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**Benson Asks Advice from Farm Organizations** 

**FB** Services Fertilizer Plant at Kalamazoo

## EDITORIAL

#### **Our Recommendations Are Asked**

Secretary Benson of the U.S. Dep't of Agriculture has invited the memberships of the Farm Bureau, Grange and Farmers Union to discuss and make recommendations to him this fall concerning five major problems in the national farm program.

We shall hear considerable about this survey of farm opinion under the name of the National Farm Program Discussion Plan.

Mr. Benson's request emphasizes what Farm Bureau members have known for some time,that 1953 is a year of decision.

The writing of County Farm Bureau and State Farm Bureau resolutions becomes more important and significant than at ordinary times.

We are challenged to stimulate the greatest possible participation in the discussions and decisions on the resolutions we shall consider.

The recommendations we develop in the County Farm Bureau and state Farm Bureau resolutions in Michigan and 47 other states will be consolidated in the American Farm Bureau resolutions in December.

The Farm Bureau recommendations will be used by Secretary Benson and ourselves in advising Congress regarding any changes to be made in the price support and other features of the Agricultural Marketing Act.

need for production.

**Ohio Farmers Want** 

**Farm Price Support** 

Do About Falling Farm Prices?".

Mr. Sims is executive secretary

groups in Ohio heard the talk.

They conducted a poll im-

of the Ohio Farm Bureau.

This drawing shows how the Farm Bureau Services fertilizer plant, now under construction at Kalamazoo, will look when completed. It is designed to manufacture 40,000 tons of granulated, high analysis plant foods a year. It can be expanded to 60,000 tons capacity. The plant should be producing some fertilizer for the spring of 1954. The large building is the manufacturing plant, 151 by 288 feet. It will be highly mechanized with electrically powered equipment for the five manufacturing operations of unloading and storing dry and liquid raw materials, mixing and granulating, bulk storage for finished products, bagging, shipping by truck and railroad. Building in the foreground is for bag storage and for rail shipments. The office building at the left will also house the electrical controls room, repair shop, and cafeteria. The buildings will be steel framed on concrete foundations. Roof and siding will be sheets of galbestos.

Farm Bureau Committees Meet in July

The annual series of district support levels at harvest time. conferences for County Farm Bureau executive committees, mem-bership, Community Farm Bu- Farm Crops June 1 we published a summary supports of 75 to 90% of parity, reau and resolutions committees of the radio talk given May 15 with the Secretary of Agricul- will be held July 7 to 24. will be held July 7 to 24. At these meetings the Farm Bu- Field Day at

over WJR and Ohio radio stations ture having authority to make by John Sims on "What Can We adjustments depending upon the reau program and CoFB com-17% believed that government These Michigan Farm Bureau MSC July 8 mittee problems will be discussed

should continue to guarantee 90% staff members will meet with the committees: Executive commit-COMMUNITY Farm Bureau of parity on basic commodities. tee, Keith Tanner; Community

15% thought the government Farm Bureaus, Wesley Hawley; should guarantee 100% of parity Resolutions, Dan Reed; Member-

What May Be Often Pays A Michigan State College agri-cultural economist says there's a Added to Milk good chance that farmers will profit this year by storing their corn, oats, wheat, barley and rye. L. L. Boger says that prices for these crops likely will be below

The Michigan State College Ag

ricultural Experiment Station will

have a Farm Crops Field Day

Crop Storing

Is a Question DAN E. REED Ass't Legislative Counsel

The Michigan Commission of Agriculture has scheduled a hearaddition of vitamins and minerals to milk.

THE PROPOSAL has been under fire by nutritionists and including the vitamins and minmedical authorities. It was con- erals under consideration. They sidered at an earlier Commission say that inasmuch as no order has

say nutritionists might be placed in the position of having to warn against the use of too much milk Dr. Towsley of the University of Michigan medical staff has raised an objection to the inclusion of iodine. He feels that Michigan's campaign to encourage the use of iodized salt has effectively taken care of Michigan's natural idoine shortage. He fears that the inclusion of iodine in milk might lead to ex

cessive intake, County Farm Bureaus and Farm ing on July 6 in the House of Bureau members have indicated Representatives at the state cap- their interest in this matter and itol to consider pros and cons of have urged caution in the issuthe proposed regulation covering ance of the proposed regulation.

ONE OF the large milk distributors in the Detroit area has been marketing a fortified milk

**Invites Farmers** 

## **To Discuss Issues**

#### Says Rapidly Changing Conditions Making it Necessary to Reconsider the Entire National Farm Program

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson has invited the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Grange, and the National Farmers Union to conduct a survey of their memberships to tell him what they think should be done about five important phases of the national farm program.

The survey will be called the National Farm Program Discussion Plan.

"Rapidly changing conditions make it necessary for farmers to reappraise the entire field of public policy relating to their industry," said Mr. Benson in his invitation to Allan B. Kline, president of the American Farm Bureau.

"Many of the problem issues affecting farm families will be under critical review by the Congress during its 1954 session if not earlier.

"The United States Department of Agriculture has a responsibility in aiding Congress in developing legislation that will affect agriculture.

"The advice that we give will have greater substance and be more sound and secure if, during the period of our study and planning, we know the thinking of and secure ideas from the farm people of this nation.

"Since this is the major role of the general farm organizations and they have their experience in this field, we would appreciate your assistance in this activity.

"We request that between July 1 and December 1, 1953, you ask each local unit in your organization to discuss paramount agricultural issues of the day. We ask that you arrange to give us the consensus of the ideas and suggestions resulting from these discussions.

"The broad problems which we are suggesting for your consideration and discussion because of their present emergency are:

1-Farm Income Stability and Improvement

mediately upon the farm price on all basic farm commodities	s, Dan Reed; Member- Fastman Dates and Wednesday, July 8, at Michigan	Isidered at an earlier Commission say that inasmuch as no order has	I-rarm Income Stability and Improvement
support questions raised by Mr.	meetings are: State College, East Lansing.	meeting. Under the rules it must been issued they are not in vio- be considered at a succeeding lation.	2-Production and Market Adjustments
o would extend the 100%	TIDITO I III	k meeting and given final approval The Department of Agriculture	
	at farm crops research during the	e before it can become effective, has received an attorney general's	s conservation and improvement of I arm resources
should be a government farm	District 4, at Caledonia tours which will be conducted	d The order was drawn under opinion stating that the order	4-Capital Needs of Agriculture
BENSON. 56% of farmers in ingh bene	Dist 7 Enemont Com from 1:30 to 4 p. m. The tour	s authority of the amendments to would be permissive and that un-	
cent of the farmers were unde- the Onio County Farm Bureau's July of	Idg. Mt Hone read a half mile and	the milk laws made by the 1952 til an order is issued the inclusion of these materials is not legal.	
said Mr. Sims in announcing the	Dist 9 Buckley high of Farm Lane and a half mile	posed, it would permit the addi- The department is considering	"We are confident that participation of farm people
results of the poll. Agriculture Benson is doing a school.	west of Hagadorn road—a mil	e tion of certain vitamins, min- action to halt sale of the product.	
good job. 31% were uncertain, July 10-	my is a sur a sur a gouth of the main semand	lerals and non-fat milk solids to	workable legislation and in a more generally acceptable
91% said they should do all and 13% disapproved his actions. school.	Latest developments in wheat	whole or skim milk under reg- ulations approved by the Director <b>37,000 Have Blue Cross</b>	
they can for themselves through cooperatives, research, advertis-	-Dist. 2, Hillsdale high oat and barley varieties in Mich	of Agriculture. 37,000 families have Blue Cross	program for agriculture than could otherwise be accom-
YES on this question, "Do you school.		s hospital - surgical - medical con-	pliched
fore going to the government for lavor increased foreign trade if July 15-	-Dist. 5, St. Johns high include Craig oats and Genese	SEVERAL nutritionists say their in the second second	President Kline of the American Farm Bureau ac-
help, according to the poll it means increased imports of school.	and Seneca wheat Specialist	s Michigan Farm Bureau.	and the substant summer bureau ac
28% of Ohio Farm Bureau creased exports?" 21% said NO munity Bl	-Dist. 8, Midland Com- will discuss weed control ex	a pharmaceutical instead of a	cepted Secretary Benson's invitation for the Farm
members taking part in the poll and 20% didn't vote.	Dist 6 Marlette high mendations for control of th	food." Dr. Alice Smith of the Home Accidents	Bureau. Mr. Kline said to Mr. Benson:
thought the government should school	-Dist. 6, Marlette high mendations for control of th	e Michigan Department of Health 831 people died last year from	"It is fortunate that your request came just as the
support farm prices only at a 58.839 FB Members	-Dist. 3, Plymouth high crops.	and Dr. Dena Cederquist, Mich- igan State College nutritionist, home premises.	
Tune 15 the membership of the school		said there may be danger of	local Farm Bureaus throughout the country are about
Michigan Farm Bureau was 58,- July 24-	-Dist. 1, Paw Paw high Michigan has 12 million acre	s harmful effects of an overly large Fifth annual Sheep Field Day at	to launch their annual examination of the problems
32% favored variable price 839 families. school.	in crops and non-woods pastures	s. intake of certain vitamins. They MSC July 16.	(Continued on page 2)

## 300 Genesee FB Members Have Tornado "Debris Bee"



Genesee Farmers Take Truckloads of Debris from Wheat Field

When Michigan's worst tornado | 000 in rural damage. cut a 275-yard wide swath over FARMERS sprang to the rescue an 18-mile path across Genesee county June 10, farmers respond- ing and equipment to their hurt a call for a "debris bee" held June ed in keeping with American neighbors. rural traditions.

As the terrifying eloud left in one's neighbor clean up. its wake 115 persons dead and

some 900 injured in the urban areas, it did not spare farms in Genesee County Farm Bureau secretary, assisted with the telethe path. Farm Home Admin- and R. C. Lott, county agriculturistration and other farm officials al agent, one of the most unusual set a tentative figure of \$2,250,- farmers bees was organized.

Genesee County Farm Bureau of the urban Beecher district, immediately, bringing food, cloth- and other farmers responded to 18 and 19. They brought with

less spectacular job of helping and power saws. Officers and crews filled each truck as it directors of the County Farm

Bureau were foremen of crews. phoning that was necessary.

Fences Left Standing were Torn and Laden with Junk

More than 300 members of the Johnson & Sons farm just east moved from this farm.

perhaps the hardest hit of the big farms in the county.

Then there was that bigger, them dozens of trucks, tractors through waist-high wheat while Still more crews used power Leslie Ames, Dr. J. T. Connell, inched along. Some of the debris UNDER the leadership of the Bureau were foremen of crews. Mrs. Marvin Tiedeman, county picked out of the fields required In the first day's work all of

ELSEWHERE some men combed fields, others helped clear saws, axes and saws to cut up huge trees felled by the storm.

several men to lift, and any of the Johnson farm was cleared it could have put a combine out as well as all of two other farms

three crews and covered other | were put back into commission. | storm. sections of the county. "The clean-up saved the crops

FARMS cleared included those it would have been impossible to out barnyards where the barns of Earl Johnson & Sons, Roy have harvested them without the Dozens of trucks plowed had been levelled to the ground. Miller, Norris Taylor, Jim Lucas, clean-up.

"In addition to those who took Chris Miller, Robert Wolcott, part in the clean-up bee neighbors Jack Keith, Clarence Hannagier, of dozens and dozens of smaller lost many fields of which could Max Selleck. farms pitched in to help. Many not be cultivated or harvested "The Farm Bureau took the of them are helping rebuild because of metal, wood, cement lead, but all farmers pitched in," homes, repair machinery and are and other debris scattered thickof commission. More than 100 and part of another. On the sec- explained Mr. Lott. "A dozen of lending their equipment to re- ly over them. Now they can take WORK started on the Earl truck loads of debris were re- ond day, the workers split into the worst hit farms in the county place that knocked out by the care of them.

"It was really an inspiring in a large number of fields where thing to watch those men-and women, too-leave their own

jobs undone to help their neighbors," Mr. Lott commented. Some farmers had thought as

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ary and a member of the Ex change board of directors. He has been a member of the board of directors of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., since it was incorporated in 1928.

the volume of business has grown

to \$610,000 a year. Falmouth

operates branches at Merritt and

Mr. Berghouse has been secre-

McBain.

## A little care prevents gasoline accidents

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government."

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Expect Wheat Marketing Quota Vote in July

### **Duggan Resigns** Farm Credit Post

associations, production credit corporations, banks for cooperatives, Federal intermediate credit banks, and the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation. During Mr. Duggan's term as

I. W. Duggan, governor of the governor of the Farm Credit Ad-Farm Credit Administration since ministration the 12 land banks 1944, has resigned to accept a became completely farmer owned position as vice-president of the and 281 of the 499 production Trust Company of Georgia. credit associations also became The Farm Credit Administra- farmer owned. The Government tion system is made of Federal owns only a minor part of the land banks, national farm loan capital stock of the other pro-

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## Government Wants Crop Testing **To Cut Production**

Will wheat growing farmers vote Yes or No by July In Michigan 24 in a national referendum on the acceptance of marketing quotas to reduce the wheat crop for 1954?

We have a bumper crop for 1953. It is 1,132,000,000 bushels, according to the final estimate by the U.S. Dep't of Agriculture.

With the big carry-over, we have in sight the greatest supply of wheat in our history.

The Secretary of Agriculture is required by the Agr'l Marketing Act to proclaim not later than July 1 a national marketing quota for wheat whenever the total supply exceeds the "normal supply" by more than 20%.

Normal supply in terms of the price support provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Act means the estimated domestic production (715 million bushels), plus exports (300 million bushels), plus a carry-over allowance (152 million bushels). These add up to 1,167 million bushels. This is the "normal supply" when looking forward to the 1954 wheat crop.

A national wheat marketing quota and acreage allotments are required by law when the supply exceeds the normal supply by 20%, or 1,400 million bushels in 1953.

In June the 1953 crop of 1,132 million bushels and state of production. Stocked with the carry-over of 560 million bushels totaled 1,692 million bushels, or 145% of the normal supply.

The law requires that in a vote on a national wheat marketing quota, the Secretary of Agriculture shall complete these steps on or before the dates given below:

July 1-Proclaim marketing quota and call for referendum vote by the growers.

July 15-Announce acreage allotments for the 1954 crop of wheat.

July 24-Referendum election for all growers of wheat.

ALL wheat growers are eligible | fore Congress would raise the exemption from a marketing to vote for quotas. If a twoquota from 15 to 25 acres. thirds majority of those voting

YOUR individual marketing are favorable to quotas, then marquota will be as much wheat as keting quotas are effective for all farmers who plant more than allotment. you can grow on your acreage

15 acres of wheat, or produce If marketing quotas are more than 200 bushels. adopted, price support at 90% The Hope amendment now be-

of parity, or about \$2.20 a bushel, will be available only to those who stay within their acreage allotment.

IF you plant more than your, acreage allotment, then you cannot qualify any of it for the

#### Farmers Petroleum **Co-op** Dividends Widespread tive, Inc., board of directors on June 24 dcelared a 5% dividend on the Class A common stock, for the year ending August 31. It is payable September 1.

The directors ordered the bal-Research and extension workance of earnings on stockholderers in farm crops at Michigan State College are combining patrons business for year ending August 31 to be distributed to forces to provide Michigan farmers with one of the most complete them on a patronage basis, probably in November. crop variety testing programs in the nation.

Banks Offer MSC Scholarships Michigan banks again are of-TESTS of varieties of 12 different crops are being run at 51 fering \$100 scholarships to boys locations, in addition to East and girls who want to take a Lansing plantings. There are short course in agriculture or many additional observation home economics at Michigan State College this fall. plots, reports Kenyon T. Payne, This is the fourth year the M.S.C. farm crops head.

Farmers Petroleum Co-opera-

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bankers have donated money for Small grain tests in wheat, the eight-weeks' course. This oats and winter and spring barley and corn are going on. Forage year they are offering 234 scholarships for the term which starts experiments include alfalfa, red October 26 clover and birdsfoot trefoil as

well as sudangrass, sweet clover, ladino clover and bromegrass tests at the college farm. Potato, ugar beet, pea bean, colored bean and soybean varieties are being tested in their appropriate areas, Payne reports.

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guaranteed support price. In addition, you must pay a penalty to sell or even use the wheat grown on the extra acreage. This probably will be half the basic loan about \$1.10 a bushel. A bill is being readied for Congress to make sure that a penalty of 15 cents a bushel from the 1948 Agr'l Marketing Act does not apply.

No wheat may be sold from the allotted acreage until the penalty is paid on wheat grown on extra acres.

IF LESS than two-thirds of the growers who vote approve the marketing quotas, they will not become effective for anyone. However, the growers will still be subject to acreage allotments, which do not require approval from farmers.

BY LAW, a rejection of marketing quotas would require the Secretary of Agriculture to lower the support price to 50% of parity-or about \$1.20 to \$1.25 a bushel for those who stay within their allotted acreage. Those who plant extra acres

have no price support for any part of their crop. They must accept the market price for all they sell, but they can market or use the full crop without additional penalty.

ALLOTMENTS. The national allotment is to be divided among the states. The state allotments will be divided among the counties according to their share of the wheat acreage in the last ten years.

The county wheat allotment is apportioned among farms on the basis of (1) tillable acres (2) crop rotation practices, including acreage planted to wheat (3) type of soil (4) type of land. All farmers who wish to grow wheat in 1954 are entitled to an allotment. Not more than 3% of the county allotment shall be apportioned to farms on which wheat has not been planted during any one of the last three years.

#### Farm Records

Farm records are tools for better management, reminds Everett M. Elwood, Michigan State College farm economist. They are both financial and production tools.

### The Michigan Elevator Exchange with its new terminal elevator and its 135 member elevators makes up an efficient, fast-moving MODERN MARKET FOR TODAY'S MODERN FARMER.

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**Farmer Controlled** 

## Hunters and **Farmers** Have **New Proposals**

Representatives of farm and sportsmen's organizations met in Lansing June 12 to review recommendations made at recent conferences in Ingham, Kent and Oakland counties. They were attended by representatives c. Grange, Farm Bureau and sportsmen's organizations from 22 counties in southern Michigan.

The sessions resulted from resolutions adopted by both Michigan Farm Bureau and Michigan relations" will appear the names State Grange at the 1952 annual meetings.

SUGGESTIONS made at these reau and Michigan State Grange. conferences indicated that much Further announcement of these could be done by both farm and signs and how they may be obsportsmen's organizations to help tained will be made prior to the reduce friction between members opening of the small-game seaof these two groups. While some son.

recommendations involved possi- A series of radio and television

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#### Farm Bureau Services, Inc. FERTILIZER DEPARTMENT Lansing 4, Michigan

can be put into effect by the organizations themselves. Plans approved at the June 12 meeting included arrangements for a series of posters to be made

ble legislation, many suggestions

"Ripe crop, please do not enter."

J. "Danger! 10 not shoot within 200 yards of this building." 4. "Farm Boundary" with an arrow pointing in the direction of the owner's home. Under this statement "In inter-

est of better farmer - sportsman of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Michigan Farm Bu-

> Michigan Farm Bureau had 32| LEADERS from the twelve level. people, the fourth largest delega- states were given an opportunity

Conference which was held in problems. Lincoln, Nebraska during the

first week of June. The late the questions as to how to get somewhat. presentations is also planned. El. Exch. Group will emphasize good manners on

the farm and in the field. It has been suggested that many hunt- Offers 10 ers coming from urban areas do not recognize farm crops. Television programs to show typical Scholarships soy bean fields, clover seed Young men with farm backfields and other crops and possigrounds who are interested in ble damage to these crops are seeking careers in agricultural in-

proposed. dustry will be offered an attrac-Representatives agreed to make tive incentive to enter the elevator two recommendations to their organizations:

and farm supply business as a result of the formation of the 1. That we work toward a uni- Michigan Cooperative Elevator form provision covering Sunday Scholarship Fund. hunting. It was felt that all Mich-The Michigan Elevator Exigan counties in the pheasant belt should either be open for change and a large group of local

cooperative elevators have estabhunting on Sunday or closed on lished the scholarship fund in co-Sunday, but that the present operation with the Department of checkerboard pattern of regulation is impractical. Each closed College. county increases the pressure on

adjoining open counties. IT IS expected that the Mich-2. The present later opening igan Cooperative Elevator Scholardate for pheasant hunting season ship Fund will provide at least has given some relief from dam- ten \$300 scholarships annually to age to farm crops. This legisencourage interested and qualified lation was secured through farm students to enroll in the Elevator organization efforts in 1952. and Farm Supply Training Course Spokesmen agreed to support this offered by Michigan State College. principle.

The training course, under the Present at the meeting on June direction of Alvin E. Oliver, con-12 were William J. Brake, master, sists of two 3-month terms of Michigan State Grange, Charles class room study on the MSC Roberts, Kent City, chairman of campus followed by three terms the Farmer-Sportsmen Relations (9 months) of practical on-the-Committee of Michigan United job placement training in country Conservation Clubs, Frank Burch, elevators and completed by a final executive secretary, Detroit one-term period back in the class-Sportsmen's Congress, Jim Mcrooms on campus. Kenna, sports writer, Grand Rap-

ids Press and Dan E. Reed, Michigan Farm Bureau.

financial assistance is required, proximately 60 in 1946."

### **Fertilizers** Aid Alfalfa In Summer

build-up of alfalfa fields now, as soon as your first cutting is har-Michigan State College.

ONE principal cause of unsat- fertilizer over the surface. isfactory alfalfa yields in Michigan is lack of readily-available plant food in the soil. The 1950 agricultural census showed the or 0-10-30 are better adapted to average Michigan alfalfa acre light sands. Plan on at least 200 yielded only a ton and a half of pounds per acre per year.

times that amount are not uncommon-where plant food is ers may decline from 1952. Deavailable. mand is good but supplies and



### Struck Eastern Michigan June 8th

- More Than 300 Houses Destroyed
- More Than Three Million Dollars **Property Loss**
- Nearly 700 Persons Homeless



#### JULY 1, 1953

be added to the soil any time during the growing season, but there is no better time than shortly after the first cutting. This provides for the important August-Sep-

tember buildup. This fertilizer application right after first cutting should increase next-year's yields more than

nutrients put on in late summer, Start your August-September fall or early spring. Do not try to place fertilizer vested, advises Edward D. Long- in the soil on established stands, necker, extension soil scientist at Mr. Longnecker said. Discs of the drill will injure plant crowns. He advises broadcasting the

On heavy clay soils, use 0-20-10 analysis fertilizer. For light or sandy loams, 0-20-20, and 0-10-20

hay. Yields of twice and three Earnings of vegetable grow-



#### est must be served if our programs are to be sound. The people were also contion among 750 persons attend- to compare programs, and to cerned that the Farm Bureau **DISCUSSION** workshops were ing the Midwest Farm Bureau think together regarding farm shall truly represent the viewheld in areas of policy developpoints of the farmers through a Discussions centered around sound "grass roots" program.

ment, legislative action, membership acquisition, commodity

**Bell Request Recalls Rural Improvements** 

Michigan Bell Telephone Com- | wage increases, alone, have pany has asked for a general rate amounted to \$1.50 for every \$1 increase throughout its territory of rate increases in the same

rural residence service less than one cent a day. raised about two cents a day.

HANS P. ANDREASEN, farm quality service."

"AS A RESULT of that large expenditure," he said, "we have

telephones, reduced the number of lines with more than eight stations from 44 per cent to 7 per cent, reduced the number of rings heard by many rural users, converted 12,000 'crank-type' magneto instruments to dial or



"As a result of this lag in the price of our service behind the

business activity has been at an all-time high."

**FB** Services Board Short Courses, Michigan State Bell, termed the proposed rate Farm Bureau Services board of

ing AAA preferred stock for the

Directors ordered balance of 000,000 had been invested in this earnings for the year ending phase of its operations by Michi- August 31 on shareholder-patrons gan Bell from 1946 through 1952. business to be paid to them as a

patronage dividend. It will be paid in Class B preferred stock.

DHIA RECORDS

Cows in Dairy Herd Improvement Ass'ns in Michigan averaged 3.000 more pounds of milk during 1952 than the average Michigan cow. They averaged 9,509 lbs. milk and 374 lbs. butterfat.

### The general attitude was that crop season cut the attendance more effective participation on the long-time interests of the na- relations, the women's program, the part of people at the home tion rather than mere self-inter- and the rural youth program.

which would boost charges for period.

In its application with the Pub- increased costs of providing it, lic Service Commission at Lans- our earnings are about a third of ing, the company also asked that the rate of earnings of outside rural business service rates be industry during a period when



increase "essential if we are to directors on June 24 declared a continue to maintain a high- 2% dividend payable on outstand-

Pointing up the company's pro- year ending August 31, 1953. This gress in expanding and improv- is stock issued as patronage diviing rural telephone service, And- dends in other years.

reasen said that more than \$20,-

added more than 97,000 rural

LOCAL cooperative elevator 'lift-the-receiver' type operation, managers will be encouraged to inaugurated extended-area servseek out interested young men in ice in about 200 exchanges, and their communities and encourage are now serving about 76 telethem to make application for en- phones per 100 rural homes and

" says

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IF YOU WANT

... JUST TRY BORROWING

THE VALUE OF MONEY

TO FIND OUT

SOME !



## Michigan 4th at Midwest Conference

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available to landowners through local conservation clubs. These signs would carry such messages 1. "Ask the farmer first-you cannot hunt on private lands without permission of the owner."



You have read the phrase above. Very likely you know what it means. In case some Farm Bureau members (new ones) do not know why we use this phrase, we manager of the Michigan Elevator will explain.

"Value in Use"

All feed companies (and they make good feeds, most of them) are business enter- perienced, well-trained young prises devoted to making profits. And they do! Hundreds of feed mills around responsibilities in our cooperative the country have been paid for by the farmers who used the rations made by these mills.

the Michigan Cooperative Elevator Scholarship Fund. service," Andreasen continued,

"has been the introduction of ex-"Good management is in large tended-area service which elimipart the key to a successful conates artificial barriers between operative elevator operation," acadjacent communities and procording to James R. Bliss, general vides rural users with toll-free

access to their trading centers." Exchange. "We look upon this Andreasen cited an increase of scholarship fund as the start of a 91 per cent in the overall cost of long-range program to provide a living since 1940 in contrast with continuous source of capable, exan increase of only 27 per cent in revenues from Michigan Bell men who in future years can rate increases. successfully assume managerial

"ONE large element of our costs is our wage bill. General



The Farm Bureau founders, many years ago, set up a Feed Department. That department was to make feeds that would represent the best value for the farmers that owned the department. Thus the phrase "Value-In-Use" came into being, "Value-In-Use" on the farm -for more profitable production-better health -utter honesty-as shown by the 'open formulas.'

The feeds had to be good. They are good. They deserve the support of every farmerbut especially you, who make up the Farm Bureau in Michigan.

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Average weight	1.680 lbs.
Lbs. feed used	1250 lbs.
Average feed per bird 3.371 lbs.	3.602 lbs.
Lbs. feed per lb. gain 2.048 lbs.	2.144 lbs.
Feed cost per bird	20.89 cents
Profit per bird 5.73 cents per	r bird over competitor's feed.
"Nuf Said" Ask for	Farm Bureau Feeds
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elevators."

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Final Report on 1953 Session of Legislature cold storage in March than a

## Quite Successful From MFB View

STANLEY M. POWELL Legislative Counsel for Michigan Farm Bureau

The 1953 session of the Michigan legislature is now rushed through the legislature largely history. Final sessions are scheduled for July 2 and 3 but it is questionable whether or not a quorum of the Senators and Representatives will return to Lansing on these days.

Major decisions of the session were pretty well com- 12 by the Senate committee on would be an unfair and inequit- and this bill died in committee. pleted on June 4 and 5, when the lawmakers returned to Lansing after an absence of two weeks and worked out the final details of the nearly a score of appropriation bills which, taken together, comprise a general gan a thorough study of it. fund budget of \$338,697,126 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1953.

Action on these appropriations had been deferred from May 22, the date originally set for winding up the main of the state organization should part of the session. The legislators had insisted they wanted to know what the Governor would do about the new tax bill before they agreed on budget items. fused either to sign or veto the

AS you know, Governor, Wil- bill.

liams neither signed nor vetoed In our report on these matters day, May 14. The points which the new "Adjusted Receipts" tax. in the June issue of the Michi- he raised greatly disturbed Sen-He allowed it to become a law gan Farm News we explained in ator Higgins, chairman of that without taking definite action some detail the provisions of this committee. The Senator invited one way or the other. However, new tax, the developments lead- the Michigan Farm Bureau to he did make a radio speecch in ing up to its adoption by the legis- participate in sessions at which which he explained why he re-lature and the part which the the bill was substantially re-

#### Michigan Farm Bureau took re- drafted. Mr. Powell and Edwin for state officers and state sen- begins to accumulate in the Hog Market garding it during the time that F. Steffen, general counsel, rep- ators were opposed by the Mich- treasury. The summer hog market looks farm economists point out. it was under consideration in the resented the Michigan Farm Bu- igan Farm Bureau. Senate Joint good. Slaughter probably will TAX DOLLARS. Regardless of

Resolution N embodying such

reau in these deliberations. Resolution N embodying such provisions was defeated in the Legislature.

HOWEVER, at least one lead-ing weekly newspaper, through various editorials and news articles, has charged that the Mich-each Senator and Representative this year's version of a proposal credit for it. Neither of those just

ject. criticisms is justifiable. The Michigan Farm Bureau IN HIS letter, Mr. Brody rehad no part in drafting this ported that the legislative commeasure prior to its introduction mittee of the Michigan Farm Buin the Michigan Senate on May reau felt that the new proposal

taxation. However, immediately able tax and would be most burupon its introduction, Farm Bu- densome and oppressive to taxreau staff members secured coppayers because it would require es of this bill before it was available in printed form and be- not normally maintained in the articles indicate that the session conduct of business.

THE LEGISLATIVE committee of the Michigan Farm Bureau vas summoned to Lansing the following day to make the decision as to just what the position material published in the June Michigan Farm News and also acted. be regarding the bill. The legislative counsel of the MFB acted other releases sent to County on their specific instructions Farm Bureau bulletins and material mailed to Minutemen and

when he presented detailed testiother local Farm Bureau leaders. mony in opposition to the bill at the hearing held by the Senate committee on taxation the next

that we felt that this was a good in somewhere between \$340,500,our objections had been effective

the attention of the legislature. How the new Adjusted Re- eral fund deficit. The state's ceipts tax will affect farmers and their organizations remains to erably on rules and regulations now being formulated by the how much deeper the state sank navy. H Michigan Department of Rev- into debt during the year which children. ended June 30, 1953. enue, which will administer it.

FARM Bureau officials and

staff members are keeping in

contact with those who are pre-

tions and will strive to protect

these important developments.

Department of Revenue officials

rules and regulations as soon as

the first draft has been form-

In our legislative report in the

June 1, 1953 issue of the Mich-

igan Farm News we compared in considerable detail the position

taken by the delegates at the MFB convention last November with what the legislature has

actually done on these subjects.

have promised to counsel with solvency. MFB spokesmen regarding these As soon

ticles, has charged that the Mich-igan Farm Bureau was "asleep Michigan Farm Bureau relative Board of Education which would at the switch" while this tax was to the new tax proposal and en- select a commissioner of educaclosing a complete copy of Mr. tion to take the place of the pres-

state and local taxes is much more significant on the federal struction. SJR J providing this level because last year, of the change died in committee. total tax collections in Michigan, 85.46% went to the federal gov-FLOUR. The Farm Bureau ernment, 8.20% to the state and opposed H-54 which would have

6.34% to local units. required enrichment of flour Of the amount collected by the state, between % and ¾ is dis-SUMMARY. Developments retributed to local units and school ported in the summary presented districts, so actually the state's separate accounting and records in our June and July legislative share of the total cost of government is relatively inconsequenwas fairly successful from the tial. Government, as a whole, is During consideration of the Farm Bureau standpoint. Probgetting so complicated and exbill in the Senate amendments ably, as is so often true, the pensive that each of us cannot were adopted which met many greatest accomplishments were afford to fail to keep close watch of our objections. We so re- with regard to measures which on legislative developments at

FUTURE. It is true all through

life that even more important

ported to our members through were defeated rather than with our State and National capitols. reference to those actually en-Tom Hahn Chairman

of living.

BUDGET. It looks as though, Of MFB Resolutions Appointment of Tom Hahn of for the first time in several years, the work of the legislature Mecosta county as chairman of will result in a balanced budget. the 1953 MFB resolutions commit-IN NONE of this publicity was It is predicted that present and tee has been announced by Presithere any statement indicating newly enacted taxes will bring dent Carl Buskirk.

what method is employed in col-

ets of the average citizens to

whom tax burdens are passed

along and reflected in the cost

What is true regarding our

Mr. Hahn represents District 7

\$65,000,000 on July 1, 1952.

Mr. Hahn recently was one of

than where we are is which way paring these rules and regula- we are going. If it turns out The 1953 Resolutions Committhat during the state's new fiscal tee is composed of one representthe interests of their members in year receipts substantially exative from each of the ten disceed expenses, we will feel that tricts, the three members of the we are on the road back toward Legislative Committee of the MFB Board of Directors and this As soon as the state's General year, for the first time, three Fund deficit has been retired representatives of Michigan Farm some tax should be repealed or Bureau Women. The committee reduced. It is impossible to prewill probably meet in August.

vent waste and extravagance in Buy Farm Bureau Feeds. state government when a surplus



continue to run 10 to 15 per cent

lecting state tax dollars, they all behind last year. In addition, are falls. Keep steps eventually come from the pock- there was one-third less pork in Careful about climbing.

## Get Ready For... July & August Seedings

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

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

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Michigan grown seed. LADINO-Farm Bureau's certified Ladino clover.

ulated.

There wasn't room to cover all the points. Here are some further developments of interest in this connection which we had to leave out of our article a month ago.

bill. We only pointed out that 000 and \$358,000,000. Thus we on the Committee and has been can expect between \$2,000,000 President of Mecosta County Farm in straightening out many of the and \$20,000,000 during the com- Bureau for four years. He oppoints which we had called to ing fiscal year to apply toward erates a 350-acre dairy and genthe reduction of the state's gen- eral farm. Mr. Hahn graduated from Big general fund was in the red over Rapids High School in 1935' and from Ferris Institute in 1938. He be seen. It will depend consid- It will be several weeks before taught school for two years and the state officials will know just then served three years in the how much deeper the state sank navy. He is married and has four

> the nine Farm Bureau leaders selected to represent Michigan at a series of conferences in Washington, D. C.



year ago, Michigan State College

Half of the accidents in homes

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## **A Farm Accident** Can Bankrupt You De standing to load or unload passengers. Such a bill, S-1108, was approved by the Senate but was later bottled up in the House



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TRAFFIC LAWS. The Farm Bureau delegates pointed out that because of the large number of tourists who visit Michigan, it is important that our traffic laws be uniform with those of the majority of other states. Because of this situation it was recommended that on-coming vehicles as well as those approaching from the rear should be compelled to stop before passing any school bus which might be standing to load or unload committee on public safety.

ROADSIDE MARKETS. The Farm Bureau delegates had called attention to the traffic hazards frequently created by lack of adequate parking space around many roadside markets. They had advocated that adequate safety regulations should be enacted to prevent establishment of markets on the right-ofway except where no hazard would be created. H-371, dealing with this subject, was defeated in the House.

BOUNTIES. The Michigan Farm Bureau has consistently control and eradicate predatory animals. During the current session H-87 was proposed which would have forbidden use of any of the funds of the Michigan Department of Conservation for payment of bounties for such predators. We appeared and offered testimony in opposition to this measure and it was killed in the House committee on conservation.

WELLS & TRUCKS. The Farm Bureau directors opposed S-1127 a bill for licensing and regulating water well construction and S-1137 barring trucks from certain highways on Saturday and Sunday. These bills both died in committee.

INSURANCE. The MFB di-rectors favored S-1156, liberalizing restrictions of insurance companies so as to permit investment in real estate loans which are guaranteed as to principal by the United States government or any agency or instrumentality thereof.

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	Reed Bros Elsie, Michigan	19
	Harry & Dick Davis Sandusky, Michigan	
8	Ernest Paine Pontiac, Michigan	
	Ed McDonald 9028 Longacre Street	
3	Detroit, Michigan	
1	Russell Skelton	
	Dick Newell	

There are many others in the state whose names and addresses we do not have on record. Call your Farm Bureau dealer for information on those in your area.

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Trends, Taxes and Township Governments

## **Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for July**

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

#### DONALD D. KINSEY Director of Research and Education

Township governments in 1956? Some say, "Yes" and some say "No"!

There are two sides to this question. On one side stand Michigan citizens who say that good, demolocal cratic, American government requires the preservation of township home rule. On the other are Michigan citizens who say that a sound, economical, efficient American government requires abolishing township systems for larger units.

A few years ago there was no question of this kind. Township government was accepted as a natural institution. Why has this conflict developed? Why the trend to establish larger and more centralized government units? Two main developments have played a part in this trend.

First, our population has changed. As population increased, people have concentrated in urban areas. A larger percent of these people rent their homes, as compared to rural folks. The "renters" have less actual stake in local government-or so they seem to think. City folks are more content to turn problems over to larger government systems. It is almost impossible to have segments of a city ruling themselves independently of the city as a whole.

Concentrating large numbers of people affects their theory of government. And Michigan has had many areas of high concentration developing in the last fifty years. So more people think of "efficient governments" in terms of large units.

Second, it is a historical fact that local townships abandoned the responsibility for taxing their people to support their own operations. To the degree that this is done, the power of the people to maintain and control their local government may begin to fail.

Michigan is now financing more of the costs of local government through state-collected taxes than any other state in the nation. And along with the power to tax may go increasing powers to govern! have gone to the county or state

FACT NO. 1-The 1266 townships of Michigan received 77% of all their tax monies in stateaid in 1951.

counties and cities are more dependent than others. Why? Be-The tax records show that 785 cause local tax levies as well as townships levied NO taxes for state-aid payments are far from general township purposes in equalized. Counties of similar 1951. Thirty-six more levied wealth show differences as great as 100% in the amounts of state

FACT NO. 2-Some townships

two others get only 10% to 20% ords on and deal with 1266 town- governments of every county. It would establish county county units. That they serve few people. That they serve few people. That they have large bank balances Cilcore Lining in FPC has no relation to local wealth. It would be far less expensive to boards of review to deal with

or ability to pay. **GROWING VIEWPOINTS.** To those interested in keeping town-ship government, it is well to be

familiar with the viewpoints that itants. are developing against it. The following statements are not necessarily the viewpoints of the writer nor of Farm Bureau. The critics say that:

1. Townships, being small and village property they tend to ervisors might be appointed, but limited in tax resources, cannot under-value it. become vigorous units of govern-

THE LANE BILL (S-1081) is ment. Because of this handicap taxpayers are burdened an example of this sort of thing.

get small returns in services. makes it necessary to have num- movement. erous offices, salaries and in-

nomically by a single county of supervisors to fix tax assessmets that some of our more thinly there.

5. Township tax assessors ofmiliar, at times, with values on estate valuation. Township sup- etc.

ments.

The state has to keep rec- would force the change upon the gether into single counties. ships do not need the money, share of state-aid monies?

The State-Aid Survey makes from past state-aid payments. Silver Lining in FPC deal with 83 counties directly. problems of assessment, equaliza- the point that cities and villages That they perform only limited 4. Townships do not represent tion, and to hear protests on as- bear 95% of the costs of local gov- services, such as tax-collections, and fuel oils throughout the midcommon problems of their inhab- bill does not affect city govern- proposes that townships be given only 5% and cities and villages

Deputy assessors would be ap- 95% of the funds. Cities and ten burden farmers with unfair pointed by the county treasurer. villages provide, they say, extra that township governments are returned to them in patronage taxes because they know farm They would have to take exam- services such as police and fire facing a powerful challenge! property values. Being less fa- inations on tax laws and real protection, street paving, lighting,

and villages contain 4,434,000 of or another-on the Lane Bill to 1.3c a gallon and fuel oil 8/10 would have to pass the examinaour population. Townships con- (S-1081) which would create the

REDUCED STATE-AID to tain 2,275,000 people. So the cities office of county assessor to rewith assessments for which they Although it died in committee townships has been recom- and villages with 65% of the place the township assessor. get small returns in services. this time, it will reappear. Strong mended. In the Michigan State- population would get 95% of the organizations are behind this Aid Survey for 1953, the Com- funds.

mittee of the Council for State City folks often argue that The Lane Bill proposes to Governments recommends that most of the sales tax is paid in ment without financing local opcreased overhead expense. There create the office of county tax states "foster the enlargement and the cities and villages. They seem are few services being performed assessor. It would function as consolidation of local govern- to forget that the rural people do by the townships that could not part of the county treasurer's ments." Some Michigan citizens their shopping in cities and vilbe done better and more eco- office. The powers of township have recommended, for example, lages-and pay their sales tax statement of the State-Aid Sur- ing responsibilities of officers, di-

There is the situation. You cannot close your eyes to the fact Questions

holder-patrons of Farmers Petroleum Co-operative, Inc. The earnings on member business is dividends. They may get some or all of the price increase back that way. FPC has increased gasoline 1

The price increase in gasoline

2. Give your views-one way fourth of its requirements of

townships to keep self-govern- the market. erations from local taxes.

3. What is your view on the vey Committee that townships are rectors and committees. Mrs. would be abolished. The bill populated counties be merged to- The Survey holds that town- collecting more than their fair Russell Madison is secretary,

the general price increase. It was charged to higher costs for crude oil. PFC produces about oneor another-on the ability of crude oil and buys the rest on BAY COUNTY

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to 50% of their funds locally. They became "de- aid received. Some counties get pendent"-financially dependent, over seven times as much from financially dependent.

You may have trouble maintain- the state as they collect locally. ing independence in government Others collect as much locally as under a system that makes you they get from the state. Is there any wonder that some The result has undermined are demanding an improved township governments and local state equalization formula? interest in them. Look at town- Some have difficulty meeting

ship and school meetings! Are county needs within the 15 mill the people there? Almost every- tax limit, while others bask in body used to go. But few decis- the state's financial sun. Cities are the same. One city ions are now left to be made. Most problems regarding wel- receives 90% of its total returns fare, school finance, roads, etc., in funds from the state. Thirty-

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