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Michigan Joins AFBF All-Out Effort to End Controls

**EDITORIAL**

Attend Your District Meeting

It will be well worth your time to take part in your Farm Bureau district meetings this June.

State Farm Bureau leaders will tell farmers and businessmen in general are asking Congress not to continue price and wage controls. Although Congress will not act on this until June 30, 1951, but rather to enact effective means for controlling inflation.

Read the articles on price control on this page and mark on your calendar the date of your district meeting, as shown by the schedule at the bottom of page 1.

**MINNESOTA LEGISLATORS BACK CO-OPS**

By an overwhelming vote of 101 to 4, the Minnesota House of Representatives passed last month urging Congress and the President of the United States to oppose any measures to alter the tax status of farm cooperatives.

The move of this legislative body gave farm co-ops one of the biggest boosts since the NEA, a minority welfare group, passed a similar resolution.

Rep. Carl A. Curtis, member of the committee from Nebraska, told Garnet M. Letter, president of NEA, "If NEA were honest, you'd send that money back to businesses and let them go down here and speak for themselves." The Congressman was referring to the funds which the NEA has been collecting from businesses throughout the country to finance its campaign.

Minnesota is one of the leading agricultural states in the nation. It leads all other states in the number of farm cooperatives. It is significant that its farmers enjoy the highest standard of living in any of the states.

The one-sided vote of the Minnesota House of Representatives in support of farm co-ops is being regarded by co-op leaders everywhere as an important act. It shows that city people in Minnesota endorse farm co-ops as being good for agriculture and the nation.

**Highways Are Not Expendable**

A drive is now underway to stampede Michigan Highway Officials into a highway building project. It is not likely to be successful. Traffic is growing, but not as fast as the highway system is growing. The highway system is not expendable.

Before condemning this move, let's see what the experts have to say on the subject. The president of the Recreation Association of State Highway Officials recently said, "During World War II entirely too many high ranking persons assumed that our roads were expendable... A highway system cannot be considered expendable. It would be impossible to replace or repair it quickly, even if the costs in money, manpower, and materials could be spared from other defense needs."

Sometime ago the commissioner of U. S. Bureau of Public Roads advocated the building of roads by systems. The advantages of building roads by systems are that they are built by trucks larger and heavier than those allowed by present laws, and the needs of national defense are often cited as a justification.

The following is an excerpt from a letter to the editor: "If we were building highways on a large scale, a highway program would be the best possible investment. It is a means of spreading the burden of financial responsibility over a large number of people. It is a way of bringing the financing of highways into the hands of the people who use them. It is a way of making the people who use highways feel that they are responsible for the upkeep of them. This is the only way in which the people can be made to feel that they have a stake in the highways."

**Farmers Fared Quite Well in Legislature**

**STANLEY M. POWELL**

**Farmers Board of Review**

The board of directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau urge that all the purposes and authority of the Board of Review are necessary and that it should be stricken from the budget recommended by the Governor.

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The Michigan Farm Bureau has joined the American Farmers Association in a campaign along with many other organizations and companies in an all-out effort to put an end to the mandatory price and wage controls which were not extended beyond June 30, 1951.

The nation's largest farm group, AFBF, points out that such controls are impractical and do not attack the root of inflation. Farmers have even perjured the American free enterprise system if allowed to continue, except under conditions of total war.

By creating confusion and disrupting normal business and marketing channels, ceiling regulations are making the job of getting the production we need for depression vastly more difficult. Millions of dollars and millions of man hours have been spent by affected business groups on unproductive tasks required by regulations. They are changed so often that a completely different requirement may go into effect before the operation has been completed.

The difficulties created by price and wage controls will grow less important as the number of regulations is increased. Each new order may create new problems, and new dissolutions and thereby hurt the development of small family businesses and traditional distribution.

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"TO MINNESOTA SENATORS and REPRESENTATIVES in Congress,--In the matter of the proposed revision of the Internal Revenue Tax Act of 1950, the Michigan Farm Bureau urges the Senate and House of Representatives to make the following changes in the Internal Revenue Act of 1950, as passed by the Senate:

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FLY SPRAY

There are three troubles tending to make the— the common house fly, the stable fly, and the horn fly.

House flies breed in filth and carry diseases that can spread into epidemic proportions. Stable flies suck blood from cattle. They are also vectors of disease and can live on the farm. They are constant pests and feed on dead animals.

Proper spraying is the sure way to control these insects. The safe way is with Unico Spray.

New cable cover conserves lead. One of the critical materials for war production is lead. Lead cable cover and lead sheathing are both in high demand. A new cable cover conserves lead but also promises increased protection against fire. Lead covers are used in many applications, not only in the mining and smelting industry, but also in the construction and manufacturing industries. By using a new cable cover, we can conserve lead while still ensuring the necessary protection.

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Experiments promise normal milk yield from sterile cows

Recent experiments at the Michigan State College have shown that it is possible to prevent the birth of sterile cows. This is achieved by using a special technique that involves the use of x-rays. The technique is based on the observation that the ovum is not normally fertilized if it is exposed to x-rays before it can be fertilized. This technique has been successful in preventing the birth of sterile cows in the laboratory. It is now being tested on a larger scale to determine its feasibility in practical applications.

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Honor 135 Roll Call Leaders Who Made 100% Of Goal

State Membership 47,649 And is Still Climbing

If the mandatory price and wage control policy with all of its confusion and waste is allowed to stay in force for two years, it will become the first permanent step in the complete socialization of America, T. C. Petersen, mid-west field representative of the AFBF, told leaders of the 1951 annual membership campaign at a victory dinner meeting at Michigan State College, May 9.

The meeting was held in honor of roll call chairmen of counties with 100% of their goal and of the district representatives and state directors with 100% of their goals. 135 people from 8 districts represented the 40 counties that had surpassed their goal.

For the farmer 1950 was one of the worst years in a long while. Mr. Petersen said. Thinking that the farmer did not have the intelligence to write his own program, a strong attempt has been made to make the American farmer dependent upon the government for his income.

Today the farmer is the whipping boy of America. He is getting the blame for inflation while government ignores the basic reasons for it. Over 70 per cent of all the food in the country is produced by a little over 3,000,000 people and because we are a small group they intend to shove us around, Mr. Petersen said.

ATTACKING the government price control policy as being either a check on inflation or a means of putting the farmer out of business, he said, farmers must put forth every effort to defeat the re-enactment of price control legislation next year.

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The confusion in the price system warfare is a fact of life. This results in cost of living for the farmers' own Radio Program

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Across the nation, Dairy Farmers are doing for dairying. Over the radio . . . in magazines and newspapers . . . outdoor posters . . . television . . . merchandising . . . and research, their American Dairy Association program is keyed to sell dairy foods . . . build markets . . . and create good will for dairying.

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Be sure that you support this program. Be sure you get your fair share of support. It's 60-days for ADA and a year's advertising for dairying and for products.

AMERICAN DAIRY ASSOCIATION "VOICE OF FIVE MILLION DAIRY FARMERS"
Farmer-Owned Milking Machine Factory In 9th Year

The Universal Milking Machine Division of National Co-operatives, Inc., owned by Michigan farmers together with one and one-half million farm families who are patrons of other regional Co-operatives, is now in its ninth year of producing a complete line of milking machines, milk coolers and water heaters. The Co-op Universal milking machine line includes pipe line equipment with both the long tube and short tube types. Complete portable outfits are available and of recent years the milk parlor, or combine type of milking machine, has been developed as a package unit and is readily gaining acceptance in the field.

Two types of milk coolers are currently being produced in the Universal factory. One of the standard immersion, or top oven cooler, and the other is of a newer design featuring a front opening door which eliminates the "high lift" when placing full cans of milk in the cooler. Both coolers are built to meet Health Department requirements in any area of the United States.

The water heaters are manufactured in a variety of sizes. The electric ones come in 30, 50, and 66 gallon sizes for domestic use with a 15 gallon heater being manufactured for the dairy farmer. The 30 gallon gas heater is also made by Universal.

Sanitation equipment includes an outstanding automatic milking machine wash in two sizes. The small one washes two milker units while the larger one will wash up to four units. Also included in the sanitation equipment is a storage sterilizer for sanitary storage of rubber parts between milkings.

Each year Farm Bureau Services sponsors a Co-op Universal equipment school for the dairy equipment service men of Farm Bureau equipment dealers. Here we see a class taking its final examination completing a three-day instruction course in Lansing.

Michigan Farm Bureau members are part owners of this modern manufacturing plant at Albert Lea, Minnesota. It is a division of National Co-operatives, Inc. The Universal milking machine line along with other dairy equipment produced at this plant is being used by dairy farmers in countries all over the world.

Milk Cooler Equipment School
Michigan Is Host to Midwest Farm Bureau Conference

MBF Juniors To Hold Camp June 24-27

Farm Bureau Feeds Save Me Money

Farm Bureau puts out open formulas feeds that open cost factors to the farmer's eye.

Farm Bureau pushes high protein quality concentrates to enable use of farm grown grain.

Farm Bureau so far utilizes concentrates with vital factors such as vitamins, antibiotics and strong acids. Fewer pounds are needed for each ton of finished feed (within the limits of good sound mixing operations).

Farm Bureau foresthonestly according to market values - not according to what the traffic will bear.

Farm Bureau feeds perform admirably in the feed lots, helping hogs and cars in sales.

Worms?
Mites?
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Three Caught Selling Oleo As Butter

Farmers have come in to report retail store employees who are new to Junior Farm Bureau or who have never attended camp before. It will be held June 24-27 at the Michigan State College campus.

Three coats of white paint are all that is needed to guard against the disease.

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Farm Bureau Feeds Save Me Money

Includes vitamin, antibiotics and quality amino acids that the hog raiser can, at a reasonable

It is recommended that farmers use this feed in their herds for the following reasons:

1. Farmers won a smashing first-

Farmers have written cards of protest to their local Farm Bureau leaders.

2. The contest is carried on through Point Four.

Farm Bureau leaders and officers have been writing cards of protest to their local Farm Bureau leaders.

3. The contest is carried on in the name of the state law involving sale of oleo.

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Insurance is limited to members of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Find out about Farm Bureau insurance for automobiles, trucks, personal liability, farm operations. You can become a partner in your own Company.
We Must Defend 15 Mill Tax Limitation to Keep It

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for June

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

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Director of Research and Education

Taxes! The word has always had a controversial flavor. It has been a source of conflict in every land throughout the history of civilization. The struggle for American independence began as a revolt against "taxation without representation." The tax thatFlushed the shores of Boston Harbor was thrown overboard in resentment against an unfair consumer tax.

The most common forms of taxes have been those upon real estate and tangible personal property. Such property is so visible and obvious that it is quickly recognized as a source of revenue. It is a visible sign of the owner's ability to pay.

While we are a part of a nation we cannot expect to escape our fair share of taxes. The light, however, has centered over three or four issues.

First, there is the question of establishing a fair and equitable distribution of the tax load over the population that benefits by it.

Second, there is the question as to whether voters who do not pay a tax should have a voice in imposing a tax on others who will have to pay it.

Third, there is the question of adjusting the tax loads to the abilities of individuals and corporations to pay.

Fourth, there is the question of preventing the government from creating tax problems beyond those expected to operate the country efficiently and economically.

In former years the heavy taxing of real estate did not spread the burden properly. This fact became very clear. Before the year 1935 the vast majority of the tax burden rested mainly upon real estate owners. The maintenance of roads, schools, public facilities, and the operational costs of government came largely from this source.

The burden of taxes upon real estate was so great that in order to be able to pay their taxes, property owners were forced to reduce the size of their estates or to raise the price of what they had. This resulted in a decline of the value of property throughout the state.

In that year 58.4% of the total valuation of the non-payment of taxes. The percentage was even greater in other areas. This led to the realization that the tax system had to be changed to spread the burden properly. This fact became very clear as the decade wore on.

In 1936 and 1937 there was a strong interest in amending the law. But both efforts failed by close votes.

Although the tax system obviously opposed widespread equitable distribution, the tax load bears heavily upon the original owners of the property. The state could not bear the cost of property equal to its original value. The law was also unfair because not enough money could be raised within a few years to pay off the bonds. A school board or city must always bear a substantial part of the burden.

The upper limit was too high in the original form. It was raised only by a two-thirds vote of the voters. The amendment was put over 1932. There were 671,124 foreclosures.

Some property owners became so delinquent in their tax payments that the state became delinquent for taxes. The amount of taxes was $57,344,478.71. Not only did the state suffer, but the whole state was stopped in its tracks.

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The people must not be made to pay that caused this. Not only do they have to pay the taxes, but they have to pay the interest on the taxes as well. This is a part of the state constitution. It could be as follows: "The limit of 15 mills could be raised only by a two-thirds vote of the voters of the city in which the property was located.

FARM BUREAU people must work on the matter if they wish to keep what protection remains in the law. It is a part of the state constitution. It could be put to a vote of the voters if they wish. People were asked to vote on the matter during the last election year. It was not put to a vote of the voters.

The proposal for a constitutional amendment will be placed on the ballot in November 1946. The constitution makes it mandatory at that time in the law. It is a part of the state constitution. It could be put to a vote of the voters if they wish. People were asked to vote on the matter during the last election year. It was not put to a vote of the voters.

The 15 mill limitation could be changed only after a major vote of the voters. It is a part of the state constitution. Or it may be gradually changed to meet worsening conditions passed at the polls.

The resolution of the Michigan Farm Bureau Federation. We have taxation without proper representation.

You do not have to insure each crop separately. We have been providing Michigan farmers with sound, inexpensive health insurance for farm and garden crops for the past fourteen years.

A mutual company, operated by farmers. Our policy gives "blanket coverage"—you do not have to insure each crop separately.

Farm Bureau Services through its dealers offers a full line of deals for control of insects and other that attack garden and field crops. The following are just a few deals of a couple of the Farm Bureau Services.

- E-5 Delivery Rake
- CO-OP E-4 HORSE OR TRACTOR DRAWN Combines
- Farm Bureau harvesters
- Farm Bureau Federations
- Farm Bureau cooperation
- Farm Bureau oppositions to the resolutions of the Michigan Farm Bureau Federation.

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Foot Speed Control

Traction Drive

With variable speed traction drive you can change the forward speed of your equipment to suit your needs. "Delta-Matic" hydraulic speed control offers new ease in performance never before attained in combine design. You have full control of speed from a crawl of 2 mph to a fast transport of 10 mph. This wide range of speeds will enable you to save grain and save time.

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Change the height of the header with the touch of your finger. Never much work when operating very rough land.

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Controls

"Controls only cover up when inflation. We will lose 10 to 15 percent of our production in 10 years as we go into great social problems. These great social problems will make inflation.

QUESTIONS for Community Discussion Leaders

1. Why does your group re­

ger the resolutions of the Farm Bureau delegates on the 15 mill limitation as mentioned in the sound? (See articles)

3. What action should the Farm Bureau members be taking to protect the amendment? (See article)

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