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## Farm Bureau Drives for 10,000 New Members

## Blue Cross Offers Deductible Plan

Michigan Blue Cross made two important announcements Nov. 22 of interest to Michigan Farm Bureau members:

1-An increase in rates effective for the February-March-April quarter.

2-A new, cooperative, lower cost contract whereby the member who wants it will pay a part of his hospital room cost. The Michigan Farm Bureau has been recommending that a plan be offered with a deductable feature to reduce premium expense.

It will not replace the present

during the March re-enrollment.

FARM BUREAU SAID AT

ANNUAL MEETING NOV. 12

Because of the cost-sharing fea-

"The use and abuse of Blue

this type of plan will reduce mis-

use of the service and keep rates

Here's how the cooperative fea-

Under the Cooperative contract,

the Blue Cross member will be

required to pay the hospital room

After the 60th day of each stay,

Both announcements are given in this article.

RATES for Blue Cross com- Shield Subscribers during the prehensive group hospital cover- March re-enrollment period next age will be raised 40 cents a year. month for single subscribers and \$1.05 a month for those with family coverage effective February, will provide 365 days of con-

Since the next quarterly Blue a cooperative feature in which Cross-Blue Shield billing for the member shares to a limited Farm Bureau members will be extent in the cost of his hospital for February-March-April cover- care. age, it will be at this new rate.

Remember that the billing is Comprehensive contract, but will for three months' coverage and be offered at that time in addithus will be \$1.20 more for those tion to it. Each Farm Bureau with single subscriber service and subscriber will have a choice be-\$3.15 higher for family coverage tween the two group contracts than your last quarterly billing.

W. S. McNary, executive vice president of Michigan Blue Cross, pointed out that current rates for Comprehensive hospital coverage are based on what it cost to pro- Cross-Blue Shield service is revide hospital care for members in flected in the premium rates early 1953—when those rates were thereof, and as they have been in-

"In spite of the fact that operat- rise still further in the future, we ing expenses have been held to recommend that the Michigan less than five cents of each income Farm Bureau, working in coopdollar this year," McNary ex- eration with Blue Cross repreplained, "payments to hospitals for sentatives, evolve a policy based care of members plus this low on the deductible idea. operating expense, have exceeded our income throughout 1954."

He said the following factors made the rate increase necessary: down to a minimum." 1. A steady rise in the cost of

hospital care. The average charge per Blue will be about 16 percent lower Cross case jumped from \$150 at than the new rates for the Comthe beginning of 1953 to \$164 dur- prehensive. ing the first half of this year.

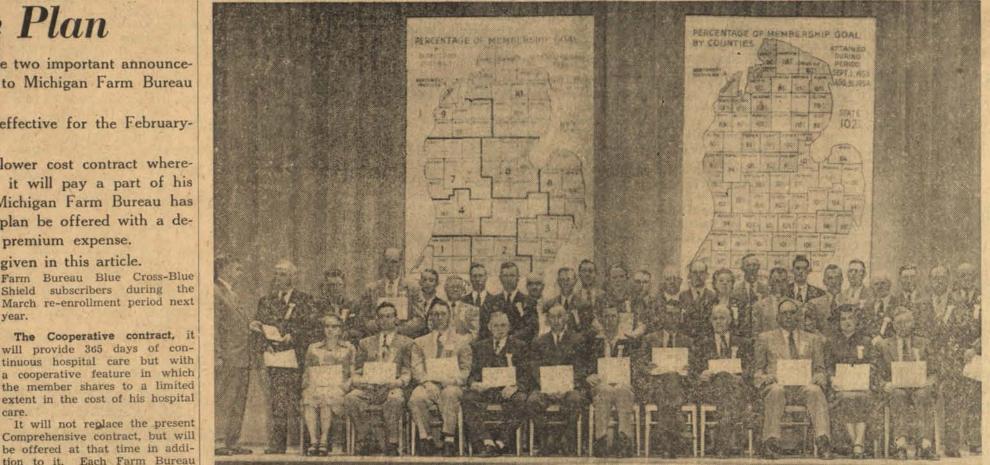
Currently it has reached \$172 ture works: and by conservative estimate will rise to \$175 during the next six months—an increase of over 16 percent since the last rate adjust-

2. A rise in the percentage of Blue Cross members getting hospital care. The average number stay he will pay only \$2 a day of hospital admissions per 1,000 toward the room charge as his members has increased from 141 share of the cost. to 146 per 1,000 since 1953.

A service such as Blue Cross Comprehensive coverage - he is entitled to care for the balwhich provides hospital services ance of the 365 days unused withwithout any dollar limit on their out any further sharing in the cost-must periodically adjust its cost rates to meet the changes in the With the exception of paying a cost of hospital care.

NEW Lower Cost Plan. At the the Cooperative provides the same a new kind of lower-cost group Comprehensive. contract will be made available to

### 37 Counties Make Their Goal in 1954



PICTURED ABOVE are representatives of 37 County Farm Bureaus that made their membership goal in 1954. The delegates from the 37 counties were given certificates at the 35th Annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau held at Michigan State Col-

## Elects Hodge and

Ward G. Hodge of Snover, Sanilac county, was It will be no longer mandatory G. Hodge of Snover, re-elected elected president, and Blaque Knirk of Quincy, Branch for the U. S. Department of Agri- 8-Kenneth O. Johnson of Freecreasing in the past and may county, was elected vice-president of the Michigan at 90% of parity unlimited quan- ley of West Branch elected to Farm Bureau when the new board of directors organized after the 35th annual meeting of the MED - Mil. ized after the 35th annual meeting of the MFB at Mich- be. igan State College Nov. 11-12. "We feel that the adoption of

Mr. Hodge, former vice-president, succeeded Carl E to keep the surplus situation from Buskirk of Paw Paw, Van Buren county. Mr. Bus- getting worse while contsructive ture, rates for the Cooperative kirk retired as president and director. He has been president since 1945 and a member of the MFB board are being gotten under way." of directors since 1940. Mr. Buskirk helped organize both the Van Buren County Farm Bureau and the tary told the convention that the Leipprandt of Pigeon was nominated by the Jr. FB and elected by Michigan Farm Bureau and served as an officer of eau has had its greatest growth the MFB delegates. the county or state organization for the past 35 years. in the last six years. Beginning in 1946, he said, farmers have in-

The 35th annual meeting brought together 629 charge for the first two days of voting delegates to represent the membership of 62,-981 families. Many visitors came to make it the Bureau has built large fertilizer For the next 58 days of each largest of all Michigan Farm Bureau annual meet-

> the Michigan Farm Bureau's Agricultural Act of 1954: long-time position on the national

share of the room charge during "A major objective of the Farm the first 60 days of each stay, Bureau program shall be the full restoration of peacetime private same time the rate adjustment for benefits-such as drugs, oxygen, enterprise farm economy with a comprehensive coverage was an- use of operating room, laboratory, high net farm income, and the nounced, Mr. McNary announced etc., without dollar limit—as the minimum of interference and controls by government.

"There is no worth-while future for the farmer and his family in continuing to produce crops consumption.

The Agricultural Act of 1954 policies toward a more construc- nations. tive and hopeful program." The convention urged that the



"For the immediate future, the

remedies for the disposal of sur-J. F. Yaeger, executive secre-

esult will be a stabilizing effect

vested about \$4,500,000 in Farm Bureau service companies.

Within the last six years Farm manufacturing plants at Saginaw Nov. 11-12: and Kalamazoo. It has established eau Life Insurance Company. The insurance companies are now building an office building west of Lansing, to be occupied by all Farm Bureau companies.

State Affairs resolutions are published on page 5 of this edi-

Elections. The delegates elected eight state directors for terms of two years. The MFB board has a membership of 15. The board elects the president and vice-pres-

Farm Bureau Districts: 2ed; 4-Albert Shellenbarger of Lake Odessa, re-elected; 6-Ward Buy Farm Bureau Feeds.

he has been elected to the state At-Large, Gleason E. Halliwill

of Gladwin was re-elected. Robert E. Smith of Fowlerville was pluses and expansion of markets elected director to succeed Carl E. Buskirk of Paw Paw, retired.

Junior Farm Bureau. Paul E

Freight Car Sides The Michigan Farm Bureau said at its 35th annual meeting,

"There are no lights on freight a state-wide petroleum service to trains except at the front and farmers in the Farmers Petrole- rear. At night and during storms um Cooperative. Six years ago the unlighted cars, whether movit launched the Farm Bureau Mu- ing or standing still, constitute a tual Insurance Company, and traffic menace to motorists at three years later the Farm Bur- grade crossings. We urge that freight cars be equipped with reflectors on each side.

#### Life Ins. Sales \$3,965,455 in Oct.

Purchases of Farm Bureau FII Savings Plans and life insurance by Farm Bureau members went over the top to the highest total on record during a special program staged by insurance representatives during October.

Final figures showed that \$3,in during the month. This was and sincere appreciation go with families in 1955. Blaque Knirk of Quincy, re-elect- of \$1,478,000 achieved last March.

## 1955 Goal is 65,918 Families

Most Members Say They Joined Farm Bureau Because They Got An Invitation

NORWOOD EASTMAN

Coordinator of MFB Organization Department

Several thousand Farm Bureau Roll Call workers are all set for the big week of November 29.

Workers in 63 counties have dedicated themselves to inviting every farmer who is not now a Farm Bureau member to join the organization. Their goal is 10,000 new Farm Bureau families.

Preparations for the campaign have been in progress for several months. Every county campaign has been carefully planned by a county membership committee. Each county has selected a Roll Call Manager. Forty of these Roll Call Managers attended a special twoday training school during August.

Managers have selected township captains and workers to help invite farmers to become members. Most of the captains have attended one of a series of informal and inspirational meetings held around the state during October. These meetings featured outstanding speakers from AFBF.

All present Farm Bureau members have been contacted by mail. They are being urged to send their dues by mail during December. More than 6,000 have done so in late November. This will free the Roll Call workers to concentrate on inviting those farmers who are not now members. These work teams are ready and

Chief among the issues is the determination of the farm policy which Congress will adopt in 1955. 1954 was one of the most successful legislative years in the history of the Farm Bureau. Can these gains be held through 1955? Farmers are a minority group. Only a strong, active organization will be able to hold and consolidate the gains of 1954.

The success of any program in Farm Bureau is dependent upon the Farm Bureau organization in the counties and states having a maximum number of farm families. Such an organization has power in Congress and elsewhere. Invite your neighbor to help in this program! .

Farmers are going to be represented. The question is will they be represented by businessmen, labor leaders, or political spokesman? Or will they develop, pay for, and operate a farm organization of their own? Invite your neighbor to join Farm Bureau and help farmers speak for themselves!

The issues facing the nation demand the best thinking of every American farmer. Once the farmer has talked the issues over, he must make his voice heard. The Farm Bureau is the state and nation's largest free, independent farmer's organization through which he may speak. Invite your neighbor to join and speak

more than twice the previous high of \$1,478,000 achieved last March. drive. They are the builders Call Managers in the counties. of the world's largest and most They are the key people in the influential farm organization.

We urge every Farm Bureau We have every reason to look member to cooperate in the efforward to the future with con- fort by mailing his own dues fidence if we use today to build today and inviting his neighbor a better, stronger and larger to join Farm Bureau! Let's make 965,455 in applications was turned Farm Bureau. Our best wishes it 66,000 Michigan Farm Bureau

## MFB Board of Directors and Officers for 1954



THIS PHOTOGRAPH of the directors and officers of the Michigan Farm Bureau was taken at the close of the 35th annual meeting, Nov. 12. Names marked \* indicate a new member of the board. Seated, left to right: \* Robert E. Smith, Fowlerville: Herman Howeisen, Clinton: Vice-President Blaque Knirk, Quincy: Mrs. Carlton Ball, Albion: President Ward G. Hodge, Snover: Russell E. Hazel, Richland; Ren A. DeRuiter, McBain. Standing, left to right: Executive Secretary J. F. Yaeger, East Lansing: Marten Garn, Charlotte: Gleason E. Halliwill, Gladwin; Albert Shellenbarger, Lake Odessa; Kenneth O. Johnson, Freeland; Thomas E. Hahn, Rodney: \*Paul Leipprandt, Pigeon: Walter W. Wightman, Fennville; Executive Vice-President C. L. Brody. New director Albert Brindley of West Branch was not present for this picture.

#### (Continued on page 2) New State Officers



ed president of the Michigan Farm Bureau by the new board



BLAQUE KNIRK, 38, of Quin-Snover, Sanilac county, was elect- cy, Branch county, was elected vice-president of the Michigan of directors at the close of the Farm Bureau by the board of di-35th annual meeting. He suc- rectors at the 35th annual meetceeds Carl E. Buskirk, who re- ing. He succeeded Ward G. Hodge tired. Mr. Hodge had been vice- as vice-president. Mr. Knirk has president. He has been a di-rector of MFB for eight years, and been a director of MFB for the is a director of all Farm Bureau past six years and is a director of companies. He is president of the all Farm Bureau companies. He Farmers Petroleum Co-operative, is president of the Farm Bureau Inc. Mr. Hodge is engaged in Mutual Insurance Company of dairying and general farming. Michigan. Mr. Knirk is a live-Mr. and Mrs. Hodge have seven stock and general farmer. Mr. Secretaries of County Farm Bur- ination within the next year of and Mrs. Knirk have two children. eaus.

The convention re-emphasized following major sections of the 1-Make flexible price supports farm program by adopting this apply to all basic crops in 1955.

ing price support levels.

3-Provide \$50,000,000 annual- tion school lunches. 4-Speed up the disposal of

for government storage instead of farm surpluses by sales abroad currencies.



See Page 2 for article headed

new Congress make effective the

2-Put into operation the commodity set-aside of \$21/2 billion of farm surpluses now in government storage as an emergency stockpile. Remove the set-aside from consideration in determin-

ly for the milk program for

and accept payment in foreign

5-Provide for judicious disis an important step in changing posal of farm surpluses for famthe direction of national farm ine and disaster relief in other

6-Increase federal appropriations substantially for agricultural research to broaden the markets and find new uses for farm products.

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson was commended for initiating and courageously defending policies to free agriculture from subsidies and consequent government controls.

Clark L. Brody, executive vicepresident of the Farm Bureau, said to the convention:

"In determining future farm policy, we must do so with a clear understanding of the limitations of the Agricultural Act of

"The farm program enacted by Congress last August is not a solution for the agricultural problems that have accumulated since

"It is an enabling act that grants the President, the Secretary of Agriculture and farmers authority to put into effect some remedial measures as fast as it is practical to do so. There is danger that too much will be expected too soon.

"The act provides for the elimrigid supports for farm products.

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WOMEN OF FARM BUREAU Mrs. Carlton Ball......Albion, R-1

JUNIOR FARM BUREAU

## Carl Buskirk Retires from Board



In his annual address at the 35th annual meeting President Carl Buskirk of Paw Paw, announced he would not be a candidate for re-election to the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors. Mr. Buskirk was one of the organizers of M.F.B. in 1919. He became a director in 1940, was elected vice-president, and elected president in 1945.

On the left we see Ward Hodge admiring the new watch which was one of the gifts Mr. Buskirk received from the organization on his retirement.

#### 65 Juniors Off to AFBF Convention

ican Farm Bureau convention in and return to Lansing on Decem- tenaw, Branch, Bay, and Otsego. New York City.

noon of December 12th, to attend ingston, Gratiot, Calhoun, Eaton, members are expected to attend.

ber 16, via Pittsburg and Toledo.

vesper services and Farm Bureau Lapeer, Newaygo, Emmet, Isayoung people's mixer that even- bella, Oakland, Clinton, Ionia, ing. Farm Bureau Young Peo- Hillsdale, Kalamazoo, Northwest On December 11 some 65 Mich- ple's activities will begin on De- Michigan, Ingham, and St. Clair. igan Junior Farm Bureau mem- cember 13th and continue through Reservations are also being held Bureau the real grass roots organ- land will bring just as good re-

In addition to the delegates Michigan juniors will arrive in | Counties to be represented are: chosen by county Junior Farm New York City on the late after- Huron, Shiawassee, Berrien, Liv- Bureau organizations, state board



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FACTS



#### Machines Aid Beet Growers

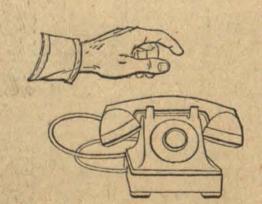
Mechanical thinners and weeders have cut sharply into needs for hand labor in sugar beet fields, according to the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Hand thinning sometimes is delayed in beet fields, and the competition from excess beets and weeds cuts down on yields. Mechanical thinners and weeders reduce these losses. Now in the experimental stage, a counter-rotating, variablespeed stand-reducer-weeder may provide a tool next spring to equalize irregular stock.



#### Cooking Tips on Beef Cuts

You need to know the grade to get the most from your beef. Good club, sirloin, T-bone and porterhouse steaks usually are oven or pan brolled. Chuck, round, rump and sirloin butt roasts generally are braised. To braise, brown meat well on all sides in a little hot fat. Add a small amount of liquid, cover and cook over low heat until tender.

Choice or prime beef, rump roast-and even round can be broiled. If it is utility beef, even a porterhouse should be braised.



#### Reach for Your Phone First

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#### Christmas Story

It was chilly there that evening and the Shepherds in their camp Snugged their robes and fed the campfire well against the cold and

They were poor and humble people but within the heart of each Was the store of age-old wisdom that the wheeling stars can teach. Allegan....Mrs. Catherine Kelsey, There was pride in ancient lineage, there were faith and homely

Were they not the sons of Israel? Were they not God's chosen race?

So with fortitude and patience for a century had they trod Slavish furrows for the Romans, strangers to the Jewish God. Peace had hovered for a century above Judea's plains; Peace, enforced and rendered heavy by the weight of Roman chains. Now the Shepherds, tense and anxious, did not grumble—felt no fear, But they spoke of the Messiah who was shortly to appear.

Long recorded in the Scriptures, long the hope of every heart, He would come to crush the despot, come to take the Hebrew's part. In the synagogues and Temple, written in the sacred scrolls, Was God's promise of a Savior who would heal the people's souls. As they watched the starry vastness-What was that? A radiant glow Bloomed above them, pure and glorious, on that midnight long ago.

On that night, in old Judea, Heaven opened and there came Angels from the Throne of Glory, chanting in the Father's name. Oh, the Shepherds by their campfire felt their hearts leap up with joy. "Let us go," they cried, "and worship. Let us greet this Holy Boy." And they left their flocks and hastened to the lowly manger bed Where the Son of God lay sleeping with His halo round His head.

Blessed night of all the ages. Blessed night when Christ was born. Come to turn the steps of millions from the darkness toward the

Come to set the great example for the centuries yet to run; Come to bleed for our redemption-you and me and everyone. In the hush of Christmas morning may the Christ Child come again; Born anew to heal and cherish all the sin-sick souls of men.

> 315 North Grinnell Street Jackson, Michigan

Schmidt, Harry Foster, (Berrien), to keep abreast of the trends. talk meet winner, Betty Jane

### Community Farm Bureau News

WESLEY S. HAWLEY In all probability you folks have your Community Farm Bu-

reau activities for the coming year portunity to get into the "Farm cost of each stay at the beginning. Bureau Act."

Membership participation in the Community Farm Bureaus goes

Membership award winners, on that the Community Farm Roger Kitchen, John Ostlund, Jr. Bureaus meet once every month, (Northwest Michigan), and Lois which is not too often if they are

During 1954 there were 277 Thalmann, (Berrien) and Talent | Community Farm Bureaus that Find winner Loretta Schroeder held a meeting each month of (Otsego), will also be making the the year with conclusions. In Huron county there were 29 such groups, with 10 each in Ogemaw and Alpena. We want to congratulate these counties, as well as all of the 277 Community Farm Bureaus that are 100 percent winners. Each 100 percent winner group received a special letter for their achievement.

#### **Blue Cross Offers** Deductible Plan

(Continued from Page 1) The Cooperative Plan is designed primarily for those who want well under way. This is import the protection of more days of ant, for it is in the Community care for a possible long-term ill-Farm Bureau that the Farm Bu- ness at a lower monthly cost in reau member really has the op- return for paying a share of the

#### Nitrogen

Nitrogen applied in the fall on a long way in making the Farm fall-sown grains, pasture and hav bers will leave Lansing on two Greyhound coaches for the Amercoaches will leave December 15 costa, Allegan, Monroe, Washization that it is. It becomes more sults as a spring application, and more important as time goes M.S.C. soil scientists point out.

#### CLASSIFIED ADS

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Hopkins. Homer (Calhoun county)
Michigan. (7-6t-22p)

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SHROPSHIRE PAMS and breeding ewes, Registered, Visit or write Ingle-eide Farm, Stanley M. Powell, Innia R-1, Michigan. (11-tf-15b)

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#### **MSC Selects Theme** For Farmers Week

"A Century of Partnership-Agriculture and Michigan State" mers' Week at Michigan State College, Feb. 7 to 12. The event annually brings more than 40,000 people to the East Lansing campus for programs, exhibits and contests.

Its closing day will mark the opening of the year-long Centennial celebration at Michigan State, with Feb. 12, 1955 being the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the college.

#### Hogs

In the swine industry the trend is toward longer hogs-more bacon, more loin and more udder sections, M.S.C. swine specialists point out.

#### Fire

Carelessness with fire cost 203 lives in Michigan last year. Onethird of the victims were under 5 years old.

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## Your Answer to That Farm Bureau Question

### AFBF's 36th Ann'l Meeting At New York

48 states and Puerto Rico will meet in New York December 12-16 for the 36th annual meeting Federation, and the report of of the American Farm Bureau Roger Fleming, secretary-treasur-Federation.

They will discuss public issues, hear speakers of national prom- tions committee will be held inence, elect members of the after the speaking program on board of directors, and adopt Tuesday afternoon. policies for the year ahead.

close of the meeting will reflect zenship and dairy promotion conmonths of policy development test will also be presented Tuesstudy and discussion throughout day evening.

of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson; Senator Holland and Dr. Eisen-Sir Roger Makins, British am- hower will address the Wednesbassador to the United States; day afternoon session. Dr. Milton Eisenhower, president | The business meeting will be Clarence Randall, chairman of the voting delegates of the state Farm board of the Inland Steel Corpor- Bureaus will discuss and act on ation; Senator Spessard L. Hol- resolutions and elect members of senate committee on agriculture where terms have expired. finance of Hungary.

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women's activities, young people's activities, livestock, poultry, fruits and vegetables, dairy, field crops, insurance, land and water, and tax and legislative problems. A farm safety conference will be

The general convention sessions will begin Tuesday morning, De-cember 14, with the annual address of Allan B. Kline, president of the American Farm Bureau er of the federation.

An open session of the resolu-

Distinguished service awards The resolutions adopted at the and awards to winners of the citi-

Secretary Benson will speak to Speakers will include Secretary the Wednesday morning session.

of Pennsylvania State University; held Thursday, when the elected land of Florida, member of the the board of directors in cases

and forestry, and Dr. Nicholas General sessions will be held Nyaradi, chairman of the depart- in the Promenade Ballroom, Manment of economics, Bradley Uni- hattan Center. Convention headversity, and former minister of quarters will be at the Hotel New Yorker. Special conferences will Monday, December 13, will be be held at the New Yorker and 6.

GROWN

## Prepared for 1955 Roll Call

These Questions and Answers are not only For Farm Bureau Roll Call Workers, But are for All Members

What is Farm Bureau? Answer:

- Farm Bureau is a farmers' organization—of, by, and for farmers.
- Its basic philosophy is to help farmers to help themselves through doing together those things that farmers can't do individually.
- It is farmer financed and farmer controlled.
- It is the largest farm organization in Michigan, in the United States, and in the world.
- It is an "affiliated" organization. In Michigan we have 64 organized counties with more than 63,000 member families or more than two-thirds of Michigan's commercial farmers. In the nation there is a Farm Bureau in each of the 48 states and Puerto Rico with member families totaling 1,600,-
- It is a voluntary membership organization. The family dues are \$10.00 per year. The membership year is January 1 to December 31.
- 7. It is the voice for agriculture to promote, protect, and serve farm interests.
- 8. It is the parent organization of five subsidiary service companies-Farm Bureau Services, Inc., Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company, Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company and Farmers Service Agency.

What has Farm Bureau ever done for me?

Answer: Farm Bureau has done much to further the interests of farming as a business and you as an

- 1. Farm Bureau has represented you in the legislative halls and been influential in:
  - a. Promoting gas tax for highway construction thus relieving general property from this tax.
  - b. Secured substantially reduced license rates for farm trucks and trailers.
  - c. Promoted reapportionment legislation which prevented 4 county control of Michigan legisla-
  - Promoted agr'l research and marketing.
  - e. Secured and safeguarded exemption of farm production supplies from the 3 percent sales
  - f. Promoted legislation to legalize milk dispensers. g. Sponsored and supports REA.
- Farm Bureau has fostered a cooperative service program which acts as a yardstick in both farm purchasing and marketing.
  - a. Introduced open formula feeds.
  - b. Introduced high analysis fertilizer for the av-
  - c. Introduced insurance to the farmer at cost.
  - Introduced guaranteed adapted seeds of known
  - Cooperated in the purchase of Southwest Michigan Livestock Yards and Central Michigan Livestock Yards and in the expansion of marketing facilities for Michigan Elevator Ex-
  - f. Insured supply of farm petroleum products at competitive market price. Farm Bureau Policies through

If I join, what will Farm Bureau do for me?

Answer: This depends on how you use the Farm Bureau pack-

1. It will give you a vehicle through which your voice may be heard provided that you participate in a Farm Bureau Community Group.

2. Farm Bureau through your resolutions will represent you in the National Congress, the State Legislature, and around the conference table with business, labor, and industry

cooperative marketing and pur- to the state resolutions commit-

4. Farm Bureau will give you the opportunity to have the Blue Cross protection plan and auto farm liability, and fire insurance

Answer: The members make

the following process.

1. The individual member discusses an idea with his neighbors in his Community Group.

2. The group makes a recommendation to the county resolutions committee. In rare instances the individual might make the recommendation.

3. The county resolutions committee submits its recommendation to the county membership at the annual meeting. If passed it becomes county Farm Bureau policy if it deals with a county matter.

4. If it deals with a state or increased income through use of national matter, it is sent along fer to the answer to question 2.

> gates to the state annual meeting. farmer of a quality product and If passed, it becomes state Farm maximum service at a fair com-Bureau policy provided that it petitive price. (See second secdeals with a state policy.

matter it is sent along to the keting cooperatives that have Who makes Farm Bureau poli- AFBF resolutions committee as aided the farmer in getting a fair

gate body. If passed it becomes national Farm Bureau policy.

Every member has the privilege, the opportunity, and the responsibility of making his voice heard during this resolu-

If an emergency upon which Farm Bureau legislative counthe exception.

What happens to my \$10.00?

Answer: The money is divided among the county, state, and

- 2. \$5.00 goes to the state orgram. Of this forty cents is to the Michigan Farm News.

3. \$1.00 goes to the national organization to build national

4. If a county has a county office which fulfills the requirements of the county office agreement that county receives \$1.10

How is Farm Bureau control-

Answer: Farm Bureau is con-

meeting where every regular the entire community. Farm Bureau member has a

2. At the state level a state Board of Directors is elected at the state annual meeting. Here every county is represented by one delegate for every 100 Farm Bureau members. Ten of these directors are elected in district caucuses so that every area of the state will be represented. Three Bureau people. are elected at large from the state. One is selected by the Farm Bureau Women and one by the Junior Farm Bureau. This farmer elected board then hires the necessary personnel to carry on the program that the Board and the delegate body at the annual meeting outline through resolu-

Is there a difference between Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Services, Inc.?

Answer: Yes. Michigan Farm Bureau is parent organization of the Farm Bureau Services. The Farm Bureau is a volunteer membership, dues paying organization protecting and proagriculture. Its activities center around education, information, legislation, organization, health, research, safety and general farm program. Farm Bureau does not engage directly in commercial activities.

Farm Bureau Services, Inc. is a business affiliate of the Farm Bureau (its voting stock is controlled by Michigan Farm Bureau) which was set up to handle the sale and purchase of farm commodities and supplies such as feed, seed, fertilizer, steel, paint, and asphalt roofing. It is a separate corporate structure and has its own board of directors. This is also true of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company, and Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company.

What is the relationship between Farm Bureau and my local Co-op?

Answer: Michigan Farm Bureau has no control or financial responsibility in your local cooperative. Your local has its own board of directors who hire your manager. Farm Bureau did, however, play an important role in setting up the Michigan Association of Farmer Co-operatives (it is a division of the Michigan Farm Bureau) in order to bring closer cooperation and concentrated effort among Michigan's more than 200 local cooperatives.

How does Farm Bureau protect me?

Answer. Farm Bureau protects the farmer in two major areaslegislation and farm business. / 1. In the legislative field re-

2. In the farm business field Farm Bureau sponsored enter-5. It is submitted to your dele- prises have helped to insure the tion of answer to question 2.) 6. If it deals with a national Farm Bureau has sponsored mar-

What are the informational and educational activities of Farm

Answer: Here are some of the most representative:

1. The Community Farm Bur-Farm Bureau had no policy eau program. Here the member Bureau member before January hould arise, the Farm Bureau sits down once a month with a 15. Board would be consulted be- group of his neighbors to discuss fore any action was taken by agricultural problems. There is Farm Bureau member and makalways a pre-determined topic ing certain that your name is on sels. This situation is definitely for discussion. Resouce material the roster of an eligible group. in the Michigan Farm News is prepared and made available to resolicitation time. every Farm Bureau member betopics are also discussed. Every group is in contact with Farm Bureau's Public Affairs departnational programs in this man- ment and is kept up-to-date on all legislation affecting farmers to build county program. (See Of course, the group always have and an associate? a fine social hour together.

This Community Group is the ganization to build state pro- key to being an informed, in- members as, "Only persons enfluential Farm Bureau member. used to pay for your subscription It is the key to sound policy development and effective policy execution. If you really want your \$10.00 worth from your Farm Bureau membership, you must participate in a Community

Farm News, (b) The Nation's sociation, upon the approval of per member in addition to the Agriculture, (c) Many counties the membership application of have their own publication.

3. Farm Bureau Women's program. In addition to taking active part in the Farm Bureau as follows: program, the women concern 1. A county Board of Directors churches, and matters of rural-

> 4. Junior Farm Bureau program. The purpose of this group is to develop rural leadership through education, recreation and community service. Group programs are planned and carried out by the young people themselves.

5. Training conferences. There are many such meetings for Farm

- a. County Institutes for county committees.
- officer training schools.
- d. State institute for county the right to vote.
- leaders. e. Midwest Regional meeting for county leaders.
- f. Junior Farm Bureau camps. g. Farm Bureau Women's
- h. American Farm Bureau Inty leaders.

Why can't everybody get Farm Bureau Auto Insurance? Why do moting the general welfare of I have to join Farm Bureau to get Farm Bureau Auto Insurance?

Answer: The auto insurance program was set up by Farm Bureau members to serve the members more economically and efficiently. Farm Bureau insurance rates are based on the fact that the farmer is a preferred risk. (He drives fewer miles under less hazardous conditions.) If we are to continue to fulfill this objective the insurance must be made available to members only

How can I get the Blue Cross Bureau?

steps:

2. Becoming a Community

4. Becoming a member of a markets. fore the meeting. Many other new group which in turn makes itself eligible for Blue Cross.

What is the difference between 1. \$4.00 stays in the county through the group Minuteman. a voting Farm Bureau member

> Answer: The Michigan Farm Bureau By-Laws define voting gaged in the production of agricultural or horticultural products, including lessees and tenants of land used for the production of such products, or lessors and landlords who receive as rent all or any part of the crop raised on the leased or rented premises, or the proceeds thereof, shall be eli-2. Publications - (a) Michigan gible for membership in this asthe board of directors.'

> > Associate members are defined cialists say.

"Class I. Other persons (includthemselves with problems of ing persons enumerated in Class trolled by the members in this rural health, cancer and polio II) interested in agriculture may treatment, rural hospitals, schools, become associate members by making application and if acceptis elected from the county mem- urban understanding. They seek ed by the board of directors, upon bership. These board members better solutions to community execution of the membership are elected at the county annual problems with a goal of bettering agreement, will be entitled to the rights of membership, excepting the right to vote. Associate mem berships of this class shall be limited so as not to exceed 10 percent of the membership in any one county.

> Class II. Full time employes and persons who were full time employees of this association or of its subsidiaries or affiliated companies, or of County Farm Bureaus at the time of their retirement, may become Associate members by making application, and if accepted by the b. County Community Group Board of Directors upon execution of the membership agreec. Frequent district meetings ment, will be entitled to the for selected committees. rights of membership, excepting

Why does Farm Bureau favor variable price supports?

Answer: Because Farm Bureau vants farmers to earn and get stitute for state and coun- a high per family income. Farmers know that net income equals amount sold times price

minus cost. In order to achieve this goal

we must have: a. High output per man.

b. Expanding markets at home and abroad. c. A stable general price level. d. Freedom for agriculture and other segments of our econ-

e. A price program that helps move food and fiber to people as the market demands. 1. For example-U. S. wheat exports are down 33 percent in the

last two years. Foreign competitors exports are up 14 percent. Reason-Competitors are selling on the world market. Our Grange.

2. For example-In 1930 world protection plan through Farm use of synthetics was the equivalent of 1 million bales of cot-Answer: By following these ton. Today it is the equivalent of 10 million bales. Again we 1. Becoming a paid-up Farm price supported our cotton out

of the market. Now let's look at the variable support program favored by

Farm Bureau. P. Because it avoids pricing commodities out of the market, it will encourage consumption 3. Enrolling in Blue Cross at and discourage the use of substitutes. It will hold and expand

> 2. Because it helps farmers ad-just supplies in line with demand and avoid surpluses, because it preserves the opportunity for farmers to earn and get the hightest possible net income; it will reduce the need for huge tax supported purchases; it will permit farmers to shift to the production of quality products demanded by the market; it will keep farmers free to farm with fewer government controls.

> 3. Because it allows farmers to produce for the market rather than the government, it is the only long range, forward-looking economically sound plan.

Unit Cost

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you or a member of your family will have a hospital bill within a year. Wouldn't you be safer with the pro-tection that saved Joseph Haller over \$1,700.00? Find out how you can get Blue Cross-Blue Shield protection for hospital and doctor bills today.

or write: Blue Cross - Blue Contact your nearest Blue Cross-Blue Shield office, County Farm Bureau Secretary, or

Years ago, when I was young, I asked an older friend, who was very wise, what that 'Essence Deal' meant. He explained that if I had two jobs to do, I should pick one to finish first where promptness is of greater value. Sound, isn't it?

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In short, snappy words the only cost of the extra production is the slightly higher cost of a balanced ration over an unbalanced one.

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a recommendation and is then price for the goods he has to acted upon by the national dele- sell.

## Activities of Farm Bureau Women of District 10

## 10 is Largest FB District In State

#### **District 10-East**

Mrs. Alden Matthews West Branch

Chairman of MFB Women for State Advisory Council

District 10-East is comprised of the 6 counties that are in the northeast section of the lower Mrs. Ronald Lombard, Chairman peninsula.

In order that you may better visualize the counties while reading the following reports, I am giving you their geographical position and a brief sketch of each. Four of these counties, Alcona, Alpena, Iosco and Presque Isle, border on Lake Huron, which was the first of the Great Lakes to be discovered by white men.

1845, the name means "the beauthis year, tiful plains." Harrisville is the Howeve county seat.

in 1857, meaning "the partridge ganized. country." Alpena is just off Thunder Bay and is the county

Iosco county was settled in

Montmorency county was originally named after a Chippewa chief, and was settled around 1843. Atlanta is the county seat.

Ogemaw county was organized in 1875. It is a Chippewa word and means chief. West Branch is the county seat.

Presque Isle was set off in 1840. It means "almost an island." At for our county librarian to transthe world's largest limestone school. crushing plant. Our entire area is a vacation paradise.

The early settlers refled on fur trading as a means of livelihood, but this gradually gave way to fishing and lumbering. As the forests were cleared away, fertile land was revealed, until now agriculture in its many forms, livestock and dairying play a very important part in the pic-

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Secretaries of County Farm Bur-

#### the hardy pioneers who first broke the trails and opened up the forests for our present day mode of living.

The various programs and projects of our Farm Bureau women may seem far removed from the glamour and romance of those primitive days, but we are, in our own small way, trying to carry on the tradition of making better our state, our country and our world, for the generations District 10-East, and Member of that follow in the paths we are now helping to blaze.

#### Alcona County

Alcona county being one of the last counties in the state to be settled, our population is very small and scattered compared with the older counties, and our distances to travel are greater.

We have no large cities or towns with which to hold Farm Bureau rural-urban meetings, nor do we have a county fair, so our ways of raising money for our projects are very limited. We Alcona county was settled in sold quick-cuts and cookbooks However, we do not feel that

we need to apologize, for we have made progress in the five Alpena county was organized years since Farm Bureau was or-

outlined by the State Council as nearly as possible. We have had some very fine interesting speak-1849. It was first named after an Indian chief. A few miles from Tawas City, the county seat, is Lumberger's Mean and closes at 4 p.m. some very line interesting speak ings, with potluck lunch served at 1 p.m. The meeting starts at nurse spoke on TB. We assisted 2 p.m. and closes at 4 p.m. Lumberman's Monument, which her with the advertising for the stands on the banks of the Au chest X-ray mobile unit. Sergeant Barry from the Michigan State Police spoke on un-American activities. Our county treasurer spoke on county and state taxes, also on a special election to raise the millage for a new county building. Our old county send her a subscription to Wobuilding burned in November,

county libraries. Dr. Fredrick Christmas time. spoke of the need of a vehicle its county seat, Rogers City, is port the books from school to

> this problem back to each township board and ask for an additional appropriation for this pur-

Our county librarian talked to us at our September meeting and gave several book reviews.

We had a member of the Welfare Board speak on the welfare situation in our county. Also the Farm Bureau district and local insurance adjustor and agent spoke to us on insurance.

We sent five women to the Twin Lakes camp at Traverse City this year and three last year.

A member of our women's committee was county chairman of ing.

the cancer drive and we went over our goal. We gave clothing and money

burned out. Our chairman attended the ACWW Meeting in Toronto, via the bus trip. We send representatives to the annual meeting in East Lansing each year and to

state institute. We pledge allegiance to the flag at each meeting, and we have a complete safety and legislative program.

Thru the community groups, each pledging \$5 a year for three years, we have set up and sponsored a \$300 nurse's scholarship, which is in its second year.

#### Alpena County

Mrs. Emil Krueger, Chairman Alpena County Farm Bureau women hold 12 meetings a year.





YEARS OF STABILITY STRENGTH and GROWTH

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## The history of these counties is rich in Indian lore and legends of the hardy pioneers who first At MFB Women's Meeting



MRS. CARLTON BALL (left) of Albion, chairman of the women of Farm Bureau, Mrs. Ray Neikirk (center) of St. Louis, Gratiot county, and Mrs. Belle Newell of Coldwater, Branch county, had a state trooper speak on are shown talking over old times at the 10th annual meeting of the Women of the Farm Bureau at highway speeds and law enforce-Michigan State College November 10. Mrs. Neikirk was formerly a member of the Michigan Farm ments. board of directors. It was greatly due to her efforts that the present women's program was started. Mrs. Newell was the first chairman of the Women of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

We have 26 groups. We paricipated in all state projects. We followed the suggested state program for the year, besides our ocal projects.

We have adopted two polio patients. One is a married lady. We men's Home Companion, and the other is a school girl. We give We had two meetings on our her clothes and small gifts at

Nurse's Association from Tra-The women decided to take verse City. We take up a free will offering for Sister Kenny fund each meeting. Once a year the community groups take up a col-lection for Sister Kenny and the March of Dimes.

> At Christmas time the women's committee sent \$100 to Dr. Calhoun to pay on a bedside respirator. We sang Christmas carols and had a gift exchange.

> January. We made out program for the year. Two ladies were appointed to attend Rural

Health Conference at Saginaw. February. Our legislative lady had charge of a very good meet- us on Communism.

for Christmas to a family that short talk on cancer.

April. Our prosecuting attorney explained the three resolutions regarding taxation giving the group a much better understanding regarding taxation. Two delegates were chosen to send to camp at Twin Lakes at Traverse

May. Our insurance man, Mr. Clifton Jacobs, spoke on motorists' financial responsibility.

June. State Trooper Hanly spoke on accidents and traffic control and gave rules to follow to help prevent accidents.

spoke to us on the different ways and means of supporting our public libraries.

We had a fancy work auction sale following our meeting which netted us \$13.85.

which time we made plans to take things to the county fair. Miss Alfsen, county nurse, was with us and talked to us about the TB X-ray unit to be at the fairgrounds. The ladies volun-

teered to help with the unit.

September. We had a German lady, who came here from Germany three years ago. She told us of her life in Germany and some of the hardships her family had endured in East Prussia and the Russian zone of Germany. It was voted to take that as our December project and to send a package for Christmas to her folks in West Germany to be distributed among their needy friends.

October. Meeting was our rural-urban meeting at which time we asked three women from the city to attend and speak on their particular occupation.

For the past two years the women's committee has served lunch at the canteen when the blood bank was here.

We have a contest with board of directors for best attendance at meetings. At the end of the year, losers buy dinner for winners. Last year ladies won by small margin.

#### **losco County**

Mrs. August Lorenz, Chairman Our group consists of one member from each community group. We meet the first Thursday of

each month in members' homes.

Our women's committee is a member of the County Health Council. During the year we helped buy a mattress for a hospital bed, also material for hospital gowns.

Our February meeting was de-At our December meeting we had Irene Knight, R.N., field coordinator for the Practical Cancer Society, showed a film on lung cancer. Dr. Lambert also gave us some interesting facts on cancer, its causes, how detected,

> county, we had two meetings devoted to safety.

Sergeant from the local State election. Police post talked to us on "Safety on Highways."

At another meeting we had our sheriff. He talked on rural accidents, their cause, and prevention. He also talked on the problem of roadside rubbish dumping. Sergeant Don Barry talked to

brought a variety of books to one March. We showed a film on of our meetings and showed us which time we had a small procancer and the city nurse gave a the different kind of material we gram. can find in our county libraries.

Our deputy sheriff talked on child delinquincy and told us of

some of the cases in the county. This year we sent two delegates to camp at Twin Lakes. We also planned and had charge of the county picnic in August.

#### Montmorency County

Mrs. Beaman Smith, Chairman If we were to give a theme to the Montmorency County Woproblems. He suggested means of men's program this year, besides following the general state program, it would be "Know Your County Officers and the Services July. Mrs. Esther Kennedy They Perform." Twice in the year, we have had 100% of our groups represented at the monthwomen's committee meetings. Our programs follow:

January. Planning yearly program. Talk on "Vitamin C in Winter Diets" by county nurse, August. Regular meeting at Mrs. Thelma Hermanson.

> February. Preserve our local government discussion. Jobs of township officers by Eldon Hunt, a supervisor; Mrs. Wm. Tracy, clerk; Mrs. Chas. Keegan, a treasurer.

tra two mills for operation of Montmorency county government for the next two years. Panel-Ted Granbalm, chairman of the county welfare board; Cecil Messon, clerk of court; Kenneth Chadwick, social welfare chairman.

the county and the mechanics of spring we help to get donors for taxation procedures by Warren the Red Cross Blood Bank. Barrie, chairman of the county board of supervisors.

May. A field trip thru the TB Sanatorium at Gaylord, plus an enjoyable day of education on the newer treatments of disease. June. Discussion of proper rub-

bish disposal in the villages and each of the townships. A film strip on Alaska. July. Duties of the prosecuting

Sidney Gassel.

September. Our "Farm Bureau torist's financial responsibility-Clifton Jacobs, District F. B. Insurance supervisor.

October. The schools of Montmorency county by Mrs. Ruth Wescott, county superintendent of schools. This included a discussion of county normal teacher training, Alpena Jr. College, bus driver training and school re-or-

November. Charity Projectmaking favors and gifts for TB patients in Gaylord Sanatorium.

December. Open meeting with

The women's committee has aken part in all state projects. They worked hard to get out the people for chest X-rays when the mobile unit was in the county. Because of the high death rate Over 40% of the X-rayable popucaused by auto accidents in our lation in Montmorency county took advantage of the service. The women worked hard to "get At one of the meetings the out the vote" for the November

#### **Ogemaw County**

Dorothy Lickfeldt, Chairman We have gone along with the state projects, also the program set up by the council.

We have given \$500 to our hospital in West Branch and con- trict meetings with the home tributed to the Goodfellows.

A Christmas party was held at We sold nuts to make We had white elephant sales,

helped the Senior Farm Bureau with their rural-urban banquet in the spring. The cancer-kick-off ainner was

chest X-ray mobile unit. Served ed by an active interested memrural-urban tea. Two ladies were sent to Twin

Lakes to camp. We have had pictures shown on cancer, tuberculosis, civil defense, united health and welfare fund. We have a Junior Farm Bur-

eau we are trying to help in any way we can. This fall we served the food at the Hereford Sale. We shall serve the kick-off dinner for the Roll Call workers. We are sending a ous load of

women to the annual women's meeting, for the third year.

#### Presque Isle County Mrs. Hugo Sorgenfrei, Chairman

The Presque Isle Farm Bureau women's committee meetings are the last Monday of each month. They are evening meetings and we have them in town halls to take care of the large attendance we usually have. Sometimes we have as many as 70 ladies present. Each community group is March. Discussion on special responsible for one meeting a election and the voting of an ex- year and refreshments are served after each meeting.

> state projects this year, as we have in the past. We gave \$50 to the Sister Kenny fund, \$25 to er. She reported on her trip to the March of Dimes and \$25 to Washington, D. C., where she the March of Dimes and \$25 to the Red Cross drive. Our women take an active part

April. General tax picture in in community affairs. Each We donate help to the com-

munity booth at the 4th of July celebration. The ladies not able to work there give pies. Some of our groups have sent packages to the orphanage at

Our Health Department work-ed through the Farm Bureau We contribute to all groups to get information to the rural people about the X-ray mobile unit. I feel as though we attorney's office presented by helped in a small way to make it August. A review of the Bur- above the Health Department's attended by 110 women, and they

Seoul, Korea.

the unit was in the county.

We usually send delegates to our Institute and Health Con- Lakes.

We send four delegates to June Camp each year.

Each May we invite the eighth grade girls of our county to our meeting and have some speaker talk to them about nursing. This year Mrs. Irene Knight from Traverse City spoke on practical nursing. Other speakers for this year have been our Farm Bureau | August. The meetings are held in insurance adjuster; our county the homes, with the secretary notreasurer who spoke on equalized tifying members by telephone or valuations and some bills and resolutions coming up.

Our county librarian told us how our library is financed. We with at least one potluck dinner saw the new bookmobile. It cer-meeting, and a Christmas party tainly is a great improvement in a public place large enough over the old one.

Our county health nurse informed us of what the department has to offer the people and stressed the importance of having chest X-rays. We also had a film shown at one of our meetings about TB and the importance of regular X-ray examinations of the lungs.

At our September meeting we

We have a very interesting report from our safety chairman each month.

I would like to mention some of the things we have done in the past couple of years. We have had two rural-urban conferences, nsurance Package" and the mo- sent two delegates to the ACWW convention at Toronto.

We gave \$1,000 to our local hospital to equip a room. We gave \$200 to the Onaway Health Center, \$50 to the Flint tornado fund, and \$100 to the Millerburg school fund. (They had the misfortune of losing their school by fire last year.)

Our money-raising projects have been our annual market day and the cookbooks we had made and sold. We also have a good will offering at each meeting. This summer we had two Stanley parties, and we realized 15% of the sales. This year instead of our market sale we are having a free will donation.

#### **District 10-West**

Mrs. Hiram Brock East Jordan

Chairman of MFB Women for District 10-W, and Member of State Advisory Council

District 10-West of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women's Committee is located in the northern part of the lower peninsula, and is made up of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties.

We have two District Council meetings each year which are followed by the semi-annual discounties acting as host. We rotate our meeting so we meet in a different county each time. We hope in this way the opportunity is given for more local county ladies to attend and understand the working of Farm Bureau in the entire district.

Following are the reports of the county chairmen of District served by us. We helped with the 10-West. Each chairman is backbership in our Farm Bureau organization.

#### Antrim County

Mrs. Glenn C. Bush, Chairman

Antrim County Farm Bureau Women's Committee consists of 13 women. They meet each month in homes of the members. Since January we have followed the council - planned program which has increased interest and attendance. The winter meetings are all day with a potluck dinner. Our monthly meetings are attended by many guests.

Once each winter the Women's Committee sponsors a social party with a potluck supper and entertainment for all Farm Bureau members.

Our special speakers have been our county clerk, county treasurer, and county welfare chairman. They informed us on the duties and obligations of their respective offices.

A State trooper spoke to us on "Safety on the Highway." This We have participated in all the proved to be very interesting.

Last May we held a guest day with Mrs. Ernest Heim as speakvisited the Senate and House of Representatives.

Our main project has been to help the Meadow Brook hospital. Aprons were made by the different members and 134 aprons were sold in the hospital lobby. Lawn furniture was purchased for the hospital with financial help from our board of directors. This past season many quarts of fruits and vegetables have been

We contribute to all State projects and the Pennies for Friendship 100%.

The Rural-Urban Conference a success as the response was far | was held in Central Lake. It was Each month we send cards to eau of Social Aid program by expectations. Quite a number of enjoyed a very interesting pro-

Day at the State Convention.

#### Charlevoix County

Mrs. Homer Nasson, Chairman The Charlevoix County Farm Bureau Women's Committee meets once each month during the year, excepting July and card a few days in advance. Most meetings are held in the afternoon, but we highlight our year for all County Farm Bureau wo-

men to come. We support the State projects such as: Nurse Recruitment, Pennies for Friendship, Sister Kenny Fund, and ACWW delegate fund. The Women's Committee serve

and furnish part of the lunch served at the annual county meeting. We prepared and served the Roll Call captains' luncheon. The dinner for the kickoff late in November is another of our many duties. Rural-urban relations mean a

great deal in our county, as in all counties. We gave a rural-urban tea in April with urban speakers whom we enjoyed exceedingly. This was a follow-up of our rural-urban luncheon held a year ago. Farm Bureau women spoke and showed slides on dairy farming, beef raising, fruit growing and turkey raising. Both meetings were quite successful.

For six years we have been raising money for furnishings for the new Charlevoix County hospital which is located at Charlevoix. The hospital was completed recently and we bought a Dermatone for use there. This is a machine for removing skin for grafting. Each group in the county helped to buy it.

We carry on an educational program in this county. Besides

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the excellent work of our safety In June, 3 delegates went to and legislative chairmen, we had the Northwest Camp at Twin a number of speakers including Lakes.

Miss Warren from the Child Several women attend each Guidance Clinic at Petoskey, Mr. District meeting and the Women's Callumback of the Social Securi-

ty office at Traverse City and Mr. Robinson, Superintendent of Charlevoix County Schools. We send two women to Twin Lakes Camp each summer, and

enjoy their enthusiastic reports. Charlevoix was host county to the District fall Council meeting and several ladies as well as our officers attended both District

meetings this year. In 1954 we have raised our at-tendance at Women's meetings even though the county groups have risen from nine to sixteen.

We work out a budget and present it to our county board using this to work with instead of spon-(Continued on Page 6)

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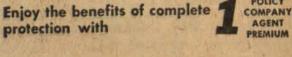
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## Farm Bureau's Resolutions on State Affairs

## They Outline the Program of Work

The following is the full text of resolutions on state affairs adopted by the voting delegates at the igan State College and look for-1954 Michigan Farm Bureau's 35th annual meeting ward to future years of cooperaat East Lansing November 11-12. These resolutions
become Michigan Farm Bureau policy.

We are happy to express our congratulations on the 100th birthday of this great institution.

Resolutions were also adopted on National and international affairs. These become recommendations to tension. Agriculture is confronted the America Farm Bureau resolutions committee and to the voting delegates representing Michigan at the velopment of improved varieties, national convention to be held in New York Decem- tion, new cultural practices, ber 12-16. The resolutions approved by the voting grading, storage, packaging, medelegates at the AFBF Convention become Michigan many other matters need constant Farm Bureau's policy on national and international study and research. The findings

It is expected that the text of the national resolutions, as approved, will be printed in the January is- College Experiment Station and sue of the Nation's Agriculture.

Another section of the resolutions is on "Our Farm Bureau." It will be published in this paper January 1.

ed a leading role in the passage

We believe the present admin-

istration of the Department is

making a sincere effort to shape

its program to the best interests

of farmers and the people of

Michigan. If the Department is

to effectively carry out its work,

it must be kept free of political

We insist that the spirit of non-

partisanship must guide the State

Agricultural Commission if the

best interests of the state are to

Boards and Commissions. The

policies and administrative rul-

ings and procedure of various

state boards profoundly affect ag-

riculture and we insist that farm-

ers should be equitably and ade-

quately represented on all such

agencies. Specifically, we would

mention that we feel that com-

mon justice demands that agri-

culture should have definite representation on the Public Service

Commission, the State Tax Com-

mission and the Conservation

Commission. We urge that our

Governor keep this situation in

mind in filling any vacancies

which may occur on these com-

Michigan Week. We were favor-

ably impressed with the start

1954 in making our people and the nation conscious of the values

of our great state. We wish to go

on record as favoring an expan-

sion and continuance of this pro-

gram to place our state in higher

favor with its citizens and the

public opinion of the land. Not

only will our industries and our

tourist business thrive, but agri-

culture will also gain from the

M. S. C. Centennial. We pause

Has Them All . . .

in the business of our conven-

Policies on State Affairs Assessed Valuations and Home Department of Agriculture should Rule. We favor the maximum be free of control by partisan degree of home-rule and local political considerations. We playgovernment. We urge that supervisors do the best possible job of legislation to accomplish this of assessing real and personal property and insist that the valuations as equalized by the County Board of Supervisors should be used as the basis for spreading local taxes.

Representation on Boards of Supervisors. There has been a tremendous migration of urban people" into rural areas for permanent residence in the past decade. Inasmuch as there is only one house in county government and since there has been no revision of township representation in Michigan, we favor that a change in our State Constitution be initiated and completed whereby townships shall have the same ratio of supervisors as do cities.

Two-Year Terms for State and County Officials. We oppose increasing from two to four years the length of terms of State and County Officials.

State Department of Agricul-



tion to pay tribute to the vision of our forefathers in providing for the Land-grant College System.

As we approach the centennial year of Michigan State College, we are mindful of the service this institution has provided to the farm people of Michigan.

We cherish the close ties between our organization and Mich-

Research and Agricultural Exdisease and pest control, fertilizachanization, management and should be made available to farmers promptly and adequately.

We commend the work being carried on by the Michigan State Agricultural Extension Service including the Extension Specialists, County Agricultural Agents Home Demonstration Agents and 4-H Club Agents.

Publicity, radio and television ture. Michigan Farm Bureau has programs make valuable contrilong believed that the Michigan butions in this field. From the standpoint of public relations it is important that urban as well as rural people have information about farm problems, particularly about production costs and the farmer's share of the retail food

Marketing Research and Education. We commend the new program of marketing research and education launched by the Michigan Legislature at its 1954 session. We believe that this is proving beneficial to Michigan's agricultural producers and to the consuming public. We urge that appropriations be made to the Michigan State College Experiment Station and Extension Service so that this program may be Agricultural Representation on continued and expanded.

> M. S. C. Animal Industries Building. The urgent need for the Animal Industries Building at Michigan State College to provide classroom, office and research space and facilities relative to dairy products manufacturing and poultry is well known. We commend the legislature on the start which has been made in this direction and urge the granting of additional appropriations to complete the project.

In accordance with a recommendation which we made a year ago, a committee of the Michigan Legislature has been working on a codification of the drainage laws. location of highway revenues we Legislation promoted by the We encourage the use of milk We urge that this project be car- would emphasize the importance Michigan Farm Bureau has been dispensers and vending made that the Legislature enact such a primary. They are needed for provides severe penalties for such equipment should be inable law covering this subject.

irrigation and other purposes is go to where we want to go. fast becoming a standard procedure in agriculture. Legal rights for the use of this water will soon be necessary. We commend Michigan State College for the studies made to date on this problem. We dy with a view to enacting laws on uses of water, including irrigation, equitable to all.

Agricultural Migratory Labor. Much of Michigan's diversified agricultural production would not be possible without the use of 75,-000 migratory agricultural laborers annually. Their services are essential in widely scattered areas constantly improving living and trol lights. working conditions for these mimandatory legislation.

Service to develop and conduct ter-located traffic lights. a program of grower education to assist farmers employing migrants in understanding how to use migratory workers and to cooperate with them to better advantage. Also the migrants should be taught the needed skills for the particular type of work which they are to carry on.

lers. Dangerous electric fencing no prepared locations. devices have caused livestock loss and injury and deaths to humans. We favor a law prohibiting the to permit the establishment of sponsibilities for the safety and sale or use of such equipment unless first approved by Underwrit- where no hazard would be creers Laboratories.

Electrical Board. We oppose any legislation which makes it future development of Michigan's that school boards have their igan's deer herd. necessary to hire a licensed elec- road program, the property inter- drivers take this training. It is trician to do wiring on one's own ests of farmers should be proper- our understanding that out of ap-

## Steel up for Farm Bureau Bldg.



THIS PICTURE, taken in mid-November, shows most of the structural steel in place for the Farm Bureau office building now going up on our property on US-16 just west of Lansing. Ground was broken in late October. Pouring of the concrete floor is under way. After that cinder block walls will go up at the sides and back. The front will be face brick with Indiana limestone trim. The building will soon be ready for the roof and installation of windows and doors for completion of the interior. The contract calls for a finished job in 180 days from the ground-breaking date.

branch and chain stores is cum- and for properly located and adebersome, difficult to collect and is quate drainage structures. one of the last remaining nuisance taxes. It is inequitable in its operation, punitive in its purpose and produces a relatively small amount of revenue. We recommend its repeal.

Motorists' Financial Responsibility. We believe that before a person obtains his license plates or his car or truck, he should to show proof that he is financially responsible for public liability to the extent of not less than \$10,-000 or insurance to that amount.

Distribution of Revenue from the Severance Tax. At present all of the revenue from the Severance Tax which is imposed on the removal of petroleum products from the ground is retained by the State of Michigan. The hauling of the heavy equipment used in drilling oil wells and the transporting of the crude oil cause exssive wear and tear on county highways. For this reason, we believe that 25% of the revenue from this source should be returned to the County from which it originates to be used by the livestock and meats, dairying and County Road Commission for maintenance of its County High-

Study of Highway Conditions and Needs. We commend the 1954 Legislature for launching a thorough and up-to-date survey of tax rolls which would be detri-Michigan's highway conditions mental to the interests of the Codification of Drainage Laws, and needs and an accompanying fiscal study. We await their findings and recommendations with

ried through to completion and of county roads, local as well as enacted during recent years which in schools and recommend that code, so that the present confused mail carriers, school buses, dairy strewing cans, bottles, papers, conditions would be ended and trucks, hunters, fishermen and garbage, junk and other rubbish we would have one understand- tourists, as well as by local res- along the highways and on priidents. Every link in the high- vate property. We urge law en- The school laws of Michigan are, way system is essential if we are forcement agencies and land own-Water Rights. Use of water for to start from where we are and ers to use diligence to see that

> ships to defray an increased por- rubbish constitutes a health haztion of the cost of construction of ard, is very unsightly and reduces county local roads.

Codification of Highway Laws. recommend that the Michigan Our present laws relative to high- provided suitable dumping Legislature initiate a further stu- ways and roads are out of date and confusing. Many of these statutes refer to township roads, although all of those roads were taken over by the counties under the McNitt Act adopted in 1931. We favor a codification of the publicity to assist in this prohighway laws to eliminate confu- gram. sion and conflicts.

order to facilitate safe driving in our state be required to take throughout the state and in con- and to reduce accidents, we favor nection with many fruit and veg- uniform location of stop lights, etable crops and operations. In warning signs and all other trafmany cases, they are needed for fic information and control de- bulance cases. such short periods that provision vices. We call attention to the for housing the workers is a real danger created by the many lightproblem. Competition among ed signs and colored displays growers in various parts of the along the highways which are state tends toward promotion of easily confused with traffic con-

We favor some control to keep grants. Development through these signs back from the highsuch processes of natural growth way and to require that lights be and education is preferable to shielded or equipped with reflectors so as to focus on the sign and We urge our Michigan State not to shine toward the highway. College Agricultural Extension We favor the uniform use of cen-

recognize the importance of road- bus, which is standing to load or side marketing as an outlet for unload passengers, and remain large amounts of farm produce. stopped until the school bus prohazards created by lack of ade- bus signals other traffic to pro- Burch, Executive Secretary of the quate parking space around many ceed. This provision should not Detroit Sportsmen's Congress bad situations often are caused highways carrying four or more Unsafe Electric Fence Control- by transient truckers who have lanes of traffic.

> We believe that adequate safety regulations should be enacted bus drivers carry very heavy remarkets on the right-of-way, only

Store Tax. Michigan's tax on a road is routed through a farm gram.

There is a definite trend in Mich-

Use of Truck Overload Fines. igan toward the reorganization of A provision of our Michigan Con- school districts so as to provide stitution requires that the rev- fewer and larger units. In the enue from all penal fines be case of any such reorganization, placed in the library fund. We every effort should be made to recommend that the Legislature secure and maintain the interest pass a Joint Resolution to submit of parents and other citizens in to the voters a constitutional the enlarged school district. amendment providing that penal fines from truck overloads be turned over to the highway authorities having supervision of the road or highway on which

on Highways. Farm tractors are that a campaign be undertaken owned and operated primarily for during 1955 to arouse parents and field and belt work. On those oc- citizens generally to the evil incasions when they are used for fluence of obscene, vicious, imoulling loads or machinery on the moral and lewd publications so ighways, we urge that they be that their sale will be discourperated in such a way as to in- aged. There should be more rigid terfere as little as possible with enforcement of the present laws other traffic and so as to avoid on this subject. If these laws are accidents. Whenever any such not adequate, we demand addiequipment is driven or hauled on tional legislation to combat and highway after dark, it should control this menace. e adequately lighted and provided with reflectors, either the button or Scotch Light tape type. programs which feature vice and

Because principal use of farm would not favor legislation to require their licensing as motor vehicles. Such licensing would automatically remove them from the schools and local units of govern-

In any consideration of the al- ways and on Private Property. Vending Machines in Schools. violators of these laws are appre-We should not expect the town- hended and punished . Scattered the tourist attractions of our state.

Those communities which have grounds should be commended and all local units of government should make such places readily available to all their citizens.

We invite beverage manufac-

Ambulance Drivers. We recom-Location of Traffic Signs. In mend that all ambulance drivers and pass the first aid course offered by the Red Cross in regard to handling and transporting am-

School Buses and Traffic. The o stop both ways when approachng a school bus which is loading or unloading pupils. Since Michgan is a leading tourist state, it is to each hunter with his license is mportant that our traffic laws be a valuable means of decreasing uniform with the majority of the other states. We therefore reffirm our 1953 resolution which favored amending our present law so that oncoming vehicles, as well as those approaching from member of the Conservation Comthe rear would be compelled to mission should be a farmer. We Highway Merchandising. We stop before passing any school We are also aware of the traffic ceeds or until the driver of such to the Commission of Frank roadside markets. Particularly apply to approaching vehicles on He has contributed greatly to the

School Bus Drivers. School well-being of the pupils whom quires study and knowledge of they transport. We approve of food, habitat and population. We the program of school bus driver favor a two year extension of training which is being carried on the authority of the Department Roads and Farmers. In the by various state colleges and urge of Conservation to manage Michly safeguarded. This includes pro- proximately 4,000 school bus dri- Soil Water. Michigan's valuable visions for conveniently located vers in Michigan, about 1,000 have water resources must be protect-Repeal of Branch or Chain underpasses or overpasses when thus far been reached by this pro- ed. We will support action to

Citizen Interest in the Schools.

Undesirable Literature and Radio and Television Programs. We join in the growing public concern over the sale of undesirable and harmful literature to the youth of our country. We refer especially to certain magazines Farm Tractors and Machinery and so-called comics. We also urge

We register our emphatic disapproval of radio and television tractors is off the highways, we to the emotional stability and moral growth of children and youth. We as individuals should protest such programs both to the stations carrying them and to the commercial sponsors and exercise greater supervision and control ever the programs followed by our children.

Strewing Rubbish Along High- Use of Milk Dispensers and stalled wherever practicable.

Codification of School Laws. at present, confusing and in many cases conflicting. We urge their codification into one simplified and clarified school code.

Farmer-Sportsman Relations. Organized sportsmen, represented by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs and its affiliates, and organized farmers through Grange and Farm Bureau are working together to improve farmer-sportsman relations. Now in its second year, this joint program has been an effective step turers and distributors through in improving rural-urban understanding.

We endorse the "Ask the Farmer First" campaign and recommend the continuation of joint efforts to further improve the relationships between farmers and hunters.

Michigan Department of Conservation. We express our appre ciation to the Michigan Departaws of most states require traffic ment of Conservation for its cooperation. We believe the message on the cover of the 1954 Game Law Digest which is given hunter trespassing and poor sportsmanship.

As farmers provide much of the hunting area in Michigan we have long felt that at least one urge that at the next opportunity, a farmer be named to this Com-We welcome the appointment

bettering of farmer-sportsman reations and has a sincere interest in the farmers' point of view.

Deer Herd Control. We believe that good deer management re-

Pollution of Streams, Lakes and stop or prevent pollution of our

being made by the Water Resources Commission with the increasing cooperation of industry and municipalities.

Sunday Hunting. The present checkerboard pattern of counties open and closed to Sunday hunting is confusing and makes enforcement difficult. Each closed county increases the hunting pressure on open areas and brings a renewed demand for the closing of additional counties. During 1953 and 1954 farmers

and sportsmen in six conferences in the areas most affected agreed that uniformity is needed on a regional basis. It is probable that no legislative answer would be Eaton . politically acceptable at the pre-The problems which have

brought about Sunday closing demands are very largely abuses of sportsmanship and violations of the law. Recognizing this, we Ingham . urge each landowner to use the Ionia .. provisions of the Horton Tres- Isabella pass Act. This will require a losco .... willingness to carry through on prosecution of violations.

We urge continued efforts by farmers and sportsmen to find a satisfactory answer which will give the most hunting pleasure consistent with respect for per-

Small Game Season. Recommendations resulting from conferences held by the Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan State Grange, and Michigan United Conservation Clubs would indicate present small game hunting season opening dates should be continued unless some extenuating circumstances can be

To be continued in our edition for Jan. 1, 1955.

#### To New Zealand

O. G. Barrett, member of Len- Otsego wee County Farm Bureau, is Ottawa ....Mrs. Russell Smalligan leaving January 10 with an In- Presque Isle ...... Ervin Flemming diana Farm Bureau group for New Zealand to observe the dairy in- Sanilac .... dustry of that country. They expect to be gone two months.



See Page 2 for article headed FREE FOLDE COUNTY Farm Bur- TODAY! Secretaries of County Farm Bur-

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#### Methoxychlor

Wexford ..

Methoxychlor is recommended or lice control on dairy cows, M.S.C. entomologists point out.

...Laverne Jacobs

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## State or Local Equalization of Taxes Best?

### Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for December

Background Material for Program in December by 1356 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

> DONALD D. KINSEY Coordinator of Education and Research for MFB

Note: The statements and viewpoints set forth in this article are given as a basis for group discussion. They are a collection of ideas and do not necessarily represent the attitudes and conclusions of either the writer or the Michigan Farm

Local assessing authorities have been subjected to numerous attacks on their rights to continue in the last two or three years. These attacks have taken many

Basic within the whole system of attacks has been an accusing finger that points to certain local governments-school districts, townships and counties. Some have been accused of inadequate assessing practices in the effort to keep local taxes down, while at the same time receiving large sums through the sales tax diversion and state-aid for schools.

An article in the Detroit Free Press of March 31 is typical of such attacks and is worth quoting. It says:

"The lack of uniformity in township and school district assessments is of vital interest to the people of Detroit and other large urban areas. Failure of local assessing officers to establish realistic rates shifts an unfair burden to those communities, like Detroit, which do assess fairly.

"In one county it was pointed out that valuations are about one-third of what the state considers proper. In Wayne County, on the other hand, valuations are 91.17 percent of the state levels.

"This means that the outstate county, which is more or less typical, has an insufficient tax base and its revenues for schools and other purposes are inadequate.

"The result is that the state is forced to make grants which come from taxes paid by people in urban centers. taxable in these 67 counties. This Opinion No. 1786 of the Attorney That explains, for example, why we have the diversion of sales taxes."

It would take more space than we have available tions. to analyze the half-truths and twistings that are included in this accusation. If practices are followed that lead to unsound assessing at the local level and "unfair discrimination," the stand of our delegates would oppose them. But to claim that such practices are common to all "out-state" areas-and then to argue for the destruction of local governments on such grounds is as thoughtless and unfair as any poor taxing practice possibly could

courts of the state.

The effects of the ruling could

be very broad. Sixty-seven of

Michigan's eighty-three counties

come under possible state equal-

ization because of overlapping

tax districts. Only four southern

difference between the total as-

sessed valuation for local, county

Total valuations by local asses-

Total valuations by county

overlapping tax districts.

1954 Resolution. The Farm Bu- | may be felt in the 1955 tax bills reau delegates in the 1954 annual of some local taxing districts. The meeting supported the position opinion is being challenged by that fair and equitable taxing two counties, and its final status practices should be followed, but | will undoubtedly be tested in the defended the importance of survival for our local governmental

powers. They said: "We favor the maximum degree of home rule and local government. We urge that the Supervisors do the best possible job of assessing real and personal property, and insist that the valuations as equalized by the County Board of Supervisors should be used as the basis for spreading local taxes."

The Attorney General's Opin- would not necessarily mean highion. This resolution takes on in- er taxes unless local budgets were creasing meaning in the light of raised. The state and county recent events. The State Tax equalizations sometimes are very Commission requested an opinion close. It might even mean that from the Attorney General re- some farm taxes would go down. garding the conditions under Studies show that some farm which state equalization must be assessments are higher in proporused as compared to county equal- tion than urban assessments in izations. In making his reply, the same counties. Industries, the Attorney General dealt with property in cities, and rural home the Constitution and the law as it sites have not been equalized in now stands. It was not a per- the county assessment in some

sonal opinion, but a legal one . cases.

This opinion, No. 1786, holds Farmers see values in terms of that wherever a county has a land and are often inclined to taxing district—such as a school overlook increasing property valdistrict-part of which is in two ues in residential and industrial or more counties, all the counties districts. involved must use the state equalization formula for spreading all taxes for local government pur- the general trend for the state poses. This would include taxes, must be higher assessment levels. for county, township, municipal, Let's take the 67 counties that school or special assessment pur- may be affected and look at the

Let's analyze the effects of this and state valuation levels: opinion further. Before doing so, however, we may say that the ors equal \$12.6 bilion. opinion came too late to affect the 1954 tax levels. Its impact equalization equal \$13.6 billion.

## Receive Maintenance Awards



At the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting November 12, three county Farm Bureaus were given trophies for their efforts in maintaining their old membership. The men that received the trophies for Parents Don't Know About their counties are from left to right: 1st place, Wendell Gray of Benzie; 2nd place, Ed Thompson of Comics." Our new home demon-St. Joseph; 3rd place, Alfred Sivier of Bay County.

ization equal \$16.3 billion. and a \$2.8 billion increase over ment, anyway! valuation that becomes

Effect on the 15 Mill Limita- to be caught napping. tion. According to the Citizens Research Council of Michigan the a Tax Assessor's Manual that limiting effect of the 15 mill lim- should give some aid. It should itation may be weakened to some extent. This limitation, for school ment program. This should be and township purposes, may mean of great help to local assessors. more taxes because the 15 mills will apply to the higher state qualized values in many cases. in the past the tax limits were eral's Opinion No. 1786 affect pased on the lower local figures. The allowable limits on bonded valuations at the present time? indebtedness in the townships and districts may also be raised in the same way. Thus a higher indebtedness could be added in local authorities? some cases without taking a vote of the people to decide on it.

On the basis of these facts a taxing district might find itself with more money available, or a higher indebtedness than it had expected-without the people determining whether more money was needed or not.

peninsula counties can escape it-Alpena, Montmorency, Oscoda Basically the opinion of the Atand Presque Isle. They have no torney General goes right back to the State Constitution for its There are some areas where root. The Constitution says that the shift to state equalizations property taxes should be "uniform" and that property should be assessed upon its "true cash value." Decisions of the State Supreme Court and Circuit Courts which the opinion was based.

> Do Not Jump the Gun! The Atorney General made some important interpretations of the opinion at a more recent date in response to questions about it. He states that the State Tax Commission cannot take action to prosecute counties or districts for failure to apply the state equaliza-tion formula. The Commission can act only when called upon by local tax officials or others dirctly affected by their decisions

o settle a controversy. But, under state equalization Local assessing authorities still have full administration over assessments unless such disagreements arise and an appeal is nade. If local supervisors, school officials, and tax boards can agree on valuations for local property, they can continue with local asessment valuations. Even two counties may do so if their alloca- May meeting. tion boards can come to agreenent on property valuations for their overlapping districts. If controversies arise, and the state are involved, the state equaliza-

tion formula applies. For these reasons numerous counties have decided to "ride out the storm," and hope to settle their problem by local agree-

Another feature may be of valus too. The State Tax Commis- the local Veteran's Post in Sepsion has a long way to go to tember. He gave a history of our establish uniform valuations for flag from its origin to its present all the counties in Michigan. It form has done some, but, by its own October was our annual meetadmission, it cannot complete ing with reviews of our rules offices. Some counties have conmore than six or seven per year. and election of officers. Some folks hold that the rule

Total valuations by state equal- possible to apply it to all. They was well attended. Our officers Thus there is an increase of very idea of the equalization meetings if at all possible. \$3.9 billion over local valuation, theory. Well, so goes the argu-

It is evident that, in spite of could mean an over-all increase General, there is a chance for of about 24%, on the average, local people to take a firm grip over local assessments, or about on their tax affairs, clean up the 7% increase over county valua- house and keep things within their own control. But they cannot afford to become careless or

The State is preparing to issue be due for use in the 1955 assess-

#### QUESTIONS

1. How does the Attorney Gen-

your county take to keep present next ver assessing powers in the hands of

3. How is the right to assess property for taxation related to the interest of people in their local government?

### Farm Bureau Women of District 10

(Continued from Page 4) soring bake sales, etc., since our attended the spring and fall disgroups are widely scattered.

establish the final ground upon the Institute in Lansing each hope to grow each year.

For several years we have ed to the local cancer fund. chartered a bus and gone to the annual meeting at Lansing as a group usually sharing the bus with ladies of Antrim county.

#### Cheboygan County Mrs. Camiel Lietaert, Chairman

The Cheboygan County Women's Committee has held eleven meetings since our October 1953 annual meeting. Six to eight suggested program as a guide.

In April our county treasurer discussed taxes with us. Dr. Lentine showed a picture on "Self-Examination For Breast Cancer" and answered questions for our

July 6 Miss Muriel Fuller of the State library staff told us how we might start on getting library service to our county. Tax Commission or the courts This was followed by another meeting with our committee and our County Farm Bureau Board of Directors. This project is very important and may take more than two years for completion, state meetings. but we plan on reaching our goal.

sented by Mr. Quincy Leslie of

contend that this violates the attend all District and State We are planning a hospital

party for December.

#### **Emmet County**

Mrs. Arno Hartenstein, Chairman

The women's Committee of Farm Bureau of Emmet county meets every month the same date as the Board of Directors. These meetings are held in the evening and the attendance is very good.

very entertaining and informative evening was spent. At this meeting the Dairy Queen of Emmet county was crowned and her court introduced. Our Farm Bureau Women's Coordinator, Mrs. your own county and local tax your own county and local tax valuations at the present time?

Marge Karker, gave a very inspiring talk. We hope to have 2. What steps can the people in another Rural-Urban gathering

> The ladies of Farm Bureau sponsored a publicity booth at the Emmet county fair. Considerable interest was shown.

The ladies assisted the men in developing the new park at Paradise Lake. Several days have been spent bulldozing a road, cutting brush, etc. Tables are under construction and we hope this park will be ready for use next summer.

Emmet was host county to the spring District Council meeting which was held at the 4-H Club building in Petoskey. Several Emmet county ladies

trict meetings held this year, Our county chairman attends bringing back interesting reports. Emmet County Women's Comyear if possible. We have capable mittee helped in State projects and enthusiastic officers and of Sister Kenny fund and Nurse recruitment. We also contribut-

#### Otsego County

Mrs. Wm. Holinski, Chairman Meetings of the Otsego County Women's Committee have been held regularly with improved at-

The main project of our committee this year was a food booth at our County Fair. This took a lot of planning as it had to regroups have attended. We plan- main open throughout the Fair ned our program using State and ladies must be available to cook and serve meals continually. Our committee responded very well and we have been asked to sponsor a similar booth next year. We made a nice profit for our work.

Our Women's Committee is planning a Rural-Urban meeting for next year. Committees have been formed and are making

Otsego was host county to the District in October. This meeting was well attended. Every county in our District was represented. Our officers or a representative try to attend all district and

#### Etiquette of our flag was pre- Citizenship Groups Are Reporting

Reports from Citizenship Committees appointed by County Farm Bureaus are now being received at Michigan Farm Bureau

ducted outstanding programs. Cheboygan was host to the Committees appointed in 62 of cannot be forced on any one District in May. This meeting the 63 County Farm Bureaus in county until such time as it is was held at Indian River and the state have been asked to con-

the primary and general elec- assisted at these clinics.

and outstanding county programs will be recognized in the January The reports will be analyzed will be recognized in the January Michigan Farm News, Reports should be received before Gives \$149,000 December 10.

### News from District 9

Editor's Note-The report for 1954 by the Women's Committee of Missaukee County Farm Bureau was omitted by mistake from the December 9 article published November 1.

Mrs. Lowell Clements, Chairman The Missaukee County Women's

Committee has met each month of the past year, usually in homes. the year. Sales of Unico oils, ence meetings with about 200 wo- tive accessories continued to show men in attendance.

Speakers at other neetings have included an Army Air Corp member who told of the need for ground observers, Mrs. Edward Hodgson, winner of the state speaking contest, our Farm Bureau Insurance agent, and our county Farm Agent asking our co-operation in 4-H Club work.

Others were an Irish war bride, Mrs. Heim, our county librarian and a member of the county library board who gave us a better idea of the importance of our county library and how it is

At another meeting a review was given on the book "What stration agent met with us also to become acquainted with some of the women with whom she will be working.

At another meeting, a woman who had worked with Navajo Indians in a Presbyterian Mission in New Mexico presented an interesting, informative talk on her work in the Mission and the lives of the Navajos and showed examples of their handicraft.

We have had regular reports from our Legislative Chairman and our Safety Chairman. One of our members attended the A Rural-Urban dinner held camp at Twin Lakes. The chair-April 29 was a big success. There man has attended the State Inwere about 300 present and a stitute and the council meetings and reported on them at the county meetings. also attended the recent American Country Life Association conference in Lansing.

We have participated in the state projects and have continued to give financial support to the flourine topical application project for the treatment of the teeth

summarizing their work both in ty. Many of our members have direct to farmer patron stockhold-

## In Dividends

Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc. of Lansing is mailing to farmer stockholder patrons over \$149,-000 in cash refunds. This is in addition to the 5 percent dividend on the capital stock that was paid in September according to Earl Huntley, manager of F. P. C. Volume continued to increase

in all commodities supplied to local associations by Farmers Petroleum Cooperative. Gasoline and heating fuels distribution increased 1,900,000 gallons during We had Rural-Urban Confer- greases, tires and other automo-

Earnings of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative were highest of any year since the company was founded in 1949. Total earnings amounted to \$200,457.00 for the

The cash patronage refunds being paid is the largest in the | See Page 2 for article headed This refund will be distributed eaus.

clude their 1954 activities by of the school children of the coun- in cash with \$38,000.00 going ers of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative based on their purchases, This will be the fifth year in a row that patronage refunds have been paid in cash to farmer stockholders and local associations



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## Discussion Topics

These were chosen by your State Discussion Topic Committee from the results of the questionnaire returned by the Community Farm Bureaus.

Dec. State or Local Equalization of Taxes? Jan. Farmers and the Social Security Pro-

Feb. The Uses of Farm Commercial License Plates