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Moody and Potter Collide on Farm Program

EDITORIAL

Vote Twice on Reapportionment

"Why should I vote twice on reapportionment?"

This question is being asked as a result of the campaign by Farm Bureau members and other supporters of the Balanced Legislature proposal.

Here are the election facts: Three proposed amendments to the Michigan Constitution will appear on the November 4 ballot:

No. 1—Would permit use of narcotics seized by peace officers to be used as evidence in drug cases.

No. 2—Would give control of BOTH Houses of the Michigan legislature to a 4-county area. This is because the CIO plan for reapportionment of the legislature is based upon population only.

No. 3—Would give a BALANCED distribution of seats in the Michigan legislature. This is because it would apportion the House seats on the basis of population and Senate seats on the present basis of area and population.

The Constitution provides that a proposed amendment is adopted when approved by a majority of qualified electors voting on the proposal.

Therefore, the greater the total vote on the issue, the more affirmative votes it will take to make a majority.

On November 4, proposals No. 2 and No. 3 both seek to amend the same sections of the Constitution. We will vote "Yes" or "No" on each one. It is possible that the proposal receiving the fewer affirmative votes may be adopted. As an example:

	A.	B.
Total number votes cast	100,000	80,000
Total number "yes" votes	45,000	42,000

Proposal "B" would be adopted, though receiving 3,000 fewer favorable votes than "A" which did not obtain a majority.

The "No" votes on proposal Number 2 will help build a higher total vote, thus requiring a larger "Yes" vote to give a majority.

An unprecedented situation may result. The Constitution does not specify what shall be done if two proposals amending the same section receive a favorable majority at the same election. This condition has never been met under our Michigan Constitution. It is possible that the Supreme Court would rule that the proposal receiving the highest affirmative vote would prevail.

With these facts in mind, it is clear that we need to encourage the greatest possible number of "No" votes on No. 2 and "Yes" votes on No. 3.

Price Supports Are an Issue

The Michigan Farm Bureau and the entire American Farm Bureau organization are asking General Eisenhower and Governor Stevenson to state their attitude on the farm price support program if elected.

Neither General Eisenhower nor Governor Stevenson have gone any further than to say at press conferences that they favor the law passed by the Congress in 1952.

Both men, said one shrewd observer, are question marks to the people who produce the nation's food.

Under administration pressure, the Agr'l Act of 1949 was revised in the closing days of the 1952 Congress to require that the basic crops of wheat, corn, cotton, tobacco and rice must be supported at not less than 90% of parity for the crop years of 1953-54.

This has the effect of setting aside for those years the flexible price support provisions of the Agr'l Act of 1949.

To this the American Farm Bureau objected vigorously. High and fixed price supports for basic crops, said the Farm Bureau, will bring surpluses and government control of farming.

The Agr'l Act of 1949 provided for flexible price supports ranging from 60 to 90% of parity. It provided safe floors for farm prices, and a range to keep production in tune with needs. It assured farmers a free market and a minimum of dictation from government.

Both General Eisenhower and Governor Stevenson are to speak to 100,000 farmers at the Minne-

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St. Clair Co. FB in Vote Parade



ST. CLAIR COUNTY FARM BUREAU had this entry in Port Huron's Old Time Torchlight Parade to get out the vote on the evening of August 4, just before the primary election. Three times as many votes were cast in the 1952 election as in 1948! Shown in the double buggy are Farm Bureau members in the dress of 52 years ago on their way to the polls. Riding in the buggy owned by Leonard Schultz of Capac are Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kesner of Memphis and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker of North Street. Ernest Darling of Goodells is shown driving the team owned by the Ogden-Moffet Trucking Company of Port Huron. Following the buggy was a new car showing 1952-voters election bound, and a wagon load of boys and girls labelled "Voters of 1960-64." A steam calliope and a steam threshing machine and other old time vehicles followed. Mrs. Beulah Burrows, County Farm Bureau Secretary, said that the parade was the best thing done in the county in a long time.

25 Problems Of State in Committees

DAN REED
MFB Public Affairs Dep't

During the 1952 session of the Michigan legislature, a number of special committees were created or continued, with authority to study specific problems and report to the 1953 legislature. Five standing committees were also authorized to function during the interim between sessions.

Of special interest to Farm Bureau members are the following:

Senate Appropriations—Senator Elmer Porter, chairman.

Conservation Dept. Land Purchase Policies—Representative Andrew Cobb, chairman.

Drainage and Flood Damage—Senator Frank Heath, chairman.

Election Laws—Senator Creighton Coleman, chairman.

Gasoline Tax and Prices—Representative Wm. S. Bloomfield, chairman.

Liquor Law—Representative Glenn B. Robinson, chairman.

Mineral Rights—Representative Carl Lindquist, chairman.

Education (House committee)—Representative Harold Hungerford, chairman.

Education (Senate committee)—Senator Don Vanderwerp, chairman.

State Organization—Representative Robert Montgomery, chairman.

Tax and Revenue Laws—Representative Louis E. Anderson, chairman.

Toll Roads—Senator Haskell L. Nichols, chairman.

Barry City and Farm Women in Programs

Beginning in May Barry County Farm Bureau Women invited women from the cities and towns of their county for a rural-urban conference.

At that time four Farm Bureau Women told their city friends about farming in Barry County as carried on by their own families. Slides taken on the farms of the women speakers were then shown, and a question and answer period followed.

MRS. HAROLD SLOCUM, chairman of the Barry County Farm Bureau Women, invited the city women back as guests of the Barry County Farm Bureau, at which time they were to tell the farm women about life in their own homes.

August 19 at their annual Women's Camp, a return meeting was held. Speakers for the city women were: Mrs. M. J. Hawkins, who represented the fixed

income group; Mrs. Herbert Wedel, who represented the professional group; Mrs. Duane Miller, who represented the labor group; and Mrs. George Youngs, who represented the business group.

What those women told about life in their homes and some of the problems they have as home makers was very interesting to the Farm Bureau Women. Many questions were asked of the city group.

MRS. WEDEL said this exchange of views and experience is good not only between women of city and rural homes, but would be good between women of other countries. All of the women went away with a feeling that much had been accomplished in these two meetings in Barry county. Other County Farm Bureau Women's Committees are planning similar meetings during the next year.

Farm Bureau Plans Western Tour in Dec.

Here is your opportunity to see all of the West at its best.

The Farm Bureaus of the Northeastern states and Michigan are combining to sponsor another of the now famous tours to the Annual Farm Bureau Convention.

The choice of Seattle for the Convention meeting place gives a perfect set-up for a comprehensive tour of our great country.

Traveling in our special train, we will pause to enjoy such scenic and historic spots as Denver, Royal Gorge, Salt Lake City, Las Vegas, Death Valley, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Joaquin Valley, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Missoula, Butte, a dip into Yellowstone Park and many other

interesting spots. Sharing all these pleasures with fellow-members and friends represents a business, social and educational event all in a grand vacation trip.

The arrangements for this tour are again in the hands of Mr. Nelson M. Jost of the Travel Service Bureau, Inc., who will serve as your escort.

A care-free trip with lots of extras is assured. All farm folks and their friends are invited to come along and make the most of this travel opportunity.

Your state Farm Bureau office has a supply of folders describing this trip and will be glad to mail one to you on request.

Wasteful

It is wasteful to start cooking vegetables in cold water—have the water at a rolling boil before you put in vegetables, say Michigan State College home economists. And don't add baking soda to the cooking water, for soda destroys precious vitamins.

Three Veteran FB Employees Retire Aug. 31

Three employees of the Michigan Farm Bureau, each with upwards of 30 years service in the organization, were retired August 31 under the retirement plan for employees reaching the age of 65.

They will be honored at social functions by their respective divisions in the Farm Bureau, and by the Michigan Farm Bureau.

FRED J. HARGER of Lansing, retired as head of the fertilizer manufacturing division. Mr. Harger has had a long career with the Farm Bureau, and before that was manager of the Stanwood Co-operative elevator in Mecosta county, and a farmer there.

In the early 1920's, Mr. Harger was a member of the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors. He represented the Michigan Potato Growers Exchange under the plan of organization of the board of directors at that time.

Mr. Harger came to the Michigan Farm Bureau in 1927 to become manager of the first Farm Bureau Services branch. The Services took over the assets of a defunct co-operative at Saginaw. When Mr. Harger left for new Farm Bureau responsibilities some years later, he left behind him a thriving elevator and feed business at 220 Bristol street, a large three-story brick warehouse at 800 South Washington doing a retail and wholesale business in Farm Bureau supplies, and a Farm Bureau Oil Company.

AS BUILDING superintendent for Farm Bureau Services, Mr. Harger built the modern Farm Bureau Services elevator and store at Kalamazoo, and the Farm Bureau Services fertilizer plant at Saginaw, which is shown in an advertisement on page 3 of this paper. He has been in charge of fertilizer manufacturing for that plant and responsible for over-

At Michigan Elev. Exchange Meeting

Senator Blair Moody favors a national farm program with price supports fixed at 90% of parity.

Congressman Charles E. Potter, campaigning for Senator Moody's seat in the U. S. Senate, stands for a farm program with flexible price supports, ranging up and down according to the need for production.

They made these statements on farm policy before the 32nd annual meeting of the Michigan Elevator Exchange at Lansing September 3.

Senator Moody said no major farm bill was offered in Congress in 1952, but he expects one in 1953. Mr. Moody said the 1952 farm bill for 90% price support for basic commodities puts a firm floor under farm prices. In his opinion, the basic commodities (wheat, corn, cotton, tobacco, rice and peanuts) are entitled to price support at 90% of parity.

(Parity is a calculated price intended to give farmers a fair exchange on the proceeds of their products as against the cost of the goods they buy.)

"We should have a better price support program for perishables," said Senator Moody. "So far they have been supported by various devices, including the school lunch program.

"I do not favor the imposition on farmers of any plan they don't want. I have studied the views of large farm organizations and have corresponded with many farmers.

"Depressions start on the farms. If there had been farm price supports 25 years ago there would have been no depressions. It is sound business to prevent depressions. It is not socialistic."

Congressman Potter said, "On 90% of parity I must disagree with Senator Moody. Michigan farm people tell me they don't want it. They want flexible farm price supports.

"I believe government is the people. Government can't give without taking away. At 90% of parity or more you have a paternal form of government, and the government will take over farming.

"I want the national farm program to be reasonable, and what farmers want. It must be developed by farmers with the aid of their responsible farm organizations.

"When a high farm price support program is offered, people ask what government controls will go with it?

"I have yet to have a responsible farm organization ask me or Congress for special favors. Instead they have asked for economy in the U. S. Dep't of Agriculture and elsewhere in the federal government.

"Farm policy is your policy. It can be and should be the way you want it and not as bureaucrats in Washington order it."

all operations and materials.

Before his retirement Mr. Harger contributed much to the planning now being done for the proposed second Farm Bureau manufacturing plant at Kalamazoo. He is a director of the Central Farmers Fertilizer Company, a group of 14 fertilizer manufacturing co-operatives which are engaged in developing phosphate mining and manufacturing facilities in Idaho. Undoubtedly, Mr. Harger will be called upon to serve the Farm Bureau in a consulting capacity. His immediate plans call for taking a good rest.

MISS FERN DAVIS of Lansing has retired after 32 years service as office manager and accountant for the public relations division of Michigan Farm Bureau. She was born and educated at Elsie in Clinton county. Before coming with the Farm Bureau in 1920 she was employed by the Union Telephone Company for 12 years. Her first work with Farm Bureau was in the wool department in the days of the first wool pool. Later she was a bookkeeper in the general accounting dept., and in 1921 joined the public relations division where she was accountant and in charge of printing and mailing activities for many years. Her plans for the future include keeping house full time at her home in Lansing.

Sure You're Registered?

1. Have you voted in an election in the past 2 years? (4 years in some precincts but be sure.)

2. Is your address the same as when you last voted?

If your answer is "Yes" to these questions you probably are entitled to vote on November 4. If not,

OCTOBER 6 is the last day to register before the November 4 election. Don't wait till the last day!

Foam Rubber
Foam rubber is highly satisfactory in furniture, say Michigan State College specialists, but be certain the foam rubber is all in one piece. Scraps of foam rubber glued together do not wear well.

Carbon Dioxide
Carbon dioxide is as dangerous in a silo as in a closed garage.

Reapportionment of the Legislature

NO



YES



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Autumn

I like the Autumn season—as seasons come and go—
When it's hazy round the edges and we've had a frost or so.
Then the weeds don't crowd the farmer. Then the harvesting is through.
And the clouds float high and fleecy in a sky that's mighty blue.
Then the glamorous wealth of color that the woodland leaves have got
Make a fellow feel poetic—if he ever was or not.
There's a kind of subtle something in the glory of it all
Makes me think, if I were choosing, I could almost choose the Fall.
Did you ever stop and wonder why it is the leaves turn red?
Nature always has a purpose, some philosopher has said.
Now the brilliant flowers of summer, in perfume, hue, and size,
Each exemplify the slogan that it pays to advertise!
Their lovely propagation is delightfully refined,
But every lovely blossom has a lovely ax to grind.
Not so the Autumn foliage that's everywhere displayed —
There is no battle to be won. It's just a dress parade.
Just a dress parade of loveliness. A style show, if you please,
Of the latest, stunning fashions for well-dressed Autumn Trees.
Sort of compensates us farmers, as I think you will allow,
For some dusty days in August when we rode the sulky plow.
Here I borrowed Martha's bread board, and took some binder twine,
And cut some strings this morning with this old jackknife of mine,
And with a hempen foxtail about my middle tied
Had shucked out several bushels before the dew was dried.
I'm not a dressy figure as I sit here husking corn,
For my old felt hat is floppy and my overalls are worn,
But as I work from time to time I cast my glance around
At the stretch of painted lowland and the farther rising ground,
And I do not feel downhearted at the lowliness of toil,
But I thank my Heavenly Father that my roots are in the soil—
That His world is mine to work in and appreciate and all
Oh, I think of all the seasons I could almost choose the Fall!

R. S. Clark
315 N. Grinnell
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WHO SHALL SPEAK FOR FARMERS?



WESLEY S. HAWLEY

MFB Director of Membership Acquisition

Who shall speak for farmers? Mr. Farmer you have four choices. Labor bosses, big business, bureaucrats, or you—which shall it be? There will be a National Agricultural Policy Program.

The objectives of labor, big business, and bureaucrats are much different than yours. Do you want these others to do the job? To draft a farm program to fit their objectives and programs? If not, you have a job to do. Build Farm Bureau stronger. Help to make it more effective. Farm Bureau is the biggest and best tool for you to use to do this job!

Your voice can be heard effectively in the Farm Bureau. There are 1,500,000 members in Farm Bureau. The issues and challenges ahead will call for a stronger voice. Let's build Farm Bureau stronger.

Stock Losses By Hauling Can be Reduced

Bruising, crippling and killing livestock by careless loading and hauling is costly and can be avoided, says Charles J. Little, Michigan State College extension livestock specialist.

Marketing time and show time are two dangerous periods. Even though some animals are insured, the loss is still great. Here are some suggestions that Little says will help reduce livestock handling losses.

Remove nails, wire, splinters, ricks. Use a smooth loading chute that is not too steep. Bed trucks with sand or other material that will keep the animals from slipping.

Partition loads of animals of different sizes to prevent injury

to the smaller ones. Load slowly to prevent crowding against sharp corners and to avoid excitement. Little warns against beating animals into the truck, since his will bruise animals.

The MSC livestock specialist also advises covering the truck to protect the animals during bad weather. Drive carefully, inspect the load enroute and unload slowly. These suggestions will help cut losses and increase pounds of meat that reach the market.

Rats
Rats may raise four or more litters a year, averaging from six to ten a litter. They are expensive boarders. Controlling them will save grain, help control disease and save possible losses of young farm animals and poultry.

Lice
Hens with lice usually are "lousy" layers, Michigan State College poultrymen say.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified advertisements are cash with order at the following rates: 8 cents per word for one edition. Ads to appear in two or more editions take the rate of 6 cents per word edition. These rates based on guarantee of 50,000 or more subscribers. They are members of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

WOMEN

EMBROIDER Stamped Linens. Buy direct from manufacturer and save. Free 25-page catalog featuring designs for cutwork, applique, cross-stitch, crochet, etc., stamped on Seamless Tubing Pillow Cases, Scarfs, Luncheon Sets, Banquet Cloths, Show Towels, Baby Articles, etc. Write: Merrilee, Dept. 512, 22 West 21st St., New York 16, N. Y. (7-9-50p)

MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCERS

ORDERS placed in Sept. for King Evaporators will be granted a substantial discount. We urge all producers of pure maple syrup to order sap boiling equipment now. Write for catalog and prices. Sugar Bush Supplies Co., P.O. Box 1107, Lansing 1, Michigan. (6-14-40b)

HELP WANTED

SALESMAN—To sell well established line of barn equipment, age 30 to 45. Must be honest, reliable, with good habits. Farming or farm equipment background necessary. To sell on commission basis. Write Simplex Barn Equipment, Marshfield, Wisconsin. Give references. (3-21-50b)

WOMEN

NEW FREE 24-Page Sewing Book "1952 Pattern Service for Sewing with Cotton Bags" tells how to make smart clothes and household items from thrifty cotton sacks. See how you save container costs when you buy products in cotton! Send post card to National Cotton Council, Box 76, Memphis, Tennessee. (3-101-50b)

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CASH IN on your spare time! Sell beautiful new Regal Christmas Greeting Cards and Gift Assortments. No experience necessary. Costs nothing to get started. Show wonderful samples to friends, relatives and neighbors. Merely take orders and pocket up to 100% profit. Write today for samples on approval. Regal Greetings, Dept. 92, Ferndale, Michigan. (7-31-50b)

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Freeman Stoker, capacity 50 lbs. per hour. All controls included. Phone 82-367, Lansing, or write L. Mumford, 710 Chittenden Drive, East Lansing, Mich.

Ventilation

Proper ventilation of the livestock truck in summer will help reduce shipping losses.

Milk

Milk is one of the oldest known foods. Records show that cows were milked in 9000 B. C.

Disease Prevention

Artificial insemination in dairy cattle helps prevent disease spread.

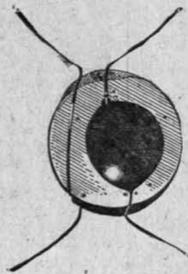
New "Early Red" raspberry lengthens season, boosts yield

A new red raspberry variety, named "Early Red," has been developed at Michigan State College's South Haven Experiment Station, after 20 years of breeding and testing. The "Early Red" starts producing berries early in the season when the crop is small and prices are usually higher. Plants are upright, tall, vigorous, hardy and very productive. The berries have good flavor and a long ripening season. They withstand canning without crumbling and freeze as well as Latham raspberries. For more information, call your County Agricultural Agent.



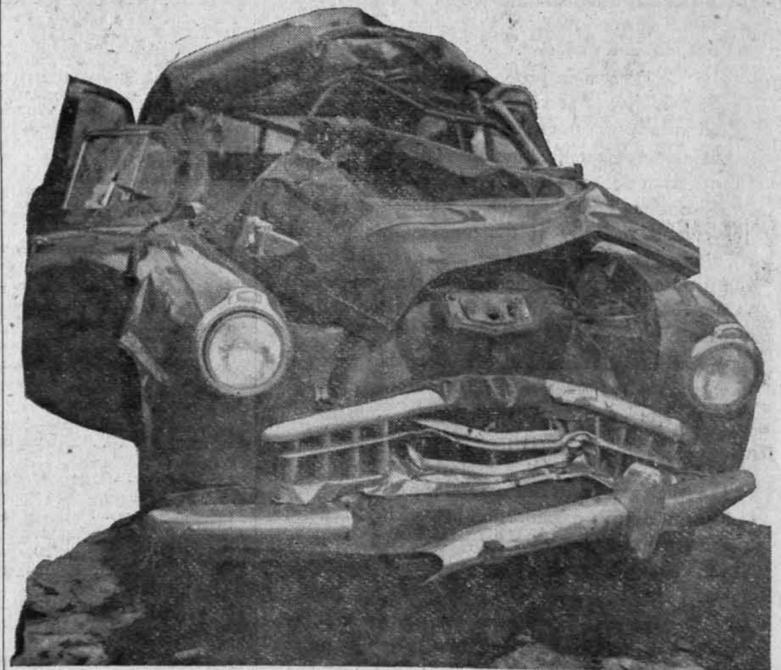
"Daddy Longlegs" guards the nation

This curious-looking device is a "thermistor." It's a speck of metallic oxide imbedded in a glass bead half the size of a grain of rice (or smaller!). The bead thermistor controls and measures the flow of electric current in radar sets used to guard the nation's defenses. It's also used in telephone equipment. Developed by Bell Telephone Laboratories and made by Western Electric Company, the bead thermistor is an example of the precision accuracy which has helped give America the finest telephone service in the world.



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MEDICAL—Expense allowance for injuries to my passengers and family?
COLLISION—Protection for damage to my car by collision or upset?
COMPREHENSIVE—Coverage for all other damage to my car?

Free Farm Bureau Member Insurance Survey

THE WRECK above is not mine, and my car (and truck) is insured, but... AS A FARM BUREAU MEMBER, I would like the free car (truck) insurance survey to know:

- 1 What I have to protect.
2 How much protection I have now.
3 If Farm Bureau insurance can offer more.

NAME
ADDRESS
MY INSURANCE IS DUE
FARM BUREAU INSURANCE, 507 South Grand Avenue, Lansing, Michigan.

EDITORIAL

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sota plowing and conservation exhibition September 6. That audience will expect some definite statements from each candidate on his position on farm price support program in the future and other phases of the national farm program. They have been put on notice by communications from the representatives of 1,500,000 members of the Farm Bureau.

IMPORTANT Changes in policy

- To Members of the Michigan Mutual Windstorm Insurance Co.
BLANKET COVERAGE on Farm Personal is now in effect.
TELEVISION AERIAL — We have eliminated the Two Dollars per hundred charge for Television Aerials. From now on this item will be included as a part of household goods and covered for WINDSTORM DAMAGE up to 10% of the amount carried on household contents.

Careful business management by experienced men. Prompt adjustment and payment of losses. Agents and adjusters quickly available throughout Michigan.

MICHIGAN MUTUAL WINDSTORM INSURANCE CO. HASTINGS MICHIGAN
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September

Thanks, Farm Bureau Members for building the greatest feed tonnage we've ever known. Farm Feeds are 29.3% up in sales while average increase is only 11% over the country (and less than that in our section).

RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOUR NEIGHBOR HELP

You, with your use of Milkmaker, Mermashes, Porkmakers, BureauLas and Cattle Supplement 45% account for much of this gain - - but it's your recommendation to your neighbors that has done a whole lot more. You recommend Farm Bureau Feeds because they make you more profit than on any other feed. That's the only reason you should recommend them!

The Most Modern Feed On The Market

The U.S.D.A. is promoting the use of urea to help extend our protein concentrates. Since last November your Farm Bureau 45% Cattle Supplement has satisfied thousands of dairymen, (and beefmen) that it is a feed superior to Soybean Meal, or any single protein supplement. It proved itself.

Now, beginning in October, your feed department offers those who have preferred single proteins, a new urea concentrate carrying 48% protein. It will carry inorganic sulphur to make the urea protein more effective. It carries

soybean meal, linseed meal and cotton seed meal. It carries 10% cane molasses, trace minerals and vitamin D. It is a complete feed and the dairyman or feeder can use 10% more home grown grain with it than with soybean meal; and 40% more grain with it than with linseed meal.

Research men approve this feed. Only 33 1/3% of the protein content comes from urea, and it will lower production costs over single protein supplements. Write for feeding instructions. See your Farm Bureau Dealers.

FARM BUREAU FEEDS ARE MADE TO HELP YOU MAKE MONEY

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Roll Call Managers in First Training Course

Prepare For 1953 Membership

WESLEY S. HAWLEY
Director of Membership Acquisition

Thirty-eight Roll Call managers from 34 counties attended the first Roll Call managers' training school at Michigan State College August 19 and 20.

This was the first Roll Call managers' training school held in Michigan, and one of the first in the U.S.A. The training school was held as a result of recommendations coming out of the membership session of the Farm Bureau Institute held last January by representatives of the MFB and all County Farm Bureaus.

It was felt that better training of all Roll Call personnel is necessary if we are to improve and strengthen our membership acquisition plan.

THE PURPOSE of the training school was to better enable the Roll Call managers to assume the carry out their responsibilities in a successful Roll Call for 1953. The managers have the responsibility of selecting the required number of qualified workers and training them for their work. Four classes were conducted at training school:

CLASS 1. The Farm Bureau. Its origin, history, structure, and services. Keith Tanner, instructor.

CLASS 2. A study of the techniques and mechanics for a successful membership campaign. Wesley S. Hawley, instructor.

CLASS 3. Mobilizing all personnel for the campaign. Fred Reimer, instructor.

CLASS 4. Adequate publicity for a successful Roll Call. Bill Eastman, instructor.

Each Roll Call manager present attended one session of each of these classes so as to get the full

training. Following is a list of the counties represented and those attending:

ALCONA—Leroy Sands. Allegan—John VanderSchaar. Alpena—Archie Wirgan. Barry—Barbara Barcroft. Bay—Julius Rabe. Berrien—Ray DeWitt. Branch—Arthur Hagerman. Charlevoix—John E. Rosquist. Clinton—Carl Platte. Eaton—Esther May Nye. Gratiot—Mrs. George Davidson.

HURON—Clare Armstrong and Hal Conkey. Ingham—L. D. Dunckel. Ionia—Irma Covert. Isabella—Arleigh Gorr. Kalamazoo—G. T. Blankshine. Kent—Mrs. Thelma Heilmann. Lapeer—Belle L. Johns. Lenawee—David T. Mellott and Roscoe Stubbing.

MACOMB—Anthony Rapes. Mecosta—Clement E. Bennett. Missaukee—Mrs. Eldores Shetehelm. Oakland—Ray Anton. Ottawa—William L. Kennedy. Saginaw—Mrs. Martha Baker. Sanilac—Eldon Winters.

SHIAWASSEE—Donald Swayze and Clifford Arnold. St. Joseph—Keith Leverence. St. Clair—Mrs. Floyd Winn and Mrs. Martin Colberg. Tuscola—Clark Montague. Van Buren—E. P. Gibbons. Washtenaw—LaVerne Coy. Wexford—Mrs. Anton Olszewski and Mrs. Myles Hodgson.

A general plan and program was followed starting with registration at 9:00 a. m. August 19 and ending with luncheon program August 20. The activities

started with a general session after which class assignments were made and the class sessions began.

ONE of the best parts of the program was a very fine talk by Dan Reed of the legislative department at Farm Bureau. Mr. Reed gave a good outline of the issues and how to use them in membership work.

The final session included a very challenging address by Mr. T. C. Peterson, Midwest Farm Bureau regional field services director. He gave a stirring address on the issues we must face and their implications. This sent everybody home realizing that there is much to do and that

there is a great need to build Farm Bureau stronger and better than ever before.

A committee of district men headed by Clare McGhan conducted the school in a very fine manner. Each district man had a special assignment and part in conducting the training school.

EVERYONE AGREED that the school was a real success and accomplished what it was designed for. Every effort should be made to have better attendance next year. The counties which were not represented certainly missed some of the best training that has ever been offered for successful membership work.

Co-ops Praise Institute In Michigan

Some 1,300 leaders in farm cooperatives throughout the United States and Canada, and some from distant foreign countries attended the 24th annual meeting of the American Institute of Cooperation at Michigan State College, August 10-14.

They praised highly the quality of the programs presented, and

especially the hospitality of their hosts, the Michigan State College and farm cooperatives in Michigan. Many of them said it was one of the best Institutes in the long history of the organization.

All of the officers, division heads and many dept heads of the Michigan Farm Bureau, Farm Bureau Services, Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company, Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company and Michigan Ass'n of Farmer Cooperatives took part in the Institute as speakers or in charge of some part of the Institute program.

The Michigan Ass'n of Farmer Cooperatives made it possible for

the 1952 Institute to be held in Michigan. Clarence Prentice of Michigan State College was general chairman of all Michigan committees.

Orlon Curtains

Orlon curtains—now appearing in stores—have good shape-retaining qualities, plus the fact that they are not affected by smoke, or atmospheric gases.

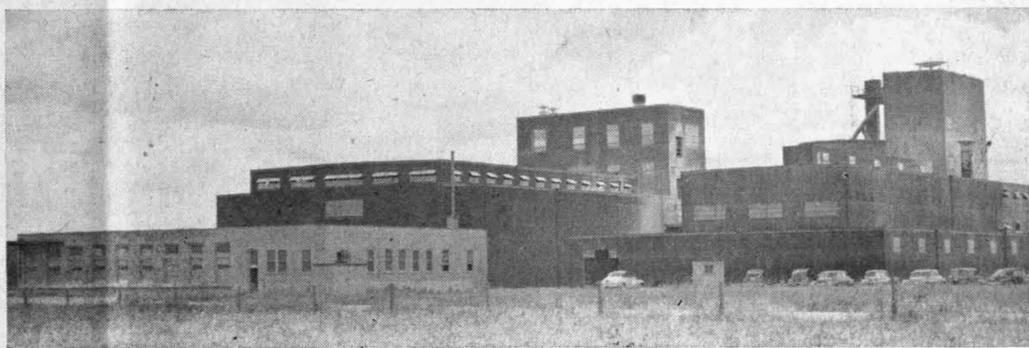
Lightning Rods

Lightning rods protect buildings only when properly installed and grounded, Michigan State College agricultural engineers remind farmers.

This is not, and is under no circumstances to be construed as an offering of these Debentures for sale, or as a solicitation of offers to buy any of such Debentures. The offering is made only by the Prospectus.

BUY DEBENTURES

For Expanded Fertilizer Program



This photograph of the Farm Bureau Services fertilizer plant built at Saginaw in 1946 is presented only for the purpose of illustrating the general appearance and equipment of a fertilizer plant. At Saginaw the building at the right is the superphosphate manufacturing unit. Mixed fertilizers are made and stored in bulk in the building in the center. The low building at the front and left provides storage for bagged fertilizers, and has nine truck loading docks. It does not follow that the proposed plant for southwestern Michigan will be a duplicate of the Saginaw plant.

Farm Bureau Services, Inc., of Lansing, Michigan, with the approval of Michigan farmers and fertilizer distributors, proposes a three year program for expansion of the Farm Bureau Services, Inc. fertilizer manufacturing program as follows: (1) Build a second fertilizer manufacturing plant, to be located in southwestern Michigan (2) Develop a source of high analysis phosphate from property owned in Idaho (3) Provide necessary working capital. To finance these operations, Farm Bureau Services, Inc., is offering:

\$2,000,000

Series A Debentures

5% Simple Interest...15 Year Maturity...Non-Assessable

The issue and the Farm Bureau Services, Inc., are fully described in the Prospectus dated July 21, 1952. The Prospectus is the basic of information for all sales. Fifty licensed salesmen employed by Farm Bureau Services are working through Michigan County Farm Bureaus and Community Groups and Farm Bureau Services, Inc., fertilizer distributors. Please contact these salesmen for Prospectus and further information.

FOR COPY of the Prospectus, and a call by a licensed salesman, please fill in and mail request form at right.

FARM BUREAU SERVICES, INC.
Finance Promotion Division
221 North Cedar Street
Lansing, Michigan

FARM BUREAU SERVICES, INC.
Finance Promotion Division
P. O. Box 960, 221 North Cedar, Lansing, Michigan

I am interested in further information on the expanded fertilizer program for Michigan Farmers—Please send copy of Prospectus for Farm Bureau Services, Inc., Series A Debentures and have a licensed salesman call.

Name

Address RFD No.

County

Purtying Up Farm Buildings

There's a season in the offing
When the biggest rush is over,
When the harvest fields are gathered,
Safely housed the fragrant clover;
Then I like to take the census,
Them that has, and them that ain't,
Purtyed up th' ol' farm buildin's
With that good Farm Bureau paint.

Can't prevent their growin' older—
That's the buildin's well as me—
'N replacement costs hez tripled,
So it makes plain sense t' be
Lookin' fer a way to keep 'em
Good's I kin—'N free from taint,
Get along with wife 'n neighbors
When I use Farm Bureau paint.

Reckon that no red is redder,
'N I get with that "Four Ten"
When it comes to stayin' that way
There it really shines again!
Talk about real satisfaction!
Never hear the first complaint—
Life is just a bowl of cherries
Where they use Farm Bureau paint.

When we did the gambrel roof job
Steel 'n labor to re-deck
Hadn't soared to upper brackets;
Stuff was better too—but Heck
Ain't no use t' whine 'n holler—
Best to practice some restraint—
We kin do re-galvanizin'
With Farm Bureau zinc metal paint.

Some's fer brush'n, some's fer sprayin'
Either way hez got a knack—
Seems t' me the worst kin happen
Is t' let the buildin's lack;
So I'll rustle me a helper
Who kin climb 'n not get faint,
'N I'll spread real satisfaction—
Buckets of Farm Bureau paint.

When you've been away an evenin'
'An again you turn in home,
With the car lights fer a beacon
Kinder let your fancy roam,
There's just a touch of Heaven
And you feel almost a saint
Just to see your buildin's glisten
'Neath that good Farm Bureau paint.
Warren E. Dobson

How to protect your family... against hospital and medical bills!

Do you know that chances are 1 in 3 your family will face doctor and hospital bills in the next 12 months?

Do you know that to free your mind of worry about these bills, Michigan hospitals and doctors recommend and sponsor Blue Cross-Blue Shield Health-Care Plans?

What you can do to ease the high cost of illness!

Let your doctor prescribe a remedy for the financial complications that may follow accident or sickness! He knows your health problems, including their financial side. That's why Michigan doctors and hospitals originated and still direct Blue Cross - Blue Shield Plans... the doctors' and hospitals' own non-profit health-care plans—for the welfare of the public.

What Blue Cross Comprehensive Group Hospital Plan Does:

It covers a wide range of hospital services when you are admitted to a Blue Cross participating hospital in Michigan. There is no cash limit for services such as: drugs, general nursing care, meals and special diets, use of operating and surgical treatment rooms, laboratory services and casts.

Hospital room allowance, too, is unlimited, for 120 days of care when you are admitted to the type of room covered by the contract for which you are enrolled. These benefits apply to you and every enrolled member of your family, at any one of over 190 Blue Cross participating hospitals in Michigan.

What Blue Shield Medical-Surgical Plan Does:

It pays generous, stated amounts to your doctor for over 480 specific medical-surgical procedures when you or an enrolled member of your family is a bed patient in a hospital.

This Medical-Surgical plan provides substantial amounts towards doctors' visits to the hospital in non-surgical cases such as: pneumonia, heart condition, rheumatic fever, etc.

Also covered is emergency (accident) care in a doctor's office or a hospital, if treated within 24 hours of the accident

How little you pay for so much protection!

What you pay for Blue Cross - Blue Shield protection varies slightly depending on the type of coverage you sign up for. Studies show an average cost of 9 cents per person per day. This is a small price to pay for the assurance that if you or someone in your family goes to the hospital, you are protected,

now to get

Blue Cross - Blue Shield protection!

AGRICULTURAL WORKERS may join through the Farm Bureau Discussion Groups. If you work where they employ 5 or more people, your group may be eligible for the Blue Cross - Blue Shield Group Enrollment Plan. If you leave your group after joining, you may continue your membership on a Direct Payment basis.

No red tape when you enter the hospital... no claims to file when you leave!

Your Blue Cross - Blue Shield card is all you need when admitted to a participating hospital. Simply show it to your doctor and to the admitting clerk. When you leave, there are no claims to file, because Blue Cross - Blue Shield pay the hospital and doctor directly.

BLUE CROSS - BLUE SHIELD is Michigan's best-known protection. More than 2½ million Michigan residents are members. Over 190 Michigan hospitals and more than 4,800 Michigan doctors participate. Ask your neighbors about Blue Cross - Blue Shield. 1 out of every 3 Michigan residents is a Blue Cross - Blue Shield member.

Important notice to present members!

Be sure to enroll "new additions" to your family, so that they, too, are eligible for Blue Cross - Blue Shield protection.

Report changes in address to avoid confusion in the event you have to go to a hospital. Get the facts about Blue Cross - Blue Shield group enrollment now! Contact your nearest Blue Cross - Blue Shield office today!

PROTECTION THAT'S PRICELESS

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD
Michigan Hospital Service Michigan Medical Service

234 State Street, Detroit 26, Michigan

THE HOSPITALS' AND DOCTORS' OWN NON-PROFIT HEALTH-CARE PLANS FOR THE WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC

Resolutions Committee Sets Nov. 1 Deadline

For Proposals From Counties

The state resolutions committee of the Michigan Farm Bureau held its first meeting at Lansing August 12 to prepare for the annual meeting of the membership at Michigan State College, November 13-14, 1952.

The Committee set November 1 as the deadline for all resolutions from County Farm Bureaus to be in its hands.

Chairman Gleason Halliwill of District 8 has asked all county secretaries to transmit county resolutions to the state Michigan Farm Bureau office promptly so that they may have full consideration in the drafting of state resolutions.

The next meeting of the state resolutions committee will be on September 16. At that time the several subcommittees will meet with officials in state government, with Farm Bureau officers, and with representatives of other administrative groups in order to secure information on various problems.

Chairman Halliwill has appointed six subcommittees to process the large number of resolutions of program and policy expected from 62 County Farm Bureau annual meetings. They are:

Highways, Manpower & Selective Service: John Handy, Chairman, Mrs. Roy Fuerstenau, James Mielock, Glenn Robotham.

State Affairs: Russell Gingrich, Chairman, Bruce Granger, Kenneth Johnson, Anthony Kreiner.

Conservation: Dean Pridgeon, Chairman, Joseph Rabideau, Mrs. Charles C. Timpson, E. Harry Norris.

Education: Mrs. Roy Fuerstenau, Chairman, Dean Pridgeon, Bruce Granger, James P. Mielock.

National & International: Glenn Robotham, Chairman, Mrs. Charles C. Timpson, John Handy, Kenneth Johnson.

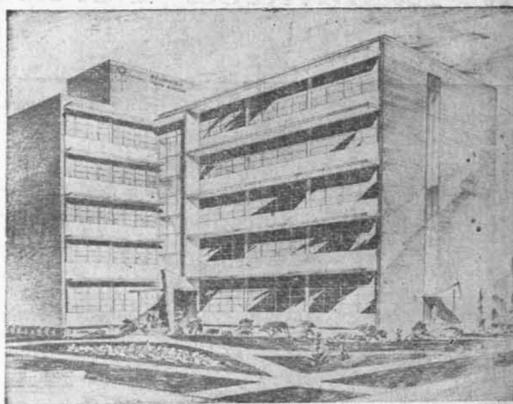
By-Laws & Internal Affairs: Anthony Kreiner, Chairman, Joseph Rabideau, Russell Gingrich, E. Harry Norris.

Will Prepare 1952 State Resolutions



THIS IS the Michigan Farm Bureau resolutions committee for the 1952 annual meeting. The committee met at Lansing August 12. Left to right: E. Harry Norris of Casnovia, legislative committee of the MFB board of directors; Bruce Granger of Webberville, District 5; Mrs. Charles C. Timpson, Alto, District 4; Mrs. Roy Fuerstenau, Richmond, District 3; Dean Pridgeon, Montgomery, District 2; John Handy, Sodus, District 1; Stanley M. Powell, legislative counsel, Michigan Farm Bureau; Gleason Halliwill, Gladwin, District 8; C. L. Brody, executive vice-president of Michigan Farm Bureau; Dan E. Reed, ass't legislative counsel, Michigan Farm Bureau; Anthony Kreiner, Brown City, District 6; Russell Gingrich, Reed City, District 7; Glenn Robotham, Beulah, District 10; Kenneth Johnson, Freeland, and James Mielock of Whittemore, both members of the legislative committee of the MFB board of directors.

Oklahoma FB to Build



NEW HOME for Oklahoma Farm Bureau. The five-story building shown in an architect's drawing will house the headquarters of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau in about a year. It will be within a few blocks of the state capitol building in Oklahoma City. Cost is estimated at \$600,000. Farm Bureau was founded in Oklahoma in 1942 and now has 34,500 members. It has outgrown its present state office facilities.

Why Certain Grasses Flourish

Every year several Michigan farmers send clumps of grass that they find in their pasture to Michigan State College farm crops specialists. They see some different kind of grass growing tall and green and want to find out what kind it is so they can plant more of it.

authority at MSC, says this may seem logical at first thought, but not if you give it a little consideration.

He says the usual reason the grass is tall and nice looking is that the livestock aren't eating it. And if they don't like it there's not much reason for planting a whole field of it.

Safety First

More people are injured in the home than any other place, so check home safety measures. Now.

C. M. Harrison, farm crops

if this happens...



STATE MUTUAL PAYS!

Your household goods are covered too, and if cream separators, seed corn, or other farm equipment are in the house, they are insured by farm personal coverage. That's "protection made to order."

Special Notice

WINDSTORM insurance can now be made a part of your State Mutual policy. It's no longer necessary to buy a separate policy to protect your buildings from windstorm damage. If you so desire, State Mutual gives you this protection along with your fire protection in a "one-policy" package.

HAIL damage to your buildings can also be covered by State Mutual's new "one-policy" package. This protection goes right along with the windstorm coverage mentioned above.

Remember, your State Mutual Policy is non-assessable—a feature which makes it completely acceptable as collateral at banks or other loaning agencies. And there are no membership fees for new members.

State Mutual INSURANCE COMPANY

702 Church Street, Flint 3, Michigan
E. R. DINGMAN, President H. K. FISK, Secretary

"State Mutual Insures Every Fifth Farm in Michigan—Ask Your Neighbors"



THRIFTIEST road to market!

During this harvest season and all through the year farmers find farm-to-market roads mighty important. And there is a special kind of farm-to-market road which is particularly important to farmers—the steel highways of America's railroads.

It is over these steel highways that most crops reach the nation's widespread markets—more than 1,500,000 carloads of grain alone this year, for example. And over these railroads are assembled and delivered the machinery, the fertilizer, and the other supplies farmers need, and the raw materials and fuel that go into their making. Over these steel highways more tons of freight are moved more miles than by all other means of transportation combined, and at a lower average charge than by any other general transportation service.

And the more these steel highways are used for the nation's freight, the less will be the wear and tear of heavy loads on the public highways, and the lower will be the cost to the taxpayers of building and maintaining them.

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN RAILROADS

WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

You'll enjoy THE RAILROAD HOUR every Monday evening on NBC.

Women of District 7 Have Camp

Farm Bureau Women from District 7, the counties of Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana and Oshtemo, held their first district camp at the 4-H Camp grounds at Hess Lake in Newaygo County in August 20-21.

The camp was under the direction of Mrs. Carl Johnson of Pierson, district chairman of District 7.

THE PROGRAM included a talk by Mrs. John Martin of Grand Rapids on the topic "Fun With the Family", and a flower demonstration by Mrs. Saur of the Farm and Garden Clubs of Grant, Michigan. Vesper services were conducted under the direction of Mrs. Neva Chryster of Newaygo county. Mrs. Harry Whittaker, state chairman of Michigan Farm Bureau Women, described the work of the Associated Country Women of the World.

Arden Peterson of the 4-H Club Department Michigan State College, directed recreation. All games used were games that could be used in meetings of Farm Bureau groups.

THE MORNING of the 21st was devoted to a training school on how to build a speech for the Farm Bureau Women's speaking contest. This was under the direction of Bill Eastman of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau. The camp concluded with a tour of the Gerbers Baby Food Factory in Fremont.

Mrs. Johnson and her committee should be congratulated on the fine program and attendance at this successful camp; 41 women from 7 counties attended.

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, and (3) the name of the

First in Midland



WILBUR TESSIN of Hemlock is the first owner of a Farmers Protector Investment policy in Midland county, says Ray Kalahar of Merrill, Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company representative. Mr. Tessin is the third generation of his family to have Michigan Farm Bureau membership. They operate a 160 acre farm in south Midland county. Wilbur has 20 registered Guernsey cows.

Notice to Membership And to Secretaries

Regarding delivery of Michigan Farm News: We shall appreciate postcard or other notice that any member is not receiving his paper. Please report any irregularity in delivery, such as duplicate copies, wrong RFD, error in name, etc. If member removes from RFD address in one county to RFD address in another county, please advise if change makes you a resident of second county. Place of residence determines which County Farm Bureau is your County Farm Bureau. We do our best to have everything right, but we are not infallible. We need and appreciate help.—Michigan Farm News.

Kill Bacteria

New brooms sweep clean but an old one is best for spreading lye solution to kill bacteria in crevices in hen houses.

Mildew

Mildew spots on fabrics must be treated when fresh, before the mold growth has a chance to weaken the cloth, say Michigan State College home economists.

former discussion leader to the Michigan Farm Bureau, Dept. of Membership Relations. We shall be glad to make necessary corrections.

The "Eyes" Have It!

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Reasons Why

Your Beans Will Bring You More Through Your

Cooperative Marketing System



The Michigan Elevator Exchange, owned by 75,000 Michigan farmers as their grain and bean marketing agency, employs a total of 226 automatic electric sorting machines, to assure better bean processing. These 226 electric eyes pick out the discolored, off-grade beans, assuring the consumer a uniform high-quality, choice handpicked grade of beans under the brand of the Michigan Elevator Exchange—BUNKER HILL BEANS—whether in 1-pound packages or 100-pound bags.

By consistently offering a uniformly high quality product under its brand, the Michigan Elevator Exchange is constantly increasing the outlets for Bunker Hill beans and can command the most favorable competitive prices. As your co-operative marketing agency, the Michigan Elevator Exchange acts as your middleman. Its earnings from processing, packaging, and distributing your beans are returned to you through your local co-operative elevator in the form of annual patronage dividends.

Your beans will bring you more through your co-operative marketing system.

MICHIGAN ELEVATOR EXCHANGE

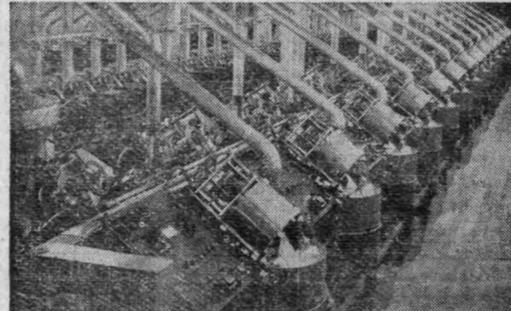
Market Your Beans at the Cooperative Nearest You

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| Bad Axe-Farmers Elev. & Produce Co. | Elkton Co-op Farm Produce Co. | Lansing-Farm Bureau Services | Richmond-Farmers Elevator Co. |
| Bangor Fruit Growers Exch. | Falmouth Cooperative Co. | Lapeer-Lapeer County Co-ops Inc. | Riga-Blossfield Co-op Co. |
| Barryton Co-op Ass'n | Fowler-Farmers Co-op Elev. Co. | Lawrence Co-operative, Inc. | Rockford Co-op Elev. Co. |
| Battle Creek Farm Bureau | Fremont Co-op Produce Co. | Ludington Fruit Exchange | Ruth Farmers Elevator, Inc. |
| Bauer-Hudsonville Farmers Co-op | Grand Blanc Co-op Elev. | Marquette Farmers Co-op Elev. | Saginaw-Farm Bureau Services |
| Bay City-Farm Bureau Services | Grand Ledge Produce Co. | Marshall-Farmers Elevator Co. | Sandusky-Sanilac Co-op Inc. |
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| Blissfield Co-op Company | Greenview Co-op Ass'n | Memphis Co-operative Co. | Saline Mercantile Co. |
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| Byron Center Co-op Co. | Highland Producers Ass'n | | Sturgis Grain Co. |
| Cadillac-Mich. Potato Growers Exch. | Holland Co-op Ass'n | | Three Oaks Co-op Inc. |
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| Care Farmers Co-op Elev. Co. | Hastings-Farm Bureau Services | | Union City-Coldwater Co-operative Co. |
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| Centerville-Three Rivers Co-op Inc. | Hudsonville-Farmers Co-op Elev. Co. | | Vriesland-Hudsonville Farmers Elev. |
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Farmer Owned

Cooperative

Farmer Controlled



Part of the 226 electric eye sorting machines in operation at the bean terminals of the Michigan Elevator Exchange at Port Huron and Jackson.

36,000 FB Auto & Liability Policies in Force

Film Available on Privilege of Vote
 A new colored 16mm sound film has been made available without charge by the Michigan Department of State to groups

and clubs on the subject of Get out and Vote. In "Our Greatest Heritage" the producers have avoided any partisanship or political implications. The film deals with election procedures and stresses the need for citizenship responsibility and participation in the affairs of government. For loan of film write well in advance of date wanted: Mr. Marvin Dewald, Service Division, 4806 S. Logan Street, Lansing 10, Michigan.

Dairy Exports Are Much More Than Imports

American exports of dairy products are much greater than imports of these same products, as shown in the following table, based on statistics in "Foreign Crops and Markets," a publication of the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations, USDA.

	Export (1000 lbs.)	Import (1000 lbs.)
Butter		
1934-38 average	1,152	9,307
1950	3,215	10
1951	18,453	59
Cheese		
1934-38 average	1,260	54,279
1950	47,490	56,189
1951	79,640	52,335
Canned Milk		
1934-38 average	33,837	452
1950	178,044	369
1951	232,222	2
Dried Milk		
1934-38 average	4,804	6,055
1950	292,000	2,526
1951	167,209	10,028

Cold Weather Cotton
 Even in cold weather cotton has a place in the wardrobe, say Michigan State College home economists. Dark cotton dresses or cotton blouses with suits are wise buys for business girls who work in overheated offices.

Sand Box Toys
 Sand box toys can include a few discarded kitchen utensils such as colanders, strainers, pans and scoops. Even tin cans will delight the toddlers if the cans are painted to resist rust and have no sharp edges.

10,000 Have Farm Bureau Life Ins.

Over half of all Michigan Farm Bureau families now carry protection of some form through the Farm Bureau Insurance Services.

More than 36,000 auto and farm liability policies are in force. Ten thousand Farm Bureau members have Farm Bureau life insurance policies, said Nile Vermillion, manager of the Farm Bureau insurance companies. Total life insurance written had risen to \$21,270,000 last month.

New applications for insurance are being received at the rate of about 1,000 a month.

Payments for the benefit of Farm Bureau families under the auto and farm liability policies have exceeded \$1,250,000.

These records have been established in 3½ years since the first Farm Bureau automobile and farm liability policies were offered. The Life Company began operations a year ago.

The record-breaking growth of the Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company is expected to gather fresh impetus from the new Farmers Investment Protector protected savings plan announced recently.

Offering Farm Bureau families a savings program designed for their particular needs, FIP has had an enthusiastic response from Farm Bureau families, Mr. Vermillion said.

"Farm Bureau families which have joined in the FIP savings plan have invested about three times as much per person as was the case with those who bought the charter life insurance policies we issued initially. This is important. It indicates the great interest there is among farmers in sound methods enabling them to build their own security.

The Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Michigan, offering the auto and farm liability protection, began operations in March of 1949. The Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company received its certificate of authority from the Michigan Dep't of Insurance Sept. 20, 1951.

New Co-op Grain Drill and Corn Picker



FARM BUREAU farm equipment dealers and farm equipment branch managers came to Lansing August 5 to see the new, improved Co-op Black Hawk grain drill and the Co-op Black Hawk corn picker. Several years ago Black Hawk engineers set out to build a grain drill that would excel every other drill on the market. They have made the Co-op one-row corn picker the best in the field. The article on this page tells what the dealers liked about the two machines.

Black Hawk's New Drill and Corn Picker



ARCHIE MOORE
 Archie Moore, manager of the Farm Bureau Services farm equipment division, says that Co-op Black Hawk engineers have done it again with their improved grain drill and corn picker for the fall of 1952.

drill of rugged construction, extra capacity and outstanding performance. It has been fully tested in the field. The new grain drill is a 13x7 model, with fluted feed, 13-inch single disc openers, and double zig zag. It has a hopper capacity of 340 lbs. for grain and 520 lbs. of fertilizer. Its grass seeder capacity is 53 lbs.

THE NEW model M-32 Black Hawk one-row corn picker's husking area has been increased 70% over the previous model by adding two more husking rolls.

Another good feature of the new corn picker is that it picks anywhere. The new, wide tread and adjustable high clearance axle permits clean, fast picking in tall corn, short corn, down corn, bedded corn areas, and in "double crop."

THE 1952 picker saves corn by shelling less. There is a large opening for corn to get off the snapping rolls, straight through the machine. There is no turning of ears of corn. A screen instead of rods saves the shelled corn.

Cleans Silver
 Magic Leaf is the new instant cleaner for sterling and silver plate. The silvanium metal leaf is placed in warm water with the silver and any good detergent. It removes tarnish from any silver which touches it. The leaf is a product of the Paul-Reed Company at Charlevoix at \$1.25 each.

State Says You Can Hunt Across Road

DAN REED
 MFB Public Affairs Dep't
 The question of how much hunting a farmer can do without a license has long been the cause of considerable confusion.

PRESENT game law of 1929 reads: "Nothing herein contained shall be construed as requiring residents of this state and their children and employees to procure a license to hunt small game upon their own enclosed farm-lands upon which they are regularly domiciled."

Many people have understood this to mean that a farmer may not cross a highway to hunt on his land across the road without a hunting license.

Because of a resolution adopted at the 1951 annual meeting of Branch County Farm Bureau, Representative Fredric J. Marshall of Allen did considerable work on a bill to clarify the situation. However, before introducing the bill, he decided that perhaps a change in the law was not necessary and asked for an Attorney General's opinion on the present law.

ATTORNEY GENERAL, Frank Millard points out in his opinion

that, "Under the law, abutting owners along the highways own the fee in land over which the highway runs, the public having only an easement for highway travel."

THEREFORE, Attorney General Millard ruled that it is not necessary for the owner of farm-lands, living thereon, to have a license to hunt on his own land which may lie across the road.

Buy Farm Bureau quality feeds.

Cleaner Cows Less Labor with CONCRETE PAVED BARNYARD

A concrete-paved barnyard is a big aid to dairymen producing high quality milk. Fall, winter, spring and summer it helps keep cows out of mud, dust, filth—cuts down work of cleaning cows before milking.

When cows wade through mud they waste energy needed for producing milk. Owners say a paved barnyard soon pays for itself by helping produce more and better quality milk.

Paste coupon on penny postal and mail today for free instructions for paving your barnyard or building other durable, thrifty, sanitary structures with concrete.

If you need help, see your concrete contractor, ready-mixed concrete producer or material dealer.

PORTLAND CEMENT ASSOCIATION
 Olds Tower Bldg., Lansing 8, Mich.
 Send instructions for paving dairy barnyard with concrete.
 Also "how to build" booklets on improvements checked:
 Milk house Dairy barn floor
 Manure pit Poultry house floor
 Granary Water tanks, troughs
 Name _____
 Street or R. R. No. _____
 City _____ State _____

FIELD CROPS ARE MUCH BETTER... Where They Keep Cows

Valley Lea

Ever notice what fine 'stands' of wheat and corn, beans and other crops you always seem to see on the 'big dairy farms?' ... it is no accident nor does the farmer have a 'mystic power' over the soil; instead he has the natural fertilizer from his dairy herd ... all the value of dairy farming is not included in the check he receives; part of each cow's value is what she returns to the soil ... you also will find these 'better farms' are operated 'The Cooperative Way' with their milk and cream going to the nearby member-creamery of The Mid-West Group.

Valley Lea

Mid-West Producers' Creameries, Inc.
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Are Resolutions Needed on "Fair-Trade" Laws?

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for September

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

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Every Jack and Joe in the past decade who has wanted to pull public sentiment to his "deal" began by slipping behind the screen and putting on the virtuous mask of "fairness". That poor word! It does not mean what it used to!

Just to get you thinking, Fortune Magazine carried on a survey that shows that the so-called "Fair-Trade Laws" (Resale Price Maintenance Laws) are costing the American consumers \$750 million yearly. The original laws were passed in 1937.

What are these "Fair-Trade" Laws?

In mid-July President Truman signed a new bill which authorizes the fixing of resale prices of branded merchandise by manufacturers. Mr. Truman said that he signed the bill "with reservations."

The A.F.B.F. had urged him to veto the measure, saying that the measure was enacted "despite the unanimous opposition of farmers, labor and consumer organizations and against the recommendation of the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission."

Under this law, any manufacturer or distributor can enter into a contract with any retail merchant in the state to fix the price on a "brand-name" article. When this single contract has been signed all merchants in the state are then prohibited from selling the article at less than the agreed price, regardless of whether they sign the contract or not.

It should be noted that this Act legalizes the pegging of prices at a maximum level, and prohibits selling for less. Congress, which supposedly has backed government price control programs to prevent rising prices, passes legislation to force the pegging of prices at high levels by law. And they have talked about stopping inflation!

A merchant who does not abide by the contracts made by the manufacturers and the contracting retailer is subject to fine and injunction in court.

Manufacturers' and Retailers' Arguments for the Law

1. Selling an article at a reduced price is "unfair" because it promotes a loss in margins and profits for all others selling the article.

2. "Cutting" the price gives a dealer an unfair advantage in taking business away from other merchants who try to hold to "reasonable" margins.

3. The manufacturer who has created public acceptance for the trade-name of his product should be protected against the cheapening effect and losses created by "price wars."

4. It (supposedly) will prevent unfair competition by giant chain stores and systems against the smaller independent retail merchants.

5. The practice of "booting" an article at a reduced price to attract trade is not fair. It creates public dissatisfaction with the normal price. This is sometimes called "loss-leader selling."

Arguments Against the Law

1. Competition in business has been the basis on which manufacturers have had to improve the quality of their products to the consumer's unending benefits. It has been a stimulus to our free economy. It has helped to raise our standard of living. This law

destroys one of the basic keys to competition.

2. It is assumed that under American freedoms, if a person owns an article, he has a basic right to sell it for any price at which he can find a purchaser. This law violates the right of private property.

3. The law establishes a legal basis for monopoly practices. It legalizes contracts in "restraint of trade." It prohibits sellers from exercising their right to conduct a business except under the price-fixing system as established by the manufacturer and the distributor involved in the first-formed contract.

4. Price-fixing always tends to raise prices. Sales peg at maximum price levels. The strong evidence of surveys is that prices are distinctly higher in "fair-trade" states than in non-"fair-trade" states. Average prices in Illinois were higher than in neighboring Missouri. Drugs were 12% higher and liquors 16% higher.

R. H. Macy, surveying 4000 items, found that prices went higher after the Illinois "fair-trade" law was passed. Cosmetics rose 8.6%, drugs increased 15.8%, books 11.8%, and miscellaneous items went up 16%.

There is no evidence that retail merchants have netted better incomes generally under "fair-

trade" practices than under a price-free market.

5. Actually, price-fixing does not help the small merchant. High margins being guaranteed by law serve to entice the chain stores into the commodity program formerly occupied by the independent merchants. Eighty-five percent of the larger groceries now dispense drug and cosmetics formerly sold primarily in drug stores. Small druggists have lost ground here.

If a time should come when the fixed margins cannot carry the overhead of the small business, the dealer will be unable to stand the price squeeze put on him by the larger chain establishments. He will face bankruptcy. And, again, he cannot compete by giving himself any price advantage in normal times—an advantage he may need to offset the superior sales programs of the larger stores.

6. If the law is supposed to protect the small and inefficient merchant, still we may ask, "Should inefficiency be protected

by law?" The need to compete puts business people on their toes, the better to serve the public. Now the public can take the dead-level service, and like it.

7. Price-fixing of any kind is destructive of a free-choice economy. Certainly in this scheme the customer has no free choice. He has to take what he gets at a price that is pegged by law. No use shopping around.

Price-fixing blocks the operation of supply and demand. Price has been the index of demand, and a guide to production by revealing public preference. Now the public will have little effect on what is produced. It cannot express its preferences in terms of price-wise choices. Prices are pegged.

8. Protective price guarantees are part and parcel of the "planned economy" schemes that are the heart of a socialist state. The "fair-trade" laws fall right into this bracket. They are a direct subsidy out of the pocket of the consumer and are compelled by law. They represent another ef-

fort at guaranteed income. They are to be forced on the whole merchant class and on John Q. Public.

Flexible farm supports are not like this scheme. These are minimum price floors to protect against disastrous falls in price. Above these minimum floors, supply and demand can operate freely. They do not fix prices at high levels. They do not freeze inefficiencies into farm operations. And the farmer can choose to participate in the program or not—as he chooses.

9. This trend is dangerous to business. With growing tendencies to place business under forms of government regulation, the final step could be the Federal licensing of all business. Such an effort was made in 1951.

Michigan Has a Law

The Legislature of Michigan passed a parallel law in 1937. It is Act No. 50 of the Public Acts of 1937. Forty-five states have passed such laws.

A bill to repeal this law was

presented by Representative Robert Faulkner of Coloma in the regular 1952 session of the Legislature. It did not get out of committee.

American Farm Bureau Federation delegates took a stand opposing these laws in a resolution in 1937. Do Michigan Farm Bureau people need to define their stand in resolutions as affecting our state and federal laws on this matter? What do you think?

Question for Consideration
What stand should Michigan farmers take on the Resale Price Maintenance Laws ("Fair-Trade" Laws) of the state and national governments?

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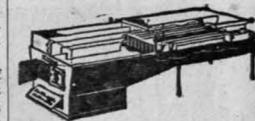
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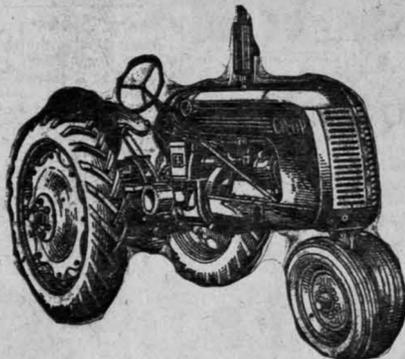
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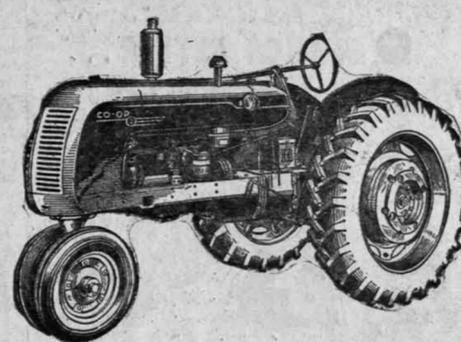
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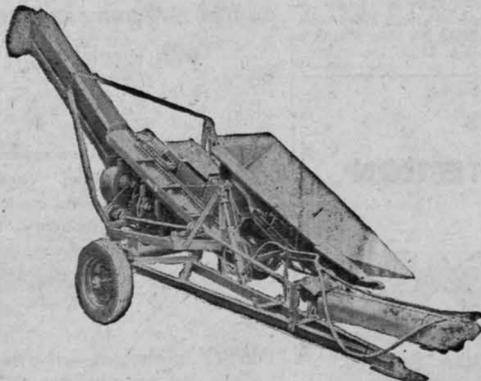
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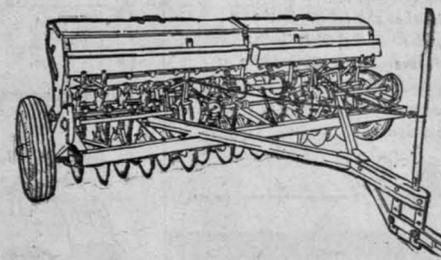
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They were chosen by your State Discussion Topic Committee from the results of the Questionnaires Returned by the Community Groups

- Sept. Are State and Federal Fair Trade Laws Good Medicine for a Free Economy?
- Oct. Shall Outstate Michigan Have No Voting Strength in the State Legislature?
- Nov. The Breadth and Reach of Farm Bureau—and What it is Reaching For?
- Dec. Can Farmers Lose the Right to Conduct Co-operative Forms of Business?
- Jan. State Fire Marshal Rulings and the Future of District Schools.
- Feb. Proposals for Licensing Farm Tractors; Who Should Act First?

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