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Trend to Socialism is Attacked at AFBF 33rd Convention

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EDITORIAL

Farmers Will Speak for Themselves

The fundamental issue of who shall speak for farmers was met squarely by voting delegates to the 33rd annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau at Chicago December 11-13.

Recalling the protests made about the U.S. Dep't of Agriculture attempting to make farm policy through its Family Farm Review late last summer, the National Farm Bureau said in a resolution:

"The decision of farmers to develop their own voice for agriculture through Farm Bureaus and other independent farm organizations has not deterred other groups and individuals from attempting to speak for agriculture.

'We deplore the efforts of any administrative agency of the federal government to attempt to replace the roles of free and independent farm organizations in the formation of agricultural policy.

"Neither labor groups, business organizations, religious leaders, nor government employes can properly or accurately speak for farmers."

AFBF on National Farm Program

the American Farm Bureau said in a resolution: convention in December made these recommendations with respect to the national farm legislation:

The national farm program is not in need of substantial change.

The Farm Bureau favors maintenance of the present price-support features of the Agricultural Act of 1949. It is opposed to any increase in the level of supports as detrimental to the longtime interests of agriculture.

Opposition was voiced to any expansion of the crop insurance program until it is placed on a sound actuarial basis.

It was recommended that appropriated funds for the agricultural conservation program be allocated on the basis of conservation needs.

Payments for practices which have become a normal and accepted part of farming operations of the area in which the farm is located should be discontinued.

Face Big ssues in '52

Legislature to

STANLEY M. POWELL For the first time in Michigan's history the legislature will hold a regular session beginning in January of an even-numbered year. A constitutional amendment adopted at the April, 1951, election provides that hereafter the legislature will hold a regular annual session beginning on the second Wednesday of each January.

AMONG the more knotty problems which will confront the awmakers at the 1952 session are those relating to appropriations and state finances. The condition of the state treasury has grown steadily worse for the past three fiscal years.

In each of those years expenditures for state purposes and amounts returned to local units of government have totaled more than current revenue. Michigan's General Fund deficit as of June 30, 1951, was \$40,850,260.

THE STATE feels the effects of inflationary trends the same as does an individual citizen. The State Civil Service Commission recently approved a general increase in the pay of state em ployees. All supplies, equipment repairs and new construction cost more than they did in more existing taxes or imposing one or

more taxes remains to be seen. The Legislature may tackle another very controversial issue at he forthcoming session. That would be consideration of changes in the constitutional provisions relative to legislative apportionment. Any amendment which they might approve along this

line would have to be submitted to Michigan voters for adoption or rejection at the November,

If the Constitution is not alterear the lawmakers will be supposed to carry out a reapportion-1950 federal census and in accor-



Roll Call Goes On; 36,284 Dec. 19

The Michigan Farm Bureau's 1952 roll call for mem- FPC Officers normal times. Whether the legis- bership is near the three-quarters mark with 70% of its lature can meet essential needs without raising the rates of some goal for a total of 36,284 as of the last report received And Directors by counties December 19.

Some 15,216 are needed to reach the 1952 goal of Re-elected 51,500 members.

Realizing that reaching the goal is a matter of making good coverage, many of the 62 County Farm Bureaus are well organized for the big clean-up that will get underway early in January to finish the job.

In spite of the unfavorable weather during December, the one big week campaign for all counties enrolled the ed this way during the coming largest number of members for that period of time. Six thousand men and women, who are giving their time ment in 1953 on the basis of the and energy to the campaign, are doing a fine job.

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dance with the present constitu-tional provisions for districting AGAIN this year as in the past two years, we are having about two years, of lacking Rural Health

Controls Road to Life Company Progress With Welfare State **Charter Policy** Seven thousand farm people, including 175 from

30th Year

Michigan, attended the 33rd annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation at Chicago Dec. 11-13

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They heard national leaders in the Farm Bureau, in Congress, and in business say that Americans must make a choice between the trend to a welfare state with more and more of controls, or take steps to preserve the American free choice way of life.

AFBF President Allan B. Kline keynoted the opening session December 11. He said the American people are undergoing "a retrial of the principles of liberty and freedom under law." He urged farmers and others to

continue the "great American experiment" which has DECEMBER 27 all the agents proved its success, and not to "substitute unlimited federal authority in the economic field."

Mr. Kline declared that other nations base their hopes for freedom on America's productive strength. Russia has so far avoided full-scale war because of its respect for U. S. productivity.

While America must assist Europe in appropriate ways, Mr. Kline continued, we must avoid taking responsibilities which should rest on the countries involv-

Roger Fleming, AFBF secretary-treasurer, told the convention that farmers are ready to encourage citizens to vote and take part in the activities of the political party of their choice.

"This . . . is politics in the best sense. It is politics to the extent that it involves the science and practice of government on the part of a free people."

CONGRESSMAN Albert M. department of agricultural ec-Cole (Rep.) of Kansas accused the administration of ignoring the

obvious, direct and intelligent approach to the problem of high prices." Government can "with out shackling, direct controls, bring about a balance between the supply of money and the things people need." Instead, he charged, the administration has

> cheap money and price control." SENATOR Harry F. Byrd

onomics, Michigan State College Third Annual **MFB** Institute

> The third Michigan Farm Bureau Institute will be held Kellogg Center building, Michigan State College, January 16-17, for the purpose of aiding Farm Bureau committees in planning and building a stronger County Farm Bureau program, according to Keith Tanner, director of field services for Michigan Farm Bu-

Jan. 16-17 M chosen "the complex, devious and politically expedient path of

Stockholders of Farmers Pe troleum Co-operative, Inc., re elected their board of directors at

the third annual meeting at Kellogg Center, Michigan State Colege, Dec. 19. The directors in urnace-elected their officers. WAND HODGE of Snover president; Carl E. Buskirk o Paw Paw, is vice-president. Directors are: Ward Hodge,

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FARM BUREAU members

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Joseph Navarre, commission

er of the insurance depart-ment of the state of Mich-igan spoke to the agents on the need for life insurance.

able with all policies.

Carl Buskirk, Marten Garn of Charlotte, Albert Shellenbarger, Lake Odessa; Walter Wightman, Fennville; William Bartz, St. Joseph; Fred King, Blissfield; Thomas Koning, Marne; Glenn Pridgeon, Montgomery.

Demand was also made for a study of means to improve the accuracy of crop estimates.

Support was pledged to legislation to provide mortgage insurance on a sound business basis for the construction of modern, efficient produce markets to meet an urgent need, paticularly in the case of fresh fruit.

On parity, the Farm Bureau opposed any extension of the dual parity provisions contained in the-Agricultural Act of 1949.

AFBF on Federal Government

The American Farm Bureau at its 33rd annual convention spoke for 1,500,000 farm family members in 47 states when it made these recommendations to Congress and the federal government:

That the federal government reduce expenditures in all departments, including agriculture.

The only exception is in agricultural research where an increase was asked to bring up to schedule a number of long-range research jobs. They're lagging for lack of funds.

A reduction of federal expenditures is needed to " permit balancing the budget without additional taxation. This is a sound attack on inflation.

"We reaffirm," the delegates said, "our conviction that price and wage controls are undesirable and contrary to the public interest in the present emergency.

"Our foremost national policy is to mobilize our military and economic strength for an indefinite period with the objective of preventing a third world war.

"We will continue to exert every effort to bring about the earliest possible termination of unsound controls and the adoption of a sound program which will really control inflation."

In the field of international affairs, delegates emphasized that U.S. aid to foreign countries should be of a nature that helps those nations to help themselves.

Technical assistance, increased capital investment and trade and other aids aimed at increasing Continued on Page 2

THE LEGISLATIVE program membership goal the first of Janof the Michigan Farm Bureau was determined by the resolutions uary. The intensified clean-up campaign in the next few week voting delegates at the annual convention of the Michigan Farm

District 10 of northeastern Bureau. Michigan is leading the state with They were guided in their thinking by 680 resolutions which were sent in to the state head-cuerters by 59 of the 61 County They were guided in their quarters by 59 of the 61 County rict 4, 75%; 5th-District 6, 74%; and Rackham Memorial building, Farm Bureaus in Michigan.

In view of the seriousness of many of the issues which will be 9th—District 2, 64%; and, 10th considered during the 1952 legis- District 3, 52%. lative session it is fortunate that

the Michigan Farm Bureau is better prepared to serve its members had reached or gone over their and to protect the interests of goal. All were in District 10, agriculture than ever before. Montmorency-113%, Alcona, Al-

THE PUBLIC Affairs Division pena and Iosco-100%. of the state organization was Following are the county and strengthened this past fall with state membership totals as of resenting the Michigan Farm the addition of Mr. Dan E. Reed, December 19, 1951:

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Conterence At Ann Arbor

The 5th annual Michigan Rural JrFB Council 6th-District 8, 72%; 7th-Dist-Istarting at 1:00 p. m. Jan. 11.

Meets Jan. 5 Dr. A. C. Furstenberg, dean of the school of medicine at the University of Michigan, is general chairman. The Michigan DECEMBER 19 four counties Farm Bureau is one of the sponsoring agencies

The first day the meeting will explore the idea of who is responsible for health. Mrs. Raymond Murton of St. Johns, rep-Bureau Women will speak to the conference on what the individ-Goal Dec. 19 290 291 1.748 1.093 tor, the voluntary health organ-

ization, and the government are also having a chance to say what their responsibility is in the community. Every effort is being made to

make the Fifth Annual Rural Health Conference interesting and informative. It is hoped that each Farm Bureau Board will send at least two representatives to this health conference.

Dr. Hutzel Metzger

Dr. Hutzel Metzger, 56, president of the St. Paul Bank for **Farm Products** Co-operatives since 1933, died of a heart attack early in Decem ber.

Dr. Metzger was well known to many people in Michigan farm co-operatives through their loan operations with the bank. Many of the important farm co-op developments in Michigan the past 15 years were made possible in part by loans from the St. 300 Paul Bank. Mr. Metzger's knowledge of

farmer co-operation and his understanding of agriculture enabled him to do outstanding work as a loan officer. He was born at Athens, Tenn. He joined the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1923 to do service work for farmers co-operatives.

Sanilac Guest Day

Sanilac County Farm Bureau held a rural-urban guest day 461 36.28 program this fall which was attended by 200 persons.

The board re-engaged Clark L. (Dem.) of Virginia told the con-Brody of Lansing as executive vention that "the welfare state secretary and treasurer. J. F. is that state of twilight in Yaeger of East Lansing is ass't which the glow of democratic executive secretary; G. F. Grisfreedoms is fading beyond the wold of East Lansing is ass't horizon, leaving us to be swaltreasurer. Earl Huntley of Charowed in the blackness of sociallotte is manager.

sm, or worse. He attacked President Tru-

nan's program as containing the lements of socialism, citing the Brannan plan and socialized medicine as examples.

SENATOR Everett M. Dirksen Rep.) of Illinois told the convention that government controls

The Michigan Junior Farm Bureau will hold its first 1952 are the essence of socialism and Council meeting on Saturday, warned that the people who want to put America into a strait-January 5 at East Lansing. The group will meet in Room 32 of jacket are working day and the Michigan State College Un night to secure more controls. He lashed at moral laxity in Washion Building at 10:30 a. m. All loington and hit at government' cal and county Junior presidents should attend. Others are welefforts to "manage public opin-

ion" through a 75 million dollar come to attend but only the prespropaganda budget."

The day will be spent in outlin American foreign aid will be ing the state projects for 1952. noney down a rat hole unless it Topics for discussions will in followed up by the exportation clude state camps, Ionia cafeter f American democracy and Amia, talk meet, sports festival, aprican capitalism, said Robert ple juice stand, skilled driving Oliver, former CIO representacampaign, state tour, American ive now serving as labor adviser Institute of Co-operation, plu o the Economic Cooperation Adany others that members care to ministration. bring up. Adjournment will be at

"The 275 million people of Western Europe produce only 121 billions of dollars worth of goods tend 100 per cent all of their annually," he said. "The gross respective workshop sessions. national product of these coun-

tries must be increased, and for t to be increased the incentives hat bring about expanded proluction and enlarged markets nust be created.

Heavy in 1952 WADE G. McCARGO, chair-

nan of the executive committee Outlooking for 1952, the Burof the National Retail Dry Goods eau of Agricultural Economics notes that the nearly unsatisfied that if we are to stop this country's demand for farm products as well as for most other goods and Americans must be aroused to services will be just as insatiable greater civic consciousness. Work- Chicago Dec. 13. or more so, during the coming ng together to get Americans to

The Bureau said that the strong of putting in men who believe in president. demand in prospect for 1952 is our American way of life." based largely on the expected Dean Warren L. Blizzard of

rise in employment and consum-Oklahoma Agricultural College er incomes as defense prepara and D. Howard Doane, founder of the Doane Agricultural Service, Reviewing 1951, BAE said the received AFBF awards for disgross nation production the first tinguished service to American half of this year was nearly one griculture

fifth larger than a year ago. ". Consumer expenditures were up A JOINT pre-convention ses- directorship.

sion of the AFBF and the Asabout 10 percent, government expenditures expanded by nearly 40 percent . . . business outlays sion of communism, socialism and Hassil E. Schenck, Indianapolis, for new plants and equip- capitalism by Arthur March, D. Indiana, and H. E. Slusher, Jeffment . . . up about 42 percent. B. Varner and D. E. Butz, of the erson City, Missouri,

THE INSTITUTE provides local committee chairmen the opportunity to exchange ideas, to become better acquainted with their duties and responsibilities, and to work with other committee chairmen from other counties

Between 350 and 400 County Farm Bureau leaders, representing county presidents, editors of Farm Bureau papers, and county committee chairmen, are planning to attend the two-day event.

REGISTRATION will be held between 9:00-10:00 a. m. on January 16. The first session will be held at 10:00 a. m. sharp in the main auditorium. Roger Fleming, secretary-treasurer of the AFBF, will discuss "The Farm Bureau in Washington" at the evening dinner meeting of Jan. 16. Harry Bryson, director of field services, AFBF, will speak on "Your Institute and the Job Ahead" at the closing session of January 17. Certificates of participation will be awarded to those who at-

Kline Heads

Allan B. Kline, of Vinton, Iowa, was elected president of the Amfor his third two-year term as

rote, he said, "is our sure way Arkansas, was re-elected vice

Voting delegates from 46 states and Puerto Rico also elected Charles Marshall, Lincoln, Ne braska, a new member of the board of directors from the midwestern region, succeeding Hernan Praeger, Manhattan, Kansas. Carl Buskirk, Michigan president, had considerable support for this

Re-elected to the board from sociated Women heard a discus- the midwestern region were

Association, told the convention erican Farm Bureau Federation

headlong descent into socialism, the national farm organization closed its 33rd annual meeting at

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EDITORIAL

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Farmers are finding themselves squeezed by in-

creasing costs of farming while their income from

the things they have to sell is declining. Prices

received by farmers have gone down for the 6th

straight month while production costs are going up.

During the same period, the parity index has gone

wind blows from the wrong direction," a banker

There never was a time when farmers need to

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Farmers Need Organization

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1952 that "buying now might prove economical."

Buy Farm Bureau seeds.





SOIL-CEMENT today's biggest value for light-traffic roads

because about 90 per cent of the required material is usually native soil on the site. It's easy to transform high-maintenance cost dirt, gravel or stone roads into strong, longlasting pavement good for years of all-weather service with soil-cement.

PORTLAND CEMENT ASSOCIATION

pavement now in use. Olds Tower Bldg., Lansing 8, M



Machinery Open House at Mt. Pleasant, Jan. 24

Officers and members of County Farm Bureaus are invited to attend the grand opening celebration of the Not Getting News? new Farm Bureau Services farm equipment retail branch at Mt. Pleasant, Thursday, January 24. The event will be an all day affair with a complimentary luncheon at noon.

Mt. Pleasant Co-operative Elevator Company is holding its annual "Co-op Day" in conjunction with the grand opening of the new Farm Bureau farm machinery branch. A complete line of Farm Bureau supplies and commodities as well the full line of Co-op farm machinery will be on display throughout the day.

J. F. Yaeger, general manager of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., and A. M. Warren, general sales manager of National Farm Machinery Co-operative, Inc., will be the principal speakers.

farm machinery and equipment Their prices are low, but they on high producing farms today can be even lower with the equals approximately the value of his land

Up-keep and replacement costs of farm equipment is one of his larger annual expenditures.

With nearly six million farmmanufacturers for power equipment, the development of a cooperative farm equipment manufacturing program is of vital importance



The Farmer's investment in | farm tools of unexcelled quality. wholehearted support of ali

Farm Bureau members. If your county needs a Co-op Farm Equipment retail branch store, this is your chance to see how the Mt. Pleasant branch is ers depending on only a few equipped to serve the Farm Bureau members of Isabella county.

While you are attending the event you can also learn about the National Co-operative Machinery plants and the outstanding equipment manufactured in

Farmers' Week Dairy Program Announced

Michigan farmers attending the dairy programs during the Farmers' Week at Michigan State College in late January are going to

If you know of members failing to receive their Michigan Farm News, please send us a postcard giving name, postoffice and RFD number together with name of County Farm Bureau. Thank you. Michigan Farm News, P. O. Box 960 Lansing, Mich.



STAR AWARDS October

Farm Bureau, Oceana County, Mrs. Fred Kerr, Secretary. Silver Star-Levering, Emmet,

Mrs. Percy Reed, sec'y. son, sec'y

Gold Star-Casnovia, Muske-gon, Mrs. E. Harry Norris, sec'y

Lake Oceana, Mrs. Helen Gilliland, sec'y. Silver Star-Custer, Mason, Mrs. Leslie Conant, sec'y.

MRS. MARJORIE GARDNER Dear Community Farm Bureau Members: Listed above are the star award winners for October and

November. Due to the fact that last month's paper was devoted principally to roll call, we did not prepare an article on Community Farm Bureau.

the programs quite langed from previous years. "We want to give our dairymen a chance to find the answers to the problems bothering them. That's why we're having a more informal type program this year," reports Dr. considerable progress in this re-Earl Weaver, head of the department. The Monday, January 28 "Dairy Day" program is about as usual, reported in as yet. They are: with the general session for Cheboygan county-Birchdairymen in the morning and wood; Weadock. Eaton countybreed association meetings in the North Benton Doane; Townline Genesee county-Central Diviafternoon and evening. Fred Idste, Beloit, Wis., will be the main speaker discussing: Purebred Dairy Cattle." "Why Idste county-Moore. is secretary of the Brown Swiss Breeders of America and also of the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association. retary and see that we get your



MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

Christmas

We try to keep Christmas as Christmas The birthday of Jesus, our Lord; The glad anniversary season Of joy and all holy accord. A day just as sacred as Easter Or Sunday. A day to be good.

A day for devotion and worship Not merely for presents and food.

I don't mean we keep it with fasting I don't mean we're solemn and glum. He came to bring peace to God's children

And Oh, we are glad He could come! He came with good will as His message,

And glory to God was the song

Of the angelic choir in the heavens. We still don't believe they were wrong.

- I don't mean that business is evil,
- But just that it's much over done We think it was love and not profit
- That caused God to send us His Son.
- We join in the rush at the dime store, My faithful wife Marthy and I.
- We trim up the tree for the grandboys. She feeds them on turkey and pie.
- But through it we try to remember
- That Christmas primarily stands For the birthday of Jesus our Savior
- Who came with no gifts in His hands
- But with infinite love and compassion For the souls of God's children on earth. We try to keep Christmas as Christ's day.
- Remembering Him and His birth.

R. S. Clark 315 North Grinnell St. Jackson, Michigan

New Idea Grows Corn **On Worn Out Soils**

Gold Star-Shelby Community

Silver Star-South Arm, Charlevoix, Mrs. George D. Nel-

· November

Silver Star-Crystal

COMMUNITY groups number 1046. To date 1046 set-up sheets have been received from Community Farm Bureau groups giving us their new officers for the next twelve months. Last year at this time we had approximately 962 set-up sheets indicating that we have made gard this year. However, there are still 8 groups who have not sion. , Gratiot county-Seville. Oceana county-Weare. Sanilac If you are a member of one of these Community Farm Bureaus, ually destroyed," Dr. Scarseth will you please contact your sec-

some control over the "economic wind." Now is the time to build a stronger Michigan Farm Bureau. The discovery of a method of 1 Dr. Scarseth said that actually growing big crops of corn on the new treatment is a combinworn out land was described to ation of fundamental facts conthe American Farm Bureau at cerning corn stands, mulch ef-

its annual meeting by Dr. George | fects, behavior of chemical fer-D. Scarseth, director of the Am- tilizer elements, weeds, cultivation, corn roots, moisture, tilth and erosion. These facts had been of research at state agriculture trash of the previous crop on the experiment stations.

"WE KNOW that weeds hurt orn by competition for plant food nutrients, especially ' nitrogen. This can be corrected by the scientific use of commercial nitrogen, balanced with adequate

phosphate and potash. "Weeds also hurt corn by shading it." This can be controlled by knocking the weeds down, but not killing them and thickening the corn stand and increasing its rate of growth with plant nutrients so as to cause the corn to shade out the weeds.'

operations.

corn without plowing.

On 43 acres 7 miles west of

consisted of applying at the time

of the planting of the seed 800

one operation and in the old corn

NURSERY STOCK

Only a seedbed is prepared for the corn, a narrow strip two or three inches wide. The trash of Bureau. the previous crop is left on the ground to protect the soil. The trash, corn stalks and other

were side dressed at five inches deep on one side of the corn row and approximately twelve inches away from the plant." This completed the treatment.

"THE COST of the fertilizer amounted to about \$46 an acre. THE METHOD discards the developed, he said, through years This was highly profitable because one-half of the fertilizer is carried over as plant food and organic matter residue from the stalks and weeds for the next

season. "in addition to the fertilizer costs, there was a \$38 an acre cost for operation and overhead. Yet at \$1.50 a bushel of corn, the net profit was \$103 an acre. On top of this profit, the soil was richer for the next season." Dr. Scarseth, former head of the department of soils and farm crops at Purdue University, said

other seasons were needed to confirm the one year's results. The American Farm Research Ass'n is supported mainly by state units of the American Farm

Well To Order '52 residue usually are cleared and Insecticides Now the field plowed in present farm | The U.S. Department

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said. "On July 6, additional of these sprays and dusts are benational organization to improve and extend es of portland cement and concrete . . . the ientific research and engineering field nitrogen at the rate of 200 pounds coming more acute with the exan acre of ammounium nitrate pansion of defense production. The department also suggested

J. F. YAEGER

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Tuesday through Thursday, new officers?

January 29 through 31 the morn-For the year to date, we have added 9 new Community Farm ing dairy programs will be held in the East Concourse beneath Bureaus and lost 34 from last Macklin Field Stadium. Here year. We are shooting towards Dr. C. F. Huffman of the M.S.C. a goal of 1225 groups for the staff will show some of the re- 1952 fiscal year so as to service search work being done in dairy members who are not now afnutrition and exhibit the ani- filiated with Community Farm mals. He and others will an-Bureau and also new members swer questions. written up during this roll call.

Afternoon programs will be at INSTITUTE. January 16 and 17 the new dairy housing research Michigan Farm Bureau will hold and demonstration center on the its annual institute for county college farm, a mile south of the leaders. There will be a two-day main campus on Forest and Colsession devoted to ten different ege roads. Farmers will visit segments of the county program. the new center and hear discus-One section will be for Comsions of the labor saving methmunity Farm Bureau committee ods made available. D. L. Murchairmen. It is sincerely hoped ray, extension dairyman, and that all people assuming this re-B. F. Cargill, agricultural enginsponsibility in their counties will eer, will lead the discussion. present.

tion, will be in charge of the

Community Farm Bureau section.

HONORABLE MENTION

groups for October and Novem-

Riley Center Community Farm

South Center Essex, Clinton,

Vantown, Ingham, Bruce

We of the Farm Bureau staff

Bureau, Clinton County,

Clarence Light, secretary.

Helen Gilliland, sec'y.

Clarence Light, sec'y.

Riley Center, Clinton,

Alt, sec'y

Year

The dairy barns and the Michigan Artificial Breeding Cooper-Bureau leaders who have attendative bull stud will be open for ed past institutes this is a very worthwhile meeting. Don Kinsey, director of research and informa-

Save Butterfat

inspection.

Michigan State college dairy specialists have made a suggestion that can mean dollars and cents savings for the state's dairymen.

They say not to fill milk cans so full that the cream will col-lect on the lid. That results in a loss of butterfat and a lower test when the product is sold.

Machinery Repairs

Machinery that is repaired during the slack season is not so apt to be laid up for repairs during Mrs. Leona Bottum, see'y. rush seasons, remind Michigan State College extension special- Granger.

send our best wishes for the New Get your fertilizer early.



erican Farm Research Assn.

field.

usual tillage tools, and leaves the

GEORGE D. SCARSETH

The first experiment on an Indiana farm this year produced Lafayette, Ind., the treatment 125.5 bushels to the acre. A year ago the same field yielded 25 bushels an acre:

pounds of high-analysis fertilizer "The way most of the 85,000.in a band nine inches deep under 000 acres of land planted to corn the seed row, and 300 pounds an is handled with regard to erosion acre of the fertilizer is a split and destruction of organic matter band at the side of the seed. and natural fertility, the corn THIS WAS done with the new machine drawn by a tractor in

said.

stalk stubble. The corn was not "A WAY must be found to cultivated for four weeks. By grow corn at the most profit then the weeds were waist high with high yields and in such a "but the corn was thriving and way that the soil is improved, not didn't even know the weeds were hurt, by the process. We believe there.'

"Two cultivations with a diskthe way has been found." like affair were used to knock Corn is the raw material of beef, pork and dairy products. the weeds down," Dr. Scarseth

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gan.

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culture last month urged farmers to avert bottlenecks in the DR. SCARSETH said that since 1952 supply of insecticides, fungiplowing exposes the soil to cides and weed killers by ordererosion, a special machine was ing them now. designed for the International Shortages of many ingredients Harvester Company to plant the

"State Mutual Insures Every Fifth Farm in Michigan-Ask Your Neighbors Openings for Agents in Some Communities



Using a stronger spray solution and applying correspondingly less of it per tree shows advantages in spraying fruit crops. According to the Michigan State College Agricultural Experiment Station, end results are as effective as when more of ordinary mixtures are used. Concentrate spraying reduces spray injury to fruit and foliage, cuts amount of spray chemicals lost by run-off, reduces the water needed and time required for refilling. On vegetable crops, concentrate spraying has been limited to control of insects when complete coverage is not required. For further information, call, write or visit your County Agricultural Agent.



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may still be available with copper pans. Ask us about English tin pans, Buckets must be ordered now to assure delivery. Write for des-riptive folder and prices on evap-ators, buckets, cans, glass bottles, filters, thermometers, labels and all other supplies needed in the pro-duction and marketing of maple syrup. Sugar Bush Supples Com-pany, PO Box 1107, Lansing, Mich. (Located on M-43, West Saginaw Boad, just west of Lansing and Waverly golf course.) (1-tf-50b)

(1-tf-45b)

BRILLIANT Everbearing straw



New telephone truck is "jack of all frades"

Michigan Bell has recently put into service. a truck that can dig a hole in the ground, hoist and set a 35-foot telephone pole, pull up old wire, haul tools and materials and do a lot of other work, with a 2-man crew. A remarkable piece of mechanical engineering efficiency, this new truck is another example of the way we're working to speed telephone service to rural areas and at the same time keep costs down.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1952

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

Income Tax Changes For Farmers Are in Effect for 1951

Lights Notice to Community **Discussion** Leaders

If you are a Community Farm Bureau discussion leader and have not been receiving discussion materials it is because your name is not on the mailing list. Any omission here is unintentional. Each month material is sent out to discussion leaders. We hope they will find it helpful.

If you are not receiving this material, please send (1) your name and address, (2) the name of your Community Farm Bureau. Mastitis

Good milking practices help prevent mastitis, MSC extension dairymen remind farmers. and (3) the name of the former

discussion leader to the Michigan Poultry Health

lots this winter.

Children

for school,

Farm Bureau, Dept. of Member-The condition of your poultry house this fall and winter is goship Relations. We shall be glad to make the necessary correc- ing to have a lot to do with the health of your poultry flock.



Wise farmers, in these days of shortages, are ordering their critical supplies well in advance. Fertilizer this year is one of the very critical items-supply is limited, ingredients short, demand high. Farmers who wait until spring to take out their hi-analysis fertilizer are apt to lose out.

Take Delivery Of Farm Bureau Fertilizers Now!

To be certain you had better get your spring supply of Farm Bureau Fertilizers today. Fertilizer is one of your best buys-returning \$4 for every \$1 you invest. Farm Bureau hi-analysis fertilizers provide more plant food with less weight at lower cost.

You get a discount on every ton of Farm Bureau fertilizer paid for and delivered to your farm during January, February and March. The sooner you take delivery the greater your discount.



Don't Wait and Be Sorry - BE WISE & DELIVERY NOW TAKE Available Through Your Local



It's income tax time again. But just don't sit down Children need constant safety reminders. Caution them about and fill out your tax forms the same way you did last traffic hazards when they leave year, advises the Ohio Farm Bureau News, because there have been some changes made.

> Congress passed a new tax act on October 20, 1951. Boiled down, it amounts to this: taxes are higher. Changes affect you as a farmer mainly if you have sold farm animals or changed your farm residence.

> If you sold or exchanged your residence during 1951 at a gain and, within one year after (or before) the sale, you purchased and occupied another residence, none of the gain is taxable if the cost of the new residence equals or exceeds the sale price of the old residence.

> If your farm, of which your principal residence is a part, is sold and another residence is purchased, as part of another farm or otherwise, this applies to the allocated sale and purchase prices of the residences involved.

> Taxpayers are allowed, under certain circumstances, to consider sales of draft, breeding, and dairy animals as sales of capital assets. Sales of this kind are reported on Schedule D (File with Form 1040) rather than on Form 1040F, and, in most cases, only 50% of the gain from such sales is taxable.

> THE REVENUE Act of 1951 1950, sales of poultry cannot be considered as sales of capital asprovides, for tax years beginning sets. after December 31, 1950, that if a Except that the animals must sale of a draft, breeding, or dairy have been owned for only "longer animal-is to be considered as a than six months" instead of "12 sale of a capital asset, the following requirements must be met: method of reporting sales of draft, months or longer," the above 1. The animal must have been breeding, and dairy animals ap-

> owned for at least 12 months. plies to all "open" taxable years 2. The animal must have been 2. The annual most of dairy begin held for draft, breeding, or dairy 1950. beginning after December 31, purposes, and not primarily for sale in the ordinary course of "OPEN" YEARS include: the farm business.

.THESE NEW requirements replace all previous rulings of the Bureau of Internal Revenue concerning treatment of sales of ivestock as sales of capital as-The new act also states specificially that, for tax years beginning after December 31,



FOR POULTRY

SPRING

Juniors Take Part in AFBF Convention

Forty-six Michigan Junior Farm Bureau members attended present to the American Institute he National Rural Youth Con- of Co-operation their recommen erence at Chicago, December 9- dations and suggestions for the 12. It was part of the American planning and promotion of the Farm Bureau Federation conven- 1952 Institute which will be held

on the campus of Michigan State tion. 347 Junior delegates came from 28 states. College August 11-14. Members of this committee in-DOROTHY TABERSKI, our clude: Chairman Clarence Prentate's representative to the Natice, Arthur Howland, and T. K tional Rural Youth Committee, Cowden, agricultural economics MSC; and J. F. Yaeger and Everwas in charge of registration. Sunday evening our group conett Young, Michigan Association ducted the vesper service. Vern of Farmer Co-operatives. Thalmann of Berrien was chair

cago January 14.

Meets Jan. 14

Michigan

man. He was assisted by Betty Jone Pidd of Washtenaw county, Nat'l Council Bob Harrison of Barry, Vern Hodge of Ingham, Lois Taylor of Farm Co-ops Isabella, and Keith Lamkin of Emmet The National Rural Youth Tal

nt Find was also part of the Sunday evening program. This i program staged for the enterainment of the various conferences at the AFBF convention. Audrey Coy of Washtenaw was Michigan's representative. She was received well and sang again n Monday for the entertainment of the large organization confer-MONDAY was education day

hotel in Chicago January 14-17. or the Juniors. Warren Newbery, national rural chairman from include Charles E. Wilson, dir Oklahoma, gave his annual adector of mobilization, and Char dress. Several states showed slides of one phase of their rural les F. Brannan, secretary of agyouth activity. Michigan showed riculture. lides on public relations. Paul Committees that are the foun Leipprandt of Huron and Michdation of the National Council'

igan Junior President Dick Root program will meet during the of Gratiot had charge of this part morning • sessions. f the program. men are members of these com The national rural youth talk

mittees: W. Victor Bielinski neet preliminaries were held 1. All returns for the taxable | Monday afternoon. Four regional management personnel rela winners were picked. Erma Lul- tions; C. L. Brody, marketing nam of Lenawee represented and foreign trade; L. S. Mon Michigan well, but had the mis- roe, accounting and business ad fortune to be disqualified for ministration; B. A. Rainey, farm peaking past the time limit. Re- supply and service; E. F. Stef ional winners were from West fen, law and executive transpor Virginia, Oklahoma, Idaho, and tation; J. F. Yaeger, state coun-Ohio. The final winner was Miss cils; and Everett Young, public Marvella Hearn of Oklahoma. relations and infirmation. The Juniors heard President Allan Kline's address, "Who Shall Speak for Farmers?" They also Those to attend from Michi-

gan include: Waldo E. Phillips THIS MEANS that a farmer heard AFBF Secretary Roger Chairman, MAFC; J. F. Yaeger who reported as ordinary income Fleming deliver his annual reassistant executive secretary port. B. A. Rainey, E. F. Steffen, May OUR young people heard such outstanding national leaders as W. V. Bielinski, B. P. Pattison Congressmen Clair Engle Albert Farm Bureau Services; L. W claim (on Form 843) for refund. Cole, Everett Dicksen, and Sena- Morley, Michigan Milk Produc-In reporting farm expenses, tor Harry Byrd; ECA Labor Aders Association; and Clarence itemize wages paid farm help visor Robert Oliver, and Presi- Prentice, Michigan State Col-(including the 1-11/2 per cent dent Wade McCargo of the Nalege. withheld) and the 1-11/2 per cent tional Small Businessmen's Astax paid by the employer, speci- sociation.

Leaves fied as "social security tax on Michigan Juniors made their Matted leaves left on a nal appearance in the program

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ties is below the quantity which would require marketing quotas under provisions of the Agriculn 5% ten year debentures. tural Act of 1938, as amended. The funds are for FPC working

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provided for the Revenue Act of diana. 1950 took effect late in that year. but apply to the entire year 1951. Thus the taxes on 1951 incomes are higher than those on 1950 incomes. The Revenue Act of 1951 further increased the income Series Set For tax rates.

ears 1948 (until March 15, 1952),

2. Any year with respect to

which a consent agreement (on

3. Any year for which any ad-

ditional tax has been paid with-

in the past two years, provided

Form 872) is still in force.

1949, and 1950.

IF YOUR business year starts Jan. & Feb. January 1, you have two choices in filing returns. Either file your return and pay the tax on or be-fore January 31, 1952; or file an A series of 15 Co-op Clinics estimate of your tax and pay jointly sponsored by Michigan this amount by January 15, then State College and the Michigan file your return and pay any balance due by March 15. Since the new tax bill wasn't Michigan in January and Febru-Michigan in January and Februpassed by Congress until October 20, the new bulletins were not The clinics are held for coavailable at press time. However, operative managers and directors they should be available at your and county agricultural agents. county agent's office soon. Stop They will be conducted as open in and ask for "Farmer's 1951 discussions of subjects of current Income Tax" bulletin. It will be interest to the group.

MFB Women **Aid Students**

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ocal meetings: Financing of cooperatives, operating problems and responsibilities of co-op directors, and changes in the revenue code affecting cooperatives. At the Upper Peninsula clinics, R. T. Hartwig, extension service, Miss Sushela Lingaiah of India, Marquette, will present his views

The following topics have been

elected for consideration at the

a student at Michigan State Colon how to make annual meetlege, has been one of the recipings more effective. ients of the Foreign Student Arthur Howland, Agricultural

Scholarship Fund, which has Economics Department, MSC, and been carried on by the Michigan Everett Young, Michigan Asso-Farm Bureau Women for the past ciation of Farmer Cooperatives, two years. Miss Lingaiah is a are in charge of the series. The student in home, economics. meetings are scheduled as fol-Recently Miss Lingaiah return-

ed the money which had been January 18-Escanaba, 21-Iron given her by the Michigan Farm River, 22-Hancock, 23-Sault Bureau Women saying she was Ste. Marie.

February 4 (noon)-Coldwater, now able to care for herself and felt that the money should be (night)-St. Joseph, 5 (noon)turned back so it would be avail- Grand Rapids, (hight)-Lansing, able for some other student in 6-Ypsilanti, 7 (noon)-Bad Axe, (night)-Lapeer, 8-St. Louis, 11 Miss Lingaiah is going back to (noon)-Boyne City, (night)-her home in India and establish Traverse City, 12-Big Rapids.

One of the best ways to handle

We wish her much success in her Bloat

the bloat problem with dairy cows on pasture is to provide a Hard cooked eggs for salads rack of dry hay or straw for the and cold plates should be cooled animals. If placed near the watpromptly to prevent over-cook- ering or resting place, Michigan ing and to help prevent the dark State College dairymen say ring that sometimes appears cows will consume the hay around the yolk. which need not be of best quality

established lawn will smother when the state champion Berthe grass. rien square dance team perform-

ed for the entire convention Wed-THIS is clean-up time-time nesday evening. Four teams were to clean out the hazards around invited to dance. Others were the farmstead which might cause from Tennessee, Illinois, and Ininjury, loss of time, or even disaster.





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need of it.

Unlimited Federal Power is Asked in Name of Emergency Kline Tells AFBF ernment itself to take over the functions of price. Down this road are price fixing, rationing, Montmorency Wins Bell For Keeps black markets, subsidies, and the What's Going On For the third straight year almost insuperable political job Montmorency County Farm Buwhich would follow if we inflate under price controls and then

President Allan B. Kline of the American Farm Bureau Federation told the organization's 33rd annual meeting at Chicago December 11:

""We are being urged in the name of 'emergency' to desert the proven success of the great American experiment, and to substitute unlimited federal authority in the economic field."

Americans, Mr. Kline said, are being asked to "forsake the methods of proven success and to substitute methods which have so far produced only failure by comparison. Let us not forget that we seek not only to avert the holocaust of a Third World War, but to preserve the American way."

Our major defenses, Mr. Kline said, are military strength and productive capacity. Military requirements are reasonably well understood, yet they are subject to many qualifications. "There is no question whatever but that we might overarm for the purpose of avoiding war and get into it that way.

"THE SECOND DEFENSE is take the responsibility for their the extraordinary capacity of the United States to produce. The struggle for freedom in the world is conditioned on how well the United States does in the United States. There is neither the will war against the United States, nor the strength in any other not for moral reasons, but becountry in the world nor in all the cause of fear of our productive other countries put together to strength. that which threatens oppose freedom, except as the free nations appraise the strength of the United States."

Our foreign policy, too, part of our defense, Mr. Kline pointed out. We are interested in the prosperity, strength and morale of our friends abroad, and we seek to develop trade with them on a long-time basis of mutual benefit.

"OUR AIM must be to assist in appropriate ways, but to remember that these nations, too, are self-respecting and that they have the right to decide about their own affairs.

"We should avoid like the plague taking responsibility on ourselves which can only be successfully managed by the citizens of the countries involved. Selfreliance must be theirs. Their political, economic and social in stitutions are theirs.

"Progress can only be permanent, or meaningful if it becomes part of those institutions. It will, and taking the other road. in the long run, prove a disastrous mistake for other nations to be- in that direction, as for the gov-

reau has won the large "cow bell" award for reporting the try to get out of that straithighest percentage of their 1952

membership goal by midnight of AMENDMENTS to the Defense the second day of the state-wide Production Act of 1950, Mr. Kline roll call for membership campaign. Montmorency reported in aid, provided the means to about nationalization 110% of their goal at the end of through maximum federal conthe second day. trols over the economy.

"The pattern is not accidental," ALCONA again this year is a e declared, "and it does not go winner of the medium-sized chrome-plated "cow bell" award, the way I think we ought to go. having reported a 96% of their It goes the other way. What I goal at the end of the second day think we ought to do is to decide of the campaign. Last year Alcona in this emergency to have the County won the small bell award, places. minimum controls necessary to however, the previous year they won the medium-sized one. PRICE CONTROLS, Mr. Kline

Minutemen

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Session of '52

DAN E. REED

The 1100 members of the Mich-

Branch County Farm Bureau eported in the third highest per centage of their goal with 92% obtained at the end of the second day of the campaign. Branch will receive the small "cow bell award. This is the first time in the three year history of the

Refuting extravagant claims about high farm income, Mr. Kline cited figures from the department of agriculture showing that net farm income dropped lieve that we can or will try to 25.6 per cent between 1947 and actions. That must remain theirs. 1950, while personal income for PRESIDENT KLINE said that the population as a whole went up 17.7 per cent, and wages and the Russian dictatorship so far

meet the emergency."

aid, interfere with production,

waste manpower, lead to black

markets and disrespect for law

defense," he declared, "is not

very good. What we need is

production. The way to get it

s our way. It is dramatically

superior to this other thing.

"That kind of preparation for

bring

salaries rose 19.5 per cent. has failed to launch a full-scale Gross farm income during the same period declined only 4.5 per cent, while the net dropped

gan Farm Bureau legislative 25.6 per cent, reflecting the rise in farm operating costs. team who have been selected by their Community Farm Bureaus "THERE ARE those who would

like to keep agriculture in its present price relationships and force us to take federal subsidies in lieu of prices," Mr. Kline declared. "This is hardly the way for the American people to be fed. It is certainly not the way to capitalize on our traditional suc-

> Minutemen. The work of the Minutemen will be correlated in the counties by a legislative committee appointed by the County Farm Bureau board of directors. The

hange, grain and bean marketng agency owned by 135 local o-operative elevators in lower Michigan, has greatly expanded s bean storage facilities.

Pres., American Farm Bureau

"No single thing goes so far



Bureaus reporting the highest percentage of their membership goal by midnight of December 80% 10. First prize of \$40 and second award that a southern county prize of \$20 are awarded to the Clinton, 93%.



ARMBUREA

ENA 19

AUK HUPEAL

based on their 1952 membership

norency, 113%; 2nd—Iosco, 96%. 301-700. Alpena, 98%; Missau-

701-1051, St. Joseph, 85%; Kent

and North-West Michigan, 80%.

1051-1400. Bay, 81%; Ionia,

1401 AND UP. Branch 97%;

UP TO 300. 1st place-Mont-

goals as follows:

kee, 85%

The sale of its million dollar Shelbyville, Indiana, farm machinery plant and the purchase of an 80-acre test farm near its Bellevue, Ohio, plant was announced recently by National Farm Machinery Co-operative, Inc.

Farm Bureau Services, Inc., a substantial stockholder of the machinery co-operative, confirmed the sale to consolidate their operations pointing out that future production of National Farm Machinery Co-operative will be conducted entirely from its large Bellevue, Ohio, plant. This plant is being enlarged sufficiently to offset the Shelbyville production. The Pittsburg Plate Glass Company is the purchaser of the Indiana Facilities.

An 80-acre farm located four miles south of the Machinery Co-operative's Bellevue factory has been purchased for the purpose of field testing Co-op Black Hawk farm implements. The farm, with the exception

of a small stand of timber, is tillable and is particularly well suited to testing because of its wide variety of soil conditions, company officials said.

A committee of NFMC directors and officials has been appointed for the administration of the farm and its development as a proving ground and testing site. The widely-known Co-op Black Hawk line of farm machinery and equipment is distributed by Farm Bureau Services, Inc. through its local associations and dealers.

Winners in Though only an extremely small amount of boron is required for

REMEMBER? "I have been reading the Dec-Several months ago we had an ember edition of the Michigan, interesting personal experiences Farm News containing the anarticle on early days in Gratiot nual report of Farm Bureau county by FB member E. W. Services. I wish to congratu-Redman, 88, now living at late Farm Bureau members on Brookside Farms, 19 Connewan- their success. Co-operation ata Road, Pittsburgh RFD-9, mong farmers in establishing. Penn. Mr. Redman wrote us in their own factories will save late December: them millions of dollars."



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TENNESSEE Gallatin — Summer Co. Coop. Cry. Ass'n. Aurfreesboto — Rutherford County Cooperative Creamery, Inc. Iolensville — Nolensville Cooperative Creamery Association, Inc.

- Miami Valley Milk Producers ville — Miami Valley Milk ILLINOIS ngfield -- Miami Valley Milk Producers'

OHIO Pana — Equity-Union Cry. & Produce Co. Paris — Equity-Union Cry. & Produce Co.



ALLAN B. KLINE

MR. KLINE warned against deserting the incentive system

El. Exch. Buys **Bean Storage** The Michigan Elevator Ex-

committee will work closely with the district representatives. AS COUNTY Farm Bureau legislative committees are appoint ed, it is expected that they will

fit into the pattern of other committees appointed by the county It has bought 10 concrete silos board of directors, such as memnear Marysville, nine miles south bership, Community Farm Buof Port Huron, and a warehouse reau, farm supply and resolutions. for the storage of bagged beans.

committees. The silos, of concrete stone A network of telephone cononstruction, have a combined tacts will be set up in each counapacity of 350,000 bushels of bulk ty so that the thinking of Farm beans. They are approved for Bureau members can be quickl reflected in contacts with legis the storage of beans under the government price support prolators and officials.

It is expected that the legis-The silos were used originally lative committee will also make for the storage of magnesium plans for meeting with legislators hloride by the Dow Chemical and other well-informed

as Action Committeemen, now have a new title. FOR MANY years they have eceived the "Minuteman" letter on legislation from the office o Michigan Farm Bureau's legislative counsel, Stanley M. Powell The former Action Committee-men will now take the name of

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Company in the processing of It will arrange for groups to visit magnesium in the government- the legislature while it is in built plant near Marysville. session. It will also supervise the The warehouse was a former general legislative program withbus garage now converted to in County Farm Bureau activities flat storage of bagged beans. in line with policies which hav These two additional storages been set forth in resolutions. will give the Michigan Elevator THE RESOLUTION committee Exchange a total storage capacity of each County Farm Bureau will of 893,000 bushels of beans in and

continue to function in the buildnear Port Huron. ng of policy, making its report Ladino clover with tall fescue to the members at the county has produced larger beef and annual meeting or a special meetlamb gains than any other leing, held for the purpose. gume-grass mixture in tests at The legislature will convene

Illinois' Dixon Springs Experi-January 9, 1952 in its second regment Station ular session as provided by the constitutional amendment adopt-AT LAST CHECK, we were ed in 1951.

pending \$8,550,000,000 a year for alcoholic beverages and \$8,000,-000,000 for milk and dairy pro-

NOTICE!

All persons who are eligible for a Charter Policy should be sure to have their application in before January 1, 1952.

> There Is An Agent In Your County



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Farm To Prosper

Members of rural community organizations, including Farm Bureaus, of Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, and Ottawa Counties gathered in Muskegon Dec. 27 for the annual Round-Up climaxing the 1951 West Michigan Farm-to-Prosper Contest. In keeping with tradition. Governor Williams presented

awards to winning organizations. The Round-Up was held in Muskegon Senior High School. AMONG THE winning organi-

In Newaygo County

Community

already organized, with commitzations Ransacker Community ees appointed and officers select-Farm Bureau placed first in ed, it is expected that the 1959 Crystal Lake Oceana county. ession will move rapidly. Community Farm Bureau placed second, and Newfield Commun-

FB

AN UNUSUALLY large num ity Farm Bureau third. per of interim committees have In Muskegon county, Casnovia been working since the adjournment of the last regular session. Community Farm Bureau placed fourth. These committees will have re-Brookside Community Farm Buports to present early in the legreau placed fourth. In Mason slative schedule. county

As the present Legislature i

Many bills have been prepared and are now ready for introduction when the legislature con-. It has been estimated venes. that as many as 200 bills may be introduced in the first few days f the session.

In order to be effective in representing Farm Bureau viewpoints, county legislative committees are meeting by districts to complete plans for action. Several districts have already met. Other dates scheduled are: igan Farm Bureau, in absence Jan. 2-District 5. Evening from the state of Clark L. Brody, meeting at Michigan Farm Bureau, 221 North Cedar Street Lansing. Jan. 3-District 10, East. Evenng meeting at place to be aniounced locally

Jan. 4-District 10, West. Evenng meeting 'at place to be anounced locally eeting at Midland Community Building at Midland.

Jan. 7-District 9. Evening neeting at Mesick high school. Elevator.

Low Cost Labor

An electric motor is probably one of the cheapest hired hands scarce." on a farm, say Michigan State College agricultural engineers.

amount of boron is just as important for good growth as are nitrogen. phosphorus, potassium, and other nutrients.

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Farm Bureau Members 0

Your Farm Bureau Feed Department hopes You had a Merry Christmas and extends best wishes for a Happy New Year.

A Merry Christmas always comes to folks who love to see the smile on a child's face when "Santa Claus" remembers him-and it comes to the many hundreds of you who so unselfishly used your time and spirit and wisdom in asking neighbors to join the Farm Bureau.

Congratulations

Your Feed Department is proud of the job you have done so efficiently year after year. You have built, and are building, a better country for your neighbors-his neighbors and yourself and your loved ones.

What About The Future?

You have practically guaranteed that A Happy New Year will come insofar as a fair deal to agriculture is concerned.

That your personal happiness, health and contentment may grow day by day, during all of 1952, is our sincere wish.

Bob Addy Woody Gwin Farm Bureau Services, Inc. Feed Department 221 N. Cedar St. Lansing 4, Mich.

executive secretary. Other leaders of Michigan rural life were present. The Farm-to-Prosper Contest is a movement carried on among rural community organizations for advancement

of Western Michigan rural community life through stimulus of friendly riv-Jan. 7-District 8. Afternoon alry. It has been conducted since 1940.

GALVANIZED products, wire fencing, roofing, sheet metal sid-Jan. 10-District 4. Evening ing, pipe, aluminum roofing, sidneeting at Caledonia Farmers ing, "will be the most difficult to obtain." Structural steel will be strictly regulated, but nails will probably be in ample supply, and so should lumber, but ply-

wood "may get increasingly Get your fertilizer early.

Farm Bureau placed fifth. In the judging for Sweepstakes prize, Ransacker placed second, osing out to Beach Parent-Teacher Association of Muskegon County. DAN REED, assistant legis-

lative counsel, represented Mich-

Riverton

Farm Bureau placed second and

Summit-Pere Marquette 'Com-

munity Farm Bureau fourth. In

Ottawa county Curry Community

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1952

ADVERTISEMENT

Annual Report of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc. Fuel Sales Exceed Farmers' Money Secures Supply of Crude Oil Field Promotion, 23,000,000 Gallons

EARL HUNTLEY, Manager Report to Farmers Petroleum Cooperative Annual Meeting at Michigan State College, December 19, 1951 It was a great year for the co-operative petroleum program in Michigan. The dollar volume of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative was about \$3,750,000. This is an increase of 22% over the previous year, and is three times larger than it was in 1946.

Liquid fuels make up the major portion of our volume, which reached an all-time high of more than 23,000,000 gallons. We had an increase of 16% over the previous year.

Motor oil volume was down from 226,000 gallons to 207,000 gallons at the wholesale level. One reason for this is reduction of inventories at the local associations and the well known fact that modern tractors are not using the amount of oil per gallon of gasoline that the purpose for which it was dollars to Forrest H. Lindsey, was based, the production from was used by the old timers.

Nevertheless, there are too many of our patrons who are not familiar with our lube oil program. I make this Roscommon counties at a cost the conference room of the First in Michigan refineries. This can statement in all sincerity because any farmer who has a complete understanding of the over-all petroleum program must on the basis of sound judgment be a one hundred percenter.

Grease volume totaled over 200,000 pounds. This represents a small increase over the year before. Progress in the tire, battery and miscellaneous program is covered in this report by Claude Rasey who has direct charge of that department.

ed \$400,000. From the contacts

operation, we have continued to

explore all possibilities of im

producing oil wells located in

llinois. They cost us nearly \$2,-

purchased effective September 1

This production was

500,000.

proving the supply picture.

THE PERSONNEL you have ties in Michigan. These wells produce less than 10% of the present engaged to operate your cooperaday requirements of FPC, but it tive is very quality minded. let everyone know that Michigan Those of us in petroleum mainfarmers are in the oil business. tain a very close check on qual-It opened several new avenues ity, not only of the products we of approach in negotiating for are supplying but also what is upplies being offered by the industry The cost of these wells exceed-

The program which we maintain takes considerable money and time but based on actual laboratory checks which we have had during the year, the quality of the fuels and lubricants which are being supplied by your petroleum cooperative rate as No. 1.

SPECIFICATIONS on these materials fluctuate. I don't wish to imply that we are always at the top, but over the year we were up there more than any other one supplier. The first responsibility of every

employee in this cooperative petroleum program is to supply the co-op member and patron with a quality product and adequate service at the lowest possible final cost. In my opinion, they are doing a good job.

are producing today would have WE MUST not forget that the been ample to meet the total regrowth of Farmers Petroleum Co-operative is the result of addi-tional activities around the local age. It is well above the 1,000



FARMERS Petroleum Co-opertive, Inc. took its first major tive secretary of FPC, handing a In line with the geologist's fore-

organized. The oil co-operative manager of the National Associat- these wells is running about 1250 at the beginning of the year at the beginning of the year purchased eighteen producing oil of the purchase. Watching the barrels per day. Arrangements are being made for the newly acwells located in Gladwin and transaction which took place in of nearly a half million dollars. National Bank in Chicago are, on be done very easily by common This fall FPC purchased a one- the left: Ward Hodge of Snover, carrier pipe lines. 'The finished half interest in 136 producing president of FPC; and, on the wells located in Illinois at a cost right, Dr. Hutzel Metger, presi-of 2½ million dollars. This put dent of the St. Paul Bank for to their farmer patrons.

the company in position of own- Co-operatives. ng or controlling approximately

THE 136 WELLS have been 60 per cent of its crude oil reuirements

J. F. YAEGER, assistant execu- op's account since September 1st. ply, but offers the possibilities of additional savings to the farmerowners. However, these purchases took a substantial amount of money and in order for FPC to bring its working capital up to an quired crude oil to be processed efficient level, its board of directors has authorized the sale of a limited amount of additional

> THE COMPANY'S securing sale. Indications are that they these sources of crude not only will be ready shortly after the

> products will be distributed securities. It directed management to take all the steps necesary to make them available for

producing for the Petroleum Co- assures a more dependable sup- first of December.



Farmers Petroleum Co-opera- come a stockholder in Farmers an adequate supply of petroleum tive, Inc., paid investors and Petroleum Co-operative and thus products from their co-operatives. stockholder patrons dividends become eligible for patronage re-

totaling \$92,000 for the year end- funds as earned. If interested, tell ing August 31, 1951. your local tank wagon driver FPC paid a dividend of 5% on that you would like to become a

stock of FPC and one share of

and experience gained in this ts class A common stock. \$22,- stockholder in FPC. 000 was distributed last month to 1854 investors. They are farm-

ers, co-operative oil companies, YOU WILL recall the recent anco-operative farm supply comouncement that FPC has pur panies, and other dealers. hased a one-half interest in 136

\$1. The stock is sold only on the FPC PAID a patronage divi- basis of the information containdend of 2% to stockholder ed in the stock prospectus and new company began by buying patrons. A total of \$70,000 was by a licensed salesman. distributed in December.

951 and had no relationship to ast year's operations, but it will OP petroleum products may be- 1948 to assure Michigan farmers 1949. certainly be a factor from here

Growth In Liquid Fuel Volume Through their local associations and FPC, co-op members now MILLIONS OF GALLONS own or control over 50% of their 24 daily requirements of petroleum products. The crude which we 22 20 18 16 WE SHOULD attempt to own approximately 75% of our daily 14 12 10 1946 1947 1948 1949 1950 1951

THE BUSINESS has shown substantial increase each year

their own sources of crude oil.

Transport Fleet

refineries to the local associa-

seen incident.

Today half of the crude oil needed by FPC comes from wells it owns. The company looks forward to owning producing wells to supply 75% or more of the crude oil required for the busi-

The volume of FPC's gasoline 2800 barrels of crude oil daily. The Co-operative gets about 1200 barrels daily from its half-interin

Sales and Credit

JEDDIE STALEY, Manager

The fiscal year just completed was another successful one in the growth of the Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc.

At the close of the fiscal year, Farmers Petroleum Cooperative was supervising the operations of five associations under management contract agreement. The five associations under supervision of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative distributed to farmer patrons a total volume of 5,099,718 gallons compared to 4,179,942 gallons the year before. This is an increase of 919,776 gallons or a 22% average increase per association.

Marshall Farm Bureau Oil Company, located in Calhoun County, made the largest saving for its farmer patrons. They have a four-truck operation with each truck distributing an average of 334,849 gallons. Their total dollar volume was \$284,500.46 for the year and made a saving of \$13,914.51 for farmer patrons, which is 4.9%.

WITH THE increase in volume, [1. Middleton Farmers Elevator we have increased facilities at Co. the bulk plants. Some of the

2. Caro Farmers Cooperativ€ major changes are: Elevator Co. 1. The 800 gallon delivery tanks have been replaced by 1,000 gallon tanks.

3. Eaton Farm Bureau Co-op. 2. New trucks have been put 4. Moline Cooperative Milling

which followed the construc-

tion of the bulk plants was car-

ried on by individual contact

wor't with the patrons in the

IN EATON county, 31 commun-

A survey is in progress in Al-

already established bulk plants

carried on by meeting with the

community groups in the par-

ticular county and also by con-

Co. in operation where volume war-Some of the promotional work

immediate trading area.

3. Dual meter system has been installed in all trucks at Marshall Farm Bureau Oil Company Financially, the bulk plants have experienced one of their better years in volume and net nargins.

ranted it.

ity groups were contacted and ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE the cooperative petroleum proresent the most serious problem gram was explained. In Tuscola we have today. We do not have county the promotional work was the capital necessary to finance carried on at district meetings. a large accounts receivable. It s very difficult for a manager pena county as interest has been or tank wagon serviceman to go shown toward a cooperative bulk to one of the owners of the asplant. sociation and say "You can no longer have credit." Unless the PROMOTIONAL work around

stockholders and patrons grasp this situation, it will certainly has met with much success the take away the effectiveness of managers report. The work is a cooperative and eventually bring about a complete breakown of the association. Extended credit will damage ducting district meetings throughhe buying power of the coopera- out the trading area. We are tive, taking away the advantages looking forward to doing some that otherwise they might re- promotional work the coming ceive. It behooves all of us, em- year in counties where they do ployees, stockholders and patrons not have a cooperative petroleum

fiscal year. They are:

to understand why we can't program. carry extended accounts receivable and to pass the reasons on to Fruit Trees our neighbor. FIELD PROMOTION is a new

Michigan State College extension horticulturists recommend department put into operation this past fiscal year. It had a this past fiscal year. It had a poison bait in early winter.

FOR SEVERAL years after World War II there were great shortages of gasoline and fuel oil. Farm co-operatives found it impossible to secure their full The procedure is the purchase requirements. They decided that ness. of \$50 or more of class A common

Any patron purchasing CO- Farm Bureau leadership May 12, FPC started business January 1, and Roscommon counties DP petroleum products may be- 1948 to assure Michigan farmers 1949. Michigan.

they should begin to acquire

Moves Liquid Fuels

In Michigan 47 co-op petroleum and fuel oil business calls for class C common voting stock at dealers and 1500 farmers subscribed \$400,000 to start Farmers Petroleum Co-operative. The the petroleum business and est in 136 wells in Illinois. Anpetroleum distribution facilities other 200 barrels daily comes FPC was organized under of Farm Bureau Services, Inc. from 18 wells it owns in Midland

associations. It is through the barrels per day goal which was efforts of the people who are out set for FPC originally.

on the firing line that the program will continue to improve and expand.

requirements. Taking our rap-In line with the increase in idly expanding distribution provolume enjoyed by Farmers gram into consideration and al-Petroleum Cooperative, most of lowing for the decline in our presthe local associations had a very ent production, it's quite obvious successful year with substantial that the job is not completed. gains in volume and margins ac-However, the progress to date is cordingly. encouraging.

EIGHT of the local associations Most of you are probably acdelivered over 1,000,000 gallons of quainted with the personnel in liquid fuels during the year. the FPC office. In my opinion, Company was No. 1 in liquid this organization a success. The fuels with over 2,500,000 gallons. department heads have prepared about the oil business than we Washtenaw Farmers Oil Com- brief reports on the activities did a year ago. pany was in second place with for which they are primarily revery close to 2,000,000 gallons. sponsible. Actually in a comincreased their volume.

One of the most important reaate corporation was to gain flexi- best. bility in seeking an assured source of supply. During the year a milestone has been passed in this connection.

IN DECEMBER of 1950, 18 pro- hours investigating, studying and Inc.; sales promotion, publicity, continue to do our best. ducing oil wells were purchased considering the various proposals personnel, finance, comptroller by FPC. The wells are located in which have been submitted. In Roscommon and Gladwin coun- my opinion, they have done a

Berrien County Farm Bureau Oil they are going all out to make fine job. One thing for sure, and accounting, and legal. we all know a great deal more Mr. Griswold of finance, Lee Monroe, comptroller and his staff, and Ed Steffen of the legal dep' are a very important part of the

Maynard Brownlee, director of distribution for Farm Bureau Petroleum Cooperative operation. Many of the locals materially paratively small organization such Services, and his staff have done as this, they are called upon to their usual good job in the field. tributed a very substantia serve in many capacities. I have As you know, they maintain the sons for organizing Farmers Pe- always found them ready and contact with the local associations troleum Co-operative as a separ- willing to step in and do their for FPC just as they do for Services.

> YOUR OFFICERS and board of WE HAVE had 100% support directors have had to make some from these divisions and departvery important decisions during ments of the Michigan Farm Buthe year. They have spent many reau and Farm Bureau Services, tion or operations of FPC will

amount of time and effort to the investigations and negotiations which were carried on during the vear. condition. YOU CAN be assured that those of us who have responsibilities in connection with the direc-

Lee and Ed Steffen have con-

(Continued on page 6)

With the increase in volume of their service are Glenn Fender, of sales, your Farmers Petroleum Russell Spear, Jim VanAtten, Cooperative is realizing today the Ernest Lohman, Lyle Wheelock, Transportation Department has Raymond Knavel, Russell Burkdone a remarkable job in keeping hart and Adolph Lemke. the liquid fuels moving from the

ROBERT BRUEGGER, Manager | Other drivers in order of length

This has been done with a min-jed a safety record that is second imum freight rate which has not to none. The outstanding servbeen increased despite the rising ice record of the Farmers Petrocosts of operation. This past leum Cooperative can be attriyear the transport fleet handled buted largely to the performance approximately 95% of the liquid of these transport drivers. uel volume

THROUGH allocations, short-TODAY this organization is opages, etc., the order and billing ports, one 9,000 gallon transport department with the excellent erating three 7,600 gallon transcooperation of the locals has comand one 10,000 gallon transport. These trucks are kept running 24 hours a day and are assisted by two 4500 gallon transport. pleted a very successful year. This is the first year in which the billing, etc., was handled by are used only when it is deemed this office and a record of 6,300 necessary through some unfor- 12 months. orders were processed during the

It has proved to be a very effi-Ralph Miller has done an excient operation and a great deal cellent job in keeping this equipment rolling and in first class of the credit can go to the two responsible employees, Edith Sangree and Opal Radford. We THE DRIVING personnel is are all hoping that in the future headed by John Jansen and Jim months we can improve and Fox whom we are very proud make the coming year more of a I to have had in our organization success than any we have enfor such a long period of time. joyed.

tive of this department is to increase the volume of Farmers Egg Production Nearly half of all the eggs pro-Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., by doing promotional work around duced in the world are laid by aiready established bulk plants, hens in the United States. For This past year these men have and the establishing of new dis- the last 6 years, the average Amdriven approximately one-half tribution points. Four new dis- erican has been eating eggs at the million miles and have establish- tribution points were constructed rate of more than one a day. and put into operation this past

Buy Farm Bureau Seeds.

Dollar Volume of Patrons' Purchases HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS



Tires and Battery Business Increases

CLAUDE RASEY, Manager

This department of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative showed a marked increase this year over last due to the fact that more of the local outlets participated fully in the program.

TIRE AND TUBE VOLUME has been continuing to grow even though the "scare buying" after the start of the Korean conflict has worn off. Hamilton Farm Bureau led the way with purchases of 405 tires. Farmers Elevator of Hudsonville was next with 335 tires. Unico Service Station of Allegan purchased 243. We moved 1,000 more tires than during the same period last year.

Our battery volume has held firm with a 10% increase over last year. Hamilton and Hudsonville tied for the year in purchases of batteries, each with 211. Unico Service Station of Allegan purchased 98. As you will note these three outlets run one, two and three in tires and batteries.

Lead at the present time is in short supply, but our supplier, National Cooperatives, Inc., has been able to make immediate shipments so far.

WE HAD A 40% INCREASE in volume over last year in the miscellaneous department. This takes in a number of items including bulk plant equipment, truck tanks, farm tanks, spark plugs, grease guns, gas pumps, etc.

Oil Producing Properties Guarantee Source of Supply for FPC

In October, 1951 Farmers Petroleum Co-operative, Inc., completed purchase of a onehalf interest in 136 producing oil wells located in central Illinois. FPC invested about \$2,500,000. Its share of the oil production is about 1200 barrels daily. The photo shows three wells, each pumping from a different pool. The well at the left draws oil from 900 feet, the middle well from 2200 feet, and the well at the right from 1200 feet. In the background is one of several batteries of storage tanks, together with a separator and heat treater

included in the purchase

In December of 1950 PFC bought 18 wells in Midland and Roscommon counties, Michigan, with a production of 200 barrels daily. One of the first objectives of FPC when it was organized three years ago was to acquire a production of crude oil that would supply half of its daily requirements.

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

What Should Be Done About Farm Credit in Inflation

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for January

DONALD D. KINSEY Director of Research and Education

Background Material for Program this Month by Our Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups Farming is a business. If it is to be a successful tions. The Production Credit FARMER ownership in the uncertainty as to the future of farmers, their associations, and inflation or uncertainty? business, problems of credit and finance must be under- Associations came into being as Production Credit Association farm prices and high operating all concerned is a vital factor in stood. The individual business man must see his opera- for farmers. tions in the light of national conditions.

Wisdom dictates that credit be restricted in times of growing inflation. Expanding credit creates money, and inflation is created because there is already too much money in the market for the goods and services available.

Controlled credit is a balance wheel of business. It may aid in maintaining the production of goods and services needed to counteract inflation. So the wise use of credit in the right places and in essential amounts can be antiinflationary.

Inflation as we have seen it in the years from 1947 to 1951 has not necessarily meant increasing prosperity for the farmer. From 1947 to 1950 farmers' net dollar incomes dropped 26%. The farmer's purchasing power declined 28%.

In 1951, prices paid for items used in farm family living are at an all time high. While the realized net income of farmers in 1951 is 18% higher than in 1950, about half of the increase is offset by higher costs of living and operating.

Farm production costs continued to rise during 1951. They average about 12% above 1950, their previous high record. Predictions call for a further climb in farm costs of about 5% in the year ahead.

Yet, let us consider. The picture is not all black for the farmer. The past ten years have seen marked improvements in the operating plants on the farm. Machinery and power equipment has been strongly expanded. Farm buildings have been replaced, repaired, remodelled at a new high rate in the last five years.

AT PRESENT prices the value Cash expenses were 73% of the cash receipts! of the farm plants in the U.S. is two times as much as it was WHEN SUCH a drain on inin 1940. In terms of 1940 prices come is required to maintain farm they are worth one and one- operations, an added drain of tenth times the value of that farm debt can be ruinous. The

need to calculate this added load year In addition to this, farm peo- into the cost picture is, made ple increased their financial as- more pressing.

sets 4.4 times in the 10 year Inflationary land values on period. Yet, with advancing farms leads to the temptation to prices, these assets would buy speculate in farm land by both only 134 times as much as the farmers and non-farmers. Farm money farmers owned in 1940. land has been near peak prices. Prosperity is always related to the Sharp increases in land prices market value of a dollar at any may force dangerously high debt on land bought by farmers at given time.

THE YEAR of 1946 saw farm such prices. It is not to the future welfare

program. Banks and their National Farm THE FEDERAL Land Bank had been formed in 1917. Congress passed the Farm Credit Act S. 93% of the stock in the Pro- loans are provided from this in 1933 which made it possible to continue the development of become farmer-owned stock. but that is enough to insure a the temptations of inflationery branches of our economy? If so, local associations are responsible The Federal Land Banks dethe Farm Credit Administration

veloped local associations called at Washington, D. C. National Farm Loan Associa-

Now all the Federal Land own 84% of its stock. Loan Associations are farmer- are still largely made by com- the business wisdom of assumowned co-operatives. In the U. mercial banks, since 84% of the ing indebtedness on the farm. duction Credit Association has source. The PCA provides 16%, the farmer, and in the face of credit policy required by other agers and personnel around the organizations is carried on by them reasonable.

ONE has to gauge his risks in national economy. such times as these. In times of

easy money, is a distinct service how? both to the farmer and to the

co-operative credit organizations has progressed rapidly in the last costs care is needed in assum- the future soundness of agricul- themselves the guarantee of fair

associations have been using care business must be founded on a Annual Report of Farmers Short term loans to farmers in helping the farmer to evaluate sound financial policy. Questions for Conciusions!

1. Is the credit policy needed wish This, from the standpoint of

The control of farm credit by credit for agriculture in times of

3. How can farmers insure for

Petroleum Co-operative

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to re-emphasize the

for the rapid growth of this or-2. Would it be sound to ask for ganization. Their efforts in acrather unlimited expansion of quainting more and more farmers of the security and opportunities for additional savings which

are apparent in this type of program will maintain and accelerate the cooperative petroleum program in the future



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debt decrease to its lowest point is because the farmer is still expanding his operations for production.

would be sound for the future? Should farmers ask for easy-

WE MIGHT consider whether an over-expansion of credit could spell disaster for the farmer. If prices it could. During the perfarms through foreclosure. dicaps as a result of assuming gains and ability to pay. heavy debts based on high pro-

perty values. It takes more rement.

drop more slowly than farm in- when he needs the money to comes. Cornell University studies keep production going.

of 14 farms over a 40 year percapital investment of \$22,502. however, puts a damper on this

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of agriculture that such speculacreased, however, until it is 1.2 tion be allowed to spread in times as, great as in 1940. This practice. The land must be kept productive. Speculation often puts it out of production, or mines is fertility, because the Well, there are the gains and speculator either does not farm it, or else feels the need to cash kind of a program of farm credit crop it so heavily that it is severely abused. AGRICULTURE loses as a re-

bought money? Or should farm sult of such practices. The young credit be restricted and controll- farmer finds it more impossible ed along with other forms of to face the increased indebtedcredit to keep inflation in check? ness required to buy a farm. Values on farm land must be

kept in balance with farm purchasing power.

we faced a period of falling farm | A SOUND Basis of Farm Credit. If farm financing rests on iod between the two world wars maintaining a more delicate two million farmers lost their balance between incomes and costs than ever, farm loans must Thousands of them suffered han- be adjusted to the probable

Interest rates must not be so low as to over-encourage the serves to protect a larger invest- temptation to take on debt, nor so high as to overburden the bor-Farm costs, in any recession, rower with costs that spell ruin

Previous to the development iod showed that in 1907 the total of Farm Credit Associations, inaverage capital investment on terest rates to farmers were ofone of these farms was \$6,466. ten excessive. Farmers had be-Cash expenses amounted to 35% gun to organize credit associaof the cash receipts. In 1947, tions prior to the depression the same farms had an average years. The loss of farm capital,

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