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EDITORIAL

This April Not the Worst

April was the fifth coldest and the sixth wettest April for the nation since the United States weather bureau began keeping records in 1864.

Fair Trade Price Laws

You may have noticed in recent years that the price for many trade-marked or brand goods is substantially the same wherever you find them.

There's a reason. Some 42 states, including Michigan, have fair trade price laws. These laws are a form of retail price fixing with the permission of state governments.

Under a fair trade law a manufacturer and his dealer organization may establish the lowest permissable retail price for a product and protect that price under the law. In our opinion the minimum is set high enough so that it becomes the established price.

The price law has teeth. Should a retailer break his contract to maintain the fair trade price, the law states that the manufacturer has a legal remedy, which includes suit against the dealer for damages.

Advocates of fair trade price laws say they make prices uniform for the trade and consumers; they protect dealers for a certain brand of goods against price wars in that field, etc. Critics reply that fair trade price laws keep prices up and eliminate price competition between retailers for a certain line of goods.

Our observation is that a great many manufacturers of trade-marked and brand goods are using fair trade laws to dictate the retail price for their product and to protect that price. A druggist said that 90% of his stock is fair trade priced to him. One finds it in all fields of merchandising. We notice that the manufacturers in the 32 billion dollar a year grocery trade have applied to the Federal Trade Commission for a fair trade price code.

Labor has its form of price support through federal laws establishing the 40 hour week and 75 cents per hour as the minimum wage.

Farmers have federal parity price legislation which establishes what are termed fair minimum prices for many farm products in relation to the prices farmers pay for goods and services.

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Farm Aid in '49 Farm Bureau and Legislators Confer

Was Half of **Postal Subsidy** Few people realize it, but a \$551

million subsidy was charged to the taxpayers to pay the U.S. postal service deficit for the year ending June 30, 1949. That was twice the net expense to the taxpayers for farm price support for the same year.

The Commodity Credit Corporation of the U.S. Dep't of Agriculture reported June 30, 1949 that it had that year a net realized loss of \$254 million from sales, gifts, damage and spoilage on \$21/2 billion of farm commodities then held in the price support program.

Therefore, from June 30, 1948 to June 30, 1949 the post office deficit amounted to about \$3.33 for each of approximately 150 million people in the United States. Farm price support cost about \$1.69 for each person At present the Commodity Credit

Corporation has about \$4 billion in farm products acquired under the farm price support plan. Any

loss that is taken in selling or giving away any of these products, or loss by damage or spoilage, is charged to the taxpayers. That loss

Will the loss on the \$4 billion be

correspondingly higher for 1949-50?

Possibly not. March 31, 1950 the Commodity Credit Corporation reported that for the past 9 months it had sustained a net realized loss of \$130,803,000 in carrying out the farm price support program. This figures about 87 cents per person in the United States for the nine months period. The position of the Farm Bureau

for the past three years has been that price supports which are too high will encourage production of surpluses, just as they would in any industry. In the press and over the radio

the \$4 billion holdings of the Commodity Credit Corporation are treated as though they were a loss That can't be determined until they are disposed of. In the post office, the \$551 million loss for a year is real. There is no recovery. That is the reason for the present

postal service curtailments. businesses in particular.



The legislative committee of the Seated, left to right: Rep. Joseph ator William C. Vandenberg, Hol Michigan Farm Bureau board of E. Warner, Ypsilanti, chairman of land, chairman, Senate committee directors conferred with members the House ways and means com- on state affairs.

of the legislature at the capitol mittee; FB director Clyde Brein- Standing, left to right: Rep. Edwould be the amount that all tax- April 25 on matters of farm inter- ing, Ypsilanti; Senator Bruce F. ward Hutchinson of Fennville, est, particularly for an appropri- Clothier, North Branch, chairman, member of the House committee pital Council, explained the dif. ed out. payers, including farmers, subsidize the farm price support pro- ation to start building new veteri- Senate committee on agriculture; on agriculture; FB directors Walter ference between hospital and hotel nary hospital facilities at Michigan member of Senate committee on Wightman of Fennville and Harry State College.

finance and appropriations; Sen- Norris of Casnovia

Group Says MSC Vet Services Made School Needs Help

Fifty-one Farm Bureau people from 39 County Farm Bureaus visited the Michigan State College school of veterinary medicine May 4.

They invited staff members to describe their services to the livestock and poultry industries and for public health. They asked to be shown the buildings and equipment.

What they saw and heard convinced them that the school is trying to handle responsibilities too big for present facilities. They approved the work that's being done, but shook their heads at some of the buildings and working conditions they saw.

sidize? Most of us. But publish-ing and advertising and mercantile businesses in particular. I am surprised to see the notash industry of the notash industry o They said that the State Board+ members of the legislature are how things are crowded and piled ty created great difficulties for Postmaster General Donaldson right when they say that the state should start now to build recom-xplained the \$551 million deficit should start now to build recom-

for work."

now.



Seventy Leaders from Farm Bureau Groups Study Work of Hospital Service At Detroit Headquarters

Seventy Farm Bureau people from 46 Michigan counties attended a series of five one-day meetings in Detroit last month and studied at firsthand the administration of Blue Cross protection for Farm Bureau members.

William S. McNary, Blue Cross executive vice president, greeted the visitors at each day's session. He said that more than 63,000 persons are now enrolled in Blue Cross through the 19,000 contracts held by Michigan Farm Bureau members.

Each of the five conferences was a co-operative project between Blue Cross and Farm Bureau, which shared expenses of the meetings. Persons attending the sessions with Blue Cross officials were Farm Bureau Blue Cross secretaries. Farm Bureau county organization directors, and other Farm Bureau leaders.

Speaking to each of the Farme-Bureau delegations at evening ses- | cal-surgical services subscribers resions, Stuart Walker, executive ceived during 1949 cost no family secretary of the Detroit Area Hos- more than \$3.25 a month," he point-

charges. "The hotel operates for profit fifth of the state's population-are and takes only those who can pay," now enrolled in Michigan Medical Mr. Walker said. "The voluntary Service, and that 85 per cent of the hospital is a non-profit organiza- state's doctors are participating tion serving the community by fur- doctors in the Blue Shield pronishing surroundings, costly equip- gram, ment and trained assistance to the How a Blue Cross community en-

doctor. A large percentage of its rollment campaign can help enrollpatients pay less than cost or ment in Farm Bureau groups was nothing at all. explained by Peter E. Klein, mana-"The best hotels have an em- ger of the Blue Cross community

ployee-guest ratio of one for one," enrollment department. he declared. "In the short term

"Community enrollment opens general hospital, the employee-pa- the way for Blue Cross member-Visitors from FarmBureau

Mr. Goodrich stated that more

than 1,500,000 persons-or one-



The Farm Bureau Services fer tilizer plant at Saginaw again proved its value to Farm Bureau members and all farmers this spring by producing 33,000 tons of mixed fertilizers. The spring pro-

gram called for 28,000 tons. Most important was the fact that Farm Bureau high analysis fertilizers carried their full potash content

Farm Bureau fertilizers for 1950 carried an average of 33.5 units of plant food-nitrogen, phosphorus, and potash-per ton. The potash

33.000 Tons **Of Fertilizers**

In our opinion farm price supports are more than justified when one considers the variety of effective price supports that exist in other fields. They exist with government help or permission.

Fire Destroys FBS Branch At Bancroft

A fire completely destroyed the Farm Bureau Services' retail branch elevator and store at Bancroft Thursday night, May 4. The loss of buildings and contents was esti mated at \$60,000.

May 3 and is the first district to The Bancroft branch was started make its goal for 1950. Arlo Was-1936. The Michigan Elevator son of Atlanta, district represent-Exchange purchased the facilities ative, gave membership figures for and leased it to Farm Bureau the 11 counties: Alcona 172, Alpena, Services to operate as an elevator 426, Antrim 309, Charlevoix 208, and retail farm supplies establish-Cheboygan 162, Emmet 179, Montment. Farm Bureau Services purmorency 123, Ogemaw 243, Iosco chased the elevator from MEE in 109, Presque Isle 298, Otsego 72. 1941.

The several facilities of the elevator included custom grinding and mixing, feed treating, seed cleaning, corn shelling, and grain and bean cleaning. The biggest volume items were seed, feed, fertilizer and corn. Wilton Kingsley was manager of the branch store.

979 Members in April Raises Total to 41,047

Membership in the Michigan Farm Bureau for 1950 rose to 41,-047 at the close of April. There was a gain of 979 members during the month. The state membership is now at the American Farm Bureau quota for Michigan for this year. The state goal is 44,158, Genesee and Iosco counties made their goals in April. Fifteen County

Farm Bureaus are over their goals: Alcona 172, Alpena 423, Bay 1081, Berrien 1748, Branch 1440, Genesee 905, Gratiot 984, Iosco 107, Mecosta 530, Montmorency 123, Northwest Michigan 802, Ogemaw 241, Tuscola 1067, Van Buren 1535, Washtenaw 1194.

Counties with 90% or more of

by stating that only 1st class letter mended veterinary and public health facilities at MSC. mail is paying its way. It cost the

post office dep't \$270 million in Bruce Granger, dairy farmer, of 1948-49 to transport and deliver Webberville, Ingham county, said, newspapers and magazines. They "I spent a good many years as a paid only \$40 million for the ser- factory works manager. We couldn't tolerate laboratory conditions

Mailers of third class matter- like those in the bacteriology buildnostly advertising-failed by \$130 ing. I don't see how they can atmillion to pay the cost to the post tract instructors.'

office. Parcel post operated at a C. Hugh Lozer, general farmer net loss of \$85 million. Air mail Coldwater R-4, Branch county, "I service cost the post office \$50 mil- was surprised four years ago to lion more than it took in. find the blood testing laboratory in The Marshall plan subsidy for the attic. They said it was tem-European recovery amounted to porary. I think they're doing a about \$4,363 million for the fine job with what they have to year April 3, 1948-1949 and work with, but I'd like to see it a a similar amount for the year lot better than it is."

ending April 3, 1950. In Charles Meinecke, general farmer. each year a little less than half was Saginaw R-4, "The animal hospi for industrial commodities and a tal is pretty good, but where would little less than half for food and you put any more? This bacteriolother farm commodities. ogy building could stand a lot of In 1948-49 the Marshall plan improvement. I was here 15 years subsidy was 17 times greater than ago, and it looked like a worn out in recent years. Those facilities farm then. There hasn't been any are good, but twice as much or the \$254 million for farm price support. improvement."

get the best out of it." tilizers; others discontinued some C. A. Burkhart, dairy farmer, analyses that were high in potash

Howell, "Four years ago we took This year the Farm Bureau plant blood samples to the attic laborawas an assurance of fertilizer to tory in the bacty building. I farm co-operatives. thought then it was a poor place

The Farm Bureau gets some of its potash from Dow Chemical Dr. C. S. Bryan, dean of veteri- Company at Midland, and more nary medicine, said that MSC has from the Carlsbad, New Mexico had to stop experimental work with mines. The long strike 'in New livestock in an effort to provide Mexico was the trouble maker, but hospital practice space for vet stu-Farm Bureau rustled up enough dents. He said the bacteriology potash to serve its people.

building built in 1902 was the fin As planting season approached est of that day, but is worn out this spring the Farm Bureau plan It was condemned by the worked around the clock, nin state dep't of health in 1930. hours for mixing, 9 hours for bag

The vet school trains veterinar-



Though proper cooling is perhaps the biggest factor in producing low duct groups through the veterinary bacteria count milk, dairymen at school and animal hospital built Michigan State College say that cooling shouldn't be a substitute

for clean milking habits.

William S. McNary, executive vice-president of the Blue Cross Plan, welcomed Farm Bureau people who attended a series of Farm Bureau-Blue Cross meetings in Detroit. With him are, on the left, Mrs. Betty Tucker of Rose City and Miss A. Korson of Traverse City.

unloading incoming stock and other many hospital employees are high- through Farm Bureau or other ally trained professional workers." ready-established groups," Mr. Mr. Walker urged the Farm Bu- Klein declared. "It is in no sense reau people to visit their local hoscompetitive to enrollment through "Find out their problems a Farm Bureau group because the and help to

Bureau members is much more The purposes of Blue Cross and comprehensive than the Communi-

Service) and the activities of Blue Cross departments were explained by speakers who addressed the evening sessions.

Bennett J. McCarthy, manager of ules. the Blue Cross hospital relations department showed how Blue Cross

had its beginning during the depression years. "The depression in the early 30's increased the desire for hospitalization, but people were unable to

pay the cost of hospital care," he said. "Consequently, many hospitals began thinking in terms of spreading the cost of care.

"They said 'Why don't we get together and set up an agency in which people may deposit funds which will take care of their hos-

pital care when they need it?' "The result was Michigan Hospital Service. Blue Cross is the hospitals."

Blue Shield Plan, which is Cross, originated from studies made by members of the Michigan State Medical Society and county medical societies in the early 1930's. Gordon Goodrich, assistant director of Michigan Medical Service, told the visitors

"On its tenth anniversary, celeorated this year, the organization ad paid \$41,109,863.15 to doctors for services rendered its subscribers," he said.

"The nearly \$10,000,000 in medi-

CO-OP SHOWS

their goal are: Allegan, Antrim,

Barry, Calhoun, Clinton, Hillsdale,

Huron, Ionia, Jackson, Kalamazoo,

Lapeer, Livingston, Muskegon, Oce-

ana, Osceola, Presque Isle, St. Jos-

DIST. 10 FIRST

TO MAKE QUOTA

Farm Bureau membership Dist

rict 10 in northern Michigan re-

ported 2301 Farm Bureau members

heard new developments in Farm Bureau Services co-operative supplies and equipment at Farm Bureau and Co-op days held early this spring

FB Services held the meetings jointly with local farmers co-operatives and Services branch eleva-They were arranged by the tors. patrons relations division. Everyone agreed that the meetings

Latest information was given on Farm Bureau seeds, feeds, fertilizers, fence and roofing, paint and farm equipment. Films shown in cluded "Power Farming" which presented in sound and color the manufacture and use of Co-op farm The Farm Bureau equipment. Services fertilizer plant film "Un seen Values" pictured the manufacture and reasons for the high efficiency and lower cost per unit of Farm Bureau high analysis fertilizers.

ly income in Michigan.

Agricultural research has added

Total 2301. 9,000 ENJOY

Nine thousand farmers saw and

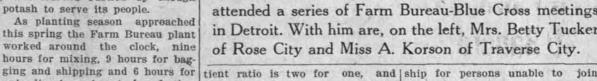
should be repeated next year.

many dollars to the farmers year

Pictured at the entrance to the state capitol at Lansing are 51 Farm Bureau members from 39 counties who visited the MSC vet school May 4. They liked the work being done but thought the school is trying to do a big job with equipment that is too small and some of it ancient and worn out. In the afternoon they visited the legislature. For names of party, see "They Visited Vet School", page 3.

pitals.

he said



to help themselves," group contract protecting Farm

Blue Shield (Michigan Medical ty Enrollment contract."

Raymond W. Mooy, manager of the Blue Cross advertising and production department, explained the Blue Cross advertising sched

"Because of our advertising cam paign during the Blue Cross rate increase last year, our percentage of loss of subscribers was very

low," he said. "This was due largely to new business which offset the

Mrs. Alice Curtis Billings of the Blue Cross press relations department, described public relations services of the department in preparing news releases and radio scripts for the use of Farm Bureau groups

Between fifteen and twenty-five Farm Bureau people were present at each of the conferences. They were greated at the Sheraton Hotel by Austin L. Pino, Blue Cross rural enrollment manager, Harold Vaughan, Blue Cross rural enroll ment representative, and Mrs. Billings.

Each group visited the Blue Cross offices in the Washington Boulevard building. Mrs. Mitzi Vogt, Blue Cross orientation in structor, described the operation of the Blue Cross Plan by charts and drawings which show how each of the 16 floors of the building are

Administration of Blue Cross as it specifically applies to Farm Burean was explained by George Sell of the Farm Bureau billing department and Victor DeKubinyi of the

agent for the specific purpose of offering on a prepayment basis the service of these participating Michigan Medical Service, the companion organization to Blue

used for Blue Cross activities.

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(Continued on page two) Vet School Visitors, Tell Legislators What They Saw

ians, medical technologists for human and animal hospitals, and bac- work. teriology specialists for service in many fields Dr. F. W. Young, professor of urgery and medicine, helped conTWO

farmer-pat



Community **Farm Bureau** Activities By MRS. MARJORIE GARDNER

STAR AWARDS Gold Star-Tobacco Road Com-Wayne. munity Farm Bureau, Emmet County, Mrs. Gertrude Ball, secretary. - South Jackson, Silver Star Jackson County, Mrs. Harold Dancer, sec'y. Silver Star-Mulberry, Lenawee County, Mrs. Dewey Ries, sec'y. CONGRATULATIONS! Dear Community Farm Bureau

Members: Farm Bureau activity again in ing. larch. Secretaries reported some Ch

tion for the County Farm Bureaus. a friendly people. These people If each county reaches its goal we are our neighbors. What about a will have our 1,000 groups. At hospitality and fellowship night in present the County Farm Bureaus our Community Groups to welcome who have reached their goal to- these new people into our organizaward our 1,000 groups are as fol- tion? lows:

District 1: Berrien-Kalamazoo. District 2: Jackson-Lenawee. District 3: Livingston-Oakland-District 4: Allegan-Ionia. District 5: Clinton-Genesee. District 6: Tuscola. District 7: Mecosta-Montealm District 8: Isabella-Midland. District 10: Montmorency-Oge-Congratulations! We hope we can double this list next month.

HERE AND THERE Alcona-Taits Road, Secretary Mrs. -Cedarwood. Secretary

We owe them an obligation to do one of two things. We should either welcome them into our groups as a part of us, or we should help them to form new neighborhood groups, get a real constructive start, and give them the benefit of our experience in discovering what a Community Group really can do when it develops a good ambitious program. -From the Lenawee County Farm Bureau News

(Continued from Page 1) more is needed, said Dr. Young. MEETING MAY 15 Serious animal cases come to the Kent County Farm Bureau

and other treatment in the clinic. ference at Camp Vining Lodge, Dr. C. W. Darby, with a group in Bostwick lake, Monday, May 15 the old bacty building, said 3,000 starting with a luncheon at 1 p

basement to attic. It was here The theme is Public Services to that farmers shook their heads County and City. Four points to over beat-up equipment, crowding, he discussed are: Tax Supported Agencies, Area make-shift installations. Dr. W. Services, Social N. Mack mentioned that the base- Planning, and Health Services. Miss Esther Anson, associate proment floods from time to time.

Dr. H. J. Stafseth, authority on fessor of adult education at Michpoultry diseases and head of the igan State college will be moderator bacty dep't, said farmers send for the conference. Mrs. Harry thousands of birds per year, sick or Whittaker, state chairman of Farm dead. The poultry laboratory is Eureau women, Mrs. Leon Dunning, in an old wooden building. Dr. 4th district chairman, Mrs. Marjorie Clinton County Contest-27 Com- Stafseth summed up the importance Karker, state director, and Norman nunity Farm Bureau groups in of the veterinary and bacteriologist Stanton, Farm Bureau representa Cinton County have entered a four to public health by stating that 90 tive for the 4th district, will at-Ethel Streeter reports perfect at- month contest sponsored by the or more animal diseases are trans- tend. Several Grand Rapids women's Bad roads affected Community tendance at the March 20th meet- Community Group Committee and missable to man, that we look to organizations are co-operating in

Organization Director Leona Al- the bacteriologist for safe water the conference. Accommodations

to hear your Secretary who is making a terrific fight to maintain some measure of economic sta bility for farmers," said the Stickney letter. It concluded by saying: "You will receive a regular day" pay for attending the meeting. For community committeemen who live some distance from the Twin Cities and require traveling time which would exceed one day, up to two

days' salary will be authorized. We feel this is on opportunity which you as committeemen cannot afford to miss. We strongly urge that you attend."

Senator Aiken then questioned the right of the Department of Agriculture to pay \$8 per day and expenses to listen to the Secretary, and continued:

"However, it would have been easier to condone-to a certain extent at least-the cost of paying listeners a per diem and expenses to hear the Secretary if he had discussed the matter for which the

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> Ask Your Local Agent or Write for Details Agents Wanted in Certain Areas

MICHIGAN MUTUAL HAIL INSURANCE CO.

MSC clinic from all parts of the state. Space is a problem. Stu- women's committee will have its dents benefit by observing surgical second annual Rural-Urban Con-

students use the building from m.

rather than by cars. 106 NEW GROUPS

ing.

honored.

There was much activity in the this month:

District 1: Berrien-Berrien Cen-Paw Paw Lake, Allen Yates; Bamazco-Up & Coming, Mrs. Don- in the majority of Community clusion and result of the contest. ald Gray.

District 2: Lenawee-Dover, Mrs. Ruby Beekel.

District 3: Livingston - East Brighton, Mrs. Herbert Warner; win C. Scherdt; Wayne-Canton, meeting were read which dated deserve honorable mention: Mrs. Harold Fischer.

District 4: Allegan-Miner Lake, served the group as the chairman dred Matthews, Sec'y. Mrs. Basel E. Smith; Ionia-Snows for 11 years and Harry Ansorge Corners, Mrs. Edgar McKendry. District 5: Clinton-Taft Chand-

Benton, Iva North; Genesee-Vienna, Willis Hoyt; South Mundy, eral other past officers who were Mielock. Mrs. Clare Hall.

District 6: Sanilac-Black Creek, Mrs. Roy Coker.

District 8: Arenac-Omer, Fran-Whitney, Mrs. in Muskegon County to go over ces Restainer; Ernest Nash; Midland-Lee, Mrs. their quota in their recent Farm Alfred Poscal; 'Saginaw - Swan Bureau membership drive. Creek & James (R-O), Leonard Benkert.

District 9: Northwest Michigan -Sunshine, Mrs. Julius Nelson; Otsego - Maple Forest, Carrie the Chamber of Commerce in order Livingston county May 17 and 18. Baynkam

District 10: losco-Laidawville, Mrs. Thomas Nelkie: Ogemaw-Bass Lake, Argenia Haddrill. For the past few months we've been printing a list of community groups who have not submitted their 1950 officers. From a total of over 40 we have cut the list down to two groups which still remain to be heard from. If you are a member of one of the following Secretary Mrs. Myrtle McFall regroups will you please ask your secretary to get the officers into the state office so that we may send them the Community Farm and the National Grange and the through Thursday noon is \$6. Bureau material each month. District 6: Sanitac-Carsonville. groups.

District 9: Manistee-Cleon. COMMUNITY FARM BUREAU

GOAL At the time the goal for the memberahip was set aimilar goals were leaves all of the regular member- want to be treated as individuals .set on community group organiza- ship with a real obligation. We are Paul M. Shore.

members got there by tractors Mrs. Fay Smith reports perfect at placed on improvement in attendtendance at their March 14th meet- ance, on improvement in their discussion and reaching conclusions

Clinton-East Westphalia. Secre- and on working on definite proorganization of new Community tary Mrs. Sylvester Thelen reports jects not only for the betterment Farm Bureaus during March. The that one of the major facts that re- of their own County Farm Bureau state total is now 953 of which 106 sulted from their discussion, "Are but for their community. The are new and 10 are re-organized. There Too Many Farmers," was contest will end May 1st. The Our records show that 30 have dis- to the effect that every time a groups now leading are: Bengal banded since last year and that farmer moves to the city his farm No. 1, Victor No. 1, Watertown Centhere are still 2 groups from whom is likely to be combined with an- ter. Northeast Bingham and Southwe have had no reply. The fol- other farm. That results in a loss west Clinton. They are being Bureau attended a victory banquet of these tests. lowing are the new groups added of another farm vote and farm rated by a point system similar to votes are dangerously low as it is, the survey that we sent out last attainment of its 1950 membership We thought this item worthy of fall. No announcement has been goal of 1,200. This represents an ter, Mrs. Robert Chandler, sec'y; mention in this column because made as to what the award will be increase of 147 farm family memit stressed an entirely different to the winner but we will look berships over the previous year. 4 another .-- Ursula Parrott. roda, Mrs. Adolph Krieger: Kala- point which was not brought out forward with interest to the con-

> Farm Bureau meetings. Next month we will publish the Northwest Michigan - Elmwood. names of the Community Farm Secretary Mrs. Alice Hoxie reports Bureau secretaries who to date are

that the group honored past offi- eligible as a "100 Per Center." cers at their March meeting. The The following groups had unus Washtenaw-North Scio, Mrs. Ed. minutes of the first organization ually fine meetings for March and

> back to 1938. Harry Lautner Clinton-East Essex, Mrs. Mil-

> Clinton - Northeast Bingham was their discussion leader for Mrs. Claude Bowan.

nine years. Both men received a Clinton-Watertown Center, Mrs. ler, Mrs. Roy Ormsby; Eaton-East carnation from the group as a to- Margaret Noble. ken of appreciation as well as sev-

Iosco-West Reno, Mrs. Dorothy Montcalm-Bloomer Twp. Mrs.

District 3 & 5 Women

Farm Bureau women of Districts

There will be discussions of Farm

Reservations must be made by

eon \$1.25, supper \$1.50. Money for

camp accommodations and meals

cost, Wednesday noon

Camp May 17-18

Muskegon - Ravenna. Secretary Irvin Durbin. Mrs. Leon Place reports that they Presque Isle-Huron, Mrs. Har-

were the first community group old Terry.

Newaygo-Dayton. This group received an invitation from the Hesperia Chamber of Commerce to 3 and 5 are to have a spring camp have a representative meet with at Waldenwoods near Hartland, to acquaint the business men with District 3 includes Livingston, Masome of the problems facing farm- comb, Oakland, Washtenaw and ers and to create a closer relation- Wayne counties. District 5, Clinship between rural and urban peo- ton, Eaton, Genesee, Ingham and

ple of the community. Mrs. J. Shiawassee counties. Bennett, secretary, reports that the group accepted the invitation. Bureau work, children and health, Saginaw-Brant. This group act- a visit by foreign students from ed as a host to over 100 people who MSC, and a visit to the Cromaine came to hear Congressmen Fred L. Crafts shops and music hall at Crawford talk on farm problems. Hartland. ports that in his talk Senator Craw- May 10 to Mrs. Allan Tagg of 14001 ford said "The greatest farm or- Beck road, Plymouth R-3, Mich. ganizations are the Farm Bureau Camp

Senate and House look to these Meals extra. Breakfast \$1, lunch-IT'S HOSPITALITY TIME

Our membership roll call has re- must accompany the reservation. sulted in many new members in

After all is said and done, people most all of our counties. This

supply and sewage disposal. At will limit attendance to 200, Lunch this time 30 food and other indus- eon tickets are \$1.25. tries are financing investigation of

industry problems by the MSC Corn

200 Volunteer Workers tion each year test many corn varieties in different locations. Coun-Attend Victory Banquet

bacty dept.

ty agricultural agents can help Better than 200 volunteer workyou determine a good variety for ers of the Washtenaw County Farm your location through the results

to celebrate their organization's

Pity is akin to love, except when a man pities one girl and loves

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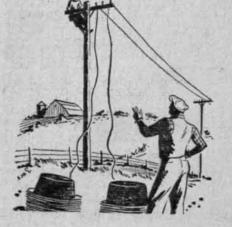
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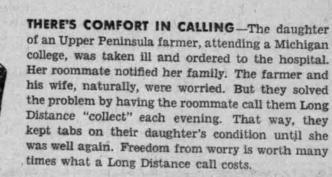




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MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

Farm Bureau Leaders at Blue Cross Headquarters

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Muskegon-Jesse Robinson, Fre-mont; Harry Norris, Casnovia. Occana-Dan Reed, Pentwater; Hen-ry A. Johnson, Mears; Robert Jones, Hesperia.

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ing. Ottawa-Mr. and Mrs. D. H. S. Ry-mer, Spring Lake. Saginaw-Charles Meinecke, Saginaw, D. Eugene Brooks, Saginaw. Sanilac-Eldon C. Winters, San-ducko

usky. St. Clair—Desmond R. Stern, Lenox, St. Joseph—H. B. Heslet, Three

Calhoun Women Hold

Rural Urban Meeting

Some 200 rural and urban house

wives attended a joint meeting at

Marshall to hear Dale Hathaway,

Michigan State College agricul-

tural economist, discuss the pros

The meeting was under the spon-

sorship of the Calhoun County

The purpose of the meeting was

to acquaint the urban women with

and cons of the Brannan plan.

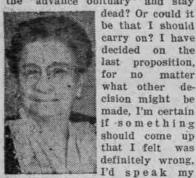
Rivers. Tuscola—Eldon Smith. Caro. Van Buren—C. R. Butcher, ford; Clare McGhan, Paw Paw. Washtenaw—Clyde Breining, lanti; H. F. Howeisen, Clinton.

Use Twp. Sales Tax Funds for Highways

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR | the family and said: Briar Hill Farm, Carleton, Mich. "Well, it wasn't given to us-we

had to earn it over a long period After the nice things that were of years of hard work and sacrisaid about me in this and other fice. We went there two days farm papers lately, I'm almost at after we were married and we a standstill as to how to proceed grubbed out the brush and ditched from now on. and later tiled the farm. We built

Am I supposed to quietly withdraw to the retirement corner and love every foot of it. "look and listen." or am I to OK the "advance obituary" and stay



"Now as to the mud in the roads, dislike it as much as anyone and dead? Or could it I feel I have far more reason to be that I should carry on? I have complain than you have, for we decided on the have had to pay direct tax into last proposition, three concrete roads although the nearest is three-fourths of a mile matter what other deaway. "Under the old Covert law those cision might be

made, I'm certain owning property, within 11/2 miles were assessed a direct tax toward if something its cost, but only the abutting propshould come up erty owners were allowed a vote. While many of us felt we did not definitely wrong. get a fair deal, yet no doubt there I'd speak my would never have been any improve-

had not been used.

ed roads if some plan of this type

"Those on the side roads had

reason to believe our turn would

roads not only for those who live

on the road but for hundreds who

mind as always.

From the bottom of my heart I fully appreciate the many kind words that have been expressed about me and to me. To all I want to say I feel very humble indeed. If any service that I have rendered has helped the progress of a project, I am glad to know it. I feel I owe much to the people in general for giving me an opportunity to serve them.

The only salary that was connected with my several activities was \$18 to \$22 per month teaching a rural school and at another time \$100 per month as Rural Rehabilitation Supervisor of Monroe county. I made many lasting friends throughout the county in the last named work, but I fear I was a bitter disappointment to the state and national offices, for a supervisor's success was measured according to the money that was loan-

I adjusted debts, secured employment, tried to show the family how they could help themselves. I refused to loan government money that I felt could never be repaid. Whenever I hear of the great waste of money through governmental agencies. I have the satisfaction of saying "not guilty."

Some of the agencies I have been interested in during the years past paid me a per diem and actual -some paid expenses only and many could not pay at all, but with me it was all a service of love. I was always glad the family at home and the old farm indulged me in this that meant more to me

than bank accounts or acres. Much of it required study and spent on some worthwhile public state. Considerable interest has many times courage, in the battles that faced the group I was working with . but there was also a pleasant side to it all. Some day I'll write about some of the many amusing incidents I have experienced. Recently I was brought face to time for all of us to wake up and face with a problem that disturbed me at the time. It was about our

A teacher said at a gathering that



Austin Pino, Blue Cross enrollment manager for rural people, shows Farm Bureau leaders visiting the Blue Cross plan offices at Detroit the locations of Farm Bureau groups enrolled in Blue Cross.

come and a reasonable passable farmers are feeling the squeeze road would be granted us so as to since farm prices have taken so give us an outlet to the concrete. evere a drop. We are still waiting for it and the Farmers should be the first to most provoking part is that we

demand an accounting of public have helped to pay for year-around funds or we'll realize our shortsightedness when it is too late, as many of us know from past ex have never paid a cent of direct perience.

tax on any road, just like yourself. "Now when we feel we have **Junior Camp** reached the point where we should be given some consideration, there's a cry going up that we must not do anything that might increase Dates the consumer's tax. We need your support, but we do not deserve your Allan Seyfred, Junior Farm Bu criticism nor your pity." reau camp chairman, announced I cannot stress enough the dan

that three, and possibly four leadger that is in this scheme of matching dollars toward improving the ership training camps are on schedule for Junior Farm Bureau secondary roads. The taxpayers on those secondary roads have already this summer. Two consecutive camps will be paid for road improvement that

held at the Kellogg Clear Lake they never got. It is unjust to ask for more. Camp. The first camp will be Some folks say "soak the rich" 'soak the property taxpayers."

share. It behooves the taxpayers to afternoon. keep a watchful eye on how this is repealed, which seems very un-

likely to happen. So why not insist on it being repair? It has come to my notice with a spring week-end camp. quite forcibly of late regarding some of the ways this diverted sales tax money has been used. It's

worth.

A Community College For Northern Mich.

By WESLEY S. HAWLEY

April 14 the Community College Committee of the Northern Michigan Agricultural Planning Committee took action that will probably assure northern Michigan of a new type of educational institution and opportunity for rural youth. The committee initiated a program to raise \$12,000 in the area of the NMAPC, which is the 21-county region north of townline 16, north of Mason and Arenac counties.

About 3 years ago a proposal was made for a new type of educational institution for Northern Michigan. A committee was appointed to give thorough study to the of a site in Otsego county. Otsego idea and to develop a plan. After much study and consideration a plan was finally presented to the NMAPC and a new committee was appointed to further develop the project and given the authority to put it into effect.

This idea was developed because too many boys and girls of northern Michigan were losing interest in farm and country life. They did not see the many wonderful opportunities around them that they might develop. It is felt that more youth might stay in the country if they could see and make use of the resources and opportunities in the region and develop them.

There is urgent need for educa-, fit them for some phase of practical

tional training opportunities that country life.

will direct the thinking of rural It will be a training experience youth toward the full possibilities for those who want to learn skills of a country life. Something that in general or specialized farming, will prepare them to live a full, en- co-operative work, soil conservajoyable, and prosperous country tion, reforestation, home economics life. Certainly, the most important and family life, rural business and fort, it is seldom protected in its ham, Shiawassee and Genesee coun- crop produced on farms is the boys economics, farm mechanics, vocaand girls. Rural areas are truly tional guidance, recreation, spiritproduce over one-half of the resort, and citizenship. The Juniors were treated to a children of the nation. It is im- to be conducted on a discussion portant, therefore, that the rural basis in stimulating surroundings. boys and girls of Northern Mich- There will be the necessary number igan have the best possible oppor- and kinds of shops for carrying out tunity to view their opportunities, the educational program. training for them, and live a full There will be outside demonstralife if they desire to do so. tion farms in the area that will be The Community College is to be operated in connection with the a co-operative, vocational, "on-the- central farm plant, ground" training school for North-Students will have the opportunern Michigan rural youth. It will ity of "on-the-job" training as they have a coeducational program, will be schooled out for a portion stressing "Learning by Doing." It of the time to get practical experwill be available for those who want | iences in their selected project. It to take short terms of 1 or 2 years will be a partially endowed instiin practical training courses to tution operating on a tuition plan.

THEY VISITED SCHOOL VET

Here are the Farm Bureau mem pers who visited the Michigan State College school of veterinary medicine May 4, as reported in

articles on page 1: Alpena—Alderic Aube, Ossineke. Barry—Fred A. Smith, Hastings. Bay—Carl Kloha, Bay City. Berrien—Thomas Payne, Thre

aks. Branch—C. Hugh Lozer, Coldwater Cheboygan—Charles Train, Cheboy an, Cass-Lee Bakeman, Dowagiac, Eaton-Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bens

Charlotte. Emmet—Charles W. Linklater, Alan

Genesee-Corwin Claxton, Swartz Gladwin-Arthur Whisler, Beaver

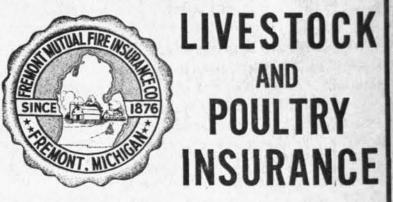
on. Gratiot—Lester Allen, Ithaca. Hillsdale—Duane Sanford, Allen; ohn Stange, Hillsdale. Huron—Mrs. Ernst Engelhardt, Se-

Huron-Mrs. Ernst Engeinardt, Se-bewaing. Ingham-B. D. Granger, Webber-ville; M. C. Larsen, East Lansing. Ionia-Edwin R. Yeomans, Ionia; Stanley Powell, Ionia; Norman E. Stanton, Delton R-2. Isabella-Ray Hoyle, Mt. Pleasant. Iosco-Andrew A. Mathews, Hale. Kalamazoo-C. W. Randol, Gales-burg. Farm Bureau women's association. The program also included a talk by Mrs. Marjorie Karker, state Farm Bureau women's director.

Lapeer-M. J. Phelps, Lapeer. Livingston-C. A. Burkhardt, Ho

farm programs and their effect on Mason-E. Carl Schulz, Scottville. prices paid for food. Mecosta-Lewis Crame, Morley. Midland-Garold Hoffman, Midland. Montmorency-Clarence Rice, At-anta; Arlo Wasson, Atlanta. Montcaim-Harold Taylor, Coral.

Mrs. Ray Brant, chairman of the Calhoun County Farm Bureau women, presided at the meeting.



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into operation, Each County Farm Bureau has a committee of 5, two of whom are members of the district or regional committee. This is the committee that met April 14 and has the authority and responsibility of developing this school. After the initial fund of \$12,090 s raised and someone is engaged to carry out the project it will be necessary to draft the plan in more details and make a blue print of the whole program. The committee authorized the tentative selection

After considerable study and dis-

ussion the general plan has been

vorked out and the committee is

ready to proceed in the develop-

ment of the school. In the meet-

ing April 14 plans were made to

raise an initial fund of \$12,000 in

the 21-county region for the pur-

pose of engaging someone to active-

ly develop the project and get it

county has indicated that it would furnish an adequate site for this institution. The committee met with a committee of the board of supervisors the afternoon of May

We must judge our social progress in terms of benefits to the people .- Charles G. Hulme, Prosperity is only prosperity in

semblance and not in substance .--

from Sunday, June 25, 4 p. m. until and there are others who want to Wednesday afternoon, June 28, 2 p.m. The second camp will com Since the diversion of the sales mence on June 28, 4 p. m. and will tax, every township is receiving its conclude the following Saturday Waldenwoods will be the usual money is spent. Remember, this location for the all-state, week-long

money will be coming regularly to Junior Farm Bureau leadership every township in the state until training camp. This will be the the amendment to the constitution 15th consecutive year that the allstate camp has used these facilities. The fourth possibility is a camp

for the northern section of the project? Can there be anything been expressed for the northern more needed at this time than road | camp since it started a year ago

Berrien Juniors Host to District 5

The Berrien County Junior Farm ask ourselves if we got our money's Bureau was host to a group of When money comes without ef. Juniors representing Clinton, Ingmuddy roads down here in our county. use as much as when it is hard ties. The visiting group repre-I attended, "I wouldn't take your to get. The old saying, "easy come, sented District 5, which conducted the birthplace of the nation. They ual activity, rural health, tourist farm, Mrs. Wagar, if you'd give | easy go," was never more applicable Chicago recently it to me if you expected me to live at times than to the sales tax divertpotluck supper by the Berrien oron it the year around with that | ed money. Money may be plentiful with ganization and were taken to a dismud!" "It hurt me terribly. Of course, I defended the farm and some at the present time, but the trict party later in the evening.

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Major Drop in Farm Prices Believed Past

By L. H. BROWN Dep't of Agr'l Economics, Michigan State College

The major drop in Michigan farm prices is past. The average decrease has been 25% from the peak early in 1948. It seems likely that another 10 to 15% downward adjustment will be forthcoming before a solid post-war level is reached around which prices may fluctuate for several years.

This means a level of farm prices about double the 1910-14 average and about 75 to 90% above the 1935-39 level.

These estimates assume that the present indication for a high level of non-farm employment and income are correct, that the present cold war will not develop into a shooting war, and that there will be a price support program operating with effectiveness comparable to the Agricultural Act of 1949.

MICHIGAN FARM PRICES, PRE-WAR AND POST-WAR

PRODUCT	MARCH AVERAGE 1935-39	and a second a second second second	MARCH 1950 Percent Price of Peak
Milk, ewt.	\$ 1.75 \$	5.10 Dec. 48	\$ 3.55 70
Butterfat, lb.	.32	.93 Jan. 48	.65 70
Eggs, doz.	.19	.61 Nov. 48	.32 52
Chickens, lb.	.17	.34 Dec. 48	.25 74
Hogs, ewt.	8.78	27.40 Oct. 48	16.50 60
Lambs, ewt.	8.80	26.60 July 48	25.00 94
Veal calves, er	wt. 9.38	30.00 Dec. 48	26.80 81
Milk cows, he		210.00 Sept. 48	190.00 90
Beef cattle, cv		26.00 July 48	19.30 74
Potatoes, bu.	.57	1.80 Apr. 48	1.15 64
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Corn, bu.	.66	2.56 Jan. 48	1.16 45



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Farm Bureau Was First to Guarantee Field Seeds

Proved Forage Seeds Adapted vs. Unadapted Alfalfa Seed Must Be Adapted

When the Michigan Farm Bureau was founded in 1919 one of the first requests made by members was a source of dependable clover and alfalfa seeds.

From 1914 to 1919 farmers in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin were having clover and alfalfa failures except when they seeded from their own seed, or could get good home grown seed.

Many persons thought these failures or winter-killings of alfalfa and clover seedings were due to "overcropping" our soils, and other reasons. When the truth was learned, the failures were due to unadapted seeds. Such seeds were brought into the North Central states from the southern states and from foreign countries. They would grow, but the stand would not live through our winter.

Michigan State College secured samples of clover and alfalfa seed from southern states, France, Italy, Russian Turkestan, Argentina, Peru, Canada and others interested in the American market. This was done through the U. S. Dep't of Agriculture.

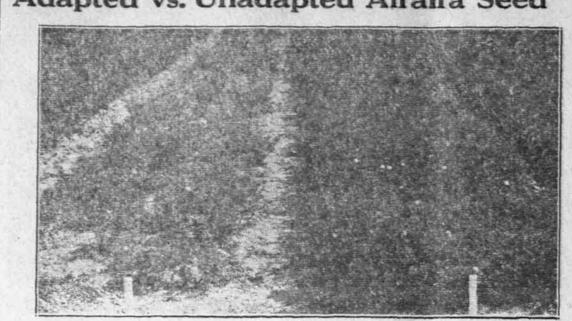
The seeds from many origins were planted by the College Farm Crops Dep't in test plots east of the dairy building at the College. It was observed that alfalfa and clover seeds from Michigan and the northern United States and Canada produced dependable stands. Seeds from milder climates produced stands that winter-killed heavily. The U. S. Dep't of Agriculture reported similar and Argentina were being importresults on its test plots near Washington.

in 1919 as the first of these tests falfa seed producers ass'ns in Min- such seeds were being sold in the were being made, the Farm Bu- nesota, Idaho, the Dakotas and in northern states despite denials to reau seed dep't was established on Utah to contract for seed of known that effect. They proved that the the pledge that it would handle origin. Michigan State College de- foreign seeds were sold for domesonly clover and alfalfa seeds of veloped the famed strains of Michi- tic seed, either straight, or blended known northern origin and adap- gan Grimm and Hardigan, which with native seed. They proved tion to Michigan. From the first were to become main sources of that in such mixtures the hairless it guaranteed to the farmer the supply for a number of years.

purity, germination, northern origin and adaptability of its seeds to dep't started, alfalfa was an uncer- plants winter killed later. the full purchase price of the seed. tain crop. There was less than This was a crazy idea to the seed 75,000 acres in the state. Farmers the case against unadapted alfalfa trade of that day. They said it soon determined that Farm Bureau and clover seeds by enacting the couldn't be done. But it has been had the answer in northern grown, Gooding-Ketcham seed staining act. done for 30 years. The Michigan adapted alfalfa seed. That answer It provided that 10% of alfalfa and Farm Bureau was the first seed and the College Farm Crops and clover seeds determined to be poor house to emphasize the importance Dairy Dep'ts dairy-alfalfa cam- risks in the United States shall be of origin and adaptability of seed, paigns soon increased the land in and to guarantee seed. The trade alfalfa to more than 1,000,000 of entry to the United States. Ten has come a long ways in that di- acres. Michigan continues to be rection

In the early 1920's the Michigan tion of alfalfa. Farm Bureau went direct to the al- Clover seed of known northern Canadian and other adapted alfal-





Michigan State College test plot at time of battle over adapted and unadapted alfalfa and clover seeds for Michigan. Plot at right shows the stand from hardy, Michigan grown seed after first winter. At left, an alfalfa of South American origin after the first winter. Shows alfalfa winter-killed and replaced by dandelions and weeds.

origin and adaption to Michigan Juniors at was also the answer to winter killing of clover. Meanwhile the fight against sale of unadapted alfalfa and clover seed went on for six years. The Farm Bureaus in Michigan and midwestern states charged that millions of pounds of clover and State Publicity Chairman, Jr. FB alfalfa seeds from France, Italy Eight state leaders and the state

director of the Michigan Junior. ed for the big profits to be had. Farm Bureau attended the National Rural Youth Training Conference The Farm Bureaus proved that held a month ago at Nashville, Tennessee. Twenty-seven states and Canada were represented at the John McDonald of the radio station as host.

stems of foreign clover plants be-When the Farm Bureau seed trayed their presence. Such

In 1926 Congress responded to stained red upon arrival at ports per cent of alfalfa or clover deemed the leading state for the product to be of doubtful value in the U.S. shall be stained blue. Imports of

the conference were: "Organizafa or clover seed shall be stained

onference.

violet, to 10% of the seeds. In the next few years imports of clover and alfalfa seeds from France, Italy and the Argentine fell to a few million pounds as against as much as six million pounds in a single week before the seed staining act. Farmers look-

FB SEEDMEN'S MEET JUNE 27-28 The annual Farm Bureau Seed Men's Conference will be held at By CORALANE VESTERFELT Michigan State college June 27-28.

The conference is sponsored by the School of Agriculture in cooperation with Farm Bureau Services. It is a part of the continuing education service of the college.

Farm Bureau seed dealers, their directors and employes are invited meeting held in WSM studios with to attend. The meeting is designed to bring Farm Bureau seed men information on what is needed in seed production and distribution.

Michigan officers attending were James Reilly, president; Connie Du. Part of the studies will be conductryea, secretary; Dale Foster, vice- ed on the farm crops experimental plots at the college. Housing and president; Coralane Vesterfelt, pubmeals will be provided at one of licity chairman; Walter Waske and

the college dormitories. For infor-George Bowlby, each district directors, and Barbara Powers. Verland mation and reservations, write Warren Dobson, Farm Bureau Serv-McLeod, Michigan's member of the ices seed dep't, P. O. Box 960, Lans-National Rural Youth Committee, also attended and was a member of

the sub-committee in charge of the Ben Hennick, state JFB director, FARM DOLLAR'S ittended and was one of the instructors in the class on "Educa-tion." Other classes held during BUYING

To get a clear nicture of the tion," "Program Planning," and purchasing power of the farmer's 'Public Relations and Publicity." dollar, the U. S. Savings Bond Di-Each student could attend three of vision of the Treasury presents the above classes, under three difthese figures: erent instructors.

To buy a bond for \$750 in 1932. This was truly a workshop and was similar to the Institute held by it took 112 200-pound hogs; in the Michigan Farm Bureau in Feb- 1939, 60 hogs; and in February of ruary. In general assembly the this year it took only 20 hogs, Other products and their group heard addresses from Allen Kline, president of the ABFB, Mrs. values at the three periods include corn, as follows-2.374 bushels in Charles Sewell of the Women of '32; 1,321 in '39; and 253 in '49, the AFBF. when applied to the purchase of Following the conference, the group visited the replica of the Parthe bond. thenon at Nashville and the Great A hated government does not Onyx Cave in Kentucky on the relast long .- Seneca.

Clinton Tractor Day May 27 A Big Event

Clinton County Farm Bureau has appounced its second annual tractor field day contests for Saturday, May 27 at the Davis Bros. farm 1 mile west, 4 south and 1/4 mile east of St. Johns on Center Line road. In 1949 the event was attended by 3,000 people.

The field day is sponsored by Clinton Community and Junior Farm Bureaus. Clinton county merchants and implement dealers are co-operating with prizes and exhibits.

Miss Leona Algoe, Clinton County Farm Bureau organization director, says that the planning committee has invited merchants to

help plan the day. The field day program is being developed by the Community groups, Junior Farm Community groups, Junior Farm Bureau and Women of the Farm COUNTY PLANNING Bureau. George Bowlby of Ovid, is chairman of a nine man commit-

date.

tee from the Farm Bureau. Mrs. Wilbur Thurston, Mrs. William M. ty Farm Bureau and other agricul-Smith and Mrs. John Jackson head tural and business organizations, the food planning committee. Fifteen contestants have filed for the can save far more for the taxpayplowing contest and 20 merchants ers than its cost of operation. In have reserved space for exhibits to addition, it provides better living

PROGRAM OF EVENTS the county. 9:30 to noon-Two bottom plowing ontest open to Clinton county farmcontest open to Clinton county farm-ers. 10:30 to noon-Three bottom plowing contest open to Clinton farmers. Lunch-served cafeteria style all day by Farm Bureau women and Jr. Farm Bureau. Noon-Program over public address system featuring farm editors. 12:30-Demonstrations by implement dealers from the county. 1:30-Pulling contests. 2:30-Contests for backing up 4 wheeled wagons for men, women and children under 15. 2:45-Contests for women-Throw-ing contests and throwing halls. 3:00-Tug of War-Men against tractors. town.

3:00-Tug of war-act half ractors. 3:15-Contests for men-Back half a century ago. 3:30-Philco Television set award. Awarding of prizes to winners of plowing contest and awarding of bronze plaques by Farm Bureau to first prize winners in both plowing contests.

Prizes will be awarded for the farm r in the contest whose home is fur

er in the contest whose home is thest away, also for having the c

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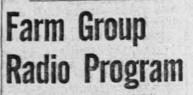
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tractor in the plowing contest. Prize to largest farm family present. To qualify all children must be under

19. Gate prize, and prize to farmer who drives the longest distance in the state to attend the field day. Prizes are donated by Clinton coun-y merchants.



WJR - Marshall Wells "VOICE OF AGRICULTURE" Saturday Mornings 6:30 to 7:00 May

6-Michigan Flying Farmers Club 13-State Dep't of Agriculture 20-Mich, Junior Farm Bureau 27-To Be Announced

WKAR - Michigan State College "FARM FORUM" 1st Monday of Month 1:00 to 1:30

June 5-What is the Farm Bureau's Responsibility to Rural Youth?

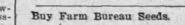


The St. Clair county planning committee, representing the Counreports that county-wide planning

conditions for all the people in

The committee pointed out that the county could not afford not to have county-wide planning, using the example of protection of health and property values outside of

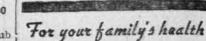
Sound economic action, without inspired leadership, cannot solve anything .- Louis Bromfield.





District 9 Women Hold Special Meet

Farm Bureau women from six Northwest Michigan counties, com prising District 9, held a discussion session in the Benzonia Communi. ty hall last week. Mrs. Harold Stinson, child consultant, spoke on "Children of Today." Other speakers were Mrs. Marjorie Karker director of women's activities. Michigan Farm Bureau, and Mrs. Harry Whittaker, state chairman of Farm Bureau women's activities,



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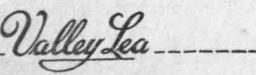
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Every member-producer shipping to a creamery of the Mid-West Group is assured a market for his milk and cream, every day of every year and in addition he always will get the highest possible price consistent with current selling prices of the finished dairy product.

ed, and rejected the seed sprinkled with red or blue seeds. Nevertheless unadapted alfalfa is

still with us. Some comes from southern states. Last year Argentine alfalfa with the red stain was sold in the United States and some in Michigan. It's quite likely that some will be offered this turn trip.

year on the ground that a lower price offsets any risk. A British exporter of seeds is full of wrath because the U.S. Dep't of Agriculture has ruled that clover seed of British origin must be stained red as unadapted for the United States. The Farm Bureau seed guarantee is direct to the farmer purchasor of the seed. The seed analysis tag states that if the seed is purchased in the sealed, trade-marked bag, the origin, purity, germination are guaranteed to be as stated on the seed analysis tag to the full

purchase price of the seed. Each bushel bag of Farm Bureau branded seed contains an envelope containing the guarantee, together with another envelope for the farmer to save a sample of the seed and record the variety name and lot number. The Farm Bureau seed service has a similar sample on file. Also included is a postcard to enable the farmer to record his purchase of the seed variety and lot number with the date and place of planting. He is asked to mail the card to the Farm Bureau Seed Service. Often this reference comes in handy when the farmer wants to sell seed produced from the crop. Germination of seed. It is to be

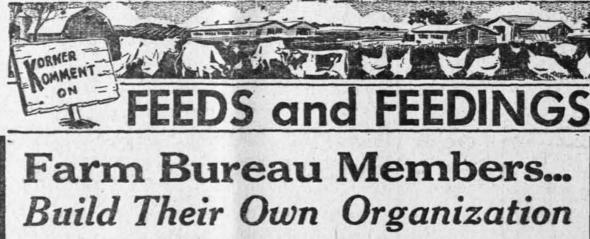
noticed that in making germination tests of seed that the Farm Bureau does not read weak sprouts or sprouts that do not show root hair growth based on a six day germination period. Some like to count all sprouts in order to show the highest possible germination. The Farm Bureau likes a high germination statement too,-and a safe one.

Farm Bureau does not scarify seed to promote quick germination. Hard seeds in alfalfa are not a draw back. If all seeds sprout at the same time, and a hot dry spell kills off seedlings, there will be no crops left to fill in. Farm Bureau notices that its stands get thicker as the season progresses.

Painting

Surfaces to be painted should be prepared properly before you ever pick up the brush. It will save you many dollars, say Michigan State College agricultural engineers.

Buy Farm Bureau Feeds.



More and more Farm Bureau members are helping their various Farm Bureau Services' departments build volume. How do they do it? By telling their dealer that they want Farm Bureau Feeds-or Seeds-or Paint-or Fertilizer.

Because? 1st-There are no better commodities made. 2nd-Purchases help build volume-volume builds savings. 3rd-Savings come back to the Co-ops or patrons' agencies - and help lower costs. 4th-Competition often uses profits made on sales to farmers to fight against farmers getting savings that are made.

HOGS Lots of baby pigs! Here's advice on worming them from an expert. 1. Worm them right after weaning.

- Use 1% (1 lb. to 100 lbs.) sodium fluoride in dry feed. (Not in slop capsules wet feed - or garbage)
- Underfeed the day before treatment so they will be hungry.
- Use it in regular feed pigs are used to.
- Don't treat pregnant sows or pigs showing other disease.
- Sodium fluoride is poisonous. Keep container away from children.
- 7. If pigs run on clean ground, one treatment is sufficient; otherwise repeat in two months.

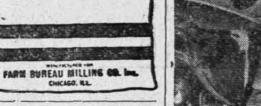
COWS Pasture pretty soon. Are you planning rotation? Better do it. Have you tried our dried molasses (Kandilass) with just corn and oats for the first month on good pasture when cows milk themselves thin? Helps ketosis too-and Kandilass is fine when molasses is needed for grass silage. Kandilass earriers the equivalent of 1 lb. wet molasses in every pound you buy.

Feed Department

POULTRY Don't crowd chicks or poults. Put out plenty of feeders and waterers. If coccidiosis bothers you each year, get mermash treated with sulfaquinoxaline. Feed first 8 weeks. Start feeding scratch at from 5 to 6 weeks of age. Lightly at first. Don't overheat-or allow them to get chilled. Separate cockerels soon as they can be told from pullets.

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It's true, of course, that America's railroads literally border hundreds of thousands of American farms, but what really makes farmers and railroads neighbors is their dependence on each other. Farmers supply railroads with a large part of their freight business - and railroads, in turn, serve the farmers-assembling in major crop areas the great fleets of cars required for the dependable movement of the huge production of today's progressive agriculture.

To speed and improve the handling of freight of all kinds, the railroads in the last five years alone have spent more than four billion dollars for modern locomotives, new freight cars, heavier rail and new signal and yard facilities. All these mean better service to all railroad customers, and especially to farmers.

In providing the vital transportation the nation needs, the railroads build and maintain their all-steel highways entirely at their own expense. What's more, on all their property they pay taxes which benefit every community they serve. In thus sharing materially in the cost of schools, courts and other local government services in rural areas, as well as in towns and cities, the railroads are indeed good citizens and good neighbors.

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN KAILROADS THE RAILROAD HOUR eve

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1950

Looking in on a Co. Farm Bureau Board

By Wesley S. Hawley.

The evening of April 13 about 20 farm folks gathered things just don't happen, they are at the Warren Barrie home, west and south of Hillman, in Montmorency county. They were the County Farm very efficient Farm Bureau board Bureau directors and their wives assembled for the regular Farm Bureau board meeting. They were taking their responsibility seriously as indicated by the attendance of farm people operating so efficientall directors.

While they were gathering together there was a good deal of visiting. There certainly was an atmosphere of Juniors Get nearly every part of the county. Another impression that one would get from this meeting was that it was a Three Programs good demonstration of democracy in action. Here we saw busy farm people giving time to important matters Under Way pertaining to Farm Bureau and farming. Surely this was "grass roots" action. At this meeting, held in the very nice atmosphere of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barrie, one finds the reason why Congressman Cooley said "The ing April 15, at the MSC Union farm home is the bedrock of our civilization."

Mr. Barrie, the president, con-| some very interesting discussion fucted the meeting ably, following regarding the road problems and sound parliamentary procedure. He school situations.

Whenever a proposal was made had attended the Farm Bureau institute in Lansing in February and for definite recommendations and was using some of the ideas that actions, considerable consideration he gleaned from this institute. He was given and the necessary called the meeting to order on the authority was voted.

approximate called time. After The District Representative was the reading of the minutes, and called upon to mention a few of the report on finances by Secretary more pertinent things that he felt Mrs. Eiwood Godfrey, Mr. Barrie that the board should be aware of, conducted the meeting in a very relative to his activity. The writer interesting manner. Each com- was given the pleasure of reportmitte chairman was asked to re- ing the state membership situation port his or her committee's action as of that date.

and recommendations. President Barrie, gave a very As a result of this, every direct- interesting report of the institute the insurance company would be or participated in an interesting that was held in Lansing, in Feb- willing to present awards t board meeting. Considerable very ruary, especially the "President and winners. The council voted to good discussion resulted from Secretary" section. After presentthese reports. For instance, when in this report the idea that the was named to work with Mr. Verthe report was given regarding president and secretary should pre- million and the State Police to the Junior activities, the discus- pare a program for each meeting work out the rules and regulations. sion centered around how to was discussed. It was suggested strengthen the Junior activities, to that president and secretary meet Who Dare" contest with plans for make them more effective and suc- prior to the meeting and prepare the winners to attend the national cessful.

When the report of the Women's have this included in the notice Texas, in December. Those with the Activities was given, this led to for the meeting. If this were not largest number of points would be a very interesting discussion. It done it could be that the president able to make the trip by plane with appears that the women are taking and secretary would meet early the a possibility of going to Cuba and a very active part in Farm Bureau night of the meeting and have the South America for a few days, in Montmorency county and are program prepared so that the maxi- others to go by bus. particularly interested in better mum use of time could be made. public relations activities to bring about a better understanding of writer to note that this meeting the Midwest Training school to Farm Bureau by other groups. The started very nearly on the schedul- be held June 18 to 21 at Sturgeon women participate in meetings that ed time and closed at the end of 2 Bay, Wisconsin. Any one desiring are designed for this purpose. hours of very interesting and worth- to attend should notify Mr. Hen-They are interested in the Junior while discussion and action. These nink. Farm Bureau, the health program directors and their wives were tak- President Reilly, appointed Claring their responsibilities seriously, nd such other activities.

Mr. Beaman Smith led a good apparently recognizing that this is Ionia cafeteria project; Dick Root regarding the Farm Bu- a part of farming. That it is neces- as chairman of the folk festival u services program. There was sary to operate the County Farm committee. Reports were given on

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

Bureau efficiently and successful-Montmorency county was one of the first 3 county Farm Bureaus to reach goal in the 1950 roll call for memberships. At the present time, they have 115% of their goal

This is a good indication that made to happen! Certainly there is a close relationship between this and the results that they achieved in their roll call.

It was a very enjoyable evening for the writer to see this group of ly in the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Barrie.

By CORALANE VESTERFELT

State Publicity Chairman, Jr. FB The Michigan Junior Farm Bu reau held its spring council meet President Jim Reilly presided a

the meeting which considered three programs: "Youth Who Dare" con test, a safety contest, and a folk

festival. In the evening the Campus JFB entertained with the annual semi-formal spring dance in the Union Ballroom Allan Williams of the Ionia Fair

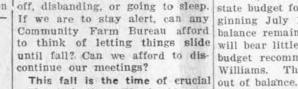
state winner will go to Dallas for Ass'n appeared before the group and the national competition at the AF presented the idea of a folk festi val to be held on a state wide level. with final eliminations to take July. place at the Fair. A committee was appointed to look into this proposal Farm Program Nile Vermillion of the Michigan Farm Bureau Auto Insurance Company, presented the idea of a safety contest in driving. He said that Will Be Issue

This Summer adopt the contest and a committee Director of Research & Information

The council adopted the "Youth the program for the meeting and rural youth convention in Dallas,

For this reason it should be high ly important that we should be The group discussed the possi-It was very interesting for the bility of a large number attending thinking of maintaining our Community Farm Bureaus in full force for the summer months. This summer is a very import ant one politically for the farmer.

ence Aldrich as chairman of the



the juice stands to be held at the

Sheldon Durham reported on the

Talk-Meet to be held this year. The

By DONALD D. KINSEY

Let's Stay on the Job! Summer

work is approaching. There is

much to do in the field. All this

work is important and cannot be

neglected. We should not neglect

any of the work which is essential

to our own welfare and future

happiness

the job!

In Legislature Those who are preparing attacks upon the farm program are plan-By STANLEY M. POWELL ning campaigns that will increase in their tempo all during the sum-In the special session of the legmer. They have no plans for easing islature, interest centers on the off, disbanding, or going to sleep. state budget for the fiscal year be-Community Farm Bureau afford balance remains to be seen, but it

to think of letting things slide will bear little resemblance to the until fall?. Can we afford to dis- budget recommended by Governor

Midwest School

Blue Cross Group Visits Ford Hospital

The annual Midwest States Farm of the Wexford county library and Bureau training school for state the purchase of a new bookmobile, and county Farm Bureau leaders according to Sidney Hodgson, di- in membership work will be held rector of the Michigan Farm Bu- at Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, June reau and president of the Wexford 18 to 25.

County Farm Bureau. The theme for 1950 school will The library, under financed and be "Which Road?" The program with constant requests for wider will be centered around what can services, was allocated \$1,500, or be done to build a better Farm Buabout half of the funds necessary reau. There will be group conto operate. Several ' township ferences for presidents and secreboards allocated part of their re- taries, membership workers, woturned sales tax to the library in men of the Farm Bureau, and rural the previous year to assist it fi- youth. nancially.

The Wexford County Farm Buto present methods of contributing scenic Great Lakes country.

ses of the library and for the purchase of the new bookmobile.

Veterinary Building. New appro-

improvements, have hard sledding.

Urgent need for new veterinary school facilities at MSC impresses appropriations committees and

other legislators. Prospects are

that \$1,000,000 to \$1,400,000 may be

granted this season to start the

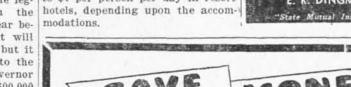
work, with the balance to be handl-

Farmers are interested in a

ing feeds, fertilizers, sprays, dusts.

ed by the 1951 gession.

schools often is 3,000 or more persons. Michigan usually is repre sented by 100 to 200 persons. Reservations should be made early to **Decisions** Near Keith Tanner, Michigan Farm Bureau, P. O. Box 960, Lansing, Michigan. Check for \$5 per per son should accompany the reservation. Room rates range from \$1 to \$3 per person per day in motels and housekeeping cottages to \$2.50 to \$4 per person per day in resort



Summer Safety CHECK LIST



If you haven't yet tended to thorough spring house cleaning, there's no better time to start than today. Listed below are a few important things which deserve your immediate attention. Why not cut out this list and pin it up on the wall as a handy reminder? You can check off each item as you tend to it. But don't delay getting started. Remember, the critical spark could arrive anytime-next week, tomorrow-even today!

- 1. Clean up trash and rubbish in barn outbuildings, attic and basement. Burn in an incinerator.
- 2. Check wiring in all buildings. Repair or replace worn or fraved electric wires and cords.
- Examine furnace for checks and cracks. Be sure any chimney which will be used during dry weather is free from soot.
- 4. Check fire extinguishers to make sure they are properly located and in good working condition.
- Be sure ladders, water buckets, and hose are easily accessible.
- 6. Tools and equipment are easier to find if stored in an orderly manner. Have a place for everything-keep everything in its place.

We will be glad to supply you with further information on how you can eliminate the hazards which result in disastrous farm fires. Or you can ask your local State Mutual Agent. Be sure he also tells you about State Mutual's farm, fire insurance-a policy that gives you all the coverage you need without unnecessary frills or extras. It actually gives you "protection made to order."



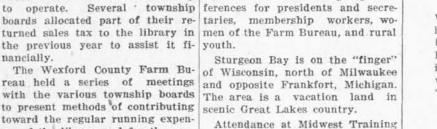


Mrs. Arthur Ballinger of Breckenridge, Mrs. Eugene Brooks of Saginaw, Mrs. Bruce Crumback of Bad Axe, and Mrs. Roy Varner of Midland. the juice stands to be held at the State Fair by Burton Hawley. WEXFORD AIDS LIBRARY FUND

Farm Bureau leaders meeting with Blue Cross officials in Detroit visit Ford

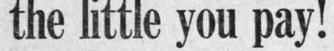
Hospital and observe how part of an enormous volume of laundry is handled

there each day. Left to right are a hospital employee, Charles Mumford of St. Louis,



UNICO QUALITY PAINTS

BF annual meeting. The next The Wexford County Farm Bu-Council meeting will be held in reau is promoting a campaign to solicit funds for the maintenance



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the several necessary surgical proce-
dures\$ 375.00
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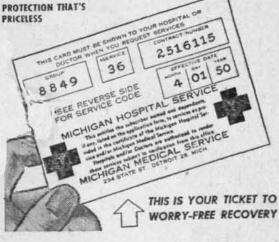
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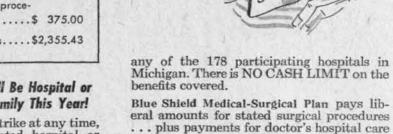


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FARM BUREAU MEMBERS-Here's how YOU can join **BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD**

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national elections. We should exercise every medium that we have to the Governor's corporation net inkeep ourselves in touch with the come tax. In fact, the legislature trends of national and state af- has no enthusiasm for any new fairs. We should be prepared to take tax. The session may end in two unified action on the issues that weeks. arise. Our Community Farm Bureau is our opportunity to do this priations, particularly for capital on the home front. Let's stay on

CLINTON WOMEN VISIT HOSPITAL

The Clinton County Farm Bureau women are studying health as part of the womens program this chemical laboratory at MSC for the year. For the April meeting they state dep't of agriculture for testvisited the American Cancer Society in Flint and the Sister Kenny Polio Foundation in Pontiac In Foundation in Pontiac Polio Foundation in Pontiac. County Chairman Mrs. Harold ers, etc. have built up a substantial

Green, vice chairman, Mrs. Rob- fund, limited to research purposes. House bills 27 and 28 would perert Wagner and secretary, Mrs. Claude Bowen and county organi- mit use of these funds to build and zation director Leona Algee helped maintain the chemical laboratory. the various committees carry out Farm Bureau favors it.

State Fair. Farm Bureau favors the plans of the tour for 58 women. At Flint Mrs. McAra of the House Bill 21 to permit leasing of Genesee County Chapter of the any portion of the State Fair pro-American Cancer Society told of perty not more than 20 years. the work being done in the coun- Leases to be made by the state ty introduced the women in charge agr'l commission, subject to apof dressings educational work etc. proval by the state administrative At Pontiac Dr. Calhoun of the board and state fair board of mana-Sister Kenny Foundation explained gers. Leases are now limited to the types of polio and told about one year. House bill 21 would some of the patients and how they make it possible for corporations are recovering after just a short and other private firms to build time. The women watched the hot creditable buildings on the grounds. Highway Finance. Big disappointpacks being given. All felt it was a very educational trip and it is ment to farm folks will be failure hoped that another tour may be to get any more revenue for county roads. Most legislators planned later in the year. favor raising the gas tax and a

Ottawa Co. Sponsors Soil Testing Laboratory

consideration of such measures. The Ottawa County Farm Bu- The legislature sent him a resolureau is to sponsor a soil testing tion asking him to permit the laboratory at the Hudsonville Co- special session to enact such legisoperative. Equipment has been lation. Governor Williams said no.

ordered and soil testing operations will start sometime during the month of May. Notice will be 63,000 Farm Bureau given when samples can

ABFB Has New Chicago Address

handled

Blue Cross hospitals toured by The Chicago office of the Ameri- the five delegations were Chilcan Farm Bureau Federation is dren's, Harper, Women's, Grace now located at 221 North LaSalle and Ford.

Street, Chicago 1, Illinois. This An evening dinner at the Sherais also the address of the Associat- ton hotel, with open forum discused Women of the AFBF, The sions followed the two talks of the American Agricultural Insurance evening, closed each of the one-day Co., and The Nation's Agriculture. conferences.



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People in Blue Cross

(Continued from Page 1) hospital case department. The delegates then visited those and other departments.

somewhat higher weight tax on

heavy commercial trucks. Gover-

nor Williams refused to permit

How Shall Roads **Be Financed?**

By DONALD D. KINSEY Director of Research and Information

Where have you been in the last month? If you have are returned to the townships on a been off of any of the hard-surfaced roads you either got in proportion to population in our a baptism of mud, got stuck, or had your teeth shaken small populations but extensive loose! And, while rural Michigan floundered in the mud, roads, and the amount returned to the State Government floundered more deeply in a mud- ment of matching the state funds, dle!-a political muddle yielding nothing to bring good as the Governor proposes. There is roads to the doors of Michigan homes and farms.

Mud is more than Goo! It is a strangling noose to resort to property taxes, their around the social and economic throat of a nation only legal source of revenue. From dependent upon transportation for its daily commerce. as though property taxation on an It closes schools and churches, stops mail deliveries and unfair basis is inevitable in some milk collections. It hampers doctors on calls, and puts plan. Some townships would have the seriously ill in dire peril. Farmers were just about to be taxing up to the limit of their 15 mill limitation all the without protection in case of fire. And how many while! farmers have recently had to go ten miles or more on the road program depending upon a tractor to pick up the weekly groceries?

Events in the state legislature have been swinging good roads would be confronted around this issue during the past month. But all that has with the necessity of getting such come from the efforts of the lawmakers has been a dead- action each year. We must raise a lock on the matter.

This is a special session of the legislature in which method would really insure a long-time road improvement plan for Michigan. the House and Senate cannot legally consider any action other than that which Governor Williams submits to it. And the philosophy of the problem as he proposes Bureau Conclusions. it is in marked contrast to that taken by the majorities in both the House and Senate.

Both the Governor and the legislators are keenly 2. Do you think that the impendaware of the dire emergency involved. In his message opening the special session on March 15th the Governor income tax on the net profits of said, "The roads of the state are in a deplorable condition. Farmers require decent roads to take produce to to match state funds for local road market and children to and from school. Our whole economy is hampered by lack of adequate trunk highways . . . and the dangerous condition of our roads has contributed to many deaths and injuries. Our state can and Senators know their stand on no longer match the available federal funds for road construction-\$21 million for Michigan-and this remains unclaimed because the state and counties cannot Farm Prices match it out of present resources."

The disagreement is not on the matter of recognizing Are Key to the need, but on how the need shall be met in the form of taxation. Gevernor Williams has shown re- property. In the late 1920's and U.S. Prosperity

sistance to any form of taxation early 1930's the taxes on farm propwhich will earmark the funds col- erty for local highway purposes lected for special purposes. He were high, and sometimes enough try know that when U. S. agriculseeks an unhampered freedom on to take the property. In 1932 fifty. ture is prosperous, all America is the part of the state to allocate eight percent of all real property prosperous. When agriculture slows funds to projects chosen by the in Michigan was delinquent for state. He says, "I can see no sound taxes. A great deal of farm prop- said the Honorable Frances P. reason why road monies should erty was sold for taxes. come entirely from gas taxes and weight taxes on vehicles. The in 1923 with the help of the Farm

mission of the Michigan Good Roads Federation recommended that the tax be raised to 4.3c. Just where is such a request off the beam, unless we consider the matter of good roads a political foothall?

is 5c. The Highway Study Com-

And what about passing the buck to the townships? Sales tax monies population basis. Roads are not townships. Some townships have them would never meet the requireno fairness nor balance here!

To be eligible for state aid our less populous townships would have a farmer's point of view, it looks townships under your proposed

an appropriation from the state general fund, the whole matter of an appropriation passed by special question as to whether such a

Meanwhile Michigan wallows in its mud! Questions for Community Farm

1. Would your group agree that appropriations for road maintenance should be taken from the state

general fund? Give reasons. ing state deficit, including road costs, should be balanced by an corporations?

3. Should townships be required transfers: construction and maintenance? 4. Why are gasoline and weight

taxes a fair method of paying for roads? 5. Should farm people do more to let their state representatives issues of this kind?

Thoughtful people in this coundown, unemployment is present. Bolton, Congresswoman from Ohio, A gasoline tax was enacted to the Ohio Farm Bureau recently. "Read history and you will find neglect of the road problem has Bureau. Its revenues were used by that panics, depressions, or recesbeen due in part to a justifiable the state highway dep't for the sions that have caused marked reluctance to burden consumers of construction and maintenance of distress to the financial structure MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

Am an American

The Michigan Farm Bureau membership of 41,000 farm families has accepted the invitation of Governor G. Mennen Williams to participate in the national "I Am an American" day program in May. It is for a rededication of the individual American citizen to the American way of life.

The invitation was accepted by the board of directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau at its meeting at Lansing, April 25.

All of our Community Farm Bureau groups are invited to take an active part in the celebration. The period of action "Operation Americanism" is scheduled to start two weeks before "I Am an American Day" which falls on May 21, the third Sunday in May.

In this mid-century year, it is fitting that we make a re-examination of the responsibilities and rights of citizens, and that we make a firm resolution to keep America strong and free.

> Michigan State College, East Lan 3-Consult with the son who to operate the home farm. 4-Consult with the other heirs. No one wants to inherit a family feud.

5-Consult with your attorney. Keeping the farm in the family is All legal, personal, and economic the goal of every farmer nearing angles should be carefully considerretirement age. But if you are ed. Ability of the families to get planning such a transfer, do it along with each other, opright, advises E. B. Hill, Michigan portunities for the son, income State College agricultural econofor the parents, farm valuations and housing facilities are all

Mr. Hill lists these steps as refactors which should help deterquired procedure for avoiding mismine the right move. takes when making family farm Goals to consider should include reasonable security for parents as

Farm Transfer

In the Family

mist,

1-Give early consideration to well as farm operating heirs, fair our farm transfer arrangement. treatment of other heirs, and main-2-Develop your own ideas on taining or improving the farm as how to best do the job. Consult going concern. Michigan Special Bulletin 357, "How to Keep Your Farm in the Family." It is available from coun-Woodland Grazing

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nanced?" I. H. Hull has retired as presi dent of the Indiana Farm Bureau Co-operative Ass'n. Mr. Hull beame manager of the Indiana Farm Bureau purchasing dep't in 1926 when it was in difficulties and in debt. Under Mr. Hull's direction the purchasing dep't was set up as a co-operative corporation, owned and controlled by its farmer patrons. During the 20 years he served as manager the organization grew to its present net worth of Mr. Hull became \$23.000.000. president in 1946. He has spoken in Michigan at a number of Farm **King Evaporators**

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e state with additional gas or trunk line roads. The Farm Bureau's and progress of our country have weight taxes."

Williams makes is that an alloca- road law in 1931 which started the these United States. tion of \$18,680,000 be made from township roads off with \$500,000

increase on the net profits of cor- tax funds and took over all county sufficiently high so that it will be short of requirements by 110 roads suffer for upkeep. million dollars.

will make it mandatory for the townships to match state funds for that they favored a gas tax inthe maintenance and improvement holds to the view that townships share of the returns from the sales tax diversion to road construction. He has left the impression with some who have talked with him

about it that he thinks no property taxes are featured in his proposed legislation.

The Governor has refused per- weight taxes, and that there is no mission to consider gas tax or car license increases in the special session, Both the House and Senate sources. passed resolutions requesting permission to do this, and asked him to give a supplementary message opening the way to action on it. The Governor's response was to refuse permission for its consideration.

Members of the legislature, seeking a way out of this blockade, have turned to drastic measures. Sen. Bion L. Bates of Ovid introduced a constitutional amendment

on the gas and weight tax matter. This is not a bill, and hence is a legal procedure, so far as the special session is concerned. It would require a two-thirds vote of both houses, however, and would have to be placed before the people at the next general election

The lawmakers have been suffi ciently irked by the Governor's nation. The burden of upkeep on powers of censorship to consider also a constitutional amendment to establish a regular session of the equally on the rural population. regislature each year rather than every second year. In any regular session they can consider any bill they happen to deem important and city consumers, used by tourists without the permission of the Governor

Groups backing the Governor in his stand include labor unions and of the State. They are an open, trucking interests. The position continuous network of public taken is in direct opposition to the thoroughfares. wishes of the farm organizations.

Michigan is well below the national average on State gasoline Farmers, many of them, remember the days of the Covert road taxes. Its present tax is only 3c totals 353 million, the largest tax and local township taxes on per gallon. The national average since 1942.

campaign for gas tax help for local been traced directly to unjust pric-The proposal which Governor roads brought the McNitt township ing of agricultural products in

"This unjust system of pricing the state's general fund for the of gas tax funds and in a few years decreed that the annual crop was purpose of state aid for roads. This increased that to \$5,000,000 a year. worth no more per unit than the allocation was to be dependent up- Under the Horton Act of 1933, the value placed upon a needless suron the passage of a bill for a tax counties got more of gas and weight plus.

"The farm parity of price formula porations. He wishes this tax set roads. In recent years county is a keystone upon which the econroad commissions say their costs omic security on the United States balance a state budget estimated to have increased so much that the can be dependent. That security must not rest upon the direction

Last November the Farm Bureau of political winds; it must rest Finally, he wants a bill which delegates at the state convention quite simply upon basic economic passed resolutions to the effect principles.

"It is certainly not economically crease of 2c per gallon, with 45% unsound or unjust to fix the price of local roads. Governor Williams of the new revenues to go to the of basic crops in behalf of the counties. They urged Governor Wil- agricultural producer, when society can do this by allocating their liams to take prompt and affirma- in general and the government in tive action on this. They strongly particular has practically fixed the opposed any property tax for high- prices of everything the farmer has way purposes to buy.

"Are not railroad freight and But remember! The Governor passenger rates fixed by law? says that there is a "justifiable re-

luctance to burden consumers of "Isn't the price of electric curthe state with additional gas or rent and gas also fixed by law? "Aren't you fixing the price of sound reason why road monies industrial products the farmer must should come entirely from such buy when you regulate the hours of labor and the minimum wages that

Farm Bureau people have point- must be paid? ed out that all taxes, of whatever "It would seem rather clear that sort, come from the people eventual- society cannot continue with all ly. It is a matter of making a fair the price fixing that has been done and equitable distribution of the to bolster up industry, transporta-

tax load that is the point here. tion, communications, public utili-Why shouldn't highway taxes be ties, insurance, etc., without doing paid equitably by those who use something to insure the farmer a the highways and in proportion to parity of price for the products of their use of them? The gas and parity price for the products of his

weight taxes do just that. Just what his toil, his risk, and his faith." is wrong with this as "sound reasoning"?

German Women To It is not as though this were a purely selfish demand. Farmers Come in Late May own 31% of the motor trucks and The German women who are to 15% of the passenger cars on the visit Michigan as guests of the road. Gas and weight taxes must be Community Farm Bureau groups paid on these. On the other hand, will arrive in Detroit May 27, and county and "feeder" roads make up will stay until June 15. to 72% of all the roads in the

The itinerary for their stay in Michigan has not been planned, but these roads under any property tax will be soon. When plans are comsystem would fall heavily and unpleted, information will be sent to chairmen of the county women's Roads are never "local" from committees. the standpoint of use. They are The money needed to bring the used to get food products to the two women to Michigan was raised under the sponsorship of the Farm

and sportsmen, delivery trucks, Bureau women through contribumailmen, factory commuters, and tions of \$1.50 by each of the Comall sorts of people from all parts munity Farm Bureaus.

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