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Roll Call Week Goal Is 44,100 Farm Bureau Members

EDITORIAL This is the Week of Decision

Six thousand men and women in 60 County Farm Bureaus are out the week of December 5, taking the invitation to Farm Bureau membership to their neighbors.

They expect to enroll 44,100 or more families in the Michigan Farm Bureau for 1950. More than 1,325,000 farm families in the United States are members.

The organization is largely responsible for the legislation Congress has enacted for a national farm price program and to encourage farm co-operatives. It is a strong force in the development of farmers cooperative marketing and purchasing services.

We believe that our personal interest and our investment in Farm Bureau membership dues is good business judgment. Farming needs organization to advance and protect its interests.

George D. Aiken, U. S. Senator from Vermont, said of the Farm Bureau, "The power that organization wields in behalf of good legislation is a great encouragement to all of us interested in the right kind of farm legislation. We never could have passed a long range farm program with the price support feature if it had not been for the American Farm Bureau Federation."

Reject Move to Drop Price Support

Debate on Nat'l Farm Program Outstanding
Feature of 30th Annual Meeting of Michigan Farm Bureau

Farm price support under the national farm program was an outstanding question at the 30th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau at State College November 10-11.

The convention rejected a proposal from Berrien County Farm Bureau to abandon the government farm price support program. In the course of considerable debate, delegates said that if labor, industry and business will give up the price supporting devices they have from the government, agriculture could do so, too. But there isn't any indication that other groups will volunteer to do so.

The Michigan Farm Bureau almost unanimously declared itself for a national farm program that will include price support floors that are adjustable to balance supply and demand, and call for a minimum of government control of farm operations.

The Farm Bureau wants fair prices in the market place, with such prices to be based on a parity relationship with other prices. The convention said it wanted nothing to do with the Brannan plan.

John Handy, Robert Tillson and Harry Nye, Berrien county delegates, spoke in favor of abandoning price supports. Their resolution said in part:

"We believe there is a way to deal with farm surpluses other than production controls and governmental subsidies which are destroying our American way of life. Governmental controls and subsidies have only increased the confusion in which we find ourselves."

Waldo Phillips of Van Buren county summed up price supports, "The spirit of the Berrien proposal is a challenge to all groups to get away from dependence upon government. But as long as it has been the policy of government for more than 100 years to protect some groups, then agriculture should come under the same umbrella. If we want to bring disaster to agriculture, we can do it by jerking price supports away in the present economy, or we can permit price supports to go so high that we'll have them taken away and bring on a crash."

Carl E. Buskirk of Paw Paw, Van Buren county fruit grower, was re-elected president for his fifth term. Jesse E. Treiber, Tuscola county certified seed producer, was re-elected vice president. Seven directors of a state board of 15 were elected for two-year terms. The board of directors re-engaged Clark L. Brody of Lansing as executive secretary and treasurer for 1950.

laws of the Michigan Farm Bureau to disqualify for state director or voting delegate any person who is employed by any Farm Bureau group on salary or commission, also any full-time employee of any business organization or municipal corporation, and any person elected and serving in a county, state, or national elective office. The new rule does not apply to the office of township supervisor or other

The convention amended the by-

FB Services Annual Meeting Set for Dec. 20

More than 400 people are planning to attend the annual meeting of stockholders of Farm Bureau Services, Inc. to be held at the Reo Club House at Lansing, December 20. Registration will begin at 9:00 a. m. with the business session scheduled to start at 10:00 o'clock. Reports will be made by officers as to the progress made by the organization. The work of the various divisions will also be reported on.



One of the highlights of the program will be an address given by the nationally known humorist and conservationist, Tom Kelly of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mr. Kelly spent a number of years with Soil Conservation Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture where he proved to be one of Uncle Sam's most popular agricultural speakers. Mr. Kelly will give an illustrated, informal, thought provoking, story of what is happening to our rapidly vanishing natural resources and what we can and should do about helping to conserve them. Also, featured on the one-day program is Marvin J. Briggs, general manager of Indiana Farm Bureau Co-op Ass'n, who will get down to the fundamentals of co-operatives co-operating all the way. Mr. Briggs heads one of the largest farm co-operatives in the country.

Dexter Co-op Suffers Serious Fire Damage

Firemen from four communities worked six hours to bring under control a fire that nearly destroyed the Dexter Co-operative Farm Bureau elevator recently at Dexter, Washtenaw county. In addition to the serious loss of the building, three carloads of grain were destroyed. No immediate cause for the blaze could be given.

A brave new world is in the making. And before we can discern its shape, we know it will be vastly different from the prewar model.



A good farm organization enables farmers to work together for fair prices, laws that are fair to farmers, and a square deal for agriculture. How much can you do alone?

JOIN YOUR COUNTY FARM BUREAU
FARM BUREAU — A FARMERS' FORCE TO FACE THE '50s
The Roll Call for Membership Will Start December 5

Summary of Resolutions Adopted by Farm Bureau

Following is a summary of the Michigan Farm Bureau program for 1950 as set forth in resolutions adopted by the board of delegates at the 30th annual meeting Nov. 10-11, 1949. A printed copy of the resolutions may be had by writing the Michigan Farm Bureau, At: Stanley M. Powell, P. O. Box 960, Lansing, Michigan.

Resolutions adopted by the voting delegates at the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, Nov. 10 and 11, constitute the Farm Bureau's platform and program for the ensuing year.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS
Farm Price Supports. A leading controversial issue was the national farm program. The proposal recommended by the resolutions committee called for minimum controls and flexible price supports. That is, the amount of the support on any commodity was to be decreased as the surplus increased. It was stressed that the Farm Program should be developed through a bi-partisan, non-political approach and that controls should be kept at a minimum. It was pointed out that it would be dangerous to have the income of farmers dependent to a large extent upon direct appropriations

from Congress and to subsidize consumers' food purchases and to establish a cheap food philosophy in the minds of domestic consumers. The debate on this issue was touched off by a rather comprehensive amendment sponsored by the Berrien County Farm Bureau. That group had previously gone on record as opposed to all agricultural price supports and all other governmental price and wage supports and subsidies. Sponsors of this amendment were eloquent in asserting that just because the Government may do certain things for other groups or classes doesn't make such subsidization sound policy and that we should not sell out our convictions for a mess of Government-aid pottage. The debate stirred up by the Berrien County amendment involved part of two different days and brought out a great many points

pro and con relative to various features of a Farm Program. In the end one paragraph from the Berrien proposal was incorporated into the statement adopted by the delegates. This insertion was as follows: "Any long range farm program should embody a plan for the good of all the people of our nation as well as the people of all other nations. In such a program there would be no place for selfish interests by any group such as guaranteed incomes, monopolistic practices and perpetuation of political power."

Hoover Commission. The delegates unanimously adopted a resolution favoring the recommendations of the Hoover Commission relative to re-organization of the executive branch of the Federal Government.

Farm Co-ops & NTEA. Building (Continued on page two)

FB Insurance Agents Annual Meet Dec. 21

Agents of the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Michigan will have their year end annual meeting at Reo Club House, 1331 So. Washington St., Lansing, Wednesday, Dec. 21, starting at 9 a. m.

MFB Directors and Officers for 1950



Front row, left to right: E. Harry Norris, Casnovia; J. F. Yaeger, Lansing, ass't executive secretary; President Carl E. Buskirk, Paw Paw; Vice-Pres. Jesse E. Treiber, Unionville; Clark L. Brody, Lansing, executive secretary; Russell Hazel, Richland.

Second row: Verland McLeod, Lyons; Blaque Knirk, Quincy; Mrs. Harry Whittaker, Metamora; Ward G. Hodge, Snover; Arthur Behning, Ossineke; Sidney Hodgson, Cadillac.

Top row: Walter W. Wightman, Fennville; Marten Garn, Charlotte; Albert Shellenbarger, Lake Odessa; Harold Frahm, Frankenmuth; Clyde Breining, Ypsilanti.

People Join When They Are Invited

Many Members in Telling Why They Joined Farm Bureau Say, We Joined Because We Were Invited

By WESLEY S. HAWLEY
Director of Membership Acquisition
At last the big Roll Call Week of December 5 is here. After weeks of careful planning and preparation, members are hard at it to build the Michigan Farm Bureau to greater strength.

In 60 County Farm Bureau, some 6,000 folks are renewing old memberships and signing new memberships to reach a total of 44,100 or more families in the Farm Bureau for 1950.

This is the first time that all County Farm Bureaus have gone out on membership Roll Call the same week. It is the first time, too, that every County Farm Bureau has one or more state Farm Bureau employees assigned to help with the campaign.

Why People Join. We have asked many members, "Why did you join the Farm Bureau?" Most of them gave the same reply, "Because we were invited!"

Some members said that it was the second and even third Roll Call invitation to membership that they accepted. In the meantime they had come to their own conclusion that the Farm Bureau program is worth while and they should be a part of it. The next time they were invited to membership, they joined.

In Washtenaw county, for example, the entire board of ten directors is serving as membership team captains in this year's Roll Call. Most of them became Farm Bureau members because some one asked them. Several remembered that they were invited several times.

How well the job is done of asking neighbors to join or renew memberships will determine the success of this Roll Call. If enough people are asked, we'll find enough acceptances to make our county and state goals and more. Full coverage of the prospective members this week is of extreme importance.

The volunteer army of workers on the Roll Call for 1950 is out on a serious and important mission. Each one knows that it is necessary to build the Farm Bureau to greater membership strength to serve and represent farmers on the farm needs and issues of the 1950's.

Price Discounts To Early Takers Of Fertilizers

Will there be enough fertilizer to meet the demands of Michigan farmers for the spring season? This is the question that has fertilizer manufacturers quite concerned.

At present potash mines are closed because of a jurisdictional strike between unions. This loss in tonnage cannot be made up. The potash supply was none too plentiful before the strike started.

Even though there is considerable improvement in the availability of other raw materials over last year, another problem is confronting management of Farm Bureau Services fertilizer plant at Saginaw and other fertilizer manufacturers.

That problem is storage. It is impossible for any manufacturer to store all of the plant's production capacity of several months for the farmer until he gets ready to use it. Even if this were possible, transportation facilities could not handle it during a comparatively short period.

Farmers have a feeling of security because fertilizer was rather readily available last spring at planting time. This was made possible only because the industry had delivered more than a third of the year's tonnage before Jan. 1st. This is not the case this year. Many farmers are going to be disappointed this spring if they follow last year's and pre-war practices of waiting until they want fertilizer before they buy.

To assure farmer-patrons a satisfactory supply and choice of analysis, Farm Bureau Services, Inc. has announced a program of pre-season discounts, price protection, and guarantee of condition when well stored on Farm Bureau fertilizers. Farm Bureau Services has also announced new lower prices on spring fertilizers in spite of rail freight rate increases.

To Address FBS Annual



Mr. Marvin J. Briggs, general manager of the Indiana Farm Bureau Co-operative Association, will talk to more than 500 representatives of farmer co-operative shareholders attending the annual meeting of Farm Bureau Services at Lansing, December 20.

Lapeer Co. FB Installs Soil Test Equipment

Lapeer County Farm Bureau has purchased soil testing equipment valued at \$600 and has installed it in the county agr'l agents office at Lapeer for the service of Lapeer county farmers. Soil samples are tested for phosphorus, potash and lime. Farm Bureau members may have 10 samples tested free each year. Others pay 35 cents for each complete test a sample, or 10 cents for a lime test. Fees received are used to pay the person doing the testing. The county agent gives instructions regarding taking the samples of soil. After the test is made, he makes recommendations if soil deficiencies are found.

Plant Farm Bureau Seeds.

Farm Bureau, A Farmers' Force to Face the Fifties

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PURPOSE OF FARM BUREAU
The purpose of this Association shall be the advancement of our members' interests educationally, legislatively, and economically.

HIRAM and MARTHA



Anticipation

Christmas approaches from the North, the children's holiday. Santa's long shadow runs ahead, his reindeer and his sleigh. Always with reminiscence now, of Christmases of yore. We've had more fun already than we've ever had before.

Christmas is fine for little folks. Each year they love it more. Fond parents bless the jolly Saint and all his generous lore. But in this present year of grace it all seems clear to me. That Gramps and Grandmas take the prize for true felicity.

Who has more fun than Grandma does, whose joy so fair and free As Grandma's when she chooses dolls to sit beneath the tree. Who gets a bigger bang, I ask, than Gramps selecting toys For various little folks he loves, for certain clamorous boys.

Lucky to be a Grandpa with my own vicarious joys; Lucky to shop with Marthy with a zest that never ceases; For we are not responsible in all the family cares.

The tree will be a lovely one, with all the family there. With tinsel and with packages, with mystery in the air. With love and laughter on the lips of those we love the best.

Secretary of Agriculture was urged to use non-recourse loans on wool as the method best adapted to serve the interests of the domestic wool growing industry.

Severance Tax. The delegates observed that the hauling of the heavy equipment used in drilling oil wells as well as the transportation of crude oil cause excessive wear and tear on county highways.

Liquor Licenses. Amendment of the liquor law so that the township would be permitted to place the revenue which it receives from liquor licenses in its contingent fund was favored.

Highway Finance. The delegates felt that funds now available for proper maintenance and improvement of our county roads are seriously inadequate.

Deer. The conservation department was requested to take effective steps to protect Michigan farmers against damage to their fruit and farm crops by too plentiful deer.

Beans. County Farm Bureaus in bean producing areas were urged to support actively the Bean Growers Association.

Oilco. The delegates favored removal of taxes on oleomargarine and its manufacturers and handlers, provided the manufacture of oleomargarine in imitation of butter is prohibited.

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Lead 37,000 Farm Bureau Women



Mrs. Harry Whittaker (left) of Metamora, Lapeer county, and Mrs. Carlton Ball of Albion, Calhoun county, were elected state chairman and vice-chairman, respectively, of the Women of the Michigan Farm Bureau at the annual meeting at State College Nov. 9.

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Brody Tells Farm Bureau's Work



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Summary of Resolutions

Continued from page one. a backfire against the propaganda campaign of the National Tax Equality Association, the delegates adopted a resolution relative to the function and nature of farm co-operatives which concluded with this assertion: "Specifically, the savings which a co-operative returns to its members are not the property of the co-operative and hence the co-operative should not be taxed on them."

Gov't Marketing Agencies. Earnest objection was voiced against the tendency of such governmental agencies as the CCC and PMA to set up their own governmental marketing machinery to duplicate or replace present co-operative and private marketing facilities.

CROP. The delegates adopted a strong resolution to support for the Christian Rural Overseas Program and called upon all members to give generously of their time and farm products for the alleviation of misery through this splendid agency.

United Nations was commended as the best means of preventing war. Public Relations. The work already done by the Farm Bureau to promote a better understanding between the various economic groups was highly commended.

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Classified Ads

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

RAILCO ALUMINUM DOME silo roofs, chute dormers, safety baskets, and silo ladders. Clarence Van Strien, member of Farm Bureau, Box 9, Byron Center, Michigan. (12-11-23b)

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NOW IS THE TIME to order all needed sap collecting and boiling equipment for 1950. For complete information on all syrup making and marketing supplies, write Sugar Bush Supplies Co., P. O. Box 1197, Lansing, Mich. (4-1f-34b)

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

VETERINARY
AUREOMYCIN-The Golden Weapon against mastitis. One treatment establishes effective concentration for 48 hours in treated quarter. Kills both Strep and Staph germs, and B. Coll. Also. Better than penicillin in published reports. One treatment comes in handy ready-to-use tube \$1.95 each. Phone or mail order to H. L. Link, Pharmacist, Phone 4-5138 at 1458 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Mich. (12-1f-55b)

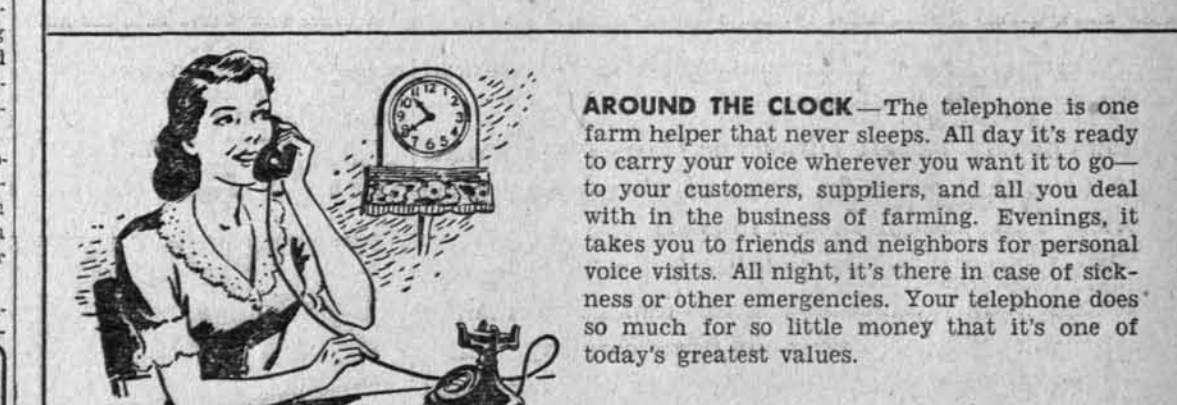
FARM WORK WANTED
EXPERIENCED 22 year old man wants steady work on large farm. Familiar with all types of farm machinery. Keith I. Smith, DeWitt, Box 355, Mich. Phone 45R11 after 5 p.m. (12-11p)

SILVOPASTURE
MILKING SHORTHORN bulls for sale. Two Grand Champion herd bulls and a good selection of young bulls up to breeding age. Stanley M. Powell, Ingleside Farm, Ionia R-1, Mich. (10-1f-27b)

SHROPSHIRE RAMS for sale. A good selection. Thrifty, excellent breeding. Write or visit Stanley M. Powell, Ingleside Farm, Ionia, R-1, Mich. (10-1f-19b)

FOR SALE-Eighteen young registered Corriedale ewes-Eight eye lambs-bred after October 12. We plan to consign a few top quality ewes to the Michigan Bred Ewe Sale during Farmers' Week, Allendale, Mich., May, Charlotte R-2, Mich. (US-27, south of city limits) (11-31-47b)

Rural Tele-news



AROUND THE CLOCK-The telephone is one farm helper that never sleeps. All day it's ready to carry your voice wherever you want it to go-to your customers, suppliers, and all you deal with in the business of farming.



INVISIBLE BRIDGE-Once in a great while a severe storm, flood or other catastrophe may damage telephone plant and threaten a community with isolation. Time was when no calls could go through pending repairs.

SEASON'S GREETINGS-More and more, Long Distance service has come into use for holiday greetings. But so many people like to make their Long Distance calls on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day that there are bound to be delays, particularly on calls to more distant points.

To Our Farm Bureau Patrons... Wishing you A MERRY CHRISTMAS and Best of Good Wishes for the NEW YEAR. We want to take this opportunity to THANK YOU for your loyalty shown through your purchases of Farm Bureau Quality Products during the past year. Farm Bureau Services, Inc. Lansing 4, Michigan

A very Merry Christmas to all of you from all of us MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

James Reilly Heads Junior FB for 1950

By CORALANE VESTERFELT
State Publicity Chairman, Junior Farm Bureau

The Michigan Junior Farm Bureau held its 14th annual convention November 5th at the Reo Club House in Lansing. Several hundred young people from all parts of Michigan were present for the business meeting presided over by Verland McLeod, President of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau. James Reilly of North Branch, Lapeer county, was elected president for 1949-50.

The constitution was amended to add a state historian, who will keep a running account of all major projects in the state and on the county level for each year. Another amendment was that the Junior Farm Bureau would follow the same pattern as the Michigan Farm Bureau in setting up ten membership districts. Darwin Diehl was in charge of this committee.

Norma Opperman of Midland spoke to the group concerning plans for a delegation to attend the national convention of Rural Youth to be held in Chicago in De-

ember. Attending from Michigan will be the newly elected state officers, the new district directors and about 60 county officers and members.

Connie Duryea of Hillsdale county took charge of the planning of the program for the coming year. The convention used the "65" method with all members present participating.

Allan Seyfred of Berrien county announced the rules of the Talk-Meet. The topic was "Rural Youth's Place in a Democratic Government". Each of the ten districts in the state was allowed one contestant for this contest. Only five competed. Blaine Pinkston of Genesee, Dorothy Tuckey of Tuscola and Sheldon Durham of Muskegon Co. were the three runner-ups. They

1950 year. Other officers installed in this ceremony were: Dale Foster, Berrien county, first vice-president, Earl Dickerson, Livingston county, second vice-president; Connie Duryea, Hillsdale county as secretary-treasurer; Allan Seyfred of Berrien county as camp chairman; Coralane Vesterfelt of Ionia county as publicity chairman and Betty Marsh of Berrien county as the first historian.

A party followed the annual banquet under the direction of the Sanilac county Junior Farm Bureau. Nearly 500 were in attendance for the grand march led by the newly elected president and the retiring president.

The retiring officers were President Verland McLeod of Ionia county who will retain his place on the Michigan Bureau board of directors for another year and on the National Rural Youth Committee of which he is vice-chairman. James Reilly was first vice-president; Archie McLachlan of Osceola county was second vice-chairman; Florence Cargill of Sanilac county was Secretary-Treasurer; Carolyn Tribby of Jackson county, publicity chairman and Dale Swisher of Cass county camp chairman.



JAMES REILLY

competed at the annual banquet in the evening and Sheldon Durham was selected as the winner. Sheldon will compete in Chicago on December 12 with the Rural Youth of other states for the national title.

Warren Hannah of Newago county presented the trophies during the banquet to the counties with the best program for the coming year, the greatest achievement for the past year and the best growth in membership.

Annual banquet arrangements were in charge of Mary Linsenmier of the Campus group.

Arrangements for the installation of the new officers of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau were made by Elizabeth Croel who presented Mr. Carl Buskirk, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau. He read the candlelighting service that installed James Reilly of Lapeer county as president for the 1949-

There's a Need for Personal Reliability

By Mrs. Edith M. Wagar
Brir Hill Farm, Carleton, Mich.
It's amusing to listen to the numerous remedies the public in general will advance whenever something happens that startles the country.

We are all eager to express ourselves; we want laws enacted; we favor this or that; we are all sure if the matter was left to us, there'd be a change right sudden, but we're never so sure as when the matter is not left to us to solve.

Too few of us realize the responsibilities we place upon the folks who have to make decisions. There's always more than one side to the question. Each side should have its hearing.

In no other country in the world can people speak their minds so freely as we can in America. When we enumerate our blessings we should never omit that great privilege. Oh, to be sure, we get fed up at times on the hot air that's thrust upon us, especially during the late days of a political campaign.

We all think we know of many practices of the present time that are unwise for the country to continue. For the life of me, I cannot foresee the future of this great America of ours when its' entire population once gets out a 40 hour week, pay and a half on Saturday and double on Sunday, 65 year retirement with pension plus social security, and unemployment compensation when labor groups force a shutdown.

Having always lived on a farm and having had to adjust our living to the uncertain income of a farm, there are no doubt many sides to the laborer's life that I know but little about.

Some of the most unhappy folks that I know are those who are trying to keep going on a pension and social security.

They cannot keep up with the Jones' in appearance. They feel that everything they have to buy is too high in price for them. Years ago it was a common saying that too many Civil War pensioners and retired farmers would kill any village that they moved into, for they would never vote favorable for any progressive movement. Their added expense. At least the farmers are so few in number that they would only make a small dent either way.

It might do us much good to study this subject of what we are heading into concerning what we might term "all age assistance". I know many farmers who feel their group has been discriminated against. It may be so, but still do we want it?

I think a backward turn in progress would be beneficial to all of us. We might dig up out of the dead past such words as discipline—parental and teacher. Both have been obsolete for sometime. Responsibility is another word that's being kicked into the back-ground quite rapidly. It is a word that should be common to all. No one owes you a living but yourself—the more effort you make, the better you'll live.

If there's anything wrong anywhere let's point our finger at ourself first and after due examination, let's aim to correct the weak spot. By so doing we can be a model to help others rather than a target to shoot at.

Deep Litter Good In Poultry House
A litter at least six inches deep on the floor of the laying house will help keep the house dry during damp winter months, say Michigan State college poultrymen.

West Michigan Farm to Prosper Contest Dec. 29

Nearly all community Farm Bureaus in five northwest Michigan counties are participating in the 1949 West Michigan Farm-to-Prosper contest. The "Round-Up" will be held in Muskegon Dec. 29 in the senior high school auditorium.

The contest is a movement promoted among rural community organizations of Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, and Ottawa counties for the advancement of rural community life in western Michigan. It is carried on through the offices of the county agricultural

agencies. Committees of judges now are at work in each county on reports of the year's activities turned into the agricultural agents' offices by competing organizations. The county committees select the first five winners in each county. The reports of the top winners are sent to the office of the state Extension Service at Michigan State college, where the sweepstakes winner is decided.

County prizes of \$50, \$30, \$20, \$15, and \$10 are awarded, with framed certificates of award. The sweepstakes award carries an additional \$100 and certificate, and a Michigan state flag which is kept until won by another organization. It now is held by Ashland Grange, Newaygo county, winner in 1948.

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Smell of spruce and hemlock—
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Mother in her glory
Fixin' things to eat.

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Air of secrecy,
Budget out of balance—
Unsolved mystery;
Kids home on vacation
Guest rooms, attic, den,
Full to overflowin'—
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Warren E. Dobson

Farm records are management tools and can do as much or more to make the farm profitable as any machine or tool you possess, say Michigan State college agricultural economists.

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Community Farm Bureau For Dec.

By MRS. MARJORIE GARDNER

STAR AWARDS

Gold Star—Ransacker Community Farm Bureau, Oceana county, Mrs. Bertha Yeager, sec'y.

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Dear Community Farm Bureau Members:
October was a busy month in Community Farm Bureau. Our records show 808 set-up sheets recorded in this office as compared to 605 at the same time last year.



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MFB Staff Presented to Delegates



J. F. Yaeger, ass't executive sec'y presented to the 30th annual meeting delegates the men and women in charge of divisions, dep'ts and service companies of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Members of the group direct the work of more than 500 employees in 60 counties. They share responsibilities for business services in farm supplies, marketing and insurance to members that exceed \$20,000,000 annually.

Left to right, they are: B. F. Hennink, Jr. Farm Bureau; S. M. Powell, Public Affairs; B. P. Pattison, Insurance Company and the annual Roll Call.

St. Joseph—North Fabius. Has a very talented member in Mrs. Frank Bidelman. She has written a very clever poem describing a meeting of this group.

Honorable Mention. The following groups had unusually fine meetings during the month of October and deserve honorable mention:
Berrien County—Bedinger Comm. FB, Mrs. Clarence Stover, sec'y.
Eaton—Bellevue, Mrs. Oscar Mortzfeldt.
Eaton—S. E. Brookfield, Mrs. Albert Nelson.
Emmet—Tobacco Road, Mrs. Gertrude Ball.
Genesee—Goodrich, Mrs. Douglas Pierson.
Gratiot—Wheeler, Mrs. Gerald Cooper.
Kalamazoo—N. W. Portage, Mrs. Royce E. Eddy.
Livingston—Mrs. Andrew Henry, Plainfield.
Midland—Homer Twp., Mrs. Philip Stark.
St. Joseph—Florence, Mrs. Harold Hensell.

Farm Woodlot

The foresters at Michigan State college have come up with their suggestion for keeping busy during the winter. They say it's an excellent time to work in the farm woodlot. It's easier to do improvement work in the hardwoods of Michigan when leaves are off trees.



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varieties to find which yielded well. As a general rule, varieties developed in a warmer climate may not produce satisfactory yields over a period of time, he points out.

S. T. Dexter, Michigan State college farm crops specialist, recently conducted field tests on alfalfa

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Thousands of farmers from all over the country are expected to attend the meeting, representing over a million and a quarter farm families. World famous people will be among the headline speakers to address the delegation.

Addresses by President Allen B. Kline and other officials of the nation's largest farm organization, adoption of resolutions, and election of national directors will highlight the policy-making sessions on the program.

Milking Routine

Good milking practices mean a regular routine is observed by the dairyman, the udder is washed with warm water, the milking machine applied within 45 seconds or so after washing, and proper attention is paid to all details.

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Shuman Says Brannan Plan Is Socialism

"In my judgment, a plan designed to socialize agriculture such as the Brannan plan is the first step toward changing our form of government," Charles B. Shuman, president of the Illinois Agricultural Association, told voting delegates and visitors at the 30th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau at Michigan State College, November 10.
 "The Brannan plan would junk the parity price concept and substitute income support standards at extremely high levels," Mr. Shuman said.
 "This would stimulate food production far beyond the ability of consumers to utilize at any price. This would necessitate authority be given to apply production controls and quotas to all commodities, including livestock."
 Mr. Shuman pointed out that the Brannan plan was not a farm program. He said it is a consumer subsidy plan under which the taxpayers would pay a large part of all grocery bills while farmers would receive the blame for the taxes.
 Secretary Brannan has concentrated his campaign for the program on consumer groups hoping for the possibility of a political agreement between farmers and organized labor. Mr. Shuman said

Berrien Takes Roll Call Bets

J. Burton Richards, secretary and Roll Call manager for Berrien County Farm Bureau, has accepted challenges and bets by representatives of Branch and Saginaw County Farm Bureaus regarding the performance their counties will make in the Roll Call for Farm Bureau membership, starting Dec. 5.
 Blaque Knirk, president of Branch County Farm Bureau, bet Richards a hat that Branch could enroll a larger percentage of commercial farmers as Farm Bureau members than Berrien can.
 Gordon Gawn, county organization director and Roll Call manager, has a bet with Richards that Saginaw will have more members than Berrien.
 Berrien has led for total members for many years, but was topped by Saginaw in 1949.

How Farm Bureau Finances Are Used

\$10.00 ANNUAL DUES ARE DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

County Farm Bureau, will get as a maximum (includes 50c per member for reaching membership goal quota; 50c for attaining county goal, \$1.10 if county has an organization director)	\$ 5.10
Michigan Farm Bureau will get	4.15
American Farm Bureau Federation will get	.75
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HOW COUNTY FARM BUREAUS USE THEIR MONEY

- 1—Promoting projects for farm and community improvement
- 2—Public relations for agriculture, including our interest in farm and other matters before legislature and Congress
- 3—Holding meetings
- 4—Conducting membership roll call each year
- 5—Organizing and maintaining Community Farm Bureaus
- 6—Carrying on Women's Farm Bureau activities
- 7—Assisting Junior Farm Bureau program
- 8—Sending delegates to state and national Farm Bureau meetings
- 9—Publicity, such as County Farm Bureau papers, Roll Call advertising, etc.
- 10—Secretary's office records, postage, mailings, etc.
- 11—Adult education,—training schools for leaders and officers

COUNTY FARM BUREAU PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

Agricultural Planning	Membership Building
Farm Co-operatives	Community Farm Bureaus
Farm Marketing	Women's Program
Health Programs	Public Service
Hospital Service	Social Activities

County Farm Bureau boards direct these and other activities through board committees of 3 to 7 members. Some boards have invited other members to serve on their committees. In some counties up to 50 people are working on county committees.

Sister Kenny Tells Battle for Polio Aid



Sister Elizabeth Kenny (right), world renowned for her treatment of infantile paralysis, spoke to 1300 Women of the Michigan Farm Bureau and 500 guests at their annual meeting at State College November 9. Shown with Sister Kenny is Mrs. Marjorie Karker, director of Women of the Farm Bureau.
 Sister Kenny spent most of her life in Australia, where nurses are called Sisters. She said she is now 63 and was determined at 12 to be a nurse. Early in her career her interest turned to polio. She made a discovery which led to her famed treatment for restoring polio victims to active life.
 Polio is a general disease of the nervous system, said Sister Kenny, and it responds to direct treatment of the afflicted areas to restore them to their normal functions. This was directly opposite to the view and treatment held by the medical profession for the most part. However, she said her method has restored people to normal activity at the rate of 10 to 1 for the older treatment.
 Sister Kenny came to the United States upon invitation 10 years ago to expound her theory of the disease and to demonstrate the results of the Kenny treatment of hot packs, massage and exercise. She had a cool reception from the American medical profession and was snubbed again and again by Basil O'Connor, head of the American Red Cross.
 As Farm Bureau women listened to Sister Kenny's account of her struggle for a hearing and an opportunity to demonstrate, it was clear that here was a warrior who could fight savagely and relentlessly for her cause in hospitals and before the public as a speaker and writer.
 Her first success came when Mayo Brothers clinic invited a demonstration, and then adopted the Kenny method. Today the Sister Kenny treatment is used in many hospitals around the world. Women of the Michigan Farm Bureau are active in support of the Sister Elizabeth Kenny Foundation hospital at Pontiac.
 Sister Kenny said that in her travels around the world she found no racial or political boundaries in the science of healing. She cited

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 We find that only a small percentage of the farmer-owners have been enjoying the courtesy service of our traveling field engineers, due to our not having the correct addresses of all Chrysler engine owners.
 We are an authorized Chrysler Industrial Engine organization. This is only part of our "Service-to-Owners" policy that is meeting widespread approval. It is our desire now to extend this service to all owners within our scope of operations. To do this we need your cooperation.
Fill Out Coupon Below
 Clip and mail to us promptly. If you know of any other Chrysler Industrial Engine owners who may not have read this notice, add their names and addresses to a separate sheet of paper and enclose with your coupon.
FREE TRICK PENCIL that will give you many laughs on your friends will be mailed to you for this cooperation.

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 I own a Chrysler Industrial Engine Model _____ Serial No. _____
 Send me an Operators Manual—Free.
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HOW MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU USES ITS MONEY

- 1—Present farm viewpoint to public, legislature and Congress on legislation
- 2—Promote co-operative business services for members
- 3—Help build a state and national farm program
- 4—Membership building, keeping records, etc.
- 5—Promote Community Farm Bureau program
- 6—Assist program of Women of the Farm Bureau
- 7—Aid Junior Farm Bureau program
- 8—Carry out all directives from the membership as stated in resolutions adopted by delegates at Michigan Farm Bureau annual meetings, and as guided by state board of directors between annual meetings.
- 9—Pay employees of Michigan Farm Bureau and other expenses of organization.
- 10—Public relations program to public and other organizations for the Farm Bureau program.
- 11—Publicity through Michigan Farm News and relations with press and radio.

HOW AMERICAN FARM BUREAU USES ITS MONEY

- 1—Operation of its headquarters and staff at Chicago
- 2—Legislative representation before Congress and federal offices, — from Washington office.
- 3—Nat'l Live Stock, Fruit, Dairy and other research committees
- 4—Publicity through National Agriculture, radio, and nation's press.
- 5—General public relations program at national levels for Farm Bureau point of view.



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Get Top Egg Profits with M.V.P.

M.V.P. mashers are producing many flock records of 200 eggs and over per bird for 12 months. The highest reported is 299 eggs.
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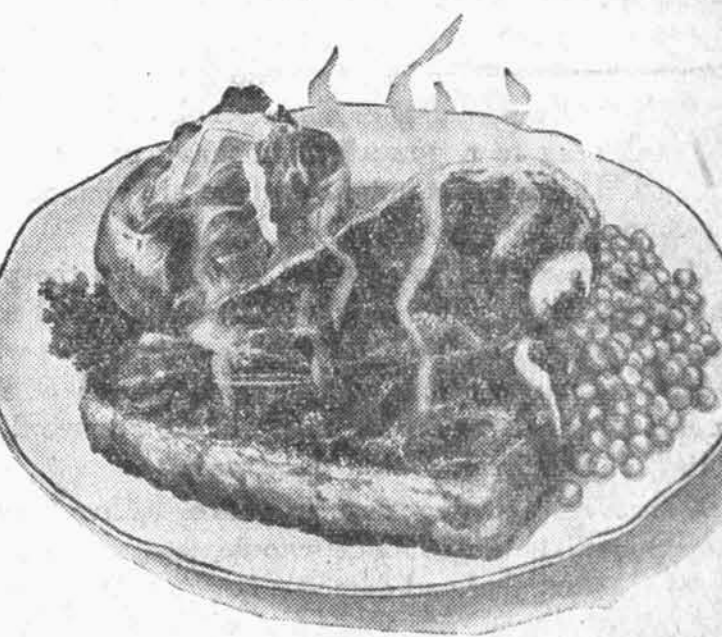
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Know what it means? Well, 5 means keep mortality under 5% (buy best chicks and follow sanitary practices). 4 stands for four pound average broilers at 12 weeks. Our Hi-N-R-G Broiler Mash will do this if you furnish sturdy chicks and good management. 4 1/2 lbs. at 12 weeks, 5 1/2 lbs. at 14 weeks and the winner of the "Chicken of Tomorrow" broiler at the State Fair were produced on Farm Bureau Hi-N-R-G. 3 stands for feed efficiency. Three pounds of feed should make one pound of gain to twelve weeks. It takes good chicks, good management and good feed (Farm Bureau—we believe) to get this 5-4-3.

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The prize steer, for example, rode all the way from the Western ranges to a Corn Belt feed lot on a special livestock train. Along the route he was properly fed and watered — thanks to carefully watched train schedules and the railroad's precision handling of livestock. Then, fattened, slaughtered and dressed, this choice beef moved aboard once more — in a carefully iced refrigerator car.

And the potatoes — moving to market from different regions — took skilled railroad handling, too. Suitable cars, heated to hold temperatures above freezing in some areas, refrigerated to keep them properly cool in others, were on hand.

As for the peas, in addition to the fresh crop moving to market in refrigerator cars, the railroads handle most of the frozen, dried and canned varieties.

These are just examples of the way railroad "know-how" gets stirred into all the different kinds of foods which farmers raise for America's tables. And railroads do know a lot about these food-stuffs. How to anticipate seasonal and regional harvests. How to keep them fresh and flavorful en route. And how to get them to the most profitable markets — speedily and easily.

It's this practical effort to help farmers prosper so that the railroads may prosper, too, that has helped make the American farm and the American railroad system the envy of the world. Between them — efficiently, independently, self-reliantly — they're handling the vital job of helping to feed a hungry world. It is a shipping job, incidentally, which no transportation system except the railroads could handle.

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Farm Bureau Objectives for 1950

PILLARS OF STRENGTH



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

By DONALD D. KINSEY

Director of Research and Information

Have you ever noticed the feeling of uplifting pride that comes with belonging to a genuinely strong and noble organization? Can you read the Foreword of the Resolutions of 1949 passed by your delegates at the Michigan Farm Bureau annual convention and not feel this pride? Lives there a man with soul so dead?

Your writer is an American citizen. He is also an employee and an associate member of the Farm Bureau. From whichever viewpoint he looks at the philosophy presented in this document he finds that pride growing upon him. We are human beings first and farmers incidentally—human beings with high ideals and a belief in a strong emphasis on the retention of a strong individual character based on Christian principles as the necessary foundation of our American way of life.

There have been a number of documents written by our freedom-loving people expressing a belief in high purposes and the need for sturdiness and excellence of character in a people who are to govern themselves. Such documents include the Declaration of Independence, the preamble to our American Constitution, Lincoln's address at Gettysburg, and others.

Here in the Farm Bureau resolutions we have a statement which in itself expresses these very qualities. To the writer, who has become quite tired of the yielding, dependent weaknesses of many people of our time it is like listening to a powerful symphony of the soul, whose strains are sweet indeed, and yet are vibrant and soul-compelling.

Is this mere flattery? Am I overdrawing the picture? Listen while I quote to you the words of your Farm Bureau representatives—your farmer neighbors—who in this statement are presenting a condensation of the thoughts of our Farm Bureau folk. In the Foreword of the 1949 Resolutions we find these words:

"These are stirring days in which to live. Our economy is still in the throes of serious post-war readjustments. International and domestic tensions continue to menace and plague us. Governmental spending at all levels is at a peacetime peak. Taxes exceed the amount spent by American citizens for their total food requirements.

"There is a growing emphasis upon what is termed security and a mounting disregard for those principles and ideals which have made our nation great. It is time for us to realize that all change does not represent progress. The American people should be aroused to the fact that a paternalistic government can be the greatest enemy of our cherished liberties. Whenever we accept any form of federal handouts we must expect to surrender a definite amount of our right of self-government and self-determination. So-called security can be bought at altogether too high a price.

"We are challenged by the following thought-provoking words recently uttered by United States Senator John Foster Dulles of New York: 'Statism represents a man's conceit that he can build better than God. God created men and women with great moral possibilities—industry, thrift, creativeness, self-control, compassion, love of God and fellow man. These qualities are the foundation of every good society; and government should be a way to give these qualities co-operative expression. But sometimes those in power lose faith in their fellow men. So they take more and more of the fruits of human labor so that they may, as they think, do more and more

for human welfare. That process destroys the individual's incentive to produce and destroy his sense of social responsibility. It makes human beings into mere cogs in a man-made machine."
"American farmers have traditionally cherished the right of free enterprise and the preservation of those precious liberties which are a vital part of our national heritage."
"We re-emphasize these convictions and rededicate ourselves to the perpetuation of these basic traditions. In this hour of crisis and momentous decision we shall not remain idly and supinely passive while America drifts with time. We are determined that our land

of freedom shall not degenerate into a welfare state."
Now in a day when so many of our people are clamoring to barter their freedoms for a government handout, the spirit expressed in the above Resolution has a wholesome, robust, and familiar ring. Back in the days when this Republic was suffering the pangs of its birth the great American writer of our Revolutionary era, Thomas Paine, wrote the following words on a drum-head by a campfire during Washington's painful retreat across New Jersey:

"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country. But he that stands it now deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like Hell, is not easily conquered, yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly. It is dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a price upon its goods, and it would be strange, indeed, if so celestial an article as FREEDOM should not be highly rated." Written December 23, 1776.

Note: Washington's army turned to defeat the Hessians at Trenton, New Jersey on Christmas day 1776.

In closing we would refer you to the Summary of the 1949 Resolutions which you will find on another page of this issue of your paper.

Your staff at the state office send to all of you most sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

\$2.5 Million Volume Handled By Petrol. Co-op

Stockholders at the first annual meeting of the Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc. learned that the total dollar volume handled by the organization for the year amounted to approximately \$2,700,000. They met at Reo Club House at Lansing, Dec. 1.

The Farmers Petroleum Co-op was incorporated June 1, 1948 as a subsidiary of the Michigan Farm Bureau. It purchased the petroleum fleet from Farm Bureau Services, where it had been previously operating as a department, and on January 1, 1949 began operations as a separate company. The above mentioned volume included the business carried on from Sept. 1, 1948 as a department of Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

The record distribution represented 16 million gallons of liquid fuels, 205,000 gallons of motor oils as well as a large business in greases, tires, batteries and other automobile necessities.

The board of directors recently declared a 5% dividend upon its preferred stock for the year ending Aug. 31, 1949. Checks amounting to a total of \$15,943.34 have been sent to 1,797 investors in the corporation.

An ever increasing demand for a local co-operative petroleum program by Michigan farmers, the opportunity for such service in the future, and the large capital investment required to maintain and expand this service were the determining factors in the decisions made by Michigan Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Services to sponsor a separate corporation.

Christmas Seals Have Saved Lives for 40 Yrs.

Christmas is a time that's filled with memories. For us grownups, a great part of our enjoyment comes from reliving the thrill of our childhood Christmases.

Little things seem very important at Christmas time. . . a Christmas tree, colored lights, Christmas carols, decorations, . . . and part of that tradition includes another small thing that stands for Christmas too. . . Christmas Seals. Christmas Seals are certainly a part of every Michigan Christmas, but have you ever stopped to think that you might be here to enjoy Christmas this year only because of Christmas seals?

For more than forty years, money for Christmas Seals has gone to fight tuberculosis. In that time more than four million lives have been saved from this disease. . . lives that might have been lost had there been no Christmas Seals.

Last year each week in Michigan 30 people died of tuberculosis. During the same period 6109 new cases were reported. The incidence of new cases is not showing a downward trend. The most tragic aspect of these figures is this—tuberculosis is preventable, and every tuberculosis death is needless.

Your purchase of Christmas Seals supports the research, health education, case-finding, and rehabilitation programs of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association and its



Women of Farm Bureau Resolutions



Resolutions committee of women of the Farm Bureau presents recommendations to 1300 women from 60 counties at 5th annual meeting November 9.

Resolutions recommended (1) State Medical Society to help get more doctors for rural areas (2) farmer representation on board of Michigan Hospital Service (3) Farm Bureau women's groups to join County Health Councils.

(4) Support for United Nations to achieve world peace (5) effort to improve rural telephone service generally (6) farmers to prohibit billboards on property because they destroy scenic beauty (7) criticism of inconsistent relationship of major sports broadcasts by sponsors advertising alcoholic drinks

(8) FB Women to combat legalizing of yellow oleo in Michigan (9) protest use of "bread softeners" by bakeries emphasize need for higher standards for bread. (10) Suggested legislative chairmen for each FB women's group

(11) Women of Farm Bureau should study welfare procedures and agencies in counties for possible over-lapping (12) Be interested in Soil Conservation Program (13) promote milk dispensers in school buildings, and children's story hours at local libraries.

Buy Christmas Seals. Answer the once-a-year Christmas Seal letter. . . and you make possible the year round giving of health. . . of life itself.

Applying Lime Don't plan on applying lime on top of snow, caution Michigan State college soil scientists. As the snow melts, even on almost level land, the lime will be moved some and give uneven distribution.

Elk-Riverside Has Thanksgiving Party Elk-Riverside Farm Bureau of Huron county had its first Thanksgiving dinner meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Eicher were host to 26 guests. This event will be a regular feature for this group.

entertainment committee. Gifts will be exchanged. Acting on a suggestion brought back from the state convention of the Michigan Farm Bureau by Mrs. Edwin Herford, it was voted to elect a legislative chairman who will keep the group informed of legislation pending that is of interest to Huron county farmers. A. W. Bailey was elected to this post. Mrs. Anna Kuhn and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ramseyer are new members.

Co-op Livestock Auction Success At Battle Creek

By B. P. PATTISON
Farm Bureau Commodity Relations Dept.

\$50,000 total sales marked the first co-operative livestock auction market in Michigan by the Michigan Livestock Exchange at the yards at Battle Creek owned by the Southwest Michigan Live Stock Co-operative, Inc.

Some 350 livestock producers of southwest Michigan consigned stock for sale. The opening attendance was about 2,000 farmers.

Businessmen of Battle Creek provided the lunch. Everyone pronounced the opening of this co-operative market a great success.

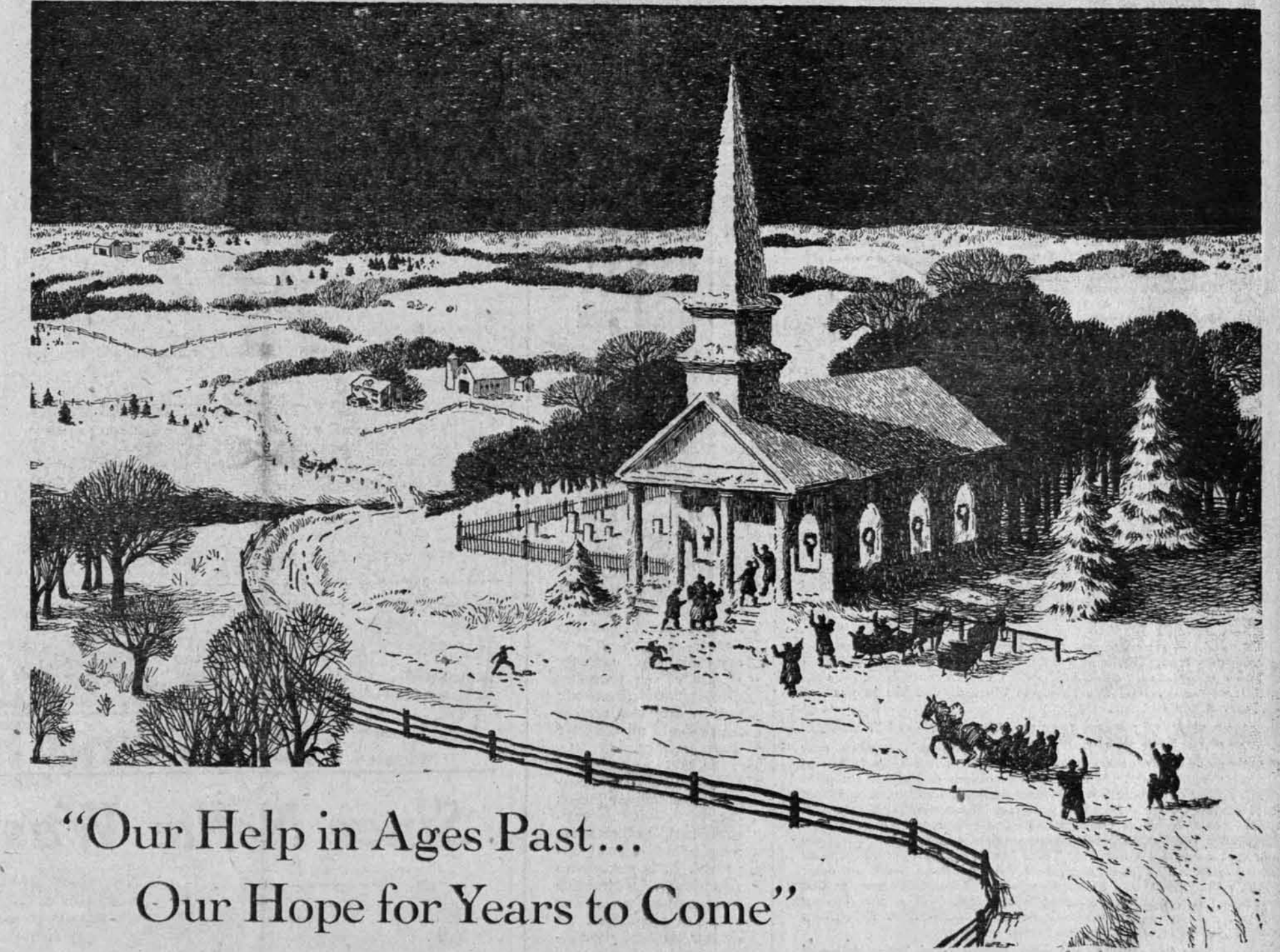
Wednesday, Nov. 23 and Wednesday, Nov. 30 regular weekly auction sales were held. The volume of stock and total dollar sales was right up there with the opening day.

Without question the Battle Creek auction market at 819 Emmet street, Battle Creek is an assured success. The facilities are about the best in the state. The protection given by Michigan Livestock Exchange salesmen on all grades of livestock offered by farmers has met with universal approval.

The time set for the sale is popular, starting promptly at 1:00 p.m. each Wednesday. Farmers can consign their stock with full assurance that their interests will be protected.

This is a farmer owned and operated co-operative market that deserves the support of every livestock farmer in the area. If you have livestock ready for market, send it to Battle Creek and save the difference.

Buy Farm Bureau Feeds.



"Our Help in Ages Past... Our Hope for Years to Come"

America was opened by men with God upon their minds. Their vision was prophetic, their passion was freedom. To our forefathers America was promises—promises faithfully kept in the land's lush prairies, its fish-filled streams, its rolling country rich with wood and mineral. America was man's new-found land of opportunity. . .

New Americans flocked in from the nations of the world. Fleeing religious, economic and political problems, escaping famine and despair, seeking freedom and opportunity, they came from the old countries to the new—from England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales—from Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway—from France, Italy, Russia, Poland—they came in their millions from these and many other countries. And they came to work in their own land, and to pray in their own churches. The land opened to these pioneers. It received their sweat and rewarded their labors. On its rich soil they raised their generations and marked their names. *Deeply in its heart, they planted their faith.*

Over the American farmland, that faith blossomed sweetly. It grew from a sapling to a great tree, which now shelters millions from storms of the spirit. Today the churches of all denominations in America give outward and visible signs of the strength and purpose within our people. And in a new time of global doubt and fear, of clouded issues and terrible distress on the continents which our forefathers left, America's

churches are a source of the courage and perception we need. Now another Christmas is over the land...another old year draws to its close. Joyously, at this time of spiritual accounting, churches are bright and fragrant with the faith of our fathers. Over Bethlehem the Star still burns, and if this statement may close, reverently, with a text, let it be from the writing of David, the poet, the great singer, who began as a tender of sheep, and became a king in Israel. For all of us in America today, a quotation from the Psalms is at once a rededication, and an act of faith in church and country: "*Be thou my refuge henceforth and forever, and my portion in the land of the living.*"

To all our friends in America, we at Swift & Company wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

John Holmes
President

Discussion Topics

- MICHIGAN COMMUNITY FARM BUREAUS
- Dec.—Farm Bureau Members' Objectives for 1950.
- Jan.—Who Sets Farm Prices?
- Feb.—Can Co-operatives Solve Our Marketing and Buying Problems?