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Jackson County Farm Bureau Shows Modern Farming to Business Men



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Fifty businessmen of Greater Jackson Ass'n got first hand knowledge of modern farming and its adjustments to market demand in a tour July 14. The tour was arranged by Larry Seaman of the Greater Jackson Ass'n Agr'l Committee, County Agr'l Agent Stanley J. Culver, and Jackson Coun-

ty Farm Bureau. In the picture at the left, Fredrich Henningsen, 15, center, shows his 4-H club Aberdeen-Angus steer to visiting businessmen. Orlo Snide, left, and William Nicholds, right. Fredrich is the son of Farm Bureau members Mr. and Mrs. Henrich Henningsen of Jackson R-7. Center,

Mrs. Louis Irvin and Mrs. Louis Mann of the Jackson County Farm Bureau women are serving at the luncheon served by ladies of the Farm Bureau at Grass Lake county park. Jane Harris, 9, of Grass Lake, looks on. Right, Larry Seaman, center, manager of the Don McKone farms at Clark Lake, is pointing out steep hillsides being planted to perma-

nent pasture. Left to right are Leslie Reed, S. J. Culver, Mr. Seaman, Ralph Herrman, and Lester Peterson. The Ass'n plans to make its first farm tour an annual event. A return visit to city industries will be made by farmers this summer. Jackson County Farm Bureau is a member of the Greater Jackson Ass'n.

EDITORIAL

NTEA Names Consumers, Detroit Edison

Consumers Power Company of Jackson and Detroit Edison Company of Detroit are the first firms in Michigan to be reported as principal financial contributors to the National Tax Equality Ass'n, the avowed enemy of farm co-operatives.

Consumers Power and Detroit Edison are listed as having made contributions of \$500 or more to National Tax Equality Ass'n. This is reported in the quarterly lobbyist financial report filed with the House of Representatives in Congress by NTEA for the three months ending June 30.

The reports NTEA has made for the first six months of 1949 show that NTEA has received more than a quarter of a million dollars so far this year to finance its activities,—most of which seem directed toward tearing down farmers co-operative marketing and purchasing organizations.

It's hard for us to see why Consumers Power and Detroit Edison should want to contribute money to be spent against farm co-operatives and in turn against thousands of farmer members who use co-operatives to improve their income.

Perhaps Consumers Power and Detroit Edison will be glad to explain themselves to their farmer customers.

High Analysis Fertilizer Costs Less

The cash and labor saving advantages in using a high analysis fertilizer like Farm Bureau 3-18-9 against the old 2-12-6 are shown by this table:

	Pounds of Plant Food	Cash Price
1 1/2 Tons 2-12-6	600	\$60.00
1 Ton 3-18-9	600	52.95
Cash Savings with Farm Bureau 3-18-9		\$7.05

Not only is there a substantial cash savings, but there is one-third less weight to handle.

Consider 25 acres to be fertilized. If one were to apply 400 lbs. of 2-12-6 per acre, it would take 5 tons. But 266 lbs. of 3-18-9 per acre will apply the same amount of plant food, and there's only 3 1/3 tons to handle. The cash savings on the job would amount to \$25.

Farm Bureau Services is providing such savings for farmer patrons by manufacturing a line of high analysis fertilizers for wheat, such as 3-18-9, 4-16-16 and 0-20-20 at its fertilizer plant at Saginaw. This is in accordance with a resolution adopted by Farm Bureau members at the annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau in November, 1947.

How It Works

Oleomargarine interests have carried on a great campaign of propaganda to persuade Congress to repeal existing laws taxing and regulating the manufacture and sale of oleo.

They claim that there is no danger that yellow oleomargarine would be sold as butter if they could have the restraining legislation repealed.

Let's see how it works in Arkansas. That state

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BRANNAN PLAN IS DEAD IN THIS CONGRESS

The farm price support plan proposed by Sec'y of Agriculture Charles Brannan is dead in this session of Congress.

The Brannan plan promised consumers cheap food. It promised farmers high prices. To do that, it proposed to repeal the Agr'l Act of 1948 which continues farm price support in the market place when needed. Under the Brannan plan, foods would drop to their lowest levels in the markets. Farmers would be paid government subsidies to give them parity prices for their production.

The Farm Bureau and nearly all farm groups denounced the Brannan plan as politically inspired and not wanted. City consumers throughout the nation voted 10 and 20 to 1 against the Brannan plan in mail polls conducted by newspapers in connection with Hoover Commission recommendations for economy in government.

In Congress, the House defeated the Pace bill which proposed a "trial run" of the Brannan plan on hogs, potatoes, and eggs. The week of July 25 the Senate committee on agriculture decided to drop further consideration of Brannan plan legislation.

Unless the House and Senate agree upon some new farm price support legislation before Dec. 31, 1949, the Aiken-Hope Agr'l Act of 1948 will take effect Jan. 1, 1950. The Act of 1948 continues the present plan of farm price support in the market place. It adds to the number of commodities entitled to price support, it's flexible price support provision of 60 to 90% of parity is intended to be more favorable to grain consuming livestock and poultry and their products and less favorable to surplus producing crops such as grain and cotton. The 60 to 90% provisions are to be applied by the Sec'y of Agriculture in accordance with supply and market demands.

There is strong support in Congress for liberalizing the flexible supports of the Aiken-Hope act. The House defeated the Pace (Brannan) bill, but adopted the Gore bill to extend through 1950 wartime price support at 90% of parity. The Gore bill would repeal the Aiken flexible price support section of the Agr'l Act of 1948.

The Senate has decided to take no action on Senate bills offered to get a trial run of the Brannan plan. It is expected to pass up the Gore bill. It is quite possible that both Senate and House may agree to amend the Agr'l Act of 1948 to extend 90% of parity price support through 1950, while the whole program is reviewed.

Purchasing Power of Farm Dollar

To get a clear picture of the purchasing power of the farmer's dollar, the U. S. Savings Bond Division of the Treasury presents these figures:

To buy a bond for \$750 in 1932, it took 112 290-pound hogs; in 1933, 69 hogs; and in February of this year, it took only 20 hogs. Other products and their comparative values at the three periods include corn as follows—2,374 bushels in '32; 1,321 in '33; and 253 in '49, when applied to the purchase of the bond.

Farm Tour Excites Jackson Businessmen

Jackson county businessmen in the Greater Jackson Ass'n got a picture of modern farming last month that made them ask for more. County Agr'l Agent S. J. Culver, and Jackson County Farm Bureau, a member of the Ass'n, invited businessmen to visit some Jackson county farms to see modern agriculture.

They visited the Robert Noon farm near Michigan Center. Mr. Noon said the farm has been in the family since 1857. He is the third generation to farm the land. Of special interest on the Noon farm was the plan of operations to save labor, and the long range problem for building up the land. Mr. Noon is a son of the late M. L. Noon, a great leader in the Michigan Farm Bureau, and president 1924-26 and 1927-34.

The Wanrich Henningsen farm

at Jackson R-7 presented the operations built around a herd of registered cattle. The buildings drew attention for their arrangement and upkeep.

R. B. Gotfredson of Detroit is a Farm Bureau member. His farm at Grass Lake demonstrated the use of irrigation for increasing the yield of 120 acres of potatoes. There also is one of the best and largest herds of Brown Swiss cows in Michigan. Vast quantities of grass ensilage are made. Management of the sandy soil was explained by Wilbur Harris, farm manager.

At the Don McKone farm near Clark Lake, Larry Seaman, manager and chairman of the Greater Jackson Ass'n agr'l council, explained the conversion of marshlands into good pasture, and the reclaiming of hilly, eroded lands through grassland farming.

Time to Get High Quality Seed Wheat

By WARREN DOBSON
Farm Bur. Services Seed Dept.

At the moment, farmers are trying to make up their minds regarding the amount of wheat acreage to sow this fall. Influencing their decisions in the matter are support prices, acreage allotments, crop rotations and availability of seed and fertilizer.

These are days when the farm program or programs are passing in Congressional review. No one can be sure just now what the final outcome will be. However, all indications at present point to some form of price guarantee with a minimum of acreage allotments.

There is, to be sure, a pronounced effort being made in the direction of returning substantial acreages from grain to grass. This transition is bound to occur as Europe's dependence on us for grain declines. It can hardly be an immediate transfer of acreage since a sound rotation system of crops will not permit. Rather will it be a gradual change—over in a 3 to 4 year period.

Seeding with wheat is an established practice in Michigan. To the extent that this is true and the necessity for a cash crop in the rotation continues, wheat will continue at somewhere near current acreage levels.

The fertilizer situation has improved in the past year. This will no longer be a limiting factor as plenty of high-analysis goods are available to the man who places his order early.

Seed wheat. As this is written, the Crop Improvement Association has not issued its regular bulletin on various recommendations and list of certified growers. We are fairly sure, however, of enough high-grade seed of approved varieties to take care of everyone. Again we must qualify by saying all early orders will be cared for. What about varieties?

On white wheat, the choice seems to be between Yorkwin and Cornell 595. Of these, Yorkwin still rates the preference in spite of some current claims of superior yield for Cornell 595. The two points in Yorkwin's favor are a lesser tendency to winter-killing and a whiter kernel. Yorkwin has given gen-

eral satisfaction and will probably fill 90% of the white wheat demand.

The red wheat picture is a bit more complicated this year. Bald Rock, which has been the leader for several years, faces serious competition from three varieties: Vigo, Fairfield and Thorne. Of these, Vigo and Thorne are Indiana sponsored varieties while Fairfield originated in Ohio. While there is not too much to choose from between these varieties to date, we understand Vigo is the one attracting most attention in the red wheat areas of the state. The amount of Vigo will be limited this year.

Prices on certified wheat were recently established by the Crop Improvement Association at \$2.85 per bushel retail. This price does not include bags or transportation from Lansing. We in Farm Bureau Services Seed Dept urge you, where possible, to place your orders through your local co-operative or Farm Bureau dealer.

ANNUAL MEETINGS IN FARM BUREAU

The following dates are 1949 annual meeting dates for the Farm Bureau group of organizations:

- Nov. 5—Michigan Junior Farm Bureau at State College, East Lansing.
- Nov. 9—Women of the Michigan Farm Bureau, State College.
- Nov. 10-11—Michigan Farm Bureau at State College.
- Dec. 1—Farmers Petroleum Co-operative, Inc., at Lansing.
- Dec. 20—Farm Bureau Services, Inc., at Lansing.

State Fair Contests

Six new farm contests have been added to the State Fair program for which prizes will be awarded: cross cut sawing, weight lifting, axe chopping, tug of war, horses and tractor pulling, greased pig catching. Older contests include horse pulling, hog calling, milking, sheep shearing, and husband calling. Contests may be entered at the Fair, Sept. 2 to 11.

One Week Membership Roll Call For All Counties Starts Dec. 5

FB GETTING HELP FOR FRESH FRUIT MARKET

President Carl Buskirk of the Michigan Farm Bureau is a member of the Fruit and Vegetable committee of the American Farm Bureau.

July 25 Mr. Buskirk attended a conference of the committee at Chicago. Representatives of all national food distribution groups came to consider what may be done by growers and distributors to meet critical situations facing fresh fruit producers in 1949. Spokesmen for all fresh fruit producing regions were present.

Reports indicated that throughout the nation conditions have been favorable for large crops of peaches, apples, grapes and other fruits. In California 15 large canneries will not operate, which has brought a price crash there in the market for peaches and peaches. The situation in California affects other markets, including Michigan.

The conference at Chicago was for the purpose of enabling producers and food distribution organizations to work out their own salvation on fresh fruits through aggressive programs of advertising and merchandising.

It was agreed that all the chain store groups, organizations of independent food dealers, restaurants and hotel ass'ns and others would start consumer promotion for peaches and pears in early August. Another big push will be made for apples and grapes in October. The canners will follow with their promotion later.

Mr. Buskirk said the Michigan pear harvest will start about Aug. 20. Michigan peaches are about 16 days early. Housewives accustomed to canning peaches after Labor Day will have to do it earlier this year if they are to have plentiful supply.

Figures presented at the conference showed that it costs west coast producers of fresh fruits from 6 to 7 cents a pound to deliver fruit to New York and about the same for Detroit. If the fruit sells for 10 cents a pound that covers the wholesale and retail distribution margin. There is no profit for the producers below 10 cents a pound to the consumer.

WOMEN HAVE TWO DAY SCHOOL FOR CHAIRMEN

Michigan Farm Bureau women held their 4th annual workshop or leadership training school for chairmen and vice-chairmen at St. Mary's Lake Camp near Battle Creek, Aug. 4-5.

They discussed the activities of women's committees and how to get the work done. Farm Bureau women have become very interested in the work of the Sister Kenny Foundation for Polio, and in the American Cancer Society.

Cancer Society, Mrs. Harold Cornelius, state commander for the American Cancer Society, spoke on

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Representatives of 57 Counties Agree on Membership Campaigns Same Week; State Goal 44,100 Families

The week of December 5 is to be Membership Roll Call Week for 60 County Farm Bureaus. The state goal is 44,100 member families in the Michigan Farm Bureau for 1950.

This decision was made by County Farm Bureau boards of directors and chairmen of various County Farm Bureau activities in ten membership district meetings this summer to discuss ways and means of improving the annual membership campaign.

Heretofore, County Farm Bureaus have conducted one week membership campaigns. They started as early as December 1 in northern counties. Most of the campaigns were held in January, with some starting as late as early February. Snow and blocked highways have upset many of the mid-winter campaign schedules.

Representatives of 57 County Farm Bureaus had representatives at the meetings. They agreed that there seemed to be great advantages in having all Farm Bureau forces move together on the membership project. The one week campaign start on the same date was voted a practical idea. It was pointed out that the size of the campaign would attract general attention, and that one big publicity, advertising and radio campaign could be better than numerous smaller efforts.

Another thought that recommended the general one week campaign is to get it done and have the remainder of the membership year to work on the Farm Bureau's state and county programs. Finally, prospects are rather remote for having bad weather and bad roads break up membership work early in December.

County Farm Bureaus and state Farm Bureau membership people are working now to build up the membership campaign staff of 5,000 or more local workers, headed by township leaders, the county roll call chairman, publicity chairman, other workers, and the county board of directors. The Michigan Farm Bureau is assisting with publicity, printing, and general organization work.

Those who attended the district meetings included County Farm Bureau boards of directors, managers for the 1950 Roll Call, chairmen of membership committees, chairmen of women's committees, presidents of Junior Farm Bureaus. It was agreed that the recommendations of the majority of the districts should prevail. All districts voted for a one week campaign at the same time. Seven districts voted for the week of December 5. Three selected other dates, but voted to join the other districts for December 5. Districts recommended state membership goals ranging from 40,000 to 45,000 for 1950. The figure 44,100 is an average of the ten recommendations made.

Most counties are well ahead of where they were at this time last year in roll call preparations. Most of them have their roll call managers and quartermen for four townships selected. In some the manager and quarter men have started meetings.

Supreme Court Decision Rocks Oil Industry

Major oil companies, throughout the land, were ordered by the United States Supreme court in June to free gasoline station owners from any contract which compelled them to buy and sell only the gasoline and other automobile goods of the producing company. The decision, long awaited and in a case bitterly fought from the lowest to the highest courts, rocked all the distribution programs of the major oil companies which were expressed by "exclusive dealer contracts".

Bradshaw to Serve Berrien Churches

Emerson O. Bradshaw, secretary emeritus of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago has accepted the invitation of the Berrien County Council of Churches to serve as interim executive director. He succeeds Howard L. Nagle who has served so efficiently for the past three years. Mr. Nagle resigned recently to enter business, but will continue his interest and to some extent his activity in the work of the Council. Mr. Bradshaw is an active member of the Berrien County Farm Bureau. He operates a small fruit farm near Stearnsville.

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EDITORIAL
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has a law requiring all public eating places serving oleo to put the public on notice regarding the matter.

A survey was made of 100 restaurants in nine cities in that state. The results were revealing. Of the 100 eating places, not one stated that it was serving oleomargarine. In 66 places, margarine was being served.

Community Farm Bureau Activities
By MRS. MARJORIE GARDNER

STAR AWARDS
Gold Star—NE Dowling Community Farm Bureau, Barry county, Mrs. Donald Proefrock, sec'y.
Silver Star—East Delta Community Farm Bureau, Eaton county, Mrs. Thelma McGowan, sec'y.
Silver Star—Plainfield Community Farm Bureau, Livingston county, Mrs. Andrew Henry, sec'y.
CONGRATULATIONS

ment of Michigan Farm Bureau telling our group that we have received the silver star award for outstanding minutes submitted during April.

Howard Stanton announced a meeting will be held Monday evening, June 20 at the Parish House in Hastings for all those interested in the S. W. Michigan Livestock Co-op Inc.

A notice was read by the secretary of a meeting to be held at the Court House in Hastings Tuesday evening, June 21. This meeting will be in regard to the relationship of Farm Bureau, Farm Bureau Services, and affiliated organizations. This meeting is open to anyone interested.

The secretary read a letter from Mr. Yaeger of the Lansing office relative to next year's discussion topics. We discussed the merits of each topic and as a group favored the following: 1. Should more emphasis be placed on livestock in government support programs? 2. Who sets farm prices? 3. Do farmers want Social Security?

Howard Stanton explained a proposed plan to establish a county office for Barry County Farm Bureau. This would be in Hastings and would provide a place for the county's stenographic work to be done; give the public some one to contact on any questions relative to Farm Bureau. The C. O. D. man; the insurance agent, and a part-time secretary would staff this office. This project is in the planning stage. The president, with the unanimous consent of the group, asked the secretary to write Mr. Shellenbarger, president of the County Board of Directors, a letter stating we favor this project and would like to see definite action taken.

A letter entitled "Prosperity Reigns Supreme" was read by the secretary to the group. This stresses the importance of purchasing government savings bonds.

Harriett Proefrock read a newspaper article, urging voters to write their congressmen relative to the passing of legislation necessary to carry out the recommendations of the Hoover Commission. A discussion followed. Among those present, 17 postal cards were written and mailed to our congressmen in Washington requesting action on putting into effect the recommendations of the Hoover Commission.

Robert Mackinder suggested that we as a group take some action with the authorities responsible for the removal of the road-side brush at the intersections of our county roads. A discussion followed. We feel that if all community groups in our county would push this project of eliminating road-side brush, some progress could be made. Lloyd Gaskill moved the secretary write a letter to Mrs. Leon Dunning, who has charge of the county newsletter, telling her of our plan to cooperate with other community groups in this project. Robert Mackinder seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A discussion was held relative to holding our regular meetings in July and August. The vote to suspend regular meetings until September was unanimous.

The Robert Mackinders, invited the group to their cottage home at Wall Lake for a picnic the latter part of July. The president requested the Mackinders to pick a date later which would be most convenient to them and to the majority of the group. Donald Proefrock moved and Marshall Pierce seconded that we have an all day picnic with a pot-luck dinner at noon. Motion carried. The president appointed: Don Wright to secure the ice cream; Howard Stanton and Orville Babcock the lemonade; Howard Burchett and Howard Stanton, the picnic tables.

Mrs. Howard Stanton reported that the Associated Women of the World is bringing a European woman to our state of Michigan. She will be in Barry county provided we can pay her expenses. Our group allotment would be \$1.50. Gertrude Gaskill moved and Harriett Proefrock seconded that we

take this amount from our flower fund. Motion carried.

Mrs. Howard Stanton announced that the pennies for friendship collection is due. This money is used to pay the organizational expenses of the Associated Women of the World. All women present made contribution to this fund.

The matter of picnic expenses was discussed. Irene Babcock moved and Harriett Proefrock seconded that we take a collection to defray the expense at the picnic. Motion carried.

At the request of our C. O. D. Dexter Beavers, the secretary made a survey of the members regarding the Barry County Farm Bureau News Letter. Of those present, everyone reported having received copies of this letter. In answer to the question, "Shall we continue this news letter?" The majority felt unqualified to make a statement. It was felt that if they would be continued a few months we would be in a better position inasmuch as we have received only two copies. We liked both of them.

Donald Proefrock, discussion leader, presented the topic "Shall Farm Tractors be Licensed?" He read us some information relative to laws now in operation in other states. He stated that the trucking interests are behind such a movement as they feel the farmer has no business operating his tractor on the highways in the capacity of a truck without either a drivers license or a truck license. The Farm Bureau feels we should write a law licensing tractors at a low flat rate before the trucking interest puts through a bill establishing licenses at a weight basis.

Robert Mackinder said he believed no law could be made without the vote of the people which would license a farmer's tractor. Marshall Pierce said he favored a flat rate over a weight basis in as much as small tractors can draw as much trucking on the highway as a large tractor. Lloyd Gaskill said he could see where it would be understandable to license tractors who make a business of hauling feed, etc. on the highways. Orville Babcock said he thought no man should be taxed to haul his own produce to town unless he used a truck. The group voted 8 to 2 against having a tractor license law. We feel that if the truckers do try to put through such a law, we would then make known our feelings. We do not see where the truckers would be gaining anything by establishing such a law.

The meeting was adjourned.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that the items on which the minutes were read are listed below:

1. Call to order.
2. Secretary called roll (listed those present and absent)
3. Previous minutes read and approved.
4. Reading of communications: a. Letter from State Office on Silver Star Award.
5. Announce meeting of South-west Michigan Livestock Cooperative Inc. (Date and place given)
6. Notice of meeting of Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Services (Date and place given)
7. Letter from J. F. Yaeger on college topics. (Listing group's selection of topics)
8. Letter on purchasing war bonds.
9. Reporting of standing committees:
 - a. County Farm Bureau Office. (Instructed secretary to write a letter to the County Farm Bureau President stating they favor the project set-up)
 - b. Action Committee report on Hoover Commission. (Sent 17 cards to Congressmen in Washington)
 - c. Women of Farm Bureau.
 1. European woman to visit Michigan (voted \$1.50 from community group)
 2. Pennies for friendship. (collected from group)
 - d. Report of special committee: (a) A removal of road brush at the intersections of county roads (sent letter to editor of county newsletter outlining plan and asking for cooperation with other community groups in county)
 7. Survey of Value of Barry County Newsletter (Got attitude of group for C. O. D. State Discussion Topic. Discussed this month's topic. (Listed conclusions from the discussion)
 8. Made arrangements for next meeting (appointed necessary committee for the picnic) Adjournment.

Be sure to bring your FARM NEWS to your August meeting. You'll need it for your discussion. See you next month.

Plant Farm Bureau Seeds.

HIRAM and MARTHA
By R. S. CLARK

Garden Pests

Our garden, in the summer months, successive scenes displays. A quiet earthy parent of the numerous crops we raise. And each, succeeding after each, brings in its summery train its own voracious special pest to cause the gardener pain. But Nature has her system too of balances and checks And gardeners all wax hot clear thru to wring pestiferous necks.

The robins wait in hungry brood to peck the first strawberry While I with slingshot grimly drawn pursue my thievish quarry. Then soon the cherry tree is set in banquet for the flocks And I rig up a scarecrow there—and lamely peit with rocks. The big consensus seems to be, as far as I have heard 'That half the garden is for me and half is for the birds.'

The first green beans that elbow up in neatly ordered row Are briskly felled and left to wilt by cutworms from below. But as the willans smugly wait for twilight to appear Marthy's shrewd finger seeks them out and ends their crime career. Green beans in butter can't be beat, and hers are of the best; So every season brings its treat—and every crop its pest.

From time to time some ravening breed breaks its accustomed diet And, doing what we don't expect, precipitates a riot: Like termites at our rhubarb roots. Their devastating horde Attacks by thousands underground, where all their wealth is stored. They sip no poison, eat no bran, but vigorous and hearty. Assume that all the works of man are just for them a party.

I used to think that hutterflies were innocent and gay But as they flit from plant to plant a zillion eggs they lay. And borers, cabbage worms and such hatch forth to work their will While gardeners beat their breasts and rush to do them honor still. We count them as our enemies. We kill them off with zest; But what crop is it, tell us please, which does not have its pest?

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

Leaves Farm Bureau District 10 Man

Norman K. Waggoner, who has been director of research and information for the Michigan Farm Bureau since 1945, left the organization July 11 to teach vocational agriculture at Caro high school. He is a former ag teacher at Coleman and Clare high schools and taught rural school in Menominee and Delta counties. At the Farm Bureau Mr. Waggoner provided background material for the monthly discussion topic for 870 Community Farm Bureaus. He worked with county Community Farm Bureau committees. This work, his articles in the Michigan Farm News and his monthly radio program over WKAR gave him a wide acquaintance in the Farm Bureau. The organization wishes him the best of success at Caro.

Arlo Wasson of Atlanta, Montmorency county, has been hired as Michigan Farm Bureau membership representative for District 10, eleven counties in northeastern Michigan. Mr. Wasson will succeed Milton Larsen of Petoskey, who is being transferred to District 5, upon retirement of Charlie Opender Sept. 1.

Before coming to live in northern Michigan, Mr. Wasson was a successful dairy farmer in Livingston county. There he was active in Community and County Farm Bureau work. He assisted in setting up Plainfield Farm Bureau Store. For family health reasons, Mr. Wasson moved to Montmorency county a year ago. Mr. and Mrs. Wasson assisted in organizing the Montmorency county Farm Bureau.



List Four Big Dairy Expenses

When it comes to dairying expenses, Michigan State college agricultural economists say there are four items to watch carefully. Labor, indebtedness, machinery, and purchased feed are the big expense items. Combined, they represent four out of every five dollars of all expenses on dairy farms recently studied. Close watch to these expenses will help to improve the dairy enterprise.

Buy Farm Bureau Seeds.

State Fair Premium Book

The Michigan State Fair offers \$120,000 in prizes for agricultural, livestock and home art exhibits at the fair Sept. 2 through Sept. 11. The Premium Book is available upon request. Write Michigan State Fair, Detroit 3, Michigan.

Buy Farm Bureau Seeds.

Classified Ads

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

MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCERS
NOW IS THE TIME to order all needed sap collecting and boiling equipment for 1950. See our advertisement for King Evaporators on page 6 of this paper. For complete information on all syrup making and marketing supplies, write Sugar Bush Supplies Co., P. O. Box 1107, Lansing, Mich. (4-14-45b)

IRRIGATION
FARM IRRIGATION equipment at lower prices. Fairbanks-Morse pumps and motors; Chrysler and Wisconsin engines; Rainbird sprinklers. "Under-tree" type at \$3.29; 4" aluminum irrigation tubing with most rugged, self-latching and unlatching latch on market—29 cents per foot. Suggestive engineering service on all inquiries. Buy from Michigan's largest stockers of irrigation equipment, 20 years experience with Michigan irrigation problems. Hamilton Mfg. & Machine Co., Hamilton, Michigan, Phone 2101. (8-14-47b)

WOMEN
FREE NEW BOOK! You'll be amazed at the smart dresses, curtains, toys, children's clothing you can make from cotton bags! Get your free copy of "Smart Sewing With Cotton Bags" Now! A real treasure book! For your copy, write today to: National Cotton Council, Box 76, Memphis, Tennessee. (2-5-5-11-50b)

SPECIAL BARGAIN OFFER!
Lovely Quilt Pieces! Big 3-lb. bundle finest quality, dress goods remnants. Large pieces. Only \$1.59 postpaid. Money back if not truly delighted! Samples, 25 cents. Anne Costello, Box 184-B, Murray Hill Station, New York 16, N.Y. (8-31-37p)

FOR SALE
WRITE FOR INSTRUCTIONS to measure for Venetian blinds or window shades. Specially priced to your order. Fit your windows. Representatives wanted. Cambergs, 2108 East Michigan Ave., Lansing, Michigan. (8-31-35b)

LIVESTOCK
FOR SALE—SIXTY Corriedale ewes and ewe lambs, also a few Suffolks, \$30 to \$55 each for August delivery. Mikeeell & May, Charlotte R-2, Mich. (8-11-25p)

FOR SALE—Registered Milking Shorthorn heifers from one to seven-year months old. Also, registered cow, milking. Lester Truesdell, Holly R-3, Mich. Phone Holly 3711. (8-11-24p)

FOR SALE—CORRIEDALE and Suffolk rams and ram lambs. Mikeeell & May, Charlotte R-2, Mich. (US-27, south of city limits). (8-31-15p)

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VETERINARY REMEDIES
PRICES DROP to new low. Penicillin 100,000 unit 25 cents; penicillin 200,000 unit 38 cents. Not necessary to use inferior treatment for mastitis at these prices. H. F. Link, Pharmacist, 1456 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Mich. (8-11-30b)

Farmers and Fertilizer Plant Now Have Their Opportunity

Plenty of Fertilizer Materials Will Assure Capacity Operation if Dealers and Farmers Take Early Deliveries

For the first time since the Farm Bureau Services fertilizer plant at Saginaw started operations in March, 1948, it has been able to get on contract from producers all the nitrogen, phosphorus, and potash materials needed to produce its capacity of 45,000 to 50,000 tons of mixed fertilizers per year.

The plant must have full co-operation from its dealers and farmer patrons if it is to produce and deliver the 45,000 tons of fertilizers they want each year. It is mechanically equipped to do the job. The problem is storage.

What is needed is for dealers and farmers to take delivery of fertilizer now for fall, and delivery during the winter for spring. They did that for several years to assure themselves fertilizer when fertilizer was hard to get.

The Saginaw plant can be used to best advantage if for three months before planting seasons it can be shipping mixed fertilizers at the rate of 300 to 400 tons per day.

Ten years ago Michigan farmers were using less than 200,000 tons of fertilizer a year. That has increased until in 1948 they purchased 420,000 tons. Now that ingredients are more plentiful, it doesn't follow that farmers can wait until they need fertilizer.

A manufacturing plant has to have considerable time in advance of the season in which to mix and stockpile for curing thousands of tons of the several analyses of fertilizer. The last step is bagging and shipping. When the plant storage begins to fill up with cured fertilizers, the time comes when mixing operations have to be reduced or stopped.

The remedy is simple. Expand plant storage through help from dealer and farmer owners and patrons of the plant. If the dealers will start taking delivery of fertilizer on their orders as early as two or three months before the season, the plant can operate all departments up to capacity. That is to the advantage of everyone concerned. The farmer's job is to co-operate by taking early delivery. By doing so, he makes it possible for the dealer to help the program, and he has his fertilizer.

Farm Bureau Services fertilizer plant at Saginaw is one of the few plants in the country equipped mechanically to operate all departments at once. It can take in raw materials, manufacture superphosphate, mix fertilizers, stockpile fertilizer for curing, and bag and ship fertilizers at the same time. It has considerable storage space for the proper curing of fertilizers so that they will maintain their mechanical condition.

DAIRYLAND CREAMERY PICNIC AUGUST 25

Miss Jane McKinny of Beaverton, Michigan's dairy queen for 1949, will present the ribbons to cattle and swine show winners at the Dairyland picnic and fair at Carson City park, August 25.

The annual picnic of Dairyland Co-operative Creamery Co. will include a purebred Guernsey cattle show sponsored by several county organizations of the state Guernsey Breeders Ass'n. They will exhibit Homeward Gretchen, Michigan's national champion four year old junior Guernsey, who set her record of 17,672 pounds of milk and 1,069 pounds of fat in 365 days of production.

There will be the usual Dairyland cattle and swine show with judging and prizes awarded in all classes and breeds, starting at 10:00 a. m. A. A. Griffith of Michigan State College will be the judge. C. R. Huston of Lyndhurst, Ohio, will judge the Guernseys. Merchants of Carson City are providing the prizes for the Guernsey show.

There will be the usual back picnic dinner at noon, with free beverages provided by Dairyland.

The day's program starts after the noon-dinner. Mrs. Margaret Taylor of Washington, D. C., public relations director of the National Co-operative Milk Producers Federation will speak on "Current Legislation—Gain or Loss to the Dairy Farmer."

Entertainers who will appear include The Sage Riders, an instrumental music quartet which appears regularly on a Chicago radio station. The Warrens, a team of acrobats, father, 12-year-old son and four-year-old daughter.

Jordan Valley Sets Ann'l Meeting Ahead

Jordan Valley Co-operative Creamery at East Jordan met August 1 for its annual meeting and

recessed until Nov. 7 to vote on proposed changes in by-laws. A quorum is half of the 1553 stockholders.

Buy Farm Bureau Seeds.

First Entries Made for 100th State Fair

Exhibitor Pass No. 1 for the Centennial Michigan State Fair has been issued to Mr. and Mrs. Lester C. Finley, 18204 Ridge Road Northville, Michigan.

The Finleys were the first to make an agricultural entry for the State Fair which will run September 2 through 11 at Detroit. They will have a display of horticultural crops and products and will try to win one of the eight prizes which total \$1,650 for this section. Displays may include fruits, vegetables, flowers, honey, jams, jellies, canned fruit jellies and other products.

First livestock entry in the Michigan State Fair has been made by Charles McCalla and Sons of Route No. 34 Ann Arbor, Michigan. They are entering Belgian horses in 16 classes. McCalla and Sons also show swine.

Junior Farm Bureau offers our rural youth leadership training.

Rural Tele-news

BIG BUSINESS—Farmers in Michigan produce over \$400,000,000 worth of crops a year. In producing this bumper crop, the farmer depends a lot on tools, such as plows, harrows, tractors. Another tool, and one of the most helpful, is the telephone. It runs errands, locates farm help, takes orders, helps meet emergencies. The number of farms with telephones in Michigan Bell territory has nearly doubled since before the war.

TOP IN TAX—Michigan Bell is the biggest single contributor by taxes to the State Primary School Fund. This year Michigan Bell will pay \$5,291,826 in State property taxes. That's equal to \$3.65 for each school pupil in Michigan. So part of what you pay Michigan Bell for telephone service helps educate the children around you—making them finer, more useful citizens of tomorrow.

HOW NEAR ARE YOUR NEIGHBORS?—Your friends may live one, two or more miles away, and yet they're as close to you as next-door neighbors by telephone. Without leaving home you can visit with them regularly, exchange bits of news, ask for or offer help in case of illness, plan parties or church affairs. Considering how little it costs and how much it can do for you, one of today's greatest values is the telephone.

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Our \$13,500,000 postwar rural construction program means more and better rural telephone service.

FB RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE PARTS WORK

The time is coming when resolutions are to be considered by County Bureaus. About half the County Farm Bureaus have named resolutions committees to develop proposals for consideration by members a few weeks hence.

President Carl Buskirk of the Michigan Farm Bureau has appointed the state resolutions committee of 13 members. The first meeting was held at Lansing July 27. The committee and its sub-committees will meet from time to time preceding the MFB annual meeting Nov. 10-11. In the meantime, all county and community farm Bureau organizations are urged to send their resolutions for state convention to the Resolutions Committee, Michigan Farm Bureau, P. O. Box 969, Lansing, Michigan, not later than Nov. 1. The sooner, the better.

President Buskirk has appointed several persons to the MFB resolutions committee:

District 1—Mrs. Forrest S. Weingard, Vicksburg R-2.
District 2—Harold Mapes, Manistee R-1.
District 3—Andrew Jackson, Howell R-4.
District 4—Walter Wightman,

Chairman, Fennville R-2.
District 5—Lute Hartenburg, Eaton Rapids, R-1.
District 6—Howard Erbe, Carsonville.
District 7—Oscar A. Sundell, New Era.
District 8—John Ziegler, Bay City R-4.
District 9—Mrs. Ben Shetehelm, Lake City.
District 10—D. H. Fleming, Gaylord.

Resolutions committee members at large are chosen from the board of directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau. They are: Clyde Breining of Ypsilanti, Harry Norris of Cassioia, and Albert Shellenbarger of Lake Odessa.

Resolutions adopted at annual meetings of the Michigan Farm Bureau constitute the platform and program of action of the organization for the following year. The officers and staff make every effort to secure as much progress as possible in accordance with the recommendations made by the membership.

When good people get into trouble because they are attacked and heavily smitten by the vile and the wicked, they must be very careful not to get at loggerheads with each other. Winston Churchill.

Experience has taught me that energy and enthusiasm are contagious and that no man or woman can catch them from superiors who do not have them.—Frank S. Cull

Operation Cherry Pie for Ionia Fair



Shown making cherry pies for the Junior Farm Bureau cafeteria at Ionia Free Fair Aug. 8 to 13 are: Miss Ruth Ann Lyon of Hartland, Michigan's 1949 Cherry pie baking queen; Verland McLeod of Lyons, Jr. FB. president; Eugene Shugart of Traverse City, manager

of the cafeteria project; Archie McLachlan of Ewart, Jr. FB. vice-pres., and chairman of the Fair project committee; Miss Marilyn Mills of Ithaca, state cherry pie baking champion for 1948.

Juniors have observed that two of three cafeteria customers at the fair choose cherry pie for dessert.

At six cuts per pie, they figure they'll need 775 pies for 1949. So a large share of the pies are made in July and held in a frozen food locker until baking time at the fair. When this picture was made at a Lansing food locker, eight girls and several boys made 125 pies.

Jr. FB Cafeteria Open At Ionia Free Fair

Come time to eat at the Ionia Free Fair the week of August 8-13, you'll see people quickening their step in the direction of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau cafeteria on the main drag, near the grandstand.

Perhaps 10,000 meals will be served by the Juniors. This is the third year they've been invited by the fair management to operate the only cafeteria on the grounds and serve continuously from 11:00 a. m. to midnight. Last year they served 8,000 meals. This year they are equipped and staffed to do more.

With the Junior Farm Bureau project is a combination of good public relations for the Farm Bureau, and a good business proposition for the Junior treasury.

People enjoy the good food and pleasant surroundings. It is unique among the eating places at the fair. If people don't know, they soon learn that it is a co-operative project in which several hundred Junior Farm Bureau members from many counties are taking part. They've been working at it since early summer. A permanent committee handles the management, does the buying, supervises the menu and cookery, and organizes the staff. Every day the general staff changes—a new group of young people come in to contribute their share of the labor.

The project is quite a business deal. The Juniors rent the building for \$600 for the week. They have improved it considerably for use as a cafeteria. In other years they have purchased or built tables and chairs. They have acquired considerable kitchen equipment. This year they have added a mechanical dishwasher, and have the use of a large deep freeze box.

The county Junior Farm Bureaus contribute much to the success of the venture by pledging fruits, fresh vegetables, potatoes, beans, eggs and other commodities.

Eugene Shugart of Traverse City is general manager this year. His assistants are Archie McLachlan of Ewart, Osceola county, and Miss Carolyn Tribby of Concord, Jackson county. Mrs. Robert Antelfoff of East Lansing RFD heads the kitchen staff.

The cafeteria will open Sunday, August 7 at 11 a. m. for dinner. The schedule thereafter will be dinner 11 a. m. to 3 p. m.; supper 5 to 8 p. m.; sandwiches and ice cream from 8 p. m. until midnight.

Sheep Show

Michigan State Fair has won the national Oxford sheep show. Judging, Sept. 9 at 9 a. m.

Sunday newspapers got their start during the Civil War, due to the public's desire for up-to-the-minute news from the war fronts.—Printer's Ink

DEMAND FEWER SERVICES OR PAY MORE TAXES

"If we don't check the present trend toward centralization of power in state and national governments, we are in danger of losing our tradition of independence proclaimed by our forefathers on this day 173 years ago," state Representative Harry J. Phillips told St. Clair County Farm Bureau members and their families at their fourth annual picnic July 4.

He urged his audience to "think things over more thoroughly" to prevent introduction of practices which might endanger their liberties. He pointed out that the people of Michigan must start demanding fewer services from their state government or be willing to pay higher taxes.

"Many services could be done better and cheaper by existing service organizations locally on a voluntary basis than by setting up more government bureaus," Mr. Phillips said.

1950 AFBF Convention Set For Dallas, Texas

The 1950 annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation will be held in Dallas, Texas, according to an announcement made by Wilfred Shaw, secretary.

The board of directors in March had authorized both Dallas and Houston. Final choice was made after investigation of available facilities and attractions of the two cities.

Buy Farm Bureau Seeds.

milles a year to report the new American agriculture. When Farm Journal purchased Pathfinder magazine, Howard became editor-in-chief for two years. Of late, Mr. Howard has been a free lance writer. His work has appeared in many national magazines. He likes to write articles about the work of farm co-operative groups.

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INSURANCE AGTS. START SECOND SALES CONTEST

Agents of the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Michigan have set themselves a goal of 170 new automobile insurance policies per agent in the period July 15 to December 31. This is their second sales campaign.

Agents who get their 170 policies before Dec. 10 will qualify for a trip to the American Farm Bureau Federation convention at Chicago the week of Dec. 11, with expenses paid. The top eleven agents will represent the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. at the AFBF insurance convention. For the leading 11 agents, expenses of wife or husband will be paid also, according to Nile Vermillion, manager of the company.

July 15 fifty agents and wives had their first annual mid-summer meeting at Michigan State College. It was also the close of their first 60 day sales campaign on auto insurance.

A. E. Richardson, first manager of the Illinois Farm Bureau's automobile insurance program, said that they now have 200,000 cars and trucks insured for 150,000 members of the Farm Bureau in that state. He said that Michigan is doing

Insurance Agents Win Honors



ROS COE EAGER
Roscoe Eager of Howell R-5, and Wilbur J. Lohr of Ida won first and second places for the volume of automobile insurance business sold to Farm Bureau members in the first sales contest of the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Michigan. The contest ended July 15. Fifty agents participated.



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well. Like Michigan, Illinois started with 3,000 charter policyholders. Illinois was almost a year in getting to 6,000. Michigan had 6,200 policyholders in less than five months. Mr. Richardson was introduced by C. L. Brody, executive secretary of the Michigan Farm Bureau. J. F. Yaeger, ass't executive secretary, made the address of welcome.

In the first sales contest, these agents were leaders:

Volume of business—1st, Roscoe Eager, Howell R-5; 2nd, Wilbur J. Lohr, Ida; 3rd, J. Burton Richards, Berrien Center.

First to reach quota—1st, Roscoe Eager, 2nd, Wilbur J. Lohr.

Highest Pct. F. B. Members sold in county—1st, Wilbur J. Lohr; 2nd, Roscoe Eager; 3rd—tie: Gertrit Elzinga, Hudsonville R-2; Eldon Ford, Adrian R-1; Wilbur C. Quick, Emmett R-1.

South Jackson Favors County Medical Center

South Jackson Community Farm Bureau group of Jackson county agreed July 13 that the county needs a medical center. The County Farm Bureau board was asked to help financially. The state has funds available for health centers. We are paying for others, but get nothing in return.

The group agreed that there should be more doctors and that financial aid is justified to increase the number of medical students. Some medical attention should be given to pupils in the schools. Discussion of the topic Rural Health was led by Mrs. Evelyn Bradley. The July meeting was held at the home of Orlo Snide. The August meeting is to be a picnic.

Plant Farm Bureau Seeds.

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Enrollment of Farm Bureau members is through the Community Discussion Groups. New groups may be started when a sufficient number of members have made application. Groups already enrolled may add new members once each year. See your County Farm Bureau Blue Cross Secretary regarding enrollment requirements or contact our District office nearest you.

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- Barry—Howard Bayley, Bellevue.
- Bay—William Bateson, Bay City R-3.
- Berrien—J. Burton Richards, Berrien Center.
- Branch—C. Hugh Lozer, Coldwater.
- Calhoun—Eric Furu, Marshall; Gust Piepkow, Springport R-2.
- Cass—Louis M. Walter, Edwardsburg; Harry Shannon, Marcellus.
- Clinton—Gareth M. Harte, Bath.
- Eaton—Roger Foerch, 142 S. Pearl St., Charlotte.
- Emmett—Sidney Howard, Alanson.
- Genesee—George Gillespie, Gaines; Ralph Williams, Grand Blanc.
- Grand Traverse—Wm. Hoolihan, Traverse City R-2.
- Gratiot—Byron J. Beebe, St. Louis R-1; George Saxton, Alma; Charles K. Brown, Alma; Harold E. Stone, Wheeler.
- Hillsdale—Ervin Lester, Hillsdale R-2; Heruf Midgard, Reading R-5; Leon Kulow, Reading.
- Huron—Bruce Crumbach, Bad Axe R-2; William Harwood, Jr., Harbor Beach; Edward A. Oeschger, Bay Port R-1; Harold Hein, Port Hope R-2.
- Ingham—Leon Fellows, Mason R-4; Dell Mead, Dansville.
- Ionia—Clifton J. Cook, Lake Odessa.
- Isabella—Donald Woodruff, Bennington R-1; Charles Gordon, Coleman R-1.
- Jackson—Fred W. Ford, Munith; Ivan Allison, Parma R-2; Herbert L. Town, Jackson R-1.
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- Kent—R. A. Whittenbach, Lowell; George J. Portifoot, Grand Rapids R-5; Harold Buttrick, Ada R-1.
- Lapeer—Marvel A. Whitaker, Metamora; Louis N. Payne, North Branch; Lyle Russell, North Branch.
- Lenawee—Eldon A. Ford, Adrian R-1.
- Livingston—Roscoe Eager, Howell R-5; Donald Lesley, 1562 Gregory Road, Fowlerville; Gale Holsington, Fowlerville R-2.
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- Montmorency—Fred Snow, Hillman R-3.
- Monroe—Wilbur J. Lohr, Monroe.
- Newaygo—Glen J. Speet, 209 S. Stewart, Fremont.
- Oakland—Fred H. Maddon, Holly R-2; Lucius Lyon, Holly R-2.
- Ogemaw—Junior Guy Clemens, Prescott R-2.
- Osceola—Russell McLachlan.
- Ottawa—Gerrit Elzinga, Hudsonville R-3; Sam Rymer, Spring Lake.
- Presque Isle—Byron Howell, Rogers City.
- Saginaw—Roy McFall, 300 So. Washington, Saginaw; Anthony Latosky, Posters.
- Sanilac—George Marsh, Marlette; A. H. Laursen, Marlette R-3.
- St. Clair—Wilbur C. Quick, Emmet R-1.
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- Tuscola—Kenneth Baur, Caro, R-1; Norman A. McConnell, Akron R-1.
- Van Buren—Art Drie, Paw Paw; Earl Davis, Paw Paw.
- Washtenaw—Erwin F. Pidd, Dexter R-1.



Women Have Two Day School For Chairman

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how the Society and the Farm Bureau can join forces to further education on cancer in rural areas. The University of Michigan has observed that people living in urban areas are more familiar with the work of the American Cancer Society than are people living in rural areas. Many County Farm Bureau Women's committees are active in cancer education.

Polio. It is indicated that there will be more polio this year than last. Mr. Earl Tinsman, field representative of the Michigan chapter of the Sister Kenny Foundation, outlined the procedure for using the Kenny Treatment Center at Pontiac in case polio should develop in any area.

Discussion. Mr. Otto Yntema of the adult education dept. of Western Michigan College of Education at Kalamazoo, conducted a discussion on program building for a Farm Bureau women's committee. The workshop was planned under the direction of the state advisory council for the Michigan Farm Bureau women: Mrs. U. S. Newell, Branch county, chairman; Mrs. J. H. Birdsall, Oceana county, vice chairman; Mrs. Forrest Weinberg, Kalamazoo; Mrs. Carlton Ball, Calhoun; Mrs. Earl Braid, Oakland; Mrs. Charles Roberts, Kent; Mrs. Clyde Allen, Shiawassee; Mrs. Karl Oehmke, Huron; Mrs. Murel Church, Muskegon; Mrs. Walter Harger, Saginaw; Mrs. Charles Gotthard, Westford; Mrs. George Stevens, Antrim, and Mrs. Alex Kennedy, Alpena.

The Farm Bureau covers rural America.

Do You Know These FB Facts?

By WESLEY S. HAWLEY
Director of Membership Acquisition

The Farm Bureau is an organization of, by, and for the farmers. It is organized in the community, the county, the state, and the nation. Anchored in the grass roots of America, it stands united to battle for the protection and advancement of agriculture, and for everything that involves the welfare of farmers and their families.

Farmer Controlled. The individual farmer, joining hands with his neighbor in the Farm Bureau, helps to work out a program for the community, and helps to mold state and national policies through his county, state, and national organizations.

Each unit is free to build its own local program. The Farm Bureau plans its own activities. The county and state organizations plan county and state programs. Then, working with other states they unite to develop national policies that will co-ordinate the aims and activities of agriculture as an industry.

The Farm Bureau is not a commercial organization; yet it has done more than any other single group in America to foster the collective buying and selling on a sound basis.

The Farm Bureau is partly a civic organization. It is deeply concerned with everything affecting the civic welfare of the farmers and their families, and it is promoting broad civic programs to improve community life.

The Farm Bureau is also a social organization. It is vitally interested in fostering better human relationships, the spirit of brotherhood, fair play, and development of wholesome, recreational, and social life.

We are an educational institution, and one of the greatest educational forces in America.

Farmer Financed. Farm Bureau is financed through the paying of dues by its members. There is no other source of finance by which to finance the various activities of the Farm Bureau. Members should expect to pay dues that will pay for any and all activities that they desire and expect to have and to use.

The membership dues are \$10, and are divided between the county, state, and national Farm Bureau units.

By county agreements the proportions used in the county and the state are set; the county's share depending to some extent upon the success of the county activities.

The county determines the use of its share. The delegates they send to the state Farm Bureau Annual Meeting each year set the policies and program of activities that determine the uses of the state's share of the dues.

Delegates from the states to AFBF each year shape the American Farm Bureau policy. That determines largely how the AFBF share of the dues is used. In each case the money is used to carry out the activities that the members determine.

The Michigan Farm Bureau's share of the dues is used in many activities. These center largely in the following departments: Membership, Community Farm Bureaus, Women's Activities, Public Affairs, Junior Farm Bureau, and in maintaining the membership field force. If members expect to maintain these departments and divisions, they must expect to build and maintain a large membership, who through the paying of dues can finance the many activities.

Farm Bureau women help build better rural communities.

Bay City Installs Labor Saving Grain Hoist



Tony Long (left) and Earl Noodle, millman, are shown watching the new grain hoist at Farm Bureau Services elevator at Bay City lift the front end of a truck to empty grain into the fanning mill chute. Hoist eliminates shoveling or bagging. The hoist is believed to be the first one in the area. Storage capacity has been doubled or increased to six carloads by an addition to the plant. A new fanning mill has been installed that will clean up to 1,000 bushels of grain per hour.

WALDENWOODS JUNIOR CAMP STARTS AUG. 28

The 14th annual leadership training camp of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau will convene at Waldenwoods, near Hartland, Livingston county, Sunday, August 28 for one week.

B. F. Hennink, director of the camp, says that 175 persons will attend. Juniors from all parts of the state will receive training in leadership. They will also hear from the Michigan Farm Bureau and the state farm co-operatives describe their services and program for Michigan agriculture.

Larry Taylor of Michigan State College will have charge of that part of the training program which will develop the ability of young people to participate in and lead group discussion.

Curt Kenyon of the extension staff of the University of Illinois, will teach meeting procedure and methods of instructing the local groups on proper conduct of meetings.

W. R. McIntire, of Lansing Eastern High School, will direct the singing and musical activities of the camp. McIntire was the choral leader who directed the choral group of the last year's J. F. B. pageant. Twenty of the campers will be trained in choral group work.

Mrs. Kermit Washburn of Paw Paw will direct the training in recreational leadership, assisted by Miss Alice Walton of Detroit. Mrs. Washburn originated the idea of a notebook of recreational material for Farm Bureau groups.

Miss Walton is the daughter of Ike Walton, manager of the Livestock Exchange. She supervises playground work in Detroit. Her specialty at camp will be dramatics and group social activity.

Avery Means, the publicity director for the 1948 Christian-Rural Overseas Program, and present manager of the Waldenwoods camp, will teach publicity work for the camp class in that subject.

Mrs. Clayton Kline of Fowlerville will aid the counties in constructing attractive programs and booklets. Mrs. Hennink will teach a class in the duties of a Junior Farm Bureau secretary, as well as her usual job of keeping camp records.

Dr. David Trout, of Central Michigan College of Education will head the adult section of camp. Vigorous efforts are being put forth by each county to have an adult accompany the Juniors to camp.

Dale Swisher, state camp chairman, and Verland McLeod, state president will be the student directors of the camp, sharing responsibilities of its organization and functioning.

Tuesday night, August 30, and Thursday night, September 1, are designated as "problem" nights. County Farm Bureau boards in the vicinity of Waldenwoods are being asked to assist in making arrangements whereby campers can meet with Junior Farm Bureau on the night of August 30, and with Community Farm Bureau groups on the night of September 1st.

FARM ASS'NS DAY AT IONIA FAIR AUG. 12

Some unusually interesting events are being lined up for the Farm Organization Day program to be held Friday forenoon, August 12, in front of the grandstand of the Ionia Free Fair. These programs have been held annually for about 20 years and are sponsored jointly by the Ionia County Pomona Grange and the Ionia County Farm Bureau. This year the Grange is arranging for a nationally-known speaker. The Farm Bureau has lined up some high talent entertainment features and a program of contests for which \$50 cash prizes are being offered. Herschel Newton, master of the Indiana State Grange, will speak. Mr. Newton is a member of the executive committee of the National Grange and has represented agriculture before committees of Congress. He operates a 400 acre farm at Columbus, Ind. Musical numbers on the program

YELLOW OLEO GOES TO VOTE IN NOV. 1950

Dairy interests of Michigan, the Farm Bureau, and the Grange have secured 120,000 names to petitions to stop the sale of yellow colored oleo until the people can pass on the matter at the November 1950 election.

The announcement was made in late July by Charles E. Stone, manager and treasurer of the Dairy Action League at Lansing. The League was in charge of the campaign for signatures. Another 20,000 signatures to petitions are needed as a safety measure. Mr. Stone said such petitions should be filed with the Dairy Action League, Olds Tower Bldg., Lansing, Michigan before August 15.

People in cities accounted for about half the signatures to the petitions for a popular vote on right to manufacture and sell in Michigan oleomargarine colored yellow

Community Discussion Topics for 1949-50

Meetings have been held in all membership districts for suggestions for topics for discussion in

monthly Community Farm Bureau meetings for 1949-50. 17 counties made suggestions. Each Membership district will be represented at the state discussion topic committee meeting at Lansing Aug. 6 to select topics for the next six months.

Has No Connection With our Farm Bureau

Interstate Farm Bureau, Inc., a real estate firm in Chicago, has no connection with the American Farm Bureau or the Michigan Farm Bureau. The firm has been selling real estate in southwestern Michigan and is now a party to a suit filed in federal court in Grand Rapids against officers of Locke twp., St. Joseph county regarding zoning of property.

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SW MICHIGAN LIVESTOCK CO-OP NOW OPERATING

By B. P. PATTISON
Director of Commodity Relations
July 15 was a red letter day for the livestock producers in southern Michigan. On that day they purchased the livestock marketing facilities at Battle Creek owned by Stiles & Company.

The transaction at Battle Creek included a one year option to purchase livestock marketing facilities owned by Stiles & Co. at Portland in Ionia county. It is planned to make the purchase within that time.

The property at Battle Creek includes the yards, office and 17 acres of land at 819 Emmett street on the eastern edge of Battle Creek. It can be reached without driving through the city. It is 2 blocks off M-78 and there is a shortcut to it from US-12. At Portland the

property is in the northwest corner of town, a block off M-16. The yard is on the Pere Marquette railroad property. Other facilities include the office and scale and 65 acres.

The yards were leased to the Michigan Livestock Exchange of Detroit, which has been operating the markets at Battle Creek and Portland six days a week since July 15.

Since a year ago last February farmers in Allegan, Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and VanBuren counties have been working on a co-operative livestock marketing program. The purchase of the yards at Battle Creek by the Southwest Michigan Livestock Co-operative is the culmination of their efforts.

Auction Sale Ring. In order to give all possible marketing service and please all producers, it is proposed to build an auction ring at the Battle Creek yards as soon as possible. This will permit an auction market one or more days a week and an open market on all other days from Monday through Saturday. A large concentration of livestock on auction day will encourage more buyers and prove of material benefit to buyers and sellers.

Need \$20,000 More. To build the auction ring at Battle Creek and to purchase the facilities at Portland, it will be necessary to sell at least \$20,000 in stock to farmers in the area to be served by those markets. Farmers interested in supporting this program financially by buying stock in the SW Michigan Livestock Co-operative can secure further information from their County Farm Bureau board.

The Commodity Relations dept. of the Michigan Farm Bureau has promoted this co-operative livestock marketing project vigorously and will continue to offer all possible assistance to accomplish the program.



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Highways. Farm Bureau promoted gasoline tax for relief of general property from tax burden for highways construction, maintenance, and debt retirement.

Farm Vehicle Licenses. Farm Bureau secured substantially reduced license rates for farm trucks and trailers.

Sales Tax Exemption. Farm Bureau secured and has safeguarded exemption of farm production supplies from the sales tax act, thus saving Michigan farmers millions of dollars in taxes.

Schools. Farm Bureau fostered state aid for schools to promote an equality of educational opportunity for rural children at reasonable local taxes. The state aid also pays tuition for rural students attending urban high school.

State Dep't of Agriculture. Farm Bureau led successful fight for establishment of a bi-partisan agricultural commission. It makes possible a non-political and more efficient administration of the State Dep't of Agriculture.

Protection. Farm Bureau has successfully opposed a wide variety of proposals which would have been harmful to rural interests.

Looking for Bright Side a Good Habit

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR
Brier Hill Farm, Carleton, Mich.
When I was a girl at home, we had a neighbor who always said, no matter what happened, "There's never a great loss but what there's some small gain."

When one can find the ray of sunshine or the "small gain" in everyday happenings of ordinary life, he has acquired a habit that is good to live with, even if it does not always point to progress or profit.

I often think of this man and the way he accepted what we would call bad luck. He inherited a fine farm, well stocked with everything to do with; but he lacked judgment and ability to master difficulties. It was not long before everyone but himself knew he was on the downgrade.

In a few years he traded his equity in the old farm for another with a few more acres of the blow away type on which were several good sized ponds. His old neighbors were horrified to hear him enumerate the good points of the new place—the soil was so much easier to plow, the family was growing smaller so they did not need so large a house, and the crops did not require the barn room, and there was always fishing in the many ponds. He lived near enough to town that he was always assured of company for fishing and swimming in the summer, and hunting and skating in the winter. And that's what he liked. His old friends could point out his "great loss", but he saw only



MRS. WAGAR

his "small gains". He carried his mode of living to the extreme, but so does the person who is never satisfied with the crops, or the price, or his chance in life, or with the other fellow in general.

I thought of the great loss of sweat during the extreme heat of the past month which was indeed hard to endure. We wanted to run away from it but knew no place to go. It would take too much effort anyway. But now that it is a bit cooler, we can see how we have benefited by it, for corn and soybeans never have grown so fast. The harvesting could not have moved along any better, the berry crop never was any more abundant. All in all, we have so much to be thankful for that our conscience pricks us for our grumbling about the weather.

We've had some Canadian relatives visit us this summer. In the United States we know nothing about government domination even if some of us think we do. Canadians are allowed to take with them only \$150 when they leave their country. That sum must extend over a period of one year. They must submit to a rigid financial examination before they cross the border. They must give the approximate length of their stay as well as the destination and the reason for going, and also the port of entry for their return.

The inspectors must be shown the money they have with them. On their return they must have an itemized list of their expenditures and the amount of money they are taking back with them. This balance will be to their credit if they want to make the second trip out of the Dominion within the year.

If it becomes necessary for any of them to make another trip and they do not have enough to their credit to cover their needs, they can, by proving the trip to be of dire necessity, have another ten dollars. They will need a statement from the friends or firm they expect to associate with while here, telling they will defray all additional expense the applicant will be subjected to until he returns home.

The exemptions of duty on purchases in the two countries are very liberal. One visiting over a period of a week or two can do a lot of shopping duty free. There are but very few things that appear attractive to me when visiting in Canada. I do like linens there, for they seem to have both quality and quantity at very reasonable prices. I like to browse around among their wide varieties of china but I have never seen the bargains many claim for their woolen goods and yarns.

They in turn marvel at our great stacks of cottons, bedding and draperies and shoes. American tobacco is a luxury to them, although they are limited to a very small quantity that they can take across duty free. One carton of cigarettes to a passenger is the limit. But everyone, smoker or not, takes a carton and no doubt meets a warm welcome when they arrive home.

Our Canadian visitors spoke of our apparent love of trees for they saw them along our highways and the village and city streets and around practically every farm home. They complimented us on our public school system, pointing out to me the weaknesses they have been subjected to wherever they have deviated from the universal plan. One was a home science teacher in a city system. Her work is comparable to our home economics, but she is very much limited in the scope of work she could do owing to lack of facilities with which to put in operation any broader program. I have thought many times since their visit that we truly could sing, "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty". Many of us fail to real-

ize the full significance of what America stands for until we begin to compare its freedom with the restrictions endured by people in other countries. We must keep it free, never allowing any one faction to dominate.

There is another matter that I want to mention at this time because I fear it will be too late if I waited another month.

The American Country Life Association will meet in Columbus, Ohio September 7, 8 and 9 at the Ohio State University. They are most anxious that all farm leadership be well represented.

This association is the outgrowth of a rural commission appointed some 40 years ago by President Theodore Roosevelt. He felt that rural America should have a rightful place in the progress of this country. The commission was chosen from all phases of rural activities. The Association that was formed has been kept along those broad far-reaching lines. It is not dominated by any faction, class, organization, group, creed, color, or race; but rather is a combination of all.

The reason I have been anxious to attend whenever possible is because one can get the viewpoint of all farm organization and all groups interested in farm people everywhere in the nation. The Association never decides a question but rather conducts a forum that brings out all sides of the question so that the individual will not acquire a biased opinion on any matter discussed.

I feel keenly the need of continuing with this Association. If we will only encourage our Farm Bureau members, our Grange members, our various church leadership, our co-operatives, our young folks' groups, our teachers and preachers and others to meet in this three-day session and rub elbows with fellow farm leaders, we may be able to strengthen the farm cause by sharing our opinions.

We could be a better united group working for a farm cause rather than for each single group. When one is wedded to one group he is quite apt to be more or less prejudiced in his thinking and at the same be cocksure he is right. But when he has an opportunity to confer with other leadership, he begins to see weak spots not in evidence before.

A diagnosis of our own thinking will always be good for any of us. Let's aim to be present at the Columbus meeting if at all possible.

FARM EQUIPMENT SALES TOTALS \$2,500,000

Farm Bureau Services farm equipment dept. states that for the year ending August 31, 1949 its sales of Co-op tractors, farm machinery, tools, and farm and home electrical appliances will total \$2,500,000. Sales for the same period in 1947-48 exceeded \$2,500,000. Farm Bureau Services now has some 12½ million dollars of Co-op farm and home equipment in service in Michigan.

Following is a summary of Co-op farm equipment distributed so far this year:

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- 233 12 ft. Combines
- 62 6 ft. Gleaner Combines
- 306 Mowers
- 358 Plows-2 furrow
- 200 Hay Loaders
- 200 Wagons

Let's Look at Dairy Markets in Michigan

By B. P. PATTISON
Director, Farm Bureau Commodity Relations Dep't

The continued decline in prices for dairy products in the Michigan markets has aroused the producers to a point where it is believed that the consuming public should be informed of the facts as to net prices received by farmers. In attempting to analyze the situation, suppose we consider two main markets.

1. The fluid milk market.
2. Manufactured dairy products market.

The fluid milk market is the market in the cities and towns of Michigan for milk and cream sold in bottles. Since Detroit is the largest city, it more or less determines the price elsewhere. The June quotation F.O.B. Detroit for class 1 (Fluid Milk) was \$4.37 per hundredweight for milk testing 3.5% butterfat.

This statement by itself is very misleading both to the public and the farmer producer. Base milk quotation for June is \$4.00 per hundredweight. Farmers in the milk sheds of Michigan operate largely on a base and excess or surplus plan. If there was only enough base milk produced to supply the bottled milk demand the problem of marketing would be much simplified. It is therefore the excess or surplus milk over base that seriously reduces the price paid to the farmer.

Farmers net price is what counts.



B. P. PATTISON

In June fluid sales accounted for 76.95% of base milk @ \$4.37.
Class 2A milk accounted for 5.37% of base milk @ \$3.09.
Class 2B milk accounted for 3.73% of base milk @ \$2.76.
Class 2C milk accounted for 13.95% of base milk @ \$2.59.

The price arrived at for base milk was \$4.00 per hundred weight. Class 2C, approximately 14% of all base milk, is excess milk that must be sold to manufacturing plants, mostly condenseries, at \$2.59 per hundred weight.

But farmers did not receive \$4.00 per hundred weight for base milk. Deductions include five cents for sales service, transportation from country stations to Detroit at 14 to 21 cents. Transportation from farm to local station plus local station charges, if any, 30 cents.

So the base price F. O. B. farm could be \$3.44 per hundred weight. This statement is again misleading without further analysis. If the producer's base allowance is only one third of his production, then two thirds of his milk will be sold as excess at \$2.59 less above deductions or \$2.03 F. O. B. farm.

The farmer's interest is in the total dollars he receives for his milk. Information to the consuming public might well reflect the F. O. B. farm price.

What Can the Producer Do?
A producer in the fluid milk market should establish as high a base allowance as possible. He should

consider other outlets for his excess milk—possibility of sale to local condensary, skim and sell cream to creamery, feed skimmed milk to hogs. Try to find some way to keep excess milk off the saturated fluid milk markets. Obviously such a procedure is not convenient, not appealing, but it would help while excess milk is such a depressing factor in the fluid milk market.

Detroit Market Comparatively High. From June 1, 1948, to May 31, 1949, a period of one year, the Class 1 price F. O. B. Detroit has been 91c per hundred weight over Cleveland and 85c per hundred weight over Toledo. Milk retails in Detroit at 18c per quart, in Chicago the retail price is 19½c to the consumer but the farmer received 2c per quart less.

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POULTRY

The Farm Quarterly had an excellent article on Newcastle disease in poultry. The major points made were as follows:

1. Newcastle disease is a highly contagious and destructive infection of poultry and other birds. It may also attack other animals including man.
2. Newcastle disease is caused by a very resistant virus. This virus may live in the diseased carcasses and droppings for periods of weeks and months.
3. Spread of the disease is by direct and indirect contact with affected birds in the incubative and active stages and with carriers. Recovered birds may carry and spread the virus for at least two months.
4. Immunity to Newcastle disease can be obtained by proper use of killed and living vaccines. The killed vaccine gives a good degree of protection which, however, may be largely lost within two months. This vaccine may be used with safety in young chicks and laying birds—and in flocks where lowered vitality precludes use of the living vaccine. The living vaccine gives a good immunity which lasts longer than that from the killed vaccine. At best it can be hoped to protect for one to several years. The living vaccine introduces active virus onto the premises. This virus could spread to unvaccinated birds. Low vitality may preclude use of live vaccine. Chicks from immune hens have from two weeks to a month's immunity—after the immune period such chicks are susceptible to Newcastle disease.
5. Most states require written permission from livestock sanitary officials to bring in the living Newcastle disease vaccine. Sanitation is most important. Write State College for Newcastle circular—consult veterinarian if birds show Newcastle symptoms.

CATTLE

Wisconsin reports that Bluegrass pasture yielded 1 ton dry matter per acre unfertilized and 1½ tons per acre when a nitrogen fertilizer was used. A mixture of Alfalfa-Brome-grass and Ladino clover yielded 4 tons dry matter per acre. They report that two years of crop rotation in every 6 year rotation adds considerable tonnage to forage on pasture plots. Corn silage one year and oats the next seemed to work into the rotation well.

Rotation helps get lower production costs and the most and best forage at most practicable costs. Ladino clover is used in mixtures with Bromegrass and with Alfalfa-brome mixtures. A 6 lb. Alfalfa - 6 lb. Brome and ½ to 1 lb. Ladino clover mixture was recommended for a forage mixture for pasture - grass silage and hay.

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The Farm Bureau Insurance Program

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

By NILE VERMILLION

Manager, Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company

The latest venture of the Michigan Farm Bureau is insurance. Last year the members began a movement which culminated in the organization of a mutual insurance corporation. As a part of this movement, volunteer members collected \$238,000 of investments in the surplus operating capital of the Company. These same volunteers also, in the course of the survey, took 3600 applications for automobile insurance in the new company.

State authorities approved the formation of the Insurance Company and on January 1, 1949, granted the incorporators a temporary license to complete the steps necessary to obtain a license to engage in the insurance business in the state of Michigan. These steps were completed and license to do insurance business was issued on March 7, 1949. Since that time, the Company has been actively engaged in writing automobile insurance to eligible farmers throughout the State. In compliance with Michigan insurance laws, this insurance is written only through licensed agents. The agents have been trained by the Company and have passed an examination conducted by the Commissioner of Insurance.

The Company operates on the mutual plan. This means that every policyholder is a voting member of the corporation, and it means that all surplus earnings not required for the conducting of the business will be distributed to the policyholders.

Non-assessable. Although the Company operates on the mutual plan, the policies issued are non-assessable. This means that after a policyholder pays the stipulated premium he is not liable for any extra assessment during the term for which the premium was paid. This is made possible under the laws of Michigan by the fact that the surplus operating capital with which the Company commenced business is in excess of \$200,000.00. The legislature has recognized the fact that a company with that kind of operating capital is in very little danger of becoming insolvent and unable to pay its claims.

In addition to this safeguard, the Company was thoroughly examined by the Michigan Corporation and Securities Commission and the Michigan Department of Insurance before it was permitted to do business. It is at all times subject to the supervision of the Insurance Commissioner, who examines company's conduct of business periodically and has power to take charge of the company's affairs if they are not being handled properly.

All losses which amount to more than \$5,000 are re-insured with the American Agricultural Insurance Company, which has been created by the American Farm Bureau Federation to re-insure all State Farm Bureau Insurance Companies. This means that if any of our policyholders are involved in a serious accident which may require the payment of any sum over \$5,000, the re-insurance company will pay the excess without touching the funds of this company.

Under its plan of operation, the Company holds an annual meeting of all members in Lansing at which any policyholder may appear in person or by proxy to review the Company's operations and to express his will concerning any proposition put before the convention. Those people who do not appear in person are represented by proxy which gives their voting rights to the Michigan Farm Bureau. This procedure assures that control of the Company cannot be wrested from the Farm Bureau members by any small group who may wish to destroy the principles upon which the Company is based.

Our insurance program is designed as a differential for Farm Bureau members. In other words, the insurance is available to Farm Bureau members only, and is available to them only so long as they remain members of the Michigan Farm Bureau. To sum it up: The Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Michigan was organized for Farm Bureau members; is controlled by the Michigan Farm Bureau; and the insurance is limited to Farm Bureau members only.

The Company was organized to furnish automobile and other lines of insurance to Farm Bureau members at cost. What this cost is, the Company will discover in the course of its operations. It was very definitely felt that insurance costs to farmers were excessive. The rates originally set up by this Company were filed with and approved by the Insurance Commissioner. It is significant that, following the organization of this Company, premium charges to farmers in Michigan began to drop. Since our Company is dedicated to the proposition of offering insurance at cost, its policyholders will be charged only such rates as are necessary for sound operation. If experience demonstrates the rate is too high, premiums will be lowered and the excess turned back to the policyholders. The most beneficial thing about a company of this character is that the books are open to every member and he will know what the cost to operate his company is, and whether there are any excess charges which should come back to him.

The president of the Insurance Company is the president of the Michigan Farm Bureau. The secretary-treasurer of the Insurance Company is the same as the secretary-treasurer of the Michigan Farm Bureau. The members of the board of directors of the Insurance Company are also on the board of



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directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau. The management of the Insurance Company is subject to the supervision of these people and is in the hands of experienced insurance personnel. The manager of the Company is a lawyer. He has had many years of experience in various phases of insurance work. The manager has also had experience in the supervision of various kinds of insurance companies while a member of the legal staff of the Missouri Insurance Department. He came to Michigan from the Farm Bureau Insurance Company of Nebraska where he was assistant manager and in charge of claims. He was recommended to Michigan by the insurance director of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Insurance, at present, is offered to cover all types of automobile risks including passenger cars, pick-ups, trucks, farm tractors, and house trailers. The policy is designed to fit the activities of farmers. For example, the automobile coverage applies when a farm trailer or farm machinery is being towed. Automatic insurance is extended for change of vehicles. The insurance applies not only when the insured member is driving but when anyone else is driving with his permission. The insured and his spouse are protected not only while driving their own vehicle, but also while driving any other vehicle. If the insured's vehicle is temporarily

laid up for repairs, the insured is protected while driving another car furnished for his use. The policy is designed to meet the requirements of the financial responsibility laws of any state in which the insured may be traveling. The coverages available include bodily injury liability to any limits desired, property damage liability to any limits desired, medical payments for occupants up to \$1,000 for any person, comprehensive coverage for any type of loss other than collision, road service, and the usual forms of collision insurance. The policy takes care of all expenses of investigation and settlement of claims; defense of suits; the cost of bail bonds, appeal bonds in a lawsuit, and attachment bonds; and the cost of any first aid rendered at the scene of the accident. Claim service is furnished anywhere in the United States and Canada promptly upon receipt of notice of accident. Claims will be paid promptly, strictly upon their merits whether large or small. There is an agent available to every county to discuss this insurance and to assist the members by servicing the policies and aiding in handling of claims.

Many requests have come into the offices of the Company for other types of insurance coverages including general farm liability. These will receive attention and additional types of coverages are being planned. The Company has enjoyed a steady growth. Since its organization, more than 7,000 policies have been written to date and the assets of

the Company now approximate \$400,000. Numerous claims have been reported and promptly handled and the loss rate has been reasonable. Splendid co-operation has been demonstrated by all interested persons, with the result that there is a growing enthusiasm among farmers for this type of insurance. It is felt that steady growth of this Company will definitely stabilize insurance cost to farmers at a rate which recognizes the fact that farmers operating their own company, and limited to farm risks, can save a great amount on insurance premiums.

Information About Polio Symptoms

From the Sister Kenny polio treatment center, we have the following information regarding polio symptoms: There is headache, usually of a severe, generalized, unremitting type. Moderate fever, seldom rising above 103 degrees. Lack or loss of appetite, muscle weakness, nausea and vomiting. Stiff neck, stiff back, painful extremities, an indefinite feeling of uneasiness or discomfort with illness. Symptoms frequently abate temporarily after an initial illness of about 24 hours, recurring within two or three days. Call your doctor at once if these symptoms are observed.

Farm families own more automobiles per family than the average for all U. S. families.—Country Gentleman

Let's Look At Dairy Markets

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In Toledo the quart retail price is 13c and the farmer receives 1 1/2c less than Michigan producers. We must conclude from these facts that both consumer and farmer are better served by the Detroit market and Michigan producers are receiving a higher percentage of the consumer milk dollar.

Bargaining organizations in the fluid milk markets have learned by experience that about one dollar spread between the condensary milk price and fluid milk price is about all that can be expected. A greater spread encourages outside shippers into the fluid market creating more excess milk which further depresses the market.

During June, the average price paid by five condensaries in Michigan was \$2.59 for 3.5 milk. The Class I price in Detroit was \$4.37—a spread of \$1.78 per hundred weight. The question might well be asked, "How long can the Detroit market maintain the spread?"

Market for Manufactured Dairy Products. If you are still with me let's consider this market briefly. After all, there are some estimated 25,000 shippers in Michigan who depend on condensaries, creameries and cheese factories for their market. The present condensary F. O. B. plant price of \$2.59 is the real "bugaboo" in the dairy price structure, and that is a national problem.

Dairy marketing practices became abnormal during the war period with a larger percentage of milk going into manufactured channels. Even with some government support the market remains weak with surplus production over demand. This results in a \$2.59 price by condensaries. Since this price is more or less the base for fluid milk prices computation, the entire market structure is weakened.

Any change in the national picture will depend somewhat upon individual producers using, where possible, the most advantageous marketing channels, plus an advertising program for greater consumption of dairy products, plus continued consumer purchasing power.

For example: If a producer has an available creamery market he might use it. Creameries are paying 64 to 67c for butterfat. On this basis 3.5% milk will sell for \$2.25

to \$2.35 per hundred weight, leaving skim milk for feed at \$1.00 per hundred weight, at present hog prices. Obviously the law of supply and demand continues to be a determining price factor.

If every producer would make a real effort to adjust his marketing practices into more favorable channels where possible, it could help. Easy money in the dairy farming business is over the dam.

Cost of production is all important again. Weed out the poor cows, raise all possible feed on the farm, and cut labor costs wherever possible. The things farmers buy, other than some reduction in feed costs, has not been reduced proportionally and the squeeze is on.

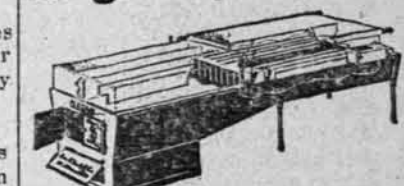
Generally speaking, milk prices are down about 25% from a year ago. This is no time to buy \$250.00 cows.

The milk of human kindness is seldom Grade "A".—R. O. Eastman

Protein Feed Prices Continue to Rise

Protein feed prices are considerably higher in relation to feed grain than they were a year ago. This situation is expected to continue through the summer months, perhaps with the usual seasonal rise in proteins to make an even greater difference. Farmers who bought early, during May and June, have probably saved as much as \$5 or \$10 per ton compared to anticipated August and September prices.

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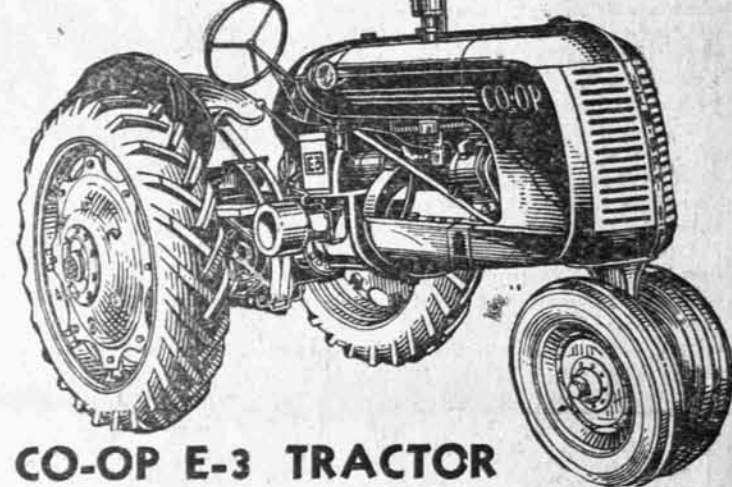
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