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The Dining Room Table

It's due to my heart, I confess. Expanded fasting is a full meal the emotions. But, reduced to high cholesterol, I'm forced to drop down.

For breakfast and dinner and supper

We learned many things at that table.

To sit with someone we knew.

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Our place at the head was a privilege not a responsibility or duty.

"Thank you," and "Please"

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Prepare for 1954 Membership

With the roll call week of November 30 near, county managers for Farm Bureau membership received instruction in the structure and goals of the Michigan Farm Bureau and its affiliated companies. They studied the roll call plan, publicity methods, and how to motivate the forces to get the job done.

They have returned to their homes to pass the same information on to their captains and workers for the big roll call week of November 30. The Michigan Farm Bureau will go out for a goal of 61,256 more members as members in 1954.

We present a list of the County Farm Bureau membership goals and the county roll call managers for enrolling the membership for 1954:

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**For Expanded Fertilizer Program**

FARM BUREAU SERVICES, INC., of Lansing, Michigan, with the approval of Michigan farmers and fertilizer distributors, proposes a three-year program for expansion of the Farm Bureau Services, Inc. fertilizer manufacturing program as follows: (1) Build a second fertilizer manufacturing plant at Kalamazoo (2) Develop a source of high analysis phosphate fertilizer manufacturing program as follows: (I) Build a second fertilizer manufacturing plant; (2) Develop a source of high analysis phosphate fertilizer manufacturing plant.

**BUY DEBENTURES**

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**$250,000 Series A Debentures**

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

The issue and the Farm Bureau Services, Inc., are fully described in the Prospectus dated July 31, 1953. The Prospectus is the basis of information for all sales. Fifty licensed salesmen employed by Farm Bureau Services are working through Michigan County Farm Bureaus and Community Groups and Farm Bureau Services, Inc., fertilizer distributors. Please contact these salesman for Prospectus and further information.

**Thanks for Tornado Aid**

To the Editor:

We wish to thank the members of the Farm Bureau for their assistance which gave us in helping us clean up our orchard after the tornado of June 29. This act of kindness was highly appreciated, and the whole workmanship they displayed.

Robert M. Winkett & Son
Mt. Morris, Mich.
August 4, 1953

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More Wheat Per Acre
With Farm Bureau Plant Food

Wheat responds to plant food. Don't neglect to feed it.

1. Plant clean, adapted Farm Bureau Seed.

2. Apply good-quality Farm Bureau high-analysis plant-food containing nitrogen, phosphorus, and potash.

3. Top dress with Farm Bureau high-nitrogen plant food.

For best results, apply in bands at time of seeding. OnDesigner lawn blends 5-30-15 is advisable, while 4-16-16 is more desirable for sandy loam soils.

Convet your Farm Bureau Dealer. He has more specific information on soil testing and plant food needs.

FARM BUREAU SERVICES, INC.
Plant - Food Division
221 N. Cedar Street
Lansing, Michigan

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507 South Grand Ave.
Lansing, 4, Mich.
Farm Folks Want to Know: What About Figy?

Why Demand for His Resignation?

Stanley H. Powell

Legislator, Michigan Farm Bureau

In a long time has any development stirred up as much excitement among farm folks as the request of the five members of the Commission of Agriculture for the resignation of Charles Figy as director of the Department of Agriculture.

When it became public that Commission members had demanded that Director Figy submit his resignation, farm folks naturally wanted to know as much as what was behind this development.

This far, Commission members have been rather vague in explaining what might have prompted their action. At least one of the Commission members tried to explain it by expressing solicitude for the director's health. Meanwhile two physicians have examined Mr. Figy and report that he is sound and fit and able to carry on his duties.

It is reported that the three Democratic members of the Commission voted in favor of demanding the resignation and that the two Republican members failed to vote either way. Their terms will expire soon and they can be replaced or reappointed depending on how well their state government rates them.

Furnace Bureau members will recall that the Michigan Farm Bureau took a leading part in prompting passage of the 1953 statute setting up the present bipartisan Commission of Agriculture.

The hope was that this procedure would take the Department and its leadership definitely out of the field of partisan politics and insure continuity of administration and procedure in this very important branch of state government.

From the time when the new system went into effect until now the objectives of its sponsors seemed to be working out very satisfactorily. However, there is every evidence that the present disquieting situation is based directly on partisan political considerations.

An attempt to bring Farm Bureau folks up to date regarding these developments, the study of Michigan Farm Bureau leaders has been under way for some time. A study of the Michigan Farm Bureau, and the following letter has been issued:

"Rural People Must Do More in Fighting for Their Rights."

The letter concludes:

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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 Bureau.

Sept. The Development of Policies for our National Farm Programs

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

Nov. How to Increase 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.

In Michigan...your best 3-4 plow tractor buy!

The Cockshutt "40" has the power, versatility and stamina to handle the toughest 3-4 plow job. Its belt-driven operation and all-round driver comfort reduces labor to a minimum! Yet it will gross over 80 HP from its 3-cylinder engine in the 3-4 plow field! That's why this tractor is such an outstanding value in the $499-500 range.

Ask your Farm Bureau Dealer for a demonstration. Soon! Ask him too, about the great Cockshutt "110" Grain Drill. Unsurpassed for accurate, controlled seeding... ruggedly constructed. Big hoppers, dependable power. It's an important feature. Grass seed attachment, foot treadle and marker attachment available.

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