Agricultural Bill of 1954 is Before Congress

Over Roll Call Goal; 61,318 Members!

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

NORWOOD EASTMAN

Chairman of the National Organization

The Michigan Farm Bureau on March 24 reached its membership goal of 61,310 for 1954, with a total of 61,318 members as of March 1. This ranks the state second among the 50 states in the membership program of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

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 of 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 20 brought a movement to have every Michigan County Farm Bureau reach 100% of its membership goal. We came quite close to making it.

This year we have established the goal at 101% of membership. The roll call goal of 101% is a bit optimistic, but we hope to come close to the goal.

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### Community Farm Bureaus

**MRS. MARJORIE GARDNER**
Coordinator of Bureaus

**ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE**

- **CRAWFORD COUNTY**
  - Miss Lillian Durr, 492 South Michigan Street
- **ALLEGAN COUNTY**
  - Mrs. Clyde Miller, 978 Buren Street
- **MICHIGAN BELL**
  - Miss Dorothy Miller, 323 West Main Street

**COMMUNITY FARM BUREAU**

- **ALLEGAN-W**
  - Mrs. Louis Eveleth, 901 South Main Street
- **ALPENA COUNTY**
  - Mrs. Oscar Davis, 222 South Main Street
- **SHIA WASSEE-**
  - Mrs. Arthur Barr, 1000 East Main Street

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**ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN RAILROADS**

- **WASHINGTON D.C.**
  - Mrs. Eugene Martell, 901 South Main Street

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**LIVESTOCK**

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**STEEL ROOFING**

- **2-12 plow 2-12 bottom, $150.**
- **350 shape, 350.**
- **24-12 plow 3-16 bottom, $150.**

**MILK DISPENSERS**

- **26 years under R.O.P.**

**FREE CRUSHED TALC**

- **SILVER SHAMROCK**

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**Wind Damage on Increase in Michigan**

In the past 5 years, this company paid $63,342 losses, amounting to $3,972,451.07. Remember: it can happen to you.

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**Farm Facts from Michigan Bell**

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APRIL 1, 1957

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**America and its railroads grew big and strong together**

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**...And They're Both Still Growing!**

During the last century America grew fast — and so did its railroads. Agribusiness flourished in vast new territory as railroads provided the means of moving the harvest to distant markets. New sources of raw materials were discovered, and the railroads got to them where they were needed. New and better ways of making goods were developed—the railroads helped to create the products of industry to the needs of the consumers.

In 1824 America’s railroads were still growing in strength—still selling new records of efficiency in their service. Today railroads had more, more miles of track, more equipment, more passengers, more freight, more income. And their average change has been a lot faster than any other form of general transportation. Yes, the railroad era is one big adventure that is, the future America will be stranger, more productive and more prosperous than ever!
Youth Groups Will Do Job in April

They Are Well Equipped to Spot Dangers
To Life and Limb; Farmers Welcome Inspection and Profit by It.

Field Representative for Michigan Junior Farm Bureau 12,000 Michigan farms are to be checked for safety hazards during the month of April. This number of farms is the goal set by the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau Safety Committee and approved by representatives from the participating Michigan farm youth organizations. The project is a cooperative state-wide effort on the part of Junior Farm Bureaus, FFA, FHA, 4-H Older Youth, and 4-H Youth, and is known as the Michigan Farm Youth Safety Project.

The Michigan Farm Safety Project has been in the process of development for over two years. The first step toward such a project was taken by the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau Farm Safety Committee headed by Dick Arnold of Allegan County.

To Life and Limb; Farmers Welcome Inspection and Profit by It.

Export 1/2 Billion In Farm Surprises?

A bill to authorize the sale and export of up to $1 billion worth of farm commodities is expected to be introduced in Congress by Representative Robert Burton of Delaware. He is a member of the House Agriculture Committee.

Mr. Harrison's bill would require the agricultural trade development act of 1948. It contains the principles of farm programs passed by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Act of 1933. The Farm Bureau proposed a bill of $1 billion to provide for the purchase of all farm products to other nations to be made available to the country. The final results of the farm safety project are expected to be presented to all organizations participating in the project.

Approximately 63.7% of all hazards found on farms were corrected during the two-week period before the project started. Approximately 16.5% of farmers contacted refused to cooperate. Most of this percent is in one county. It is believed the cause for this situation may be lack of good public relations by the members.

Trends in this first return came from very good to no report. The final results of the farm safety project are expected to be presented to all organizations participating in the project.

EIGHT MILLION... IN A "FERTILIZER DOLLAR"

Fertilizer is the biggest bargain on the farm. Of the commodities used in farm production—fertilizer, feed, seed, machinery and so forth—the cost of crop production per acre, is truly "the biggest bargain..."

Look at the figures. In average 1910-14 dollars, a dollar spent today for fertilizer is worth $68 cents. Compare this with a feed dollar which was worth $414.50 in 1910-14 dollars. The same cost of fertilizer has increased the least.

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE for Michigan Junior Farm Bureau, Mr. Harrison, told these reports:

"They can render a great service to farmers. They are designed to help save lives..."
### Activities of Farm Bureau Women of District 3

#### Six Counties Do Interesting Programs

**Mrs. Sherman Richards**
Chairman of MFB Women for District 3 and State Advisory Council

This year's series of articles in the Michigan Farm Bureau is being held to tell you of the progress of the program and other activities of the women of the district. Here are a few features of the six counties represented:

- **Livingston County:** Mrs. Claude Copeland, Chairman. The county is centrally located between Ann Arbor, Detroit, and Flint. Exemplary work in both the community and home improvement areas is being done. A series of meetings have been held monthly with the county to show the women the need for farm home improvements.

- **Macomb County:** Mrs. Alice Martin, Chairman. The county is the most industrial county in the state, and interest in home improvement and community work is particularly strong. They have a very active program this year.

- **Monroe County:** Mrs. Mary Smith, Chairman. The county is a farming community, and the women are very interested in both community and home improvement work. They have held several meetings this year.

- **Washtenaw County:** Mrs. Louise Allen, Chairman. The county is a prominent agricultural area, and the women are very active in both community and farm improvement work. They have held several meetings this year.

- **Wayne County:** Mrs. Grace Brown, Chairman. The county is the most urbanized in the state, and the women are very active in both community and farm improvement work. They have held several meetings this year.

- **Jackson County:** Mrs. Hazel Jackson, Chairman. The county is a farming community, and the women are very active in both community and farm improvement work. They have held several meetings this year.

**Prepare County FB Directory**

Dear Members of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women's Committees:

Let's get to work on the County Farm Bureau directories. There are two main objectives:

1. To increase the membership of the County Farm Bureau Women's Committees.
2. To increase the visibility of the County Farm Bureau Women's Committees.

Each county will be responsible for its own directory. The directories should be as complete as possible and should include:

- **Names and Addresses:** of all members of the County Farm Bureau Women's Committees.
- **Contact Information:** Phone numbers, email addresses, and mailing addresses.
- **Programs and Activities:** A list of current and upcoming programs and activities.
- **Leadership:** Names and positions of leadership in the County Farm Bureau Women's Committees.

**Conclusion:**

We hope you will take the time to prepare a complete and accurate directory for your County Farm Bureau Women's Committees. This will help increase the visibility and membership of our committees, and will provide valuable information for our members and those interested in joining.

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### Dairymen Back

**ADA Plan on 12 Mos. Basis**

Dairyman is 23 states represented over the nation and their milk supply have adopted the 12-month prepaid-supply program of the American Dairy Association. This program gives the Jersey Dairyman an opportunity to plan well in advance for the milk supply he needs for the next 12 months. This plan is being used by the following states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

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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

DONALD D. KIRBY
Co-operative Extension Service

It is usually a puzzle to know what references might be given in the discussion topic for the April local meeting. This year, however, we have a really good reference. It is the April issue of Farm and Dairy.

On page 6 of that magazine there is a good discussion of the problem of diverted acres. The article is entitled "The Problem of Diverted Acres." It is written by Richard A. Hassett, a soil conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service. The article is well worth reading and should be of great interest to everyone who is concerned with the problem of diverted acres.

The article begins by stating that "the problem of diverted acres has been a major issue in the agricultural community for many years." It goes on to say that "diverted acres are land that is taken out of production and put into other uses, such as recreation, conservation, or other non-agricultural activities."

The article then discusses the reasons for the problem of diverted acres. It points out that "diverted acres are a result of a number of factors, including government programs, market forces, and individual farm decisions." The article also notes that "diverted acres can affect the supply and price of agricultural products, and can have a negative impact on the environment."

The article concludes by stating that "diverted acres are a complex problem that requires a multi-faceted solution." It suggests that "government programs and policies may play a role in reducing the number of diverted acres, but individual farm decisions and market forces will also be important factors." The article recommends that "farmers and agricultural organizations should work together to develop solutions to the problem of diverted acres."