Farm Bureau Declares War on Brannan Farm Plan

EDITORIAL It's Hospitality Time

Our membership roll call has resulted in many new memberships in most all counties. This leaves old membership with a real obligation. We are a friendly people. These people are our neighbors. What about a hospitality and fellowship night in our Community Groups to welcome them into our organization?

We owe them an obligation to do one of two things: We should either welcome them into our group as a part of us, or we should help them to form new neighborhood groups and get a real constructive start.

Let's give them the benefit of our experience in discovering what a Community Group really can do when it has a good, ambitious program.

Let us maintain our reputation for being a friendly and helpful people and be sure that our neighbor is not left where the real values of Farm Bureau membership are concerned.

Women of the Farm Bureau

Women of the Farm Bureau are to be complimented upon the interest in their organization and program.

Thirteen hundred women came to their annual meeting in November. Because of their active interest in polio treatment Sister Elizabeth Kenny thought it worth while to fly from San Francisco to speak to them. Dr. Albert Heustis the state commissioner of health, knew that he had an audience deeply interested in rural health.

Women of the Farm Bureau have made remarkable progress the past five years with the help of an able full time director in the person of Mrs. Marjorie Karker.

Four ladies must look upon the present day organization and program as an ambition realized. They are former women directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau: Mrs. Edith M. Wagar of Carleton, 1921-38; Mrs. Pearl E. Myus of Lapeer, 1939-42; Mrs. Ray Neikirk of St. Louis, 1943-45 and Mrs. Belle S. Newell of Coldwater, 1946-49.

Through a large and continuous correspondence from her home and many meetings throughout the state, Mrs. Wagar built a women's group that really brought women into the Farm Bureau. Mrs. Myus, Mrs. Neikirk and Mrs. Newell continued with the building program and saw the interest grow rapidly.

We're proud to remember that all of them came to the Michigan Farm News for help on mailings, printing, and publicity. They always got it. This time they get a bouquet.

Reply to Mr. Vis

Mr. Eugene Vis of Plainwell is president of the Michigan Farm Equipment Association.

When the Ass'n met at Grand Rapids, Dec. 13, Mr. Vis attacked farm co-operative competitors as being exempt by law from federal income tax on their business whereas he is not. We quote from the Kalamazoo Gazette:

"Without referring to the 27-year-old Capper-Volstead law by name, Vis blasted the federal statute as permitting unfair competition for his own farm equipment business at Plainwell. 'I do not like the idea,' he said, 'of paying income taxes on my business when a non-profit corporation set up across the street and making as much profit as I, by virtue of the law is exempted from income tax'.'

We think Mr. Vis answers himself in his own statement.

The non-profit farm co-operative has for one of its purposes the distribution of its earnings to the patrons in proportion to their volume of business with the co-operative.

Congress and the Treasury hold that when a cooperative or any business distributes its earnings to patrons, there is no profit to the business to tax. Patrons who receive the earnings must include them in their federal income tax return.

On the other hand, Mr. Vis' company has for one of its purposes distribution of the earnings only to Mr. Vis and any other owners of the company. This is done strictly in accordance with their share of ownership in the company.

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ROLL CALL WORK GOES ON; TOTAL 31,978 JAN. 1

Rolf Call for 1950 stood at threefourths of the goal January 1, or a total of 31,978 families. The goal is 44,158.

A well organized clean-up will get under way early in January to finish the job

The One Big Week campaign for all counties the week of December enrolled the largest number of Farm Bureau members ever en-

rolled in one week's time-26,701. Had it not been for a state-wide storm which struck the morning of December 6, we believe the workers could have come close to their goal the first week. The storm was accompanied by high winds which made visibility poor and driving hazardous. The weather turned very cold for the remainder of the week. A great many roads were icy and poor for travel.

Some 6,000 men and women workers turned out for the campaign kick-off meetings and dinners the afternoon and evening of December 5. They did a very good job the remainder of the week under difficult conditions. We think that they demonstrated that the one week campaign is the way to do it. Following are county and state totals to Jan. 1:

	County	Goal	J
	Alcona	151	
	Anegan	1.657	- 1
	Alpena	391	
	Antrim	315	
	Antrim Barry	895	
	Bay	1.025	
	Benzie	173	
	Berrien		1
	Branch	1,328	1
	Cass	770	
	Calhoun	. 1,195	
	Charlevoix	247	
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	Cinton	1.235	1
	Eaton	1.096	
	Emmet	211	
	Genesee	905	
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	Teach and	1,020	1
	Ingham Lonia	804	
	Ionia Isabella	998	
	Isabella	888	
	Kalamazoo	940	100
	Kent Lapeer Lenawee	966	
	Lapeer	1,088	
	Lenawee	1,077	195
	Livingston		
	Macomb	857	
	Manistee	171	
	Mason	462	
	Mecosta	522	
	Midland	454	
	Midland	208	
	Montmorency	107	
	Montealm	501	
	Monroe		
	Monroe	777	
	Muskegon	331	
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	NW Michigan (Gr. Tray.	11.232	
	& Leelanau	786	
	Oakland	724	
	Oceana	5 569	
	Ogemaw	183	
	Osceola	411	
	Otsego	9.4	
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ø	Washtenaw Wayne	245	
ø	Wexford	178	
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ø	Total	44.158	31,

105 MEMBERS SIGNED BY SIX **GENESEE JUNIORS**

Genesee County Farm Bureau caims a state record for signing new memberships by six members of their Junior Farm Bureau organization. They wrote 105 family memberships to Farm Bureau in the recent roll call campaign cepting the responsibility for the membership drive in Argentine

Don Lahring, Gaines, 28 members; Eugene Lang, Davison, 24; Rosella Novess, Flushing, 20; Ag- has farmers at a disadvantage in nes Breidenstein, Flushing, 17; Blaine Pinkston, Swartz Creek, 15; cess that has changed greatly in and Martha Lang, Flint, 1 mem-

They started the work as teams, but soon found that they could do what the crop should bring to the as well individually and proceeded

Marshall Oil Co-op Annual Meeting

the annual meeting of the Marshall cash wheat at one time was 35 Farm Bureaus Oil Company in mid-cents a bushel under the govern-December at Marshall. Neil Brady, ment support prices. At such times, Robert Sackett and Carleton Ball said Mr. Bliss, big buyers with were re-elected to the board of di- storage benefit, while farmers sufrectors for terms of two years each. for beccause their country eleva-Other directors who were held over tors can't find storage. Mechaniincluded Frank McDiermid, Fred Face and Myron Bishop. Offi- same delivery and price troubles cers will be announced concluding to corn. the first meeting of the board of There is no storage available for

ers Petroleum Co-operative, Inc. owns more than 316,000,000 bushels

Buy Farm Bureau Seeds.

Farm Co-ops Have a Good Future



Marvin J. Briggs, general manager of the Indiana Farm Bureau Co-operative Ass'n, told the Farm Bureau Services annual meeting Dec. 2 that farm co-ops have a good future. A most important job for them and their farmer patrons is to give all possible support to their co-operative wholesale and manufacturing programs. Be co-operative all the way. Mr. Briggs said farmers should have a permanent investment in purchasing, marketing and manufacturing cooperatives exactly as they have money invested in buildings and equipment for

Elevator Exchange to Build Million Bushel Terminal Elevator

Special Meeting of Stockholders votes to Raise \$1,000,000 in New Capital; Toledo is Probable Site

The Michigan Elevator Exchange of Lansing, marketing agency for 96 farmers co-operative elevators in this FERTILIZER state, plans to build a 1,000,000 bushel terminal grain

The management of the Exchange was authorized to materials but lack of storage space raise \$1,000,000 in new capital at a special meeting of on part of the manufacturers the shareholders held at Lansing, January 5.

Waldo Phillips of Decatur, president of the Exchange, said that farmers elevator groups at the meeting pledged \$327,600 in cash to start the campaign. He said the proposed terminal elevator probably would be built at Toledo, as the natural gateway for Michigan grain traffic

The Exchange stockholders voted unanimously to revise their capital stock structure by authorizing an issue of \$1,000,000 of Class A common stock to bear 4% interest. Stock will be offered to country elevator mem. bers of the Exchange and their farmer patrons.

James R. Bliss of Lansing, general manager of the Exchange, told the elevator men that there are great advantages to be had for farmers elevators and farmer patrons in the operation of a terminal elevator.

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Bliss, can help manage the harvest

runs. It is equipped with drying

and cleaning machinery to condi

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quality of market grain through

blending operations. It has the

volume of grain to deal with large

Fifteen farmers' elevator groups

in the National Federation of Grain

Co-operatives each have terminal

elevators from two to 18 million

bushels capacity. Mr. Bliss said

\$2,000,000 for its farmer owners o

terminal operations last summer

Ohio and Indiana co-operativ

grain terminals have made two t

three cents more on every bushed

handled for farmer patrons than

similar marketing systems in other

marketing today is in the success-

ful operation of terminal elevators.

and support prices, the Exchange

Much of the profit in grain

large co-operative earn

can improve and control

The Exchange manager said that

Mr. Bliss said that 96 farmers remainder of such storage except elevators in the Exchange operate 66,000,000 bushels of terminal stor-125 places of business. Together they market one-third of the grain and they are still out for more. Ac- and beans produced in Michigan, the main advantage to farmers and The represent 31% of the country elevators, but they own only 21% township with Don Lahring, Gene- of the storage space and 200,000 see County Junior President, as bushels of that is for beans at bushel or larger terminal, said captain, their record is as follows: the Exchange's Port Huron terminal elevator for beans.

This situation, said Mr. Bliss, a harvesting and marketing prorecent years. Terminal elevator storage and facilities have become all important in order to realize producers and their local elevators.

Combine harvesting of grains has changed the harvest marketing period of sixty days to a flood, of grain in two weeks. Last summer such offer-More than 175 people attended ings were so great that Michigan cal corn pickers have brought the

grain, said Bliss, unless one builds Earl Huntley, manager of Farm- it. At present, the government at Lansing was the guest speaker. of grain, mostly wheat, stored for the most part in terminal elevators. Private grain dealers are using the

MANY FARMERS MAY NOT GET

Many a "Farmer Hubbard" will find the fertilizer cupboard bare this spring. It's not shortage of

When fertilizer was scarce, farmers took delivery as soon as it was available, fearing a shortage when spring arrived. Today they are waiting until they abso lutely need it. In one big spring rush, all of present stocks of plant food on hand will go out to the This amount is less that half of the normal needs. The first farmers will get theirs and the late ones will be disappointed. The warehouses of all the fertilizer manufacturers are loaded to

the rafters with mixed plant foods With the storage space for raw materials being occupied for the storage of finished goods, plants are unable to take in more raw

Production must cease when the present supply of raw materials is gone. Not until mixed goods move out, will raw materials be brought normal production con-

If every farmer would take out at least half of his fertilizer requirements now and give it dry storage on his farm, it would wipe out the storage problem

Farm Bureau Services, in an effort to encourage farmer patrons to get fertilizer requirements early, has a plan that guarantees ample material at a saving. This triple guarantee consists of pre-season discounts, guaranteed condition stipulations and possible price protection. The plan affords oppor tunity to the farmer to buy Farm Bureau fertilizer for less money. At the same time be assured of having the right analysis when he

President Urges Brannan Plan

As was expected, President Truman included in his annual mes sage to congress Jan. 4 his recom mendation that Congress enact the Brannan farm price support plan, and provide mandatory price sup port for major crops not now cover ed by existing law.

Referring to government loans Newspapers and other observers at Washington think this will be manager said, "They won't support the second Congress to reject the your market unless you have a Brannan plan. If so, the adminplace to store the grain. Much istration plans to make it one of wheat has brought less than supthe issues of the 1950 Congression port price because only a few al elections.

Action Taken at National Convention

More than Million Farmers in Farm Bureau Will Support Agr'l Act of 1949 And Flexible Price Supports

The American Farm Bureau of 11/3 million farmers has served notice on the Truman administration that it will aggressively oppose the Brannan plan for farm price supports. It said the Brannan plan would nationalize agriculture.

The Farm Bureau at its national convention at Chicago, Dec. 12-15 said that it favors the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1949 with flexible price supports and insists that it be given a fair trial and administered efficiently.

Delegates representing 1,325,000 farm family memberships adopted unanimously a resolution setting forth the Farm Bureau position. It confirmed the action taken by the AFBF board of Directors and President Allan Kline when Secretary Brannan of the U.S. Dep't of' Agriculture offered his farm price plan.

The Brannan plan proposes to peg prices of corn, wheat and other basic crops high enough to get increased production, but let market prices for these crops, live stock, dairy and poultry products and other perishables fall to their lowest levels. The difference would be made up to farmers from subsidies appropriated by Congress. The Brannan plan is supported by the administration.

"We encourage farmers to co-operate with worthwhile programs developed under the Agr'l Act of 1949," the Farm Bureau said. "We urge efficient administration of the Act. We intend to take the initiative in making necessary revisions on the basis of experience after the Act has been given a fair trial."

Michigan Farm Bureau was represented by 143 members from 32 County Farm Bureaus. They were nonvoting delegates. Eighty members of Junior Farm Bureaus attended from 22 counties. Several thousand delegates attended the largest of all AFBF conventions.

Voting delegates from Michigan were President Carl E. Buskirk of Paw Paw, Harold Frahm of Frankenmuth, and Marten Garn of Charlotte.

Allan B. Kline of Iowa and R. E. Short or Arkansas were re-elected president and vice-president, respectively, for two years by unanimous vote. Mr. Kline has been a most effective leader for the Farm Bureau in its opposition to the Brannan plan.

In his annual address to the convention, President Kline declared that the Agr'l Act of 1949 and the Brannan plan thrust a choice upon Americans.

The choice, said Kline, is the prospect of rising living standards with freedom of opportunity on one hand, and mounting government restrictions and limitations on the

'The major provisions of the Act of 1949 were worked out by some of the best authorities on agriculture in both parties. It should be put into operation. Let's do some

Proclamation

"Farm Co-operative Month"

Farm Co-operatives in Michigan have contributed greatly to the state's agricultural prosperity and economic progress In recognition of this it is appropriate that one month in a year be set aside during which time special activities and publicity should be provided to the end that the people be better informed of the accomplishments of these farmerowned businesses.

Over 75% of our farm families are members of the 248 cooperatives serving agriculture in Michigan. The associations which are owned by 164,000 farmers did more than \$240,000,000 worth of business last year

Michigan farmers have developed their many successful purchasing and marketing associations because they wished to improve the economic and social position of the family sized farm through efficient production and marketing, and to give the consumer these benefits through improved quality and better business methods, as well as to develop new and more stable outlets for our agricultural economy. These advantages are of value to all of the citizens of Mich

Therefore, I, G. Mennen Williams, Governor of the State of Mischigan do hereby proclaim January as "Farm Co-operative Month" in Michigan, in recognition of the importance of the farm co-operative movement in this state

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan this nineteenth day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Nine, and of the

nwealth the One Hundred Thirteenth G. MENNEN WILLIAMS

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New Year Thought

Old Father Time brooks no delay in his continuous flight

And no amount of fume or fuss will add one, or subtract.

And nothing we can do or say will swerve him left or right.

His standard hours, just twenty-four, for triumph or despair,

A world of pains for others take, and shun all selfish goals.

It is not for me and it's not for you to envy and feel regret

Old Father Time will not delay in his relentless flight,

with our race.

responsibility as officers they were

not Farm Bureau members. We

pointed this situation out to them

and very shortly thereafter the

memberships were received. The

above is an illustration of just how

lax some groups have been with

regard to the status of their mem

bers. These people gladly paid their

dues but no one had ever asked

group along and your County Farm

Bureau Roll Call along by paying

your dues if you have not already

lone so so that all the members of

your group are paid up for 1950 at

HERE AND THERE

Charlevoix-Eveline. The Novem-

er minutes indicate that due to the

effort of the Eveline Community

Farm Bureau a road in their com-

munity was widened. They also

furnished both labor and food for

the hospital carnival held recently

Lenawee-Mulberry, Members vot-

ed to have a public meeting in

January to welcome the new Farm

Bureau members into the county

a six months contest on how well

the members of their Community

Farm Bureau read the FARM

NEWS. The contest was set up to

increase attendance at their meet-

ings and to get the members to

read the FARM NEWS mere care

Taking Attendance. There has

been an increasing number of re-

quests from community groups in-

quiring as to the method of taking

attendance. In order to make at-

tendance figures uniform through-

attendance be based on Farm Bu-

husband and wife are counted in.

If all secretaries would keep their

attendance this way the figures

would be comparable among the

Honorable Mention. The follow-

ing groups had unusually fine meet-

ings during the month of November

Cass-Jefferson Community Farm

Cheboygan-Aloha, Mrs. Mildred

Cheboygan-Riggsville, Mrs. Nor-

Hillsdale-West Adams, Mrs.

Lenawee-Clinton, Mrs. Myrtle

Lenawee-Rome, Mrs. Charles

Livingston-Plainfield, Mrs. 'An-

Jackson, Mrs.

Bureau, Mrs. R. H. Schrump, sec'y.

and deserve honorable mention:

ully each month.

groups

Bannatyne.

nan Williams.

Audrey Schmitt.

Bernice Dancer.

Teimerdinger.

Conklin.

lrew Henry.

Jackson-South

your January meeting?

them before. Why not help you

But what we do with all the hours-ah, that's a different story

Some spend their time admiring flowers and some pursuing glory,

Some serve the pleasures of the heart, flitting from bloom to bloom,

Some toil for their own selfish sake while some with generous souls

But ours it is by the things we do to stick to the code we've set.

And there is room for glorious deeds in places far off and high

And those who will may serve those needs; so even may you, or I.

But now is the moment, this the day in which we shall bow or fight.

Now is the time to lift our eyes to the hills-God's dwelling place,

To see with our hearts in the bow-spanned skies His covenant

The part we take may be small or great; with people or pen or plow,

R S Clark

thy Stackhouse

next month!

n Stark.

315 North Grinnell Street

Midland-Homer Twp., Mrs. Phil-

Oakland-Lake Orion, Mrs. Dor-

Presque Isle-Huron, Mrs. Harold

We wish to take this occasion to

wish you and yours a very Happy

and Prosperous New Year. See you

More Per Acre

At Less Cost

By DR. GEORGE D. SCARSETH

American Farm Research Ass'n

Actually, more on fewer acres

would give you the same total

crop. The cost would be more per

per pound of meat, or per gallon of

Ten years ago many of these

opportunities were not available to

you. Now they are. Consult your

The trade of low, expensive yields

for cheaper production through ade-

quate use of high concentrated

plant food materials is a deal for

freedom and profit according to

Save 5 cents a gallon or more

on Co-op motor oils by purchasing

your needs now during our Janu-

ary sale. Buy at you Co-op Oil

The Farm Bureau belongs to the

own specialists for details.

your own efforts.

Distributor. Adv.

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But there is no early, there is no late; life is eternally NOW-

For there is work at home and now, and strength is for those who seek

To use that strength for the good, somehow, of the downcast and the weak

While others play the prophet's part and speak with the voice of doom.

Each day he loans some hours to us, some hours in which to act,

No one gets less and no one more. Time deals us each his share,

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CO-OP COUNCIL

FARM BUREAU AT

Several members of the Michigan

Farm Bureau staff will speak at the

annual meeting of the National

Council of Farm Co-operatives at

Chicago, Jan. 9-12. C. L. Brody is a

trustee of the Nat'l Institute of Co-

operation, which arranges the an-

aual summer institute on farm co-

speratives at a state agr'l college.

He is also a member of the Coun-

cil's committee on foreign trade for

agriculture. J. F. Yaeger is a mem-

ber of the Council's board of direc-

tors. Others having a part is Coun-

cil meetings are Everett Young, of

vices personnel office; Ed Steffen,

MFB legal division; L. S. Monroe,

FB Services accounting division.

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owners of a company get the earnings, they are

If Mr. Vis operates as an individual or in a part-

nership, that's the same way farmers operate their

business. Both pay personal income taxes on the

If Mr. Vis operates as a corporation for profit,

Farm co-operatives pay all the taxes that other

Congress has subjected such corporation earnings

to a federal income tax before any distribution may

business pays and at the same rate. The only ex-

ceptions are co-operatives with agricultural ex-

emptions. Few try to qualify for that. Farm co-

operatives are not subject to income tax on earnings

distributed to patrons on a patronage basis, nor are

that 27 years ago farmers had to get federal legisla-

tion that would establish farmers' co-operatives in

the law just as banks, railroads and corporations

of farmer co-operatives complained that when farm-

ers joined to purchase supplies or market their pro-

duction they were in various violations of the

Sherman anti-trust law. They made farmers a lot

of trouble until Congress enacted the Capper-Vol-

Rep. Albert Gore of Tennessee, one of the authors

of the Agr'l Act of 1949, spoke to the AFBF con-

vention. In alluding to the Brannan plan for

"cheap food" at government expense, Rep. Gore

asked why not plenty of cheap automobiles in the

"Let the automobile factories employ every

worker they can accommodate and go on an around-

the-clock schedule to produce lots and lots of auto-

mobiles," he elaborated. "Right off, automobiles

would become much cheaper. Good! That would

be to the benefit of auto users or consumers. Just

let automobile prices find their level in the market

place, as Secretary Brannan says we should do with

manufacturers would have to reduce wages but we

could tell the workers in the automobile factories not

to worry about their wages, exactly as Secretary

Brannan tells farmers not to worry about how low

farm prices would go in the market place under

automobiles Congress would be asked to appropriate

money annually out of the Treasury to make up to

workers the difference between the free labor market

wages they would get under this new order of things

and what a Secretary Brannan, or a Congress, or

somebody else might think they should get," he

"I wonder if Mr. Reuther's automobile workers

Dec. 19.

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After taking three years of kid-

table on his board of directors.

"Lutfisk" was the center of in

Others Eat Lutfisk

"The point is that under this Brannan plan for

To be sure, this would mean that the automobile

Plan For Cheap Automobiles

Before the Capper-Volstead law, business enemies

of all kinds have been established in their time.

The crack at the Capper-Volstead Act recalls

such refunds taxable against any other business.



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

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EDITORIAL Community Congress and the Treasury hold that when the

Gold Star-Big Rapids Twp. Community Farm Bureau Mecosta county, Mrs. Mar. garet Fitzgerald, sec'y,

Silver Star-South Eau Claire Community Farm Bureau Berrien county, Mrs. Kenneth Little, sec'y

Silver Star-South Center Essex Community Farm Bureau, Clinton county, Mrs. Alvin Moss, sec'y. CONGRATULATIONS!

November marked the deer huntng season and the annual couvention of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Both influenced community group meetings this month, In ome cases meeting dates were changed so that the majority of members could be present.

1,000 Community Farm Bureaus for 1950. During November we made progress towards our goal with 4 new or reorganized groups in addition to the 17 already added for September and October for a total of 21 new groups for 1950. S groups have disbanded leaving us a net gain of 15 toward our 1,000 goal and 113 left to go. The new groups added this month were as

DISTRICT 4-Allegan-Rabbit River, Mrs. E. H. Vandervort, sec'y; Allegan-Monterey, Elizabeth Buck,

DISTRICT 5-Eaton-Olivet, Mrs.

red Bugbee, sec'y. purpose of more adequately serving reau memberships-that is count Roll Call showing a total of approxiof your County Farm Bureau, In-

bers of your group. Total Community Farm Bureaus. At the end of November our records indicate that 846 Community Farm Bureau groups have sent in their officers for 1950, 28 County Farm Bureaus have all their 1950 officers on file as of this date. Incidentally, you will note that the complete District 5 is in. The counties having 100% showing are as follows: Cass. St. Joseph Van Buren, Hillsdale, Livingston, Monroe, Oakland, Wayne, Allegan, Clinton, Eaton. Genesee, Ingham, Shiawassee, St. Clair, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Osceola, Midland, Benzie, Northwest Michigan, Wexford, Alcona, Cheboygan, Iosco, Ogemaw,

elected their officers for 1950, will you please do this at your next meeting? We will be correcting the mailing list and dropping all 1949 officers listed thereon within the next month or so. We do, however, want every group to get their material. See that your set-up sheet

Community Groups on Roll Call. 5th. Community Farm Bureau ding about the Swedish custom of groups played an outstanding part eating "Lutfisk" during Christmas in the preliminary collections made holidays, Oceana County Farm prior to the week of the drive. Bureau's county organization di- Practically all groups assumed a rector Henry Johnson turned the Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sundell and Henry were joint hosts to board members, wives and others-40 in all-at dinner at the Sundell home

stockfish, imported from Sweden. The fish is soaked for three weeks Is the membership in your group in a solution of wood ashes and all paid up? Sometime ago when Michigan Ase'n of Farmers Co-op- water, or in lye water. It was cook we were checking the mailing list we had a couple of situations which
were rather amusing. In checking
some of the addresses of officers in
Community Farm Bureau groups,
we found that although these people
were taking an active part in the
program and carrying out their

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your wool to us and you are guaranteed the eeiling price. We are purchasing wool for the government. Year
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Michigan Phone 3-4246 (3tf-44b) ron Center, Michigan. eratives; W. V. Bielinski, FB Ser. ed the day of the dinner and served with white sauce. To most were rather amusing. In checking of those present it was a new dish. some of the addresses of officers in Second and third servings testi- Community Farm Bureau groups, fied that the Swedes have some | we found that although these people Farm Bureau Women promote thing. Swedish potato sausage were taking an active part in the

Farm Bureau For January

By MRS, MARJORIE GARDNER

STAR AWARDS

Dear Community Farm Bureau Members:

DISTRICT 3-Wayne-Cherry Hill, Ilmer Schultz, sec'y.

Rumor has it that both Allegan and Berrien are pushing the organization of Community Farm Bureau groups very aggressively. Berrien has set a goal of 20 new groups this year which is certainly a well worthwhile activity for their Coun- out the state we would prefer that ty Farm Bureau. This is for the 12 groups at present. With the sented at your group meeting and all these things by making more latest statistics of the membership multiply this figure by two so both on each acre you use. mately 75% of the 1950 goal reached, there are hundreds of new members who should be given the opportunity to take part in the Community Farm Bureau program vite them to your meetings and make them welcome as new mem-

If your group has not already is in if it has not already been

Although practically every phase of Roll Call work was "stepped up" for the big Roll Call week of December major responsibility in the Roll Call Program of their county. Many groups had 100% collection of their members before December 5th. Some counties found it advantageous to work around community groups rather than on a township basis, so outstanding is Community terest. It is prepared from dried Farm Bureau activity becoming in

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Resolutions **Adopted By** Farm Bureau

nual meeting Nov. 10-11, presented bers. in part in our edition for December 5. A printed copy of the resolutions may be had by writing to Lansing, Michigan.

Michigan Farm Bureau resolutions, continued from our Dec. 5

Poultry. Legislation authorizing licensing and inspection of poultry dressing plants on the basis of certain minimum standards of sanitation was favored. Use of United States grades and standards in handling poultry in Michigan was encouraged.

Membership. The delegates af firmed the recommendations of the County Farm Bureau leaders for 44,100 farm families for the 1950 goal of the Michigan Farm Bureau. They also recommended that every effort be made to follow the proven Roll Call plan and to co-operate to the fullest extent to do a good job in the Roll Call during the week of December 5, 1949.

The importance of Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups was stressed. These groups permit democracy to function to the best advantage, assist members to become better informed and make possible formulation of sound policies for agricultural advancement The work of the women of the Michigan Farm Bureau was com mended. The importance of Junior Farm Bureau activities was also emphasized. Continuation of the educational program now being carried on by Farm Bureau Secvices was endorsed. It was urged that at least one topic each year in the Community Farm Bureau Groups be devoted to a discussion of subjects relating to the Farm

Bureau Services program. Qualifications for Membership You can't afford to give away Delegates adopted amendments to thirty extra bushels of corn for the by-laws of the Michigan Farm about 40 cents per bushel from Bureau which defined more clear every acre of corn you plant, or to ly qualifications of members of the let someone trade you 11/2 tons of Michigan Farm Bureau Board of timothy hay that contains only 5% Directors and delegates to the Midland-Hope. Plans were made protein for 3 tons of alfalfa hay State convention. These changes at the November meeting to conduct that contains about 15% protein. were intended to insure that the Maybe you will say, "Nobedy was control of the policies of the orver so foolish as to make me such | ganization would always be kept a proposition". Probably not, but in the hands of folks who would hat is about the position the new directly represent the interests of science of plant food usage offers the members. In general, no fullou in the correct use of fertilizers. time employee of the Farm Bureau By "correct use" we mean in a or of any affiliated organization tation that fits your soil type, nor any full-time employee of a eed from proven varieties, and business organization nor any peradding plant foods that balance out son elected to a County, State or the deficiencies that soil tests, ex- National office would be eligible periments and experiences show to to serve on the Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors or as a Your expense in making crops, delegate to its State Convention. pasture, forage, meat, milk is high, Amendments to the recommended and largely fixed. The best chance bylaws for County Farm Bureaus you have for increasing profits is to produce similar qualifications the large membership. Berrien has the number of memberships repre- to lower the costs of production of for County Farm Bureau directors were favored.

> The delegates also ratified 18 resolutions which had been adopted at the annual meeting of the Women of the Michigan Farm Bureau. acre, but less per bushel, per ton, The resolutions of the Farm Bu-

reau Women supplemented in very fine way those which had been worked out and presented to the voting delegates by the Resothe voting delegates by the Resolutions Committee of the Michigan TO ATTEND

Farm Bureau. The resolutions reported above The resolutions reported above chart the course of the Michigan Farm Bureau for the ensuing year. They represent the policy which Editors Note-Following is the reau officials and workers and convene at Lansing Saturday, Janremainder of a Summary of the which should have the whole uary 7th, for the quarterly session Resolutions adopted by the Michi- hearted and active support of all of the State Council of the Junior gan Farm Bureau at the 30th an- Farm Bureau workers and mem Farm Bureau. Jim Reilly, state

> Carsonville, Sanilac, 6; Oscar Sun- committees are: dell, New Era, Oceana, 7; Jehn Group 1-A score card for presi-Ziegler, Bay City, Bay, 8; Mrs. dents; Group 2-Developing study Ben Shetenhelm, Lake City, Mis- material on Junior and Senior saukee 9; D. H. Fleming, Gaylord, Farm Bureau; Group 3-This com-

> Otsego, 10. Members at large: mittee is to work on membership Clyde M. Breining, Ypsilanti, goals, secretaries duties, etc.; Washtenaw; Harry Norris, Casno- Group 4-positive program of pub-

ger, Lake Odessa, Ionia.

White Lake Ass'n Pays Dividend

White Lake Marketing Markethas paid a dividend of 40 cents per share on common stock and inter- manual; Group 9-Begin planning est on the preferred stock for the year ending Sept. 30, 1949. Checks (919) for a total of \$1,113.60 were mailed recently by Farm Bureau Services patrons dep't at Lansing. trict meetings; Group 11-Formu-White Lake is managed by Farm late the recommendations for the Bureau Services, Inc.

Plant Farm Bureau Seeds.

About 150 Junior Farm Burgan will be followed by all Farm Bu- presidents and other officers will president, said that all presidents Resolutions Committee and dis- and other officers of the local Jutricts they represented: Chairman nior Farm Bureaus have been as-Walter Wightman, Fennville, Alle- signed to one of the 12 work groups the Michigan Farm Bureau, Att: gan county, Dist. 4; Mrs. Forrest or committees for the morning ses-Stanley M. Powell, P. O. Box 960, Weinberg, Vicksburg, Kalamazoo, slon. Each group is charged with 1: Andrew Jackson, Howell, Liv- making recommendations to the ingston, 3; Lute Hartenburg, Eat- council on the subject assigned. on Rapids, Eaton 5; Howard Erbe, The subjects to be covered by these

> via, Muskegon; Albert Shellenbar- licity and public relations; Group 5-Study and make recommendations for the 1950 leadership training program; Group 6-Develop a calendar of events; Group 7-Determine a pattern or mechanics whereby counties can compete against each other; Group 8-Begin the revision of the Junior Farm Bureau for a sizeable increase in the numher participating in speaking contests; Group 10-Set up the me chanies for a winter series of disconduct of the Ionia Cafeteria; Group 12-Study the project of the State Fair Apple Juice Stand.

The First of The Fifties

The Forties have fled so forget them! The Fifties are ours to explore, What are the issues that challenge In the days that are now just before? Are we ready once more to do battle For the causes that beckon again? What of the first of the fifties-Will we function as Farm Bureau men?

Is the past in our memory vivid Do we and our helpers recall The plight of unorganized farmers 'Ere teamwork was used on the ball? Do we weary of telling the story? Is the spirit of '20 now sped? Does the torch that was lit still burn brightly, For the boys who will serve in our stead?

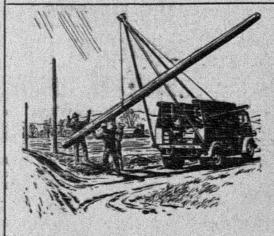
Will the evils that early beset us, In the days when each farmer alone Sought to win for himself single-handed, Miss a chance once again to enthrone? Does the N. T. E. A. subtle chatter Serve to put you sublimely at ease? Do you think for a moment you're safer-If they write the law as they please?

Can the forces of organized labor Be entrusted to answer for you? Will a Brannan plan minus amendment Prove to be just the right thing to do? Will new taxes be drawn from new sources Not now at lawmakers command? Or, lacking a strong enough protest-Revert to the man on the land?

The New Year is yours-will you make it A year to remember-and how? Or will you serenely keep silent While others put hand to the plow? The fifties can pay fitting tribute To our 30 year organized stand In the struggle for finer farm living-Who will speak for the man on the land?

> Warren Dobson Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

Rural Wele-news



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THE FARMER AND THE TELEPHONE

If you made a list of the equipment that helps the Michigan farmer work his farm efficiently. more profitably, you'd undoubtedly include the telephone. For the telephone is one of the world's greatest time-savers . . . and time is money on the farm. The telephone is important for ordering supplies from town, getting the latest market prices, seiling, or simply talking over mutual problems with friends and neighbors. It's easy to see how a telephone on the farm is worth a lot more than it costs.

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State Gives I deas on Finding **Water Supply**

There may be easier ways of locating water, as water witching advocates using peach tree twigs, pliers, or homemade gadgets contend, but state conservation department hydrologists will continue to recommend what they term more sound approaches to the problem.

"Quickie devices pop up regularly," says John G. Rulison, hydrologist for the department's geological survey division at Lansing, "still we have yet to find one which will accurately detect the right spot for sinking a ground well."

Actually some type of water, salty or otherwise, can be brought in anywhere in the state, Rulison allowed, providing the driller goes deep enough. The expense of the drilling operation and the quality of the water is another matter.

For the person planning on a new water supply, Rulison has several

If there is a neighbor nearby who has recently brought in a well on similar type land, check with him to find out how far down it was cessary to go to strike water, the quality, and the quantity.

The geological survey division, in many instances, would be able to provide pertinent geological information of the area-possibility of getting water, probable necessary drilling depth, quality of the water, and the permanency of the

For the person who does not know of a competent driller in his area, the division also has available a partial list of reputable drillers in the state from which he

Rulison advises the person hirplacing so much emphasis on the price of drilling the well at so much a foot, and more on getting the assurance of a reliable driller that no possible water producing beds are overlooked. A competent driller, he says, should be able to tell whether any bed encountered in the drilling operation is worth testing as a likely producer of the desired water supply.

1950 Has Promise And Responsibilities

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

When I was a young girl I wonlered if I would see 1900. It seemed such a long time ahead and years did not slip by as rapidly as they seem to these days. To even mention 1950 would have appeared ridiculous not only to myself but to

But here it is with all of its prom ises and possibilities, waiting for us to take advan tage of it, thus add to the enjoyment of living. It seems much easier for some of us

to take a backward look over the past than it is to ferret out the way for the fulived through a

MRS. WAGAR marvelous period of invention, research and opportunity. I had a taste of the slow moving past and experienced the many changes as they came along. Many times I've thought that we

had reached the climax and there could not be much more to bring forward, but we would no sooner get adjusted to some new idea and settled down to its enjoyment when along came something "bigger and better". We again would get all fussed up about it until we'd vow that our aim would be to acquire it for our own personal use.

I suppose our forefathers did the same thing in their day. Their methods now seem crude and worthless, but they set the pattern that made America thrive. I am not so sure that it's good for us to live in the strides of today. I sometimes think we should go a bit slower and more thoroughly grasp the benefits of new ideas before we ing the job done to refrain from drop them for something still in the experimental stage. But everything we do is along the same line.

If we undertake to erect a new before it is completed and the new car is often not paid for before tinue until we have lost the cloth there's a new model and we're clamoring for a trade.

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Africa. They are agricultural mis sionaries, teaching not only the gospel of the Lord, but the rudiments of agriculture and homemaking to a people who so badly need it all. They have so little to do with and there's certainly no surpluses of anything, yet they do not complain. Everytime I get a letter from

destitution in any country. I earnestly hope there'll be still to be sold in their state. The promore research activity until atomic cessors immediately announced a energy will take its rightful place ten cents per pound raise in price in peaceful production to offset over and above the price of white war, hunger, cold, disease and the oleo. I predict the time is not far multitudinous hardships we hear distant when the consumers of Ohio

them. I wonder if the time will ever

come when there will be no such

about throughout the entire world. My New Year wish is for a more universal opinion on what's wrong with our own country in its relation to others. Why cannot we bring ture. For myself about a common understanding to- beef steak. In that same store was feel that I've wards world peace? It's lamentable a sign that read, "Fresh eggs from that we cannot work as a unit ex- the farm only 29c a dozen". I adcept when we are in the depth of vised the woman to forget the steak war. Everyone seems to feel that and use more eggs and by so doing America is best qualified for leadership in the movement towards peace if it ever comes to pass, but we cannot hope for anything better at home, but farmers have a much until our leaders themselves get on

> 1950 can make a name for itself for all time if it can bring about order out of the present national

common ground.

We admit money, great amounts of it, must be spent to wage a war their business as all other vocations and to repair the damages caused have done for theirs. But that privby war, but there comes a time flege is being contested with a hope when it must taper off. For a coun. of killing off any independence the try cannot thrive on debts alone no farmer may have in mind for the more than can an individual.

We've seen many of the latter at- | ment. Let no false propaganda turn you tempt it. For a little while they from the policy advocated by our seem to get by, but when the danger national and state farm leaders. point is reached, they suddenly go

for all. May the American farmer receive a price for his labor compar-I'm sure we all feel a curb must be put on our ever increasing spending both national and on down to able to that received by others -and may his troubles be ironed out to a the lowest municipality. We must peaceful level amid many friends be made to realize that our wants and but few enemies, is my wish for will never be fully met and it's far building, it is almost out of date better to decide to cut our garment 1950. according to our cloth than to son and the pattern with it. It's much easier to spend than it is to cut corners in order to save.

der our freedom so that we may ual letter from Mr. and Mrs. Ray! The reaction coming from the find what they term security.-Wal-Smalley living in Congo Belge of report of the investigating commit-lace F. Bennett

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tee on plugging loopholes in the sales tax collections is typical of human nature. When they and DOES ANY Of nonnoed the evasion of sales tax on packaged liquor some of those who This Money were clamoring for more strict collections were furious against the committee for reporting it and also Belong to You? against the legislature for voting a sales tax on liquor. I wonder if an added luxury tax

on liquor wouldn't be just as fair as

None of them are necessities but

report the other day on the recently

will be paying as much for their

colored oleo as they would have

Last week I heard a woman rave

about the terrible high price of

bigger problem to battle and every

last one of us must do our part or

It has taken organized farmers

the better part of a century to reach

the place whereby they might de-

protection of his job and his invest-

May the New Year be a happy one

There are persons who have lost

faith in freedom. There are those

who seek to persuade us to surren-

we will find ourselves "done for".

paid for genuine butter.

adjust her food bill.

on the human race.

Quite a number of letters conon perfumes and toilet waters? taining checks for dividends, or checks for interest payments on the latter have far less evil effects Farm Bureau Services stock or debentures, and in some instances I was interested in an Obio radio stock or debenture certificates of FB Services are in the "undelivered acquired law allowing colored oleo files" of the FBS Patrons Records dep't at Lansing for lack of a pro-

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Eaton Farm Bureau Co-op Pays Dividend

Eaton Farm Bureau Co-op, Inc., has paid a dividend on common stock and interest on preferred stock for the year ending Oct. 31. 1949. Checks (929) were mailed recently by Farm Bureau Services patrons record dep't at Lansing. Eaton Farm Bureau Co-op is

Allan Kline to Speak on Farm Management The Farm Management Banquet one of the highlights of Farmers' Week activities at Michigan State College in past years, is expected to be bigger and better than ever this year according to John Doneth, MSC agricultural economist

arranging the program, The banquet is scheduled for 6:15 p. m. February 2 in the MSC Union building ballroom. With increasing attendance each year, it was necessary to arrange for the larger meeting place, Doneth said Allan Kline, main speaker on the program, will talk on "How An Iowa Farmer Looks at Farm Management." Kline is a successful Iowa farm operator, and has traveled abroad extensively for a first-hand view of European agricultural conditions. He is currently serving as president of the American Farm Bureau.

Marshall Wells, farm editor for radio station WJR, Detroit, will bring another outstanding entertainment program to the banquet. Prof. E. B. Hill of the MSC agricultural economics department will recognize cooperating farmers and farm managers and rural apprais-

For reservations or further details, write to the Agricultural Economics Depatment, Room 203 Agricultural Hall at the college. Everyone planning to attend is advised to get tickets early.

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What Has Happened FB Services

J. F. Yaeger Report Shows How Organization Has Moved to Keep Pace with Great Growth in Recent Years

By J. F. YAEGER Manager's Report to Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., at Lansing, Dec. 20, 1949

I have been with the Michigan Farm Bureau since 1935. For the last year and a half I have had the management responsibilities for most of the operations of the Farm Bureau Services. The Board of Directors, especially the Budget and Finance Committee, and top management have been kind and understanding and cooperative in wrestling with the many complicated problems we have faced together. The executives associated the responsibility throughout the there will be increased emphasis with me have played their parts well as we counseled together and each carried out his respective responsi- tion so that efficiency of operations Farm Bureau and the business serbilities. Their support and co-operation have been complete and whole hearted.

During recent years the Services has grown tremend- in a Distribution Division, a Pro- being established in the County ously. Local member associations have grown from 138 in 1939 to 150 in 1949. Thousands of individual farmers have acquired a stock interest and voting right through the patrons relations program.

In 1939 the wholesale volume of the Services was Maynard Brownlee's directorship programs of the various and nuapproximately \$2,750,000. This last year that volume retail outlets, co-operative and was \$11,208,000. Throughout the past several years otherwise, and the many thousands the Services has assumed responsibility, not only for state. This division also has the wholesale distribution of such major commodities as seed, feed, fertilizer, fence, machinery, insecticides, paint, 13 retail branches and the 16 manetc., but has built a petroleum business (now separately organized), the volume of which the past year was \$2,700,000.

The Services has assumed responsibility for the supervision of 16 local co-operatives under a management contract; 5 petroleum bulk plants, also under a management contract; and 13 branch stores, wholly owned. The total branch store volume for the past fiscal year was \$6,500,000. The volume of the 16 co-operatives under management contract totaled approximately \$5,300,000. The volume of the petroleum bulk plants now supervised by the management of the Farmers Petroleum Cooperatives, Inc., totaled for the eight months of its operation \$450,000.

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PROMPT SETTLEMENT

The major portion of the growth | sing operation. in Farm Bureau Services has been during the last 10 years. In 1939 factory have the farmers or the cototal assets of the organization operatives through the years made Today, they total any major cash investment in their \$6.024.000. Investments in those state organization. It might be 10 years have grown from \$83,000 noted here that as the trend to ex-Gross fixed assets pansion of processing and manufacfrom approximately turing facilities is further encour-\$200,000 to \$2,513,000. Net fixed aged by the farmer patron-owners, assets have grown from \$147,000 to they must expect to supply addi-\$2,134,000. Members' equities tional financing if such projects which originally was approximately are to be successfully established. \$100,000 had grown to \$168,000 in 1939 and total \$1,257,000 in 1949. indeed come to maturity. Aside

early years had planned an annual mentioned above, the Services this merchandising operation of approx- last year manufactured and shipped imately \$1,000,000. Today, that in its dust plant at Grand Rapids volume has grown to nearly \$20,- 246 tons of insecticides having a 000,000 (including wholesale, re-value of approximately \$32,500; tail, and petroleum). This great 36,000 tons of mixed fertilizer growth in volume has been financ- valued at approximately \$1,800,000; ed almost entirely out of earnings and in its acidulating plant manuof the organization for which the factured approximately 19,000 tons patrons have accepted securities of super phosphate valued at apand loaned their holdings to the proximately \$421,000. It also oporganization so that it might ex- erated a transportation department pand and render increased service. which made possible better service

This service has included an in- to the co-op patrons and the farmtegrated purchasing system reach- ers but which cost \$72,000 last year. ing back to the source of supply in A central warehouse was built some instances, and as in the case and site improvments made lookof the \$1,500,000 fertilizer opera- ing to other building in Lansing at tion at Saginaw, through a proces- a cost of approximately \$250,000, and expanding.

branch warehouses located through- F. Griswold out the state to serve the retail that services of this type are not tance and renders service, not only eliminated, will represent an addi- is the attorney in charge of this ac tional saving to co-operatives and tivity.

the Farm Bureau Services of others made available to employees United States. The details of this ganization have grown, the numreport on Procurement.

This greatly expanded operation During the past year there has o well built by those who have had been and in the years to comyears required a division of re- on correlation between the membersponsibility and departmentaliza- ship activities of the Michigan could be effected. In this first full vices of the associated companies, year in which the responsibility the major one of which is the for operations has been primarily Farm Bureau Services. Co-opera mine, re-organization has resulted tive merchandise committees are curement Division, a wholly con- Farm Bureaus; Services employee tained Machinery Department, a are taking an interest in member separately organized petroleum organization, a Sales and Merchandis- of the mother organization; em ing Division, and the above mentioned warehouse operations.

The Distribution Division under has the responsibility of serving of farmer patrons throughout the responsibility for supervising the management of the aforementioned agement contract points. The reponsibility for management of the 5 petroleum bulk plants rests with he management of the petroleum



d. F. YAEGER

The Frocurement Division, in charge of Boyd Rainey, has the responsibility of contacting pliers both manufacturers and large distributors, and securing on be half of the Distribution Division those items on which service is to The Farm Bureau Services has be rendered. Both the Distribution and Procurement Divisions are the various fields, each of whom are reporting their activities in the following pages of this report.

The Machinery Department also supervised by Mr. Rainey, but with management responsibilities resting primarily with Archie Moore, is separately organized, carrying on both distribution and procurement. Machinery operations are of a character that convinces us that they are most effectively handled in this manner. It is also our opinion that such a division had best be effected at the retail level as well if machinery operations there are to be efficient, profitable,

seller's market, it becomes increas- real achievement. ingly apparent that if farmers are to make the most effective use of ship goal was reached by the first their organization, both at the re- of January. This experience inditail and wholesale levels, it is ever cates clearly that it is possible to thoroughly informed as to the ser- shorter period of time. This will

son, who has in the past been re- sound, program. sponsible for the Patrons Relations pose of developing and correlating operation. the various programs which bring information and direct the atten- up should be done at once in order tion of the farmer to the services and merchandise available through his local co-operative or other outlets of the Farm Bureau Services.

The organization of the petroleum activities into a separate corporation became effective the first of the calendar year. Management responsibilities for this program rest with Earl Huntley, but by contract and general agreement, certain services are rendered to the new corporation by the Farm Bureau Services and its activities are correlated with those of the other Farm Bureau companies through top management.

Manufacturing of fertilizer, the purchasing of ingredients, etc. is in the hands of Fred Harger, who assumed this responsibility two years ago. Under his direction the fertilizer program and the facili-

ties at Saginaw were built. Warehouse operations at Lansing are included as a responsibility of the Procurement Division; whereas, the branch warehousing roll call re-organization and clean throughout the state is the responsibility of the Distribution Divi-

Accounting, Auditing, and Busi- Face the Fifties." ness Services, con inue as they have under the able direction of L. l

thereby again making possible bet- | S. Monroe and Finance and Credit ter service. There are also 5 is guided by Assistant Treasurer G.

During the past few years the es outlets in the various surrounding tablishment and maintenance of a areas. It must be noted, however, Legal Division has been of imporwithout cost. As a matter of fact, to the various companies with offithis warehousing cost last year a ces at Lansing, but has served farmtotal of approximately \$100,000, ers and their co-operatives through which to whatever extent it can be out the entire state. E. F. Steffen

A Personnel Division under the The investments of over \$650,000 direction of W. V. Bielinski has referred to above are investments been extremely helpful in securing in manufacturing and central pur- able personnel and in directing the chasing organizations throughout many employee programs, some the middle west serving not only mandatory under the law and Michigan but many large regional on a voluntary basis. Incidentally, o-operatives throughout the entire as the work and program of the or integrated purchasing system are ber of employees of the regional discussed at greater length in the has gone from 125 in 1939 to 350 in 1948.

> ship acquisition and maintenance ployees of both organizations meet in joint conferences periodically to correlate activities and discuss merous divisions. Every effort is being made to bring about an ap preciation of the relationship and interdependence of the Farm Bu reau and the co-operative through which the farmer has an ownership interest in the Farm Bureau Services as well as a patron interest.

We have approached this las year with humbleness and appre ciation of the excellent job that has been done before, but with the re alization that we have only begun in what we believe is the possibility for a considerably increased co operative service on behalf of the farmers of the state of Michigan

If this objective is to be achiev ed and the greatest possible service rendered, it will require the com bined teamwork of not only the farmers but of the directors and management of local co-operatives and the leadership of the central organization along with adequate financing so as to build in the years ahead the best possible and most efficient integrated procure ment program that can be built. The years ahead will not be easy They offer a challenge and an opportunity for expansion and ser vice. We approach the future optimistically, yet in a serious mood There is a job to be done.

Urgent to

try our best to do our part.

One of the most unusual, interesting and successful things has taken place in Farm Bureau recently in the big, one-week, roll call, Sixty counties worked together at about the same time on their roll call work for the first time.

It was extremely interesting note the spirit of co-operation which proves that Farm Bureau people want to and will cooperate to achieve their objectives.

ing and activities to such a point that they can go out together in one week and write a major portion As we move from a buyer to a of the year's membership. It is a

Nearly 75% of the 1950 membermore important that they be do the roll call work in a much vices and merchandise available. give much more time to the build-With this in mind, Oscar Ander- ing and maintaining of a good,

Part of successful roll call work Program, has also been given the is re-organizing and completing the responsibility of Sales and Mer- job. This is now taking place and chandising Manager for the pur- with the same enthusiasm and co-

> Re-organization for roll call cleanthat the goal may be reached and time may be then given to program building.

It is important that roll call managers call their workers together to make a survey of the situation and analyze the results as a basis for planning the clean up. It will take just as good organization for completing the work as it did to do what has been done to date. It may be necessary in some cases to organize special teams of workers and assign them to certain areas where most work is needed. For the most part, however, it is merely a matter of becoming acquainted with what the situation is and the workers going out and completing what they

had previously planned to do. It has been estimated that the goal of 44,100 is necessary in order that we might have adequate finances. It is obvious that 44,100 farm families in Farm Bureau in Michigan will be a much more potent force than 30,000. With these things in mind let's all go after the members to the convention. up work at once and then let us plan a real program that will make Farm Bureau a "Farmers Force to

Plant Farm Bureau Seeds.

Constructing A Barn With Unico Laminated Rafters



This is a typical scene that is going on throughout the state on many farms and from all indications will be intensified in the coming months ahead. This 30 f oot by 75 foot barn is being constructed with Farm Bureau Unico Laminated Wood Rafters on the John Schwab farm at Bay City. The rafters are engineered for immediate erection and provide low cost construction. Mr. Schwab is shown standing on the left of the two workmen in the foreground.

Junior Farm Bureau Alpena Co. First At AFBF Convention To Reach Goal

By CORALANE VESTERFELT State Publicity Chairman, Junior Farm Bureau

The Michigan Junior Farm Bureau had 80 members present in Chicago at the convention of Rural Youth held as a part of the American Farm Bureau Federation convention December 11 thru 13. This is the largest families and was first to make goal group our state has had at a national convention, but we were exceeded by the youth of Indiana and Ohio. Perhaps we can attend the 1951 convention with the largest delegation of rural youth.

Verland McLeod of Lyons, the 1949 vice-chairman of the National Rural Youth committee, presided at two sessions of the Rural Youth convention.

Sheldon Durham of Muskegon county represented Michigan in the "Talk-Meet" contest. There were contestants representing 17 states. This year each contestant competed with the states in their region. The winner in each of the four regions appeared before the Associated Women's meeting on Monday evening for the finals.

panel discussions.

Producers and handlers will get a

new slant on marketing methods

"Putting Marketing Research to

A. B. Love, of the agricultural

economics department, will pre-

side at the afternon session. "Buy-

ing and Selling Farm Produce

Under Price Support Programs".

The program will get underway

with a noon marketing luncheon in

the M.S.C. Union building, East

Parlor 21, at 12:15. This topic

represents the major change in

marketing policies now going on,

and will get a thorough examina-

"With college marketing special-

ists giving the lowdown on specific

price support programs, and man-

agers giving a picture of how they

change practices under those pro-

grams." Love said. "this feature

of Farmers' Week should come up

with many practical solutions to

Representatives of the grain and

bean, potato, egg and poultry, fruit

and vegetable, livestock, and dairy

businesses will all "have their say"

during the afternoon marketing

session. Note the program as it ap-

pears below-and plan to attend.

Anyone not wishing to attend the

luncheon is welcome to attend the

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tion in a panel discussion.

marketing problems."

afternoon program.

Tuesday evening the Michigan Juniors had the vespers service with Coralane Vesterfelt as chairman. Taking part in the vespers, which was as near as possible a camp vespers, were: Barbara and Dale Foster, George Salyers, George Bowlby, Clarence Aldrich, Betty Marsh, Connie Duryea, Paul Seegars, Loren Gettel, Janyce Seyfred, Howard Haven, Wavne Smith and several of the rural youth of other states. All members from this state co-operated to make this portion of the convention successful.

The convention was truly a reunion with Dick and Ruth Nelson ings will give livestock handlers, kegon county, Loren Gettel, Wayne of California and Jack Frost of dairy and poultry operators, and Sturm, Bruce and Paul Leipprandt Wisconsin, all three former presi- managers and directors of eleva- of Huron county, Harold Holt, Dudents of the MJFB. They came to tors, exchanges, and marketing ane Laur and John McCready of Several thousand people in 60 the convention with the rural counties can organize their think- young people from their states lems of their own business. Author- perman and Alice Feusse of Midwhere they now head the rural youth departments.

> Attending from Michigan were: Hillsdale county—Boyd Raymond, Wayne Smith, Fred Crawford, Sally Jones, Marie Foust, Colleen Duryea. Eaton—Ray Stanke, Howard Haven, Gratiot—Madelyn Olson, Richard Root, Jack Netzley, Helen Silhavy, Shiawassee—Richard Beemer, James McNamara

Van Buren-Mildred Soliday, Elwyn Branch-Dick Himebaugh, Dean rown, Elray Jones. Clinton—Paul Seeger, George Bowl-y, Lawrence Warnke. Alpena—Ray Bushey, Howard San-Otsego-Donald Leinerth, Floy Wal-

die.
Allegan—John Kreatovich.
Berrien—Albert Wesner, Dale Foster, Alian Seyfred, Ned Benjamin, Alian Marske. Richard Clark, Betty Marsh, Janyce Seyfred, Barbara Foster, George Marsh, Alice Zech.
Ionia—Clarence Aldrich, Coralane Vesterfelt, Verland McLeod.
Kalamazoo—Joe Welling, Robert Brown.

Jackson-Dwain Dancer. Jackson—Dwain Dancer.
Livingston—Raymond Elsele.
Cass—Bernice Kammeraad, Leonore
Schmidt, Dorothy Taberski, Sid Kirkvood, Levi Van Tuyle, Francis Carter,
Karl Benter, Paul Taberski, Merle
tector, Dallas Stahley.
Calhoun—Carl Laupp, George Salvers.

yers.
Sanilac—Walter Waske, Erwin Carter, Fred Massman, Lorraine Fetting.
Genesee—Don Lathring.
Ingham County—Frances Cronkhite,
Jo Ann Laxton, Joyce Wilcox, Leonard Brook, Charles Wilcox, Eugene Shugart.

The group listed does not include Juniors who first made the trip to Wisconsin, and are listed elsewhere. The group from Michigan learned much in the exchange of ideas with other states and looks forward to meeting again at the Midwest Training School to be held in June.

Special tribute should be paid the Ingham county group, who although only organized in July of 1949 and not having a very large membership were able to get six

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ganized in 1946, has been the first to reach its membership goal for the past two years. This year the goal was 391 and

Alpena was first with 392. Last years Alpena set its mark at 120 with 242.

Goals for the northern counties are in proportion to the number of farmers and possible memberships just as they are in the more popu lous counties down state. Alpena county has a total of 1300 farms as against 2500 to 3500 or more for counties in central or southern Michigan. Elger Herron of Lachine R-2 was campaign manager for Alpena this year.

James Reilly, president of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau. eaded a group of twelve members that went to Manitowoe, Wisconsin, December 9th to meet with the rural youth of that state in an evening meeting.

ly new in rural worth work. Jack Frost formerly of Michigan, is state director. The Michigan group left Mani-

towoc early Saturday for Chicago February 2 will be marketing and the national convention where day in the agricultural economics they met other juniors from Michidepartment program during Farm- gan. Those attending with Reilly ers' Week at Michigan State Col- were, Burton Hawley of Oceana lege. Morning and afternoon meet- county, Sheldon Durham of Musagencies a chance to discuss prob- Lapeer county; and Norman Op-

ities in the marketing field will land county. offer short talks and participate in This group also took with them several bushels of apples which The morning session in Room were used at the Rural Youth con-213, Agricultural Hall, 10 a. m. to vention for the Sunday evening renoon, will show changing trends freshments. Previous to this the in consumer demands for farm pro- convention has always purchased duce. Arthur Howland, M.S.C. ag- Washington apples for the Sunday ricultural economist, is chairman, evening meeting.

Complete lubrication with one from discussions of "Should We grease . . . This new Unico Multi-Know How Folks Spend Their purpose grease is now on sale dur-Money for Food?", "Using Locker ing January at your local Co-opera-Plants and Home Freezers", and tive petroleum distributor. Adv.

death of Walter E. Harrison of Fulton, Dec. 28. Mr. Harrison, 43. was taken ill the day before. He was discussion leader for Wakeshema Community Farm Bureau Mr. Harrison is survived by wife and four children

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Business Last Year Reached 20 Millions

Ann'l Meeting of Shareholders Held Dec. 20; Farm Supplies Co-operative Has Grown Rapidly in Past Ten Years

Business volume of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., in farm supplies increased to \$20,000,000 wholesale and fence, roofing, paints, barn equipretail for the year ending Aug. 31, 1949, said J. F. Yaeger, manager, at the annual meeting of shareholders tractors, farm machinery and milkat Lansing, Dec. 20.

Farm Bureau Services has had its major growth since tributes farm supplies through 350 1939. In the ten year period, Mr. Yaeger said, the assets of the organization have increased from \$1,000,000 to vices retail branches and 21 co-\$6,000,000. For Mr. Yaeger's report, see page 4 of FBS under management contracts. this edition.

The Services reported net savings for patrons for the stockholder is the Michigan Farm year 1948-49 of \$248,457.21, of which \$210,859.02 Bureau. Other owners of common has been appropriated by the board of directors as patronage refunds. The patronage refund will be paid to shareholders in Services Class AAA preferred stock some

The meeting was attended by about 400 shareholders. Included were the Michigan Farm Bureau, holder of the majority common stock for 37,000 Farm Bureau members; many of 150 farmers' co-operative elevators which preferred stock and common (votown common stock in Services; and quite a representation from 7,500 farmer patrons, each of whom owns a share of common voting stock through operation of the patrons relations program. Many of 50,000 farmer patrons of Services are well along in the process of and packing plant at Lansing; one acquiring ownership of Services common and preferred insecticide and fungicide dust mix-

... Nor Does It Intend To!

The board of nine directors was | Dowagiac; Alfred Roberts, Pigeon; Brody of Lansing; ass't executive Odessa; Ward Hodge, Snover. Directors are: Roy D. Ward, the first farm supplies service or Bureau Services is joint owner with

program.

Alcona-Edwin Dates, Harris-

Allegan—John Elzinga, Hamil-ton; Jas. W. Curtis, Fenaville R-1; Lynn Ford Heasley, Dorr; T. M. Kelsey, Martin. Alpena—Clifton Jacobs, Alpena.

Antrim-Walter L. Chellis, Ells-worth R-1.

Barry-Howard Bayley, Bella-vue: Clarence Longstreet, Middleville.

Bay-William Bateson, Bay City R-3.

Benzie-Marion V. Nye, Ben-

Berrien—J. Burton Richards, Berrien Center; Lloyd Cuth-bert, Eau Claire R-1; Oliver Rector, Benton Harbor.

Branch-C. Hugh Lozer, Cold-water; Mrs. Belle S. Newell, 30 N. Hanchett St., Coldwater.

Cathoun-Eric Furu, Marshall; Gust Piepkow, Springport R-2.

Cass—Louis M. Walter, Ed-wardsburg; Harry Shannon, Marcellus.

Clinton—Gareth M. Harte, Bath; Charley Openlander, Grand Ledge R-3.

Eaton-Roger Foerch, 142 S. Pearl St., Charlotte; Wilfred Rohlfs, Charlotte.

Emmet-Sidney Howard, Alan-son; J. W. Morrow, Levering R-1; Folkert Sikkens, Carp Lake

Genessee George Gilles pie, Gaines; Ralph Williams, Grand Blanc.

Grand Blanc.

Grand Traverse—Wm. Hoolihan, Traverse City R-2; Bernard Kunky, Box 21, Center
Rd., Traverse City.

Gratiot—Byron J. Beebe, St.
Louis R-1; George Saxton, Almu; Harold E. Stone, Wheel-

re-elected. It selected officers as Paul Kaechele, Highland; Thomas follows: President, Roy D. Ward Berghouse, Falmouth; Carl Busof Dewagiac; vice-president, Jesse kirk, Paw Paw; Jesse Treiber, E. Treiber of Unionville; executive Unionville; Marten Garn, Charsecretary and treasurer, Clark L. lotte; Albert Shellenbarger, Lake secretary, J. F. Yaeger, Lansing. Farm Bureau Services, Inc., is Out of State Facilities. Farm

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Ingham-Leon Fellows, Mason R-4; Dell Mead, Dansville. Ionia—Clifton J. Cook, Lake Odessa; Lynn Townsend, Ion-ia R-2.

Isabella—Donald Woodruff, Remus R-1; Charles Gordon, Coleman R-1.

Jackson-Fred W. Ford, Mun-ith; Ivan Allison, Parma R-2, Herbert L. Town, Jackson R-1.

Kalamazoo Carl R. Bacon, Kalamazoo R-5; Emor Hice, Plainwell.

Kent-R. A. Whittenbach, Low-ell; Harold Buttrick, Ada R-1.

Lapeer—Marvel A. Whittaker, Metamora; Louis N. Payne, North Branch; Lyle Russell, North Branch.

Livingston-Roscoe Eager, Howell R-5; Donald Leary, 1562 Gregory Road, Fowler-ville; Gale Holsington, Fow-lerville R-2.

Macomb-John Rinke, Warren; George Pohly, Lennox.

Manistee—Theo E. Schimks, Onekama.

Missaukee-Gerrit Koster, Fal-

Mason-Robt. J. Whittbecker, Scottville.

Mecosta-Joe Resier, Stanwood

reau to serve its farmer member ship and prospective members. It started as the Farm Bureau seed dep't in 1920. Feeds and fertilizer purchasing services were added the ame year. The dep't was incorporated in 1921 and named Farm Bureau Services, Inc., in 1927.

Today Farm Bureau Services is our farm supply co-operative which purchases or manufactures for Michigan farmers Farm Bureau seeds, feeds, fertilizers, Unico Co-op farm equipment, including

Distribution. FB Services dis operatives which are managed by

7,500 patrons in the areas of some 65 dealers and branches in the pa trons relations program. In this program the dealer reports annually to FB Services the purchases of Farm Bureau supplies by indivi dual patrons for patronage dividend purposes. The patrons relations program is increasing steadily the number of farmer patrons who are holders of FB Services

FB Services owns in Michigan: one fertilizer manufacturing and mixing plant at Saginaw, annual capacity 45,000 tons; one field seeds and garden seeds processing ing plant at Grand Rapids. Also branch stores at Bancroft, Bay City, Emmett, Grand Rapids, Hart, Hastings, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Pinconning, Saginaw, Traverse City Woodland and Yale. Regional wholesale warehouses at Emmett Grand Rapids, Lansing, Kalama zoo, Saginaw and Traverse City.







other large co-operatives of these exceeded \$20,000,000. Net savings equipment manufacturing plant at Alliance, Ohio; United Co-operatives, Inc. petroleum products plant at Indianapolis, Ind; National Coop Farm Machinery Company with farm equipment and machinery manufacturing plants at Bellevue, Universal Milking Machine Company and Co-op Water heater

plant, both at Albert Lea, Minn. Business Volume. For the year ending Aug. 31, 1948, the wholesale, retail and petroleum business cutive secretary and manager.

properties: Farm Bureau Milling to patrons \$248,457,21, of which city 75,000 tons of Farm Bureau as patronage dividends to patrons feeds annually; United Co-opera- in AAA stock. The amount of capitives, Inc., paint plant and barn tal that farmers and co-operatives

Government. Farm Bureau Serva board of nine directors who regan Farm Bureau membership. Ohio and Shelbyville, Ind., and the 150 shareholder co-operative ass'ns. and 7500 farmer patrons who own common stock. This number is growing every year. Clark L. Brody is executive secretary of the Services. J. F. Yaeger is ass't exc-

If I Were A New Farm Bureau Member

member I certainly would want to get the most out of being part want to know more about the set- help operate for the betterment of up and activities of the organization. I would want to know how

into Farm Bureau in a real way! if it is to produce for me. I would expect and hope that those around me who have been members

munity Farm Bureau meetings and all important County Farm Bureau meetings. I would feel that the Farm Bureau is a tool that I could myself and family and others. I am sure that Farm Bureau

would be of more good to me if I did help operate and use it. Like To make the most of it I would my automobile, I have to put fuel expect to get right into the activi- in the tank and operate and guide ties and to have a part in its it to where I wish to go if it is to planning and policy making pro- serve me. Or like my farm, I have Yes, I would put myself to give it my time and operate it

If I were a new Farm Bureau member I would want to have a for some time would be interested voice in its destiny! If I were a Exchanges' advantage to incorpor- board of directors. He has been in me as a new member. I would new Farm Bureau member my 1950 ate it as a separate company, a director for 29 years and is curwant to have the workers that resolution would be to be an active brought me into Farm Bureau to Farm Bureau member and with continue to have an interest in me other members make Farm Bureau and help me to be a good member, better than ever before.

Farm Bureau Declares War On Brannan Farm Plan

constructive work under something which is known to be imperfect. Let's work for effective administration. It will be a sorry day for agriculture and America when a long-term, economically sound agricultural program must come second to strictly partisan politics."

Political approaches to farm problems, such as "full parity for farmers, cheap food for consumers, and it won't cost anybody much," set the stage for "stifled initiative, expanded regimentation, and a pyramided government piled on the backs of us who do the work," Kline emphasized. "This approach is the beginning of the end of personal liberty for farmers.

Mr. Kline illustrated his point from his lowa farming

"Suppose," he said, "we were to guarantee hog prices high enough to get 20 to 25% more hogs. We'd get 25 to 35% less for hogs in the market, and all our net income as hog raisers would be tied up in that government check. If I were seeking a method of control, I'd use that one. When that time came, the farmer would do as he was told or he would fold up for lack of a subsidy check.

"Let's see what this price thing does to the farmer who needs land, and machinery, and opportunity. Say one who gets as little as \$750 gross in an average year. They may get higher prices than before, but, of course, they have less production. Controls. This leaves them about the same income, or at the very best, only a very little

"It is unnecessary to stabilize and perpetuate poverty thus, and it is cruelly dishonest to hold out price guarantees to those farmers as an answer to their problem."

Berrien Farm Bureau

Get the Habit!

Farm Bureau Community Club members: Take your Michigan Company has paid a dividend on Farm News containing the article on the monthly discussion subject ending Oct. 31, 1949. A total of to your community group meeting. It's a good habit.

> Man's inhumanity to man can be fearsome.-William McNamara

Elevator Exchange to Build Elevator

buyers had a home for it." "Storage on farms," said Mr Bliss, "has produced sick wheat and weevily wheat because of harvest conditions. Some wheat from farm storage and country elevators has been taking discounts of one to several cents a bushel, and as high as 50 cents a bushel. This year Michigan farmers have paid for three terminal elevators in discounts taken for poor market quality wheat. Much of this could have been avoided local elevators could have used

terminal elevator facilities. "When a farmer buys a comb ine." said Mr. Bliss, "his gains are offset somewhat by the marketing problem. He needs to invest more in marketing machinery at the same time. We need country elevators equipped to get grain in and out fast. We need well equipped, farmer owned terminal elevaters in the right place to handle harvest runs, condition grain if necessary, control quality of market grain, and be able to supply large volume purchasors of grains.

The Michigan Elevator Exchange was started 29 years ago by a group of 24 farmers elevators to strengthen their marketing posi-Company at Hammond, Ind., capa- \$210,859.02 has been appropriated change has returned over one million dollars to member elevators from marketing gains. The organization markets about one-third of the grain and beans sold by Michigan farmers and has a net worth of \$600,000. It owns at Port Huror vices management is responsible to one of the largest and perhaps the most modern terminal elevator in present the shareholders,-Michi- the nation for processing and mar

About 300 representatives of the 96 member elevators attended the special meeting of stockholders.

In the discussion of the new stock issue, R. F. Koeingshof, manthat probably \$25,000 would be taken in his area. George Brooks of St. Johns Co-operative Company thought his area would take \$25,000. J. F. Yaeger, speaking for Farm Bureau Services elevators served by the Exchange, endorsed the terminal elevator proposal, and thought that Farm Bureau Services would assume its share of the stock issue. Other elevator representatives said their organizations could be counted upon for their proportionate share.

The Elevator Exchange was started by he Michigan Farm Bureau in 1920 to provide farmers' co-operative elevators with a more effective grain marketing service by selling together rather than in competition with each other. The price. During our January Oil Sale Exchange operated as a department you can save many dollars. Buy of the Farm Bureau until 1923. By at local Co-op oil dealers. Adv. that time it was well established, and it was considered to be to the sented the Farm Bureau on the Waldo Phillips originally repre- rently serving as president.

FBS HOLDS FARM **EQUIPMENT**

Realizing the importance of providing the very best service program for its farm equipment patrons, Farm Bureau Services, Inc. farm equipment department spon sors periodically service schools to train the service men of its farm eqiupment dealers. Approximately 85 repair and service men repre senting 55 Farm Bureau farm equipment dealers attended such a school held at Lansing, January 3-6.

At the 4-day school much of the training was done in small groups Six classes were formed with each class spending a half day on a certain farm implement service prob lems. Each serviceman participated in the practical demonstrations and test assemblies. At the end of each half day classes rotated from one implement to another.

To assist in the training program Farm Bureau Services had factory specialists to handle all of the tech nical questions and problems. Those present were: Carl Thomas, Nation-Farm Machinery Co-operative ervice manager; Stan Chute and Harold Ralph, Cockshutt Plow Co. ervice specialists; Ralph Timm, Timkin Axle Company; Ray Burton, Buda Motors service representative; and Howard Jordan, ass't managr of Indiana Farm Bureau's implement department

Directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau Services are to make a ager of Buchanan Co-ops, Inc., said tour of inspection of co-operative manufacturing plants of which Farm Bureau Services, Inc., is part the boards will visit these plants: National Co-operative Farm Ma chinery Co. at Bellevue, Ohio, and Shelbyville, Ind.: United Co-operatives. Inc., paint and barn equipment manufacturing plants at Alliance, Ohio; Safe Seeds, Inc. seed cleaning and packing plant at Fort Wayne, Ind.; Farm Bureau Milling Company at Hammond, While at Shelbyville, they hope to have time to visit the Indiana Farm Bureau headquarters at Indianapolis.

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Kent Honors Ford at Sparta

Representative Gerald R. Ford of the 5th Congressional Disber-thanks to the Kent County Farm Bureau members. The membership was awarded him in recognition of the "representation Ford has given not only to farmers but to all of Kent county".

The award was made at a meeting of the Northwest Sparta community group by Charles A. Roberts of Kent City, roll call chairman

for the county. Representative Ford, speaking to the group, criticized the Brannan plan, and said he favored a price support for farmers which would protect them against disastrous

Ford predicted that the Brannar. olan did not have a ghost of a chance of passing in this present ession of Congress. He expressed considerable concern over the mounting federal deficit.

Christmas Party For Polio Patients The Oakland County Farm Bu

reau women's association sponsored a Christmas party for the child patients of the Sister Keeny polio foundation hospital in Pontiac.

The association has been very active in assisting financially the polio foundation in the past year through a series of bazaars and various types of baked goods and merchandise sales. They were able to purchase a wheelchair and donated a check for \$350 in addition to providing reading material and toys for the children in the hospital. Most of this work has been carried on under the leadership of Mrs. Vivian Braid.

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We also extend a friendly greeting to new members. We, your feed department employees, see to it that you can buy Milkmaker 34%. Porkmaker 35% and 40%, Mermashes (made from M.V.P. concentrate), Broilermaker 45%, Steer Feed 36%, Bureaulas 30% (heavy molasses feed), Bureauflex 32% (for those who want a 32% dairy feed instead of a 34%) and Poultry Supplement 34% (the good commercial supplement for the average poultrymen).

We're Here to Serve You Good Feeds

We are here to serve all Farm Bureau members. Our sole interest in feeds is to be sure that Farm Bureau feeds are made to meet the most stringent requirements necessary to produce the most profit for every dollar spent. We don't try to sell cheap feeds to hare the unwary by a low price. We make feeds to represent the greatest value for your dollar. Thousands of farmers tell us that our Farm Bureau feeds do make the greatest profits for them.



You Can Build a Stronger Farm Bureau



Feed Department

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St. Joseph-Lyman E. Seller, Leonidas. Tuscola Kenneth Baur, Caro, R-1; Norman A. McConnell, Akron R-1. Van Buren-Art Drije, Paw Paw; Earl Davis, Paw Paw. Washtenaw-Erwin F. Pidd, Dexter R-1. Wayne-Allen Tagg, Plymouth,

Oil Company Dividend

its preferred stock for the year \$2,248 was distributed to 672 stock-

Buy Farm Bureau Feeds.

Who Sets Farm Prices?

Background Material for Discussion this Month by the reduction of prices on farm Our Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups goods. He does not readily accept

> By DONALD D. KINSEY Director of Research and Information

Government Spending and Farm Prices. The present rate of wanton spending by government leaves Mr. John Q. Public on the hot seat. The farmer half of that seat of pants can readily get hotter than the half occupied by monopolistic corporations which the city-bred section of John. Congressman Albert Gore stated at the American Farm Bureau Federation Con- gins. They are both expert and vention in December that the per capita income of the farm people is only a little over 50% of that of the nonfarm people. The farmer's share of the consumer's polies. It is usually these large dollar has recently fallen off slightly-not much, but still monopolies which accuse the smalla fall rather than a rise.

The Michigan Farm Bureau at its annual meeting in Equality Association made. Farm-November passed a resolution endorsing the Hoover Commission Report and recommending that these find- the big corporations. ings be applied in establishing a more efficient and more economical government program. The tremendous rate of government spending will make the receding levels of farm prices a more acute problem in the future unless Battle Creek. This has been going the wasteful spending program is stopped.

The present administration has spent in excess of 191 on Detroit or Chicago market billion dollars on peacetime programs alone. All other administrations from Washington on combined, including eight years of the Roosevelt administration spent only held every Wednesday. a bit more than 172 billion dollars. The general tax "take" is up 4 times the prewar total. But the Federal tax "take" has increased 7 times. Taxes take one out of every four national income dollars, and now they say it is to get one out of every three dollars! The reason ing than bulk potatoes. And the that the seat is hotter on the farmer's side is that he is getting fewer of those dollars to begin with.

It seems clear that the farmer's position would be helped The middleman must recover by a sensible program of government spending. If money is to be spent, let it be spent on constructive endeavor are underwriting their own adverand not be thrown as a reward to aimless bureaucracy.

If the government assessed the taxes right now to pay for its program, every one of us, farmer and city brother oped an advertising program of alike, would lack money to buy food and clothing to keep us and our families alive. Instead it prefers to go into debt and leave the tax load for our children to pay in the trois or by subsidies based on a future. The only other way out would be a terrific inflation of prices at all levels, with the dollar dropping down dealing in grain futures, establishto a new low and the national debt met at a few cents on the dollar. Is either of these alternatives an honest by many things. It deals only economy?

If we expect to restore an econo-

doesn't call the strikes. He cannot

Many farmers try to increase

Can Farmer Set Prices? When the government buy farm produce the farmer considers what he is and destroy it just to keep the margetting for his produce and com- ket price up. The hint to the farpares it with what the consumer mer is strong. If he wants a free is paying for the goods made from economy he must cut back on his alone. The process is complex. sing, he often feels that there "is plus-do this on his own initiative. since all of the controlling factors a joker in the deck someplace." He must replan his production to are never within the hands of any Misunderstandings and recrimina- bring about a better balanced farm tions between farmer, middleman, market and hence a better over-all and consumer are frequent and price for his goods. common events of our everyday

Of one thing the farmer is sure. than a subsidy and control pro-He has no opportunity to set the gram to maintain our income, is it risky chance of holding them off the laws of supply and demand and the market. He does much better avoid subsidy chasing? To this exby doing his own marketing tent the farmer is free to influence through co-operative programs. the price on his goods. When forced to sell at current mar- | Social and Business Conditions ket prices, with all the charges as and Farm Prices. But other factors sessed against him, he is often have also prevented our farm marleft "in the red" for his year's toil ket from enjoying a free price. The and expense of operations.

The farmer's share of the con- eats up the buyer's dollar and sumer's dollar, quoted at 49c for leaves him less for food-and he November 1949, and due to fall in has begun to spend less of it. Unthe coming months to 47c or be- employment when overproduction low, according to agricultural eco- hits industry cuts down the spendnomists, varies markedly for dif- ing power of the workers. Strikes ferent commodities. This autumn do the same. Imports of agriculfarmers' shares ranged from 26c on tural goods from other countries the apple dollar to 64c for the beef compete for the domestic market. dollar. Why is it not possible to All these serve to reduce the deget some form of uniformity into mand and lower the farm market our farm price program, so that price. The farmer cannot control some farmers are not left holding the operations of industry and he

Supply and Demand-and Sub- dictate the level of public income. sidies. Apart from the monopolis- Tariffs on agricultural products tic scalawagging perpetrated by have been poorly enforced or lacksome of our large marketing com- ing in many instances. bines to create high prices in the face of plenty (and we must in- production to overcome these hanclude the government here again), dicaps and increase gross income, the only way to answer our ques- trying to keep unit costs down and tion is to refer to the operation of make up on volume production. the law of supply and demand. This aggravates the price problem

scarcity and usefulness of com- law of supply and demand. modities. People will pay for an Farm Prices and the Middleman. article in proportion to their need There are numerous forms of Brookside, Reeman, Beaver-Denver, for it. When it is in plenty, their middlemen: processors, transport- Dayton, Garfield; Oceana: Shelby, need is easily met and they will ers, wholesalers, and retailers, all Otto, Benona, Weare, Ransacker, pay little. When it is scarce, their of whom take their share of the Crystal Lake, Claybanks, Newfield, need is met with difficulty, or margins in the final consumer Oceana County Junior Farm Bugoes unsatisfied, and they will pay price. The farmer has to take reau; Ottawa: North Holland,

Now if we consider that our a rule. The consumer has to pay Junior Farm Bureau. farming operations have been yield- the demanded price or go without. ing bumper crops, and that vast Does the middleman affect farm Otto, first in Oceana; Ransacker. surpluses are being built up in prices? Insofar as his operations second in Oceana; Crystal Lake, many commodities, we can under. affect demand he does influence third in Oceana; Brookside, second stand why prices may be falling them. on farm goods in this country. Many farmers have been produc- processing and transportation. The third in Ottawa; Custer fifth in ing merely to get the parity price largest share of this cost is labor. Mason. supports. Foreign trade has col- Labor indices have gone up out of Business organizations provided lapsed due to lack of dollars on the proportion to farm income indices. the money for cash awards. Winforeign market. Wars have crip- The farm price index increased ning organizations receive also a pled industries overseas until they 137 points from 1939 to August framed Certificate of Award. The have nothing to trade for dollars. 1949. But the factory labor index | Sweepstakes winner receives a Home consumption is not absorb- increased 268 points in the same Michigan state flag which is kept ing our domestic output.

It is wasteful economy, an an- High labor costs on processing, Pere Marquette Grange, Mason ti-conservation program, to have transportation, wholesaling and re-county, won the 1949 Sweepstakes,

talling will raise consumer food prices and lower demand. Then reduced consumption will mean a lowered price offered the farmer.

The middleman's cut of the margin of profit will be examined critically. He does not always reduce his margin in proportion to the loss on a falling market. He passes them on to the farmer and consumer, just as he passes along the increased freight rates.

While the middleman is a needed stances his bearing gets more than its share of the grease. Especially is this apt to be true of the large, are able to operate on a smaller unit cost and thus have larger marpowerful enough to know how to apbreak the control of these monoer farmers' co-operatives of unfair tices! Of these is the National Tax er competition in the field is un welcome. It spoils the gravy for

An example of good co-operative practice is seen in the favorable prices farmers have received at their own Southwest Michigan Livestock co-operative auction in for about two months. The farmer has a guaranteed price floor based prices, good quality livestock has been bringing prices substantially above current market quotations in many instances. An auction

Let's give middlemen some credit. Many farm products do demand kets where demand lies. The more costly these items, the smaller the farmer's share of the final price. Corn Kix may take more processpackaging and advertising done by the middleman serves to increase demand. It may make the products more attractive and useful. give him all the credit. Farmers tising programs in some fields, as in the case of dairy products, for example. Through the American Dairy Assocation they have develtheir own on butter and other dairy

Summary. The government can set farm prices by monoply conformula involving a ratio of past incomes. The Board of Trade es a price only on an anticipation of supply and demand as affected with an anticipated price and does not actually set the price on farm All the factors we have mention-

ed play some part in establishing farm prices. It is no one of them more or less subject to proces- production of commodities in sur- Hence its control is not simple,

my of supply and demand rather the has no opportunity to set the gram to maintain our income, is it price on his own goods, except the not evident that we must follow risky chance of holding them off the laws of supply and demand and To Prosper

Bureaus in Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, and Ottawa counties participated in the 1949 West high price of manufactured goods Michigan Farm-to-Prosper contest. Of these, seven placed among the winners.

Clark L. Brody, executive secretary of the Michigan Farm Bureau, was among the state leaders of agriculture who spoke at the Round-up at Muskegon, Dec. 29. Mr. Brody praised the contest for its work in improving rural community life.

Other speakers were Charles Figy, state director of agriculture, and W. G. Armstrong, master of

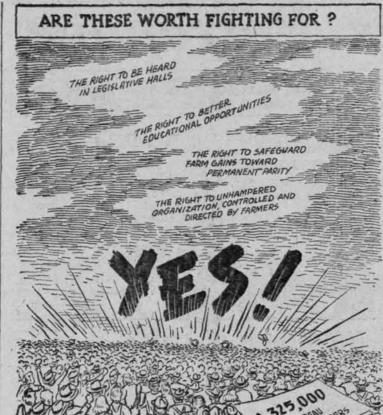
Governor Williams presented the awards to winning organizations. About 1,000 persons attended the Round-up.

Sixty-five rural community organizations participated in the 1949 contest, a record number

Farm Bureaus participating were Mason: Custer, Summit, Pere Mar-Supply and demand is based on again. It flies into the teeth of the quette; Muskegon: Muskegon County Junior Farm Bureau, Monague. Ravenna, Cedar Creek; Newaygo; what he can get for his produce as North Chester, Bell, North Ottawa

> Placing among the winners were: in Newaygo: North Holland, sec-Much of this middleman cost is ond in Otttawa; North Chester,

period, or almost twice as much! until won by another organization.



taking the flag from Ashland America on Jan. 9 at Chicago. His

county, by committees of judges Economy. on the basis of reports of the year's activities submitted to the county agricultural agent's office. The Sweepstakes winner is named at the Co-operative Extension Service office. Michigan State College, on the basis of the reports of each top winner in the counties.

Brody to Address Council of Churches

Council of Churches of Christ in day of the membership campaign. forbidding a competitor to color

Grange, Newaygo county, winner in subject will be "Program and Policy of Farm Co-operatives in Rela-Five winners are named in each tion to the National and World

District 10 Counties Win the Cow Bells

Three chrome plated cow bells, offered as county prizes by the were awarded to Montmorency, Al. ers in Michigan. pena and Alcona counties of Dis- The Michigan group told Sena-C. L. Brody, executive sec'y of the order mentioned, obtained the of oleo is on both sides of the color the Michigan Farm Bureau, will highest percentage of the roll call question as it suits his interest. He address a meeting of the Federal quotas on December 5, the opening has been successful in court in

Colored Oleo Bill Attacked In Senate

Michigan dairy and creamery cooperatives and the Farm Bureau were represented Jan. 4 at Washington at a national conference on oleo legislation now before Con-

Co-operative and other dairy and outter interests met to support the Holstein Ass'n. Gillette-Wiley amendment in the Senate to bar in interstate comnerce sale of oleo colored to re-The amendment would permit states to determine whether or not manufacturers of oleo within a state should be permitted to color it like butter.

Now before the Senate is HR-2304 adopted by the House. It would permit interstate commerce in oleo colored yellow by manufacturers. Both HR-2304 and the Gillette-Wiley amendment would wipe out present federal taxes on oleo-

Co-operative and other dairy croups met separately to plan aid or the amendment. In the evening both groups had a dinner meeting with 20 Senators who have endorsed the Gillette-Wiley amend

statements made by the co-op group. They informed the Senators that in Michigan one-third of farm income is from dairy products. There is one manufacturer of oleo in Michigan Farm Bureau for out- Michigan, and a total of 60 in the standing achievement in the first U.S. On the other hand, there day of the 1949 roll call campaign, are more than 100,000 dairy farm-

trict 10. These three counties, in tors that the largest manufacturer

special type soap like his. Now he | sorship of a farm produce sale wants Congress to permit him to color oleo to resemble butter.

Present from Michigan were: Ivan Maystead, Osseo: Howard Sim- spring and one in the fall, and netmons, Detroit, Martin Lynch, Silverwood, president, general mana- over to the Alpena Hospital. ger, and director of Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n, respectively; Fred became a reality, the women decid-Walker, Carson City; Ralph Dens- ed to take on the project of raising more of Alma, for Michigan Dis- \$1,000 to furnish a hospital room. trict of Mid-West Producers Cream- The achievement of the goal was eries; Garfield Wagner, ass't mgr., largely responsible through the ef-McDonald Co-operative Dairy Co., Flint; A. W. Cobb, Alma Creamery Ass'n; Mr. Shaffer, Dearborn, and Mr. Ullman, Detroit, president Earl Grambau; Mrs. Paul Breining; and vice-president of Michigan

The delegation was pleased with discussions of the amendment had with Senators Homer Ferguson and Arthur Vandenberg.

Senators who joined with Gillette (Iowa) and Wiley (Wis.) in spo soring the amendment are: Hicken looper, Iowa; Johnson, Colo.; Mc Carty, Wis., Capehart and Jenner, Ind.; Humphrey and Thye, Minn. Donnell, Mo.; Magnuson, Wash. Aiken and Flanders, Vermont; Ecton, Mont.; Butler, Neb.; Langer and Young, No. Dak.; Mundt pleted the distribution of patronage and Guerney, So. Dak.; Cordon and refunds on farm supplies purchased Morse, Oregon.

Gillette-Wiley amendment can help tions program for the year ending by writing their support to their

C. L. Brody of the Michigan Farm Bureau took part in the

Presque Isle County Farm Bureau recently turned over a check for the first \$10 of credit is paid in \$1,000 to the Rogers City hospital one share of Services AAA stock. board for the complete furnishing The next dollar of share credit of a hospital room.

summer and fall through the spon- \$1. All further share credits are sorship of parties, box socials, applied to \$10 shares of AAA stock. dances, baked goods sales, etc.

beginning in 1947 through the spon- accumulate to share value.

which netted over \$165 profit. During 1948, the organization sponsored two sales, one in the ted over \$125 which was turned

When the Rogers City Hospital forts of Mrs. Marlin Wenzel; Mrs. Theodore Altman, campaign chairman; Mrs. Wilbert Wirgan; Mrs. Mrs. Carl Torno and Mrs. Clinton

The Patrons Records Dep't of Farm Bureau Services has com through Services branch stores and Farmers and others favoring the from dealers on the patrons rela-

The refund was paid in Farm Bueau Services common stock, AAA preferred stock, and in share

The last week in December statenents of purchases for this year nd patronage refund were sent to

In paying the patronage refund, earned is paid in one share of The money was raised this past Services common voting stock at Less than \$10 share credit is posted This worthwhile project had its to the credit of the patron

The miracle of meat

ALL of us in the livestock-meat industry know that meat is appetizing, wholesome, satisfying. "It sticks to the ribs." People like it. But perhaps we don't all realize just what a miracle food meat really is. We know it's good-but do we know how good it is for people . . . how important to the health of individuals, to the health of

If you feed livestock or poultry you know the importance of protein in their ration. It's just as important in the human diet. Proteins are known as the building blocks of the body. They build and renew the living cells in muscles, tissue and blood.

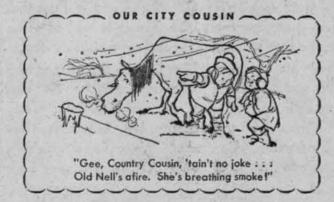
Meat supplies the essential protein in a form that our bodies can use most readily. The most valuable protein foods-meat and poultry, milk, eggs and fish-all contain what are known as amino acids. There are 23 different amino acids. Ten of them are absolutely essential to human health. All ten are found in meat. Important vitamins, too, like riboflavin, niacin, thiamin . . . and "APF" (animal protein factor), the newly discovered, very important vitamin B12 that's found only in animal products.

Most of these new discoveries about the nutritional value of meat have been made in the past fifteen years. Credit goes to research scientists in the universities, in government service and in the privately financed laboratories of industry, such as Swift's Research Laboratories. The more people we can tell the above facts,

the better for all of us. First, the people who often eat meat and other protein foods regularly will be healthier. Next, with ample meat in their diet, they'll get more benefit from the cereals, fruits and vegetables and other foods they eat. And, of course, the more meat that's eaten, the better the demand for meat and the better the market for livestock.

Swift & Company has often said, "Nutrition is our business." It's yours, too! So when you talk with your friends and neighbors, tell them these facts about "meat, the miracle food." We will continue to tell them, too, by our advertising; and by passing along to them the findings of our Research Laboratories and Martha Logan Test

Every livestock producer and meat packer has a vital public interest and a private personal interest in promoting better nutrition in America. Let's work together in promoting it!



Martha Logan's Recipe for PORK AND NOODLES

1 pound ground pork Seasoning

(Yield: 5 servings)

4-oz. package noodles 2 quarts boiling water 1/2 cup diced green pepper 1 cup diced cooked_rutabaga

2 tablespoons shortening

Combine pork, egg, and seasoning. Form into 1-inch balls. Roll in flour. Brown in hot fat. Boil noodles in salted water 10 minutes. Drain. Combine noodles, green pepper, and rutabaga. Place in greased 2-quart casserole. Place pork balls on top. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) about 40 minutes or until

Where the Meat Goes...

It's a large country, this United States . . . with close to 150,-000,000 people in it. They live on 5,859,169 farms and ranches and in about 125,000 cities and towns. Most of these millions of people want meat. Last year they ate an average of 146 pounds of it apiece. That adds up to over twenty



billion pounds-to be distributed all over the 2,977,128 square mile lengthand-breadth of our country.

> That's a man-size job. To handle it takes the services of over 4,000 meat packers (including Swift & Company) and 14,000

other commercial slaughterers of livestock in the United States. The average 1000-mile gap between where the livestock is produced and where the meat is eaten must be bridged. One end of our "bridge" reaches west of the Mississippi, where two-thirds of the meat animals are produced. The other end reaches the markets to the east, where two-thirds of the meat is consumed.

But that's only one of the jobs

we do. Another important one is to match up the nationwide supply against the nationwide demand. From day to day the numbers and grades of animals marketed vary greatly (which accounts largely for the day-to-day ups and downs in livestock prices). Also from area to area the people's meat preferences vary greatly. In New York and Boston they want heavy beef cuts. Pork eaters in Los Angeles and Baltimore prefer the lighter, leaner cuts. And so it goes, all over the map. It's an important part of our job to see that the various grades of meat and kinds of cuts go where there is the highest preference and most demand for them. Thus Swift & Company renders a

twofold service-both by bringing to consumers

the kind of meat they want, and by bringing to

producers the benefit of a nationwide demand.

F.M. Simpson. Agricultural Research Dept.

Quote of the Month

In life's battle of brains, it is tough to be unarmed.

Soda Bill Sez ...

About the only opinion a man won't change

is the good opinion he has of himself.

"Every time a customer makes a purchase he casts a vote for or against a business. That vote determines which business shall be small, which shall grow and which shall fail. There is only one way a business can survive in America—that is by winning the votes that are cast daily by the American buyer.'

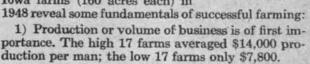
> Paul F. Clark, President, John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company

Farming as a Business

Iowa State College, Ames, Ia. Good farm planning anticipates

changes. It includes not only decision on how to use available resources-your land, labor, and capital to produce an incomebut also how to use the income after it is produced.

Studies of records kept on 51 Iowa farms (160 acres each) in



2) The top farms used a combination of all resources-not just some of them-to get the greatest return. They fed enough grain to make efficient use of roughages; kept enough land in sod to maintain fertility; raised enough livestock and crops to keep man power fully employed; had enough machinery

to do the work efficiently. 3) Good practices paid dividends. The best 17 farms produced \$177 worth of livestock for each \$100 worth of feed fed, while the comparable return was only \$117 on the low 17 farms. Top farms averaged 87 bu. of corn per acre; low farms only 67 bu. Good practices can easily increase crop yields and feed returns by 20 per cent.

4) Farm records, such as used in this study, help measure results; show up weak spots and make a sound basis for planning ahead. Your state extension service can help you set up the proper kind of records for your farm or ranch.

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