EDITORIAL

Reapportionment is the Issue

One of the things going to be discussed at the Michigan Farm Bureau conventions this month is reapportionment. Unfortunately, most farmers in Michigan have an unbalanced legislature with practical control by a labor group.

The CIO (Michigan Committee for Representative Workers) has initiated a petition to the State Senate and House of Representatives for an amendment to reapportion both the Senate and the House strictly on a basis of population. This is a bill for home rule for four counties. The CIO has its greatest membership there.

If you wish to have a fair and balanced reapportionment of the legislature, sign the petition being circulated by the Michigan Committee for a Balanced Legislature.

It provides for representation in the Senate in part according to geographical areas as at present and representation in the House based upon population. This is the system of balance used in the Senate and House of Representatives in Michigan.

President and Taft-Hartley Act

President Truman has made it plain that the last thing he wants is to go to the Taft-Hartley Act for a settlement of the steel strike.

Congressman Blackwyn of Michigan tells us that the President has used the Taft-Hartley Act nine times, and in each instance a strike settlement satisfactory to both sides was reached.

Mr. Truman used the Act to bring to an end these labor disputes: atomic energy, March, 1946; meat packing, March, 1946; steel, May, 1946; May, 1948; coal (three times), April and June, 1946 and February, 1950; ocean shipping June, 1946 and February, 1951.

Taft-Hartley was used again in July, 1951. Mr. Truman has used the Taft-Hartley Act nine times. This is no guarantee that it will be used again.

The act was intended to create a labor-management relationship which will be not less than 85%. Peterson and Keating have, it is true, been defeated in the courts in recent years, but it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that the time may come when they are victorious.

In the Meanwhile, the farm community must work to increase the value of its products and to secure sufficient signatures to make sure this proposal will be on the ballot in November. Your help is still needed.

Price and Wage Controls Wobbling

June 25 the House of Congress voted to end all price and wage controls July 31. The vote was 118 to 87. Less than a month ago, the President had determined upon continuing price and wage controls for a year or more.

This vote and others in the House are intended to tip the balance in favor of the committees which represent industry and labor in the legislative process.

The House and Senate in each Congress are at this time called upon to determine the status of price and wage controls.

If Congress continues to be too politically preoccupied, the committees which represent industry and labor will be at the mercy of office seekers and office keepers who have no interest in the public welfare.

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MOTHER of and Dad were quite pleased when Patricia Powell, 16, was crowned Queen of Michigan's Dairy Industry. Patricia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Powell of Ionia. R-1. She began her reign during June Dairy Month and will continue throughout the year at dairy functions in Michigan. Miss Powell is an outstanding 4-H club girl. She completed 15 projects in eight years of 4-H work.

Three persons circulate the petition for the reapportionment amendment proposed by the Michigan Committee for a Balanced Legislature should do everything these last few days try to build up the signatures on their petitions.

We are well on our way to our goal of 250,000 signatures.

In this is written June 26, petition signatures are coming daily by the thousands from all parts of the State. This must continue.

We are hoping to bring this committee to file the petitions with the Secretary of State at Lansing on Thursday afternoon, July 3.

Mail July 1. Every circler should mail signed petitions and all accompanying materials to the Michigan Committee for a Balanced Legislature, PO Box 1296, Lansing, not later than July 1.

Use First Class Mail. Mail at post office to assure delivery on or before July 3.

After July 1, circulators are urged to bring additional signatures to the Michigan Farm Bureau Convention, 22nd North Cedar Street, Lansing, up to noon, Thursday, July 3.

Every additional signature secured in these final days is important. It may be the margin of victory in this plebiscite.

We must be certain of having at least 190,000 signatures certified by the Secretary of State as correct in every signature.

This must be done in order to place on the November ballot the constitutional amendment for reapportionment of the legislature as proposed by the Michigan Committee for a Balanced Legislature.

Every County Farm Bureau has a valuable job in securing signatures. June 26th 22 of them had exceeded their goals and were continuing with the work. Many others were close.

Every County Farm Bureau has responded with batches of signed petitions. Allegan County Farm Bureau turned in 5,000 signatures. All County Farm Bureau has almost tripled its quota for signatures. In one township there every registered voter but one signed the petition.

The Grange, the State Sam's of Supervisors, and scores of civic, business and other groups have been doing a fine job of the petition work.

Citizens groups in Wayne county are turning in thousands of signatures from the county and from Dearborn for a proposal for a balanced legislature.

All of this good work will be for naught and we secure sufficient signatures to make sure this proposal will be on the ballot in November. Your help is still needed.

Well on Way to 250,000 Signatures

Michgan's Dairy Queen for 1952

Send All Reapportionment Petitions by July 1

Four Plans for Reapportionment and Who is Sponsoring Proposals

Brody Asks Aid on Trucking Act

C. L. Brody, executive secretary of the Michigan Farm Bureau, has asked Michigan Congressmen to help keep the farm commodity exemption in the trucking and rail rate bill.

The exemption has been a major problem in the present legislation and in previous legislation. This is the first attempt to repeal the exemption.

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Lawn Mower

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St. John's Rotary Honors Mrs. Fox

Mrs. Louis Aligar Fox has been county organization director for Clinton County Farm Bureau. She began her reign during June Dairy Month and will continue through the year at dairy functions in Michigan. Miss Powell is an outstanding 4-H club girl. She completed 15 projects in eight years of 4-H work.

Lawn Weeds

The quick way to rid your lawn of weed plants is by using 2,4-D. Weed killers. So create the plus, don't get on shrubs, trees and flower beds.

Protection

For a protection of all plants it is best to keep a portable fire extinguisher on every tractor, plow, mower, and other farm equipment. One of her interests is Blue Cross. One speaker said there are 1,000 protection insurance companies operating in the United States.

Lawn Edger

MICHIGAN farmers are using the sale of fertilizers a year. Fertilizer Services is manufacturing 250,000 tons of fertilizer. Fertilizer Services will spend on The Road Ahead for Services.

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Respect for Law Is a Needful Personal

W. S. DAVES
Basil Hill Farm, Chestnut, Mich.

When that tree comes to life, it appears to be the

We must remember that this

IN THE 1930s, when

in the present season, I

The airplane struck the world
twilight. Twenty-five years ago

We, the children of

NO COUNTRY can run by

The middle of the last

Get Ready for July-Aug. Seedings

Mid-July and August seedings of alfalfa and brome grass, or June clover, or Ladino clover, or birdsfoot trefoil will do well and provide good pasture or hay crop the next season.

Provide good, firm seed bed. Lime for alfalfa if needed. Alfalfa, clovers and trefoil seed should be inoculated for good results.

We Recommend These Varieties

ALFALFA—Farm Bureau winter hardy Bonge or Ladino for southern Michigan and northern Illinois subject to revision. For permanent pastures, Farm Bureau winter hardy Bonge is recommended. For seedings, Farm Bureau winter hardy Bonge or Ladino is recommended.

JUNE CLOVER—Farm Bureau Brand Michigan and northern Illinois.

LADINO—Farm Bureau’s certified Ladino clover.

BIRDSFOOT TREFOIL—Farm Bureau Brand breed seed Italian variety.

Pasture and Hay Mixtures

PASTURE MIXES Per Acre

No. 1—3 lbs. birdsfoot trefoil, 1 lb. ladino clover, 6 lbs. alfalfa, 3 lbs. bromes, 2 lbs. annual bromes. No. 2—3 lbs ladino clover, 7 lbs. alfalfa, 3 lbs. bromes, 6 lbs. annual bromes. No. 3—3 lbs. bromes, 7 lbs. alfalfa, 3 lbs. bromes, 6 lbs. annual bromes. No. 4—2 lbs. bromes, 9 lbs. alfalfa, 6 lbs. annual bromes. No. 5—2 lbs. alfalfa, 1 lb. ladino clover, 2 lbs. annual bromes. No. 6—Law Land—3 lbs. red top, 2 lbs. bromes.

HAY MIXES Per Acre

No. 1—2 lbs. alfalfa, 3 lbs. bromes, 1 lb. ladino clover, 6 lbs. annual bromes.

No. 2—2 lbs. alfalfa, 1 lb. ladino clover, 6 lbs. annual bromes.

No. 3—6 lbs. June clover, 1 lb. ladino clover, 6 lbs. annual bromes.

No. 4—2 lbs. bromes, 9 lbs. alfalfa, 6 lbs. annual bromes.

No. 5—2 lbs. alfalfa, 1 lb. ladino clover, 2 lbs. annual bromes.

No. 6—Law Land—3 lbs. red top, 2 lbs. bromes.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified advertisements are accepted in the following: Michigan Farmer, Michigan Farm News, Michigan Farm Bureau, Farm Bureau News, and Farm Bureau Bulletin. The rate is 3 cents per word, minimum charge is $2.00. All advertisements are subject to the approval of the Advertising Committee. The text of the advertisement must be submitted in writing or by telephone to the Advertising Department of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Advertisements are returned only if the request is accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Available at all Farm Bureau Seed Dealers

FARM BUREAU SERVICES DEPT., LANSING, MICH.
Better to Slow up Before You Are Laid up!

Howard Nugent

Mr. Howard Nugent, one of the most distinguished members of the Michigan Farm Bureau, died Saturday at the age of 92. He was born on a farm near 2nd Ave. and Livonia and was the son of a farm near 2nd Ave. and Livonia. He was a descendant of a pioneer farmer and a former member of the Michigan Farm Bureau. He was also a member of the Michigan State Farm Bureau and the Michigan Farm Bureau Women's Committee. He was a member of the Michigan State Bar Association and the Michigan Bar Association.

FBS Dust Sales Growing

The Farm Bureau Service reports a steady growth in business in the agricultural and horticultural field. The service has increased its product line significantly.

209 FB Community Groups Say That

Don't get in a hurry. Slow up before you are laid up!

Farm Bureau members in 209 Community Groups have observed upon observation of this recommendation to promote safety at home and in farm work.

Up to May 7 Community Farm Bureau in 58 counties reported 189 farm accident cases for 1952 to the Michigan Farm Bureau for the Michigan Rural Safety Council.

There were 12 total accidents reported which have resulted in permanent disabilities. There were 173 men and 27 women in the list. Falls and accidents with machinery were the most common. Haste and unsafe methods contributed to most of the accidents.

July 20 to 26 is farm safety week. We present this in our farm safety recommendation which has been made by men and women in 575 Community Farm Bureaus. We show you the group of accidents which have a particular characteristic and which we call a "just right".
Farm Bureau Has Nearly 100,000 in Blue Cross

31,241 Families in Hospital Insurance

The recent record re-enrollment has sent Farm Bureau membership in Blue Cross-Blue Shield soaring close to the 100,000 mark.

Austin L. Pino, rural enrollment manager, reported that all told 31,241 Farm Bureau families now have Blue Cross-Blue Shield coverage, averaging more than three persons per family.

This is a 20 per cent increase over the total membership figure last year.

Mr. Pino said that almost 5,200 subscribers were added during the spring of 1952 re-enrollment campaign. Since the majority included their dependents in the contract, that increased the total enrollment for Farm Bureau. More than three-quarters of the 1,146 Community Farm Bureau discussion groups now offer their members the complete Blue Cross-Blue Shield protection package—hospital and medical-surgical coverage.

Forty-two groups added medical-surgical protection during this last enrollment period.

Mr. Pino said the record enrollment this year is compelling proof that rural folks are just as interested as city people in placing the most protection against hospital and medical bills.

Almost eight out of ten persons eligible through Farm Bureau discussion groups have Blue Cross. District 5 leads the others with 97 per cent of its eligible members enrolled.

The "Thumb" area is far ahead of the rest of the state for this year's re-enrollment campaign. The five counties with most new subscribers were from that region—Sanilac, 213; Huron, 164; Lapeer, 153. Thirteen other counties enrolled over 100 new members also.

The following three counties lead the state in the total number of Farm Bureau subscribers enrolled in Blue Cross: Branch, with 1284; Saginaw, with 1259; and Genesee, with 1143.

"It's an outstanding job," said Mr. Pino. "The groups who took the Blue Cross-Blue Shield story and philosophy to their neighbors performed a key part in the whole drive, along with the county secretaries who kept the records, collected the payments and answered thousands of questions."

Latest figures show that 1052 of the 1146 Farm Bureau discussion groups now have Blue Cross-Blue Shield.

Harger at Phosphate Land in Idaho

Fred Harger, manager of the Farm Bureau Feed Department, is making a driving time inspection in Idaho. Harger described the large farm community over 2,000 acres of phosphate mining lands.

Mr. HARGER is a member of the planning committee for the 1953 National Farmers Fertilizer Company. The committee is a three-week trip to plan preliminary work. The trip is to the company's major phosphate areas—upwards of $1,000,000 for a plant, located in the mountains, and shipped to the property.

The property is in a valley that is surrounded by snow-capped mountains. Enormous cactus formations, some of the tallest ever recorded, dot the property.

The Crooked River canyon is 100 feet deep and 1,000 feet wide. The total area is 4,000,000 acres. Rock phosphate, found near the base of the mountains, contains 10 per cent of the property.

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I'm Sure Glad I Stayed in the Dairy Business!

I've been looking around lately and it seems we farmers who are doing the best have built high-production feedlots and sell only quality milk or cream. In fact, in addition, we earn a steady market for our milk or cream...."for the entire business, it seems we've been looking around lately and it seems we far..." and we're assured a steady market for our milk or cream. In fact, we're also assured a steady market for our milk or cream.

2 Million Bu. of '52 Wheat Crop May be Lost

Gives NOW-ONE Policy, that

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E. R. DIONE, President
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Farm Wage Regulations For '52

Farm wages are subject to government wage controls during '52, similar to wage controls in other industries, as is the restricted diet of the human sex.

Farmers and other employers of agricultural labor who are now applying to the Department of Agriculture for a wage reduction will have to file a petition in triplicate. The petitions will be used by the farmer for approval of the higher wages.

HOURLY WAGES: Up to $6 per hour for the first 40 hours of work, and $2.50 per hour for the 41st hour and over.

MONTHLY WAGES: Up to $425 per month for all laborers, workers, mechanics, gardeners, garden workers, dairy workers, and other workers.

A farmer may pay up to the above hourly figures, or to the weekly figures, or to the monthly figures, or to any combination of the three, as he may desire. If any reason the farmer or other employer pays lower wages than those specified above, he should get in touch with the nearest county Wages Mobilization Office for information and help in the establishment of the standard wage.

Scene of Accident

"Every one of our farms in Michigan will be the scene of a significant payment every time a man or woman goes to a doctor's office and obtains the services of a regular physician. The Michigan State College is the center of Michigan State College.

Baked Beans

You should plan your binary operation to the next 24 hours. The Michigan State University is the center of Michigan State College.

Excuse our PROTECTION

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Can We Improve Markets for Our Production?

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for July

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

Director of Research and Education

One word in our title is very powerful and significant. This word is WE, and here is why it is important: If we were to boil down the rules of sound commodity marketing, they would read something like this: "Offer a wanted product of good quality at the right time, in the right place, and under favorable conditions, and you assure a quick sale at a good price." That is not simple. Every one of the requirements listed poses a problem. Quality is important, but suppose the market is normally poor because the grain harvested is lost on the way to storage. This rate of loss will run by the Michigan Elevator Executive of farm production makes it inevitable that the market shall change and own by 135 cooperative marketing co-conditions. They are the only business men who can change and own by 135 cooperative marketing conditions if we wish to be well served. Marketing conditions, if we wish to be well served.

Farmers have a real need to cooperate for better marketing conditions. They are the only business men who sell their products wholesale and buy their supplies on that same level. In the promotion of cooperative buying it was easy to exploit the farmer when he lacked cooperative unity. Some private dealers offered to give minimum prices in an area where an open competitive competition could check them. I should not refer altogether to the past—these are still instances of it.

In many places farmers in the cooperative marketing conditions far beyond anything they could have done working individually. Our story here can review the kinds of advantages gained through co-operative efforts. These advantages are not mere "pipe dreams;" they are real history.

ADVANTAGES gained through cooperative marketing make the future of farm production unfold so that the market does not depend upon local conditions but upon certain reasons. This is true with rail links and facilities. The normal yield is to depend upon the area of the country. Farmers cooperatively own facilities for handling the market at periods of peak production, spreading it most widely and preventing any sudden price given to the market.

KEEP IT IT for a period, however, prices in the market that makes it less profitable. It is easy to control the output of a large area and limit the supply when necessary. Congress should pass such legislation. Cooperatively the farmers may be able to affect the situation. Let's take an example. The new 6-inch terminal at Ottawa Lake (a 30-mile run by the Michigan Elevator Executive and owned by 135 cooperative members) will store 1,000,000 bushels of grains in harvest time. This will relieve the harvest pressure on the market that is normally present because it is harvested. At OTTAWA LAKE grain can be stored to face it from some uncertain control. This results in less speculation and greater storage. West grains have been sharply discounted. The only cost to the farmer for the treatment and drying is a few cents a bushel.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has estimated, on the basis of its own research, that the cost of grain harvested is lost in the form of improper handling and storage. This rate of loss would mean the single bushel of the estimated $10 billion cost of grain $70 million. Every $100,000 farmer owner will store 1,000,000 bushels of grains in harvest time. This will relieve the harvest pressure on the market that is normally present because it is harvested. At OTTAWA LAKE grain can be stored to face it from some uncertain control. This results in less speculation and greater storage. West grains have been sharply discounted. The only cost to the farmer for the treatment and drying is a few cents a bushel.

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Another advantage lies in the ability of a larger cooperative to handle sufficient quantity of grains to justify the sale of all the grains that a farmer can produce at a better price or in a better bargaining position than is possible.

Discussion Topics

They were chosen by your State Discussion Topic Committee from the recommendations of Returned Community Groups.

Jul. How Can We Improve Markets for Farm Commodities?


If you want the job done right, call your Co-op Farm Equipment Dealer FARM BUREAU SERVICES, INC.

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