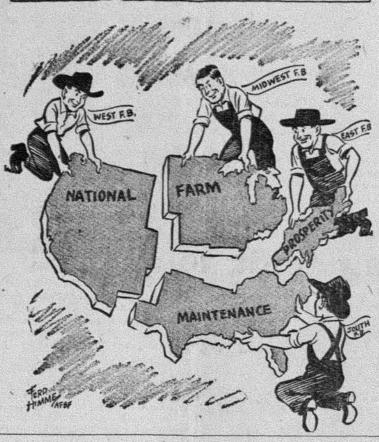
Governor Kim Sigler opened the tion is not serious. Some people, in afternoon's festivities with a short (1) Governor Sigler has said Michigan, have become disturbed talk concerning, "The Farmer's Part in Good Government." He spoke to a crowd estimated at

> The Governor emphasized the evils of machine politics in government, stressing that graft and corruption were largely responsible for the financial problems that confront the legislature today.

Two 9-men teams participated in a tug-o-war in front of the grandstand. The winning team members were awarded with ice cream cones for their efforts.

Morris Montague won first place get its governmental house in or. In making up the Constitutional in the tractor-trailer driving conder that it might meet the keen convention, there would be three test. Jack Decker of Pigeon took delegates from each of the 32 sena- first in the horse pulling contest (3) Just one of the many evi torial districts in Michigan, which Richard Deming won by a length

EACH ONE HAS A PART IN IT....



in the quarter mile pony race, I a deep freeze unit given by the Tuscola County Farm Bureau.

The annual loss of soil fertility Games and sports events filled the through erosion and leaching is esday. Reid Kirk of Fairgrove won timated to be about seven times the amount used by crops.

This year it is especially important to do a good job of feeding Young grass in the spring may range as high as 20 to 40 per cent lambs and of keeping death losses

81 ATTEND FIRST OF 3 JR. FARM **BUREAU CAMPS**

Eighty-one campers from 21 counties attended the Chief Noon Day Camp at Yankee Springs, July 20 through July 27. This was the summer camps,

Emphasis was placed on the development of leadership abilities tions, and program planning for the coming year. Several new features were added this year to the camp

County organization directors, rom several of the surrounding countles, acted as counselors to ty; Dexter D. Beaver, COD, Barry the various camp groups. In ad- & Ionia counties; Herman Haweidition, each of the Farm Bureau district representatives in the southern part of the state assisted in the camp work.

Due to considerable interest in chicken barbecues throughout the past year, a short course on the subject was held in conjunction with the camp. On Monday night, July 26, the camp undertook to solve various problem assignments in connection with the chicken barbecues, and met with huge suc The next training camp will be

held August 22 through the 28th at Camp Greilick, for the northern half of the state. Camp Greilick is located 12 miles southeast of Traverse City.

The Junior Farm Bureau's third and final camp, will be the all

age. The trip will be made by bus.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hennink are first of three Junior Farm Bureau orie Kline is the planist; Barbara zens and they would rather serve

Other staff members, consisting of COD's and district representatives, are: Kenneth Baur, COD. Harold Buttrick, COD, Kent coun-gram, son, COD, Washtenaw & Wayne must in the kitchen and barn.

state camp at Waldenwoods August | counties; Allen Hall, COD, Sanilac; 29 through September 4. This J. Herbert Kinsey, COD, St. Joseph; camp will journey to Amherst, E. S. Lister, COD, Hillsdale; Glent Massachusetts, for a two-day field Worgess, COD, Lapeer; Chas. Opentrip to participate in the program lander, district representative for of the American Institute of Co- District 5: Francis Bust, Dist. 2: operation. This group will present Norman Stanton, Dist. 4; Melvin a pageeant depicting the evolution Larson, Dist. 10; Dick Nelson, of the farm family in the machine Dist. 1; and Eldon Smith, Dist. 6.

As soon as public service ceases the directors of the camps. Marj- to be the chief business of the citi-Colister, secretary; and Ruth Par- with their money than with their sons is in charge of public rela- persons, the state is not far from its fall .- Rousseau.

Improved farm living conditions and greater financial security testi-Tuscola county; Leona Algoe, COD | fy to the benefits the farmers them-Clinton county; Mr. and Mrs. selves have received from their pro-

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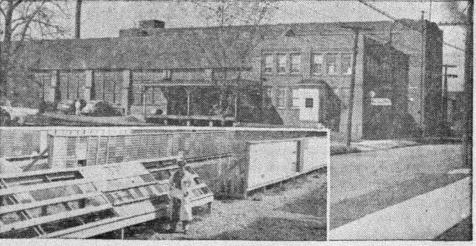
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