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cannot hope to do our job now.

sacrifices are needed to win.

Bureau, Makes Statement on Reasons

And Remedies for Inflation

By ALLAN B. KLINE

out battle for freedom. Every American is challenged to

do his best. We must understand the situation or we

This is no time for hysteria. It is a time for clear

thinking, sound judgment, and courageous stateman-

ship. We must protect our ability to develop an

economy of opportunity. This is our best assurance

that we shall be able to meet our needs in this emergency

and in those which may follow. We are ready and

willing to put forth every effort and make whatever

The Administration has suggested a program for add-

The present struggle in Korea and elsewhere is an all-

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Price Controls and Rationing Will Not Prevent Inflation

HE'S SAVING THE ACT FROM BEING RIDICULOUS....

EDITORIAL **Price Control and Politics**

The Korean war has brought back the question of price and wage controls.

The Senate voted August 21 to give President Truman authority to invoke such controls, providing that wages must be controlled at the same time prices are controlled.

This is the position of the American Farm Bureau and the Michigan Farm Bureau. The Farm Bureau has made other important recommendations from World War II experience with controls. Some are directed toward preventing controls from being used as party political machinery.

The proposal that Congress grant unlimited authority to the President to impose selective price controls was considered political in part. Prices of industrial and farm products could be frozen, or rolled back. But wages could be treated quite differently. That happened in World War II.

C. L. Brody, executive secretary of the Michigan Farm Bureau, telegraphed Senators Arthur Vandenberg and Homer Ferguson as follows when the Senate was considering the Defense Production Bill:

"The Michigan Farm Bureau urges that if standby controls are granted to President Truman that both price and wage controls be made compulsory and simultaneous.

"We strongly oppose granting unlimited authority for selective controls and urge Congress to retain its emergency powers as far as practicable. We believe that such a policy will provide complete price and wage ceilings in case of total war. It should protect the nation from permanent bureaucratic control in the guise of emergency powers should total war not develop.

"Unnecessary controls will hamper the productive effort of the natioin and thus weaken our support of the armed forces. We favor also a pay-aswe-go tax program to the extreme practical limits."

What They Really Want

When NTEA and national and state Associated Businessmen attack co-operatives, they mean farm co-operatives. They fire nearly all their ammunition at them.



Michigan Associated Business-men, Inc., (NTEA) and Michigan Retail Hardware Ass'n carry the ball in this state for people in business who are attacking farmers co-operatives,

Rep. Woodruff

They say they are not, but their actions speak louder. The attack is always on farm co-operatives, although the general term co-operatives may be used. Members of both groups in the

10th Michigan Congressional District got identical letters recently which said in part: "We are informed that your

Congressman, Roy O. Woodruff, voted with the majority of the House ways and means committee to kill a provision to tax co-oper atives in the tax bill they are now writing.

"We believe that Congressman Woodruff voted against your interest and that of other businessmen and taxpayers in his district. You and other businessmen will want to hold him strictly accountable for

his action. Congressman Woodruff received **Radio Program** letters. He replied. We have seen one of his replies, in which he said in part: "It must be recognized that there

are many different types of co-operatives and co-operative organizations, which include mutual in-Farm Bureau Services in cooperasurance companies, mutual savings tion with member co-operatives banks, and building and loan

distributing Farm Bureau products are sponsoring a ten minute 12:45 "This serves to emphasize the noon radio program over Saginaw unreasonableness of any effort to station, WKNX, 1210 kilocycles. simplify a solution, or to dispose of The program entitled "Farm the problem without thorough, hon-Facts," will be broadcast five days est and unbiased consideration. We per week beginning Sept. 4 at 12:45 cannot arbitrarily tax farm co-opp. m. It will feature the latest na eratives and ignore all others. Each tional and local farm news, weather type should be treated equally. reports and forecasts, and inter "I am well aware that a solution views with local co-operative man-

to the co-operative taxation probagers and farmer patrons. lem is imperative and long overdue The sponsors will be glad to an-It is also my firm opinion that a nounce important meetings of counthorough revision of the Internal ty and community Farm Bureaus Revenue Code dealing with all the in the area served by Station WK problems of tax inequalities is the NX. Notices should be brief and only fair and effective manner in addressed to "Farm Facts," Station which this question and others WKNX, Saginaw, Michigan, sevas equally deserving of attention eral days prior to the day the ancan be properly treated. I have connouncement is to be made. sistently advocated this course of The sponsors in addition to Farm

action and will persist in my Bureau Services are: Bay City, Pinconning and Saginaw branches "No attack of this kind was perof Farm Bureau Services; Breckenmitted by the Democratic majority ridge Oil Company, Caro Farmers



Blue Cross Co-ops Sponsor

Farm Bureau membership representative in District 5, is joining will be rural enrollment representative for Blue Cross hospital, medi-

YOUR ONE VOTE

COUNT

These historical facts, taken from

the Michigan Health Council Bulle

Brannan Speech But Production and Management Will Good, But Few Allan B. Kline, President of American Farm **Are Converted**

About 1300 farmers and others were at the Michigan State College Auditorium Aug. 26 to hear Secretary of Agriculture Charles F Brannan speak on the Brannan plan for farm prices.

"What we need," said Secretary Brannan, "to prevent the trouble and expense we have had with farm price supports and surpluses is the production payment method to use in combination with other price support methods."

A spot check of farmers was made by newspapermen after the meeting. It indicated that not many farmers had been converted by the address. They agreed that it was good speech.

In the course of an hour's talk that dealt with preparedness by agriculture for war, and profits that have been taken by food speculators since the Korean trouble, Mr. Brannan described his plan briefly, as tollows:

"The program for storable products such as corn, wheat, cotton and tobacco should go ahead as it is now. We should rely on commodity loans and purchases to maintain prices and safe reserves of the products, just as at present.

"For supported perishables, we would buy as at present to relieve minor market gluts and would use any or all of the present methods for removing surpluses and encouraging consumption. We would hope that such purchases could be absorbed by the school lunch program and other desirable outlets.

"Here in Michigan we have recently bought some cherries. I hope we have helped maintain prices for producers at reasonable cost and without harm to consumers. I don't propose cutting out this type o operation. However, except for such limited and desirable opera-Milton Larsen of East Lansing, tions, we would stay out of the food

markets. "For larger operations' we need the staff of the Michigan Hospital the production payment method. If and Medical Services Sept. 18. He prices went below the support levels consumers would get the benefit of more attractive prices and the bencal and surgical plans. Mr. Larsen efit of full supply. Producers would succeeds the late Harold M. Vaughn. get payments for the difference be-At present 19,500 Michigan Farm tween average prices in the market Bureau families in 765 community and a fair return which is usually groups have the Blue Cross services thought of as the support level. through Farm Bureau membership. "Those who produced a better eight additional groups a month

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ALLAN B. KLINE percent of our gross national production.

We need war goods. We need productive plants and we need all the production of which we are capable, both for defense and for domestic consumption.

On the face of it, it would seem that we can expect some reduction in the supply of goods available for domestic consumption and an increase in consumer purchasing power due to increased employment. Coming The number is growing at about quality product and got more than at a time of relatively full employment and high level

num for military aid abroad. This probably will add some seven or eight billion dollars of actual expenditures between now and next June 30. The fifteen billion dollars thus far requested is approximately five percent of the gross annual production of

this country at this time. Our increased expenditures during this fiscal year on this basis can hardly exceed three

try, and an additional four

or five billion dollars per an-



Congressman Eugene J. McCarty of Minnesota told Congress August 15 that Congressman Noah Mason of Illinois and other NTEA spokesmen do just that. Their own figures, said Rep. McCarty, show that less than 2% of the businesses operating on a non-profit basis to the Association or Company are co-operatives.

But NTEA and Mason devote nearly all their attention to 2%. They neglect the 98% which includes the mutual life insurance companies, mutual savings banks, building and loan ass'ns and others. Co-operatives have no tax exemption as co-operatives.

"I hope we as lawmakers," said Congressman McCarty, "never yield to the force of this campaign of misrepresentation being conducted by the highly financed group of self-seeking interests whose objective is to destroy the co-operatives. They want no competitive force to check them in their drive for unlimited profits."

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FB WOMEN PLAN

FOR ANNUAL

MEET NOV. 8th

Mrs. Almer Armstrong, director

throughout the

District 5



Wayne Hoyt of Clio is the new MFB membership representative and her talent for public speaking for District 5 including Clinton, is well known. Eaton, Genesee, Ingham and Shiawassee counties. Sept 1 Mr. Hoyt of the Home Department of the succeeded Milton Larsen, who re-Indiana Co-ops, will be the morning signed to go with Blue Cross. Mr. Hoyt has been a member of Genecapable speaker and will bring a see County Farm Bureau board and good message to Michigan women. chairman of the Blue Cross com- Mrs. Armstrong has long been in mittee. He is a dairy and small Farm Bureau work and is well States for the work she is doing it grains farmer. known

consideration of the measure reported to the House of Representa tives for action. "Considerable attention has been

efforts.

ass'ns.

devoted to what many may term as 'tax equality.' Several national or ganizations, including state groups of businessmen, have worked

length in this field. "It is unfortunate that their representatives have not spent more time and effort in trying to reach solution to the problem of taxing business entities rather than, by the device of over-simplification. confuse a most complex situation

"Further I justifiably resent the harge circulated to the effect that I have not served the best inter ests of businessmen and all taxpayers in my action. I have always been conscientious in my efforts and have to the best of my ability sought to promote the welfare of all our people without re gard to special groups."

Ohio businessmen have received letters identical to that used by Michigan Associated Businessmen Thus, the hands are those of the state NTEA groups, but the voice must be that of the national NTEA

Farmers and New Social Security Law

Farm owners or operators rented farms do not come under the new provisions of the federal so cial security law, effective Sept. 1 But a regular hired hand does if he works for any farm for as long At their semi-annual meeting on as 60 days and earns as much as July 31st at Lansing, the State Ad-\$50 in that quarter, which is three visory Council of the Michigan Farm Bureau women made plans months. The farm owner or open ator must deduct the social securifor the annual convention of Farm ty tax from the farm worker's pay Bureau women to be held at East and match the amount himself. He Lansing on Wednesday, November will send this money to the U.S.

Mrs. Raymond Sayre of Ack-Treasury. Any domestic employe who worth, Iowa, president of the Asworks as much as 24 days in any sociated Women of the American Farm Bureau Federation, is to be quarter of the year for the same person and earns more than \$50 the afternoon speaker. Mrs. Sayre in that time comes under the law. is probably the best known rural woman in the United States today It has not been decided how the tax on domestics is to be collected

Urban-Rural Picnic

500 attended the Osceola County Farm Bureau picnic at Rose Lake speaker. Mrs. Armstrong, too, is a Aug. 18. Town people of the coun ty were invited and quite a crowd Everyone enjoyed the day. came. United the co-operative field.

of the committee, however, in the Elevator Co.; Chesaning Co-op Farmers Co-operative, Inc.; Co-operative Elevator Company, Pigeon; Elkton Co-op Farm Produce Com pany; and Hemlock Co-op Creamery

agriculture in the world.

& Elevator Co.

FB WORKS FOR tin, proves that one vote can count. "Thomas Jefferson and John HIGHER FARM Quincy Adams were each elected by one vote in the electoral college "Rutherford B. Hayes was elect EFFICIENCY ed president by one vote; his ele tion was contested and was upheld again by a single vote. The man

Ever since the American Farm who cast that deciding .vote for Bureau Federation was organized President Hayes was a Congress in 1919 it has supported full develman from Indiana, a lawyer who ment of the Land Grant Colleges, was elected to Congress by a margin Experiment Stations and Extension of just one vote, and that one was Services. They have helped with cast by a client of his, who, though new farming practices, soil managedesperately ill, insisted on being ment, improved cultural practices, taken to the polls to vote. and new varieties. Today we have "Just one vote gave statehood to the most efficient and productive

California, Idaho, Oregon, Texas and Washington.

DOES

Get Out Rural Vote for Sept. 12 Primary

Candidates for the House of Congress, Governor, and other important offices are to be chosen at the primary election Sept. 12. It is vital that the best qualified candidates be nominated.

The Michigan Farm Bureau is making a strong effort to inform voters and get out the largest possible rural vote. This is being done through publicity, Community Farm Bureau meetings, and Get-Out-The-Vote committees of every County Farm Bureau.

The rural vote is important. If all farm folks vote, they are likely to get the kind of decisions that rural people want. A large rural vote invites consideration from all groups and public officials.

The Farm Bureau knows how important the rural vote is when its state and national programs are being considered.

Be Sure to Vote Sept. 12

business activity, this situation could result in senious far ahead as they are today when they get better than average prices." inflation, and in permanent impairment of our American Mr. Brannan attacked the sliding system.

relation to the supply of goods.

scale of price supports as seeking to curtail production through lower The American Farm Bureau Federation does not supports as supplies go up "instead

believe that price controls or rationing are appropriate of encouraging increased production of commodities we need in greater for the job we have to do now. Inflation is the condition abundance." He described the slidwhich develops when the supply of money increases in ing scale as a 'force-out" device for controlling supply.

40 Farm Supply Committees Are Organized By FRED REIMER

Director of Farm Supply There are over 40 counties t.day hat have Farm Supply Committees. when some 40 or 50 percent of our These committees are appointed by entire output was diverted to dethe County Farm Bureau boards fense, they are not appropriate to of directors. Their purpose is to the present situation. We are enassist in creating adequate supply gaged in a military operation in points in their counties so that the Korea. It is not an all-out war. Farm Bureau membership will have The President's message does not indicate an all-out war. Congress access to Farm Bureau supplies. These supply points vary from has not declared war. Farm Bureau branches to local To treat our economy as if this cooperatives and independent dealwere the all-out effort threatens our ers. The committees are repre ability to win the real war should sentative of the county member- it prove unavoidable. The present ship, and thus act as a spokesman unsettled condition of international relative to the kind of supply servaffairs and the need for us to ice their county has. achieve a high degree of prepared-

My job is representing the Michness may continue for years. Our igan Farm Bureau as a director greatest strength lies in our abiof supply committees. It has proven to me that the members in many pacity.

cases are interested in having a Farm Bureau supplies service made available to them where they don't adopt price controls and 'rationing have it as yet. Others are interested in the improvement of the to such an extent that we will be service they do have. Farm Bureau supplies are an important part of our Farm Bureau program and should be made available to every member who wishes the service. The farm supply committees are made up of county members who know just about what the needs and desires of their people are. I am very well pleased with the manner in which some of these committees have accepted this responsibility and have held meetings and made definite plans to promote and carry out some of the county peoples' wishes.

(Continued on page two)

Price and ration controls, at best, only suppress the symptoms of inflation. They invite black markets and require administrative personnel needed for production. They do not attack the problem of cheap dollars at its source. They actually decrease the supply of goods thus depriving the country of needed defense and the citizens of goods and services.

Although price controls and ra-| a minimum. Efficiency in Governioning might reasonably be .a ment becomes of paramount impart of our war effort at a time portance

> The nature of military operations makes some waste inevitable, but it is urgent that every effort be made to get the most out of the money appropriated for defense.

Insofar as possible, defense efforts must be financed on a pay-as-you-ge basis. Having undertaken these additional expenses, taxes must be increased substantially as soon as

ossible Necessary borrowing should be rom non-bank sources. Government borrowing from banks directly increases the money supply, contributes to inflation, and cheats everybody.

Continuation of basic policies ity to increase our productive ca for increased production in Amarica is absolutely necessary. In Production is essential if we are addition. Government economy, in

to win in this struggle. Should we now, we may strangle our economy far less able than we should be to meet a real emergency should one arise some years from now.

The American Farm Bureau Fed oration proposes a bold attack on the causes of inflation, the chief of which is the prospective increase in the supply of money relative to the supply of goods. This sort of inflation threatens every man's wage and every bit of

savings. The situation calls for the utmost economy in Government expenditures. All non-essentials should be eliminated. Essential non-defense expenditures must be carefully scrutinized and reduced to

reased taxes, and a pelicy of borrowing from non-bank funders will greatly feduce inflationary forces in the defense program. As a further step, we should adopt policies which will attack inflation by reducing consumer demand for soarce goods needed for defense efforts. Steps must be taken to *estrain* the potential increase in commercial bank loans. Installment and housing credit must

be restricted to the extent dic tated by defense needs. Efforts to sell savings bonds should be intensified and a pro-

gram should be developed to en courage people to exchange mature ing "E" bonds for new issues. Immediate action on Government (Continued on page two)

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS



When eating was a primal joy that only farm boys know.

For 1950's plastic trash and glaring chromium.

ing our 1,000 goal. The new or

When Mother's checkered table cloth beheld prodigious deeds

As all the Grangers gathered round to eat those family feeds.

Restrain your mirth. In thirty years, if you should live so long, Your pensive thoughts may wander back and you may hanker some

And you who read these lines and think that what is old is wrong

Farm Bureau Insurance, Co. Urges Members[®] To Join Company on Basis of Growth, Earnings and Rate Savings

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By NILE VERMILLION, Manager Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. of Michigan Members of the Michigan Farm Bureau have their own Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company which offers them low cost casualty insurance for automobiles and for farm liability.

Studies are being made of other coverages including life, fire, cargo, and workmen's compensation insurance. The interest in these other lines very naturally depends on the success of the casualty company.

The success of the Farm Bureau Mutual has always depended upon its ability to render a needed service and the acceptance of the service by Farm Bureau members. Ask yourself three simple questions:

I-Why was our Insurance Company organized?

2-Is it performing the desired functions?

3-Has the service been accepted by the members?

1—The answer to the first question is two-fold: (a) The insurance company was organized to stabilize insurance costs to farmers. (b) And it was set up to make available to Farm Bureau members a valuable serv- score the activity of your group is in line with the discussion topic ice which is not available to non-members.

2-The second question is answered "yes". Insurance costs on automobiles have tumble in the areas were the weakest on committee set covered by your Farm Bureau company. Claim service group this past year that would imhas improved. And insurance costs are not likely to prove your rating? It might he guest. Mr. Ed. Hobbie of the Dairy sky-rocket clear out of reach again for farmers in Michigan so long as your company remains active in the business. Your Farm Bureau company has already begun to have made during the past year. reduce its own rates. A dividend savings will soon be paid to the original policyholders on authority of the should be set to improve that record in every way possible this coming Board of Directons.

Your company has grown from -its original 3.600 charter policies Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance portant meetings your group will public libraries. We thought this agricultural co-operatives of the naompany not only buys you the



By MRS. MARJORIE GARDNER

STAR AWARDS Gold Star - Hope Community Farm Bureau, Midland county, Mrs. Robert Joynt, sec'y. Silver Star - South Arm Community Farm Bureau, Charlevoix county, Mrs. George D. Nelson, sec'y.

Silver Star - Swan River Community Farm Bureau, Presque Isle, Miss Betty Rusch, sec'y,

CONGRATULATIONS! er to their July meeting to help Dear Community Farm Bureau discuss consumers' ideas of pro-

Members: ducers. He pointed out the importance of advertising and the September Starts New Year. This month Community Farm Bureau part competition plays in price activities for the new fiscal year setting.

1950-51 begin. As we look back on Branch-Union. Mrs. Mary Hub the activities of the past year, we bard, secretary, reports their group note with pride the addition of is planning a guest night to be 140 new groups and improvement held in August when each Farm of Community Farm Bureau activi-Bureau member will invite a nonties all along the line. farmer as his guest for the evening. You will recall that last year They are planning to get a speakat this time a rating sheet was er from the Michigan State College

sent to your community group to staff as part of their program. This and to point out where improve- of July to better inform city peoment coud be made in your organiple of agricultural problems.

zation. Results of the survey show-Calhoun-Marengo. Secretary Mrs. ed that many groups in the past J. C. Moore reports they are planning a joint meeting with the Eckup. What have you done in your | ford Community group. Each family will invite a city family as their interesting, if your secretary has Action League will be their speaker a copy of this rating sheet among and will discuss the oleo situation. her records, to re-rate your group This is anoth and see what improvement you tions gesture. This is another good public rela-

Van Buren-Pine Grove. Mrs. Fred Although we are leaving behind Miller, secretary of the group, reus a very fine record our sights ports that one of their points brought out in the discussion on in every way possible this coming promoting producer-consumer

year. Your September meeting, understanding was to have the therefore, is one of the most im- Michigan Farm News available in



Republican Congressman 6th Michigan District MR. BLACKNEY sponsored the

hill to enable 7.000.000 veterans to cash terminal leave bonds and save taxpayers many millions of dollars year in interest.

MR BLACKNEY sponsored that bill that provided better medical services in all branches of military forces by his Doctors, Dentists and Surgeons Bill.

MR. BLACKNEY is a firm be iever in Constitutional Govern ment. He is strongly opposed to the administration's attempt to social ize our government by the adop tion of socialized medicine, the Brannan plan for agriculture an imilar bills.

MR. BLACKNEY as a member of the Armed Services Committee voted for all measures that would protect our boys in and out of ser vice. Had the administration fol lowed the action of the committee we would now have a Seventy Group Air Force, a new super-ai carrier requested by General Mac Arthur-and other necessary mater iel of war. Blackney, as a commit tee member, is continuing his fight to see that every available aid and protection can be offered our boys

n service MR. BLACKNEY is bitterly op osed to any attempt to communize our country and has fought and oted for removal of Communists in public positions.

MR. BLACKNEY in his long Congressional career has served on Mr. Brody was among some sixty important Congressional committarm leaders representing major tees and is now a member of the Armed Services Committee, which

^{\$}500,000,000 WORTH!



A far-reaching program for rail transportation - designed to meet the rising needs of commerce and the demands of national defense - was adopted by the member lines of the Association of American Railroads at a recent meeting in Chicago.

As part of that program, the railroads have placed, or are in the process of placing, orders for more than \$500,000,000 worth of new freight cars. This brings the total spent on improvements in railroad plant and equipment since World War II to more than 5 billion dollars.

In the past ten years, the railroads have built and bought 600,000 new, bigger and better freight cars, 11,000 new Diesel units, and 1,700 new and improved steam locomotives, besides making great improvements in tracks, terminals, signals, shops, and every part of the railroad plant.

In addition, railroads are speeding up the return to service of freight cars awaiting repair, and are taking steps - with the cooperation of shippers and government agencies - to secure the maximum utilization of all available cars.

The program of the railroads is an essential part of any increase in national production - for neither in commerce nor in defense can America produce and use more of anything than can be hauled. There is no way in which the nation's effective hauling capacity can be expanded so quickly and with such small demands upon man power and materials, as by adding to the serviceable freight car fleet of the railroads.

In meeting transportation demands in World War II, the railroads enjoyed splendid cooperation from users of transportation, much of it organized and carried out through the Shippers' Advisory Boards and their local Car Efficiency Committees; and the helpful assistance of an outstanding government agency, the Office of Defense Transportation. With this same sort of cooperation and with an opportunity to secure necessary man power and materials, the railroads will reach the goal to which they are pledged - adequate transportation for all America, in peace and in war.

Association of American Railrow

CO-OPS ing our 1,000 goal. The new or reorganized groups added during UNITED the month of July are as follows: District 3: Macomb-Romeo Plank Road, Mrs. Robert Schunemann. BRODY'S secretary; and Cross Section. Miss SERVICE Dorothy Streefkerk, secretary. LONG HERE AND THERE Barry - Irving. Secretary Mrs. Clark L. Brody, executive secre Eunice Barcroft reports that they tary and treasurer of the Michigan invited a local poultry and egg deal-Farm Bureau and past president of

R. S. Clark,

Jackson, Michigan.

315 North Grinnell Street,

United Co-operatives of Alliance. Ohio, was honored recently with the presentation of a testimonial scroll recognizing his service to the national co-operative organization.



000. This progress has been made same protection you can get in should elect your new officers, rethat same period the company's makes available to you these added assets have risen to \$740,000 and it has earned a profit on its operations of nearly \$100,000. The premium income of the company will approach the million dollar mark by the end of 1950. Certainly the company is a success!

3-The answer to the third ques tion is the least definite. Some members have accepted 100% and with typical Farm Bureau enthusi-To these members we can ber agree with any other company credit the remarkable growth of the company to date. Other members have accepted the service slowly and only in part. While the average of

vehicles owned by members is two, the average insured in Farm Bureau is a very little over one.

Still other members have not accepted the service at all. These are the "wait and see" people." They take a lot of convincing. efforts at production will make it The facts should speak for themselves now.

Farm Bureau should say to themselves: "Am I being fair to the

others in Farm Bureau? If I participate in the program I give credit this stage fail to realize that while where credit is due for the bavings we need our maximum abilities I am already realizing on my in- now, we must also be prepared for surance premiums; I help strength. even greater needs a few years en the Farm Bureau organization as from now. An indispensable part a whole; I contribute financially of our efforts in this emergency to the development of my County must be to continue to develop an Farm Bureau program; I stand to economy of opportunity. This is share in cash dividend savings no time for hyperia. It is a time with other policyholders who have for clear thinking, sound judgment, been in the company the same length of time; and I am not at the mercy of the other companies 40 Farm Supply if they start raising insurance premiums again."

The premium dollar you pay to



ALSO TWO LINE ALUMINUM SIGNS



in 16 months of existence. During any other company, but it also commend projects for the coming benefits: 1. The company has entered into agreements with many counties to help cover the costs of maintaining months. a county office.

2. Dividends are being paid th original policyholders now. 3. Membership maintenance

improved where there are insure. members. 🦛 4. Farm Bureau Mutual will new

to raise rates to farmers, and will always keep them at bare cost for its own policyholders.

Price Controls Won't **Prevent Inflation**

(Continued from page one) economy, increased taxes, needed credit controls, and stepped-up possible for us to control inflation at its source without resort to Those who are not insuring with destructive price and rationing controls.

Those who would shackle America with unproductive red tape at the forms provided to your Com munity Farm Bureau secretary for listing your new officers. It is important that your group be on record as soon as possible in order and courageous statemanship. to conform with the Blue Cross

Committees Organized

or if you are holding over the (Continued from page one) I feel that Farm Bureau with its officers that guided your group in the past year for another year expanded program of legislation, please see that these officers are hospitalization, insurance, petroplaced on the set-up sheets just as leum, services, etc., plus the woif these officers were newly elect men's program and Junior Farm ed in September. Last September Bureau, has some phase of its prowe were very proud of our record gram that fits the needs of every We bettered the previous year's farmer. Many farmers do particimark by over 200 more groups re pate in most of the programs. porting. We hope that we can others only in certain ones. But, where is the farmer today who can show even more of a gain this year. Please give us your full cotruthfully say, "Farm Bureau has operation on this point for our nothing to offer me"? Let's hope

mutual benefit. there won't be anyone in the 1951 989 Community Groups. Two membership campaign who can groups were added in August makmake that statement to his neighbor

ing a total gain of 117 groups. roll call worker. During the year we have actually An acre of performance is worth

added 140 new groups but 34 have a whole land of promise. - James disbanded since last year. This puts us within 11 groups of meet- Davis. Howell.

program.

If you elected your 1950 officers

prior to your September meeting

hold during the entire year. You an unusual suggestion and worthy of mention.

Cheboygan - Riggsville Co-op. year and appoint committees to From the reports of Mrs. Norman carry out your program. September | Williams, secretary of the group, will be your guide as to what road the Cheboygan county picnic was a you will travel in the next 12 great success. Over 300 people at-

tended, of which 54 were from A Community Farm Bureau is Riggsville Community Farm Bu-July as strong and effective as its reau. The picnic held was in addimembers make it. Choose your tion to their July meeting.

officers well and prove your confi-Ogemaw-Nester. The members dence in them by giving them the of this group decided that consumbacking they will need to carry er understanding was so important

out your desires. that each member was instructed to Each member should have a job invite one city friend to their Augto do if your group is going to have ust meeting. They believe personal an effective program. The officontact can do more than anything cers you have elected are not reelse to improve understanding.

sponsible for the functions the Presque Isle-Ocqueoc. Secretary committee is set up to exercise--Donald Plume reports that his only to the extent that they cogroup took action at the July meetordinate activities of the committee ing to fine absentees 10c per person Into the program you have selected. to finance their door-prize at each Let your desires be known and do meeting. We thought this a your part to see that they are carrather good idea to increase atried out. The Community Farm tendance.

Bureau is the strongest source of Honorable Mention. The followleadership training we have in the ing groups had unusually fine whole Farm Bureau program. It is meetings during the month of from here that county officers and July and deserve honorable menleaders are developed. tion: Get Your Set-up Sheets In. We

Bay-Williams, Mrs. Howard Leare not able to send your group Cronier, secretary. officers the necessary materials to

Genesee-Flint Township, Mrs. carry out the program until your Lester Neff. secretary. Community Farm Bureau has been Tuscola-Ellington, Mrs. Kenneth officially registered in this office on Graham. secretary.

tion, who attended the mid-summer board of directors' meeting of United Co-ops. United is an agri-

cultural purchasing co-operative whose Unico products are familiar to Farm Bureau members. The meeting was at Seattle.

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PUTS PEP IN OLD .FALFA STAND

If you want to pep up an alfalia stand that's to be left for another year, you can apply a top-dressing of fertilizer up until the time winter sets in. However, Ed Long-

necker, Michigan State College extension specialist in soils, recommends doing it anytime after second cutting or in September. Then it will stimulate the fall growth and build up root reserves. On the heavier soils use an 0-20-10 or 0-20-20 at the rate of two to three

hundred pounds per acre. On the coarser and lighter soils use 0-10-20 or 0-10-30 at two to three hundred pounds per acre. A third choice on the coarser and lighter soils would be the 0-20-20.

> Farm timber is a good source of fence posts. Michigan State College foresters say consideration should be given to treating the timber with preservative material.

> > WOMEN

SILO ROOFS

FEMALE HELP

(74t-40ba)

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CALL ON FRIENDS with sensa-tional Christmas cards in handy as-sortments. Sell for \$1.00. Profit up to 50 cents. Also popular-priced person-al Christmas Cards, Everyday Assort-ments. Stationery, Gift Items, Samples on approval. Wallace Brown, Dept. 261, 2033 Park Avenue, Detroit 36, Mich. (74t-40ba & May, Charlotte R-4, Mich (9-2t-21p) Success is a coy damsel you can win only by ignoring her. - John Mich.

includes the Army, the Navy, the Air and Marine Corps, the Coast Guard and the Public Health Services connected therewith. (Political Advertisement)







BETTER AND BETTER-In the 74 years since the telephone was invented, there have been more than 18,000 additional inventions-an average of more than 240 a year-that have contributed to its development. Many recent ones are playing a part in Michigan Bell's big service improvement program in rural areas,

ONE UP ON NATURE—During the war Bell Laboratories scientists found a way to grow synthetic crystals better in some ways than natural quartz. A "seed" crystal is produced by evaporating chemical salts, then rotated in a chemical solution which causes deposits to build it up to many times its original size. Crystals vibrate at exact frequencies, separate the many telephone messages traveling over a long distance line.



TIME DOES TELL-Here's an easy way to figure what your telephone is worth to you. On a typical working day, count up the telephone calls you make . . . to the farm insplement dealer, lumber mill, veterinary, feed store, repair shop, friends. Think of the hours it would take to visit all of these people-hours of lost work around the farm. And when you consider that one call may save a life, what you pay for telephone service is mighty small compared to the value you receive.



MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

THREE



A boy runs across the fields where you are working. He's scared. "FIRE!" he gasps.

You stand paralyzed for a moment, then break toward the barn . . . your barn?

There it is-a wisp of smoke curling around the eaves. As you near the yard, the first fringes of yellow flame creep along the roof.

Somehow you get the stock out . . . rush for ladders, water, file extinguishers. Mother tries to help. A passing motorist stops, neighbors arrive. But in spite of all they can do, the flames get stronger . . . and hotter.

Finally, a fire truck arrives. Water . . . water that seems to feed the flames. When the flames get too hot, the smoke too thick, you stand helplessly, hopelessly.

AND SUDDENLY YOU HATE YOURSELF!

- Hate yourself because you let this happen. ... Because you never found time to tape those frayed wires.
- Because you never bothered to clean out that pile of rubbish.
- ... Because you never got around to take care of a lot of little things.

Every wise farmer knows that a clean-up of fire hazards in and around the barn, house and other buildings takes only a little time. He knows too that his State Mutual agent stands ready to protect his property from the threat of loss by fire. Call your State Mutual agent now. His advice today may be the means of avoiding a fire disaster tomorrow.



The best friend you could have when accident or illness strikes!

Members Want 1000 Farm Women at State College Sept. 12 **Roads Financed** By Gas Tax

By DONALD KINSEY Research and Information

A record number of 615 Community Farm Bureaus have submitted views on the road taxation issue. By an overwhelming vote these people insisted that the only fair and equitable way to get more money for road construction and maintenance is an increase in the gasoline tax. Many were also in favor of additional weight taxes. The vote against taking money for roads from the state general fund was strong; 288 against and 26 for the proposal. The vote was fairly strong against

using a net profit income tax on corporations for balancing the state budget and for paying for roads. 278 groups opposed the corporation income tax, while 45 favored it. It was also feared that such taxes would merely be reflected in the increased costs of manufactured goods to the consumer.

The Community Farm Bureaus are strongly opposed to the proposition that townships be required to match state funds for road main tenance. 304 groups opposed this idea, while only 31 groups approved. It was believed that there would be serious inequalities of tax load on many townships, and this would result in heavy property taxation. The Community Farm Bureaus regard property taxation for roads as unfair, since the roads should be paid for by those using them, and all roads are open to the general driving public. It is generally believed that much

of the problem could be solved if the existing wastes and inefficiencies in our highway departments were overcome. This should be examined from the state level on down through the county level.

Safety

on the farm

Dairy Action League Invites Them to Luncheon To Help Plan Defeat of Yellow Oleo The Dairy Action League is having a luncheon for Michigan farm women at Shaw Hall at Michigan

State College, East Lansing, Friday, Sept. 12, at 12:30 p.m. The luncheon will be complimentary. There will be favors for everyone.

The oleo referendum will be discussed. Plans will be made for Michigan farm women to participate in the campaign to get people to vote "No" on the colored oleo referendum on the ballot November 7.

Reservation cards have been sent to each county. For women who have not received a card but would like to attend the luncheon and meeting, the only procedure necessary is to write Mr. Ed Hobbie, Dairy Action League, 415 Hollister Building, Lansing, Michigan. Tell him how many ladies will be in your party. As long as the reservation has been made, nothing else is necessary in order to attend the luncheon.

Because Michigan farmers have so much at stake in this matter, it is sincerely hoped that at least a thousand farm women will attend the luncheon. They can do so much in bringing to the attention of the voters the importance of voting "No" on Proposal 4 to legalize the sale of yellow oleo.

Time to Think of **School and Elections**

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR barrel if left undisturbed. Don't Briar Hill Farm, Carleton, Mich. expect too much of the school fac-When September comes (how ulty in a school system of 1000 or oon it came this year) we think of more pupils if your own child is a State Fair and Labor Day, and problem to you at times.

Schools do cost more money than The State Fair is a sort of re- in our day, but so does everything union for the farmers. All want to else. If we must economize, let's

I heard my mother say many times that my parents hoped to give their children the best education they could, for come what will, no one could take it away from them. My parents later experienced the closing of a private bank that wiped city patron their savings from them in a day's would never time. How forcibly some of these want the midsayings' come back to us! way abolished,

September brings to us a prifor it's the most mary election that should be of attractive spot more than passing interest to the for them, or so farmer. This appears on the surit seems to me. face to be an era dominated by la-Labor Day bor, regardless of industry or agribrings with it culture. It is a case of "like it as the longest weekend of the year. is, or attempt to make a change." I and too often the most tragic. That realize it is confusing for in many Friday night traffic congestion of instances the candidates are numfolks leaving home is only surerous. Each has a story for himpassed by the jam of Monday night self, and it is most difficult to decide. Let's do some straight think

There are some things I wish ing and make a selection. Then if were different. These weekends we don't like the service we get we make long drawn out periods of no have an honest right to complain. rural delivery of mails, no bank If we don't vote, we should at least service, and a curtailment of much keep our mouths shut. farm business because of the Satur-And, whatever we do, let's tell day noon closing of the banks, post

our Michigan voters that we as faroffice and many other shops and mers hope for their co-operation in I don't criticize, for our nation is this butter-oleo battle. Let's appeal to their sense of justice that they

budget next year and a new deficit |Hog Price Outlook Rep. Crawford as of June 30, 1952 of approximately \$21 billion, I feel certain that we Agrees on War Methods "I am in full accord with you

position on price control legislation and a pay-as-we-go tax program," said Congressman Fred L. Crawford of Saginaw to C. L. Brody of the Farm Bureau.

"I have a copy of your telegram addressed to Senators Vandenberg and Ferguson. When the price control bill was under debate in the House, my thoughts were expressed along this line. I stated emphatically that I would be glad to support a tax policy with a complete 'payas-we-go' program."

"If we would balance the budget and restrict credit which is extended for speculative purposes, we would not need the controls which he House has voted." If taxes are stepped up sufficient-

again. ly to meet the budget, that alone If the weather should continue would remove about 90% of the favorable, the record soybean crop speculative spirit from the people expected would bring about another insofar as the war program is condownward trend in soybean meal cerned. prices. On the other hand an out

"On the other hand, if the presbreak of a major war would change ent fiscal year budget, which has everything. So it's still anybody' now been advanced to about \$57 guess as to what will happen to billion moves on to the end of the feed prices. current fiscal year with a deficit

of approximately \$15 billion and No way has ever been devised of that is followed with a \$70 billion winning an argument with a skunk

shall be economically cursed with a highly destructive inflation and black markets and all that goes with them." FEED PRICES

UNCERTAIN The direction feed prices take in the next few weeks will depend largely upon two factors: (1) the weather, and (2) the war situation

says FB Services feed dep't. During late May and June the feed price trend was definitely downward. Crop prospects were improving, pastures good and feed supplies ample. However, right after the Korean crisis broke out, feed prices took a sharp turn up wards. Then the pastures were excellent and farmers refused to buy at the high prices. This brought about an abrupt change throughout the industry. Prices dropped. Recently prices began to edge upwards

FOR POULTRY

Good This Fall

bring best price.

Michigan State College expects

strong consumer demand to keep

hog prices at good level and ab-

sorb the big spring pig crop. Don

Stark says plenty of good market

weight hogs coming to market will discount the heavier ones. Best

way is to keep topping them off at

around 220 lbs. when they have

made most efficient gains and will

People can be trusted to think

soundly when they are adequately

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informed. - Paul C. Smith

FARM DUREAU MILLING CO. Des

20% Charter Policy **Dividend Declared** by Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co.

The charter policyholders in this Company are now reaping the first reward of buying insurance in their own Company.

The Company will pay to charter policyholders about Sept. 1 a cash dividend of 20% of the premium paid by them before March 7, 1949.

This shows what a young Farm Bureau Company can do in providing Farm Bureau members with insurance at cost. It suggests the possibilities when all Farm Bureau members carry insurance in their own Company.



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Chances are 1 in 4 there'll be hospital or medical bills in your family this year!

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Farm Bureau Members-

Here's how YOU can join **BLUE CROSS** • BLUE SHIELD

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

A few of the more than 8000 organizations where Blue Cross - Blue Shield is available to employees and members KAISER-FRAZER CORPORATION SERVICE CASTER and TRUCK CORPORATION, ALBION MICHIGAN COLLEGE of MINING and TECHNOLOGY, HOUGHTON CHESAPEAKE and OHIO RAILWAY COMPANY-PERE MARQUETTE DISTRICT • MICHIGAN GRANGES GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION • CITY OF ALPENA HART and COOLEY MANUFACTURING COMPANY, HOLLAND BATTLE CREEK SANITARIUM NATIONAL TWIST DRILL, ROCHESTER THE BAY CITY TIMES • MUELLER BRASS COMPANY THUNDER BAY MANUFACTURING CORPORATION, ALPENA FERRIS INSTITUTE • THE UPJOHN COMPANY R. C. ALLEN BUSINESS MACHINES, INCORPORATED GRAND RAPIDS CLARKE SANDING MACHINE COMPANY, MUSKEGON FARM BUREAU DISCUSSION GROUPS

rapidly coming to a 5-day work week for all, although the farmer give the dairy farmers a vote of as yet has not been able to adjust appreciation for their untiring effort to feed Michigan consumers. his own business to its schedule. We must know our story and be Maybe some day some inventive able to tell it. We must warn them mind will perfect a gadget to regthat an oleo victory could put our ulate weather and the habits of dairy investment out of buisness. It livestock so the farmer can shut up could result in no butter, for the shop and enjoy leisure hours with consumer and no cheap oleo either. the rest of them. The yellow oleo referendum is

The schools of today are far different. The one-room school is rapidly disappearing in favor of the larger area unit. There are manyadvantages in the latter, and every getting people to vote NO in Nochild is entitled to a chance to share them. This is an era of education that

demands more than the old systems could possibly supply. The day has long passed when an uneducated person can push ahead. There's only one youth given to every inonly one youth given to every in-dividual, and the greatest contribu-tion any of us can make to the tion any of us can make to the younger generation is an unrestricted opportunity to make the best of himself as possible. Young folks of today have many

things to face and work out that we never experienced. To be sure, we City is chairman of the resolutions had our hardships and much more committee for the 1950 annual manual labor to perform, but we meeting of the Michigan Farm Budid not have the competition or reau at East Lansing, Nov. 9-10. temptation we find today.

There may be things taught in President Carl Buskirk. Each our schools today that some of us membership district is represented older folks think a waste of time by a committeeman and there are and money, but it is the method of three at large from the state board the day. So why not reserve our of directors.

objections for the present until they The first meeting was at Lansing, have had a trial? We might be glad August 24. Sub-committees were we didn't have our own way. named: National and Internation-Quite often we hear complaints al Affairs, State Affairs, Education, of laxity of discipline in our schools, Highway Finance, Conservation and but I must defend the teachers in By-Laws. The committe will meet that respect. Teachers have so Sept. 15, Oct. 5, Nov. 3 and Nov. 7many outside interests thrust upon 8. In the meantime, County and them these days that they should Community Farm Bureaus are not be asked to serve as disciplinasked to send their recommendaarians. It would be a tough job by tions as soon as possible to Resoluitself. Home discipline is far from tions Committee, Michigan Farm what it was in our time when chil- Bureau, PO Box 960, Lansing. Memdren were to be seen but not heard. bers of the committee:

Children are not "brought up" any District 1-Lee Cook, Kalamazoo more but rather they simply "come R-9; 2-Walter Goetz, Riga R-1; 3up." Why delegate the bringing up Harvey Vetal, Plymouth R-2; 4as a part of the teacher's duty? Edwin R. Yeomans, Jr., Ionia R-3; "Problem children" usually are 5-Mrs. Cyril Spike, Owosso R-2; the product of "problem parents." 6-George W. Foster, Sr., Fostor-We hear reports of delinquency ia; 7-Mrs. Neal Clements, Sherithat should be catalogued on the dan R-1; 8-Milton Brown, Mt.

adult page. Pleasant R-4; 9-Robert Seaberg, The teacher needs your co-opera- chairman, Traverse City R-1; 10tion at all times and your sym- Beaman Smith, Atlanta. Members

pathy 9 out of every 10 times when at large: Clyde M. Breining, Ypsithere's friction. Remember, one lanti R-1; Harry Norris Casnovia; spoiled apple will affect the whole Walter Wightman, Fennville R-2.

Every policyholder is entitled to share in the earnings of the Company in proportion to his contributions to it.

Farm Bureau Mutual offers complete automobile coverages and farm liability protection. Contact your Farm Bureau Agent without delay. He can save you money. Insurance is limited to members of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

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the first election proposal I know

of where the goal is to slap the far-

mers of our own state. Let's do our

best to meet it with a full force by

vember on Proposal No. 4 to legal-

Robert Seaberg of Traverse

The committee was appointed by

Animal Nutrition Research Changes

Science continues to be suc ful in its search for ways and means of utilizing the cheaper plant foods. The latest discovery has possibilities of making it possible for pigs and chickens to use the cheaper and more abundant vegetable origin proteins in place of the more costly animal origin proteins



Your house is easily brought up to date, made better looking and more comfortable by a concrete foundation. It enables you to have a warm, dry, useful basement where you can install a modern furnace for winter comfort.

permanently; is proof against fire, termites and decay. On your next trip to town, ask a concrete contractor or concrete products man for an estimate. Write for our free booklet, "Foundation Walls and Basements of Concrete."

PORTLAND CEMENT ASSOCIATION Olds Tower Bldg., Lansing 8, Mich.

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Open Formula Feeds By ROBERT H. ADDY

When commercial dairy, poultry and other stock feeds first came on the market, there was little if any information on the feed tag to state the amount of protein, fat and fiber in the feed.

In an effort to protect the buyer, state chemists made it a requirement that the feed tag guarantee the per cent of protein, fat and fiber in the feed, and name the ingredients used. It was not required that the amount of each ingredient be stated.

Years passed and that was all the information that farmers got on a feed tag. This condition lasted until the Michigan Farm Bureau went into the feed business in 1921 by offering open formula dairy and poultry rations. On the open formula feed tag, the Farm Bureau told farmers the exact number of pounds of each feed

cceptance from the start. Farm- they bought for their money, Orig ers knew how much of various feed inally the Farm Bureau hired ingredients they were getting and mill at Chicago to mix feeds accord could judge the value of the feed, ing to Farm Bureau open formulas

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grains.

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Story of Farm Bureau MICHIGAN at AFBF INSTITUTE

Manager of Farm Bureau Services Feed Dep't

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

If farmers are to run their own business, it is necessary to have a strong general farm organization like the Farm Bureau with well informed members and leaders. To this end several thousand Farm Bureau people attended the 6th annual American Farm Bureau Institute at Urbana, Illinois, the week of August 21. Michigan was represented by eight persons. Front row, left to right, Mrs. Bernard Green, Wheeler; Miss Leona Algoe, St. Johns; Miss Henrietta Burch, Plymouth; Mrs. Marion Goodlock, Manitou Beach. Back row, left to right, Wayne Hoyt, Clio; Wesley Hawley, Lansing; Julius Rabe, Rhodes; Ted Gibbons, Bloomingdale.

Eastman to **Direct** Junior

of competing in an economy which is increasingly dominated by hig labor, big business and big government. No farmer alone can buck the present world of bigness. Senator Clinton P. Anderson of New Mexico said:

"I want to see farm legislation developed by farmers through their

tion with the members of Congress who are sincerely interested in the long-time interests of farmers and who are determined to fit a sound farm program into our free interprize sytsem. Who shall speak for farmers?. . . I say that farmers should speak for themselves." Farm Bureau policies are develop-

ed from the desires of farm people as expressed through resolutions democratically adopted at local, county, state and national levels. They are developed on a non-partisan basis and supported on a bipartisan basis. They represent the combined thinking of Farm Bureau nembers

Parents cultivate the personality of their children, but society reaps own farm organization in coopera- the harvest. - Carl C. Taylor.

made outside the United States, these should be made in such a way ASKS ARMY TO as to create the least possible dis turbance to the domestic lives BUY U. S. MEATS industry".

Steel Products

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1950

The American Farm Bureau Federation's board of directors has passed a resolution urging, "that the armed forces be required to purchase all fresh meats in the Dobson, manager of the BO Service United States when the production is available in an adequate supply in this country, and if purchases are





Your hay and grain in buildings or stacks or growing in the fields and even seeds when being processed by an elevator, are covered as part of the "blanket item" provided by a Fremont Mutual policy.



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The original feeds were Milkmaker 24% protein and Farm Bureau Egg Mash. Today the Farm Bureau feed line includes many feeds and concentrates for regular and special purposes. Milkmaker concentrate and dairy ration still head the dairy feed line. There is a line of Mermashes for chickens and turkeys, and a line of hog concentrates, cattle and horse feeds and others.

Norwood (Bill) Eastman has Farm Bureau Services encouraged farmers co-operatives to in- , been engaged by the Michigan stall feed mixing equipment many Farm Bureau as state director for years ago. Services shifted a large the Junior Farm Bureau. Mr. Eastpart of its feed business to the man- man succeeds Benjamin F. Hennink ufacture of open formula dairy, of East Lansing, who has retired poultry and hog concentrates. Far- as state director of the Juniors mers elevators have bought large after 15 years' service. volumes of Farm Bureau concen-

Mr. Eastman comes to the Farm rates for mixing with home grown Bureau from Michigan State Nor-

mal College at Ypsilanti, where he Open formula concentrates and a was an instructor in speech and considerable volume of dairy, poul- debating for four years. He was try and hog feeds are made in the raised on a farm near Kingston,

Who Shall Speak for

Farmers? Farmers today have the problem

Ever notice what fine 'stands' of wheat and corn, beans and other crops you always seem to see on the 'big dairy farms?' . . . it is no accident nor does the farmer have a 'mystic power' over the soil; instead he has the natural fertilizer from his dairy herd . . . all the value of dairy farming is not included in the check he receives; part of each cow's value is what she returns to the soil . . . you also will find these 'better farms' are operated 'The Cooperative Way' with their milk and cream going to the nearby member-creamery of The Mid-West Group.



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Bureau Milling Company Tuscola county. He received his The training as a teacher of English and plant at Hammond, Indiana. Farm Bureau Services of Michigan, speech at Michigan State Normal Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin and the University of Michigan. own the Milling Company and Bill Eastman has come up plant, which has a capacity of about through the ranks in Farm Bureau. 75,000 tons of feed a year. Farm He joined the Junior Farm Bureau Bureau members of course share in in Tuscola county. In 1945 he was

that ownership. county organization director for In Michigan nearly a fourth of Huron and Tuscola County Farm all Farm Bureau business services Bureaus. Mr. and Mrs. Eastman will to members is represented by feeds, reside in East Lansing.

most of thim open formula. Farm Bureau Services ships nearly \$3,-000,000 worth of concentrates and other feeds to dealers each year for our membership and other farmers

Mrs. Whittaker In Europe Mrs. Harry Whittaker of Meta

mora state chairman of the Mich igan Farm Bureau women, sailed from New York on the S. S. Washington August 23rd for a two months' tour of Europe.

She will represent the Michigan Farm Bureau Women at the trien nial meeting of the Associated Country Women of the World at Copenhagen, Denmark the early part of September. Michigan Farm Bureau Women are members of the Associated Country Women of the

World. Mrs. Whittaker will visit Germany, France, The British Isles, Belgium and Switzerland. She will return to the United States on October 12th on the S. S. America.

Mrs. Whittaker joined the American delegation to the Copenhagen meeting who were also sailing on the Washington. Mrs. Raymond Sayre of Ackworth, Iowa, president of the Associated Women of the American

Farm Bureau Women, heads the American delegation to the Copenhagen meeting. Mrs. Sayre is also president of the Associated Country Women of the World.

Micklatcher is C.O.D. For Calhoun County

Grant Micklatcher of Battle Creek R. 5 is County Organization

Director for Calhoun County Farm Mr. Hennink informed presidents Bureau and editor of its publication, the Calhoun Farm Bureau Re- in July that he had been thinking porter.

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attention

of the county Junior Farm Bureaus of retiring from the work. He is

taking a rest before announcing his plans for the future.

Ben Hennink was founder of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau in 1934-35. While teaching agriculture at Charlotte high school, he propos ed an organization within the

BEN HENNINK

Farm Bureau for young people in their late teens and early twenties He thought that such a program

would interest them in Farm Bu reau. As Hennink foresaw, the Junior organization has interested thousands of young men and wo men in Farm Bureau the past 1 years. Many of the state and county leaders and employes of the Michigan Farm Bureau and affiliated organizations are men

and women who "learned by doing' in Junior Farm Bureau. Several former Juniors are state directors

for Farm Bureau youth organizations in other states. Michigan had one of the first Junior organizations. Their program and pro motions often won them national

Alma FFA Wins National Honors With Its Co-operatives **Students Operate** agent in transportation of equip- | and the State F.F.A. Convention. In and feeding stock. For example, last fall three mem- Alma FFA Wins Institute Award ment used for the county achieve- the spring we also have our Father bers bought and divided a load of

Officers Invited to American Institute of **Co-operation to Explain Enterprises Developed by 74 Students**

Many Businesses

Farm Bureau members will enjoy this story about 74 young men from Michigan farms. Their co-operative business activities as high school students have brought them national recognition.

It is a story from the Future Farmers of America and the agricultural department of the high school at Alma, Gratiot county. The young men tell their own story.

Alma FFA won first place this year for its student farm co-operatives in a national contest conducted by the American Institute of Co-operation. The award was a check for \$750 to finance the trip of five representatives to the annual meeting of the Institute at Oklahoma Agr'l College August 21-24. They were accompanied by Maynard Christensen, teacher of agriculture at Alma, and advisor to the FFA chapter.

The young men were invited to speak to the Institute about their FFA co-operatives. We think their speeches were a thrilling tribute to the enterprise of the members

of Alma FFA and the business training they are getting. Hardly less important was the ability of the young men in describing their work to a distinguished audience of co-operative leaders.

1,474,235 pounds.

chapter it is today.

Live Stock **Co-operative**

By LLOYD FISHER Sumner, Michigan Member, Alma FFA Chapter Lloyd is the son of Mr. and

Mrs. Carl Fisher. I would like to tell you abou ed in the "Guide For Organizing Alma and Gratiot county in the and Operating Junior Farm Comiddle of the lower peninsula of operatives" issued by the American Michigan. Institute of Cooperation in 1946.

Alma is a city of a few more than 8,000 people. It has something in common with some Oklahoma towns because it is near the center of the Michigan oil fields. Two of its main industries are oil re fineries.

Alma is primarily a farmer' town. It is located in one of the best agricultural counties. The soil of the eastern half of the coun ty had its beginning in the lake beds of Lake Huron, and as a result is very level and fertile.

The soil of the western hall ing you the American Institute of of Alma is the result of glacial Cooperation about the Alma FFA action and is also quite fertile in Truck Cooperative. most areas. Ninety per cent of the We decided 41/2 years ago that land is either class 1 or class 2 soil. The amount of erosion in

our 1929 truck was due for the junkyard soon, so we decided to our county is rather small due to raise funds for a new truck. the level nature of the soil. Our 1929 truck minus cab, wind-

Co-op

By GEORGE STEHLIK

Alma, Michigan

Sentinel, Alma FFA Chapter

George is the son of Mr. and

Mrs. Frank Stehlik

The most important crops raised shield, and other accessories was are hay, corn, oats, barley, wheat used mainly to haul our orchard sugar beets, navy beans and soy sprayer to spray the orchard we beans. Our county leads the state were operating on a cooperative in yields of soy beans and navy basis plus the orchards we were beans and was second in oats and spraying on a custom basis. corn, third in sugar beets and We set \$15 as the value of : fourth in wheat. share and proceeded to begin to Our school has approximately earn money. Scrap drives, sale of 2.000 pupils enrolled with about pigeons, planting pine seedlings, 800 in the junior and senior high premiums won at county and state fairs, commissions on sales of school. About 300 pupils come to our school from farms and small garden seeds, and awards from conrural towns tests won by the chapter were the main methods used in raising mon-The Alma Chapter of the Future Farmers of America was organized ey to buy the truck. in 1929. It is one of the larger of Two years ago the chapter had more than 200 Michigan Chapters. three-fourths of the funds for a truck. Plans for purchasing and It has an active membership of operating the truck were made in seventy-four. During the past seven years the the eleventh grade Farm Managechapter has been one of Michigan's ment Class and in the twelfth grade two representatives in the National Advanced Agriculture Class. The Chapter Contest and has in those result was the Constitution and Byyears won two "gold" ratings, three Laws of the Alma FFA Truck "silver" awards, two "bronze" rat-Cooperative. The constitution and by-laws were ings and one honorable mention. patterned after the forms and regu-We feel that the main reason for our success in the National Chapter lations published by the American Contest is due to the help given by Institute of Cooperation in 1946. The objectives of the Truck Coour FFA cooperatives. operative are: (1) For educational [ing: The first cooperative was organpurposes. (2) To help increase and ized in 1941 as a livestock coopersetive. It was known as "The Alma maintain interest in vocational agriculture, (3) To make more com-FFA Spotted Poland China Breeders' Association." It grew out of the munity service activities possible (4) To help strengthen the project need of having a boar available for the members to use, a boar of program of the chapter. superior quality and breeding at a The management of the coopera

ewes. Incidentally, these ewes were financed through the local Produc tion Credit Co-operatives. The Alma Chamber of Commerce cooperated in the financing of a load of steers. These steers were picked from a carload of Kansas feeders and hauled to the boys'

farms by our truck co-op at a much lower cost than if the chapter had hired it done. Fertilizer, tile, building blocks and other supplies used in FFA projects are also hauled in the truck.

During the grain harvesting season the truck is in constant use for hauling grain from the farm to the elevator. Livestock from the members' projects are also

hauled to market in the truck. During sheep-dipping season the truck is used to haul the portable dipping outfit from farm to farm in the county. In the fall of the year, the truck is used to haul apples from the orchards to the cider mill and the cider back to where it is sold.

The truck is used not only for chapter business but also for chapter pleasure. A tarpaulin and a few bales of straw make it quite

comfortable for hayriders, trips to other towns for basketball games with other chapters and trips to Michigan State College for football

The truck is kept in good repair and in a clean condition as much of the time as possible. In August after all spraying and whitewashing is completed the stockholders clean and paint the rack and clean and

wax the cab. The words "Future Farmers per boy was 2.4. The total produc tion of food in terms of pounds was the cab, encircling the FFA em blem. This is good chapter publi-We feel that our first cooperative city and also a source of pride for organized because it was the only the chapter members. way the chapter could solve a prob The truck cooperative has paid

lem which is one big reason why our chapter has grown to be the chapter to be a better organization and to teach the principles of co The Constitution and By-Laws of

Breeders' Association were publish-Dairy Transportation

BY DUAINE MIZER Alma, Michigan

Secretary, Alma FFA Chapter Duaine is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mizer.

activity which the Alma Chapter of Future Farmers of America has been sponsoring during the past five years is the dairy cattle improvement program.

I have been given the job of tell In 1945 funds were made available by the Future Farmers of America Foundation, an organization which is supported by the generous contributions of business, industry, organizations and individuals who

wish to support the programs of the Future Farmers of America and New Farmers of America.

Our dairy improvement program works to improve the dairy cattle mong the FFA members by fur nishing members with outstanding foundation animals. In 1945 only two of our chapter members owned registered heifers. The cost of these heifers made it difficult for members to purchase them without assistance. It is important in the Alma community that young farmers get a good start in the dairy enterprise because dairying is the leading source of income The Future Farmers of America Foundation provided \$170 and the chapter contributed \$130 towards the purchase of heifers. At that time the prices of heifers had not reached their present high level so there were enough funds to buy 3 heifers. Since that time this plan has enabled 3 more heifers to be purchased. The plan as worked out and ubmitted to the state FFA committee was as follows: A committee known as the Dairy Cattle Committee selected members to receive these heifers guided by the follow-

nstitute of Co-operation to Maynard Christensen, chapter advisor, of the Alma

Future Farmers of America. The activities and interest of the Alma FFA chapter

Alma, Michigan" are painted on for itself to date. It has helped the state supervisor of vocational education.

operation to its members. the Alma Spotted Poland China

Improvement

Another form of cooperative swine and other projects.

members of the chapter use this bers use in connection with their tion of Future Farmers of America, was a Michigan representative at projects The chapter handles such spray the annual meeting in Wisconisa The membership in this coopera materials as wettable sulphur, lead last year. tive enables those boys who have rsenate, DDT, zinc sulphate grade heifers for projects to make copper sprays, benzine hexachlor improvements in their production de, nicotine sulphate and rotenone It also has available such materials Even in prosperous times, it beomes necessary to help members as sheep dips, phenothiazine, a complete livestock mineral, grub or ox to finance projects. For the past warble powder, meat scraps for hog six years, the chapter has owned feeding and commercial pellets for shares in the Alma Production

beef feeding. Credit Association. The chapter buys the materials used in white has four shares which gives us washing, fly control and weed borrowing power of \$400. This spraying. money is in almost constant use in financing sheep, dairy, beef, One of the objectives of voca tional agriculture is to help the

boy become a practical, scientific The mechanics required to obfarmer. The gap between theory tain a loan enables an FFA memand practice is made smaller i ber to learn early in life some of the principles of sound financing the materials needed to put theory into practice are available when

The Alma FFA attends the an- needed. About a year ago the chapter de nual meeting of this cooperative as guests of the organization, as well cided that the members needed the services of weed spraying equipment as the annual meeting of the Artificial Breeders' Association, the to put into practice the new devel Sugar Beet Growers' Association opments in weed control with chemicals. After checking availand also the Milk Producers' Association and the St. Louis Cream- able equipment, it was decided to buy a tractor type sprayer with ery. This gives the members an a twenty-two foot boom. It was mounted on a two-wheeled trailer and powered with a small motor It has been used two years for agr'l high school paid two spraying grains, corn, roadsides and pastures. Four different types of chemical weed killers are used to meet varying conditions. Two boys are employed by the chapter to operate the chapter equipment. The boys are from small farms where their oppor tunities to keep profitably employed are small, especially during The cooperative activities of th the school vacation period. When a member has the time and the knowledge necessary to operate the chapter equipment he may use it at the usual rates. The two boys employed by the chapter do all of the orchard spraving, white-wash ing and sheep dipping besides most Co-od of the weed spraving. In an effort to encourage the use of better seed stock the chapter has for the past two years bought a load of certified seed and sold it at Member, Alma FFA Chapter cost plus hauling charges. The seed includes certified corn, oats, barley and beans. This enables an FFA Mrs. William Kanitz. member to get the best seed for project use at a lower cost. The chapter has a share in the Co-operative Gratiot Farmers' Supply Company. It buys all its grease, oil, gas and other supplies needed in operating its equipment Several members belong to a co operative creamery where the pro ducts of their dairy projects are sold. There are eight FFA mempers who have sugar beet projects I received my State Farmer De who belong to the Alma Sugar Beet Growers' Association and the St. Louis Beet Growers' Association, The annual meetings of these as-I believe that any success that sociations are attended by the members. This gives the chapter mem bers a chance to see how coopera tives work at the adult level. Cooperation is best learned by practicing it. **Other Co-op** By REX DENSMORE Elwell, Michigan Vice-Pres., Alma FFA Chapter

ment day. Transportation was supplied for a hay ride for the county 4-H Service Club,

During the past year the chapter assisted the Michigan Association of Future Farmers of America by being in charge of the hog department at the Fat Stock Show. The State FFA secretary was supplied by the Alma chapter for two years.

The Michigan exhibit at the national convention was prepared by members of the Alma Chapter. The chapter also represented the Michigan FFA at the Michigan Rural Youth Conference during the past vear.

The chapter cooperated with the Alma Chamber of Commerce in the annual Turkey Show by supplying labor to help with the show. The Chamber of Commerce sponsored fifteen feeder steers which were distributed to members of the Alma Chapter.

The chapter cooperated with the Future Homemakers of America by helping prepare and then serving at the F.H.A. Banquet

The chapter supplied labor and supervision in landscaping the grounds of the junior and senior high schools of the Alma Publi-Schools. One hundred and forty four shrubs were planted.

won first place in the National FFA Chapter Leadership Award Contest sponsored The athletic department was as sisted during football games by policing the field. The practice field was fertilized and sprayed by the chapter

> In the neighborhood of ten hour. were devoted to classroom instruc tion on farm cooperatives. This included five field trips to coopera tives and local businesses.

The chapter receives five periodicals devoted to various aspects of cooperatives. The chapter has . local collection of bulletins on ca operatives for use in the study of anary grass.

cooperatives. These bulletins have been supplied by the Michigan Association of Farm Cooperatives, the American Institute of Cooperation. the Production Credit Association and the Farm Credit Administra

We have separate officers for the truck and boar cooperatives with written constitution and by-laws farm machinery, orchard The dairy, and farm supplies activities are handled by committees. When My these activities grow in size the chapter will organize formal co

operatives. We do not want you to think that all the Alma Chapter concentrates on is work and cooperatives. We do by telling you the extent to which have other activities. We had our annual picnic with the Future Homemakers on August 6. We had lots of good good and ice cream

when we weren't swimming or boat Company assembly line turn out cars at the rate of one every fifty

trip to watch the Detroit Tigers oring a hybrid corn test plot, a play a game of baseball. In the fall of the year after the maggot treatment plot. The chap- fairs are over we put on a barn ter also supplied leadership for dance and attend at least one col

and Son Banquet. We believe that the reason our

chapter has been more or less successful over a period of years is due in a large measure, to the fact that our cooperatives have made it possible to accomplish things that we could not have done without getting together and pooling our efforts toward our common goal.

Cooperation is best learned by practicing it. "Learning by Doing." eing one of the cardinal principles of the Future Farmers of America, it follows that the best way to earn to work together is by work ng together.

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In behalf of myself and my fel ow members from the Alma Chap ter, and in behalf of the Michigan Association of Future Farmers of America I want to thank the American Institute of Cooperation and the Michigan Association of Farm Cooperatives and everyone else for their hospitality and kindness dur

ing our stay here at Stillwater. We especially want to thank Mr Howard McClarren of the Youth Education Division of the American Institute of Cooperation, and Mr. Everett Young, Educational Dir ector of the Michigan Association of Farm Cooperation for their help in arranging this trip, and we wish to thank the audience for their kind

attention. **Uses Reed**

> Farm Bureau member, Rowland Locke, of Charlotte R. 3. Eaton county has a three-acre field which hows how low, swampy ground can be made productive by using reed

Until a couple of years ago this ow ground was covered with willows and swamp grass. Mr. ocke cleaned out the willow and got the ground broken for a seeding of reed canary grass. In the spring

lel, Eaton county agricultural agent, he top-dressed the field with 3-12-12 fertilizer, using 300 pounds per acre. This really brought the grass on and made it better eating

Locke finds the cows need to be fenced into the field or they'll go on to other pasture. If fenced in they eat the reed canary all right, He's been able to leave better than 20 nead on the field for as long as six weeks. He plans to use the 3-12-12

Elevator Exchange Annual Sept. 6

narketer of grain and beans for Michigan farmers.

My father, Ralph, has been a member of various farm cooperatives for many years and has attended cooperative meetings across the country leaving my brothers and myself to do the chores. father is milking my share of the

ows during this trip to Stillwater and that is another reason why it is a pleasure to be here.

our chapter cooperates with farm organizations and community roups.

resented programs about the ac- ing. We went to Detroit about : ivities of the Alma Chapter to month ago to see the Ford Motor Frange, Farm Bureau, and Rotary rganizations.

The chapter co-operated with the seconds. We followed this with a ounty agricultural agent in sponorn fertilizer test plot and a beau wo 4-H Garden Clubs in the city lege football game

The chapter also

I will complete this presentation

During the past year the chapter

Canary

of 1949 on the advice of Hans Kar-

for the cows.

fertilizer every year.

Ninety-five farmers co-operative elevator stockholders of the Michian Elevator Exchange will hold he 30th annual business meeting at the Olds hotel at Lansing, Sept. The Exchange's service and equipment has made it the largest



by the American Institute of Co-operation. Alma competed with 17 other state chapters of the FFA. The award provided up to \$1,000 for the expenses of the chapter advisor and five chapter officers to attend the annual summer session of the American Institute of Co-operation, which was held this year August 21-24 at Oklahoma A & M

College at Stillwater, Okla.

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and credit.

Those at the presentation, left to right were: Luke Kelly, executive secretary, Michigan Future Farmers of America; Alma FFA members George Stehlik, Duane Mizer, Rex Densmore, Lloyd Fisher, and Gene Kanitz, and Harry Nesman, who is

low cost per sow. At the present time the chapter does not own a boar. The Spotted Poland China Breed has grown in numbers in the community to the extent where there are good registered boars in every area of the community.

Lately the chapter has been plac ing the Duroc breed of swine with young members who prefer that breed. We expect that it will soon be necessary for the Alma FFA to again own a boar so that its members can have good breeding at a low cost for the Duroc breed.

After repaying the Spotted Poland China stockholders their \$5 1948. a share there is more than enough money to buy another boar. The boar association has assets at the present time of \$345.

The Spotted Poland China Breed ers' Association made the Chapter well known for its Poland China swine at FFA. Fat Stock Shows, fairs and breeding sales.

Swine projects are the most important type of project with our flies. The truck is used to haul FFA chapter. Our chapter has rated "excellent" in the Michigan the FFA attends as well as for Chapter Farming program for the hauling stock to county and state past three years. In 1949 the aver- fairs. It is also very convenient age number of productive projects when the chapter buys breeding

(1) The boy's interest in dairying, (2) The boy's need, (3) The boy's grade in school (ninth and tenth grade chapter members were given preference), (4) The place of dairying in the farm program, (5)

The parents' attitude.

tenth and eleventh grades.

rack for the Co-op at cost.

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In the contract signed by the tive was placed in the hands of the boy he agreed to care for the aniboard of directors consisting of the president, manager, vice president mal in a suitable manner, to breed her at an age suitable to the breed secretary, treasurer and a stock to a sire approved by the FFA, to holder from each of the ninth, return to the FFA the first heifer

calf produced by the cow at the The duties of the officers were same age of the orginal heifer he set forth in the constitution. The received or if no heifer calf had by-laws contained the rules of been produced by the third calving safety and maintenance by which the truck should be operated. to purchase a heifer equal in value The cooperative officers then set and quality to the one he received. cut to locate a type and make of He also agreed to keep the original animal covered by insurance until truck most suitable for the chapter Finally the cooperative decided on the contract had been completed and ton International K-B-5 to keep reasonable records.

Truck. It was delivered in April If at any time during the period overed by the contract, the finan-

cial condition of the boy was such The father of the manager of the that he could, he paid for the truck cooperative offered to build a combination livestock and grain heifer at the original cost at no

number of registered dairy animals dad. The truck is used for many pur wned by the members is sixteen. ooses. It hauls the chapter orchard Six of these have been contributed sprayer from farm to farm. The by this cooperative plan. A commitsprayer is used for orchard spray tee of three administers the plan. ing, whitewashing, spraying swine for mange and spraying cattle for In addition to this method of improving dairying the chapter has a share in the Northwest Gratiot stock to the many fat stock shows Artificial Breeding Association.

to use this service as long as they are members of the FFA, Seven handles some materials the mem-

overall picture of cooperatives that makes understanding of cooperative principles easier.

The upper three grades of our hour visits to the St. Louis Coopera tive Creamery where both produc tion and business procedures were studied. The manager of the co operative creamery talked to the junior and senior members about problems, advantages and

the principles of cooperatives.

Alma Chapter will make my jcl of leading the chapter for the nex year more pleasant and profitable

Farm Supplies

By GENE KANTIZ Alma, Michigan

Gene is the son of Mr. and

I have the pleasure of continuing the discussion on some of the cooperative activities of the Alma Chapter of Future Farmers of America.

I have been a member of the chapter's boar cooperative since it began. I was herdsman as well as president and manager of the boar cooperative for two years. The cooperative owned two boars.

gree in 1949 and was a member of the state championship livestock judging team in 1948.

and the Alma Chapter have achieved has been due to quite an extent to what we were able to do for ourselves and the chapter through our cooperatives.

I am also a member of the truck cooperative and find that it and other FFA cooperatives have helped me to be a better Future Farmer and should help me to be a better interest. At the present time the farmer in partnership with my

> I had the pleasure in my senior year of appearing at the annual banquet of the Michigan Association of Farm Cooperatives and telling them about the Cooperatives of the Alma Chapter.

The FFA Supplies Co-op is one of the economic cooperatives the This share enables the members chapter uses for the benefit of its Rex is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Densmore.

is a pleasure for me to attend the 22nd annual meeting of the American Institute of Cooperation. members. The supplies cooperative My brother, Harry Densmore, as secretary of the Michigan Associa-

of Alma, the leadership being sup plied by the chapter vice-president and secretary.

The chapter took over the Gratio ounty portable sheep dipping equipment and does all the sheep dipping for the county. The chapcontests, and judging contests. We ter assisted the county 4-H club attend leadership training camps

During the winter we have basketball teams. We had three last year which played twenty-nine games and won nineteen. We take part in public speaking contests, parliamentary procedure

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Legislative Action In Farm Bureau

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

By DONALD D. KINSEY Director of Research and Information

"Overload fines from commercial trucks find other uses than maintaining rural roads."

"National Tax Equality Association presses Congress for laws to compel farmer co-operatives to pay taxes before distributing patron's savings."

"Unions put pressure on Congress to force through the Brannan Plan."

Challenges of this sort are appearing continuously on the political and legislative horizons. What will legislative action and compliance to these demands mean to the farmer's welfare, his modes of living, and the ambitions of his children?

One of the foremost purposes in the minds of the farmers who organized the Farm Bureau was to be ready and strong to meet such challenges. As farm populations declined and the farmer became more and more in the minority, the need for organized action has become more acute. When farmers made up 70% of the population, legislators would not think of passing laws detrimental to agriculture.

But now, with only 18% of the population on farms, our minority position demands that organized action be taken to protect the farmer's interests. Competing groups have multiplied, and so have their demands. Each group sees its own wants first. Laws may be passed burden for road construction and by which one group may indirectly, but unjustly, exploit another. The exploited group pays with the loss of its markets, unfair and burdensome taxation, or forms of discrimination in laws which control its operations.

These threats and dangers are strong reasons for the Farm Bureau. Its members prepared themselves for strong legislative influence. Over the years the farmer's interests have been protected and the organization has kept pace with the issues that arose.

Farm Bureau systems set up for this purpose have to paying state sales taxes on farm be timed to legislative trends of a long-term nature as well as to be ready for sudden and overwhelming response to emergencies. Some issues coast along in Congress and the state legislature. Others reach a rapid climax may be quickly railroaded through. In either ernor as they were in the recent case the organization must be geared to do the job.

Resolutions are the key to the program. Farm Bureau people express their wants, concerns, attitudes and viewpoints in the form of resolutions. These expressions begin at the Community Farm Bureau level. Community Farm Bureaus should be developing resolutions throughout the whole year. They should seek out the disconnecting farm land from etties facts on the problem and form them into a definite and villages under certain conrecommendation for proper action. Community groups 3. The furnishing of transporta-

Discussion Topics FOR OUR COMMUNITY FARM BUREAUS

They were chosen by your State Discussion Topic Committee from topics presented at the District Meetings of July, 1950

- Sept. Legislative Action in the Farm Bureau.
- The Farmer and the Rest of Us. Oct.
- Nov. Does Your Farm Bureau Investment Draw Interest?
- Dec. Educational Opportunities and Problems of Rural Youth.
- Should Township Government be Jan. Abolished in Favor of Stronger County Governments?
- Feb. Yardsticks of Farm Prosperity.

These topics are alive with interest and importance to the farmer! Attend your Community Farm Bureau meetings!

Has our system paid off? Let's | our Community Farm Bureaus. get back to that question. It is best They must select the good seed and see that they are properly planted. answered in terms of the facts. Actually the many problems posed Let's go to work. by the resolutions have been Questions for Comm

whittled down considerably. There Bureau Conclusions: are still many things to do, but 1. Is the legislative setup of the we are speaking now of what has Farm Bureau so organized as to do

been done. the best job for the farm people, Over the past years there have considering the limits in our State been many legislative victories for oudget for the purpose? Farm Bureau people in its legisla-2. What are the duties of your tive campaigns. 1. Farm Bureau successfully pro-

3. It secured reduced license

4. It led a successful fight to establish a bi-partisan agricultural

rates for farm trucks and trailers.

commission for non-political administration of the State Depart

5. It secured and safeguarded the exemption that farmers enjoy from

production equipment and supplies Many of these things paid off in

The last regular session of the

ession the lawmakers were not bound by limitations from the Gov-

Legislature was in 1949. At this

special session. Considerable progess was made at that session.

Of 32 bills that the Farm Bureau

favored, 25 were passed and 7 were continued as pending. Of the 25

bills that the Farm Bureau opposed

none were passed. For example:

1. Penalties for dumping rubbish

along highways were increased

2. New provisions were set up for

and city schools

ment of Agriculture.

dollar savings.

Committeeman? Are you using him moted the relief from the heavy tax o best advantage? 3. How can Community Farm maintainance, and this was replaced

Bureaus take a more active part in the area since this would afford with a gas and weight tax. in determining legislative policies 2. It fostered state financial aid in the state and national Farm Bu- competitor. It developed however for schools, and cleared the way for reaus? transporting rural children to town

4. We have a representative type so it was necessary to find a suitof democracy in our organization. able location for the market.

New Partner

Are the state and national resolutions a democratic guide for such Looking in on County men as Stanley Powell in Michigan **Roll Call Training Meet** or Allan Kline and Roger Fleming in Washington? Why or why not

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

To Build Co-op

St. Louis

Farm Bureau Commodity Relations

ducers of central Michigan.

was underway.

Stock Market

By WESLEY S. HAWLEY Dir. of Membership Acquisition ready for the next step. So we can He will use the 3 lesson training ook in on the first training meet- bulletin. The training bulletin

Last February in the series of oll call evaluation meetings the county roll call leaders said that he training program should be made better and more effective

For the past two years live Therefore the training material and stock producers of central Michiplans are set up and ready for a gan have been investigating the good job to be done for the 1951 possibilities of a farmers coopera roll call. tive livestock market for the area If the training program is to be In the beginning some 150 farmer better it is necessary that more peo

met at Carson City. These mel le be trained and have the lessons came as delegates from eight coun n order that they may help train ty Farm Bureaus and livestock pro others. Each county should hold a train

After a thorough discussion o ng meeting in September. This the livestock marketing problems it was agreed to proceed on a co The businessmen of Ithaca of- from \$50,000 to \$55,000. operative basis. The plan proposed fered very attractive inducements

Finances Available. Through the was that the farmers would provide effort and support of the County o locate the market in their town. the marketing facilities and the Serious consideration was given Farm Bureaus of the district, and market would be operated by the by the board of directors to their a large number of Farm Bureau Michigan Livestock Exchange. offers. Since the eight counties of members, some \$54,000 in stock

Thirteen men acted as incorpor-Saginaw, Bay, Clinton, Midland, has been sold to over 300 farmers tors and formed the Central Michi Montcalm, Isabella, Ionia and Os- in central Michigan. The eight gan Livestock Yards Co-op, Inc eola, were involved in the location counties in central Michigan sup They proceeded to raise the necesporting this project have a Farm of the market, it was of the utmost sary finances through sale of stock mportance that the final decision Bureau membership of some 7500 to individual farmers. It was their e the right one. hope that a large number of pro-St. Louis Chosen. Investigation ducers could be interested with developed the fact that the busi-

the area can surely provide the rather small investments, rather nessmen of St. Louis were interestthan a few men with larger investnecessary volume of livestock to ed in sharing the market located ments. A large number of investin their town, and offered real co- guarantee an outstanding market. ors meant a greater potential of The operation at St. Louis will operation by providing a ten acre livestock support. A board of disite. St. Louis is located on the be patterned after the Battle Creek rectors was chosen from the origi-Intersection of state highways US-Market owned by some 540 farm-Community Farm Bureau Action nal incorporators, and the project 27 and M-46 and offered excellent ers of southwest Michigan, and ansportation facilities. recognized as the outstanding live-

An effort was made to buy an It was finally agreed to build stock market in Michigan existing livestock auction market the new livestock market on M-46. In addition to providing a mar one-half mile east of St. Louis, ket for the sale of livestock the fa a going business, and remove a with access to the Chesapeake & cilities will be available for the Ohio Railroad. Construction of a distribution of feeder cattle and that this plan was not possible, and building with a large auction ring sheep. This service is much needed all under roof will start at once. in this area. It can also be the It is anticipated the cost will run meeting place for the feeder cattle

bership commitee, roll call man-Now that the membership com- ager and staff with the district stock in Central Michigan nittees have their roll call plans man. The district man will be ready nade and the roll call managers to give the lesson and will have an have their staff selected they are easel for presenting the 3 less

set up in 3 lessons so as to set forth the structure of Farm Bureau, the issues confronting agriculture, and

how to sell Farm Bureau to the rospective member So in looking in on the first roll all training meeting we can see call managers and their staff with the district man. They are studying these 3 lessons so as to do a good job to train others in order to

have a successful roll call. The roll call leaders said that the vorkers training-program should be improved. This is the beginning of this improved training program.

fertilizer early. "When you do, said Fred, "you are sure of getting the analysis you are going to want,

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My SON, this land I leave to you to hold and cherish; manage it well so that your sons, and your sons' sons, may be proud to own it in their turn."

Those might well be words for all men who love the land they live on. For deep in their hearts they want to keep their land in their family-want to leave every acre to oncoming generations in better condition than when they received it. Country people of today have become more dependent on the city; for many everyday commodities, for their fun and recreation, for much of what is thought to be a better standard of living. The city's seemingly "greener pastures" lure many a country-bred youngster.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1950 men of northern Michigan, with

the cattle feeders of the south haif of the state. To Operate This Fall. It is plan,

ned to have the market in operameeting is designed for the mem- tion this fall. It will be operated by and for the producers of live-

Fertilizer Plant

Busy for Farm Bureau Services fertilizer lant at Saginaw has production well under way for fall. The plant made nearly 40,000 tons for the members of the committee, roll spring crops and expects to be called upon for 15,000 tons or more for wheat this fall. Fertilizer mater als are in quite plentiful supply

and the work is progressing nicely, Fred Harger, manager of the FB Services fertilizer manufacturing division, recommended that dealers and farmers take delivery of

and you have it on hand ready for se, regardless of what may turn





and over 150 Community Discus sion Groups. This potential support plus all the other farmers in

submit their resolutions to the County Farm Bureau. The was liberalized. County resolutions committee correlates them and presents them to the county board. When the list is com- and other poisons was passed. This plete they should be presented to the members for ratification at the county annual meeting or at a pre-conven- to publish statements of the intion meeting.

at hand.

portance.

balance in many cases.

developed in 1949. Community Farm

ley Powell to the District men could

set off a vast "chain reaction" of

Those that affect the State and names, addresses, and telephone National programs are then passed numbers of the action committeeon to the state resolutions committee. These are also submitted to the delegates at the state convention for ratification after being correlated. The final set of resolutions becomes the state policy. Such as apply nationally are passed on to the American Farm Bureau Federation where they are handled in a like manner. The origin of the policies thus comes from the grass roots of the membership. When Stanley Powell meets with the committees of the legislature,

he does so with his copy of these resolutions in mind and at hand. His statements are based on these resolutions. The same is true for Allan Kline or Roger Fleming in representing the Farm Bureau people in Washington.

During legislative sessions Stanley Powell is a 'busy man. He attends the sessions, examines proposed bills, confers with Senators and Representatives, on occasion he suggests to them that certain new laws would find favor with our membership, he appears before committees to make statements on our position, and attends lobbying conferences. He is quick to sense which way the wind is blowing. He literally becomes the advance guard of the Farm Bureau people in Michigan on legislative

matters men. Shortly after the develop- committeemen were then to contact ment of the Community Farm Bu- their community group members. reau program in 1938 a plan was formed to locate a legislative "Minute Man" in every Community Farm Bureau Group. At first these

men were picked by the Michigan membership all over the state. Farm Bureau District men. Later the community groups elected them. These men were called "Action when the state legislature was in contents of these letters to thei: session Stanley Powell sent to these community group, the people are men frequent memoranda entitled kept informed as to trends on the "The Minute Man Letters" which legislative floors. Similar action kept the action committeemen incan be taken with regard to deformed on the developments and velopments in Gongress, based on

trends taking place on the floor of the legislature. rict men kept a complete list of the ington.

4. A new bill to protect farm ers in the purchase of insecticides compelled the makers to register their formulas with the state, and gredients of these poisons.

5. A new law authorized farmers

the right to take action against deer which were damaging fruit trees and crops in Grand Traverse men. Should an emergency arise the District man immediately got areas and south of Town Line 16. in touch with them. He requested As we all know, action on the that they notify the members of matter or financing road recontheir community groups of the struction was checkmated during emergency and urge the members to the special session of the past win write letters immediately to their ter. The Governor and the legisla-Senators and Representatives re- ture were at loggerheads on the questing farm support on the issues matter. This pressing problem will drift along until the regular session

By this means it was possible to in 1951 probably. get personal letters into the hands

In the special session this year of the lawmakers and to swing the Farm Bureau influence played its part. The legislature kept in mind When the membership was small, the governmental economy program. and when there were only about requested by Farm Bureau people 200 Community Farm Bureaus in in their resolutions. Governor Wilthe state, this system worked very liams requested a state budget o well. But in 1950 our membership around 110 million dollars. The is approaching 42,000 farm families, legislature pared this by some \$711/2 million; and even so, we still and Community Farm Bureaus now number 982. As this growth took have a state budget nearly as large place the district man became as for the fiscal year of 1949-50. "snowed under." The need to streamline the system grew in im-

Farm Bureau recommendations for funds to promote extension service and agricultural research pro A new Action Committee plan was grams at Michigan State college were acted upon favorably. So were Bureaus, were strongly urged to the appropriations for erecting

appoint the action committeemen. adequate veterinary and health The district men compiled lists of facilities at the College. Money these men, and five Key Action was freed for expanding the chemi-Committeemen were chosen in each cal and control laboratories of the County. Each of these five men Michigan Department of Agriculwas given responsibility for conture as demanded in the resolu tacting the local action committee- tions. The distribution of sales tax men in his section of the county in moneys for state aid to schools was Legislative Action Committee- case of emergency need. The local retained as requested by the Farm Bureau people although the matter was very controversial. In general Thus, a telephone call from Stan-

the Farm Bureau came out well in this session. The political stale mate on the road issue could not be avoided.

information and warning to the Farm Bureau is Your Organiza-Minute Men Letters have contion. We must all learn how to tinued to reach the action commit- use our Farm Bureau to best teemen from Mr. Powell. If the effect. With a membership that Committeemen." During periods action committeemen report the understands its organization and how to use it skillfully, Farm Bureau will remain strong. If you do not know how to operate a combine, you waste your wheat or Farm Bureau.

And again-you have to sow good reports coming back from the legisseed to get a good crop. lative department of the American seeds of our organiza-The The Michigan Farm Bureau dist- Farm Bureau Federation in Wash- tion are carefully formulated resolutions planted by the people in

There is, however, one great inducement for a young man to stay with the land. It comes from parents who are willing to share with their children the management of the land; to share the rewards as well as the responsibilities.

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Martha Logan's Recipe for

FRANK AND CORN CASSEROLE

(Yield: 4 or 5 servings)

1 pound franks 1 can No. 2 cream style com

1/4 pound aged cheddar cheese cut in strips 1/4 x 5 inches

Place corn in buttered baking dish. Slit franks lengthwise almost through. Place strips of cheese in slit in frank. Press franks into corn so that they are level with surface of corn. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) for 30 minutes



Well, summer is drawing to a close. The harvest and heavy livestock marketing seasons are approaching. And here we are again visit-ing with you folks who

produce the nation's food. As usual, during the summer I traveled around a good deal and talked with many ranchers and farmers. I always enjoy that. For, after all, you folks who produce livestock and we who process and distribute the meat have practically the same interests. We are both members of the Meat Team.

I am always pleased when I receive letters reflecting this team spirit. Recently I received one from a man in Iowa who puts this feeling into mighty clear words. I think you, too, will enjoy reading it.

Dear Mr. Simpson:

For many months we have read with interest and looked forward to your very fine agricultural ads. We have spent our entire life raising livestock and trying to help stock men produce meat more economically, and you people are to be commended on the very fine job you are doing in pointing out the over-all problems of the stock men. Further than that, there are millions of people in this coun-try whose daily lives revolve around meat and meat products, who never stop to think of all the things that take place from the time raw feed material is grown until the finished meat product

set on the dining table. Swift & Company has played a very important part in the progress of American agriculture and the diet of the American people and we know that you will continue to make worth-while contributions. We are looking forward to meeting you some time personally because we always like to rub shoulders with people that dedicate their lives to the things that are worth while.

That letter warmed my heart. It's the kind of expression that makes us all proud to be part of this great livestock-meat industry that serves our country so well.

F.M. Simp son: Agricultural Research Department



To Market ...

Green grow the pastures, the cornstalks grow tall; Sleek hogs and fat cattle come to market each fall.

Brown eggs for Boston, white eggs for New York, Dressed poultry and butter, choice beef, lamb and pork.

Whatever you market, Swift's always your friend, Competing to purchase the products you send.



More thoughtful whittlers and fewer thoughtless chisellers would be a big help to America. A man in too big a hurry is liable to pass up more than he ever catches up with.

Feeding Cattle for Profit

By Paul Gerlaugh **Ohio Agricultural Experiment** Station, Wooster, Ohio



In October the market price difference between choice and common slaughter steers is twice as wide as in May. This is due to fluctuating cattle supply, not changing meat demand. The

feeder who buys medium or common steers in the fall to feed for the spring market makes no mistake. The man who produces common feeder steers does make a mistake . . . Last fall choice feeders cost us \$43.00 per head more than common steers (when both weighed about 650 pounds). Quality pays the producer well. Lack of quality in feeder cattle, due to lower cost per cwt., invariably rewards the feeder who purchases in the fall, when pastures are emptied, and gives his cattle a five- or six-month feeding period. Choice feeder cattle should be given a choice finish and timed for the summer or fall market. They sell well then.

In an eight-year test, home-grown steers, all of one breed (800 to 900 pounds), dressed 60.3% and yielded carcasses grading 76% choice. Similarly cared for steers of another breed dressed 59.6% and yielded 59% choice carcasses. However, the lower dressing and grading steers saved 115 pounds of corn and cob meal in making a hundred pounds of feed lot gain. At present prices the saving in feed costs was greater than the reward for higher dressing percentage and carcass grade. percentage and carcass grade.

Market topping ability of feed lot cattle is not a safe guide to profitable beef cattle operations. "Pretty is as pretty does" is a much safer beef cattle philos-ophy to follow in seeking profitable operations.





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