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29th Year

Farm Bureau Membership 46,665 and Still Climbing

EDITORIAL

Thanks for the Good Work!

The Michigan Farm Bureau has surpassed its goal of 46,150 family memberships for 1951.

In behalf of the organization, we thank every man and woman of the 6,000 volunteer membership workers who are responsible for the success of our Roll Call for Farm Bureau membership.

We thank every member who renewed his membership, and we thank the new members. All have spoken their personal need for an organization like the Farm Bureau.

Over the years we have built ourselves a great service organization in the county, state and American Farm Bureaus.

Someone said that Farm Bureau does something for every member every day.

When one considers our many personal interests and the regular and special activities of the entire Farm Bureau organization, we believe that statement.

Any member who has had occasion to use his Blue Cross hospitalization service, for example, will bless the day he took Farm Bureau membership, and also the day when he took Blue Cross as one of the important services Farm Bureau has made available to its members. We speak from personal experience.

Let's continue to invite folks into our organization. We could have 48,000 or more family memberships this year. That was the all time high in 1947. We think that eventually we shall have from 60,000 to 75,000 members of the Farm Bureau in Michigan. Perhaps more.

A Luxury Tax on Meat?

In its recent annual statement, the House-Senate Economic Committee, a government advisory staff of economic experts, included a recommendation that a luxury tax be placed upon meat as a means of controlling inflation.

Now just how a tax that would boost the already high price of meat would help stablize inflation is

F.B. Publicity Chairmen Visit Newspaper

A number of Community Farm Bureau publicity chairmen of Muskegon, Newaygo, and Oceana counties paid a visit to the Muskegon Chronicle. Here we see them as they watch Francis Wilde, printer, make up a page of the paper in the composing room. In shirt sleeves is John A. Chisholm, Chronicle farm editor. At the extreme left is Henry A. Johnson, tri-county organization director, who arranged the tour.

Discussing some elemental points of news writing, Mr. Chisholm urged the reporters to get news of their activities to the paper while it is fresh. "We want news of your group activities," he said. "The closer a newspaper can keep its news to its readers, the more interesting it is to them. You can give us the 'grass roots' news from your community groups."

Attention Centers on 35 County Farm Bureaus Gas Tax Increase STANLEY M. POWELL

Over Goal May 25 is the date for final ad-| week all ordinary bills will have THIRTY-FIVE of the 62 County Farm Bureaus have reached or passed their 1951 membership taken. Nine others have 95% or more of their goal. Standings by

County

Allegan Alpena Antrim

Arenac

Barry Bay Benzie

Charlevoi

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Genesee

Gladwin

Gratiot

Huron Ingham Ionia ...

sabella

Lapeer

lackson ... Kalamazoo

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Mason Mecosta

Midland

Oakland

Sanilae St. Clair St. Joseph

uscola

Wayne ... Wexford

Totals

Vashtenaw

Hillsdale

Eaton

ence committee which has been counties as of April 24:
 Total
 % of Goal

 Apr. 24
 Goal

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 263
 132

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 1638
 98

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 493
 105

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 342
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compromising the differences between Senate and House verfuel from 5 to 6c per gallon. 238 190 1246 1055 214 1019 121 1089 1079 1402 799 919 136 895 734 955 115 90 107 100 88 101 174 101 crease over present rates. 85 100 100 100 99 106 90 119 a possible veto. 84 110 86 84 100 90 100 100 100 100 105 99 100 105 99 100 104 91 104 91 104 91 100 Montmorency Oceana Ogemaw Osceola Otsego Ottawa Presque Isle the past several years. 1623 1277 origin any bills except those deal-266 46,150 46,216 100 measures. During the coming

journment of the Michigan legis. to be passed by the house in lature. Action on most of the im- which they were introduced or portant measures is still to be they will be definitely dead insofar as this session of the legisla ture is concerned.

GASOLINE TAX. The confer-TAX BILLS. The legislature has taken the sensible position of postponing action on tax bills and execution commodity prosions of the Good Roads bills until the appropriating commitfavored by the Michigan Farm tees had reported their recom-Bureau will report May 1. It is mendations so that the lawmakunderstood that this will provide ers would be in a position to for increasing the tax rate on gas- know what amount of additional oline from 3 to 5c and on Diesel revenue might be required. As far as the Senate commit-

The Senate's schedule for com- tee on Taxation is concerned closing sessions. Secretary Roger The Senate's schedule for com-mercial vehicles weighing over here is their idea for what ought closing sessions. Secretary Roger memberships over last year's 41, Fleming and Harry Bryson, di-921 members marks the third At protection 8,000 lbs. will be endorsed by the to be done for raising new revconference report. This is not as enue. They have amended and severe on the heaviest commer- reported favorably S-16. Origcial vehicles as the House had inally this would have imposed a previously approved. It does rep- 3% tax on supplies and equipresent a rather substantial in- ment used in industrial processing. It has now been amended Apparently there will be no to apply only to machinery and difficulty in obtaining sufficient to exempt dies, molds, patterns Senate and House votes to adopt and items needed for bringing the conference report. Where out new models in the automotive trouble might be encountered industry. It is estimated that would be in obtaining in the this bill would produce \$18,000, House the necessary 2/3 affirma- 000 of new revenue The Michigan Farm Bureau tive vote which is required to give the bills immediate effect or has opposed this bill. The Senate has on its calendar for final ac to pass the gas tax increase over tion S-149 which would raise There have been many predicfrom 21/2 to 5 mills the rate of the tions that Governor Williams would veto the gas bill, but corporation franchise fee and boost the ceiling from \$50,000 to \$250,000. This bill is supposed to whether he will actually do so increase state revenue \$14,000.000 remains to be seen. Many Farm Bureau folks and undoubtedly annually. The Senate has passed a bill other citizens also have been which would turn over to the sending him their views on the state the revenue from the in-tangible property tax over and "Michigan style" chicken barbehighway finance problem during above \$10,000,000 per year. This cue is planned. DEADLINE SET. This has might yield the state \$2,000,000 been the final week for reporting annually. If these bills are from committee in the house of actually enacted and bring in the anticipated new revenue it would ing with appropriations and tax measures. During the coming (Continued on Page Three)

Blue Cross Protects 86,400 in FB Families

The Michigan Farm Bureau membership for 1951 is 46,665 families, and is expected to reach 47,000 or more in a short time.

Published Monthly

The goal of 46,150 was reached April 13. More than 1,100 members were enrolled in April. Four thousand families joined the organization in March.

Wesley S. Hawley, director of membership acquisition, said that this is the second highest paid membership in the 30 years' history of the Michigan Farm Bureau. It is the highest on the \$10 annual dues basis. In 1948, the last year of the \$5 dues, the membership was 48,100.

Mr. Hawley said that 35 County Farm Bureaus have exceeded their goal for 1951. Another group of 9 have 95% or more of their membership goal.

Membership districts Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 have reached or exceeded their membership goals they set for 1951.

CREDIT for the success of the Michigan First In AFBF To **Reach Goal**

The Michigan Farm Bureau is he first of 45 state Farm Bureau organizations in the United States to surpass both national and state goals for membership for the vear, 1951, according to Clark L. Brody, executive secretary of the organization.

SOME 6,000 volunteer workers in 62 counties have signed up 46,-461 farm family memberships this year. This is more than 1,000 family

The Midwest Farm Bureau connemberships over the nationally ference will be held on the camset goal and more than 300 mem pus of Michigan State College at berships above the state goal of 46,150, Mr. Brody said. The roll call for membership is still going EMPHASIS of the conference

Wesley Hawley, state director of membership acquisition, said that seven of the ten membership districts now have 100 per cent or more of their goal. Thirty of the 62 County Farm Bureaus 400 members of Farm Bureau have made or passed their goals. families have Blue Cross hospital

THE GAIN of nearly 4500

1951 membership campaign is due the 6,000 or more County Farm Bureau leaders and members who gave their time and work to the membership effort. They began building their organization of membership workers last summer and launched the campaign in nearly all counties the week of December 5.

They rolled up a record total of membership renewals and new memberships that week. They e-organized to complete the campaign in the weeks that followed

MEMBERS are participating in great numbers in Farm Bureau membership activities and services.

More than 1,000 Community Farm Bureaus meet monthly for programs that include discussion of Farm Bureau work, special services to members, and for social activities.

MORE THAN 27,000 families n the Farm Bureau now have Blue Cross hospitalization insurance through the Farm Bureau. More than 8,000 new policies have been added in 1951. Michigan Hospital Service tells us that 86,insurance, hospital and surgical or hospital, surgical and medical

somewhat obscure. It becomes even more confusing when another government agency, the Office of Price Stabilization, is concerning itself with devising methods of lowering prices, including meat, to control them.

In justifying its reasoning for such a proposal, the committee in its report said, "From the sheer standpoint of production, meat is in reality a luxury food."

What they didn't seem to take into consideration is the fact that meat and meat products, such as: beef, pork, milk, butter, cheese and eggs, are the chief income producers of many of the nation's farmers. Any government tax that would raise the prices of these items would curtail consumption and lower farm income which is already below parity compared with other segments of our economy.

If such a tax were placed upon these items and it grew strong enough to force farmers to change the pattern of agriculture, it could easily become a national calamity. Unlike the less favored peoples of the earth, we grow crops and feed them to livestock and then eat the livestock and their products rather than eating the crops from the land.

It is this diet of high proteins, carbohydrates, vitamins and mineral meat products that makes us the envy of the world.

A change in this agricultural pattern would also have a far-reaching effect upon the country's entire industrial system. Millions of dollars worth of processing, preservation and transportation equipment are bought and used each year in the meat industry. Disruption of this pattern could even change our American way of life.

These are but a few reasons why meat is not a luxury. It is incredible to even think that such a staff of economic advisors could be serious in such a proposal. They must have been kidding . . . we hope!

Livestock

Loading livestock carefully means fewer bruises, say Michigan State College agricultural authorities. A good loading chute will help.

Grain Storage

It's a good idea to check grain in storage every once in a while. Grain weevils might be at work, destroying the grain's value as a seed and food product.

Oceana Chooses Dairy Queen

FAYE LUDWIG, of Blooming Valley, is congratulated by Laurence Krause on being chosen Oceana County Dairy Queen at the first annual Dairy Banquet for the county held recently The event was sponsored by the dairy committee of the Oceana County Farm Bureau. Mr. Krause is the dairy committee chairman. Looking on are, left to right, Floretta Greiner and Audrey Alfreid, contest runners-up, and Gordon Osborn, president of the Hart Chamber of Commerce.

rector of field services for the year showing a strong increase AFBF and H. H. Alp, director of in members, Hawley said. AFBF commodity departments

Zemmer Leaves ALL Farm Bureau members attending the conference will be oused in the new Shaw dormi-Farm Bureau ories on the Michigan campus



At present more than 22,003 Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company automobile insurance policies have been issued to members of the Farm Bureau. They own nearly 2,000 farm liability nsurance policies issued by the Company.

SERVICES like these, and the arm supplies program of Farm Bureau Services and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, together with legislative, livestock marketing programs and many others explain why the membership is solid and growing steadily.

In 1951 less than 10 out of every 100 members will fail to renew their membership, according to the membership records.

Joint Co. F.B. & Ins. Offices

These County Farm Bureaus and the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company have joint ounty offices under an agreement with the insurance com-

Hillsdale-401/2 E. Bacon St.

Co-op, Adrian R-1. Two miles

Traverse and Leelanau counties)

at 336 W. Front St., Traverse

Saginaw-800 South Washing-

Tuscola-Tuscola County Farm

ton St., PO Box 1169, Saginaw.

Northwest Michigan-(Grand

Kent-Care of Mrs. Thelma

Co. Oil

Ionia-323 W. Main St.

Heilman, Lowell R-1.

Bureau office, Caro.

Ever Lock Keys

City

Lenawee-Lenawee

south of Adrian on M-52.

representative for farm equipment of Farm Bureau Services Allegan-At 645 Ely St. since 1937, has accepted a posi-Alpena-Care of Clifton Jaction as secretary-manager, Michbs, Alpena R-1. igan Cherry Commission effective Barry-112 Church St.

May 1, 1951. Berrien-Care of J. Burton During the past 14 years he has Richards, Berrien Center R-1. vorked in various parts of the Branch-31 North Hanchett state, especially the central and

EDWARD R. ZEMMER, field

thumb areas in the promotion and distribution of farm equipment HE CAME to Farm Bureau

from previous employment with Ford Motor Company and the

Dodge Brothers Corporation. With these organizations he had served as sales supervisor in Michigan and in several southeastern states.

Mr. Zemmer's experience in-cluded public school superintendency and teaching in Iowa, folowing graduation from Des Moines University. His native home is Columbiaville, Lapeer county, Michigan, where he lives

on his home farm. MR. ZEMMER'S new job will

Inside Your Car? continue to bring him in contact with farmers and farmer groups, especially in the fruit growing

A new device, "Buz-boy," is eported to prevent drivers from locking their keys in their cars. Buz-boy begins buzzing immediis removed.

in Bay City April 26. While there they visited the oil production properties purchased by FPC in January. The 18 oil producing wells and other equipment are located in Gladwin and Roscommon coun-

ties. They are producing about 250 barrels of crude oil daily and have an estimated value of nearly a half million dollars. The board members expressed

their satisfaction with facilities and their much needed production.

Crop Varieties

Crop varieties recommended for use in Michigan by farm crops specialists at Michigan State College are those which have proved section of Michigan. His office themselves over a period of sev- is in the State Department of Ageral years. Your county agricul riculture, under which depart- ately the ignition key is turned tural agent can tell you which ment the Cherry Commission op- off, and continues until the key ones are good in your locality. 'erates.

Visit Oil Properties The board of directors of the Farmers Petroleum Co-operative, Inc. met at the Wenonnah Hotel

Michigan Host

To Midwest

F.B. Groups

Lansing June 17, 18, 19 and 20.

grams,

by Balance"

per person.

Michigan.

will be on policy development

Farm Bureau, service to mem-

bers, and national and interna-

tional issues. Theme is "Building

AFBF President Allan B. Kline

has been invited to speak at the

will address the conference.

All meetings will be held in near

by college halls. Accommodations

are available for family groups.

All expenses, including lodging

and meals, will be less than \$20

Advance registration fees of \$1

er person should be forwarded

to Keith Tanner, director of field

ervices, Michigan Farm Bureau,

221 North Cedar Street, Lansing,

DISCUSSIONS will be led by

Farm Bureau leaders from the 121

mid-western states comprising

the Midwest region. Entertain-

ment will be in the hands of the

FPC Directors

family participation in



experiences in Gratiot county would be interesting and would Gratiot go back a long ways, so we invited him to tell us about it. We land counties, and some in Sagipresent Mr. Redman's letter: naw.

DEAR MR. EDITOR:

I received your kind letter of March 2, 1951. I am glad to relate some of my experiences in Michigan.

years old.

At that time St. Louis had 6 or 8 buildings. Father bought 10 acres of beech and maple timber River.

mately 1,000 over January of last year. However, since our total membership was larger, the percentage of Farm Bureau mem-

approximately 38%.

clusions.

terial.

an effect to "keep Michigan

first." A check with Wesley

Hawley, director of membership

acquisition, indicates that only a

few counties have reported com-

munity groups which have par-

If your group has made its

ticipated in this contest.

Attendance was up approxi-

sion will cost a minimum of \$10,-000

OPPORTUNITY to invest in stock of the corporation to provide the necessary finances will be offered to farmers in central Michigan during the month of

Stock can be purchased from

unnecessary. But farmers should be informed on the provisions and costs of fire, lightning, wind, one-hundred-mile radius. Its liability, accident, life and vehicle worth to central Michigan farmers, as an outstanding livestock insurance. He said a little study may avoid learning the hard way market, is established

past forty years. Ours is a mutual company, operated by farmers,

for farmers. Our policy gives "blanket coverage" -vou do not have to insure each crop separately. Protect your crops with Michigan Mutual Hail Insurance. Then, whenever it comes, whenever it strikes, hail cannot cause you financial loss.

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

MICHIGAN MUTUAL HAIL INSURANCE CO.

work in drainage problems in groups. county, Shiawassee, The number reporting is slight-Ionia, Isabella, Clinton and Midly lower than last year, being 95% in January, 1950, and 91% this year. However, the percentage of discussions is 10% higher

Drainage is what has made Michigan one of the best states this year, being 84%, and the in the United States.

FARM BUREAU is doing won-

derful work in helping to unite I was born on Skugog Island the agricultural interests of our near Port Perry, Canada, in 1863. state. It is providing better My parents moved to St. Louis, markets for our livestock, in fur-Gratiot county, when I was 6 nishing improved fertilizers, bers is down 3% in accordance seeds and other supplies to farm- with the attendance figures of last year The Farm Bureau has done so much to get better laws in the about one-half mile down Pine farmers' interests and better men mately 5% and conclusions are elected to office.

\$200 for the Eaton County Polio Fund. Everyone donated candy fancy work, and articles for the fish pond. The money was made at these stands, along with that made at the lunch stand.

BE SURE that your Commun. percentage of conclusions is up ty Farm Bureau Blue Cross Rost- May ers are in.

Lester Allen of Ithaca, Maurice HONORABLE MENTION. The Gove of St. Johns, Athold Johnollowing groups had unusually ston of Rosebush, and B. P. Pattifine meetings during the month son of 221 N. Cedar St., Lansing. of March and deserve honorable

THE MARKET has been drawing livestock from a distance of Oceana-Ransacker, Mrs. Dor-

They show the need for such protection. Most claims involve employes who have been injured at work. There have been a few instances where the farm policyholder has been liable under the public liability provisions of the

contract. Warren Vincent, Michigan State College agr'l economist made a public statement April 16 in which he said that an attempt to insure against evev risk is usually prohibitive and probably

WITH nothing but an axe he cut that timber ready for the logging chain in 10 weeks. He then built a two-story frame house.

Shortly after that he bought 33 acres along the east side of Pine River, opposite the 10 acres. Later house on the 33 acres, also a log Oceana F.B. he sold the 10 acres and built a barn.

It was there I spent my boyhood days, working on the farm, fishing, riding saw logs, and swimming in the river in the summer, and skating in the winter.

GAME was very plentiful, It was nothing unusual to see from | Hart. The event was sponsored one to 5 or 6 deer cross the clearing almost any day. Nothing unusual to hear of a bear being shot by some of the neighbors. Wild ducks, geese, turkeys and pigeons were very plentiful. As St. Louis became larger, it was common to see fishermen go down Pine River toward night, Their boats carried pine roots fastened to the front of the boats. They would light these roots as it became dark.

In the mornings one could see those fishermen returning home with their boats full of fish, which they had speared.

WHILE I was growing up, our farm work was mostly done by oxen, a single plow. Hay was cut with a scythe. Grain was cut with a cradle and bound into sheathes by hand.

Until barns were built, grain was stacked until it could be pounded out on a floor with a flail. Sometimes it was trampled out by oxen on a temporary floor. The first threshing machines were operated by horses attached to a contrivance in which the team made a circle.

PINE RIVER every spring was full of pine logs going to Saginaw to be sawed into lumber.

Many farmers were compelled to go to the lumber camps each winter for a short time to earn money to pay their taxes while their farms were being cleared.

Our livestock, in those days during the summer, was turned out on the roads and in the woods of the county Farm Bureau dairy and brought in at night.

Our fruit away from the marshes was strawberries, black-

E. W. Redman Brookside Farms 19 Conewante Road, R. 9 Pittsburgh 28, Penna.

200 Attend

Dairy Banquet

SOME 200 persons attended the first annual Oceana County Dairy Banquet held recently at the Congregational Church in

by the Oceana County Farm Bureau dairy committee. One of the highlights of the event was the selection of the

county Dairy Queen. Faye Lud-wig, of Blooming Valley, wes chosen from a field of 11 contestants. She will represent the county in the district contest. Floretta Greiner and Audrey Alfreid were selected as runners- groups to sign 3 members each, in UD.

GORDON OSBORN, president of the Hart Chamber of Commerce, presented Miss Ludwig with a purse contributed by the business organizations of the

county. Professor Everett Peterson,

Michigan State College, as prinafter April 1, please see that we cipal speaker of the evening said get this record in the state office. this is a very critical year in So far, only 3 groups have re-Russo-American relations and "it ported in as making this quota. doesn't look as though Russia has These are as follows: Clintonchanged her policies." Bengal No. 1, Lenawee-Sugar-Prof. Peterson also pointed out

town, and North Adrian. There that this country is bound to are a number of other groups in have inflation, but "the question Lenawee, Gratiot, and Emmet is, how much?" County which have reported signing 2 members, but have not

LIONEL TATE, Hart agriculquite made the quota. ture instructor, was the toast-

master. F. Earl Haas, county ag-MINUTE BOOKS. The printricultural agent, in extending the ing of a new Community Farm welcome said that dairying is as Bureau minute book is in the proimportant financially to Oceana cess. This year we have made a county as is the fruit industry, few changes at the suggestion of for which the county is famous. some of the Community Farm He pointed out that dairying Bureau secretaries, which we

brings in more than a million hope will increase efficiency. dollars annually. Laurence Krause is chairman

committee.

Buy Farm Bureau Seeds.

othy Johnson, secretary. February discussions are also

Bay Frankenlust, Norbert Herover last year's record approxioolsheimer, secretary. Livingston, Northwest Conway

up about 5%. Attendance was County Line, Mrs. Sylvester ments the volume of business can about 1,000 over February of last Sober, secretary. year. However, our best month so far, as far as participation was

mention.

concerned, was January. 91% of Co-ops Sit On concerned, was January. 91% of discussion and 80% came to con-**Feed Committee**

SUGGESTIONS. Donald Kin-Farmer co-operatives are repsey, director of research and inesented on the Feed Industry formation, has asked that we sug-Advisory Committee recently angest in this article that the Comnounced by Secretary of Agriculmunity Farm Bureau groups inure Brannan to advise with the price. clude in their minutes for the U.S.D.A. on special problems. next 2 meetings some suggestions as to topics they would like to discuss for the next 6 months in held April 12 and 13. their Community Farm Bureau

Co-operative members of the groups. When these suggestions committee include: Elwood L. are received they will be con-Chase, director of production opsolidated and taken before the rations, Cooperative GLF Mills, Discussion Topic Committee. Buffalo, N. Y.; H. Fay Smith, much more to replace. About in June the groups will be manager, feed department, Washasked to check their preference ington Co-operative Farmers on a check sheet submitted to Ass'n, Seattle, Wash.; and Harry them with the discussion ma-Truax, manager, feed and poultry department, Indiana Farm

CONTEST. Last month, you Bureau Cooperative Ass'n, Indiwill recall, a contest was set up anapolis, Indiana. for Community Farm Bureau

The attention of the Farm arising from the defense program. News has been called to several First meeting of the group was incidents where over ambitious scrap iron seekers have been searching farmers' fields for their carelessly stored farm tools. These tools, too, receive the high

state Michigan.

Warning

price as scrap metal, but cost Don't leave your farm equipment where it becomes easy prey for junk collectors.

The terrific demand for metal

brought about by the defense

preparedness program has made

scrap iron valuable and high in

IF PASTURE is the only source of feed, it is best to graze big, thin steers for highest gains.

MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCERS

CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified advertisements are cash with order at the following rates: 5 cents per word for one edition. Ads to appear in two or more editions take the rate of 4 cents per word per edition.

BULBS AND PLANTS

GLADIOLUS BULES. Large vari-eties. Medium size 100, \$1.00; Large size, 100, \$2.00. Postpaid. Orrie De-Graff, Spring Lake R-2, (2.51.20m) quota of 3 memberships signed (3-3t-20p)

CHRYSANTHEMUMS, 20 for \$2.00, Dahlias, large type, 12½ cents each. Postpaid. List free, Roy Laberdy, Eau Claire, Michigan. (4-21-18p)

FARM MACHINERY

WOMEN

WANTED-Threshers, small, steel; Grain Binders 7 & 8 ft., late models; Corn Shredders and Binders; Ensilage Cutters; Drive Belts, Henry Wassink, Holland, R-2, Michigan. (3-3t-24p)

WAPLE STROP PRODUCERS WE ARE BUYING agents for your Pure Maple Syrup in five gallon lots, delycred to us at Lansing on Satur-days. Price will be paid according to grades based on color, flavor, weight and quality according to grades now used in the pure maple syrup indus-try. Price varies according to the grade of your syrup. Write for sched-ule of prices and grades. Sugar Bush Supplies Company, PO Box 1107, Lan-sing. Mich. Store on M-43 (4109 West Saginaw road) west of Waverly golf course, Lansing. (5tf-57b) MAPLE SYRUP CONTAINERS

BE SURE of your supply in 1952. Take delivery now of all needed glass and tin containers. In stock for prompt delivery. Write for catalog and prices of all available sizes. Sugar Bush Supplies Company FO Box 1107. Lansing 4, Mich. Store on M-43 at \$109 West Saginaw road, Lansing. Open Saturdays. FREE NEW TREASURE Book of sewing ideas. New styles, latest pat-terns. Fully illustrated, complete di-rections on how to sew and save with practical cotton bags. Your Free copy of "Needle Magio with Cotton Eags" is ready now! Send post card today to National Cotton Council. Bor 75, Memphis, Tennessee. (3-101-509)

SWEET POTATO PLANTS

number present will read "num-ber of families present." There will be a cardboard in-serted in the book for the Com-munity Farm Bureau Secretary to Missouri, (5-1t-200) Netro GOLD & JEWELRY WATCHES WANTED. Any con-dition. Also broken jewelry, spec-cash sent promptly. Mail articles or write for free shipping container. Lowe's, 90 Holland Bidg., St. Louis 1, (5-1t-200) Grow the most delicious and highes

With these necessary improve-BORAX ADDED to the soil can increase yields of canning beets be increased to a point where the St. Louis market will rate with and reduce the need for hand weeding. the Battle Creek market in out-

208 North Capitol Ave. 414 Mutual Bldg.

Lansing 1, Michigan

Robert L. Donovan, President Fred M. Hector, Sec'y-Treas. Organized in 1911 . . . Over \$17,000,000.00 Insurance in Force Over \$2,600,000.00 Paid to Policy Holders for Losses.

Peach growers profit from new, hardy, early-ripening variety

Peach growers who long have wanted an early-ripening fruit that would ship well are profiting from the new Fairhaven peach. This variety is the fourth peach developed at the South Haven substation of the Agricultural Experiment Station of Michigan State College. It is designed for the market period after Redhaven but before Halehaven, Kalhaven and South Haven. The new Fairhaven features a hardy bud that is resistant to cold and fog, and a fruit that is firm and ships exceptionally well. When ripe, it is freestone. Growers interested in a sturdy, early-ripening peach can get further information by calling, writing or visiting their County Agricultural Agent.



A specially designed plow is used to bury wire along roadsides for telephone service in rural areas where this type of construction is less expensive than building lines on poles. The plow leaves no trench ... buries the wire in a single operation. This is another example of telephone efficiency working for you ... speeding construction of more rural telephone facilities, and helping to keep cost of service low. It's one of the reasons why the proportion of farmers with telephones in Michigan is among the highest in the nation.

BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY



SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1951

Attention Centers on Gas Tax Increase

(Continued from Page One) In the House there is some sentiment for a corporate income tax, as favored by Governor Williams.

Several of the representatives interested in the Good Roads bill joined in sponsoring a 2% corporation income tax. It was suggested that this might have been motivated by a desire to influence Governor Williams to sign the gas tax bill or to woo a few Democratic members to vote with the Republicans to override a gas tax veto.

ELECTRIC CO-OPS. The Senthe bill and urging affirmative ate approved unanimously S-126 action on it. which would give rural electric This bill has been in and out co-operatives the privilege of of the Senate committee on Agcondemnation for right of way the same as is now enjoyed by Chances seem fairly good for its



stronger

America!

the biggest and most vital jobs in America.

The farmer grows the food, the feed, and the fiber so basic to the strength of the nation. The railroads bring the farmer and carry his products wherever they are needed.

And these days, when national

public utilities organized for | passage by the Senate. profit. This bill is now in the House committee on public utilities. It is a part of the legislative program of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

ill that ran into rough sledding was S-92, which in its final form provided for a check off of 3c per cwt of dry edible beans to be

STATE FAIR. S-87 would put collected from producers by the an end to the confusion and over- first handlers. The fund so lapping of control regarding the accumulated would be adminis-Michigan State Fair and its fa- tered by a committee of 7 produccilities. It has received consider- ers and 2 processors to be appointed by the Governor and conable attention but has made slow progress thus far. The bill was firmed by the Senate. It would be used for research in developing substantially revised and considerably improved by the Senate disease resistant varieties, etc. committee on Agriculture. As and for publicity, information to amended it was acceptable to the producers and consumers and for Michigan Farm Bureau. Execustimulating consumption of and demand for Michigan beans. tive Secretary C. L. Brody, sent

After having been twice reeach Senator a letter endorsing ported favorably by the Senate

BEAN INDUSTRY. Another

ommittee on agriculture and surviving some hostile attacks on the Senate floor it was amended riculture a couple of times. 21 times and then defeated by the Senate by a vote of 14 to 15 April

25. Seventeen affirmative votes are required to pass a bill in the Senate. All 32 Senators were present when this vote was taken, but 3 of them failed to vote. This vote was later re-considered and the bill placed on the table from Bureau resolution.

which it can be removed and considered again at any time up to May 4. In writing each Senator in

support of this legislation, Secretary Brody of the Michigan Farm Bureau, said: "We are impressed by the fact that during recent weeks meetings of bean producers have been held under the auspices of the Michigan Bean Producers Association in 21 counties. In these meetings, which were attended by about 2,000 producers, the provisions of Senate will be enacted. Bill No. 92 were thoroughly ex-

plained and discussed and these Mrs. Wagar To Be bean producers, who would be financing the proposed program With Us In June voted almost unanimously in

Mrs. Edith M. Wagar of Carl-GAS TAX REFUNDS. One ton, a regular contributor to the source of disappointment and readability of the Michigan Farm misunderstanding would be clear-News for many years, has no ed up if the Senate would follow article in this issue. For the the example of the House in past two months she has not been passing H-68. This provides that well and it was agreed that she the post mark would establish should save her strength for a the date of filing gas tax refund speedy recovery. Her interesting and inspiring words will again As you know such claims have appear in the coming June edito be filed within 6 months after tion.

times because of week ends on Buildings in which livestock holidays the claims, although and poultry are housed should be mailed within the time limit are cleaned and disinfected to kill not processed by the Sales Tax germs and parasites, say Mich-Division of the Secretary of igan State College agricultural State's office until after the 6 authorities. months' deadline has elapsed, so

the claim is denied. This would Stairways and ladders should take care of such situations. be checked and kept in good re-AID TO COUNTIES. Another pair.

maintenance of its county high-This bill passed the House by a narrow margin and is now in the Senate committee on Approwould

priations. Its passage of course reduce state revenue, as all the yield from the severance tax now goes to the state treasury. Regardless of how badly the state may need this money, there is certainly justification for returning half of it to the county of origin for the reasons outlined in the Farm

Measures discussed in this article mean a lot to every Farm Bureau family. Regardless of how busy you are with your own farm work, do not neglect to let your senator and representative and Governor Williams know how you feel regarding these vital ssues. The lawmakers are working against a set of definite deadlines and prompt action on our part is imperative or it will be too late for our views to have any influence in determining what

"The Face Is Familiar..."

Producers of fresh fruits and vegetables, like the producers of practically everything else, are being called on for increased supplies.

This same thing happened during the last war, and growers and distributors delivered the goods. As a result, the produce industry earned and has held a position of greater importance in the national food picture.

So two long-range objectives-financial soundness for the industry and improved service to consumers-were furthered.

It looks like the same thing is beginning to happen all over again.

Once again the produce industry is faced with the responsibility of improving its performance.

Once again the produce industry is offered the opportunity of improving its position.

This situation calls for practical application of the very same principles progressive groups have been emphasizing for years. These fundamental principles are not revolutionary, or even new. But they are essential to the successful completion of the job at hand:

1. The production of varieties most useful in meeting the nation's food needs.

2. Increased efficiency in every phase of production, grading and packing

bill in harmony with the Mich-

igan Farm Bureau resolutions i

H-165. This provides for return-

ing to the county of origin one-

half the proceeds from the oil

The Farm Bureau resolution

pointed out that "the hauling of

the heavy equipment used in

drilling oil wells and the trans-

porting of the crude oil cause

xcessive wear and tear on coun-

y highways. For this reason, we

believe that 50% of the revenue

from this source should be re-

turned to the county from which

t originates to be used by the

County Road Commission for

way system."

and gas serverance tax.

rearmament is everybody's biggest job, this "partnership" takes on even greater importance. For, as America's "muscles" get bigger, its appetite for almost everything increases enormously.

American farmers are working to produce the crops that will be needed, come what may. And the American railroads are working with them and with all of industry to move the things the nation needs to keep it prosperous and to keep it strong.



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Summer Safety

CHECK LIST

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

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

WE WILL BE GLAD TO SUPPLY YOU with further information on how you can eliminate the hazards which result in disastrous farm fires. Or you can ask your local State Mutual Agent. Be sure he also tells you about State Mutual's farm fire insurance-a policy that gives you "protection made to order".



3. Constant efforts by growers and distributors to eliminate damage, waste and spoilage.

4. Constant efforts by growers and distributors to get produce to the consumer at the peak of its quality and freshness.

5. Constant efforts to improve the distribution process by shortening the route, reducing handling and speeding movement.

6. More effective advertising and promotion of produce to create more uses and greater demand.

In other words, the situation calls for constant, cooperative efforts involving every segment of the industry, and covering every step from the beginning of production to the consumer's market basket.

The "face" of this program is certainly familiar. But we of the Atlantic Commission Company sincerely believe such a program will best enable the produce industry to meet its new responsibilities and promote its future well-being.

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Extend Time to Get Life Charter Policy Members

What's Your Responsibility?

bility if an employe fell off tractor and fractured his ankle? and killed it.

Nile Vermillion, manager of the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company says that the Company settled that kind of a claim for a Farm Bureau member who has farm liability insurance from the Company.

Following are some of the and settled under the farm liability policy for some of the 2,-000 policyholders:

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Farm Bureau members now wn more than 22,000 automobile policies in the Farm Bureau Insurance Company. Mutual There is a substantial increase each month

Nile Vermillion, manager of the Company, said that assets of the Company now exceed \$1,000,-Experience with accident 000. and other loss claims is satisfacand other loss claims is satisfac-The Company considers tory. its position in this respect to be

favorable. The Company is represented in 62 County Farm Bureau organizations by 140 agents. A general agent has been named in 35 counties to direct the work there. Two just named as Louis Payne, North Branch, for Lapeer county, and John Allison, Sr., of Parma, for Jackson county.

Addresses 3-Employe caught pant leg in power take-off and was in-**Tuscola** FB

4-Boar got out during night and fought with neighbor's boar A Tuscola County Farm Bu-

5-Wagon towed behind tractor on highway got loose and reau meeting was held under the ideswiped passing car. sponsorship of the Prairie Neigh-6-Boy and playmate tussled borhood Farm Bureau last month at school. Accident occurred and at the Unionville Legion Buildplaymate had front tooth broken.

> C. Dean Allen, an MSC student from Kent county, told of his trip to Europe as Michigan's 4-H representatives in the International Farm Youth Exchange Program.

> > MR. ALLEN said that the aver age farm in Germany consists of 17 acres. Most of the farmers live in villages from which they travel as much as 3 to 10 miles to reach their little plots o

ground which they farm. He pointed out that only the very large farms have tractors. Much of the field labor is still

done by women. Most of the poorer farm families use dairy cattle for three purposes-milk food and work.

WHFRE HOGS are raised, they are usually confined to small buildings and in many cases never get to see sunlight. T. B. is

prevalent among the livestock. In spite of the primitive methods of farming, Mr. Allen said average farm production exceeds that of the average farm in the United States.

Dan Herman presided at the meeting. Mrs. Clarence Lindenberg was the program chairman.

fence and trampled neighbor's C. Dean Allen Done at Request of F.B. Insurance Agents

At the request of Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. agents the time for accepting charter policy reservations for the proposed Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company has been extended to June 1 or beyond.

The goal for the new company is \$20,000,000 in charter policy reservations from Farm Bureau members.

At this time MFB members have asked for nearly \$10,000,000 in charter policy reservations.

Each of the 140 Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. agents has pledged himself to secure an additional \$100,000 in charter policy reservations during May. That would total \$14,800,000.

More than 300 people on County Farm Bureau life insurance committees are asked to continue the solicitation they have been doing so well. The task of calling upon each of 46,000 Farm Bureau families is well under wav

Nile Vermillion of the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company said it is desired to get \$20,000,000 in charter policy reservations in order to give the life insurance company the most promising start.

ORGANIZATION, financing, and licensing of the life insurance company awaits completion of the charter policy survey. Following these steps, agents will go out to write the policies. County Farm Bureaus that have made their goals in the campaign for \$20,000,000 in reservations are: Alcona, Cheboy-

gan, Wexford, Gladwin, Lena An article in the April issue wee. of the "Farm Journal and Farm-

ers Wife" indicates that between CHARTER POLICIES for the 1940 and 1950 rural farm populife company have features and provisions that make them eslation has declined 7.3%. As a result the 1950 rural farm pop-pecially attractive. Nile Ver-ulation amounted to only 15.6% million of the Farm Bureau Inof the total population in the surance Company explained why the charter policies will be so

The city population, however, attractive. He said: "The charter policies should had increased 7.6% during the same period. The Department of result in profitable operations Agricultural Economics have re- for the company from the start. leased figures indicating that the They will be written for higher annual increase in the United than average amounts. The vol-States is moving at the rate of unteer reservation campaign asapproximately 1,600,000 persons. sures lower acquisition cost. The At this rate it is estimated that promotion being contributed to before 1975 the population of this the new company by the Michicountry will reach about 180,000,- gan Farm Bureau organization will benefit the new company by 000 persons. This growth is overall population, accompanied by a reducing its promotion and orreducing farm papulation who ganization costs to a minimum. are to provide the necessary food All of these conditions are good production, may become a serious for the company and good for the charter policyholder.

"CHARTER POLICIES will Nails, glass, wire and other obparticipate in the profits of the jects which cattle might swallow company. Therefore charter resor step upon, should be picked up. rvation policies may be expect-Protruding nails in mangers of ed to earn dividends for policypartitions should be removed. holders at an early date.

"Charter policies will be issued s competitive

Would Remove Duty on **Baler** Twine

The Michigan Farm Bureau has asked Michigan members of Congress to help eliminate the pres-

Conserve Burlap ent 15% import duty on baler

C. L. Brody, executive secre-tary, wrote the Michigan delegation asking help in getting House Bill No. 1105 and Senate Bill 4449 on this subject out of committee and enacted.

"BINDER TWINE and baling essentials. Every bag destroyed wire are both exempt from im-lor not used is an economic waste I reau women of the two districts port duties," Mr. Brody wrote. which we cannot now afford.

Evidently it was an oversight when baler twine was overlooked when the tariff legislation was enacted. At that time baler twine F.B. Women's was not used extensively. "In late years baler twine has Camp May 16-17 come into common usage. Millions of pounds are used by farmers. Customs authorities say that the only way to correct the situa-

The Farm Bureau women of District 3 and 5, representing 11 counties, are planning to hold their second annual camp at Waldenwoods May 16-17.

High-lighting the two-day pro-

gram will be a talk by Miss Sarah

Van Hoosen Jones, member of

the State Board of Agriculture,

Reservations must be made by

Farmers are urged by the U.S Department of Agriculture to conserve and re-use burlap and cotton bags as much as possible along with several other notables. to offset an expected tight supply situation. Bagging and related materials are high on the list of

tion is to amend the law.

May 10 through Mrs. Clyde Allen of Corunna. All Farm Buare invited to attend.

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Insurance is limited to members of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Get the facts before changing insurance.

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KENT A. Whitenbach, Lowell; Ralph Sherk, Caledonia; Ralph Young, Byron Center R-1; Norman Wylie, Kent City.

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My Request for Charter Policy Reservation Farm Bureau Life Insurance Co. of Michigan

(Charter Reservations are offered only to Farm Bureau Members)

When and if a Life Insurance Company is organized, I request that Charter Policies be reserved in my behalf on the following persons and in the face amounts indicated:

NAME A	GE ADDRESS	AMOUNT OF INSURANC Charter Policy (Minimum \$2,000, maximum \$10,000, each person)	
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A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	Name of Perso	on Requesting Reservations	• • • • •
	Address	RFD No.	
	Member of Co	unty Farm Bureau named above.	
	life insurance. If a Company is	formed, regular applications will be tal	ken.

THIS IS NOT an application for file insurance. The applicant for a reservation is not bound to accept insurance nor is the Company bound to issue insurance by reason of the above reservation. Pay no money with this reservation.

other companies. They include a provision that at the end of five years the premiums will be reduced approximately 10per cent. This applies to charter reservation policies only.

"SPECIAL provision will be made for additional participa-tion by charter policyholders in earnings of the company which are assigned to stockholders. This will apply only to charter policies."

The request form for a charter policy reservation is published in this paper. It is not an application, nor is it binding upon the individual or the company. It is simply a statement of interest and information.

REQUESTS for reservations for charter policies in the life company should be sent to Keith Tanner, director of field seror the Michigan Farm Bu-P. O. Box 960, Lansing. quest form on page 5.

mers Not unting To et Demands preplanting report issued

U.S.D.A. indicates that s do not plan to plant crops to maintain present of food supply. The prosdeficit in plantings apbe most critical in the corn and other livestock rains.

e indicated plans are carut, it will mean reduced of beef, pork, milk, butter, eggs and poultry. On the farm prices are good to encourage larger crops overnment crop reporters ade the survey came up wo explanations for this refarm labor shortage and

reluctance to plow up land at Government urgings en returned to grass. planned acreage for Michanticipated to be the same as last year with some increases

in certain vegetable and berry

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crops

ALCONA Edwin Dates, Harrisville. ARENAC Raymond P. Shinn, Jr., Stan-

Ithaca R-4. HILLSDALE Ervin Lister, Hillsdale R-2; Herluf Midtgard. Reading; Olen B. Martin, 401 Center St., Waldron; Eimer C. Spence, Hillsdale R-3; Leon Kulow, Reading; Lavern Kramer, Reading R-1. ALLEGAN ALLEGAN John Elzinga, Hamilton; James W. Cartis, Fennville, R-1; Lynn Ford Heasley, Dorr; T. M. Kelsey, Martin; Harvey Schipper, Hamilton; Zale Frey, 144 Hanlon Ct., Way-land.

ALPENA Clifton Jacobs, Alpena; Robert E. Aube, Alpena R-2.

ANTRIM Walter E. Chellis, Ellsworth R-1; Harold F. Olds, Elmira, BARRY Howard Bayley, Bellevue; Mrs. Barbara Barcroft, Freeport R-1; Jamés Humphrey, Hastings R-2.

BAY William Bateson, Bay City R-3; Adam Kraatz, Jr., Bentley; George Cnudde, Bay City R.4.

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EATON Wilfred Rohlfs, 217 Pleasant St., Charlotte.

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Junior Guy Clemens, Prescott R-2,

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OTSEGO Fred Snow, Hillman, R-3.

ISABELLA Donald Woodruff, Remus R-1; Charles Gordon, Coleman R-1. OTTAWA Sam Rymer, Spring Lake; Ger-rit Elzinga, Hudsonville R-2. JACKSON Fred W. Ford, Munith; John Allison, Sr., Parma R-2; Her-bert L. Town, Jackson, R-1. PRESQUE ISLE Byron Howell, Rogers City.

azoo R-5:

SAGINAW Anthony Latosky, 800 So. Washington, Saginaw; Char-les Case, Merrill; Arthur Hildner, Frankenmuth; John Oelsterreicher, Chesaning.

SANILAC SANILAC George Marsh, Marlette: A. H. Laursen, Marlette R-3; Ken-neth Robins, 312 S. Elk, San-dusky; Jack Marsh, Marlette; George Lapp, Palms; Donald Caister, VanDyke Rd., Mar-lette; Walter Gordon, Cros-well R-2 well R-2.

LENAWEE Eldon A. Ford, Adrian R-1; Clarence Kaynor, Adrian R-2. SHIAWASSEE George L. Kirn, Owosso R-2; Robert Drury, Durand R-2. Livingston Roscoe Eager, Howell R-5; Donald Leary, 1562 Gregory Road, Fowlerville; Gale Hols-Ington, Fowlerville.

ST. CLAIR Wilbur C. Quick, Emmet, R-1; Frank H. Burrows, Memphis.

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R-1. TUSCOLA R. Allison Green, Kingston; Ar-nold Bell, Unionville R-1; El-don Field, Deford; William J. Baur, Reese R-2; Arleigh Clendenan, Millington R-2. VAN BUREN Art Drije, Paw Paw; Earl Da-vis, Paw Paw. WASHTENAW MASON Rob't J. Wittbecker, Scottville.

MECOSTA Joe Resler, Stanwood R-2; Ivan Johnson, Stanwood.

WASHTENAW Erwin F. Pidd, Dexter R-1; Nelson F. Stevens, 478 Clark Rd., Ypsilanti; Elwin Kohler, Saline R-1.

James Gager, Carson City; Glenn W. Herzog, Lakeview R-2; Karl King, Greenville R-1; Perry Rossman, Lake-view R-1. WAYNE Gordan H. Vetal, 7098 Sheldon Rd., Plymouth. Rd., Plym WEXFORD Leon Cooper, Mesick, R-2.



MIDLAND Ray Kalahar, Merrill R-2.

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farmers across the nation are setting aside one cent on each May and June in 1951.

National Holstein **Convention** In are found to exist: Iowa, June 4-9

a seasonal or temporary interrup-The 66th annual convention of tion would be, engaged in such the Holstein-Friesian Association activity. of America will be held in Des

Moines, Iowa, June 4-9. This is the second year the convention has been held in Des Moines since the association was organized in 1885. "Convention City" designation is changed annually and major cities in all corners of the nation have been

selected in years past. Over 1000 delegates, members B. Hershey called the attention and guests, are expected to of local boards to the fact that attend the Des Moines gathering they have full authority and where the business of the associaresponsibility for local defertion is conducted through delements. gate action. The association with 40,000 members is composed of breeders of registered Holstein-

Mid-West Has \$8 Million

FRED WALKER, manager of the Dairyland Cooperative the Mid-West Producers' Creameries, Inc. at the final business session of the 18th annual meet-

In addition to Mr. Walker, who is also a director, the following Michigan dairymen were elected for the year 1951: G. S. Coffman, Coldwater; J. Paul Keeney, Elsie; Percy Penfold, East Jordan; Ralph Densmore, St. Louis, Ralph Pennock, Nashville; R. V. Eirschele, Constantine, Michigan; C. F. Palmer, Montgomery, Mich-

igan.

MID-WEST Producers' Creameries, Inc. was organized in 1933 and now represents twenty-six member creameries in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, and Tennessee. Total butter production of these plants approximates

Authority for Statement

Selective Service Regulations were recently amended by Excutive Order to define necessary employment in agriculture pound of butterfat sold during little more clearly. In Class II tion. shall be placed any registrant employed in production for market of a substantial quantity of those agricultural commodities

skill in such activity;

is qualified for a II-C classifica-In addition to being (1) an average or better producer, a registrant must show that (2) he cannot be replaced because of a which are necessary to the nashortage of persons with similar tional health, safety or interest,

Our Local Board Memorandum No. 13 was issued in cooperation

with the Department of Agricul-

ture for the purpose of advising

local boards how to obtain as-

sistance in determining a stand-

ard of production for various

types of farms in the local board

area. However, an average or

better output per worker is only

one of three requirements which

must be met before a registrant

skills and that (3) his removal where the following conditions would cause a material loss of effectiveness in his activity. (1) the registrant is, or but for We think you will agree that it

is the exceptional agricultural community wherein good farmers are not well known and poor farmers equally well-recognized (2) The registrant cannot be by the residents of the communreplaced because of a shortage of

persons with his qualifications or ity. Our county agents, farm bu-(3) The removal of the regisreau representatives, cooperatives trant would cause a material loss production and marketing repreentatives, and bankers are nearof effectiveness in such activity. y always quite thoroughly fam-On January 1, General Lewis iliar with farms, farm management and productivity in their

communities, and the United States and affiliated State Employment Service are familiar with local labor conditions.

Registrants should avail themselves of the service of these people in presenting the facts in their cases to the local boards.

We are sending a copy of your letter to the State Director of Selective Service for the State of ity to cooperate with you and the Michigan Farm Bureau in solving

> For the Director, (Signed) LEWIS F. FOSCH Colonel, Artillery

more forage for more years through fertilization, says James A. Porter, Michigan State College soil scientist.

If the stand is good, 200 pounds of fertilizer each year or 400 pounds alternate years will usually keep production high and profitable.

On heavy soils, Porter suggests use of 0-20-10 fertilizer; on medium soils 0-20-20 and on andy soils 0-10-20 or 0-9-27. This fertilizer can be applied in April or in June after the hay harvest.

Buy Farm Bureau seeds.

available but the quality of this | Valuable labor is below par. They usually lack in physical fitness or willingness to work.

According to some reports treatment costs so little and pays off in the long run, it's good in

tion activities this year than they did last year. Since a large percentage of these beet workers Reports from individual farmwere also engaged in other crop ers and farmer groups indicate activities, other food processors that qualified and willing yearor farmer groups will have to around type of farm help cannot

be found in sufficient quantities to meet the demands. In some areas casual labor is

You can't outguess diseases and weather conditions. Since seed

Michigan beet sugar manufacturers are planning to recruit less workers for sugar beet produc-

recruit and bring in more workers to offset this loss.

tion days look like kindergarten play."-Senator Estes Kefauver.

surance every year. "WITHOUT FEAR of contradiction, I say that corruption of law-enforcement officers is rampant in many American com munities today on a scale that makes the corruption of prohibi-

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Three Degrees of Vision

A story is told of three workers in a marble quarry. Each was asked what he was doing.



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To Be Short

In Michigan

The first said, "I am working for 10 lira a day."

The second said, "I am cutting marble." The third said, "I am helping build the cathedral which is being put up in the eity nearby."

This is a simple story. It tells of different degrees of vision-of pride in one's workof accomplishments due to one's labor or efforts.

LET'S DRAW A PARALLEL

Can we apply this story to Farm Bureau members and the organizations that are their's ! Let's see ! Here are three loyal Farm Bureau members-men eager to promote the programs to which their Farm Bureau is dedicated. They all three feed Farm Bureau feeds-sow Farm Bureau seeds and fertilizer-and use Farm Bureau petroleum products in or on Farm Bureau implements.

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Many farmers have lost much these problems of their "know-how" help to industrial plants. The only help they can depend on are farmreared young men who are already on farms. According to Creamery, Carson City, Michigan, the Michigan Farmer, 1,523 men was re-elected vice president of in Michigan have been given IIdeferments as of January 31

> Col. Lewis F. Kosch, Chief Manpower Division, of the Na-tional Headquarters of the Se-

COLONEL KOSCH wrote to Mr. Brody in reply to action tak-en by the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors Jan. 17 in re-

Kosch's letter follows: National Headquarters Washington 25, D. C. February 12, 1951



ing of the five states organization at South Bend in March.

It is understood that county mobilization committees have been advised to keep local draft Friesian dairy animals from coast boards informed on the need for farm boys in their areas. As head of the county mobilization committee the PMA chairman is the man who can recommend that

food than in the armed forces.

FURTHER information is given on the authority of local draft boards in a letter written to C L. Brody, executive secretary of the Michigan Farm Bureau, by

lective Service System.

questing information on defer-

ment of farm workers. Colonel Selective Service System

a person will be of more value to the nation in the production of he will welcome every opportun-

Chief, Manpower Division



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SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1951

School and Its Program a Problem in American

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Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for May

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

DONALD D. KINSEY Director of Research and Education

Whittier, the American poet, declared in the early days of our Republic that "America should have a schoolhouse plant on every hill."

The radio commentator, Edward R. Murrow, caps this idea with this worthy staement:

"There are two aspects of American life that cannot safely be postponed, frozen, nor neglected. They are the schoolroom and the ballot box. Our system of government, the one we are preparing to defend, depends upon an informed voting public. If we neglect the schoolroom and the ballot box, the future will probably take its revenge."

Can Amercian education stand still or decline while American problems become more acute?

The schoolroom, and its program , too often have been allowed to stand amid the weeds of neglect. A school, to be effective, must meet the needs of the children in the community, and the needs of the nation as a democracy. It must be good enough to give the children that sort of training that will enable them to compete fairly in effective living with other children of the nation.

The school's shortcomings should not place a handicap on the child. It must be large enough to accommo- neglect our job, then the fault is date the children so that work and learning can go on under favorable conditions rather than under handicaps. It must have teachers who are capable and understanding, sound in their thinking, and enthusiastic about their work.

The view expressed here is not aimed at the idea that the rural schools are good or bad. It is aimed at the idea that whatsoever school system and school problems we have, we, the people, should be in touch with them. We should be working out solutions and seeking to better our schools as the foundation of our democracy.

SCHOOL NEEDS and problems date of its appointment, showing are different in various commun- its findings.

ities. Area studies of the school problems have been made by citinanced from contributions of zens' groups in 25 of Michigan's money, services, or materials. 83 counties.

They are a project of the citizens Farm Bureau people spearof the area. Aids to the approach headed many of these studies. to an Area Study may be obtain-They resulted in the schools be-ing evaluated cooperatively by Public Instruction. the citizens. Facts were gather-The past results of these Area ed, financial and tax problems ed, financial and tax problems Studies have not article of a studies studied, the school census was examined both for present and future needs. Studies have not article of a school districts (consolidation) was desirable. In some cases the **Discussion Topics**

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The Schools are our Problem. May

Jun. Let's Re-examine the 15 Mill Tax Limitation.

Are Over-load Fines Effective? Jul.

Aug. Improving Farmer-Hunter Relations.

Be sure to read your Discussion Topic Article on this page of the Michigan Farm News each month. Attend your Community Group Meetings!

lems that American citizens must

ONE DIFFICULTY arising in reorganization of school districts is that as the school center moves to town, the rural people may lose contact and interest in the school. This should not be!

Why build a greater school system only to forget our own obligations to it because it is a few miles farther away? If we fear

reorganization may mean a loss of local control of the schools, and

If we carry through with vigprous and positive action we can keep the control. Even a local district can come under the dictatorship of a political combine or a minority group by neglect of the citizens

> STANDARDS for Rural Teachers? The State Committee on Education in Rural Areas is con-

rural school be placed on the School Commissioners were elect same requirement basis as now ed by popular vote. Is this tak-

County Board of Education. district school, the teacher would

THUS RURAL people should entirely dominate the personnel and policies of the board. The job, therefore, is to be sure that representatives of rural school districts are at the meeting when the board is elected.

In many counties the rural

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ing control of the schools out of the hands of the people? Let's voice is stronger than it was under the old system. In the other A bill was passed in 1947 estabcounties rural people still have lishing county boards of educa- an effective voice in the choosing of the school officers and setting The sales tax diversion amendment had made a large amount of money available for distribution to SCHOOL DISpolicies. It appears that the gains are generally greater than the losses. TRICTS, from the School Aid

QUESTIONS for Community Group conclusions:

school commissioner was not con-1. Have the citizens in your sidered as a district. But county county or community carried on boards of education could be so a cooperative study of the school needs of the area? What could THE ELECTION of the County you do to help promote such a

School Commissioner created a study? 2. Do you think that rural problem in many counties havteachers should have the same reing large urban populations. It quirements for teacher certificawas possible for urban people to dominate the elections even tion as city teachers? Why or why not? (See article.) though the county school commis-

sioner had his duties confined to 3. Have rural people a stronger or weaker voice in determining policies and choosing county Under the new plan, one repschool officials under the new resentative of each school district County Board of Education Act? would attend the meeting at (See article.) which the members of the County

Board of Education would be THE WORLD has no room for elected, and the Board would owards. We must be ready somechoose the County Superintenhow to toil, to suffer, to die. And dent of Schools. Here each rural yours is not the less noble beschool has one vote. Town and cause no drum beats before you city schools have only one vote when you go out into your daily each in electing members of the battlefields, and no crowds shout your coming when you return

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cates be eliminated as of June 30.

CHOOSING County School Superintendents. Some agitation is

young people? These are prob- in force for urban teachers. To be eligible to teach in the rural

> need to have a four-year college degree. The aim is to raise the level of teacher ability. The present twoyear certificate would be abolish-

ed. Michigan is one of eleven states requiring the least amount of preparation for teaching. The recommendation provides that the county limited certifi-

> 1951, and the state limited certificates as of June 30, 1953. Teachers now working under these certificates would not be affected, and could renew their

certificates under the present certification code. But no new certificates of this character would be issued unless in cases of emergency need. Special certificates might then be issued

sidering a question of teacher abroad over the fact that the certification. I wonder what you present county school superin-would think of it. It has been proposed that the ty school board chooses them certification of teachers for the whereas the former County

They asked, "What does our community need to do to make its schools fill the bill for our children?" They recognized that the problems of local education cannot be solved by outsiders vantages for school growth and from state or federal departments.

IN 1949 the Michigan legislature passed a bill, the Area in a county, part of a county, or a analyzed them, and cooperatively group of counties, to create an "Area Study Committee". Its purpose is to study educational problems and make recommendations back to the people concerning needs and improvements. The act sought to strengthen local interest and understanding regarding educational problems. The steps in setting up an area study are:

1. SELECT a public-spirited Area Study Committee including representatives in proper proportion from urban and rural areas. These may be elected, but all school districts involved must be represented adequately.

2. DEVELOP a plan for the proposed study to include: (a) Objectives being sought; (b) Membership on the Committee; (c) Maps of the area showing main social and trade centers, concentrations of population, and present school plants; (d) An account of the assessed valuation of the area being studied; and (e) A record of the school census of the area.

3. A PETITION and plan for an pils so that some are like the old area study can be made by either woman who lived in the shoe. (a) the County Board of Educa- Some schools are carrying halftion or (b) the general electors of day schedules for children. This the area. The latter petition must | may extend itself on up into the include at least 5% of the total higher grades. Is "half a loaf" vote cast for the Secretary of good enough for American boys State at the last election.

4. THE PLAN is submitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for approval, and the rate increased 30% the number procedures for carrying on the of teachers increased only 15% study or bringing it to a close are in the state. The draft is cutting established.

The committee is to make a Salaries and wages have made broad study of the educational other inroads, because industry conditions and needs of the area. has paid trained people better It is to confer with school officers and residents of the school than educational systems. Thus districts, to hold public meetings, the teachers remaining in the and to furnish information about schools get heavier loads. Can we put twice the number the problems discovered.

of youngsters into a classroom It may recommend changes in school district organization if ad- and hope that the same kind of vantages seem to be indicated in education will take place? And doing so. It must report to the can the schools keep good teach-Superintendent of Public Instruc- ers under these conditions? Will tion within two years after the teaching be attractive to future

facts have shown that the greatest good could come from strengthening the local districts.

AREA STUDIES may be fi-

IN OTHER CASES great adprogram were to be obtained by reorganization. The significant thing is that the citizens, and

their elected committees, faced the problem, gathered the facts, determined their course of action. It is significant, too, that the State Department of Public Instruction, acting in an advisory capacity, has discouraged reorganization in more cases than it has encouraged it. The facts, when gathered, may point away rather than toward reorganization as a wise course.

ASSESSED valuations may be

too low, the school census may be inadequate, distances to a community school too far, or the present district systems may be improved to better advantage. In some cases reorganization could bring a greater share of state-aid funds to the support of

the school system. Thus, there is no sweeping recommendation that reorganization be carried through.

THE BIRTH RATE in Michigan has increased 30% over the last 5 years. This will create problems of overcrowding in the schools. Suburban areas are hardest hit. Children get poor seating and lighting conditions. Teachers are overloaded with pu-

and girls?

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