1st Annual Meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau

EDITORIAL

This is the Week of Decision
Six thousand and men and women in 62 County Farm Bureaus are out the week of December 4 to invite their neighbors to membership in the Farm Bureau.

They expect to enroll 46,150 or more families for 1951. Last year they enrolled 28,000 the first day in the campaign, despite a snow storm that blocked traffic by nightfall. We should set a new record this year!

We are living in a world dominated increasingly by big business, big labor and big government. Each of these groups has a plan for agriculture. The only way the farmer can make his strength felt is through his own strong farm organization. Statesmen in Congress who are backing the American farmer urge him to organize his strength.

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Farmer Must Fight to Keep His Freedom

"The problem of keeping inflation at bay, government control and rationing from getting the farmers back in business is not an easy one," said Clark L. Brody, re-elected executive secretary-treasurer of Farm Bureau.

"Today farmers are losing control of their own destinies. Federal and state agencies are dictating prices, production and profit decisions. The best interest of the American farmer is going to have to be served in the only way the farmer can make his strength felt is through his own strong farm organization. Statesmen in Congress who are backing the American farmer urge him to organize his strength.

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Summary of Resolutions Adopted by Farm Bureau

Following is a summary of the Michigan Farm Bureau program for 1951 as set forth in resolutions adopted by the board of delegates at the 31st annual meeting Nov. 6-7, 1950.

National Affairs
National Farm Program. Agricultural research programs under the leadership of an expert group and cooperation with other organizations will promote national excellence in agriculture. We favor the right to enjoy a fair profit in the marketing of farm products and that farm organizations be developed to work in the interest of the farm family. Local, state, national and international cooperation in solving the farm problem will be emphasized.

The supply price with respect to individual farm families as the 1951 member is more important than the supply price with respect to individual farm families as the 1951 member.

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Inflation the Worst Danger Facing Us

"America faces a future fraught with more threats from inflation than from any other source," it was declared at the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Dallas.

The inflationary threat, it was emphasized, is far more serious to our country than the threat of war.

"Inflation is the greatest threat we face,"漏水 declared in the opening address.

"It is a cosmic threat that can lead to a collapse of our economy and our way of life. It is a threat that can end our democracy because we cannot fight a war on two fronts."

The speaker warned that inflation is a ticking time bomb that could explode at any time and destroy our way of life.

"Inflation is like a cancer that eats away at the very foundation of our economy. It is a threat that cannot be ignored,"漏水 continued.

The meeting also heard several other speakers who emphasized the need for action to combat inflation.

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30 Barry Groups Plan Open House in November

At the annual meeting of 17 County Farm Bureaus were honored for making their membership goals in the Roll Call for 1950. Officers and Roll Call managers who accepted the honors were, front row, left to right: Edwin Davis, Harrisville; Earl Tucker, Rose City; Mrs. Elizabeth Nowlin, Midland; Jesse Smith, Evergreen; O. J. Hornam, Bay City; Bruce Ruggles, Kingston; Robert Kriger, Waterford; Milton Conine, Howell; Arthur Hageman, Union City; Homer Stofer, Chelsea.

Farm Bureau's National Meet at Dallas

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The two-day meeting included a general session, a business session, and several committee meetings. The general session featured speakers on a variety of topics, including farm policy, marketing, and rural education. The business session included reports from various committees, including the Women's Committee, and discussions on future plans and goals.

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Women of the American Association of FARMERS' WIFE CLUBS met in Saginaw last week to hold their annual meeting. Mrs. J. P. Prather, Saginaw, assumed the office of president, succeeding Miss Helen Armstrong, Bay County. The only new member of the Executive Board was Mrs. Donald Young, Emmet County, who was elected first vice-president. Miss Armstrong and Mrs. Young will cooperate in meeting the many new demands made upon the organization by the recent expansion of the American Association of FARMERS' WIFE CLUBS.

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Matt Gewart Takes Over Fertilizer Sales

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Fertilizer delivered to your farm during the winter months is fully protected against a price decline

1 year from now. This should give you a buying advantage this winter. If you buy now, you will receive

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The farm, operator should get the total

30 Attend 3-Day Miller Service School

Some 30 farm equipment dealers from across the county attended the third annual Miller Service School held at the FBS fertilizer department office, 507 Michigan Avenue. The school was conducted by Miller (1. J. C.) and featured some of the latest developments in farm service equipment. Miller is also the maker of the popular Miller seeder and Miller Disk Drill.

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

Over the American farmland, that faith blossomed sweetly. It grew from a sapling to a great tree, which now sheds millions from its storms of the spirit. Today the churches of all denominations in America are giving outward and visible signs of the strength and purpose within our people. And in a new age of gloom and fear, of clouded issues and terrible distress on the continents which our forefathers left, America's churches are a source of the courage and perception we need.

Now another Christmas is over in the land...Another old year draws to its close. Joyously, at this time of spiritual accounting, churches are bright and frequent with the faith of our forefathers. And the new year may come, as it may and as it must, with the depth of the old year. Christmas is to be observed as a religious festival, as a holiday, as a season of peace, and as a time for family and friends to gather...