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## EDITORIAL Sec'y Brannan and His Job

In the face of surpluses that have accumulated since the war, only the price support program stands between the farmer and forced sale in which the surplus would set the price for all farm products.

There was no farm price support after World War I. When farm prices turned down, they crashed 50% in a short time.

Today the Farm Bureau is one of the strongest forces for holding onto the present program of a parity price for agriculture in the market place, with government price support as needed. For nearly 17 years the parity program has worked reasonably well.

Secretary Brannan knows that the present legislation contains ways and means for attacking the problem of surpluses.

The Secretary of Agriculture more or less ignores the present farm price act in order to promote the Brannan plan. Meanwhile, the situation goes from bad to worse as far as the public attitude toward any kind of a program for agriculture is concerned. Read the newspapers and magazines.

## This is the Way It Is

We know that we are borrowing and taxing to pay most of the cost of the cold war to the western nations in the Atlantic Pact. But how much?

Congressman William Blackney of Michigan says that we are spending about 32% of our national budget for arms, as against 20% for Great Britain and 16% for France. Military costs for the United States are about three times as much as for all western Europe combined. We are spending \$2.70 for each \$1.00 of defense money put up by eleven other nations who have joined in the Atlantic Pact.

The United States now has a defense program that is costing 131/2 billion dollars a year for our arms program and to help equip the military forces of nations in the Atlantic Pact. Add to this 800 million dollars for the study and development of atomic energy.

## Alaska and Hawaii

Arizona and New Mexico in 1912.



At its meeting March 22, the Council of the Michigan Ass'n of Farmer Co-operatives expressed great interest in courses of business training to fit young people for work in the service fields and management of farm co-operatives. For a number of years the MAFC has been conducting Co-op Clinics several times a year for managers and boards of directors of farm co-ops. Ten or more meetings are held throughout the state at which business problems of co-operatives are considered. Business leaders, college instructors, employes of co-ops are instructors. Membership of the MAFC includes 150 local farm co-operatives and all of their state marketing and purchasing organizations.

# Live Stock **Exchange** Near

Millions

The co-operative Michigan Live Stock Exchange marketed \$19,331. 575.69 worth of cattle, calves, hogs, and sheep for some 20,000 member n 1949. The Exchange performed the

marketing services for \$140,000, or ess than 8/10th of the one per ent expense to the producer for complete sales service. The announcement was made at

he 28th annual meeting of the membership at Lansing, March 11. It set a new record. The Exchange's gain of \$6,600,000 over 1949 emphasized the statement that farmers own Michigan's fast est growing live stock sales agency "The great value of the Michigan Live Stock Exchange lies in its abil ity to set the competitive pace for prices paid for your live stock,' H. H. Hulbert of the Farm Credit

Administration told some 300 delegates at the meeting. "Co-operative live stock market-

ing agencies cannot always return a The House of Congress has approved statehood better price than can be paid by bills for Alaska and Hawaii. If the Senate should able competition, You should conagree, they will be the 49th and 50th states of the Union. The last states admitted to the Union were ing service,

Farm Bur. President If I were the County Farm Bureau president at this

If I Were County

time of the year, I would want a thorough check on my whole County Farm Bureau set-up.

I would want to know that the membership work has been completed and the goal reached, or that plans had been made to achieve this at once. Certainly not much can be done after field work starts on the farm. I would Molen, Zeeland Farmers Co-op; want to know that my County Farm Bureau did its very best to get its share of the state and national membership goals.

It probably would be a good idea if I were to check with the membership committee to find out just where things stand. (I just found out that the state membership has passed 40,000.)

It might be helpful to know just where in the county the work is completed and where it is that more could be done. It would be very helpful to have a list of the memberships not renewed. In many cases if they were contacted, we could make our goal.

If I were county president, I\*would want to keep the old mem- Evory Townshin

BOVE PICTURE, left to right: W. H. Hill, Detroit Packing Co. Tom Berghouse, Falmouth Co-op; Jullus Sivula, Alger-Delta Co-o Electric Ass'n; A. P. Kline, North land Co-op Fed.; Fred Hibst, Mich Potato Growers' Exch.; Bruce Needham, Cherry Growers, Inc.; Chair man W. E. Phillips, Michigan Ele vator Exch.; J. F. Yaeger, Ass' Executive Secretary, Ivan K. May stead, Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n: G. S. Coffman, Coldwate Dairy Co.; Carl Buskirk, Michigan Farm Bureau; George Brooks, St. Johns Co-op; Roman Booms, Ruth Farmers Elevator; John Vander Roy Ward, Farm Bureau Services Council members not present Arthur Ingold, Michigan Live Stock Exchange: Howard F. Simmons Milk Producers, represented by Mr. Maystead, and C. L. Brody executive secretary of Michiga Ass'n of Farmer Co-operatives.

# Enrolls

County O. J. Herman of Bay City R-2 is Alcona Allegan Alpena Antrim Barry the newly elected president of Bay County Farm Bureau. He has the distinction of having enrolled 57 members for Bay Farm Bureau SINCE the Roll Call week early in Branch December. Bay county has passed alhoun its 1950 goal of 1025 families. Mr. Herman has been a member Charlevoix heboygan of the county board of directors, linton and has served his community nmet group as hospitalization chairman. Gratiot

# Farm Bureau Membership 40,068

Thirteen County Farm Bureaus Are Over Goal for this Year; 19 Others Likely to Make it Soon

Membership in the Michigan Farm Bureau for 1950 rose to 40,068 at the close of March. The state stands at 91% of its goal. Sixty-two county organizations are continuing work for renewals and new memberships in order to reach the state goal of 44,158.

Wesley Hawley, director of membership acquisition for the Michigan Farm Bureau, says that 13 County Farm Bureaus have reached or exceeded the membership goals they set for this year. Nineteen others are near their goals and should reach them soon.

Counties over their goals are: Alcona 152, Alpena 420, Bay 1062, Berrien 1733, Branch 1417, Gratiot 984, Mecosta 522, Montmorency 114, Northwest Michigan 800, Ogemaw 237, Tuscola 1068, Van Buren 1515, Washtenaw 1176.

Counties with 90% or more of their goal are: Allegan, Antrim, Barry, Calhoun, Clinton, Genesee, Hillsdale, Huron, Ionia, Iosco, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lapeer, Livingston, Muskegon, Oceana, Osceola, Presque Isle, St. Joseph.

The one week membership campaign the week of December 5 was hampered by one of the worst snow and ice storms of the season. Nevertheless 26,000 memberships, including renewals and new memberships, set a new record for one week's work. Since then the volunteer workers have enrolled another 14,000 members.

Less than 6,000 old memberships have yet to be renewed or cancelled for 1950. County membership workers are endeavoring to call upon every person. At the rate renewals have been coming in, the figure will be much smaller in May. Today the renewal or cancellation list is the smallest in the past five years.

County and state membership totals are given below as of April 1. Counties shown in boldface type have met or exceeded their goal.

190 157 1,150



Congressman Fred L. Crawford of Michigan reminds us how long Alaska and Hawaii have been preparing to become states.

Alaska was purchased from Russia in 1867. Congress approved an Act in 1912 to make the people of the Territory of Alaska citizens of the United States. Alaska has petitioned again and again for statehood, but Congress hasn't been convinced. Perhaps the post-war development of Alaska and the strategic importance of the area to national defense may have influence now.

Hawaii was a self-governing people under a representative form of government at the time they asked for permission to annex themselves to the United States as an organized territory. The people of the Hawaiian Islands have been preparing to become one of the United States for 52 years. The Islands have a sound and efficient business economy and are very loyal to the United States.

## **Canada Reduces Taxes**

Five years after the end of the shooting war, we observe that Canada has repealed its wartime taxes on transportation, amusements, admissions and telephone charges. Our government still collects wartime levies of 15% on transportation, 20% on amusements, 15% on local telephone service and 25% on long distance calls. Canada has reduced taxes on luggage, cosmetics and other items. We continue such taxes at 20%.

Canada has made three reductions in income taxes since the war and ended her last fiscal year with a surplus of 87 million dollars. We have made one reduction in income taxes in the 80th Congress and ended that year with a small surplus. This Congress expects a deficit between 10 and 12 billion dollars.

The answer, of course, is that Canada has been reducing the expense of government in all fields, including the military.

Science must have a heart as | Nothing great was ever achieved well as a head .- Mabel Studebaker. without enthusiasm .- Emerson.

ber loss just as low as I could. The sider always the things your Live longer members stay in, the longer Stock Exchange is doing to provide they are apt to stay. Many times you with better live stock marketmembers are ready to pay but they haven't been called upon.

"Patronage dividends can't be I would want to have my board important in the kind of a marketing job performed by the Exchange," said Mr. Hulbert, "You're getting all but 8/10th of 1 per cent of what your live stock brings.

Mr. Hulbert noted that on sales of \$19,331,575 the patrons had received all but a little over \$140,000 which was barely enough to pay the Exchange expenses. In my opinion, said Mr. Hulbert, this is starving the Exchange for lack of capital. The Exchange business has grown to \$370 worth of sales of it.

for every \$1 the members have invested in their sales organization. The Exchange membership should act the increase its working capital, reau in my county. We want peo-Mr. Hulbert said.

President Arthur Ingold reported that last year the Exchange sold If I were County Farm Bureau president, I would want a most ac-60,511 head of cattle, 142,708 hogs, 20,655 calves, and 72,842 sheep at tive Women of the Farm Bureau organization and program. Woits Detroit, Battle Creek and Portmen are doing very fine work in land yards. the Farm Bureau. At Detroit the Exchange market-

ed 53,282 cattle, a gain of 25%. Its hog receipts at that market were 64,473, a gain of 30% over 1948. In the summer of 1949 the Exchange opened markets at Battle

mobile insurance, etc. If I were County Farm Bureau Creek and Portland. These yards president, I would want to have do a large business and are to be the new Farm Bureau supplies followed by other out-state markets to be operated by the Exchange. committee organized and bringing The Battle Creek yards are information to the membership.

eased from the Southwestern Mich-If I were president, I would want to get together the people who atigan Live Stock Co-operative, - a newly-organized group with protended the Farm Bureau institute ducer stockholders in 10 counties. at Lansing and make the most of It was organized by live stock men their experience for the county.

of the area, with help from the Farm, Bureau, for the purpose of **FBS Buys Into** raising capital to buy stockyard facilities. The Exchange operates a daily market at Battle Creek and **Fertilizer Plant** a large auction every Wednesday. Sales at the auction started at \$50,-000 and have been averaging around \$80,000 Farm Bureau Services has been

The organization leases the yards at Portland from the Southwestern Michigan Co-operative group. A daily market is operated at Portland.

The feeder service at Adrian zer service to southwestern Michsupplied producers with more than 100 carloads of cattle and lambs last year. Feeders are sold at Battle Creek and Portland. Elected: Directors A. J. Ingold of Bliss field: Gerald Brian of Hartland; Stanley Vaughn of Dexter. Other members of the board are Allan Rush, Romeo; James Mielock. Whittemore; Russell Blackall,

igan The plant was built before the var by the Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin Farm Bureau supply services and the Midland Co-operative of the western states. In recent years Wisconsin and Midland have built fertilizer manufacturing factories. This has made some produc-(Continued on page two)

LVCIY 10Mil9ilih Goal

organized with the important and Every township in Branch coun necessary committees and have ty has made its Farm Bureau memthem functioning so that we would bership goal for 1950. The County have a good program of activities Farm Bureau challenges other counin all phases of Farm Bureau work. ties to match that record.

Branch county now has 1417 I would want to have the Commembers, the goal established by munity Farm Bureaus continue to be active throughout the year. Old the County Farm Bureau. The and new members should have a state goal for Branch was 1328 good opportunity to participate in members. Quotas for the townships Farm Bureau activities and feel were determined in the same manner that county quotas were estabthat they are a part of the organization and are getting something out lished.

At the victory party held March 17th for Roll Call workers, the I certainly would want to have membership committee awarded a good and active Junior Farm Buprizes to the winning townships. No awards are given in Branch ple coming up who are qualified county to individuals for memberand trained to carry on in our stead.

ship work, but all prizes are given to the township group. Noble Township, G. A. Hime-

baugh, chairman, was awarded prize of \$15 for being the first township to reach goal. This group had its quota reported to the coun-

I would want to see that a ty office at the end of second day of members have access to such Farm the roll call. Bureau benefits as Blue Cross hos-

Quincy Township, Blaque Knirk, pital insurance, Farm Bureau auto chairman, received the same amount for signing the most new nembers,-44.

Sherwood Township, Joseph Gawlak, chairman, received a like amount for the highest per cent of goal or 130%. The membership committee:

Dean Pridgeon, chairman, Seibert Corwin, Hugh Lozer, Arthur Hagerman, and Russell Larimer planned and supervised the successful campaign.

## Zillman Manager at Grand Rapids Branch

Leslie Zillman became manager of the Farm Bureau Services branch store, warehouse and dust plant

at Grand Rapids, effective March authorized by its board of directors 27. Mr. Zillman was field repreto make a substantial investment sentative for the Farm Bureau Serin the co-operative fertilizer manuvices, in charge of its insecticide facturing plant at Hartsdale, Indiand fungicide business. ana, to improve the Services fertili

Bureau Services of Michigan.

The board was informed by the Services staff that the Hartsdale factory is well built and operates efficiently. Michigan bought in at the depreciated value and con-

#### **Tri-Co. Electric Meets** At Portland April 27 The Tri-County Electric Co-op-

erative is to sponsor a rural electrification meeting at the Portland High School, Thursday, April 27, at 8:00 p. m. The doors will be open at 7:00 p. m. for people to look over the displays of electrical equipment which includes television. Governor G. Mennen Williams will be the principal speaker of the eve-The public is invited. Trining. County Co-op has over 6,000 members and operates and maintains over 1680 miles of electric power distribution lines.



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Total Produce Farms More Fertilizer **Than Factories** 



fertilizer they buy each year. About 30,000,000 tons of manure are produced on Michigan farms annually. It contains about as much in fertilizer elements as are included in 30,000,000 hundred pound bags of 10-5-10 fertilizer. Michigan used nearly 8,000,000 bags of fer-

tillizer last year. A. G. Weidmann, soil science researcher at Michigan State College. says through careless handling. farmers are losing much of the She will represent the general pub- value of this farm produced fertil-

A ton of manure contains about the Michigan Farm Bureau, and is the same nutrients as a 100 pound a director of the Michigan Farm bag of 10-5-10 fertilizer-that is sidered it a good buy. Michigan Bureau. About 18,000 Farm Bu- ten pounds of nitrogen, five pounds will be assured fertilizer up to its reau families have Blue Cross of phosphate and ten pounds of

Besides that, Weidmann reports, soil.

Directors of the Farmers Petro leum Co-operative, Inc., have authorized the management to invest \$10,000 this year in co-operative drilling for crude oil.

The Petroleum Co-op organized by the Farm Bureau and associated farmers oil companies now has a volume of about 18,000,000 gallons of liquid fuels a year. The business is up 20% the past year. Distribution of liquid fuels is through 46 farmer owned bulk stations 1,042 and other local outlets.

880 740 580 Motor oils and other petroleum products are distributed through these dealers and through the Farm 522 382 Bureau Services farm supplies distribution system of 300 co-operatives and other dealers.

The petroleum organization is now readying for the spring rush for gasoline and other tractor fuels. Motor oils and other supplies have gone to local distributors for their spring sales.

As heating oils pass out of the picture the last few weeks of 1,550 1,200 775 781 562 1,068 1,615 1,176 168 136 winter, the supply has been rather tight in Michigan. The long coal strike brought a great deal of conversion to oil heat and heavy drains on a plentiful supply of heating oil. Before the next heating season arrives the industry expects 44,158 40,068 to be well prepared again.

> **Rural-Urban** Women At Marshall April 25 Women of the Calhoun County Farm Bureau are planning a rural-

urban day at Marshall, April 25. Representatives of Jackson and Muskegon County groups will attend. D. B. Varner of MSC will speak on the Brannan Plan. Tickets may be purchased from Mrs. J. C. Moore.

Lenawee Women

Lenawee County Farm Bureau women have been meeting monthly for afternoon meetings with the ladies of one or more community groups as hostesses. At one meeting aprons were made to be sold from a booth at the Lenawee county fair next fall. The groups have agreed to raise money to sponsor several projects.

manure also contains minor elements such as boron, manganese and copper and is rich in organic matter.

Each cow produces about 11 tons of manure a year and at present value, the fertilizer elements of this manure are worth more than \$30 a year when returned to the

Trustee

Mrs. Harry M. Whittaker of Metamora, Lapeer county, has been elected to the board of trustees of the Michigan Hospital Service

(Blue Cross) for a three year term. lic to the service. Mrs. Whittaker | izer. is state chairman of the Women of

percentage of ownership, or about hospital service, with perhaps 60,- potash.

tion at Hartsdale available to Farm | a tenth of the production or more. 000 persons enrolled.



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cationally, legislatively, economically.

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Representing WOMEN OF FARM BUREAU Representing

Community

Activities

Farm Bureau

By MRS. MARJORIE GARDNER

STAR AWARDS

Gold Star-Harbor Community

Silver Star-Long Rapids Com-

Farm Bureau, Huron county,

Mrs. Wm. Harwood, Jr., sec'y.

munity Farm Bureau, Alpena

county, Mrs. Charles W.

Silver Star-Northwest Portage

The purpose of this Associa-ion shall be the advancement four members' interests edu-JUNIOR FARM BUREAU and Verland McLeod. Lyons How we need His resurrection in our puzzled hearts today. How we need His great example for our guidance here below. Sing! My heart, for Christ is risen. Sing, that all the world may know

Christ arose! The starlit garden had but brightened with the dawn When the first, most loyal mourners sought the tomb and found him gone And their hearts at first misgave them as so many still misgive, Seeing only grief and misery in the life yet theirs to live. Still today our hearts are fearful. Still we doubt and speculate, Seeking in ourselves protection from the ravening threats of fate. Oh awake. My heart, and see Him whom today a world adores. Sing! My heart, for Christ is risen. Sing! My soul, for He is yours!

Christ arose, and by His rising gave us all to hope that we May ourselves, if we are faithful, live through all eternity. One and all we need His rising, His renewal once again. Never was the need more urgent in the flaming hearts of men. Never was the want more desperate, never was the lack more dire. For these modern days consume us as with raging flames of fire. Then arouse, My soul, and publish from the hill tops to the skies, Christ is risen, and ever rising. Wake, my soul and lift your eyes!

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

liams for the coming fiscal year Cass-Volinia. Entertained Sen- is by far the highest in history and is about \$110,600,000 out of balance. porate net income tax. During the 1949 session he had urged such a levy at 4%. In his message to the special session, he made no direct

said that it should be established which time a discussion on China by the legislature "at a level suf- deficit. Thus it appeared that beficient to close the actual gap bereau Secretaries asking for detailed interested in the Russian-Chinese ticipated for the coming fiscal

vear." Democratic representatives from propriation for highway purposes. 1% was inserted. However, it was explained that this was only a token or tentative rate which would would be raised to the required adopted so that the amount of need ould be determined. Who Would Pay? There seems to be a decided difference of opinion as to who would pay a corporate net income tax if one were levied. Governor Williams makes a big point of the fact that too great a

usually fine meetings and deserve give his approval to any more con-

fortzfeldt. Emmet-Levering, Mrs. Evelyn )slund.

duce. It is pointed out that such Livingston-Plainfield, Mrs. Andew Henry.

tax would tend to be "pyramided" so that actually consumers might

Since the Governor had closed in that direction is now being made Ovid saw fit to propose a constituby the finance and appropriations tional amendment on the subject. ommittees in the Senate and the A constitutional amendment can be ways and means committee in the considered during the special ses-House. How well they can succeed sion without specific sanction from remains to be seen. Thus far they, the Governor. The Bates proposal have been confining their attention Senate Joint Resolution B, would solely to current operating items provide for a 5c gas tax rate and and have deferred for the present a 25% increase in the weight tax on commercial vehicles. These rates the consideration of all capital outwould be effective for a 10 year

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period. Farm folks have one outstanding A constitutional amendment reproject which they are very anxquires an affirmative vote of 2/3 of ous to have included in the final budget. This is the grant for con- the members elect of both the Senate and House. Such a vote merely truction and equipment of the desperately needed veterinary facili- would put the proposal on the ballot for approval or rejection by the voters next November. The Re-Highway Finance. A very conpublicans do not have a 2/3 majorroversial point between the Govity in the House. If the Governor rnor and the lawmakers is highretains his control over his party way finance. Everyone seems to agree that more road money is members in the Legislature, passage of the proposed amendment needed to get Michigan out of the could not be accomplished. There mud and to protect the investment has been talk of introducing a simwhich we have already made in our ilar proposal in the form of a bill highway system. The Governor refused to permit consideration of even though such legislation would any adjustment of the gas and not be within scope of the Goverweight tax rates. He recommended nor's message and even if passed would undoubtedly be either vetoed a general fund appropriation for or thrown out by the Supreme road purposes of \$18,680,000. Obrecommendation as to the rate but viously no such sum could be taken | Court as not having been legally

to advantage out of the impending enacted. Annual Sessions? Growing out of fall this mess is increased suphind his plan was an effort to report for amending the Constitution tween the yield of present revenues cruit more support for the corporation income tax. Folks interested to provide for annual sessions of in good roads aren't favorably dis- the Legislature. At present there is a regular session beginning in posed toward the suggestion. They feel that such a plan would lead to January of each odd numbered year and a special session called from time to time by the Governor Townships Would Be Taxed? and limited to consideration of Two years ago the Highway Study matters which he sees fit to pre Committee of the Michigan Good sent. Since the adoption of the Roads Federation released a sales tax diversion amendment, it lengthy report and recommenda- is probable that the budget will be level when the budget had been tions. They favored increasing the passed for only one year at a time gas tax rate to 4.3c per gallon, rais- and hence it will be necessary to ing passenger car registration fees have the lawmakers back in Lansfrom 35c to 50c per 100 pounds and ing for several weeks during each increasing the weight tax on com- year. House Joint Resolution C mercial vehicles by 331/3%. They sponsored by Representative Louis also recommended certain definite C. Crampton of Lapeer has been financial responsibility on the part introduced to provide this change

of townships and municipalities for in the Constitution. roads and streets Governor Williams is ignoring

Poor pastures that provide little their recommendations for increas- forage are merely exercise yards.



# Mrs. Edith Wagar, an **Outstanding Leader**

By LEWIS W. MORLEY Editor of the Michigan Milk Messenger

Michigan has more than one woman who is outstanding in community, state and national affairs.

Mrs. Edith M. Wagar, however, has no peer when it comes to the varied activity and the time given to many projects. She has an enviable record of accomplishments. Though most of her work has been in the field of agriculture, she typifies and exemplifies good citizenship first, last and all the time.



Mrs. Edith M. Wagar

#### Community Farm Bureau, Kalamazoo county, Mrs. Royce E. Eddy, sec'y, CONGRATULATIONS!

Smith, sec'y.

Dear Community Farm Bureau Members

Last year February was one of the best months for community activity with a total attendance of 15,500 Farm Bureau families reporting. This was highest attendance recorded in 1949. January 1950 we bettered that record by over 1.000 with a total attendance of 16,700.

The unusual stormy weather and bad road conditions during Febru ary 1950 had its effect on commun ity group activity. Some meetings were cancelled and the attendanc at the meetings that were held was effected seriously. Most secretaries made mention of this fact. Attendance dropped to 14.600. The num ber of groups reporting dropped from 95% in January to 90% in February. The number of discussions dropped from 73% in January to 71% in February. But the numper of conclusions went up 2% in February The number of conclusions in January was 58% and Feb ruary showed 60%. The decease in the attendance is shown by a drop of 45% of the total member-

ship in January to 41% in February. New Community Groups. During February we showed favorable pro gress toward our 1,000 Community Farm Bureau groups for 1950. 7

have from year to year. We wish to [ rolls: Huron 38; Clinton 34; Kal- ers today.

amazoo 30; Barry 29; Washtenaw ingston 27; Eaton 26; Lenawee 25; Sanilac 23.

information as to what is used as a situation. basis of judging minutes for Sta: general interest to state some of projects the establishments of a for in judging minutes. A secretary, around Levering. Plans are under no matter how well she does her way to meet with members of the work, cannot write a good set of medical profession to see what can minutes from a poor meeting. One be done. A very worthwhile project.

of the first things that is looked for toward recognition through tary Mrs. Archie Alexander reports Star Awards is the committee re- perfect attendance of 30 Farm Buports and the projects that the reau families at their February group is carrying out, their discus- meeting. The women of the group sion, conclusion and general order served a chicken dinner to 57 fireof business. We have in the state men and their wives of Evart. The office a pamphlet available for money they made by this project secretaries entitled "Tips For Com- will be used to fix up the Evart munity Farm Bureau Secretaries" hall kitchen which they use for which gives in as brief a form as their meetings each month. possible the things that a Community Farm Bureau secretary is responsible for. We would be very glad to send this material to you at your request.

HERE AND THERE

Montcalm-Bloomer Twp. Community Farm Bureau has raised \$184 through a sandwich and coffee bar for the Polio Fund. The concession was held in an empty store building in Carson City. Different comnew groups were added last month, mittees were in charge of the pro

give recognition at this time to the ator Elwood Bonine at their Febfollowing 10 counties which lead ruary meeting. The talk and the He renewed his demand for a corthe state in total number of com- discussion following his talk was munity groups as recorded on our centered around issues facing farm-

Genesee-Flushing No. 2. 85 mem-28; Northwest Michigan 27; Liv- bers and guests attended a special meeting held February 21st at Information on Star Awards. was given by a member of the From time to time we have receiv- geography staff of Michigan State ed requests from Community Bu- College. The group was especially and the rate of expenditures an-

Emmet-Tobacco Road. The mem-1 The administration bill on this Awards. Perhaps it would be of bers have set up as one of their subject has been introduced by two an annual battle for legislative apthe more important things we look county doctor for the community Detroit. In this bill a rate of only Osceola-Southeast Evart. Secre

proportion of the tax money in Michigan now comes from consum-The following groups had un ers. He insists that he will not

ionorable mention: Alpena-Long Lake, Mrs. Leo hubey, sec'y. Eaton-Bellevue, Mrs. Hazel

Lenawee-Rome, Mrs. Charles F.

Born on a Monroe county farm on October 1, 1872, Edith moved with her parents to Wayne county about heard from giving us a total of a mile and a half east of Flat Rock in 1876. She was graduated from the Flat Rock high school in June 1889 after which she taught school until her marriage in 1891 to Gordon Wagar. With him she went to the farm home where she now resides with her son, Lawrence and family.

Edith M. Wagar joined the Flat Rock Grange in 1887 and thus has been a continuous member for 62 years. All of these have been active years, during which she has served on numerous committees and held many of the offices, in fact has been treasurer for the past ten years and still continues in that office.

Mrs. Wagar has been a member of the Wayne Coun- ron ty Pomona Grange for many years and served as lecturer for 37 years. She also served on the Woman's Work Committee of the State Grange for nearly a decade.

Rock for many years.

useful happiness.

Near \$20 Million

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Sparta; W. J. McCarty, Bad Axe;

This certainly is an enviable fule for any one person, but not so record for any one individual but for Mrs. Wagar, for she was secreit by no means covers all of Mrs. tary of the Farmers Institute of Wagar's interests, activities and Wayne County preceding the orresponsibilities. During the same ganization of the Farm Bureau. years she was giving her time and talents to so many worthwhile ob years in the American Country jectives that just to list them brief. Life Association; the National ly is most impressive.

She served on the Michigan Farm State Milk Study Commission; Bureau board for 16 years; was helped in organizing the Airport first Home and Community Chair- Agricultural School; served on the man of Michigan Farm Bureau, Board of Education; assisted in serving in this capacity for 15 organizing the Monroe County years; she was chairman of the Library system.

Mid-West group of Women of the Mrs. Wagar has, through the American Farm Bureau Federation years, been a constant contributor for six years and was a member of te the Michigan Farm News and the national committee during this has written for many other publitime; she was chairman of the Re- cations. In political affairs she is organization Committee of the De- an independent. troit Packing Company in 1933-34. and chairman of the Advisory Com- has been an active member of the

mittee of Detroit Packing Company Congregational Church of Flat in 1935-36; she was elected to the board of directors of the Detroit tinues to serve an its diverterate: she represented the Detroit FueRing tion of Farmer Cooperatives Cours-

Wagar was appointed s ins such an outstanding citizen. member of Monroe County Farm Debt Adjustment Committee by Governors Comstock. Fittgerald and Murphy; she served for three years on the first Federal Welfare Commission in Monroe County and as Livestock Exchange first Rural Resettlement Supervisor in Monroe county. also for three years; she was a member of the County Council of Defense and Rural Exemption Board during World War I: alle has been a trustee of Akh Conter Schooling Association for the part 2 stars and treasurer for the part nime

It would saim that this would have made more than a full seked. R. M. Walton.

3 re-organized, 14 disbanded and still 8 groups that we have not 938 active community groups. This means that if we want to make our goal we will need 62 more Community Farm Bureaus. Last spring we added more Community Farm Bureau groups to the rolls than any other time during the year. We hope this will be repeated this year making it possible to achieve our

1,000 goal. The new groups added this month are as follows: District 1: Berrien-North Buchanan, Mrs. Galen Weaver, sec'y; New Troy, Mrs. Dorothy Wirth Kalamazoo-Bear Creek, Mrs. Wil lis Gray.

District 2: Lenawee-Fairfield reorganized), Mrs. Millard Wald-

District 3: Livingston - East Handy, Mrs. Howard Brookham: East Marion, Mrs. Edith Alstatt; Hill Toppers, Mrs. A. Umstead; Pingree, Mrs. Henry Reason; Wayne-Livonia, John Schroder. District 6: Huron - Central

Brookfield, Mrs. Charles Gerst Tuscola-Brookston, Mrs. Arnold Schafer: Lymann, Mrs. Orval Bietz: She has been active for many Elkland, Mrs. John H. Zinnecker. District 7: Montcalm-North Hillman, Mrs. Dewey McConnaug-

Dairy Association; served on the District 8: Gratiot-Hamilton, Mrs. Eldon Kerr; Isabella-Denver, Mrs. Floyd Dixon; Midland-Lark, Mrs. John H. Miller.

> District 9: Missaukee-Aetna Reeder, Mrs. Bert Jager.

District 10: Cheboygan-Black Lake, Mrs. Camiel Lietaert; Ogemaw-Spring Creek, Thelma Wilkinson.

The following counties leading the state in the organization of Last, but by no means least, she community groups are as follows: Ogemaw 8; Livingston 6; Berrien Clinton 5; Tuscola 5

The past two months we've been Mrs. Wagar is active and continprinting a list of community groups ues her good work. We take this who have not sent in their 1950 occasion to salute her for her many officers. From a total of over 40 accomplishments and to congratugroups we have received officers late the State of Michigan on havfor all of them except 8 which have still to report in. If you are a Myriads of friends join in wishmember of one of the following ing her many, many more years of groups, please see that we get

your officers. They are as follows: District 4: Barry-East Coats Grove, Mayo; Ottawa-Grand Hav-

en-Huyser. District 6: Sanilac-Carsonville; Tuscola-Davton.

District 9: Manistee-Cleon. District 10: Emmet-Lakeview

W. J. Clarke, Eaton Rapids, and Robert Farley, Albion, S. P. Leading for Community Groups. Each month recognition has been rean and M. P. Lynch of the Mich-ima Mills Producers Ass'n are adgiven to the organization of new groups. Although this is a very im-The Exchange is portant aspect of Community Farm visen directors. The Exchange is portant aspect of Community Farm under the general management of Bureau we cannot overlook the retention of the older groups that we

ject each week. Kent-Dutton. This group enter-

tained Senator John D. Martin, Jr. at the February meeting for a discussion of state government.

Allegan-Western Allegan. Feb. ruary 28th marked the 11th anniversary of one of the oldest community groups in the state. In addition to their usual meeting procedure an accounting was given of the accomplishments over the last

11 years. The minutes of the first Try Out meeting were read and the names of Always try new crop and garden the 70 odd officers who have varieties on a small scale planting served through the years were first, Michigan State College adbrought to the group's attention. vises

Midland-Homer, Mrs. Philip Stark. This comment from the Huron County Farm Bureau News we thing worthy of passing on to you. These are the words of Abraham Lincoln and express one of the basic principles of Farm Bureau,

You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.'

pay even more in extra charges than the amount of the tax. There appears very little possibility that the legislature will pass such a tax this session.

current special session of the Michi-

1 am no soothsayer and have no

occult powers. Hence, I can't tell

you what is going to develop at

Lansing during the next few weeks.

ed at a joint session of the Senate

and House on March 15 included

his budget and tax recommenda-

tions, and an 18 point program of

recommended legislation. Many of

these proposals are rather socialis-

tic in nature. Most observers

felt that the Governor had little

expectation of their enactment.

The whole situation seemed sur-

charged with politics. This is an

election year and the impending

campaign is very much in the

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The Governor's message, deliver-

gan legislature.

Representative Louis E. Anderson of Northport, chairman of the House committee on general taxation, introduced a bill to remove the present ceiling of \$50,000 on the amount of corporation fran-

CADILLAC, MICHIGAN





SAVINGS AT WORK-Every time you use the telephone, the accumulated small investments of hundreds of thousands of telephone stockholders go to work for you. One in every 50 families in the United States shares directly in the ownership of the Bell Telephone System. They have invested their savings in the business, confident of a fair return on their investment. To attract the money needed to improve and expand telephone service requires the continued confidence of investors. That takes a financially healthy



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telephone company.



MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

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#### FIELD SEEDS

FOR SALE-LADINO clover seed containing about 30% alsike clover. At \$1.00 per pound. State germination tested. Send your order early. Sid-ney Howard, Alanson, Michigan. Phone 157. (4-3t-26p)

#### BULBS, SEEDS, PLANTS

Beautiful Mixed Gladiolus bulbs, 100 large bulbs, \$2.00, or 200 blooming size \$2.00. Postpaid. Orrie DeGraff, Spring Lake R-2, Mich. (3 3t-20p) DAHLIA ROOTS large type 12 for \$2.50, labeled, Unlabeled \$2.00. Chry-santhemums 12 labeled \$1.50. Unlab-eled \$1.00. No two allke. State In-spected. Orders of two dollars or more postpaid. Less than two dollars, add 20 cents extra. Send for price list. Roy Laberdy, Eau Claire, Mich. (4-2t-45p)

FARM EQUIPMENT

ORCHARD SPRAYER for sale. Hardie high-pressure, 35 gallon Har-dle pump, 25 HP Waukesha motor, 400 gallon tank, Spray-Rite single boom-hose and gun. Good, sturdy machine ready for efficient use. Ne-Ru-Bar Orchards, Albion R-1, Michigan. Phone 4344. (3-21-36b) BABY CHICKS

BABY CHICKS. Barred and White Rocks, Rhode Island Reds, White Wyandottes, Jersey White and Black Glants, large type English White Leg-horns from carefully selected flocks blood tested by us. Weekly hatches. Litchfield Hatchery, Litchfield, Michi-gan. (2-21-35b) (2-2t-35b

CHERRYWOOD CHAMPION CHICKS from large heavy-laying White Leghorns, Rhode Island Reds, and White Kocks. 275-247 egg breed-ing. Large birds, large eggs. 100% blood-tested, sexed or straight run chicks. Cherrywood Farms Hatchery, Box 7N. Holland. Michigan. (2-4t-33p)

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FOR SALE-SUFFOLK SHEEP. FOR SALE-SUFFOLK SHEEP. Owing to a change in farm plans, we will sell our Suffolk Flock, consisting of ten ewe lambs, one ram lamb sired by Rosemere Farms 4616, one two year old ewe (2nd place ewe lamb at 1948 Michigan State Fair) one three year old ewe (Rosemere Farms), one five year old ewe (out of Clark 36-V-Canadian by Hob & Nob ram). Ewes bred to lamb after March 1. Ewe lambs after April 24. A well grown, well marked, uniform group. First \$756,00 takes them. Mikesell & May, Charlotte R-2, Michigan (US-27, south of city limits) (11-4t-87p) FARMS

LIVESTOCK

FOR SALE WRITE FOR INSTRUCTIONS to neasure for Venetian blinds or win-low shades. Specially priced to your order. Fit your windows. Represent-tives wanted. Canbergs, 2108 East Michigan Ave., Lansing, Michigan. (4-tt-25p)

MAPLE SYRUP SUPPLIES

WOMEN

WRITE FOR FREE LIST of varied farm bargains in Missaukee and sur-rounding counties. Arthur E. Reinink. 210 North Main St., Lake City, Mich. Phone 4294. Representing United Farm Agency. (3-2t-28p)

MAKE BEST GRADE maple syrup 1950 with our syrup making and MAKE BEST GRADE making and in 1950 with our syrup making and marketing supplies. Complete stocks. Send for catalog and price list. Su-rar Bush Supplies Co., P. O. Box 1107, 4107 West Saginaw St., Lansing, Mich. (4-tf-33b)

FREE NEW TREASURE BOOK of sewing ideas: New styles, latest pat-terns. Fully illustrated, complete di-rections on how to sew and save with practical cotton bags. Your FREE copy of "Sew Easy With Cotton Bags" is ready now! Send post card today to National Cotton Council, Box 76, Memphis, Tennessee. (4-7-10-50b)

# MILKING SHORTHORN bulls for sale. Two Grand Champion herd bulls and a good selection of young bulls up to breeding age. Stanley M. Powell, Ingleside Farm, Ionia R-1, Mich. (10-tf-27b) TWO REGISTERED Milking Short-norn Bulls ready for service, also some rounger bulls and heifers. Write for rices and description. Lewis Klaty, Carsonville, Michigan. (2-3t-23p)

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1950

#### Muskegon Businessmen-**Farmers** Dinner

Better understanding between urban and rural people was the object of the first Muskegon County Good-Time Supper held since the war. The dinner was sponsored by the Muskegon County Farm Bureau and the Greater Muskegon Chamber of Commerce. D. B. Varner, MSC agricultural economist, spoke. 110 men attended.

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# WOOL Growers

Sell or pool your wool through the Michigan Co-operative Wool Marketing Ass'n. Year around wool marketing service and prompt settlement. We are marketing wool for over half the state's growers. When you wish to market wool, see our local representative listed below, or write us if there is no local representative near you.

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MICHIGAN CO-OPERATIVE WOOL MARKETING ASS'N 506 N. Mechanic St. Jackson, Mich.

# **It Takes Courage To Make Decisions**

spent on other nations or on pro By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR Briar Hill Farm, Carleton, Mich. jects at home. But I feel certain most Americans will feel a bit As citizens of a state and the namore comfortable when they see tion, we seem to be in disagreement signs of a decreasing national debt. on most any topic one might sug-There must be a stopping place

somewhere. Many individuals have The greatest weakness in our risked their all on programs they American system of legislation is thought they could not do without. that everything is measured accord-A few have prospered by it but the ing to its vote getting abilities vast majority have lost their savrather than what is best for the ings as well as their heart. Our nation or state as a whole, or how country is at the top now, but we much the cost will be. could eventually go broke, I well

I do not like the attitude of the remember when England held the metropolitan press. For instance, high position over the entire world do you suppose

Now as to state affairs, I hope the press and the we will never again encourage 3 politicians would special session of the legislature have been so comunless that body can have an opplacent if the farmers had quit portunity to work out some way to correct the evils that confront the business because they decided they state.

I feel it would be a step toward were getting a discouraging Michigan industry raw deal when and bringing higher costs to the every crop took consumer if our legislature should a downward be so blind as to enact an added turn? Suppose corporation tax as a means of havstarmers had caused the suffering and disrupted the ing more state money to spend. country in general as that coal Michigan owes much earnest

ness on his own,

How well I know how it is to be

roads than to advocate going back

to the property tax to pay for the

improved program we wish we

might have. The property tax

system for highways is unjust to

the fellow who owns a home or a

farm. There's far too many who

own no property but make far

greater use of the public highways.

Did you ever stop to figure how

much more you who own or are try-

ing to pay for a place, are paying

for schools and roads and sanita-

tion, and streets and pavements

and police protection and public

offices and jails and prisons, etc.

than the fellow who is footloose and

free, happy go lucky? Live today

and let the public care for you

thought to its industrial firms. Do you think for a moment that They not only pay an enormous the authorities or the press of this tax of many types, but they provide nation would have taken a patient the facilities for employment to and long suffering attitude as in hundreds of thousands of people. the coal strike and would have been

as hilarious at the outcome? 1 think not. We must admit farmers are by far the minority group these days,

strike did.

but we can still be heard if we are generous in our thinking and insist on a policy of live and let live. I would much rather be a trifle

under par than be one iota overbalanced. We have many things in our favor even if they do not have the monetary value most other groups insist on having.

As a group we should be certain we are right and fair to all when we ask for consideration, but when the decision is made we should stick as one to the last ditch regardless of party politics. Farm people have just as intelligent leadership as any other group and far more than many.

To back up this statement I will say that nine-tenths of the ministers of our country know but precious little about the problems of the farmer. I heard a prominent school board director say just recently that far too many teachers are ignorant of many of the ills that confront the every day life of

the common people of the nation. Yes, we do want better roads. It is difficult to be a mere speck The folks who use the roads should back here on a mud isolated farm so nay their just share of the cost. We far removed from the seat of activity in Washington and still are told an added gas tax would mean an added consumer tax. We be able to form an opinion on how admit it, but don't let anyone think much money should be or not be for a minute that the farmers and

tomorrow?

#### MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

## **New Services Store at Traverse City**



This is the new Farm Bureau Services branch store building at Traverse City. It is located at West Front and Hall streets. In addition to serving as a retail store for feeds, seeds, fertilizer, insecticides, fence, roofing, poultry supplies and small farm hardware, it will house the office of the Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau. There is a large meeting room for groups. The new retail outlet will employ a staff of 5 persons, with 10 employees continuing to operate the old building directly north of the new store. The old building will be used as a feed mill and elevator. Ray Arfstrom is the branch manager.

equipment at \$500. It is installed

are available in a few days.

MUSKEGON

the businessmen and the home owners are not consumers just as others are. We can correct this state indebt-

edness if we approach it in a sane and businesslike way. State government operations could be made less costly without impairing efficiency. I've had just enough public ex-Our state, like the nation, seems perience to know. If everyone on a to have a spending appetite that is public payroll handling money would feel that it was coming out gon. larger than our ability to provide. We all have desires to have and to of his own pocket, he'd soon see

where savings could be made. do but it is foolhardy and bad busi-Let's try and put ourselves in ness to plan on getting the money mind in the places of our state to spend out of the fellow who has had brain power enough to earn legislators and our Congressmen and save and to continue in busi- and see just what we would do if we were in their place.

I hope some of us would learn marooned in mud, but I would far to say no if we saw no way of paying for the requests. rather risk a few weeks of muddy

> Grass and legumes are the backbone of agriculture. Have you a A. Van Koevering, Muskegon. 'spineless" farm?

of the laboratory is Lawrence Lee, chairman; Carl Anderson, Holton, and John Workman of Muskegon.

Other County Farm Bureaus operating soil test laboratories in-Muskegon County Farm Bureau clude: Branch, Eaton, Lapeer and has purchased soil test laboratory Van Buren.

#### in the county agricultural agent's **Tri-County Institute** office at the court house at Muske-

Officers and committeemen of the Muskegon, Newaygo and Oce-Soil samples are being tested ana County Farm Bureaus held a for fertilizer needs. The charge is 25 to 50 cents per sample, depending tri-county Farm Bureau institute upon the type of analysis. Reports at Fremont March 29. Topics con sidered included: Membership The soil test laboratory community activities, resolutions,

of directors by its extension compublicity. mittee: Lawrence Lee, Casnovia, chairman: Max Lane, Muskegon

Milton Van Frank, Montague, C. wheat fields planted last fall-your county agent can tell you how it's The board committee in charge done

# **GERMAN WOMEN** COMING SOON

One of the projects of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women for 1949 was raising funds to enable two German members of the Associated Country Women of the World to visit in Michigan. Most Community Farm Bureaus participated in the project.

The women were to come last November. Then we had word they would come in March, Mrs. Raymond Sayre, our president, has been informed that they will leave Germany early in April and should be in the United States for two man.

the occupation authorities in Germany and is subject to their scheduling. World trade is essential to American prosperity and it requires a "two-way street."-Paul G. Hoff-

Mrs. Sayre will advise when we

expect them in Michigan. Our

women's committees will then be

informed as to the probable time

the visitors can spend in their

locality. We hope that as many

people who want to will have an

The delay is explained by the

fact that the visit of the German

women is under the auspices of

opportunity to meet the ladies.

Washington, D. C.



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women's activities, action commitrecommended to the county board teemen, Blue Cross hospital service, R. 4, Russell Trygstad, Holton, It's good to start a legume on



## months. The last week will be at

# **A FAMILY AFFAIR!** Enrolled members of your family can get the same amount of Blue Cross protection you do!

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## Chances are 1 in 4 there will be hospital and doctor bills to pay in your family this year

You can never tell when illness might strike or an accident might happen in your household. Hospital and medical bills

can easily wipe out your savings-may even force you to borrow money in order to meet them. That's why you and your family need BLUE CROSS-and why you should protect those dependent on you by including them in your BLUE CROSS contract.

### FARM BUREAU BLUE CROSS MEMBERS .... Here's how to add a spouse or newborn children to your Blue Cross contract

- Children may be added to your Blue Cross contract if application is made within 30 days after birth. As a special Blue Cross feature, protection for newborn children added to the contract begins at birth, except for regular nursery care which is included as a part of the mother's maternity service.
- Within 30 days after marriage, you may also add a husband or wife to your contract. Coverage for the new spouse begins on the earliest practicable monthly renewal date following application.
- If your Blue Cross payments are made through your Farm Bureau Community Discussion Group, application for this added coverage should be made to your County Farm Bureau Blue Cross Secre-tary. If you pay direct to Blue Cross, application should be made to your nearest Blue Cross office.

#### **OFFICES IN 20 MICHIGAN CITIES**

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It's a long way from Medicine Bow to Boston .... from the western cattle and sheep range country, from the feed lots and hog farms of the Corn Belt, to the hungry cities of the east. Between where the meat animals are raised and where the meat is eaten there's an average gap of a thousand miles.

Bridging that gap is a service performed by the meat packing companies of the United States. They buy the livestock on the farms and ranches, and in the scores of markets. They process it into meat. Then they deliver that meat to 300,000 retail stores in every city and town across the nation.

It's truly a nation-wide job. And just as truly it's a necessary and important one. For without this "bridge" that runs from Wyoming to Boston-without the meat packers' "pipe lines" which link supply to demand-livestock producers would have to limit their herds and flocks to the numbers that their small local markets could consume. And the supply of meat available for consumers to eat would be limited by the small numbers of livestock produced near the cities where they lived.

We of Swift are proud of our company's part in starting, organizing and carrying on the nationwide distribution of meat. Gustavus Swift pioneered in the development of the refrigerator cars which made the whole thing possible. Today thousands of refrigerated freight cars and trucks supply the Swift network of refrigerated branch houses and plant sales routes which crisscross the nation. It is an important factor in one of the world's most efficient low-cost food distributing systems . . . Yes, we are a part of that great "bridge" which serves and benefits producers and consumers alike. And we are mighty proud of it!



taminates cream that is openly exposed. On the way to market, dust commonly collects around the edge of cream container lids. This sediment is jarred into the cream when lids are removed. On the farm-and en route to market-it is good business to protect cream, containers and equipment.

Clean cream is also dependent upon the use of approved-type dairy utensils that are unsoiled and in good repair. Old pots, crocks, syrup buckets and worn-out dairy containers should not be used. Such pieces of equipment are carriers of rust and collectors of dirt. They are not easily sanitized and cannot be tightly covered to keep out dust.

Cream is practically clean as it leaves the spout of mechanical separators, according to farm and labora-tory investigation. Hand skimming and water dilution methods of separation leave some sediment in cream. Well-kept separators also have proven the most economical means of separating cream. The marketing of clean cream, however, is not assured by use of the mechanical separator. Cream that is sold with a poor sediment test is a problem of concern to both the producer and butter manufacturer. Attention to detail, all along the line, is an answer to this problem.

#### Martha Logan's Recipe for BARBECUED FRANKS

Prepare a thick barbecue sauce. Add one cup sauce for each one pound of franks and heat 5 to 8 minutes. 1 tsp. chili powder

**Thick Barbecue Sauce:** 2 small onions, sliced thin 2 tbsp. vinegar 2 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce

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Mix all ingredients in a heavy skillet. Cover and simmer about 45 minutes. Yield, 2 cups sauce.

#### -Soda Bill Sez:-

You will never be broke as long as your earnings keep ahead of your yearnings.

If the mistakes others make annoy you, re-member, you could make them all yourself.

## Well Dressed U. S. Girls

Last fall a group of people from Uruguay visited us in Chicago. They noticed the girls who work in our office returning from their noonday meal. One of the Uruguayan ladies asked, "Are they visitors, like us?" "No," we replied, "they work here as stenog-raphers and clerks." Astonished at how well they were dressed, she commented, "Certainly the busi-ness of the United States, and the so-called 'capitalness of the United States, and the so-called 'capitalistic system' must be all right, for I notice that all your women have that well-dressed look. There are not many countries in the world where working girls

bilities. They served better.

Why has Swift & Company grown? Most important is that people liked what we could do for them. Retail meat dealers learned that we provided the products and services they needed. Everything we sell must win the favor of the public. We were pleased to find housewives asking food stores for more of our meats, and asking for them oftener. We had to grow to keep up with the expanding demand for our services and products.

A lot of livestock and other products are needed to meet this demand. To get them we must buy in many markets. We're dealing with big areas and long distances and with food stores in every corner of the nation

Meat packers of all sizes are needed to handle the nation's huge volume of livestock, and to process and distribute the meat. Some of these began business many years ago and have grown to serve producers and consumers across the nation. Swift & Company is one of these which grew up because there was a big job to do.

Hope you have a fine summer. If you get to Chicago be sure to drop in and see us. We will be with you again in September on this page.

F.M. Simpson, Agricultural Research Department

## Quote of the Month

"Plastics from animal hair, drugs to ease your aching back, and steaks guaranteed to melt in your mouth: Research on these and hundreds of other major and minor projects is being pressed in packing house labs." The Wall Street Journal

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3/4 cup water 3/4 cup catsup 1 tsp. salt

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# Senator Aiken Says Brannan Pressure Is On

Senator George D. Aiken of Vermont told the Eastern Farmers Exchange at Springfield, Mass., last month that the U. S. Dep't of Agriculture is conducting an elaborate and extravagant propaganda campaign to sell the public the Brannan farm support proposal.

"We have this propaganda program," said Senator Alken," because we have in government today and extend their powers over the United States. . . If they control the food supply they know full well that they will gain control over all segments of our economy.

"They seek to gain control through promises and then maintain it by force if necessary.

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keep those promises, to pay farmers a satisfactory income in return for the surrender to the government of the right to run their own farms and to improve their condition under their own initiative.

"In other words, farmers are to stop thinking for themselves, stop planning their own farm work, stop raising above a certain amount

farm and in return they per get what-a promise of 100 per cent@"income support standard," which is one way of saying parity in three words

"Those are the main points of the Brannan plan which are never mentioned by administration spokesmen today.

"Any farm leader, and particularily the leaders of the American Farm Bureau and the National men who are determined to retain | Grange, are subject to attack by the propaganda service of the United States government if they dare to venture an opinion con trary to that voiced by the admin-Istration.

"We should," said Senator Aiken 'put the support level for various commodities on an equitable basis which we cannot do so long as grain is supported at parity and dairy products at 75 per cent, thus throwing our agricultural economy

out of balance "This should be done in the inter est of the grain producers themselves. The greatest opportunity they have to broaden their own market is by marketing grain in the form of animal products. "Support levels should be high enough to protect the farmer and the country from economic collapse but not so high as to destroy either the market for farm commodities

or the initiative of the farmer himself in seeking new markets and new uses. "Our first aim should be good

by government supports only when needed."

The greatest tragedy in life is having only regrets to look back ward to and nothing to look forward to



## By ROBERT C. KRAMER

Michigan Farm Economics, Michigan State College Farmers today receive about three-fourths of the consumer's dollar when that dollar is spent for beef. They receive about one-half of the consumer's dollar when that dollar is spent for all foods taken together. Let's percentage of the consumer's dolfollow a steer from the feedlot to the market to see why beef returns more to the farmer than almost any other processing loss, and the fact that 1950. farm product.

Assume that a farmer sells a 1000 pound steer on a terminal market for 26 cents a pound. This means that about \$32 to cover his costs and the meat packer, who buys the steer, has to pay \$260 profit. The retailer plans on about for it. The farmer receives \$254 (\$260 minus \$6 marketing charges. Suppose that this steer dresses out 60 per cent, giving the packer a 600-pound U. S. Good IOWA Test carcass to sell. By-products are not included in this 600pound carcass; thus, he also has them to sell.

Most meat packers are also wholesalers; so the packer will probably sell the carcass and the edible offal (liver, Brannan have decided to demontongue, heart and tail) directly to the butcher. The Brannan plan in Iowa, according to butcher will pay the wholesale price of, say, 42 cents a the magazine Newsweek. They pound for the U. S. Good carcass. This amounts to Agriculture Albert J. Loveland, who \$252. Let's assume that the edible offal weighs 19 pounds and costs the butcher \$6. The packer receives to enter the Democratic primary \$258 from the butcher for the carcass and the edible offal. By-products Pay Packer's Han- that he must keep his prices in line Hickenlooper. Loveland's major dling Costs. The packer paid the with other meat markets selling farmer \$260 for the steer and sold comparable meat or he will lose Brannan plan. the edible meat to the butcher for his customers. He also knows that

\$258. Does this mean that the most people value beef steak highprices on a free market, cushioned packer loses on this steer? Not er than they do beef stew. Because necessarily, because he still has of these different values and the the Washington high command felt the head, hide, feet and other in- amounts of the various cuts in a edible by-products which are worth carcass, he charges a higher price dramatize it better as a campaign approximately \$32. This means for a pound of steak than for a that the packer has about \$30 to pound of beef stew. pay the costs of handling this steer. Table 1 shows the retail cuts the

These costs include labor, rent, butcher can get from the 600-pound fuel, electricity, taxes, transporta- beef carcass, their approximate weight, the approximate price per tion, depreciation and interest.

TABLE 1 RETAIL BREAKDOWN OF 600-POUND U.S. GOOD BEEF CARCASS							
	Number of Pounds	Price per Pound	Total Value				
Porterhouse Steak	40	.90	\$ 36				
Sirloin steak		.80	40				
Round steak		.75	60				
Rib and rump roast		.65	/ 45				
Chuck roast	100	.55	55				
Hamburger and stew beef	160	.50	80				
Fats and suet	40	.15	6				
	540		\$322				
Retail value of edible	offal		8				
TOTAL RETAIL VALUE			\$330				

Now, the butcher who buys this | pound, and the computed retail 600-pound U. S. Good carcass does value.

not sell 600 pounds of meat. When Using these approximate prices, he processes the carcass, about 10 the butcher receives \$330 from his percent of the weight is lost, customers for the carcass and the Shrinkage, trimmings, and bones edible by-products. In this exmake up the 10 percent. This ample the farmer received \$254, or means that the butcher has only 77 per cent of the amount spent by erville, Guy Freeborn, Hart. 540 pounds of beef to sell. When the consumers. This 77 percent is he sells this beef, he must not only above the average but we must remember that exact retail prices have not been used. Also, lowergrade beef does not return as high food. It is an excellent source of a percentage of the consumer's beef dollar to the farmer as higher- source of other B vitamins. It grade beef. The consumers in this should be used as part of balanced Price Varies Widely in Retail example paid an average price of meals but not as the sole diet. Cuts. The butcher runs his meat 59 cents a pound for the salable market to earn a living. He knows beef (not including offal). This Burning is 17 cents more per pound than the butcher paid, but if the entire Heavy Spring Work Goes Smoother ... 600 pounds could have been sold, the butcher could have charged 6 cents less per pound and still received \$322 for the salable beef.

#### MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

#### there is about a 10 percent proces-**GRATIOT SEC'Y** sing loss with beef. Most other agricultural products have either more processing losses or more spoilage and waste, and the market-

ing margin is therefore larger. An-Mrs. Arthur Ballinger of Bethany other factor entering into the maraccepted the post of secretaryketing margin is the manufacturtreasurer of the Gratiot County ing necessary to prepare the product for the consumer. A steer is Farm Bureau for the 13th consecueasily converted into beef and the tive year. Lloyd Hearn of LaFayby-products pay for this plus cool- ette township was re-elected president, and Don Pendell of Northing and transporting to the consu-

mer. Canned vegetables and fruits shade vice-president. are products which return a low In the 13 years Mrs. Ballinger has been secretary, she has helped lar to the farmer because of the build from a handful to over a cost of canning, cost of the can, thousand farm family members in The volume of business there are few by-products to help handled by her office has doubled pay the marketing bill. in the past two years, and is many

is observed that the packer has Mrs. Ballinger feels this volume accurately reflects the increased services and activities of rural folks working and progressing to-72 to cover his costs and profit.

> MASON RURAL MEETINGS URBAN

Mason County Farm Bureau and the Rotary club of Scottville combined rural-urban banquets they had planned. Dr. Paul Bagwell of Michigan State College spoke to 200 at the meeting March 20. Scottville husinessmen are planning afternoon meetings for ruralurban people at the community hall April 13-14. Good speakers will discuss matters of interest

Robert Wittbecker, organization director for Mason Farm Bureau. says the membership exceeds 400 and is growing. The County Farm Bureau has added surgical service on a county wide basis to its Blue Cross hospital program.

Montcalm Dinner-Dance

150 members and guests attended Montcalm County Farm Bureau's banquet and dance, March 15, at the Grange Hall in Greenville. D. B. Barner, MSC specialist, who discussed various farm legislation that has been enacted since 1933.

FB Members To Tour Europe The American Farm Burean Fed eration, through its official publication, The Nation's Agriculture,

is sponsoring a four-week tour of Western Europe next summer, Al-Saturday Mornings 6:30 to 7:00 lan B. Kline, Federation presi-April dent, has announced. 1-Women of Michigan Farm

The crowd of Farm Bureau mem bers will take off on May 23 from New York by air and land the next day. They will proceed through Scotland to the Scandinavian countries, thence to Netherlands, Paris and Germany. In Sweden they will attend a plenary session of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers.

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Four of the five other Democrat candidates in the primary had given support to the Brannan plan, but that Loveland would be able to

OCEANA WANTS

Oceana County Farm Bureau has

petitioned the state soil conservation committee to call a hearing

in the county in April to consider

again a soil conservation district.

The petition had 1,000 signatures.

able to the creation of a district.

the state committee will call an

election in the county. Oceana is

the only county in western Mich-

igan that is not in a soil conserva-

Twelve Community Farm Bu-

reaus favor it. They say that if

the district is installed, working

with it is a voluntary matter. There

s little expense to the county. Whatever soil conservation dist-

icts have been established, most

The committee in charge of the

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# et Protection or Dangerous **Rail Crossing**

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About 11/2 miles north of Hartrd the C & O track crosses county ghway 687. Three passenger and our freight trains pass daily. The ack crosses the road at a 40 deee angle. Eight school buses rrying about 300 children use the

ossing twice daily. The accident record for the ossing was poor. There had been veral fatalities. Townline Farm

ureau joined in the effort to get arning signals installed. In April 1946 Townline went to ie road commission with a petion that had 1058 signers. No ction was taken. A main obstacle

as the cost-\$3,000. At a Blue Cross meeting in 1948, ie crossing got into the conversaon. Mrs. Karker suggested that rhaps the Michigan Farm Bureau | farmers get full value from it, MSC | uld help. Mrs. Clarence Patter-

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1 reported that to Townline Farm reau, and it was decided to conwith E. F. Steffen of the chigan Farm Bureau staff.

Mr. Steffen cited Act 336 whereby the Michigan Public Service Commission can order crossing signals installed if sufficient evidence can be mustered that a cross ing is used enough to justify the expense. The railroad and the county share the expense equally. Mr. Steffen asked for complete in formation. A hearing was arrange ed before the Public Service com-

mission. Enough evidence was pro duced to justify an inspection of The inspection was attended by

150 people, representing the state, county, railroad and Farm Bureau. The commission's safety engineer recommended the warning signals. now estimated at \$3800. In April. 1949 the railroad was ordered to install them.

After conferring with the road commission, Townline Farm Bureau agreed to help raise funds. Supervisors of Hartford township voted \$600 and \$280 was raised by subscription. The crossing signals were installed in November of 1949. It took a long time, but they're there to protect life and property. -From Van Buren County Farm Bureau News.

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MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

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# Willingness to Work Made America Great

the highest standard of living of Earl L. Butz of Purdue University at the Michigan Live Stock Ex- the world wants dollars. change annual meeting at Lansing, March I1.

"That is the result of American willingness to work' applied to our abundant resources. But today in too many places our drive is to curtail output rather than expand production. When this type of reasoning becomes general, the result must be a lowered standard of living for everyone. If we would have more, we must produce more. There is no other short cut to added uxury, leisure or convenience.

"Sometimes my friends ask me where we will find a market to morrow for the increased productive capacity we have today. That doesn't worry me. In the last ten years in America we have increased our population by 19 million people. That is 11% times the entire population of Canada.

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They will require houses, refriger-

DR. E. I. BUTZ "We are going to increase our "In Europe the people are rapopulation by 19 million or more in the next ten years. Those people tioned severely on what we consider



dollars. It is because the United States is one of the few places in the world where the level of pro "Americans have long enjoyed duction is sufficiently high so that we can supply ourselves with the any people on earth," said Dr. necessities of life and still have some goods to sell. That is why

ly to do the job. Less hardy than Of Alfalfa or the clovers, alfalfa seed on top of the ground often freezes and swells and fails to germinate properly. Seedings made with a drill on

neavy soil are more apt to get well Seeding legumes in a wheat field established than on lighter soils started the fall before, often poses Harrison points out. It's a mat some problems, but Carter M. Har- ter of moisture available to germ-

rison, Michigan State College forinate the seeds. age authority says it can be done. Farmers should remember that Two methods are common. One the little alfalfa seeds have a lot

is to scatter seed on top of the of competing to do for moisture. ground as the snow goes off, rely-Wheat plants are already big and ing on frost action to cover the growing and unless conditions are seed. The other is to wait until favorable, the young legume seeds the field has dried off enough to do not do well. They should redrill the seed on the field. member that legumes seeded late

nutrition needs.

In southern Michigan, it is usual

y best to drill the field with alfala seed after it has dried sufficient-

Harrison likes the second plan in the spring just get out of the best for alfalfa. Seeding of a mix- ground and meet the hot dry sumture of red clover and timothy or mer weather and fail. sweet clover as the snow goes off He advises not to plant brome

gives fairly good results, however. grass with alfalfa on wheat in the That is, provided the wheat had spring, but use timothy. Brome enough fertilizer applied in the should be seeded with wheat in the fall to furnish the little seeds their fall.

## All Late Corn Just because the last two corn years have been almost perfect for

Don't Go To

late maturity there's no reason for farmers to shift all their acreage to late maturing varieties in 1950. E. C. Rossman of the farm crops dep't at Michigan State College, says that 1950 could be a more normal corn growing season. Early frosts could damage late hybrids.

Through trials conducted in all parts of the state by Michigan State College, information is obtained on

the hybrids which mature and yield best in different areas. Information on these tests is avail-

lege, East Lansing. Many farmers, according to Rossman, believe they must plant a late hybrid to get high corn yields. While it is generally true that late hybrids yield more than early hybrids, there are some early ma turing kinds that produce as well He suggests that farmers growing more than 20 acres of corn plant two or three hybrids of different

maturity. Unfavorable weather conditions may do less total corn crop damage when there is a spread in maturity.

Trying a few acres of one or more newer hybrids that show some superior characteristics over older hybrids is another suggestion Rossman makes

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I Names of silo builders in my into destruction, as we have done

with potatoes. We must price it improving our productive efficiency and lowering our unit costs, it will not be difficult to do that. "I came back from Europe two years ago with the firm conviction

ators, automobiles, etc. We have a duction is so low. As a consetremendous market for the output quence of rationing, they are beof farm and factory at our back | coming disillusioned and dispirited. "Even in democratic England, "Our job is to keep increasing personal freedom is but a memory. productive efficiency and to price You can't change jobs without perour products into the market. We mission from the government, you must not price food into storage, can't start or stop producing, start

as we are doing with eggs, butter or stop selling, without first getting and corn. Nor must we price food permission. "I am disturbed as I look around America today and see we are into consumption. And if we keep divided into warring camps. Each group seems to be motivated more or less by a philosophy of reduced output. Restrictive practices and

featherbedding in some parts of labor; monopolistic practices and restraints of trade in some sectors that the thing that is dragging of business; in some places in ag-

riculture there is the philosophy that we must keep our output strictly under control. We are marching into a program for guaranteed scarcity rather than lenty.

be the essential living items

chiefly because their level of pro-

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# **Readers** Digest **Quotes Berrien**

Berrien County Farm Bureau is quoted by Stanley High in his article "The Time to Stop the Spenders is Now," in the Reader's Digest for April 1950. Page 133. Quoted is the resolution adopted by Berrien at its county meeting and presented to the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting in November, 1949:

"By reason of pressure groups demauding Government subsidies," declared a resolution adopted by the farmer members of the Farm Bureau of Berrien County, Michigan, "we are losing our system of free enterprise and our liberties. Therefore we oppose the agricultural price-support program and all other Government price and wage supports. We urge return to free enterprise in our national enconomy."

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# **Can Gov't Prevent** A Depression?

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

#### By DONALD D. KINSEY

Director of Research and Information The Poverty Stricken Years of the Thirties! The Years of Mortgage and Taxation Sales!

The shock of these experiences caused many people before. The government subsidies to seek for methods to prevent new depressions in the years to follow. How can we prevent them? Volumes of complicated theory have been written on this problem. It must be said that we have had no tested answer to the these fellows are perhaps worse off problem as yet. Our question here implies that government control of our economy may be one of the answers.

Depressions occur when people lose their power to purchase the goods and services available. We have never had a real shortage of goods in America! Purchasing power simply becomes frozen in the hands of too few people, credit disappears, employment fades to disaster levels, and people lack cash to buy goods.

The answer, regardless of method, seems to lie in keeping the nation's money in a condition of active exchange. We must prevent the cash from being "fenced in" by a few people or by giant corporations. Controls on the freedom to profit without limit seem necessary. During previous depressions many of these monopolies had cornered the bulk of the money and kept it from returning to the people. Small business men became scared and froze to what they had.

If the answer was to be found in a free economy, it tilling out forms. began to be clear that it must be a regulated free economy. No one must be allowed to tie up the national medium of exchange.

For the last five years people have talked about the dangers of another depression. The ghost of the thirties still stalks among us and arouses new fears of its becoming real again. What can be done about it? Our discussion considers only whether or not the government is the answer to the problem.

The intention here is to present some information be no motives of self-gain, the powdealing with the question from both the positive and negative side, based on studies of the problem.

(1) The Government Can Pre-lextend credit during the slack vent a Depression. The most times. It could also retire the naactive theory as to how to halt such tional debt in prosperous times. a disaster is the view that the gov- With reserve wealth the governernment can do it. If it can pre- ment could revitalize business when vent money and credit from becom- demand is most needed. The goving bottled up and keep the pur- ernment could act as a cushion to chasing power of the people at a absorb the shocks of a declining high level it will keep the demand economy. A planned economy of for goods highly active. Our pres- this sort could always serve to balent administration is trying to ance the books of national business outline methods to accomplish activity. Taxation could be raised this. The first idea proposed is or lowered with years of prosperity to place subsidy payments on farm or decline.

products. In fact, out of government re-Why subsidize the farmer? He serves, the federal treasury could makes up only about 18% of the become a vast repository of credit population—but it is an important to all economic groups in times of

pect the planners who have pro- | shouldn't we? We help pay for it!' Where can such a policy end exduced this confusion to do a better job of controlling business for the cept in a struggle for advantage whole nation than they have done between groups? Lobbying in favor in their present system? Can of subsidy handouts would choke they do any better job than the the halls of Washington! business men and the farmers them-The idea that the government selves have done? could control the national economy

If the Government does run the and prevent a depression is how, how deep shall the citizen dangerous illusion. himself be entangled in its red Questions ape and controls? Louis Brom-

quote it:

support the bureaucracy, which has

been set to carry out and admin-

"It is my opinion that it is more

have raised and how much it cost

meet on our production."

as to the needs of the people than

the people themselves? Will they

be honest and unbiased in their

application of the supreme powers

granted them? We cannot leave the human element out of account

when considering the application

and use of any "Plan" for a government controlled economy. If

it is to operate effectively there can

er cannot be used as a political club

to force people to vote favorably.

There can be no usurping of wealth and power to be used for

personal or party ends. Such

forms of corruption must be avoid-

Are people built that way? Can

government bureaus always be

trusted to be free of self-interest?

Their present high-powered drive

to perpetuate themselves and gain

large budget allocations does not

look like it. They are carrying on

powerful lobbies in Congress to

gain them. They are setting up

powerful propaganda campaigns

against certain people's organiza-

tions. Should employees of the

ed.

ister the subsidies.

1. What can the farmers do to field received a letter from an help prevent a depression? English farmer in which he des-2. If a depression seems likely cribes his predicament. Let us should people quit buying industrial goods, except for the minimum "I am just about to give up, not essentials?

ecause I am doing less well than 3. Is government taxation and spending a desirable way to pretake care of that, and the taxpayers vent depressions? Why or why not? pay the difference between what 4. Will subsidizing certain econ-I get for my produce and what the omic groups prevent a depression? onsumer pays for it. The money Why or why not? is taken out of the taxpayer, and

5. Should the people favor the control of business by government because they are not only paying bureaus? Why or why not? the difference in prices, but at 6. Can farmers do more to pre least a couple of million pounds to

vent economic disaster by organized action or by acting independently?

#### **Jackson Wants More** Gravel on Roads

fun to spend your own money for comething that costs you just as South Jackson Community Farm Bureau has asked the Jackson much than to have the government take it and then pay a lot of incounty board of supervisors to look competent fellows, who probably into operations of the county road couldn't hold a decent job elsecommission. The Farm Bureau where, to spend it for you. It's the group says it would like to have misery of spending hour upon hour more gravel applied to county roads filling out forms, telling what you and be able to get around.

#### you and whether you followed the Grass and Hay

recommendations of the nearest Grass is America's biggest crop. bureaucrat who probably knows It covers 958 million acres, 01 less than nothing about farming. 60 percent of the United States. "There comes a point when no Hay, next to grass, is the crop amount of profit is worth the that our livestock program misery that goes with it, and bebased upon. Commercial fertilizer lieve me, Mr. B., it is misery. My is being applied increasingly on sister and I sit up for hours at our grasslands, as farmers learn night after we have done a hard more about the values coming from day's work, doing bookkeeping and its use.

"If you don't do it you don't The happiness of life depends get the subsidy, and without the ess upon what befalls us than upon subsidy we couldn't make ends the way in which we take it .--Lavater. Are government bureaus wiser

To Get Truth Consumers

**Farmers Need** 

By GORDON H. ALLEN

Am. Farm Bureau, Washington "Farmers had best realize that housands of consumers are misin formed about and prejudiced against what farmers considered a sound and fair farm price support program. I face it every day in Washington, as do other members of Congress.'

This warning came recenty from Rep. Albert Gore (D., Tenn.), co author of the Agricultural Act o

1949. Rep. Gore declared that 'shrewd political campaigns" and propaganda calculated to prejudic consumers "constitute a very real threat to the well being of the farmer, to a sound farm program and, therefore, to the national economy." Farmers and their friends must

eave no stone unturned to deliver

points:

versity.

the truth to the non-farm, urban and industrial people of the coun-The commodity committee of the try, he said, and cited the following Clinton County Farm Bureau sponored a county meeting on dairying 1. That the rise in farm incomat St. Johns the forepart of March. since 1935-39 has been far less rapid The committee, at a planning meetthan that of industrial workers ing earlier in the year, decided that . . that the farm income is far their year's objective was to hold less stable, and is perilously vul educational meetings, investigate nerable in periods of business ad and conduct surveys on local markets in relation to milk and live-

2. That American consumers to stock problems. day get their food more cheaply Guests attending the early March than do consumers in any other meeting were Norman Peterson. country when measured in terms Michigan Milk Producers: Clarence of labor and effort necessary to Bolander and F. M. Shiver. State purchase the food. Department of Agriculture; as well 3. That more than 50 percent of

as representatives of the Dairythe consumer's food dollar goes to land Co-operative Creamery of Carpay for numerous operations or son City and the entire St. Johns services which come after food veterans' agricultural class. leaves a farm and before it reaches the consumer.

The farm supply committee of That when a farmer's income the Clinton County Farm Bureau, falls, as it has, there is not a as its first project, promoted

corresponding decline in the price | group tour of the Farm Bureau a housewife pays for food at the retail store.

Rep. Gore stressed that there is only a slight flexibility in the March 14. 'after-leaving-the-farm" costs of food products; and that retail food prices do not decline in ratio with declining farm prices.

"I do not think the average consumer knows about the reductions in the price of farm commodities," Rep. Gore said. "Why is this? The principal reason is that the price housewife pays at the grocer counter has not had a correspond ng reduction. Is this the farmer's fault? Indeed, no. Is it the fault of

price supports? Indeed, no. "And yet, the farmer and the farm price support program are being blamed for the continuing high cost of food."

**Clinton County** 

Committees

Perform

rid of useless things and rubbisa Services' fertilizer plant, warehouse and retail store and the U.S. in attics, store rooms, basements egg grading station at Saginaw, and barns. They help cause accidents and some are fire hazards:

Outside, it's a good time to pick On March 22, the committee sponup the loose wire, glass and other sored a group of 33 Clinton county farmers who visited the Michigan unsightly items that could be Farm Bureau headquarters and trouble makers.

Spring clean-up is a good time warehouse at Lansing, the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Com- for putting things where they be pany, and the Michigan legisla- long. ture, state capitol.

SOLVAY THIS IS TIME Agricultural Limestone TO CLEAN UP MEAL Let's make April Spring Clean-**Produced** in Michigan up Month for farms, says David Available At Your Nearest G. Steinicke, State College farm Dealer safety specialist and secretary of the Michigan Rural Safety Council. SOLVAY SALES DIVISION Allied Chemical & Dye Corporation 7501 W. Jefferson Ave. A few hours used now for cleaning

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segment where markets for in proven need. What we have needdustrial goods have rich possibil- ed to prevent depressions is a ities. Subsidies will prompt him powerful mediator that can, with to buy the goods he needs, and authority, adjust the various elethus keep industrial production at ments of our gigantic business sysa high level. Not only does the tem to one another. farmer use machinery, but also

he has a greater need for home we have tried to prevent monopo improvements than any other seg- lies from controlling the wealth ment of our society. He needs by passing anti-trust and antielectrical installations, water sys- monopoly laws. These laws tems, modern refrigerators, cook- have not prevented the big ing and heating equipment, tele- monopolies from paralyzing our phones, radios and automobiles.

Farm homes are far below the power over such corporations and national average in their supply of their levels of profit, they could these modern conveniences. The be held in check and business subsidy should thus do a double paralysis could be prevented. duty. It should raise the standard of living on the farm, and it should, at the same time, create had many impractical and Utopian employment for those in the fac- dreams offered it throughout tories. Business should be given history. The proposal being offered a strong "shot in the arm" by the at the present time is not new. We increased demand.

The government could also keep ernment by planners has ever been successful. The theory that the credit and purchasing power in an active condition by a program of government can prevent a deprestaxation and spending. Funds sion by increasing its power and could be allocated to such groups its control of the national wealth may look well on paper. Actually needed them-groups that the chance that the government would stimulate a demand for can or will do the job is very goods. This means taking money away from some and giving it to doubtful. others. Robin Hood was a hero for taking from the rich and giving to a picture of inefficiency and waste. the poor! But even the large cor- The Hoover Commission Report re yeals this to such a degree that

poration that gives up this money should benefit because it will find thinking citizens are appalled. a better market for its products. Excess profits would be absorbed or squandered to have thousands

in taxation and no corporation or of employees duplicate each others' merger of them could corner the jobs. The confusion and red tape mational wealth. In times of high is so deep that it can never be unpresperity the government could tangled to make good sense. With collect enough in reserve funds to this evidence before us, can we ex-

Our present bureaucracies display

Billions in taxes are being spent



August: Are You Prepared to Vote?

Big government must not only be large enough in wealth to succeed in preventing depressions, but it must also have a greatness of moral principles to match it! Great absolute power provides great temptation and great opportunity for

people control the people?

corrupt practices! Under our free enterprise system If the depressions of the past were created in part by monopoly. this was not the fault of the free enterprise system. Regulated monopoly had been planned. The antitrust laws were there. The weakness lay in the fact that these economy. If the government has laws were not properly administered and enforced. The power of the corporations, in terms of wealth, was too easily used to prevent their enforcement. The courts, the gov-(2) The Government Cannot ernment, and the people allowed Prevent a Depression. Mankind has money to talk too loudly for the good of the nation as a whole. Our court system needs revamping to have this weakness removed! There was no proof that these laws would need look at the fact that no govnot prevent depression. A real application and enforcement . of them, in the interest of the common people, was never seriously tried

> Any monopoly, whether of wealth, labor, or of government is dangerous to a democratic society. It vests too much power in agencies or special privilege groups rather than in the people as a whole. If the government assumes this power of economic control and distributes wealth by subsidy, we must remember that every grant has its price tag. We pay for each grant with the sacrifice of some freedoms of action and decision. We cannot escape its compulsory requirements. It is well demonstrated that our present government cannot achieve a balanced economy. Here in the years of prosperity we find the national debt growing at the rate of five billion dollars a year. Where shall the Government get the reserves for the lean years? Where is the economic cushion? Is it our

children? Do we just owe the money to ourselves, so that we can forget the debts? What about the old people and the widows who have invested their savings in government bonds to secure their years of enfeeblement? Shall we just forget them? What about the insurance companies that protect us, and the banks that hold our savings? They buy government bonds. To forget the debts might wipe out the basis of our own security!

Subsidies to one economic group of society will be followed by demands for subsidies from endless other groups. Everyone will say, "If the farmer gets it, why

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