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Agricultural Bill of 1954 is Before Congress

Over Roll Call Goal; Award Winners at Washington

We Have Largest Paid-Up Membership in Our History; Second Among States To Make AFBF Goal

NORWOOD EASTMAN
Coordinator of Organization, Michigan Farm Bureau

The Michigan Farm Bureau on March 24 reached its membership goal of 61,310 for 1954 with a total of 61,318 families as members.

This is the largest paid-up membership in the history of the Michigan Farm Bureau. We are moving rapidly toward our 1956 goal for a membership of 70,000 families.

We are second among the 48 state Farm Bureaus to reach our AFBF membership goal for 1954, on the way to membership of 2,000,000 families in the American Farm Bureau. Mississippi and Michigan finished 1st and 2nd in 1954 and 1953. Michigan was first in 1952.

This performance is a great tribute to the enthusiasm and work of the membership organizations in 63 Michigan County Farm Bureaus. We thank them in behalf of all our members.

As in the past a considerable number of new members and renewals of membership will come during the next few months.

Last year our success in reaching goal February 23 brought a movement to have every Michigan County Farm Bureau reach 100% of its membership goal. We came quite close to making it.

At this time 27 County Farm Bureaus are from 100 to 122% of their membership goal. All under 100% are well over 90% with the exception of ten which range from 81 to 89%. They need a total of 1810 members.

Roll Call managers and wives from the 100% of goal counties will have a victory dinner at Michigan State College the evening of April 21. Those reporting 100% by April 9th will be eligible to attend.

FOLLOWING is a list of County Farm Bureaus and the number of new members or renewals they need to make 100% of their goal for 1954:

ALLEGAN 195, Antrim 28, Calhoun 1, Cass 42, Clare 14, Clinton 97, Eaton 49, Emmet 30, Genesee 30, Gratiot 2, Hillsdale 98, Ionia 6, Isabella 78, Iosco 27.

JACKSON 37, Kalamazoo 1, Kalkaska 3, Kent 62, Lenawee 94.

COUNTY	Reported	% of Goal	ROLL CALL MANAGER
Allegan	2,033	115	Archie Cordes, Barton City
Antrim	440	83	Milan Lovett, Valparaiso
Alpena	575	105	Alfred Dove, Lachine
Calhoun	1,435	127	Bruce McElroy, Charlevoix
Clare	379	92	Henry Crawford, Twining
Cass	1,202	127	Mrs. Barbara Barcroft, Hastings
Bay	1,435	127	Julius Rabe, Pinconning
Berrien	2,275	103	Marion Nye, Beulah
Branch	1,681	118	Ray DeWitt, Buchanan
Calhoun	1,474	133	Miss Ellen Jo White, St. Johns
Cass	1,091	105	Robert Kline, Charlotte
Charlevoix	356	90	Mrs. Ben Peters, Carp Lake
Cheboygan	262	103	Mrs. Ruth Slagle, Scottville
Clare	150	126	Gordon Willford, Gladwin
Clinton	1,536	133	Mrs. George Davidson, Alma
Eaton	1,383	139	John Terrill, Sebawing, and
Emmet	281	81	William Harwood, Harbor Beach
Genesee	1,389	139	Elmer Duncick, Williamston
Gladwin	366	102	Mrs. Irma Gove, Ionia
Gratiot	1,408	131	Murray Gordon, Coleman
Hillsdale	1,442	136	Arthur Robert, Hale
Huron	1,855	103	Edwin D. Kofras, Gaylord
Ingham	1,088	112	G. T. Blankenship, Mattawan
Ionia	1,227	121	Jess Atkinson, Kalkaska
Isabella	1,144	117	Sam Titus, Silverton
Jackson	1,054	107	Mrs. Walter Barron, Morenci, and
Kalamazoo	1,152	111	Abraham D. Hunt, Tecumseh
Kalkaska	126	73	Charles Brown, Onkama
Kent	1,429	137	Mrs. Ruth Slagle, Scottville
Lenawee	1,540	101	Clement Bennett, Big Rapids
Livingston	1,168	114	Mrs. Roy Varner, Midland
Macomb	1,031	97	Pete Housh, McBain
Manistee	245	87	Gordon King, Lewistown
Mason	812	84	Lee Friable, Sydney
Mecosta	751	78	Wilbur E. Smith, Erie
Midland	593	85	Mrs. Clifford Robins, Fremont
Missaukee	421	103	John Hein, Traverse City
Montmorency	178	202	Carrie Brown, Gaylord
Monroe	993	96	Ernie McCarty, Hart
Muskegon	476	100	Don Winslow, West Branch
Newaygo	706	81	Elmer McLachlan, Ewart
N. W. Michigan	1,097	102	Mrs. Harry Duff, Gaylord
Oakland	1,043	95	Mrs. Russell Smalligan, Hudsonville
Oceana	710	62	Erwin Fleming, Hawks
Ogemaw	359	379	Edwin Bretterick, Freeland
Ontonagon	541	695	Eldon Winters, Sandusky
Otsego	115	96	Mrs. Thelma Anson, Oossovo
Ottawa	1,437	142	Mrs. Martin Houston, Richmond, and
Presque Isle	442	110	Ed Thompson, Colon
Saginaw	2,132	106	Clark Montague, Caro
Sanilac	2,061	104	Lyndon Goss, Decatur
Shiawassee	1,969	89	Don Gill, Ypsilanti
St. Clair	1,331	123	Walter Scott, Romulus
St. Joseph	1,040	118	LaVerne Jacobs, Mantion
Tuscola	1,738	135	
Van Buren	1,886	98	
Washtenaw	1,563	104	
Wayne	690	424	
Wexford	390	293	
TOTAL	61,310	100%	

10 lbs. of Pork Chops Set Price

Only 10 pounds of a 240-pound pig are center cut pork chops—and that's why one usually pays more for pork chops than for most other cuts of pork. The price of each cut of meat, like

the price of just about everything else, is determined largely by how much there is and how much people like it. Actually, the 240-pound pig yields only about 100 pounds of the more desirable and popular cuts of pork, such as the chops, ham, and bacon and roasts.



REPRESENTATIVES of Michigan County Farm Bureaus see and hear about new products developed from U. S. Department of Agriculture research. Speaker is Charles Figy, assistant to Secretary Benson. The group was in Washington March 8-10 as guests of the American Farm Bureau. They were chosen by lot from County Farm Bureaus that made membership goal in 1953 in the AFBF march toward 2,000,000 members.

Left to right, seated: Mrs. Ernest Heim, Traverse City; Mrs. Raymond Krull, Three Rivers; Mrs. William Sobey, Flushing. Standing, left to right: Mr. Figy, Dan Reed, MFB staff; Henderson Graham, Caro; Allan Rush, Romeo; William Richardson, Rives Junction; Vernon Vance, East Jordan; Charles Draper, Fenwick; Scott Holmes, Nunica; Keith Tanner, MFB staff.

These Bills in Legislature Have a Meaning for You

Two Milk Marketing Proposals Will Affect Every Dairyman; MFB Legislative Committee Acts on Others

STANLEY M. POWELL
Legislative Counsel of Michigan Farm Bureau

In a few more days the 1954 legislative session will be history. April 9 has been set as the date for adjournment. If the lawmakers become hopelessly enmeshed in the task of trying to balance the budget or figuring out how much the recent action of the State Civil Service Commission in boosting wages for various state employees is going to increase the payrolls of the various state institutions and agencies, a postponement of adjournment date may be necessary.

As the Senators and Representatives go down the home stretch there is the usual last-minute tension and confusion as individual lawmakers and lobbyists struggle for the passage or defeat of measures in which they are keenly interested. A large number of bills have already been defeated by direct vote or because of the operation of the various deadlines which were set up to speed the legislative process.

Several of the measures in which Farm Bureau folks are especially interested are hanging fire. Their fate may be determined even before this report reaches your mailbox.

The Senate Agriculture Committee on March 23 reported favorably and without amendment three important bills, all definitely in line with MFB resolutions. These measures are now on the Senate General Orders calendar for consideration by the Senate Committee of the Whole. If they survive that ordeal they would automatically be advanced for Third Reading and final vote the following day. These measures have previously been approved by the House.

FERTILIZER.

The first of these is H-214 which would bring Michigan's commercial fertilizer law up to date. It would permit listing minor and trace elements on the analysis tag along with the content of nitrogen, phosphorus and potash. Also it makes provision for new procedures in the fertilizer industry such as bulk deliveries and the growing traffic in liquid or gaseous fertilizers.

This bill is directly in line with the resolution on this subject adopted by the delegates at the annual convention of the Michigan Farm Bureau last November. It appears probable that some amendments will be proposed to the measure by certain Senators, but it is not anticipated that there will be much opposition to the bill when it comes up for final roll call.

MILK MARKETING.

Much more controversial are the other two bills in this group of three measures reported favorably by the Senate Agriculture Committee. They both have to do with milk marketing and are being violently opposed by a large group of energetic and ef-

Kalamazoo Plant Making Fertilizers

The Farm Bureau Services' new fertilizer plant at Kalamazoo has been mixing fertilizers since March 8.

Adolph Ecklund, superintendent of plant food manufacturing division of FBS, said the Kalamazoo plant should be bagging and shipping April 5.

Mr. Ecklund said these analyses are being made for spring delivery starting April 5 to 15, as the schedule for each analysis will permit:

PULVERIZED or standard fertilizer mix: 0-20-20 and 4-16-16.

GRANULATED: 3-18-9, 4-16-16, 5-20-20, 12-12-12.

Pulverized fertilizer is the kind familiar to everyone. The ingredients are mechanically and chemically mixed, cured, screened to the required fineness and bagged.

Granulated fertilizer comes from a new process. To the same raw materials are added other chemicals. This produces granulation in the chemical mixing process. The ingredients combine in particles which contain a uniform amount of all the plant foods. In the pulverized fertilizer, the various chemical ingredients remain as separate particles.

Granulated fertilizer has several advantages, Mr. Ecklund said. The particles include all the plant food elements in uniform amounts. The particles are the same size, which makes for better sowing. Granulated fertilizer has the highest percentage of water soluble phosphates. The granulation process insures much better keeping and storage qualities.

Fire Insurance Program is Doing Well

The development of a fire insurance program in the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company is very satisfactory. February 25 fire insurance committees from 61 county Farm Bureaus met at Lansing. They accepted for their counties the job of securing at least 5,000 charter policy applications and to raise a maximum of \$250,000 in investment funds to start the proposed fire and windstorm insurance service.

NILE Vermillion, manager of the Farm Bureau Mutual, said March 24 that the first 700 reservations for charter policies totaled \$10,000,000 for fire insurance coverage. The first 273 applica-

Mich. Group Visits AFBF At Washington

Eighty-eight Farm Bureau delegates from 6 mid-western membership award winning States—Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Iowa and Illinois—got a glimpse the first week in March of how "legislative wheels" turn in Washington and a chance to talk over mutual problems with their Congressmen.

THE TRIP to the nation's capitol was sponsored jointly by the respective State Farm Bureaus and the American Farm Bureau Federation as an award to those States which last year achieved or exceeded their "Two Million Membership" quotas.

Each state group spent three days conferring with the AFBF Washington staff, discussing legislative problems with their Congressmen, meeting government officials dealing with agriculture and visiting national shrines.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture showed some new uses which research has found for farm products. These included plastic materials and garments made from inedible fats, textiles made from corn, varnish manufactured from potatoes and several contributions to medical science, such as synthetic blood plasma made from beet and cane sugar.

At a dinner meeting the delegates met members of their Congressional delegations. The groups visited the capitol to watch Congress in session and Congressional committees in action.

The "off-the-record" dinner meetings were arranged to give both Congressmen and Farm Bureau members an opportunity for a frank discussion of important public issues now up for consideration in Congress in which farmers have a vital interest.

Speakers at various meetings included Under Secretary of Agriculture, True D. Morse; Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, John H. Davis; AFBF Secretary-Treasurer, Roger Fleming; and AFBF Legislative Director, John C. (Jack) Lynn.

FB Mutual to Pay \$50,000 Dividend

Directors of the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company have declared a dividend amounting to about \$50,000 for all automobile and farm liability policies in force Dec. 31, 1949 and continuing in force March 7, 1954.

THERE ARE about 10,000 policyholders in this group. The dividend is 10% of the annual premium, and will be credited to those policyholders on their first six months' renewal premium occurring after March 7.

Nile Vermillion, manager of Farm Bureau Mutual, said that the policy of the company is to return earnings to the policyholders as dividends. The dividends will be extended to other policyholders in time in accordance with the successful operation of the Company. This is the second dividend to policyholders. The first was limited to charter policyholders.

AFBF Institute August 15-20

The 1954 American Farm Bureau Institute to promote the membership program of the Farm Bureau will be held at the University of Illinois at Urbana August 15 to 20, inclusive.

Purpose of Farm Bureau

"The purpose of this Association shall be the advancement of our members' interests educationally, legislatively, and economically."

Farm Bureau Asks Several Changes

Says New Bill Should Contain Farm Bureau Program on Marketing Quotas and Acres Diverted to Other Use

Senator George D. Aiken of Vermont, chairman of the Senate Agricultural Committee, has introduced in Congress Senate Bill No. 3052. It is called the Agricultural Act of 1954.

The bill proposes "to encourage a stable, prosperous, and free agriculture." Senator Aiken told the Senate that the bill will aid in the orderly marketing of farm products and will guarantee a high level of price support "if farmers will do their part in keeping production in line."

Since flexible price supports will become effective at the end of 1954 without the passing of additional legislation, Senate Bill 3052 does not deal with this matter, except in the case of corn.

Mr. Aiken's bill includes recommendations made by the Farm Bureau, but it does not provide for several important Farm Bureau policies on farm price support and adjustment programs. They were adopted at the American Farm Bureau convention last December, following several months discussion of those matters by the entire Farm Bureau membership.

AFBF President Allan B. Kline recommended changes in Senate Bill No. 3052 to include the Farm Bureau recommendations at a hearing March 10 before the Senate Committee on Agriculture.

Set-Aside. Senator Aiken's bill provides for the "commodity set-side" recommended in January by President Eisenhower. About \$2½ billion worth of wheat, cotton, dairy products, cottonseed oil and other commodities would be "set aside" from the market under its terms.

President Kline said, "We have some reservations as to what can be accomplished by the proposed commodity set-asides. We shall support the proposal if certain principles will be followed: (a) the "set-asides" should be handled so as to have as little bad effect as possible on current marketings (b) disposal should follow sound policies on export-import trade, international affairs, and expansion of our markets (c) purpose of the "set-asides" should be the orderly reduction of stocks on hand to more manageable proportions."

MARKETING QUOTAS. Senator Aiken's bill does not make provision for 90% parity price supports on any basic commodity during the first year that marketing quotas are in effect for that commodity after a year in which they were not in effect. This was the compromise of the AFBF convention of 1953.

President Kline recommended to the Senate Agr'l Committee March 10 that section 201 of the bill be deleted and this substitution made:

"Notwithstanding any of the provisions of the Agr'l Marketing Act of 1949, the level of price support for producers of any basic commodity, except tobacco, shall be 90% of parity the first year that marketing quotas are in effect for any such commodity immediately following a year, in which marketing quotas were not in effect on such commodity."

THE PROPOSED substitution is designed to apply to a situation where cotton, wheat, corn, peanuts or rice get into a serious surplus position when marketing quotas are not in effect.

It would give producers of those commodities an additional year under quotas after a year when quotas were not in effect to get supplies in line with demand before flexible supports became operative.

This compromise provision would not be applicable in 1955 on cotton, wheat and peanuts since they are under marketing quotas in 1954.

DIVERTED ACRES. Senator Aiken's bill contains certain provisions for requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to take action to prevent the use of "diverted acres" from distressing the producers of other commodities.

President Kline recommended that the Senate Agr'l Committee add a new section to the bill, as follows:

"Sec. 311. The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to require producers to devote a percentage of their cropland to soil building crops or practices

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MIRAM and MARTHA Trip Pictures

Our neighbor, Clem; Clem Hicks, you know, who joins us on
the west,
Dropped in to call, a few days back—a mighty welcome
guest,

For Clem and Cynthia are among the closest friends we know
And we have set great store by them since years and years
ago.

Now Clem has taken photographs till he is pretty good.
He bought a camera fancier than I really thought he should.
And late years with this color film he's taken scores of slides
Of places he and Cynthia went around the country side.

A shining new projector and a folding beaded screen
Complete his picture outfit, much the finest we have seen.
Well, they brought the whole caboodle when they called a
week ago

And he showed for me and Marthy what was really quite
a show.

There were views of flowering orchards. There were
autumn hills ablaze.
There were local scenes and distant, from vacation trails
and days.

There was beauty in profusion, snow crowned peaks and
foamy falls,
Far-off Yellowstone and Jasper, and our neighbors took
them all.

We are proud of Clem and Cynthia. They have something
noble there
Something they can keep and cherish; something they can
freely share;

Something of artistic merit, something true and genuine,
Something altogether pleasurable to Marthy's mind and
mine.

Nature's beauties are abundant and they may be caught and
stored
Through the magic of the camera to capture and record.
It is nice that some, with gumption, think it worth their
while to go.

And just bring the world to Hicks Street for us to see and
know.

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ant and drive-in operators, as it
would assist them greatly in the
conduct of their business. It is
tremendously easier to serve
milk from one five-gallon pro-
perly-refrigerated can than from
eighty half-pint bottles or card-
board boxes.

Undoubtedly the greatest
beneficiaries of the new system
would be the consumers who
would receive their milk in a
much colder and more palatable
condition. That would tend to
stimulate their purchases of this
health-giving product which
would, of course, be a boon to
dairy farmers.

THE LEGISLATIVE committee
of the board of directors of the
Michigan Farm Bureau met at
Lansing March 22 to review the
status of legislation of interest to
Farm Bureau folks. In the evening
they attended the legislative
sessions and followed develop-
ments in the Senate and House.

One of the functions of the
committee of the board is to con-
sider matters which have come up
regarding which the delegates had
not gone on record.

H-343 which would place de-
alers in floricultural products un-
der the Michigan Commission
Merchants law;

H-420 which would extend the
time for renewing charters of
non-profit corporations which
have become delinquent;

H-16 which would require that
the rules and regulations adopted
by a health committee of the
board of supervisors or by a
county health unit must be ap-
proved by the board of supervi-
sors before becoming effective;

H-410 which would regulate
merchandising on the right-of-
way of highways so as to pro-
mote traffic safety; and

HCR-34 which would provide
for the preparation and distribu-
tion of an assessor's manual
which would help supervisors
make more uniform and equi-
table assessments of real and per-
sonal property.

The committee opposed:

H-353 which would allow school
boards to appeal the equaliza-
tions made by the board of su-
pervisors and permit the state
tax commission to come in and
make the equalization, which
would then be binding for a
three-year period;

S-1130 which would set up a
state electrical administrative
board and provide very rigid
controls over electrical installa-
tions and wiring; and

S-1158 which would increase
the maximum legal length of
trucks and truck-trailer combi-
nations from 50 to 56 feet.

AGRI. MARKETING. The MFB
legislative committee was pleas-
ed at the progress which H-436
is making. This is the bill which
would provide an appropriation
of \$330,000 for research and edu-
cational assistance in promotion
of improved and more profitable
marketing of Michigan's various
agricultural products. This bill
has been endorsed by the MFB

board of directors. As this is
written, it awaits a final roll call
in the House and it is expected
that it will be approved there
and go to the Senate for con-
sideration.

MSC. The capital outlay ap-
propriation contains an item of
\$850,000 to be used during the
coming year to start construction
of the new Animal Industries
Building at MSC. This is in line
with an MFB resolution.

DRAINAGE. House Concurrent
Resolution 21 which provides for
reconciliation of Michigan's con-
fused and confusing drainage
laws has been approved by the
House and is now being consid-
ered by the Committee on Senate
Business. This is another mea-
sure in conformity with an MFB
resolution.

SALES TAX. By a vote of 31
to 0 the Senate approved House
Joint Resolution F, the "Conlin
Plan," which provides for sub-
mitting to the voters next No-
vember an amendment to the
state Constitution to change the
provisions of the sales tax divi-
sion. This is another measure
directly in line with an MFB
resolution.

What is done in these conclud-
ing days of the current session
will determine whether or not it
goes down in history as having

been generally successful from
the rural point of view. A letter
or a postcard from you to your
Senator or Representative might
be the deciding factor in deter-
mining success or defeat of a
pending measure.

Let us each be alert and arti-
culate citizens and not just sit
back and await developments
and complain about the outcome.
It is a lot more fun and more
profitable to help make things
come out our way than to fail to
act and then wish we had!



Community Farm Bureaus

MRS. MARJORIE GARDNER
Coordinator of Records

Dear Community Farm Bureau
Members:

At this writing Community
Farm Bureau Groups in the state
totals 1318. This is a net gain
of 72 groups plus 5 reorganized
groups for the year to date but
still leaves us 289 short of our
Community group goal of 1607.
Kent county has organized the
greatest number of new groups
so far with 6 already reported in.
Huron county still leads the state
in total number of groups with 57.

The following new groups have
been organized since the Febru-
ary issue of the paper:

Barry County—West Orangeville,
Mrs. Homer Norman, Secretary.

Berrien—Bend of the River, Mrs.
Robert Rose; Bacon, Mrs. Alfred
Block.

Hillsdale—Walton, Mrs. Oslie Walton.

Monroe—Chiefs & Squaws of South-
port, Mrs. Edward Beaudry; Scotfield
farmers, Edwin J. Slausng.

Washtenaw—Saline Valley, Mrs.
Martha Zahm; Whitmore Lake, Mrs.
Leonard Meyer.

Wayne—South Huron, Mrs. Bessie
Vena.

Shiawassee—Callwassee, Mrs. David
Bushman.
Macomb—Red Run, Miss Genevieve
Theut.
Sanilac—Lexington, Russell Regan,
St. Clair—Bellevue, Mrs. Ray
Houston.
Tuscola—Wells 26, Mrs. Frederic
Brook; Pioneer, Mrs. Clarence Wild-
ner.
Kent—Nelson-Spencer, Mrs. Sher-
man Davis.
Muskegon—Holtan Progressive, Mrs.
Joyce Murphy, temp. sec'y.
Oceana—West Golden, Mrs. Maxine
Flood.
Ottawa—Delaney, Mrs. Charles
Smith; Miller, Mrs. Mildred Fritz.
Arenac—Landrie, Mrs. Marguerite
Blata.
Bay—Fraser Center, Chester Moc-
subski, temp. sec'y.
Gratiot—Emerson Boosters, Mrs.
Ernest McKenzie, Jr.
Charlevoix—Norwood, Mrs. Donald
Farrell.
Missaukee—Maple Grove, Mrs. Wm.
Westman; Cutchson, Emmett Lewis,
Pleasant Point, Mrs. May DuVall.
Alpena—Nicholson Hill I, Mrs. Har-
old Pernie; South Ossineke, Rev. Adam
Graf.

DURING January a series of
district meetings was held on the
P.X. (Policy Execution Program).
These were followed in all coun-
ties by a county-wide meet-

called for all Minute Men. In
some areas attendance of the Mi-
nute Men was not as good as it
could be. Because of the in-
creased emphasis on the P.X.
program, the duties and responsi-
bilities of the Minute Men of the
Community Farm Bureaus are
very important.

Farm Bureau was originally or-
ganized for legislative strength.
It is through the Minute Men of
the Community groups that our
voice is heard. It might be well
to analyze your own Community
Group to see whether your Mi-
nute Man is functioning efficiently.
In order to help you do this, we
have listed below the duties and
responsibilities of the Minute
Man of a Community Farm Bu-
reau:

1. To keep informed on mat-
ters of legislative concern to
formers and his organization.
(a) by attending such meet-
ings as may be called for the
Minute Men of his county.
(b) by reading the materials
provided, also newspapers and
magazines.
(c) by listening to the radi.

2. Inform others:
(a) He should report to the
Group each month when called
on by the chairman. (If chairman
fails to call for his report, the
Minute Man should ask for time
to make a brief presentation.)
(b) He should take opportuni-
ties to present information on
Farm Bureau programs to other
persons and groups with which
he has contact.

3. Act—when action is neces-
sary. The Minute Man is the link
connecting the power of the Farm
Bureau organization to the action
program of citizenship for and
by the members.

4. He should use telephone,
personal visits, and such other
means of contact as may be at his
disposal to inform people on time
about needed action.

5. He should not act alone. He
should be sure that other mem-
bers act on the matter also.

Gold Star Award winners for
the month of December are as
follows:

ALPENA COUNTY—Long
Lake Community Farm Bureau
Group, Mrs. Gerald Fussey, Sec-
retary.

LAPEER—Almont, Mrs. Logan
Harris.

NEWAYGO—Brookside, Mrs.
Arvid Miller.

SHIWAASSEE—Bennington,
Mrs. Oscar Davis.

Silver Star Awards for the
month of December:

GENESEE—North Genesee,
Mrs. Gordon Rockwell, sec'y.
Southwest Davison, Mrs. Shirley
Ries.

KALAMAZOO—County Center,
Mrs. Rupert Smith.

NORTHWEST MICHIGAN—
Williamsburg, Mrs. Virginia Cop-
eland.

OSCEOLA—Up & Coming, Mrs.
Elden Meyer.

Gold Star Awards for the month
of January:

ALLEGAN—W. Allegan, Mrs.
Richard Tourtelotte, sec'y.

Silver Star Awards for the
month of January:

ALPENA—Herron, Mrs. Dee-
phine Martell, sec'y.

These Bills Have
Meaning for You

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ciety and a large group of nutri-
tionists who are much upset
about the converting of milk into
a pharmaceutical product
through the addition of a lengthy
list of synthetic vitamins and
minerals.

The company which has led in
the promotion of this type of
medicated milk would like to
make the lawmakers believe that
their new extra-price product
has actually increased milk con-
sumption. They quote big figures
as to the volume of this product
which they are merchandising.
That, of course, is only natural
in view of the tremendous
amount of highly-expensive ad-
vertising which they have car-
ried on to foist it onto a gullible
public.

My guess is that each quart of
this product which has been sold
has replaced a quart of regular
milk so the farmer has not been
benefited. Furthermore, if the
nutritionists cease to encourage

the public to use increasing
quantities of milk, because they
are dubious as to the long-time
effects of drinking freely of milk
containing so much of these vari-
ous vitamins and minerals, milk
consumption might be affected
very adversely.

If the forces which are battling
so vigorously to kill H-225 fear
they haven't the votes to obtain
their objective, it is expected
that they will try to mutilate the
bill by a series of weakening and
confusing amendments which
would destroy its value.

MILK DISPENSERS. The third
of these big three farm bills now
hanging fire is H-249 which
would permit the use in Michi-

gan of bulk milk dispensers.
Throughout the session, the
Michigan Farm Bureau has been
a leading champion of this legis-
lation. The Farm Bureau's posi-
tion in this regard was deter-
mined by a resolution adopted by
the voting delegates at the state
convention last November. Behind
this law resolutions passed by fif-
teen County Farm Bureaus
earlier in the fall and action
taken at the Dairy Commodity
Conference held just preceding
the MFB convention.

The primary motive of Farm
Bureau folks in favoring the use
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eral State Fair Grand Champions,
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Street, PO Box 960, Lansing, Michigan.
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cultivator, \$466. John Deere "7E"
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good rubber, complete with cultivator,
\$400. Silver King tractor in A-1 con-
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condition, \$650. Oliver Baler with
Wisconsin air-cooled motor, good
shape, \$350. 24" plow 2-16" bottom,
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corn picker, demonstrator, \$200. 1952
model corn picker, less elevator, \$200.
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This equipment is located at: Farm
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ment Division, Franklin St., Mt. Pleas-
ant, Michigan. Offered subject to
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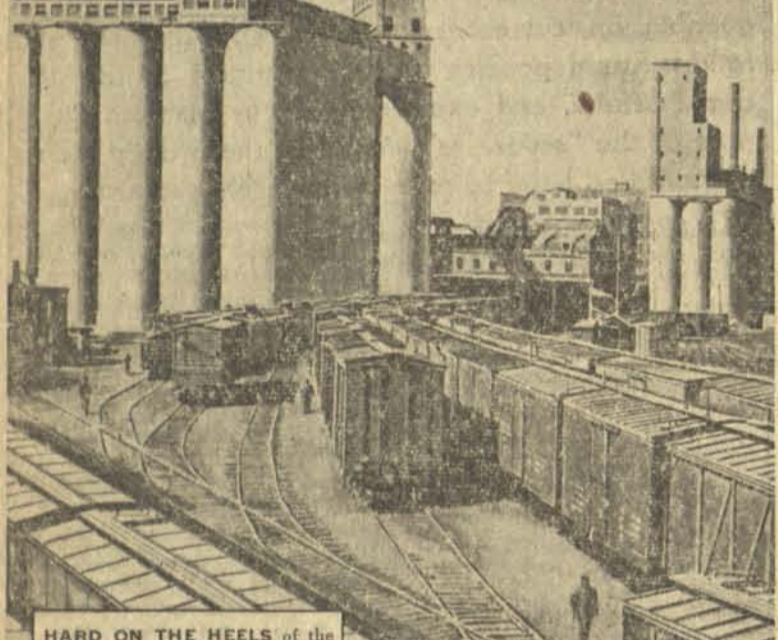
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Advertisement for Michigan Mutual Windstorm Insurance Co. featuring illustrations of a farmer, a telephone, and various farm equipment. Text includes 'FARM FACTS from MICHIGAN BELL', 'Overcooking Roasts Reduces Servings', and 'A Player of Many Roles'.

Activities of Farm Bureau Women of District 3

M.S.C. agricultural economists expect turkey prices during the 1954 holiday season to average one to two cents below those of 1953.



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Six Counties Do Interesting Programs

MRS. SHERMAN RICHARDS
Howell
Chairman of MFBC Women for District 3 and member of State Advisory Council

This is the third of a series of articles in the Michigan Farm News to tell you of the programs, projects and other activities of the County Farm Bureau Women's Committees.

District No. 3 is composed of six counties: Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne. Each county has participated 100% in the state projects for the women's committees. Each spring we have a joint camp at Walden woods with the Women's Committees of district 5. Here the women get better acquainted with each other through a planned educational and recreational program.

The secretaries of our Farm Bureau Women's Committees do a very fine job of reporting the minutes of their meetings to their district chairman, and as a whole we have a very fine cooperative district council of which we are very proud!

Livingston County

Mrs. Claude Copeland, Chairman
Livingston county is centrally located between Ann Arbor, Lansing, and Flint. Excellent speakers are always available for our programs. Harold Webster of the Michigan Mental Health Society, spoke at one of their meetings. A potluck dinner was enjoyed at a local hall. Each Committeewoman was asked to sponsor a car to bring in guests. More than 60 women responded. This was an outstanding meeting with good group

Prepare County FB Directory



Photo Courtesy of Muskegon Chronicle

MEMBERS of the Muskegon County Farm Bureau Women's Committee are shown assembling the County Farm Bureau directory. They met in the home of Mrs. Lawrence B. Lee of Casnovia for dinner and work on the directory. Nearly 500 booklets were assembled and addressed

for mailing. Twelve ladies took part. Mrs. Waldo Walsworth, manager of the county membership campaign (standing in the picture), and Mrs. Betty Baerman, Mrs. Harold Allen, Mrs. Kenneth Proctor, Mrs. Arlen Hetzma, Mrs. Carl Anderson, Mrs. Ella

to be given to the needy. Each year they send delegates to the Farm Bureau Women's Camp at Twin Lakes 4-H Camp. This year they will send two delegates. At the county fair they have a rest and first air tent, which has been enjoyed by many for the past several years. Last year Macomb County Farm Bureau gave \$105 to the Sister Kenny Project, and \$100 to the Cancer Society. Last fall three women attended the Conference on Cancer at East Lansing. They were sponsored by the Cancer Society. The Society has recently opened a branch office in Mt. Clemens. Farm Bureau women work there several days each month.

Monroe County
Mrs. Paul Vetter, Chairman
Monroe Farm Bureau committee women meet six times a year with their chairman, Mrs. Paul Vetter. As a county project they have purchased two wheel chairs, one for the Monroe hospital and the other for the Mercy Hospital. They also make gauze sponges for the Monroe hospital.

Some of the outstanding speakers at the Monroe Women's Meetings this past year are: Mrs. Hester Barrows, of the Juvenile Court. She spoke of her work which includes juvenile cases, neglected and abandoned children, adoption, and mentally ill children. Children on probation also have to report to her and she in turn has to call at their homes. She also spoke of the need of homes for the neglected and abandoned children until they can be placed in a boarding home or other suitable place.

Mrs. Mary Daume, county librarian, showed the film "Major Religions of the World." Mrs. Travis R. Cash of Ann Arbor gave a talk on Muscular Dystrophy.
Monroe Farm Bureau Women have raised funds to purchase a bed and mattress for the Sister Kenny Treatment Center at Farmington, at a cost of \$167. The ladies served roll call "kick off" dinner, which was a big success. The proceeds from this will go for additional equipment for the Sister Kenny Center.

Oakland County
Mrs. Maurice Jones, Chairman
Oakland county women plan ahead a year for their program. This past year they have enjoyed speakers on health sanitation, school bus transportation, communism, mental health, and gerontology.

The Sister Kenny Treatment Center is located in Oakland County, so they have polio as a special project. Last year they contributed \$450 for special equipment, \$110 for a crib, and \$50 for occupational therapy. Five Oakland women attended Camp Twin Lakes, near Traverse City for three days; four attended district camp at Walden woods full-time and seven for the day.

They held a joint picnic with the women from Macomb County. Thirteen women attended "Canada Day" at the Associated County Women of the World conference in Toronto. They had a winner in the State Speaking contest last fall. This year the women served the roll call "kick-off" dinner, county board organization, soil conservation, and Blue Cross secretaries.

Instead of the usual gift exchange among their own women at Christmas, the Oakland County ladies brought gifts (not to exceed \$1) which were given

Dairymen Back ADA Plan on 12 Mo. Basis

Dairymen in 23 states representing over 60 percent of the nation's milk supply have adopted the year-around set-aside program of the American Dairy Association. It was announced by Lester J. Will, general manager.

THE 2 CENTS per hundred-weight of milk or one-half cent per pound of butterfat set-aside now will become the official program policy of the association, effective May 23, 1954.

The 12-month plan was unanimously adopted by the association directors at their annual meeting in Chicago in March, 1953.

February 23, 1954, the board of directors of the American Dairy Association of Ohio, Inc., meeting at Columbus, unanimously adopted the program for Ohio and thus pushed the percentage of milk represented in the new plan to the 63.4 per cent mark. The na-

tional Board had set the 60 per cent mark, or 25 states, as the point at which the program would become official national policy. New Mexico and Ohio were the 22nd and 23rd states to adopt the plan.

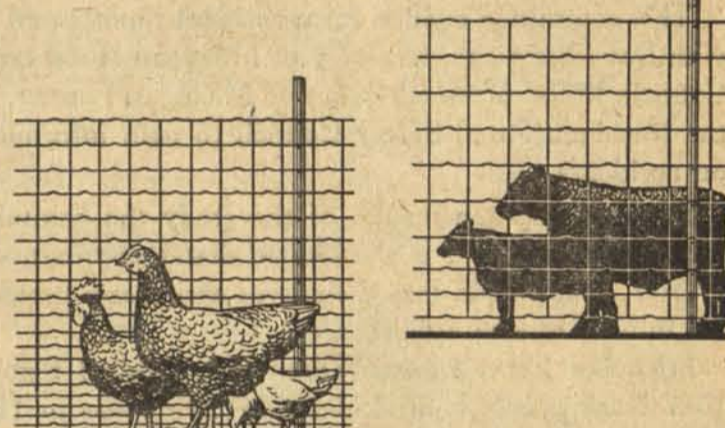
"**THIS ACTION** assures the dairy-fanner of the association's extra food promotion program across the country and will provide the dollar ammunition for a program that will have measurable effect in dairy markets in the years to come," Mr. Will said.

"As the new set-aside funds are received they will be put to work in strengthening and expanding our present advertising, merchandising, research and public relations operations."

Corn cob
A University of Illinois dairy specialist points out that if corn-cobs are fed to cattle it is necessary to add a supplement, which raises the cost of the corn-cob ration above that of good hay.

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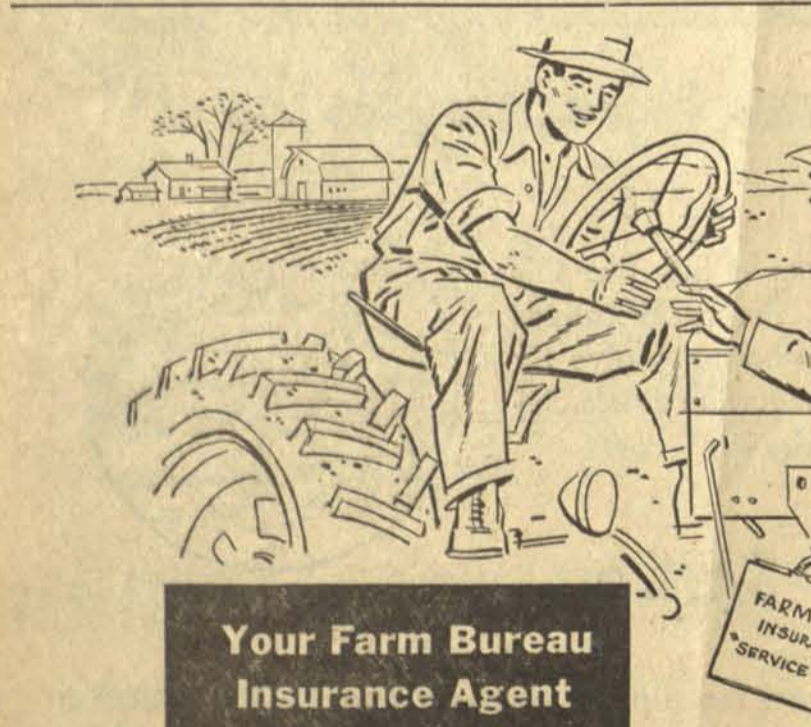
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How Sirloin of Beef Was Named

Once upon a time a British monarch being entertained at a royal banquet expressed his pleasure at the thought of feasting on a sizzling steak. He laid his sword across the dish and with due pageantry associated with the conferring of knighthood, proclaimed: "In recognition of the service you have rendered our appetites, I dub thee Sir Loin of Beef." Thus was born the name now given to one of the most popular cuts of beef.

1954 Enrollment is The Largest Ever

Over 1,100 Secretaries in Community and County Farm Bureaus Make Service Available to Membership

Many more Farm Bureau members became new Blue Cross-Blue Shield hospital-surgical-medical insurance subscribers, and many present subscribers made changes in their coverage during the re-enrollment period March 1-15.

More than 40,000 families in Farm Bureau have the Blue Cross hospital and the Blue Shield medical-surgical benefits through Community and County Farm Bureaus.

Blue Cross paid \$2,175,000 to hospitals and doctors in behalf of Farm Bureau member subscribers in 1951 when we had 32,000 families enrolled.

"Full credit for the Farm Bureau's Blue Cross-Blue Shield enrollment of members should go to the Community Group Secretaries and County Farm Bureau Secretaries and others who have worked on group and county Blue Cross committees," said Austin L. Pino. He is rural enrollment manager for both services.

Mr. Pino said the secretaries and others put in many hours of work on their own time. Without their volunteer effort, the Farm Bureau membership could not have Blue Cross-Blue Shield benefits on the group plan. It provides more benefits than the individual subscription.

More than 1,100 Community Farm Bureau groups offer the hospital-surgical-medical benefits to their members. Nearly 9 out of 10 Community Groups are in the plan. Two-thirds of the Michigan Farm Bureau membership now has protection against great expense in illness or injuries involving hospital care and surgical or medical expense in the hospital.

FARM BUREAU groups get their group hospital insurance at the same rates as employees of big companies, said Mr. Pino. This is because the Farm Bureau Blue Cross secretaries do the enrolling and collecting and provide information. The Community Group Blue Cross secretaries are usually the ones who are asked by others what the coverage is all about. They have to know the answers to a hundred questions. But that's not all these people do. It's a big job to get the applications filled out right and make sure the applicant is a Farm Bureau member in good standing so he and his family are eligible for Blue Cross-Blue Shield.

The work of the group Blue Cross secretaries doesn't stop with the end of the enrollment period, either. They have plenty to keep them busy the rest of the year too. For example, the Group secretaries have to get regular Blue Cross-Blue Shield payments from you every three months. Sometimes they chase after the folks who forget to pay. There are records to keep all year round, and more questions to answer.

farmers more money for their products than they can get in a free, uncontrolled market."

The Farm Bureau says a price support program should be a stop-loss device to prevent a collapse in farm prices.

Farm Bureau members hope and expect to receive in the market place much more than 90% of parity over long-time averages for the products of their farms.

The U. S. Dept. of Agriculture says that since 1932 there have been only four years during which the average price for basic commodities having price support (wheat, corn, cotton, tobacco, rice, and peanuts) have averaged higher than the price of non-supported crops, such as fruits, truck crops, vegetables, meat, poultry, eggs.

Knox Thinks Butter Sales Will Increase

W. D. Knox, editor of Hoard's Dairyman, told the recent annual meeting of the Mid-West Producers Creameries, Inc., what he expects from Secretary Benson's order to reduce price support for butter from 90 to 75 per cent of parity April 1.

FOR EACH decrease in price of 10 per cent to the consumer, said Mr. Knox, the butter industry can reasonably expect a sales volume increase of 5 to 6 per cent.

The Mid-West includes 25 cooperative creameries in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Tennessee. By resolution it urged the U. S. government to reduce its stocks of butter gradually and to give American consumers any preference.

OFFICERS re-elected are: President Fred H. Suhre, Columbus, Ind.; Vice-President Fred Walker of Carson City, Mich.; Sec'y-Treas. Leslie C. Mapp of Dayton, Ohio, E. J. Ryger of South Bend, Ind., was re-appointed manager and ass't secretary.

Elected to the board of directors from Michigan, were: Mark Hebner, Coldwater; R. V. Eir-schele, Constantine; Percy Penfold, East Jordan; J. Paul Keeney, Eldie; Vernon Derks, Fremont; R. B. McKinley, Grant; J. R. McLachlan, Montgomery, and Mr. Walker.

Poultry
Almost every laying flock in Michigan could be reduced by 10 per cent by good culling without hurting production, an M. S. C. poultryman asserts.

Sheep pinkeye can be controlled by an application of chloromycetin ointment, M.S.C. scientists have discovered.

Feel Under Tension? Here's How to Relax

Tensions seem to be part-and-parcel of much of today's living. We can't always avoid them, but there probably would be a sharp decline in the ulcer business if more of us learned a few simple ways to deal with them.

Tension, if not relieved, usually will grow from its own momentum. The best antidote for tension is relaxation. So says Dr. Joseph Fetterman in an article in an American Medical Association publication.

He points out that there are many roads to relaxation and for the most part they are "home remedies."

Here are varied methods which Dr. Fetterman recommends:

Muscular ease. Just flop on a bed or couch. Keep your muscles limp and try to clear your mind of all thoughts.

Water treatment. Whether it be a warm tub in your own home or a fancy pool at a high-priced resort, warm water is a great relaxer. The skin is warmed, muscles are gently massaged and you get a sense of well-being and refreshment.

Exercise. Sometimes even taking it easy doesn't clear the mind of troubled thoughts and this can continue to keep muscles tense.

Try any sport you like or plain digging in your garden.

Hobbies. These are an excellent substitute for the person who cannot exercise or indulge in hard physical work. Anything from stamp collecting to ceramics will provide happy and relaxing interludes from the tensions of daily problems.

Entertainment. A great relaxer. You can become so absorbed in a movie, television show, a football game or other entertainment that you haven't got time to worry and tensions often disappear like magic.

Reading and music. Here are two relatively inexpensive paths to relaxation which can transport you from the troubles and tensions of the day.

People. Just mingling with other people. Tension increases when you get mired down in your own thoughts. A night out with your friends can take your mind off your own problems and provides for a healthy exchange of ideas with others.

Dr. Fetterman says that occasionally the tensions spring from deeper causes and these "home

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That's advice from Leyton V. Nelson, extension farm crops specialist at Michigan State College. He points out that germination tests for Michigan certified soybean seed are all above 80 per cent, generally better than tests in most states. But the supply is limited.

He says reports of low germination in soybean seed are very common this spring. Last fall's dry weather was the cause.

Yellow Color

The yellow color in beef fat is not necessarily a sign of poor quality meat. The yellow color is due to the presence of carotene, an important source of vitamin A. Green pasture grasses and legumes contain a considerable quantity of carotene. So-called "grass-fed" beef is more commonly identified by the yellow fat it yields.

Alfalfa

The price spread between alfalfa and clover this year is unusually small. M.S.C. specialists believe this should encourage the establishment of alfalfa seedings.

Fertilizing pasture can double beef gains, according to an experiment by the University of Minnesota with 48 Hereford calves.

Controlled vs. Free Market

A basic difference between the program of the Farm Bureau for maintaining farm income and that of the Farmers Union is shown by the National Union Farmer for February 1954. The Farmers Union paper said: "Actually a price support program should be designed to bring

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The Problem of Diverted Acres is Serious

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for April

Background Material for Program for April by 1306 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

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(It is usually a puzzle to know what references might be given to the folks in our Community Farm Bureaus to aid them in getting extra information. Most of the sources which might be of help are not available to folks in rural areas. This month, however, we are fortunate.)

The problem of "diverted acres" is well dealt with in your March issue of the Nation's Agriculture which comes to every Farm Bureau member. Please refer to that for added information for your program.)

Acres on the Side-Track. Billy Renshaw peeked through the crack in the barn door and watched the March wind sift the snow through the stubble of last year's wheat field. Two fields of good wheat he had combined,—fifty acres. Then in August the marketing quotas had been voted in. His share had been cut to 35 acres. Well, there were 15 acres he'd have to work in somehow. But what to do with them?

Corn? Supplies of corn were nearly to the point where it would be cut the same way. Soybeans? He raised all of these he thought he should and price didn't look right to expand. So Billy stood there for a long time, and scratched his head.

Price support programs may solve some problems, but they also bring others with them. When marketing quotas are established they side-track acres that have normally been going into basic crops. Now a real conundrum faces the farmers of America—what to do with the side-tracked acres? The fancy term for them is "diverted acres."

The answer may seem simple. But it isn't. From the viewpoint here at home on the farm it might look as though the answer is to just put it in to some other crop. But does that solve the problem, or are we headed for more trouble when we do this? Let's look a little more closely at the matter.

We can see that all the acres shunted out of production on wheat, corn and cotton come into immediate competition with all the other crops being produced. When millions of the acres are planted to non-basic crops, the supply of the non-basic crops will be raised all over the nation, and prices on those products must fall in the market place.

Production controls on wheat, cotton and corn in 1954 will side-track over thirty million acres. Wheat plantings will be reduced almost 17 million acres. Cotton plantings will be cut nearly 4 million acres, and corn will be reduced by 8.2 million acres.

AT THE present time the law provides no control over the use of diverted acres. Any farmer, no matter what his crop history, can plant up to 15 acres of controlled crops without marketing quotas and without penalties.

Take a look at the cotton south. Cotton farmers with nearly four million acres "on the loose" can put in their "allowances" of corn and wheat. Even some northern wheat farmers can put in a legal patch of corn—or vice versa. The production level is likely to stay up there where marketing quotas will be around a long time.

IN 1953 small plots of corn outside the "commercial" bracket amounted to 24.6 million acres. Michigan's commercial corn counties include only the two southern rows. When this amount could be planted while few acres were side-tracked, what will happen when 30 million acres are turned loose from basic crops? Most likely some farmers will begin "shopping across the border" to

the extent of their allowable 15 acres. Of course, some of them are going to begin to raise soy beans. Some of them may put land into grasses and legumes—and with the idea of making it pay off they may go into livestock, dairying or poultry as a new venture. Not much, maybe, but probably enough to knock prices in these areas into a cocked hat. Some of them might try fruit and vegetables.

NOBODY'S hands are tied with regard to the non-basic crops and the pressure is on! Few farmers are going to sit idle and let those acres just sleep under the summer sun. They need the income from them to maintain operations and to make ends meet. So many of those acres will go into marketable crops.

TROUBLE POINTS. Marketing quotas may be like the Old Man of the Sea in Sinbad the Sailor. Once we got them onto our

Dedicate Youth Memorial Bldg.



"WE DEDICATE this Youth Memorial Building as a Memorial to the Youth of Berrien County who have given their lives for the preservation of American Freedom and Principles during World War II and the Korean Conflict." Candlelight services marked the dedication March 14 of the \$80,000 building. J. Burton Richards, former JrFB leader, passed the light to group presidents and past presidents of Berrien JrFB. They in turn passed the lighted candles to the audience of 300 people. Mr. Warren Newberry, AFBF director of young members' program, gave the dedication address.



MEMBERS of Junior & Senior Farm Bureaus' Administrative Group for the Youth Memorial Building meet in Lurkins Memorial Room. Senior group, standing, left to right: Clarence Stover, Russell File, John Handy, J. Robert Namez, Henry J. Prillwitz, Ray DeWitt. Junior group, seated, left to right: John Foster, Barbara Foster, Edwin Radewalt, Walter Heritz, Marlene Stemm, Duane Goodenough, Francis Jackson. Not present for the photo, Neale Sheve.

shoulders they may be difficult to get off. Marketing quotas were designed to reduce surpluses. But present reductions called for are too small to do this. Original plans called for 7 million more acres to be taken out of wheat and 3½ million more out of cotton. The present allowable plantings will still add to the surpluses if we have a normal crop. The United States Department of Agriculture knows that. Then, too, farmers having allotted acreage are planning to fertilize more heavily. Farmers will raise the crops who have never planted them before. And high yields in 1954 may compel the government to side-track forty million acres in 1955—another 10 million to compete in the non-basic crop market.

SOLUTIONS to the diverted acre problem are not easy. Delegates to the American Farm Bureau Federation Convention in 1953 asked that the Secretary of Agriculture be given authority to control the use of the diverted land. They recommended that he limit the planting of any surplus crop on diverted acres. If an area had a shortage of the crop, or if the farmer wanted to use the crop at home no ban would be imposed.

SOIL Fertility Bank. The delegates also urged the increased planting of soil conserving crops on such land. The stockpiling of fertility in the soil as a reserve for national emergencies seemed a better economy move than the stockpiling of unused products which spoil and which upset the price on the market. The delegates felt that price supports and agricultural conservation payments should not be made to farmers who do not practice soil-building methods.

Farm Bureau delegates have held the view that marketing quotas would not have become necessary under a variable price support program. High rigid supports encourage overproduction. Plantings are increased to take advantage of the supports. If support levels were reduced as stocks increased, plantings would be adjusted away to other crops. A more balanced farm production would result. Absence of surpluses would make marketing quotas and diverted acres unnecessary.

AN IMPORTANT cog in the solution of this problem lies in the research and study for the improvement of markets. Expansion of foreign trade on a sound basis can help dispose of the extra stocks on hand. Broadening the industrial uses for agricultural products—as was done with soy beans—would help. If research were as vigorous on this problem as it has been in atomic energy we might be marketing all our

normal production now. These solutions are long time developments. In the meantime we have our problem with us. Unfortunately, the whole problem has become linked to political partisanship, when it should be one of the national welfare and the sound future of American agriculture.

Questions
1. What use might be made of diverted acres that would not threaten the price and the market for non-basic farm products?
2. What limitations, if any, do you think should be placed on acres side-tracked by the presence of marketing quotas?

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Beef Pushes Pork Off Throne

Beef—long the "crown prince"—has finally wrested the throne away from pork to become the "king" of meats. Last year Americans for the first time since 1936 consumed more beef than pork, and they are expected to maintain beef's rule this year as cattle continue in more plentiful supply than hogs.

How Juniors Built Youth Memorial

More than 1,000 people came to the dedication and open house of the Berrien County Junior Farm Bureau Youth Memorial Building at Youth Fair Grounds at Berrien Springs March 14.

THE PROJECT was started in 1943-44. The Juniors began raising funds through auctions, dinners and barbecues, scrap drives, minstrel and variety shows, square dances and personal donations.

The \$80,000 building is more than half paid for. Payment will be completed through continued projects by the Juniors and through rentals from Farm Bureau offices in the building, and from rentals to civic and social groups invited to use the facilities.

THE YOUTH Memorial is built of red brick. The interior walls are ceramic tile of "eye ease" green and gray. The over-all dimensions are 82 feet by 132 feet. The building contains an auditorium 45 by 87 feet with a seating capacity of 300.

The Harry J. Lurkins Memorial Room is for conference meetings. Other rooms include the Farm Bureau offices, kitchen, storage room, boiler room for steam heating plant, and rest rooms.

Insurance Folk Respond as Blood Donors

Twenty persons at the Farm Bureau fire insurance program meeting at Michigan State College Feb. 25 gave a pint of blood to the Red Cross before they went home.

THIS development was not on the program. It came about when a college student asked for

five minutes to speak on the importance to everyone of a blood bank.

He said that he owed his life to some 36 persons unknown to him. He had had 36 blood transfusions in Korea. He spoke as the chairman of a campaign by students to donate several thousand pints of blood. So far the students had contributed more than 2,000 pints of blood, and were offering their facilities to anyone in the insurance group who would like to take part.

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- Apr. The Future Use and Effect of "Diverted Acres" on the Farm Program.
- May How Can We Meet the Challenge to Township Governments?
- Jun. Highway Accidents and Hazards on the Right of Way.
- Jul. Our Extension Program—Emphasis on Marketing Research and Salesmanship?
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