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Roll Call Week Goal is 51,500 Farm Bureau Members

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EDITORIAL

This Is the Week for Action

Six thousand men and women in 62 County Farm Bureaus will go out this week to invite their neighbors to membership in the Farm Bureau.

They expect to enroll 51,500 more families for 1952, and, as we pointed out earlier in the year, more than 2,000 more than the 49,350 enrolled in 1951. This is a most encouraging augury of possible growth for the year.

As the new calendar year begins, the Farm Bureau is in a position to do much good for the farmer and the individual which is membership in the Farm Bureau.

The annual membership campaign which opens December 1, is the year-round organization's chance to do even greater things for its thousands of member families, and to increase the number of those families. The Farm Bureau can be proud of the remarkable growth it has experienced in recent years, and still has the faith and vision to look ahead to an even greater future.

Farmers Petroleum Annual Meet Dec. 19

The third annual meeting of the Farmers Petroleum Co-op., Inc., will be held at Michigan State College's Kellogg Center, East Lansing, December 19, starting at 1 p.m.

Earl Huntley, manager of the oil co-op will talk to stockholders that their petroleum business volume for the fiscal year appears to be nearly 24 million gallons of liquid fuels distributed to Michigan farmers.

This is an increase amounting to over 3 million gallons above the previous year's high.

The volume showed an increase of over $700,000 for the fiscal year.

The local associations which are building the co-operative petroleum program in Michigan also supplied their patrons with more than 200,000 gallons of motor oil, 200,000 gallons of lubricating oil, plus 49,000 gallons of lube for farm machinery requirements for $2,500,000.

According to Mr. Huntley, the company now owns and controls approximately 250,000 gallons of motor oil and has a membership of 1,500,000 families. Nationally, we average a little over $2,343,000.

THE MICHIGAN Farm Bureau is staging a week-long Roll Call for Farm Bureau members throughout the state this week as a part of the Farm Bureau annual membership campaign of December 1 through 7.

A VOICE for agriculture at local, state and national levels is the major responsibility of the Farm Bureau. This position is an independent one, and the Farm Bureau is the only organization in the country whose membership have the legal power to direct the policies of the organization.

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BARNYARD

Fill up the barns before the winter rains come. Farmers, are you putting the time in now to make sure your barnyard has the best possible environment for the coming winter?

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Farmers Not Government People to Shape Farm Policy

Report of Mich. Farm Bureau Ann'l Meeting

FARM inefficiently used and cutting out of the cornbelt usual practice has been the practice in building barns and yards. Now is a good time to put a bit of money into the building of more adequate barns and yards. The time is right to consider the building of new and more efficiently designed barns and yards.

"Checks from the Treasury for soil building practices the farmer would do anyway are draining away millions of tax dollars. Also, it calls lime, fertilizer and seed money out of the nation's arsenals in unproductive lines. In short, it provides a policy that is not what it should be." - Mr. Thralls on the need for a new farm policy.

Life Co. Sets Final Date for Charter Policy

Farm Bureau Life Insurance, a new company, was authorized to sell life and accident insurance in the first days of the new year. It is the first company to be established in Michigan in many years. The new company will be incorporated with the name of the Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company of Michigan, Inc.

Reorganize Farm Bureau Life Insurance

The Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company of Michigan, Inc., was authorized to sell life and accident insurance in the state. The company was formed by the Farmers Mutual Life Insurance Company of Michigan, Inc., and the Michigan State Farm Bureau.

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Charles Dana Bennett, Special Consultant

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NINE VERMILLION, manager of the company, said all agents in the state will receive the same remuneration received direct from Uncle Sam neutralizes the advantage a public insurance company would have over a private company.

Mr. Triggs said that the single most important contribution the Federal agency can make to the successful reorganization of the Executive Branch of the Government is aimed towards this end. The bipartisan Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government is successful.

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Summary Of The 22nd Annual Report Of Farm Bureau

J. P. Yahr

President

Farm Bureau Services for the fiscal year September 1, 1950, to August 31, 1951, set a number of records. Total dollar volume of $18,944,000 for the year is 12% over the record on record and compares to the $17,307,000 for the year 1950, an increase of 10%.

Wholesale feed volume exceeded $3,500,000; fertilizer, over $3,700,000; steel and farm equipment, $1,800,000. The total business had a dollar volume of nearly $7,000,000.

The machinery wholesale and hardware volume totaled $2,100,000, of the three farmchains. The machinery distribution equipment branched amounted to $863,800, as compared to last year's volume of one branch of $207,400.

Total net savings realized for farmers are the highest for any fiscal year in the history of the organization, approximately $570,000.

Dollars Volume and Sales

Farm Bureau Services is not a new business. It was organized over 20 years ago to do a job that the farmers were not doing. It affords other serving farmers a merchandising outlet of their product, as well as a business that is operated by co-op methods. The company operates in 15 states, and the job is being done by the co-op methods.

The following is a brief summary of the activities of Farm Bureau Services during the past year:

1. Feed

Feed volume made new records in 1951 with a dollar volume of $18,944,000. The cooperative will continue to develop and expand its feed business throughout the year. The company will continue to provide the farmers with a complete line of farm feed. The company will continue to provide the farmers with a complete line of farm feed. The company will continue to provide the farmers with a complete line of farm feed. The company will continue to provide the farmers with a complete line of farm feed.

2. Fertilizer

Fertilizer sales and service are another important business of Farm Bureau Services. The company has a reputation for prompt and efficient service, and it is determined to continue this reputation in the future. The company will continue to provide the farmers with a complete line of farm fertilizers. The company will continue to provide the farmers with a complete line of farm fertilizers. The company will continue to provide the farmers with a complete line of farm fertilizers.

3. Steel

Steel Paint and Roofing

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4. Farm Equipment

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5. Other Businesses

Other businesses of Farm Bureau Services include the sale of automobiles, home and garden supplies, and a variety of other products. The company has a reputation for prompt and efficient service, and it is determined to continue this reputation in the future. The company will continue to provide the farmers with a complete line of other products. The company will continue to provide the farmers with a complete line of other products. The company will continue to provide the farmers with a complete line of other products.

The statement made by Mr. R. F. Yahr, President of Farm Bureau Services, at the annual meeting of the organization in Michigan City, Indiana, on December 14, 1951, is a fair and accurate representation of the activities of Farm Bureau Services during the past year.
President Sees A Great Future

ALBERT SHEELLENBERGER
President’s Address to the Members of the Michigan State Farm Bureau Association. (December 1951)

Fertilizer Manufacturing Dep’t Has Great Year

FRED J. NARBER
President’s Address to The Michigan State Farm Bureau Association. (December 1951)

Distribution Division Operations for 1950-51

MAHARD BROOKLYN, M.I.
The first year just completed for the Distribution Division was a very successful one. The dollar unit sales were 32,273.152.00, compared to 27,105,350.00 for the previous year. A 19.5 percent increase which is the second greatest increase in our history. The net savings from constructed and put into operation was $10,000.00, which is a very substantial increase.

Looking Ahead
Feeding with all the improvements that are being made, we feel that the organization can continue to grow and further expand our present facilities. The next year’s plant can be seconded to provide additional facilities to other areas.


Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

Condensed Balance Sheet

August 31, 1951

ASSETS
CURRENT ASSETS
Cash at Bank and On Hand $ 1,065,110.07
Receivables less Reserves 1,039,150.12
Trading Securities 229,374.08
LESS: Trade Allowances 27,084.00
Inventories 227,354.80
Advances on Merchandise Purchases 30,000.00
Inventories 5,241,248.00
Cost of Goods Sold 75,000,000.00
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets 75,000.00
Merchandise and Supplies 120,000.00
CURRENT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES 5,000,000.00
INVENTORIES 60,000,000.00
TRADING SECURITIES 5,000,000.00
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INVENTORY 5,000,000.00
LIQUIDITY 8,000,000.00
UNLIQUIDATED LIABILITIES 1,000,000.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS $7,275,475.80
INVESTED FUNDS
FIXED ASSETS (At Cost)
Land, Buildings, Machinery and Equipment 87,725,844.31
Construction in Progress 6,000,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS $85,725,844.31
LIABILITIES
CURRENT LIABILITIES
Notes Payable $ 9,916,513.00
Mortgages Payable—Purchase Due Prior to August 31, 1952 202,000.00
Accounts Payable 32,000.00
Other Current Liabilities 54,000.00
Trade Creditors 61,000.00
Reserve for Trade Discounts and Other Express Charges 1,000.00
RESOURCES EQUITIES 4,309,000.00
FOREIGN EQUITIES 1,500,000.00
TOTAL RESOURCES EQUITIES $5,809,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES $85,725,844.31
Behind The Scenes on Steel & Farm Equipment Supply

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for December

Background Material for Program this Month by Our Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

DONALD D. KIRBY
Directors

This is a timely discussion topic, but it does call for action by farm people. The thought involved may be expressed by the old adage "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." We may not be so secure in our farm equipment program as it may seem when we look at the lead dealer's supply today.

Production goals for agriculture for 1952 have been set higher than for 1951 by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. This makes good sense, after all, to attract more farmers and to meet expanding demands for food and fibers and to have more farms at home and abroad.

But to set expanding goals, to hope for increased production, and then to get what you want are two different things. Problems lie along the way.

Reliable reports indicate that farm labor will be scarcer in 1952. Wages will be higher. Many farm laborers will be lost to industry because of earning of other types of production programs. More farm boys will be drawn into the armed forces which are also expanding.

Although short of help, farmers put out a record production in 1951. This was possible only because they were given a chance to make a profit.

Farmers anticipating shortages have gone on a relatively active buying spree. Tools for spring work have been drawn down from farm and factory warehouse inventories. This has thrown factory schedules off balance and met with shortages of some materials. Strikes in mechanical departments. Strikes in steel mills are at an all-time high.

If production for the present national mobilization is to be achieved, steel demands, are running far above what the steel mills can handle. A "first-come, first-served" basis was accepted by the steel mills on a "turn down orders from old customers, allotments or not." It is very scarce on the market, a fraction of their allotment for the current year.