

# Michigan Farm News

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## County FB Annual Meetings Important Dates

### EDITORIAL

#### What Did They Have in Mind?

The procedure of the Commission of Agriculture in firing Charles Figy after 10 years as director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture raises a question. What did the majority on the Commission have in mind?

Was it to restore the old practice of naming a new director of agriculture each time the Democrats or Republicans elect a Governor?

If so, it is well to remember that the bi-partisan Commission of Agriculture was established by act of the legislature in 1945 to place the administration of the State Department of Agriculture in the hands of capable, continuing administrators rather than be a reward for political service. Farmers asked the legislature to do that.

The law says the director shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission.

About a year ago the make-up of the five-man Commission changed to three Democrats and two Republicans.

August 3 at a special meeting the Democrat majority confirmed rumors by demanding that Mr. Figy resign or be fired by September 4. No formal charges were made, nor was the director offered a hearing.

The Farm Bureau of 59,000 farm families and the Grange of 30,000 or more were supporters of the legislation establishing the bi-partisan Commission of Agriculture. They protested and said the Commission should explain. Farmers began writing to the members of the Commission.

August 24 the Commission met ten days ahead of the deadline and fired Mr. Figy by a party vote of 3 to 2. Asked what he had to say about farmers' letters protesting the Commission's procedure, one member of the majority was quoted as saying they didn't represent farmer opinion.

About ten days after Mr. Figy was removed, the Commission majority issued a statement of reasons. These the press called vague and inferred that the statement was prompted by someone in the Governor's office.

Governor Williams understandably did not reappoint George McIntyre of Millington or Roy Eagle of Sault Ste. Marie. They stood by Mr. Figy.

Commissioners Ray T. Anderson of Mesick, C. B. Smith of Williamston, and William A. Anderson of Benton Harbor continue to deny political considerations in their action.

The volume of protesting letters from farmers couldn't save Mr. Figy, but they appear to have made it plain that farmers don't want the State Department of Agriculture put back into politics.

Governor Williams appointed Arthur J. Hannah of Grand Rapids and R. J. MacInnis of Sault Ste. Marie as Republican members of the Commission. Both said they were assured that the Commission would have a free hand in picking a new director. September 20 Mr. MacInnis died when he accidentally backed his car into the St. Mary's river at the Soo.

#### Tangle Over Farm Price Policy

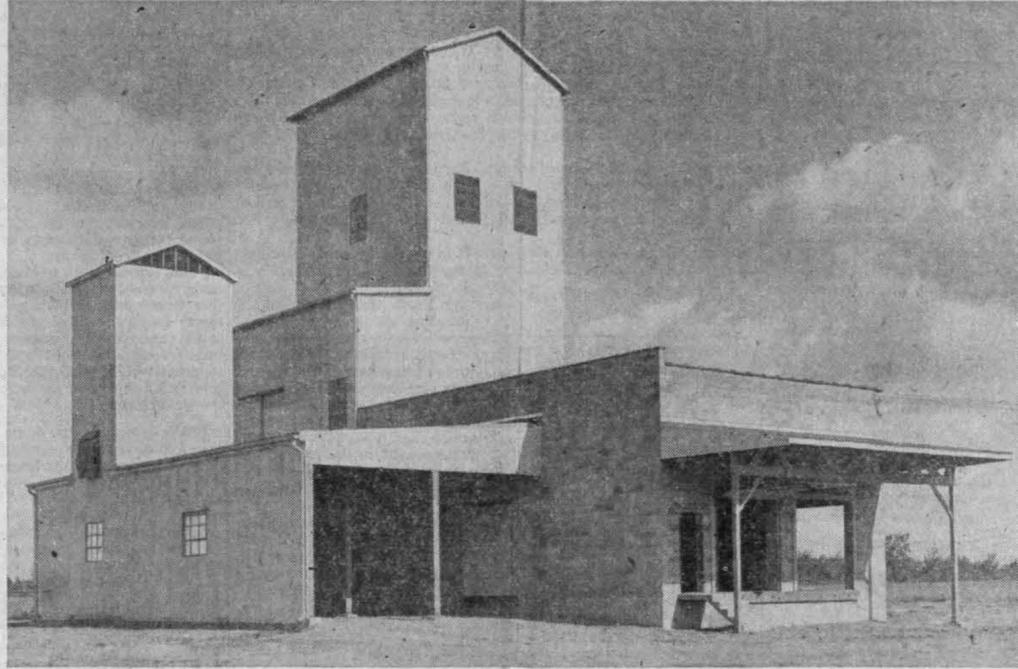
National leaders of the Democratic party held a major conference at Chicago September 14-15, much of which was devoted to ways and means to court the farm vote for the Congressional elections of 1954.

They found that they had a sharp disagreement on what to do about the farm price support problem.

Speaker after speaker attacked the Eisenhower administration's handling of the farm price program. All went well until a delegate asked if flexible price supports would not be better than permanent high-level farm price supports as a way of handling farm surpluses.

At that former Secretary Brannan rose to make a long attack on flexible farm price supports. Former Secretary Anderson took issue with Mr. Brannan and presented the case for flexible supports. The meeting took no action on this question.

#### Model Elevator Open House October 28



An open house is being planned for Oct. 28 to show Lansing area farmers one of the most modern elevators in the state. The Farm Bureau Services, Inc. branch, located at 3800 N. Grand River Ave. in Lansing, will be finished and in operation at that time according to J. F. Yaeger, executive secretary and general manager. The 10,000-bushel capacity elevator will have the most modern feed grinding and mixing equipment available including a molasses blending machine. To speed unloading during the rush seasons of the year, two truck hoists are being installed with automatic scales. The new elevator will serve also as a training school for Farm Bureau Services elevator and farm supply store employees.

#### MFB Annual Meeting at MSC Nov 12-13

Farm Bureau people are making preparations for the 34th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau at Michigan State College, November 12 and 13.

THE ANNUAL business meeting will bring together about 600 delegates. They will consider the reports of officers and approve a program for 1954. The delegates are elected at County Farm Bureau annual meetings. Each represents 100 members in the organization of 59,287 families.

AFBF President Allan B. Kline will speak to the convention Thursday, November 12, quite likely at the evening banquet.

INTEREST will center at this convention on what the Michigan Farm Bureau membership will recommend to the American Farm Bureau. We are discussing five important phases of the national farm program upon which Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson is seeking advice.

Beginning in August Michigan County Farm Bureaus began to consider these national farm program problems to come before Congress in 1954:

- 1—Farm Income Stability and Improvement
- 2—Production and Market Adjustments
- 3—Conservation and Improvement of Farm Resources
- 4—Capital Needs of Agriculture
- 5—Trade or Aid—foreign markets

COUNTY Farm Bureaus will act on these matters at their annual meetings in October. Their resolutions will be sent to the MFB resolutions committee. They are due not later than November 1. The committee will report its resolutions to the MFB convention November 12 for debate. Resolutions adopted by the state Farm Bureau will be recommendations to the American Farm Bureau annual meeting in Chicago in December.

BUSINESS to be considered by the convention includes: recommendations from the state board of directors, the annual address of President Carl Buskirk, and the annual report of the Executive Secretary and Treasurer, J. F. Yaeger.

Mr. Yaeger will also report on activities of four Farm Bureau Service companies: Farm Bureau Services, Inc., farm supplies; Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc.; Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company, automobile and casualty insurance; and Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company.

THE MFB annual meeting will elect seven of a board of directors of 15 members. Directors are (Continued on Page 5)

#### PRESENT FARM CRISIS POINTS TO IMPORTANCE OF FARM BUREAU DECISIONS ON

### National Farm Program

C. L. BRODY  
Exec. V-Pres., Mich. Farm Bureau

A statement to 59,287 families who are members of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

The determination of a national farm policy for action by the annual meeting November 12 and 13 involves the most important decisions that ever confronted Michigan Farm Bureau members.

THE MOST serious consideration possible needs to be given the long-range aspects of the farm situation as well as those of immediate concern. We need to realize fully the deteriorating effects of our present dilemma and the end results of a continuation of the program that has been undermining the farmer since the close of World War II.

My concern has caused me to submit the following observations:

MANDATORY high support prices and subsidies have not brought enduring farm prosperity. Neither will they do so in the future, nor offer any assurance of a satisfactory standard of living for farm people. In the long run, these nostrums will not provide an adequate and dependable supply of food and fiber for our growing population.

This high subsidy program rewards inefficient production. It has resulted in unmanageable surpluses that now jeopardize the market and the economic status of the efficient and dependable farmer upon whom our Nation must depend for sustenance.

THE RECENT vote on wheat

quotas indicates clearly that the unwarranted continuation of this hand-out policy has now maneuvered many farmers into the predicament of determining their next year's income by their vote. Our agriculture has now been subsidized to such an extent that it places the farmer in the position of working for a Government bounty regardless of the needs of the consumer. It has disorganized production and distribution, and discouraged initiative. Such a course inevitably and endlessly leads to more controls and dictation by Government.

This prodigal farm program has degenerated into a bait for votes. It has debased the motives of both citizens and government officials. Repeatedly during the post-war period Congress and our National Administration have thwarted the Farm Bureau's urgent recommendations for flexible price supports as provided in the Hope-Aiken Act of 1948, and for a reduction of ACP subsidies.

THIS LAW, as originally enacted, provided for flexible price supports depending upon the supply of the commodity concerned. Congress has prevented it from becoming effective by the wasteful use of the taxpayers' dollars. As a result, the Government will have from \$5 to \$6 billion or more invested in farm commodities by next July; \$338 million is invested in commodities in Kansas alone.

From the beginning of price support programs in 1929 to date, the total direct cost of price support and supplemental activities, such as marketing quotas, benefit

payments, surplus removal, etc., has been about \$7 billion. Cotton, sugar, and wheat have cost directly over \$1 billion each, with corn and hogs together a little less than \$1 billion.

In addition, more than \$6 billion has been paid out under the Agricultural Conservation Program for conservation, acreage diversions and administrative costs for ACP and other production adjustment activities.

Other groups and individuals have received subsidies, directly or indirectly, through tariffs, embargoes, mail and shipping contracts, war contracts, and direct government assistance.

These all add to farmers' costs—increasingly important in present-day agriculture. In Michigan the PMA committee is looking for storage for 5,000,000 bushels of the 1952 corn crop. It is estimated that on April 30, 1954 ten million bushels of Michigan's 1953 wheat crop will pass into government ownership.

THE WHEAT quota just voted will require Michigan farmers to take about 400,000 acres out of wheat production. This acreage will be put into corn, barley, beans and other crops, some of which are now in surplus. Field supervision by PMA committees alone cost \$90 million annually.

Yet, in spite of these great expenditures, we are in a period of declining farm income and narrowing margins between farm costs and returns.

It seems evident that the present and future prosperity and (Continued on page 2)

#### Captains to Hear AFBF Speakers

Well-trained personnel is essential to a successful membership drive. A series of regional training meetings on current farm is-

suess has been arranged for late September and early October. Township captains will be the featured guests. Highlighting the

program of each meeting will be an outstanding AFBF staff member. Discussion at each meeting will center around translating present issues into membership.



MATT TRIGGS, assistant legislative director of the AFBF Washington office, will discuss issues at the East Central Regional meeting on September 29 and at the Thumb Regional meeting September 30.



T. C. PETERSON, AFBF Midwest organization director, will complete the series with meetings in the West Central Region on October 12, in the Southwestern Region October 13, and in the Southeastern Region October 14.



FRANK WOOLLEY, associate legislative counsel in the AFBF Washington office, will be the key speaker at the Central Regional meeting on October 7, at the Northeastern Regional meeting October 8, and at the Northwest Regional meeting October 9.

#### Members Will Act On Farm Program

October is the month for decision in most of our County Farm Bureaus.

It's the month for annual meetings. The resolutions adopted state the kind of programs and policies the members favor.

Farmers built the Farm Bureau as an organization through which they could work together in developing a sound farm program.

If this is to be done, every member should attend his County Farm Bureau annual meeting. There the entire membership can vote on questions of county, state, and national interest.

This year County Farm Bureaus throughout the nation are stating at annual meetings what they think should be U. S. farm policy on five national farm program questions.

Secretary of Agriculture Benson has asked for your advice. The recommendations of the nation-wide Farm Bureau membership will be presented to him through resolutions from the County, State and American Farm Bureau annual meetings this fall.

Below is a list of dates and places for County Farm Bureau annual meetings. Check the date for your county and be sure to attend that important meeting. If date and place is missing for your county, we did not receive a report in time for this edition.

- District 1  
Berrien—Berrien Springs High School, Oct. 27, 8:00 p.m. (Pre-convention).  
Annual meeting to be held in January.  
Cass—  
Kalamazoo—County Center Bldg., 7:00 p.m., October 29.  
St. Joseph—Centerville High School, October 22, 8:00 p.m.  
Van Buren—Paw Paw High School, January 9, noon.
- District 2  
Branch—Coldwater High School, November 27, 8:00 p.m. Pre-convention meeting, Oct. 29.  
Calhoun—Marshall, evening of October 20.  
Hillsdale—Hillsdale High School, October 27, 8:00 p.m.  
Jackson—Tompkins Hall, October 14, 10 a.m.  
Lenawee—Michigan Producers Dairy, Adrian, October 21, 8:30 p.m.
- District 3  
Livingston—Howell Armory, October 14, 7:30 p.m.  
Macomb—Utica K. C. Hall, October 14, 7:30 p.m.  
Monroe—Ida High School, October 8, 8:30 p.m.  
Oakland—  
Washtenaw—Evening of October 10. Place to be announced.  
Wayne—4-H Hall, Belleville, October 19, 8:00 p.m.
- District 4  
Allegan—Griswold Auditorium, October 20, evening.  
Barry—Hastings Central School, October 27, 8:00 p.m.  
Kent—Rockford High School, October 20, 7:30 p.m.  
Ionia—Elks Temple, Ionia, October 29, 8:30 p.m.  
Ottawa—Allendale Town Hall, October 21, 8:00 p.m.
- District 5  
Clinton—St. Johns Municipal Building, October 23, evening.  
Eaton—New 4-H Club Building, October 23, all day.  
Genesee—  
Ingham—Legion Hall, Mason, October 21, 8:00 p.m.  
Shiawassee—Oct. 26, 8:00 p.m. Place to be announced.
- District 6  
Huron—  
Lapeer—Lapeer County Center Building, October 3, noon.  
Sanilac—Sanilac County Farm Bureau Building, October 27, 8:00 p.m.  
St. Clair—Marysville High School, October 13, 7:30 p.m.  
Tuscola—Caro High School, October 13, 7:30 p.m. (Dinner)
- District 7  
Mason—Community Hall, 11, Scottville, October 23, noon (Dinner).  
Mecosta—Big Rapids High School, October 19, 8:00 p.m.  
Montcalm—Edmore or Stanton Gymnasium, October 22, 8:00 p.m.  
Muskegon—4-H Center, Wolf-Lake, October 28, 8:00 p.m.  
Newaygo—Fremont Community Building, October 16, 8:15 p.m.  
Oceana—Shelby Co-op Hall, October 27, 8:30 p.m.  
Osceola—Lincoln Twp. Hall, October 22, 8:30 p.m.
- District 8  
Arenac—Deep River Town Hall, October 23, 8:00 p.m.
- Bay—October 22, evening.  
Clare—Grant Town Hall, October 20, 8:00 p.m.  
Gladwin—Gladwin Community Building, October 12, 8:00 p.m.  
Grattot—Ithaca Gymnasium, October 27, evening.  
Isabella—First Methodist Church, Mt. Pleasant, October 21, 8:15 p.m.  
Midland—October 24, potluck dinner and afternoon meeting.  
Saginaw—Hotel Bancroft, October 26, evening.
- District 9  
Benzie—Community House, Benzonia, 8:00 p.m.  
Manistee—V.F.W. Hall, Kaleva, October 23, 8:30 p.m.  
Missaukee—Mc Bain High School, October 12, 8:15 p.m.  
N. W. Michigan—Traverse City High School, October 29, 8:30 p.m.  
Wexford—October 29, 8:00 p.m. Place not announced yet.
- District 10  
Alcona—Mikado Hall, October 13, evening.  
Alpena—Long Rapids Town Hall, October 29, 8:00 p.m.  
Antrim—Bellaire Community Hall, October 28, 8:00 p.m.  
Charlevoix—Boyer City, October 20 or 21, evening.  
Cheboygan—Cheboygan High School Gymnasium, October, date and place to be announced.  
Emmett—Alanson High School, October 5, 8:00 p.m.  
Iosco—Hale Community Hall, October 28, 8:00 p.m.  
Montmorency—High School, October 23, evening.  
Ogemaw—  
Osego—Bagley Township Hall, October 26, 8:00 p.m.  
Presque Isle—Belknap Town Hall, October 22, 8:30 p.m.

#### Club Honors Carl Buskirk

Carl E. Buskirk, of Paw Paw, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, was honored Sept. 21 by the Kiwanis Club of his community for years of outstanding work for Michigan farmers. Many farmers and farm organization friends were present.

PRESIDENT Lewis of the Kiwanis Club said: "The presence in our community of a vigorous, honest, public-spirited citizen prompts us to pause and give due credit to this man. He is an able organizer and a promoter of projects of merit. He has accomplished much good in his own area as well as throughout Michigan. He has achieved national recognition. We pay sincere tribute to a man who has devoted great effort to the advancement of agriculture and better rural living."

#### Honor Mrs. Kerr for Work in Farm Bur.

Mrs. Dessie Kerr, of Oceana county, was honored by her Farm Bureau group recently for long and faithful service. She has been active in community and County Farm Bureau work for many years. She has been Secretary of her group and has prepared much publicity on Farm Bureau activities for local papers.

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PURPOSE OF FARM BUREAU
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Hiram and Martha

Marthy, on Picklin'-Time
With the haze of autumn on us and September wearing thin I could feel apologetic at the shape my house is in. Goodness knows, and so does conscience, that a body should express all her cleanly aspirations by pursuit of cleanliness. She should keep her kitchen shining, purge it well of dirt and grime. But I find it hard to manage in the rush of Picklin' Time.

One outstanding fact I've noticed as concerns preserving stuff. When it's time to can it, it can it. Later won't be soon enough. If you value garden freshness, and I'm mighty sure you do, when it's picklin' time keep picklin' till the picklin' time is through. If you aim to freeze it freeze it, while it's fresh right off the vine. I neglect my cleaning awful in the sweat of Picklin' Time.

There are rows of cans a-cooling. There are empty ones to scour. While the kitchen air is heavy, peachy sweet and spicy sour. As I pare and core and quarter, as I taste and stir and stew. As I blanch and peel and process I am rushed, but happy too. Hiram says it's squirrelish instinct makes me save and store away. But I notice he is handy with the fruits of picklin' day.

Soon will come the frosts of winter. Soon arrive the snow and sleet. Then I'll clean this sticky kitchen till a fly can't keep his feet. Then the cellar will be crowded and the deep-freeze will be crammed. With the food I've canned and frozen and the fruit I've jelled and jammed.

And against that day I'm planning. It is toward that mark I climb, But I can't be bothered cleaning in my busy Picklin' Time.
R. S. Clark
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WEXFORD-Hobart, Mrs. Carl Peterson.

National Farm Program

freedom of the American farmer will require the judicious reversal of the unwise paternalistic government programs of the post-war period. Farm income obtained from Gov't by compliance with directives and controls dictated by Federal bureaucracy must be supplanted by returns from free market operations, supported by consumer demand and trade opportunities.

LAST YEAR our Farm Bureau members, represented by their delegates at the annual meeting, said:

- (1) Curtail PMA and other federal action agencies; restore state and local option and control of their services in the state or area concerned; abolish all federal payments to individual farmers for soil conservation practices.
(2) Support progressively greater appropriations for agricultural research on a grant-in-aid basis with the states along the principles of the Hope-Flagan Act; increase the emphasis on research in soil conservation.

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.

LIVESTOCK

SPECIAL FEEDER CATTLE Auction at Gaylord Livestock Auction at Gaylord, Tuesday, October 13 at 1:30 p. m. 40 consignors. 100 Hereford calves, 200 to 500 lbs.; 100 Hereford yearlings and steers, 500 lbs. to 700 lbs.; 30 Hereford cows, 6 years old; 30 Shorthorn steer calves; 100 head of mixed breed steers and heifers; 50 Holstein, open heifers; Gaylord Livestock Auction on Highway 27, Martin Veraghen, owner. Phone: Gaylord 12042; Wolverine 3531. (10-11-53)

FOR SALE-Registered Corriedale yearling rams, ram lambs. Also 10 registered young ewes, heavy shorn. H. E. Weideman, Clinton, R-1, Michigan. (10-11-21p)

MILKING SHORTHORNS-We won Premier Breeder award at the 1952 Michigan State Fair, our 9th in 19 years. Take a short-cut to success by heading your herd with a young bull from Ingleside Farm. Write or visit Stanley M. Powell, Ionia, R-1, Michigan. (10-11-57b)

CORRIEDALE SHEEP Does your flock shear 10 lbs. or more of long staple wool? If not, ask your sheep shearer about using a Corriedale ram in that part of your flock you save in replacement ewes from George E. Mikesell, Charlotte, R-4, Michigan. (3-11-40b)

TAMWORTH SWINE produce the kind of meat you like to eat. More lean and less fat. Visit or write for Lincoln, Popular Stock Farm, Homer, Michigan, for good breeding stock. (3-11-26p)

REGISTERED SUFFOLK RAMS yearlings and big husky ram lambs. They sire the fastest growing type of lambs that you can sell off grass and to the market. Also, Registered Lincoln Rams will put more wool on your shears than any other breed. Phil Hopkins, Homer, Michigan. (8-31-46p)

FOR SALE - Polled Shorthorn foundation females. Priced reasonably. Walter Ball, 5 miles north Charlotte, R-6, Michigan. (8-31-18p)

FOR SALE-Five registered Shorthorn heifers 10 to 18 months old. Carrying blood lines of top sires of the breed. J. B. Simpson, Charlotte, R-1, Michigan. (10-21-13p)

SILLO ACCESSORIES
RAILOK silo roofs, aluminum or steel silo chutes, chute dormers, safety basket platforms, and silo ladders. We install. Clarence Van Strien, phone 3671, Bryon Center, Michigan. Member of Michigan Farm Bureau. (8-31-29b)

WANTED
DO YOU OWN or know who has complete passenger automobiles or parts of such cars manufactured before 1920? Have market for Michigan license plates 1906 to 1925. Also catalog of advertising folders for all makes of cars prior to 1920. Correspondence invited. Bob Huxtable, Sugar Bush Supplies Co., PO Box 1167, Lansing, Mich. (8-11-50b)

the fundamentals upon which the freedom and initiative of the American farmer and all other citizens are dependent.

THE MICHIGAN Farm Bureau Board of Directors has throughout the year strongly voiced this policy. Their statements have been widely circulated and influential in many parts of the country. The records of Congress show that this action by your Board and officers has been appreciated by Michigan Congressmen.

Now as the time for the next annual meeting approaches, I am more than ever impressed with the wisdom of the national farm policy expressed in the above resolution of the members in November, 1952. The failure of Congress to make it effective is largely responsible for the further deterioration of our agricultural economy during 1953.

AFBF President Allan B. Kline on September 22 said to all Farm Bureau members now considering resolutions at their 1953 annual meetings:

"A great opportunity as well as responsibility rests with each of us and therefore we should make every effort to develop sound policy resolutions with regard to national issues.

"This is true, first, because the issue of freedom is so crucial at this time; second, because farmers' long-range welfare is at stake; and, third, because farmers' recommendations will carry great weight with the Executive and Legislative branches of the government."

MAY I express the hope and belief that the policies established at the coming annual meeting will exemplify the ideal recently expressed by President Eisenhower:

"Sound for all America—not for just one class, group or segment, but for all."

FB Mutual Has Five Regional Claims Offices

Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company has set up five regional claims offices to do a better and faster job of serving policyholders.

WHENEVER a policyholder has an accident he will notify his agent as in the past.

The agent will make the accident report to the regional claims office, where it will be assigned to an adjuster for settlement. Formerly, all claims were handled through the home office at Lansing.

EACH claim office is manned by an experienced adjuster who has a full time secretary. Whenever possible the regional claims offices are located close to County Farm Bureau offices.

The regional claims offices and their managers are: Lansing, Harold Purrell, Jr.; Grand Rapids, William Jellema; Saginaw, J. Buell Diebold; Howell, Don-

ald Fay; Gaylord, Peter Krohn. Duane Hartgerink of Kalamazoo is supervising the Lansing and Grand Rapids offices which includes south central Michigan and most of western Michigan.

Kenneth Bauer of Cass City is supervising the Howell, Saginaw and Gaylord offices. Joseph Richard is claims superintendent for the Company at Lansing.

Experienced adjusters assigned to the various offices are: Eugene Conant at Lansing office; James Haddock at Howell; Harold Reimer at Saginaw; and

Howard Foote, and James Snyder at the Grand Rapids office.

Farm Income "Shrunk"

Net earnings of Michigan State College farm account cooperators declined about one-third from 1951 to 1952. Cash incomes were as high, but the value of livestock and "working capital" inventory on the farm "shrank" to make a drop in real income. Economists predict net earnings to drop further in 1953, reflecting further cost price squeezes.

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Community Farm Bureaus

MRS. MARJORIE GARDNER
Dear Community Farm Bureau Members:

Listed below are the winners of the 100% Certificate of Merit for the past fiscal year. These groups met for 12 months of the year and reported conclusions each month on the topic assigned for that particular month by the state committee.

Out of a possible 1260 groups which were on record this year there are a total of 254 who have won this award. This is over 100% increase over the groups last year eligible for this type of an award which indicates that our program is continuing to improve not only in quantity but in quality of meetings.

Congratulations to the officers and members of the following Community Farm Bureau groups who are ONE HUNDRED PER-CENTERS!

- ALCONA-Bean Hill Community Farm Bureau, Mrs. Shirley Cordes, Secretary, Curran, Mrs. Carrie LaFoy, East Bay, Mrs. Hilda Carlson, Fisher, Mrs. Maude Galloway, Kilmaster, Mrs. John Becker, Klondyke, Mrs. Beryl McGire.
ALLEGAN-North Otsego, Mrs. Lesta Farsted.
ALPENA-Bolton, Mrs. George Pillsbury, Castro, Mrs. George Ellsworth, Evergreen, Mrs. Edgar Diamond, Lachine, Mrs. John Atkinson, Lee, Mrs. Alma Wong, Long Rapids, Mrs. Ellen Behling, Poland, Mrs. Ruth Woodowski, Spratt, Mrs. Alger Herron.
ARENAC-Bay Shore, Hazen Couper, Deep River, Frank Wolfowitz, Maple Grove, Mrs. Annabelle Tulloch, Whitney, Mrs. Ernest Nash.
BARRY-Beigh, Mrs. Marion Penock, Bell, Ellsworth Birdsal, Highbank, Mrs. Clarence Cairns, Northeast Castleton, Mrs. Mary Smith, North-



If FIRE would post a warning, you'd certainly heed it. But Fire doesn't operate that way.

Instead, Fire waits patiently until everything is in its favor. Then it strikes suddenly and without warning in a violent attempt to burn you out.

There are seven principal causes of farm fires, which account for almost 85% of the total losses. They are:

- 1. Defective chimneys and heating systems.
2. Sparks on combustible roofs.
3. Lightning.
4. Spontaneous combustion.
5. Careless use of matches and smoking.
6. Careless use of gasoline and kerosene.
7. Faulty wiring and misuse of electrical appliances.

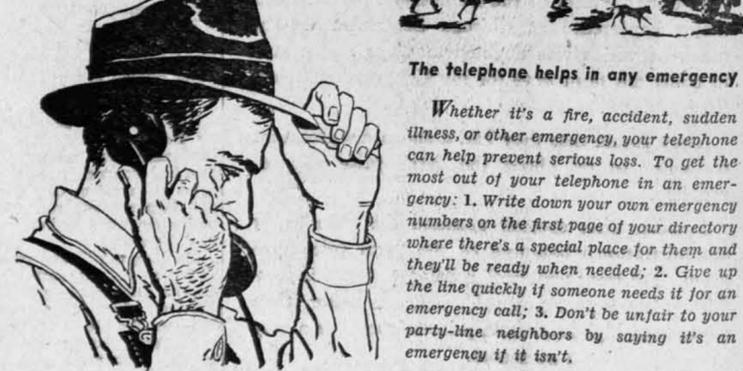
Eliminate these causes and you have gone a long way toward preventing fire on your property. If you need more information or advice, ask your State Mutual agent, or write our home office. We'll be more than willing to help you lick the causes of disastrous fires.

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# Elevator Exchange Plans 1,000,000 Bu. Elevator

## Part of Program For Grain Storage

Delegates attending the 33rd annual meeting of the Michigan Elevator Exchange at Lansing September 2 voted unanimously to authorize the board of directors to take the necessary steps to expand the grain storage facilities of the Exchange.

James R. Bliss, general manager of the grain and bean marketing agency for 135 local cooperative elevators in Michigan, said that tentative plans call for the erection of a 1,000,000-bushel elevator in Michigan. Several locations are under consideration. The Exchange now operates an 800,000-bushel terminal elevator completed in 1951 near Ottawa Lake in Monroe county.

Mr. Bliss said that final decision on letting a contract and on location will depend upon negotiating a satisfactory contract with Commodity Credit Corporation under the terms of the storage occupancy guarantee program recently announced by CCC.

The government agency under this program will guarantee to rent commercial grain storage space for a specified number of years in order to encourage the construction of additional permanent-type commercial grain storage by cooperative and private grain firms.

**THE DELEGATES** taking note of dropping farm prices, approved a resolution urging Congress and the U. S. Department of Agriculture "not to make any major change in the present farm price support program until a proven substitute can be worked out to adequately protect farm income in an economy in which both Labor and Industry are protected by national laws and regulations."

The resolution noted that "with farm income declining and with farm production costs increasing, the percentage of the consumer's food dollar received by the farmer is steadily and alarmingly declining."

Waldo E. Phillips, of Decatur; Robert F. Koenigshof, of Buchanan; and Frank H. Reid, of Cass City, were all re-elected to 3-year terms on the board of directors.

**MR. PHILLIPS**, who has served continuously on the board since the Exchange was founded in 1921, was re-elected president of the board and all other officers were re-elected: Mr. Koenigshof, 1st vice-president; M. J. Burkholder, Marlette, 2nd vice-president; George H. Brooks, St. Johns, secretary; and J. C. Kitter, Blissfield, treasurer.

### Silage Space

If you need extra silage space, don't overlook the possibility of trench or bunker storage.

## Juniors Sign 993 Members In One Day

**BILL EASTMAN**  
Coordinator, Junior Farm Bureau

Saturday, August 29, was a red letter day for the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau. That was the day that the Juniors staged their first one-day membership drive. When the final prospect had been signed Saturday night the score stood at 993 Junior Farm Bureau members over the state.

**BERRIEN** County won the trophy for the most members with a total of 229 for the day. Otsego won the trophy for the highest percentage of its goal with a total of 350% of its 1954 goal. Other counties to do outstanding jobs include Gratiot, Presque Isle, Livingston, Lapeer, Hillsdale, Cass, St. Joseph, Mecosta, Kalamazoo, and Huron.

Nineteen counties tried the one-day drive and thirteen of them reached goal on Saturday. On a district basis only District 1 achieved goal. It exceeded both its 1954 and 1955 goals. This is even more remarkable in that it was accomplished with one unorganized county. VanBuren has no Junior Farm Bureau.

**EACH COUNTY** used the same general plan for the drive. The plan is patterned closely after the Senior Farm Bureau Roll Call plan. Junior Farm Bureau Roll Call managers, captains, and workers met early Saturday morning in each county for a kick-off breakfast. The work teams then scattered and contacted prospects through the day. For the evening meal the workers again gathered at a central place and turned in their reports. Almost every report meeting included a hayride, a square dance or some other recreational feature.

After the result of this first effort, it seems certain that the other counties will want to follow the pattern. Several counties already have the date set for their one-day drive. Counties that made goal on August 29 are as follows:

	Membership	Goal	Goal
Otsego	35	10	350
Presque Isle	35	15	232
Berrien	229	126	182
Montmorency	15	10	150
Livingston	89	61	146
Gratiot	81	59	137
Lapeer	74	59	125
Hillsdale	50	42	119
Cass	49	42	112
Mecosta	35	31	112
Kalamazoo	36	32	112
St. Joseph	38	36	105
Huron	80	80	100

## NW Oshtemo Members 1st To Re-Enroll

For the second straight year the Northwest Oshtemo Community Farm Bureau of Kalamazoo county has led the state in re-enrolling its members. As of the week of September 14, Mrs. Mabel Bacon, secretary of the Kalamazoo county Farm Bureau, announced that all dues for the group were in her hands.

**THE GROUP** is to be congratulated for its enthusiasm in getting the job done. It leaves free the time of the Roll Call to obtain new memberships.

Most of the collections for group members were made at a regular group meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Buck, September 15. Mr. Buck is a member of the County Farm Bureau membership committee. Northwest Oshtemo is one of the most active groups in Kalamazoo county. It has set a commendable pattern for other groups in the state.

### Farm Problem

The problem on many farms in Michigan today is not one of expansion, say Michigan State College economists. It's keeping solvent and holding past gains.

### Fish Fillets

Fish fillets are good to freeze since no waste is stored and the fish is ready to use when removed.

## Five Generations In Blue Cross



Nine out of 10 Farm Bureau folks who have Blue Cross-Blue Shield are covered under a family contract. For example, when the various members of the Ervin Lister family of Hillsdale sit down for a family meal, Blue Cross-Blue Shield family protection spans five generations. All are enrolled through their Farm Bureau Community Group. Two-month-old Kenny Lister at left represents the newest generation and his great-great grandfather at extreme right, the oldest. Three other generations of Listers are grouped between them.

## MFB Resolutions Committee Confers with State Leaders

**STANLEY M. POWELL**  
Legislative Counsel, MFB

The resolutions committee of the Michigan Farm Bureau held its second meeting at Lansing September 22. The day was devoted largely to meetings of the six sub-committees into which the 16-member committee had organized itself at its first meeting held on August 24.

**THE NEXT** meeting of the committee will be Thursday, November 5. At that time all resolutions from County Farm Bureau annual meetings will be at state headquarters and available for study by the committee.

The number and importance of the officials who served as resource persons to assist the various sub-committees was a great tribute to the high esteem in which the Michigan Farm Bureau is held.

**GOVERNOR G. Mennen Williams** devoted an hour to conferring with the members of the Subcommittee on State Affairs. Later, this same group discussed similar issues with Auditor General John B. Martin.

**EDUCATION.** This subcommittee met for two hours in the office of Sup't of Public Instruction, Dr. Clair L. Taylor, conferring with his Deputy, Edgar L. Grim; Robert Winger, Ass't Director of Vocational Education; Sid Sixma, Exec. Sec'y of the Michigan Association of School Boards, and Mrs. Hope Dunne, representing the Michigan League of Women Voters.

**CONSERVATION.** This subcommittee met at State Conservation offices with several staff members including Cliff Ketcham, Ass't Chief of the Educational Division; J. H. Stephenson, Ass't Chief of the Game Division; L. N. Jones, Ass't Chief of the Parks and Recreation Division; Norman F. Smith, Staff Forester; E. E. Tucker, Ass't Chief of the Field Administration; R. G. Wood, Supervisor of Minerals Section of the Lands Division; M. J. DeBoer,

Supervisor of Hatchery Operations of the Fish Division; and H. J. Hardenberg, Mining Appraiser of the Geological Survey. Win Harrison, Ass't Secretary of the State Soil Conservation Committee represented the Soil Conservation districts.

**FARMER-SPORTSMAN** relations were considered with a delegation from the Michigan United Conservation Clubs including Harry Gaines, Grand Rapids, Exec. Sec'y of the MUCC; Charles Roberts of Kent City, Chairman of the Farmer-Sportsman Committee of MUCC; Morris Shattuck, Portland; and W. N. Schlernitzauer, Ionia.

At noon the subcommittee on conservation had luncheon with the members of the State PMA Committee, Bruce Clothier, Chairman, North Branch; Walter Wightman, Fennville; Herberl VanAken, Eaton Rapids; and with the new State PMA Administrator, Clarence Prentice of East Lansing.

**NATIONAL** and International Affairs. This subcommittee spent a couple of hours conferring with Dr. Tom Cowden, head of the Michigan State College Agr'l Economics Department and Arthur Mauch of his staff. Also participating in these discussions was C. L. Brody, Executive Vice President of Michigan Farm Bureau, who has devoted a great deal of his time and thought to these problems.

**HIGHWAYS.** Manpower and Selective Service. The Resolutions Subcommittee on these matters conferred with Charles M. Ziegler, State Highway Commissioner and John Barr, Engineer-Director of the County Road Association of Michigan. These gentlemen have the latest and most complete information on highway conditions and needs pertaining both to the state trunklines and county and local roads. Mr. Ziegler is also a member of the new Michigan Turnpike Authority and so could discuss authoritatively toll road matters.

The State Selective Service System was represented by Lt.

Colonel Charles B. Pearson, Executive Officer, officially representing State Director, Colonel Arthur A. Holmes.

**THE SUBCOMMITTEE** on By-laws and Internal Affairs of MFB conferred with various staff members of the Michigan Farm Bureau relative to possible expansion of Farm Bureau activities.

The willingness of important officials to freely give of their time to meet with our various committees clearly shows the prestige of the Michigan Farm Bureau and the importance which other groups place upon the position taken in the Michigan Farm Bureau resolutions.

### Study Market Report

Studying market reports and outlook information and knowing when prices are expected to be seasonally high is one way a farmer can help meet the price-cost squeeze, reminds Arthur Mauch, a Michigan State College economist.

## Program for Ann'l Meeting MFB Women

The ninth annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau will be held in the Auditorium at Michigan State College November 11 starting at 10:00 a. m. Luncheon will be served by the College in East and West Shaw Halls, Phillips, and Snyder Halls. Tickets are on sale in the counties at this time.

Mrs. Dorothy Houghton, Assistant to Harold Stassen, director of the Mutual Securities Administration, will be the speaker of the afternoon. Mrs. Houghton is a former Iowa resident and was at one time President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. She has travelled extensively throughout the world. Her topic will be "Paths to Peace."

Mr. Warren Newberry, director of the Rural Youth Department of the American Farm Bureau Federation, will speak to the Farm Bureau Women on the needs for an active youth program in any State Farm Bureau.

Entertainment will be furnished by Miss Joyce Gore of Northwest Michigan. She is the winner of the Junior Farm Bureau Talent Find.

The final elimination contest for the speaking contest will be presented. Election of state officers will be held.

Every Farm Woman and her friend in this state is invited to attend. Luncheon tickets, however, must be purchased before the meeting, as none will be on sale the day of the meeting. Many counties are planning bus trips. A large crowd is anticipated.

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# FBS Aims for 100 Farm Equipment Dealers

## 6 Retail Branches To be Dealerships

Farm Bureau Services, Inc., made two important announcements regarding its Farm Equipment program in connection with a clearance sale of used equipment at Mt. Pleasant September 3. A. E. Moore, manager of the Farm Equipment Division, said:

1—Farm Bureau Services is expanding its dealer organization and farm equipment service as Michigan distributor for Cockshutt Farm Equipment Company.

2—Management of Farm Bureau Services has decided that it does not have the capital to conduct a wholesale distribution of farm equipment on a large scale and still remain in the retail business. Therefore, the retail farm equipment operations of FBS at Emmett, Hastings, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Mt. Pleasant, and Saginaw will be placed under contract to independent dealers as soon as such qualified dealers with the necessary capital requirements can be selected.

Mr. Moore said that Farm Bureau Services now has 60 dealers as retail distributors for Cockshutt Farm Equipment and is aiming to have 100 or more as soon as possible.

Roy G. and Donald Preston of Hastings, farmers and Farm Bureau members, are organizing the firm of Preston Sales & Service. This is an independent dealership to take over the Farm Bureau Services Farm Equipment retail branch at Hastings effective December 1.

At Hastings and at other branches, FBS farm equipment retail operations will continue as usual on a cash basis until the new dealership takes over.

Parts and Service. FBS farm equipment branches will continue to provide parts and service until the new dealerships take over that part of the business.

Mr. Moore said the present development in the FBS farm equipment program will provide excellent opportunities for independent Farm Bureau dealers who handle the Cockshutt line.

Cockshutt Farm Equipment Company is advertising extensively in both state and national publications, Mr. Moore said. Cockshutt manufactures a complete line of modern farm equipment, including 26 models of tractors.

Farm Bureau equipment dealers will also have these lines, Mr. Moore said: Unico farm freezers manufactured by the Carrier Corporation; Universal milkers and dairy equipment, and hot water heaters.

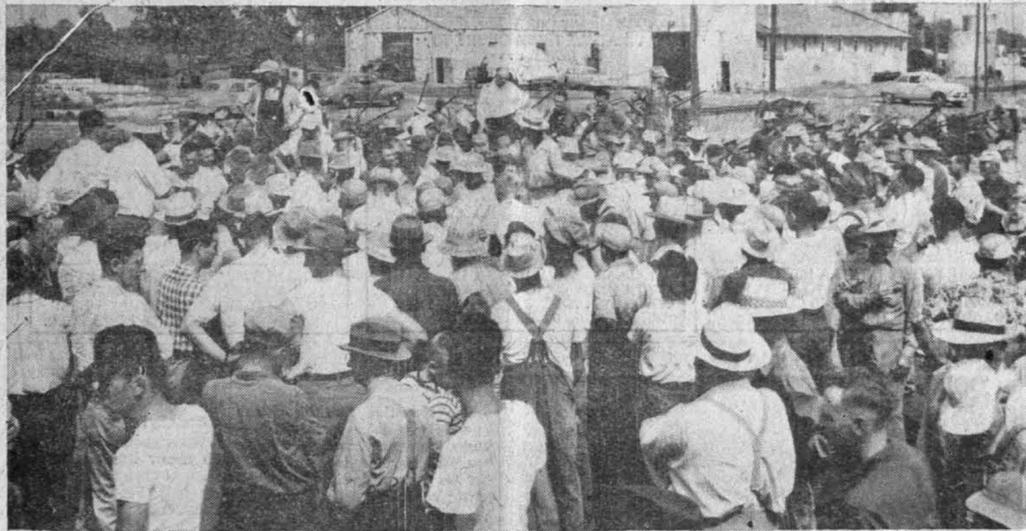
In December of 1952 the Cockshutt organization of Brantford, Ontario, bought the National Farm Machinery Cooperative manufacturing plant at Bellevue, Ohio. It is continuing the manufacture of Co-op tractors and Co-op equipment under the Cockshutt name at its Bellevue and Brantford plants.

In this deal, Farm Bureaus and regional farm cooperatives who owned Nat'l Farm Machinery Cooperative, found a manufacturer to make the equipment they wanted, and were free to devote full time to building up a cooperative farm equipment distribution, parts and service organization in the United States.

**Turkey Pellets**  
Pellets help cut down the possibility of wet and moldy mash for turkeys on range. Some raisers feed the pellets on the ground, and give the birds just as much as they will clean up in 15 to 20 minutes twice a day, according to C. C. Sheppard, a Michigan State College poultry specialist.

**Destroy Enzymes**  
Foods specialists at Michigan State College stress the fact that fruits and vegetables must be specially treated with scalding water before freezing to destroy certain enzymes.

## 2,500 at Mt. Pleasant Auction



SHOWN ABOVE is part of the crowd of 2,500 farmers who came to the Farm Bureau Services pre-inventory auction sale of \$50,000 of used farm equipment at Mt. Pleasant September 3. About \$33,000 of farm machinery was sold at an event which may become a regular part of the Farm Bureau Services farm equipment program.



ELIAS FREY of Archibold, Ohio, nationally known auctioneer of farm equipment, is shown in action at the Farm Bureau Services farm equipment auction at Mt. Pleasant, September 3. Mr. Frey, as a partner in Yoder & Frey, conducts at Archibold, one of the largest farm machinery auctions in the nation—two a month. Mr. Frey said he was much impressed with the interest in the Mt. Pleasant auction.

## Important Notice to MFB Delegates

Careful attention will be given to the seating of delegates at the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting this year, said J. F. Yaeger, executive secretary.

THE BY-LAWS of the MFB provide that no delegate may be seated officially unless his credentials have been received at the Michigan Farm Bureau at least five days before the annual meeting.

THIS MEANS that in order to seat its delegates, the County Farm Bureau through its secretary must see that the official form listing the county's delegates is received by the Michigan Farm Bureau at 221 No. Cedar St., Lansing, on or before November 7, 1953.

The by-laws do not provide for the substitution of uncertified delegates during the convention. Under corporation law such substitutions cannot be permitted.

COUNTY Farm Bureaus have been requested to designate a chairman for their delegation who shall have the authority to make

legal substitutions in his delegation from the list of alternates which was filed by his County Secretary as of November 7. The County Farm Bureau should certify enough alternates to fill any possible vacancies that may occur in the County delegation.

To qualify for a seat at the Annual Meeting, a voting delegate or alternate must be a member of the Farm Bureau for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1953.

VOTING delegates must report to the Credentials Committee immediately upon arrival at the Michigan State College Auditorium on Thursday morning, November 12. This is important because it takes much time to process the 594 delegates who will be seated in the annual meeting this year.

The necessity for conforming strictly to the by-law regulations is not simply a matter of staying within the law. It is also designed to protect the Michigan Farm Bureau as an organization that represents farmers in the true sense of the word.

RESPONSIBILITY for all room reservations is left with the County Farm Bureaus. Blocs of rooms have been requested in Lansing hotels for the occasion. There are numerous Motels located within short driving distance from Lansing. Information with regard to these will be sent to County Farm Bureaus.

## Juniors Serve 8,000 Meals At Ionia Fair

Again the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau cafeteria proved to be the most popular eating place at the Ionia Free Fair. Every noon and evening hundreds of people flocked to the cafeteria to be served the tasty food prepared by the Cafeteria staff.

AS IN PAST years the project was managed capably by two Junior Farm Bureau members. Carol Smith of Ionia county was manager. She was assisted by Richard Root from Gratiot county. Nine other Junior Farm Bureau members also worked at the project for the full week. They are: Alice Julian, Hillsdale; Elaine Cox, Hillsdale; Yvonne Simcox, Gratiot; Roberta Gallo-way, Ionia; Gloria Tait, Clinton; Lois Root, Gratiot; Dean Fenstermacher, Mecosta; Dale Fox, Clinton; and Richard Ingall, Ionia.

Volunteer work teams from the counties contributed the major portion of the day to day help. During the week work delegations came from the following counties: Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Calhoun, Hillsdale, Lenawee, Washtenaw,

Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Clinton, Ingham, Huron, Lapeer, Tuscola, Mecosta, Gratiot, Isabella, Saginaw, and Otsego.

NET PROCEEDS from the project are being reserved in a special fund and will be used for some worthwhile community service project to be decided later.

## Farm Bureau Ann'l Meeting

(Continued from Page 1) elected for two-year terms. The new board will elect a president and vice-president for 1954.

PRE-CONVENTION MEETINGS NOV. 7—Annual meeting of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau

at Michigan State College. Mr. Warren Newberry, national rural youth director for the AFBF will speak. Officers will be elected.

NOV. 11—8th annual meeting of the women of Michigan Farm Bureau at Michigan State College. Mrs. Dorothy Houghton of Washington will speak. She is an assistant to Harold Stassen, head of the Mutual Security Administration. Officers will be elected.

NOV. 11—Cooperative conferences at Michigan State College

for dairy, fruit and vegetables, poultry, livestock and wool cooperatives.

They will frame resolutions for presentation to the Michigan Farm Bureau resolutions committee.

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# Should Presidential Election Plan be Changed?

## Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for Oct.

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

DONALD D. KINSEY  
Director of Research and Information

"Reverse English" puts a spin on a ball that sends it in the opposite direction to that in which it was hit. Ballots sometimes have "reverse English" on their effect. The voter casts them for a certain presidential candidate. They sometimes turn up to the credit of his opponent. Do you know how this takes place?

For some years our methods of electing our Presidents and Vice-Presidents have been under fire. The trouble is not so much with the so-called electoral college as it is the rules by which state electoral votes are cast.

You don't vote for Presidents directly. At a presidential election you vote for a group of "Middlemen" or Electors. The Electors actually cast the ballots that elect the Presidents and their running mates.

The idea of the electoral college is sound in principle. A state is permitted the same number of electors as it has Senators and Representatives in Congress. This gives the President and Vice-President a basis for election that leaves them free of incumbencies so far as Congress is concerned. We keep the legislative and executive powers separated at their very source—a basic rule of the American political system.

But around the early years of the 1800's political parties forced a system upon the electoral vote that upset the appellation in one serious way.

They introduced the "General Ticket" in order to be able to control the full power of a state's vote in electing a President. The more power they could wield in his election, the more influence they could have over his administration.

Under the "General Ticket" system the electors are chosen on a "bed-sheet" type of ballot—all of them chosen at-large under a party standard. All of the electoral votes of a state are cast for the candidate that gets a majority of the popular vote. This set-up is very much like the "Unit-Rule" over state delegations at certain of our national political conventions.

The outcome of the "General Ticket" gives rise to some serious questions:

1. Is the President of the United States always elected by a majority of the people who vote at the polls?
2. If a person's vote can be converted into a vote for the opposite candidate by giving all the electoral power to the more favored candidate, is the voter's will and intent being violated doubly?
3. Does the "General Ticket" system give strong political advantage to some states over others in the election of a President and Vice-President?
4. What changes would improve and correct for some of the defects that exist within the present system?

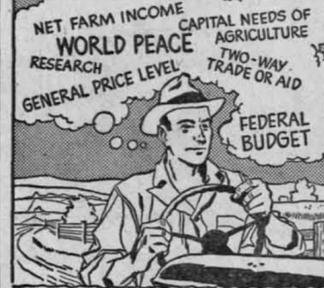
THE ANSWERS to these questions should highlight the weaknesses and strengths in our present method of electing Presidents and Vice-Presidents.

Regarding our first question, the "General Ticket" system has resulted three times in the election of a President by a minority of the popular vote. John Quincy Adams was elected in 1824, although Andrew Jackson polled 50,000 more popular votes. Hayes beat Tilden in 1876, in spite of the fact that Tilden led by 258,000 votes, and Harrison defeated Cleveland who had a plurality in 1888.

MORE SERIOUS to the voter and his interest in voting is the direct twist given to his vote under the "General Ticket" system in case his candidate fails to get a majority of votes in the state. His vote is not merely cancelled. It is added to the electoral strength of the opposition! This is a sort of political kick-in-the-teeth to the minority voter.

As the growth of large cities has advanced, Presidential candidates and parties have paid more and more attention to the winning of these "big-city" states with large blocs of electoral votes. Why?

### MR. F.B. TALKS IT OVER



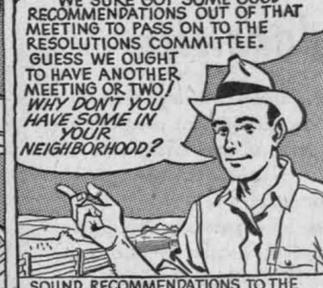
FRANK BROWN NEEDS A LOT OF FACTS—MAKES MANY DECISIONS TO KEEP HIS FARM RUNNING. BUT HE IS CONCERNED, TOO, ABOUT OTHER THINGS THAT AFFECT HIM.



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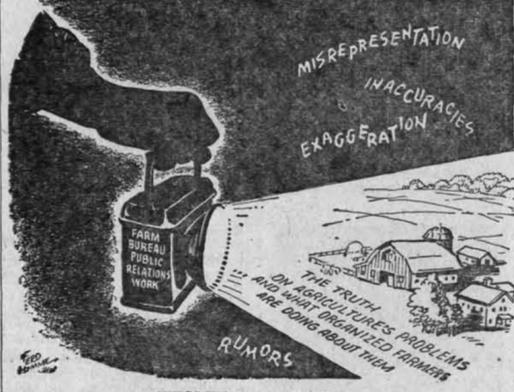


HE TALKS OVER ISSUES WITH HIS NEIGHBORS, GETS FACTS, ADDS JUDGEMENT AND TOGETHER DECIDE WHAT'S BEST FOR EVERYONE OVER THE LONG PULL.



SOUND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNTY, STATE AND NATIONAL FARM BUREAU RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE BECOME THE BASIS FOR POLICIES WHEN ADOPTED BY MAJORITY VOTE!

### A LIGHT FOR ALL TO SEE BY.....



WESLEY S. HAWLEY

Community Farm Bureau Activities

The Farm Bureau with its program of right and Christian principles stands out as a strong light in these challenging times. There is much misrepresentation, inaccuracy, exaggeration and rumors floating around. How important it is that Farm Bureau people face these things soberly and earnestly through Farm Bureau. How fortunate it is that we have such an organization now. We need to:

1. Search diligently for the truth and facts and think them over carefully. In St. John, 8:32 we read, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."
2. We must discuss the truth and the facts as we find them, for "Where no counsel is, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety." Proverbs, 11:14.
3. Then we must act. After thinking over the truth and the facts and discussing them together we should be well equipped to act that our purposes might be established for, "Without counsel purposes are disappointed; but in the multitude of counselors they are established." Proverbs, 15:22.

How wonderful it is that the Farm Bureau members have the opportunity to really and truly have a strong effective voice through Community Farm Bureaus. Every Farm Bureau family should be participating in Community Farm Bureaus if they are going to have the soundest kind of a program that will really and truly continue to be a light that will guide the destinies of our nation.

BECAUSE well-organized minorities often are able to control the entire bloc of electoral votes of a state. Within these cities are close-knit minorities governed by political bosses. These organized groups hold the balance-of-power in a popular election.

These organized big-city minorities, operating under their political bosses often defeat less organized majorities by splitting the popular vote over minor issues. This is power-gang politics. It gets its power from the "General Ticket" system, and it is familiar in all of our big cities of America. Up to now Americans have just bemoaned and deplored the "Boss Pendergast" and the "Boss Tweeds."

TO CORRECT for some of these defects, over 50 different resolutions and amendments have been attempted in Congress. But nothing has been done to get results to this day.

The idea of electing the President by a direct majority of the national popular vote has been rejected, as a rule, for a number of reasons.

1. It would tend to "splinter"

our party system into a flock of small parties. Europe has this system in many places. Greece has 90 little parties, France 14, and they are subject to continually changing governments. Our two-party system has given stability to our government.

2. An election by a national majority would give tremendous advantage to states with large populations which could "snow the smaller states under."

3. It would also violate the state's sovereign right to establish its own voting practices. A national majority would require a uniform national voting system.

Among the proposals that might help the situation are two that have had national attention.

THE LODGE amendment would abolish the Electors or "Middlemen."

It would allow each state to retain its electoral vote as at present, and thus keep its state sovereignty.

EACH CANDIDATE would receive the same percentage of

the state's electoral vote as he received of its popular vote at the polls.

The incentive for the citizen to vote would be increased, because his vote would always count as he intended, and could not be converted into electoral power contrary to his desires.

THE COUDERT amendment on the other hand, would retain the Electors of the state. But it would have them elected in the same way as Senators and Representatives are elected at present—two at-large, and the rest in Congressional Districts. The "bed-sheet" type of ballot for electors would be abolished.

By this method the President could be chosen without binding obligation to Congress, but would have the same voting population to which to make an accounting. Small and strategic minority groups would lose much of their political power over the voting public.

STATES would retain their present constitutional strength in the Presidential election. Electors within the state would cast their vote for President on the basis of the ticket that elected them. A state's electoral vote would, in this case, be a divided one honoring the decisions of local voters within the state.

Founders of the Constitution sought to keep a balance of power properly distributed to the people and to the states. The "General Ticket" system threw this out of balance and left the individual voter defrauded of his franchise, if he voted on the minority side in his state. If his vote could have been added

to majorities for his candidate in other states, (by way of the state elector he chose) he might have been on the winning side nationally!

What should American people do about this predicament that distorts the election of our national Presidents and Vice-Presidents?

QUESTION  
What changes, if any, do you think should be made in the "General Ticket" system of electing our Presidents and Vice-Presidents?

## Nominations For Officers Women of FB

Mrs. Leon Dunning of Delton, chairman of District 4, was appointed by Mrs. Harry Whittaker, state chairman of Farm Bureau Women, to be chairman of the nominating committee at the 1953 convention, Nov. 11. Others on the committee: Mrs. William Sherman of Vernon in Shiawassee county and Mrs. Charles Gotthard of Thompsonville, Wexford county.

Nominations were closed on September 1. Mrs. Dunning announces that these women have been nominated for officers:

FOR CHAIRMAN:  
Mrs. Carlton Ball of Calhoun county, present vice-chairman of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women.

Mrs. Carl Johnson of Montcalm county, district chairman of district 7. She has served on the State Council for the past 3 1/2 years, and is presently secretary of Montcalm County Farm Bureau.

FOR VICE-CHAIRMAN:  
Mrs. Earl Braid of Oakland county—past chairman of District 3.  
Mrs. Ernest Heim of Northwest

Michigan—present district chairman of District 9.

Mrs. Alex Kennedy of Alpena county—present chairman of District 10 East, and also secretary of the Alpena county Farm Bureau.

Mrs. Wesley Mahaffy of Sanilac county—immediate past chairman of District 6.

Mrs. Forrest Weinberg of Kalamazoo county—past chairman of District 1.

Mrs. Clare Williams of Gratiot county—present chairman of District 8.

The same number of voting delegates will be allowed Farm Bureau Women as is the case in Farm Bureau—that is, one for every 100 members or major portion thereof. No woman will be allowed to serve as a voting delegate who has not been previously certified by her County Farm Bureau Women's Committee.

All of the above women who are running for office have been sponsored by their own County Farm Bureau Women's Committee and approved by their County Farm Bureau.

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## Discussion Topics

They were chosen by your State Discussion Topic Committee from the results of the questionnaires returned by the Community Farm Bureaus.

- Oct. How to Improve the Methods of Choosing our National President and Vice President.
- Nov. How to Increase the Public Consumption of Farm Products.
- Dec. United Nations Agreements and the American Constitution.
- Jan. The Problem of Publicly-Owned Lands and Local Taxation.
- Feb. Our Community Farm Bureaus and the Service-to-Member Program.
- Mar. A State Plan to Regulate the Financing of Drainage Projects Within and Between Counties?

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