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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Margery and I are somewhat prone to talk of stoves by day—
To cook a yields glance below with my royal up—
I ask a million air wight pitting by the lilac-shaded lamp.

One can only be sure that the Christmas tree is a signal of mirth.

The raises of former years and Christmas of years,
To keep the unused living room lighted.

You are safe and cared for, and I, indeed, a

This is the week for action.

Six thousand men and women in 62 county Farm Bureaus will go out the week of December 1 to invite their neighbors to membership in the Farm Bureau. They expect to enroll 56,662, or more families for 1953. Last year ye had a goal of 31,526 and ended with 33,135 members. We should set a new record this year!

Many voters have developed some pride in saying, “I’m registered.” Well, vote, I vote for the best man.

While no one would suggest voting for the poorest man, it is true that on state and national tickets it is difficult to know the quality of all the candidates.

We usually say that we operate under a two-party system. We have seen during the past four years in our own state, that a split government gives both the executive and the legislative divided opportunity to avoid responsibility and to “pass the buck.” We must have party responsibility if our two-party system is to be maintained. The alternatives are:

1. The splinter-party system. This produces a situation where no party is strong enough to create a government and coalitions must be formed between several parties.

2. The non-party system such as exists in the Soviet areas.

Michigan Farm Bureau is not a partisan political organization. However, it is only good citizenship for us as individuals to be active in party affairs. As pointed out by the Church Federation ofCANADA, Chicago, your vote counts twice when you take part in both the selection of candidates through party primaries and in the general ballots.

Now that the heat of the general election is past, perhaps this is a good time to plan to be active in the affairs of the government, to keep an eye on legislation, and to have your voice heard. It is not too early to begin thinking of what you wish to do after New Years, as the new Congress will be in session before New Year’s Day.

CHRISTMAS, THE birth of the Christian shall not mean for us:
A wishful background, but please, to discuss:
How the grandeur of our love, for mankind, was thrust:
And they will laugh and whom by the joyous around the track:
Rightfully they will greet the day the marks the birth:
All mankind gives this workready earth.

In transports of eligible a bright weapon they will stay:
To transform the last bit of new-found land:
Swords of pure gladness will missle waves of these hours.
As in four pats of old time light, shine the lights of hum:
The lights of homes and innocence—the lights of love and life:
Bestrode of all that worth our love and my good joy:
May all the blessings of the Christ go with them:

ONE AGAINST THE OTHER.

Another of the ads read, “STOP THE DESTRUCTION OF LIFE.” It is obvious that this kind of advertising was intended for outstanding consumption.

THERE must be an end to the destruction.

It’s six times more important to be safe than to be seen.

Shall we continue to be wrong, or shall we decide to do something?

WOMEN OF FARM BUREAU

Meetings will be held in each county in the month of October was set on at a special hearing.

Of this total, there are 4 new groups. These new groups were established in the following counties:

KING DISTRICT
GREENBUSH NO. 2
Cheboygan
Mrs. William D’Arcy. Our apologies!

HILLSDALE
KING DISTRICT—Mrs. Kenneth Harrer, Secretary.

WOMEN OF FARM BUREAU
GREENBUSH NO. 2
Cheboygan
Here is a new group in Cheboygan County.

SHROPSHIRE—Good selection of registered yearling rams. Write or visit Stanley M. Powell, Ingleside Farm, Ionia, R-l, Mich. (10-tf-16b)

MILKING SHORTHORNS—We won Premier Breeder award at the 1952 Michigan State Fair, our 9th In 10 years. Take a short-cut to... your herd with a young bull from Ingleside Farm. Write or visit Stanley M. Powell, Ionia, R-l. Michigan. (10-tf-57b)

If you want to help, be sure you understand the position. We have had notice that 4 Committees are going to meet at an intersection.

PHOTO REPORT
Meetings at the same time. It’s six times more important to be safe than to be seen.

Again we call to the attention of all our members, another very important rule.

The boys and girls of other days around our Christmas tree.

Not getting the “Old” may cast a wishful glance behind with our nostalgic eye.

They will laugh and whoop for joy around the jovial tree.

To cast a wishful glance behind with our nostalgic eye.

The younger and younger people are growing up.

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Brodsky and Kline Give Conception of Election

C. L. Brody, Executive Vice President of the Michigan Farm Bureau, issued the following statement in regard to the election Nov. 6.

It is well to bear in mind that the recent election did not eliminate or solve the problems confronting our Nation. The vote November 4 changed the leadership in the White House and in Congress, but the problems to be faced remain as they were before the election.

It remains to be demonstrated whether the great personal triumph of General Eisenhower and his induction into the Presidency January 20 will result in a reversal in the trend toward bureaucracy and socialism in America.

In attempting to appraise the situation, consideration must be given to the powerful influences and pressures that will face the new President. In addition to any obligations incurred during the campaign we shall be faced with the continued acceptance of governmental farm supports, price controls, and other policies which have deadened the desire to work for a higher return from agriculture.

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FOOTBALL

LIVINGSTON.

SUNDERLAND GAINS

Lived in percentage of goal in last year

in 1951-52—Berrien.

in the Michigan State College

Professors Leslie Silvernale, Ber­

Travis, Barry.

Other contestants besides Heritz

contest at Michigan State College

battle to determine the Junior

winner in a closely contested

contest in the October series of

three of Windstorm Losses.

The splendid financial position and record of service of this

company commend it to every thoughtful and business-like

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already worked out a program to

protect the economy of agriculture in the future. This

includes a million-dollar effort for the establishment of a

windstorm insurance fund. The farmers of America

are invited to join in this work to protect the future

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Start Early

To Aid Call

This is going to be even more needful in the immediate future for

these farms to be a real success by many groups to have influence on

the future of their farms.

Yes, let’s GAB-UP with a good big task-force of membership par­

cipants.

Then we can really go places.

Vern Thalman

New Jr. President

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Company in the State of Michigan

Farmers Voted

As O. A. State Director

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SOUTH SHORE, Mich., Oct. 24—Darby (Otsego),

and the state Talent Find Junior

ner-up—Herb Bachelor (Emmet).

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Don Kilpatrick of Harrow,

Alcona county, is the new

3rd District Representative,

with the Farmers Cooperative.

Mr. Kilpatrick helped

organize Alcona County Farm

Bureau in 1949 and has served

as its President and Business

Manager for the past two years.

Colostrom

Colostrom in the next milk gives a

very good indication of the

nutritional value of the feed it

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Wherever there is any conflict of the more than 500 voting delegates from the state and at Washington. We are determined to make the Association of Farmers a 'voice for agriculture' and to fight against the growth of 'big government.'

One of the problems before us this fall is the necessity of the Michigan Farm Bureau datum of November 11 with the resolutions adopted at the convention are available and including specific recommendations for action on the following:

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Mrs. Converse Wims Speaking Contests

The TITLE of the 1952 Women's Speaking Contest was held in November 11 with Senator and Mrs. Davis speaking.

The MFB Delegates Set Policies For 1953

DAN E. REED

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Cooperatives Face More Growing Challenges

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for December

Background Material for Program in December by Our Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

DONALD D. KINSEY
Director of Research and Information

As I write it is election time. The polls are open. Americans are journeying forth to cast their ballots—votes that have tremendous stakes involved for the future of American democracy.

In these votes the American people have vested all their hopes for a free America of the future. Shall we have future freedom? Shall we have future growth? Shall we have future opportunity?

At the moment the question turns in my mind to mean—Shall we have freedom to conduct our business ventures, our farming and our cooperatives, as free enterprises?

Farmers' cooperatives are excellent examples of the institutions that free people establish. The rules under which they originated were granted by the people in action. They were to be owned and controlled by the farmer-members. Everyone enjoyed an equal voting power in forming policies, regarded as the act of his investment. The services to be rendered were determined upon by these votes of the people.

If we examine history, we will find that cooperatives as such can and do survive only within a free-enterprise system. In totalitarian nations these free institutions become the captive agencies of the state—"Collective Cooperatives." Can that happen in America?

It seems true that there are some complacent people who are sound asleep with their heads tucked under their wing, and who say, "No, it can't happen here." But the person who is alert enough to our modern world should have no difficulty in seeing the trends and events that show that it is already a serious problem to the free institutions of America—cooperatives included.

We Must Guard Our Fences!

It is rather interesting to note that the publications sponsored by Joe Stalin praise cooperatives as a device through which the U.S.A. can be overthrown. And I could name a prominent American "leftist" who has said that cooperatives should be used to wreck the American free-enterprise system. The method is to make them too powerful, which will create monopolies in business.

The American Farm Bureau Federation has been watching cooperatives of various resolutions. The definition the use of unlimited funds thus makes co-ops into national or international organizations. The co-op can act as they please. It will be run by directors of their own choice. And the co-op can be controlled by the people who own it, and by the policies that are set against a large or secret combination of the co-op. That is the definition of a cooperative any more or is it?

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