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 they have in mind? 

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 services. Farmers asked the legislature for that, the law says the director shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission.

About a year ago the makeup of the five-man Commission was 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 19,000 farm families and the Group of 30,000 or more were supporters of the legislation establishing the bi-partisan Commission of Agriculture and they protested and said the Democrat son of Benton Harbor continue to deny political appointments. These the press called vague and inferred that the members of the Commission. They protested and said the legislation establishing the bi-partisan Commission of Agriculture. They protested and said the Governor Williams understandably did not request the Executive Council for the assignment of the telephone. The meeting took a permanent high-level farm price supports as a way of the administration's handling of the farm price provisions of 1954. The new director Figy came to the State Department of Agriculture with 10,000 capacity皇冠体育 and now has the most modern seed grinding and mixing equipment available including a insurance blending machine. To speed unloading during the rush to the member states for the next school term for School Bureau Service and electric farm supply co. employees.

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Governor Williams understandably did not reappoint George McIntyre of Millington or Ray Eagles of St. Joseph, Mrs. Williams. They stood by Mr. Figy. Carolyn E. McLean, Anderson of Midland, C. B. Smith of Williamsburg, and William A. Anderson of Benton Harbor continue to deny political appointments.

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.

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Establishing a presence in the community is a crucial task for Farm Bureau members. The Michigan Farm Bureau's Community Farm Bureaus are a testament to this commitment. Their work in the community is commendable, and their dedication to agriculture and the environment is unwavering.

When it rains, the community is assured of a steady flow of fresh milk. The Michigan Farm Bureau's Community Farm Bureaus are committed to ensuring that milk production is not only efficient but also sustainable. They work hard to maintain the standards of quality and safety that consumers expect from the milk they drink.

The Michigan Farm Bureau's Community Farm Bureaus are also involved in the fight against fire. They promote the use of fire extinguishers and other fire safety measures to keep communities safe. Their efforts are aimed at preventing fires and reducing their impact when they do occur.

In conclusion, the Michigan Farm Bureau's Community Farm Bureaus are a vital part of their communities. They work hard to ensure that agriculture and the environment are protected, and that communities are safe and healthy. Their dedication to these causes is commendable, and they are an inspiration to all of us.
Ohio Visit Gives Some Information

CHARLES E. UNGER
Managing Editor

What do farmers have to consider if high speed, limited access toll roads or turnpikes are built across their state?

They are interested in such questions as: (1) How will the road go, (2) the rate of the road, (3) payment for land taken, (4) drainage problems, (5) their liability if any as taxpayers for the cost of the toll road or turnpike.

The Michigan Farm News presents this article with some additional information on how the Ohio Turnpike Commission is proceeding on these questions. It is constructing a 256-mile toll road across Ohio.

In September a congressional committee was asked to consider toll roads or turnpikes for Michigan. It was invited to attend as an observer for the Michigan Farm Bureau.

The Michigan legislature in 1953 established a five-man Turnpike Authority with instructions to consider two high-speed toll roads or turnpikes for Michigan. Both would connect with the Ohio turnpike. It is part of the turnpike route across New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania. The legislatives authorized this project.

Our legislators asked to write to us to let them know Michigan toll roads must be financed on a self-paying basis. The revenue bonds are to be paid with the toll collected. They have provided in the law that Michigan toll roads must be profitable in all but the gas rationing years.

Favored presently are a route from Bay City to Toledo (northeast route) and a route from Detroit toward South Bend, Indiana. Both would connect with the Ohio turnpike. It is part of the turnpike route across New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania.

The legislature asked us to write to the Ohio Turnpike Commission outlining the attitude of the state legislature and the taxpayers. This was the position taken by the Michigan Farm Bureau.

In an article on toll roads in the Michigan Farm News for March, 1953, we noted that the New Jersey turnpike is financed by revenue bonds that are not an obligation of the state. The legislature provided in the law that the Pennsylvania Turnpike received $15,000,000 in tolls in 1952 and retained $5,000,000 of bonds. It has been profitable in all but the gas shortage years.

THE OHIO Turnpike Commission has full authority and is financed on a self-paying basis. The revenue bonds are to be paid with the toll collected. The company has engaged in writing into the law that Michigan toll roads must be profitable in all but the gasrationing years.

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Dear Mr. KRUPPEL,

Haver Brooks, executive assistant to the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, will be the evening program speaker at the Michigan Agricultural Economics Department meeting Tuesday evening.

Mr. BRIEDLING has managed the American Rice Growers Association in California for over 20 years. He served as a consultant to the United States delegation at the United Nations conference in Paris in 1953 for the National Council of Agricultural Economics. He was a member at the 45th Conference of the International Federation of Agricultural Economists held in Rome, Italy, in July.

Mr. KRUPPEL, president of the Ohio Turnpike Commission, is from the Ohio Turnpike Commission.

SPEAKERSHIP has been changed in the Ohio Turnpike Commission. The former meetings and the Ohio Turnpike Commission were held for Michigan. The Ohio Turnpike Commission will be held for Michigan.

The Ohio Turnpike Commission has one engineer.

FOUR members of the Michigan State University Agricultural Economics Department are planning the 1954 meeting.

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Part of Program For Grain Storage

Delegates attending the 33rd annual meeting of the Michigan Elevator Exchange at Lansing September 2 reported the need to take the necessary steps to expand the grain storage facilities of the Exchange.

James R. Ziegler, general manager of the grain and bean marketing agency for 35 local cooperative elevator men in Michigan, 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 1935 near Ottawa Lake in Huron county.

Mr. Bliss said that final decision on letting a contract and on location will depend upon negotiations with the state, county, townships and local authorities under the terms of the storage occupancy agreement program recently announced by CCC.

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

W. N. Ostoheimer

Members 1st To Re-Enroll

For the second straight year, the Northwest Michigan Corn Belters Convention will be held in September, at the convention center. The Northwest Michigan Corn Belters Convention is an important event in the life of the Corn Belters, secretary of the organization said.

The resolution noted that the Corn Belters have become important in the life of the state and nation.

In the words of the resolution, "the Corn Belters are the friendly neighbors of the farmers and the ideal foremen in the corn belt.

The resolution noted that W. N. Ostoheimer, who served as foreman of the corn belt, was among those new foremen.

Mr. Phillips, who has been a member of the Michigan Corn Belters for four years, was re-elected as president of the Board of Directors of the organization.

In other elections, Dr. Robert E. Green of Battle Creek, and Fred A. Roach of Coldwater, were re-elected as first vice-president and second vice-president respectively.

The organization offices with several staff members of the Michigan Corn Belters, and the Michigan Blue Cross-Blue Shield have paid more than $2 million in hospital costs since 1932.

The cost of medical care has been increasing rapidly over the past 10 years, according to Blue Cross-Blue Shield officials.

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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 September, including 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 distributors 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, Kalamaezoo, 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 has 60 dealers on 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 farm of Preston Sales & Service. This is an independent dealer 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 are continuing 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 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 machines, Mr. Moore said. Union farm fresno, manufactured by the Carrier Corporation: Universal milkers and dairy equipment, and hot water heaters.

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

The deal, Farm Bureau and regional farm cooperatives who own Nat’l Farm Machinery Cooperative, has found a manufacturer to make the equipment they wanted, and were free for the betterment of their member farms to build up a cooperative farm equipment distributive, parts and service organization in the United States.

Turkey Pellets

Said Mr. Moore, "Our goal is to get down the pest of turkeys and milky milk into the barnyard. Turkeys must eat little food and the legs and feet of turkeys must be strong. Nourishment is provided by the farm yard. Turkeys are fed on a special formula that is rich in protein and protein. All the necessary vitamins are provided by the farm yard. Turkeys are fed on a special formula that is rich in protein and protein."
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

Director of Research and Information

"Reverse English" puts a spin on a ball that sends it in the direction to that in which it was thrown. Ballots sometimes "reverse English" on their effect. The voter casts them for a certain presidential candidate. They do not think they are casting for 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 directly for President. At a presidential election you vote for a group of "Middlemen" or Electors. The Electors actually cast the ballots that elect the President and Vice-President.

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

But since the early years of the 1800's political parties forced a system upon the electoral vote that upset the applecart in one serious way. They introduced the "General Ticket" system 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" 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 setup is very much like the "Unit-Roll" 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 voice being properly distributed to the minority voter?
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?

5. What modifications to the present method of electing President and Vice-President might help the situation are two measures that have been attempted in the United States and Canada. This is your chance to become affiliated with Farm Bureau, the nationwide organization and direction and serve a high quality line of Farm Equipment.

Dealer Franchises Available

If your community is not properly served by a Farm Bureau Service equipment dealer a valuable dealer franchise is available. This is your chance to become affiliated with Farm Bureau, the world's largest farm organization and distribution and service a high quality line of Farm Equipment.

Cockshutt Farm Equipment

Manufactured by a company with over a hundred years' experience. Factories located in the United States and Canada.

A complete line of equipment. 26 tractor-models—A Cockshutt "50" tractor holds the world's record for fuel economy according to Nebraska tests.

Univeral Milkers & Dairy Equipment

For every quart of certified milk sold in Chicago, Milwaukee and Madison, Wisconsin, has been milked with Universal milkers. They are the choice of the nation's leading dairymen.

Unico Freezers

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Nominations for Officers Women of FB

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FOR—CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Earl Beaud of Oxford county—past chairman of Dis­cussion Topics

These were chosen by your State Discussion Topic Committee from the results of the questionnaires returned to Community Farm Bureau.

Oct. How to Improve the Methods of Choosing our National President and Vice-President.

Nov. 1. What to do about the Public Consumption of Farm Products.


Feb. Our Community Farm Bureau and the Service-to-Member Program.

Mar. A State Plan to Regulate the Financing of Drainage Projects Within and Between Counties.

May. More to be said on this subject in a later article on this page of the Michigan Farm News. Attend your Com­munity Farm Bureau Meetings!