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President's Farm Program Before Congress

Roll Call Goal Near; Kalamazoo Fertilizer is Nearing Completion

59,437 Members

NORWOOD EASTMAN
Coordinator of Michigan Farm Bureau Organization Department

The Michigan Farm Bureau roll call for members for 1954 totaled 59,437 on January 25. This is 97% of the state goal of 61,310. Last year at the same date the total was 55,047.

Twenty-two counties are over goal. Livingston county leads the parade with 119% of goal, Bay is second with 117%, and Cheboygan is third with 116%.

Other counties to exceed goal are Alcona, Montmorency, Benzie, Tuscola, Branch, St. Joseph, Sanilac, Arenac, Saginaw, Alpena, Washtenaw, Huron, Berrien, Monroe, Barry, Mecosta, Northwest Michigan, Gladwin, and Ogemaw. Twenty-one other counties have exceeded 90% of goal.

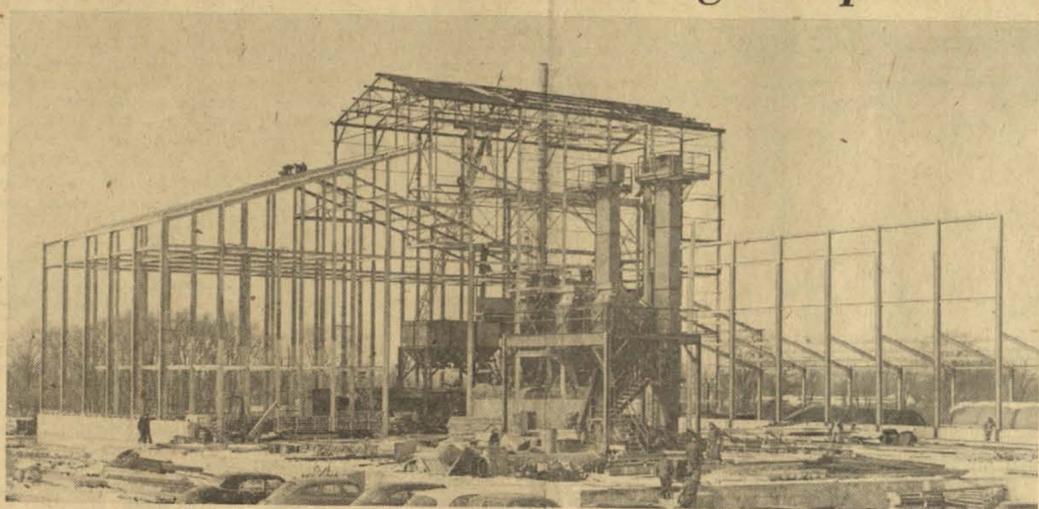
Two regions—the Northeastern and the East Central—have exceeded goal.

These figures indicate that Michigan again has a fine opportunity to be the first state in the nation to reach its AFBF goal. We are well out in front at present. If this can be achieved it will mark the third time in the last five years that this honor has gone to Michigan. In the other two years our state was second.

An interesting feature of this year's roll call is the fact that sixteen counties had women as roll call managers. The record indicates that the ladies are very effective in that capacity.

We list the 62 County Farm Bureaus as they stood January 25 in the Roll Call for Farm Bureau membership for 1954:

County	Goal	Jan. 25	% Goal	ROLL CALL MANAGER
Livingston	1,108	1,318	119	Mrs. Lillian Komras, Webberville
Bay	1,485	1,738	117	Julius R. Finckling
Cheboygan	292	334	114	Jack Savella, Cheboygan
Alcona	329	376	114	Archie Cordes, Barton City
Montmorency	778	886	114	Gordon King, Lawton
Tuscola	1,040	1,188	114	Ed Thompson, Colon
St. Joseph	318	362	114	Marion Nye, Beulah
Sanilac	1,738	1,987	114	Clark Montague, Caro
Branch	1,681	1,917	114	Arthur Hagerman, Pekonsha
Arenac	379	436	115	Percy Crawford, Twining
Saginaw	1,227	1,412	115	Edwin Bretornitz, Praeland
Sanilac	1,989	2,284	115	Eldon Winters, Sandusky
Huron	1,866	2,148	115	John Terrill, Sebawaing
Alpena	575	657	115	William Harwood, Harbor Beach
Washtenaw	1,563	1,794	115	Alfred Dove, Lodi
Charlevoix	2,375	2,732	115	Don Gill, Ypsilanti
Monroe	1,132	1,307	116	Ray DeWitt, Buchanan
Barry	1,202	1,415	117	Wilbur E. Smith, Erie
Ogemaw	359	419	117	Mrs. Barbara Burcott, Hastings
N. W. Michigan	1,067	1,248	117	Don Winslow, West Branch
Mecosta	751	871	116	John Helm, Traverse City
Gladwin	366	423	116	Clement Bernst, Big Rapids
Leapeur	1,410	1,626	116	Gordon Willford, Gladwin
Muskegon	476	552	116	Sam Titus, Silverwood
Ingham	1,088	1,263	116	Mrs. Martin Houston, Richmond
Kalamazoo	1,102	1,282	116	Mrs. Wilbur Quick, Emmett
Jonah	1,102	1,282	116	Mrs. Walter Barron, Morenci
Calhoun	1,474	1,710	116	Abraham D. Hunt, Teumessic
Presque Isle	442	511	116	Miss Ellen Jo White, St. Johns
Misaukee	421	489	116	Mrs. Thelma Hellman, Grand Rapids
Van Buren	1,866	2,148	116	Carlton Crawford, Milford
Eaton	1,388	1,603	116	Murray Gordon, Coloman
Genesee	1,427	1,642	116	Tony Rapes, Washington
Ottawa	1,457	1,672	116	Milhan Levett, Allegan
Antrim	440	508	116	Mrs. Ruth Slagle, Scottville
Franklin	1,054	1,212	115	John Brock, East Jordan
Gratiot	1,309	1,508	115	Mrs. Thelma Anon, Owosso
Montcalm	993	1,141	115	Jess Atkinson, Kalkaska
Oscoda	641	737	115	Ernie McCarty, Hart
Cass	841	967	115	Mrs. Loy Varner, Midland
St. Clair	1,351	1,551	115	Willie Hoffman, Hudson
Lenawee	1,482	1,711	115	Frank Humphrey, Clare
Clinton	1,536	1,766	115	Mrs. Harry Drefts, Gaylord
Kent	1,429	1,638	115	Mrs. Ben Eaters, Carp Lake
Oakland	1,047	1,207	115	Walter Scott, Romulus
Isabella	1,144	1,317	115	Charles Brown, Onkama
Mason	1,031	1,187	115	LaVerne Jacobs, Mantou
Macomb	800	920	115	Mrs. Clifford Robins, Fremont
Allegan	612	702	115	
Shiawassee	203	232	114	
Charlevoix	356	406	114	
Shiawassee	1,066	1,214	114	
Kalkaska	76	86	112	
Oceano	710	800	113	
Midland	564	634	112	
Hillsdale	1,444	1,634	113	
Clare	150	169	113	
Ontonagon	115	130	113	
Emmet	231	261	113	
Wayne	600	680	113	
Manistowic	245	275	113	
Westford	250	280	112	
Newaygo	706	796	113	
TOTAL	61,310	59,437	97%	



THIS IS THE WAY the Farm Bureau Services new fertilizer plant at Kalamazoo looked early in January as workers started to lay the roof and apply siding. It is hoped that the plant will be shipping granulated plant food in April. The construction schedule has been delayed by the slow arrival of steel and conditions caused by winter. This picture shows the machinery installation practically complete. Electricians were installing control panels. Plumbers were nearly done. Painters had yet to apply two coats of paint to the steel structure. The plant will have a manufacturing capacity of 40,000 tons of plant foods a year.

Co-op Grain Terminal at Battle Creek?

The Michigan Elevator Exchange, grain and bean marketing agency for 135 local cooperative elevators in Michigan, is discussing with its 44 member elevators in southwestern Michigan a proposal to build a 300,000 to 500,000-bushel terminal grain elevator in or near Battle Creek. Object is to provide better grain marketing facilities for that area of the state.

"We feel certain that a terminal in Battle Creek owned by farmers will provide a better grain market for southwestern Michigan and will be of great benefit to our member elevators and their farmer-owners," Mr. Bliss said.

Barry County Accepts Group Life Ins. Plan

All 33 Community Farm Bureau groups in Barry County have accepted the group life insurance plan offered by the Farm Bureau Insurance Co. recently. Captains have been appointed to contact all eligible members on a Community Farm Bureau Roster in that county.

To Consider the Associate Member

County Farm Bureau presidents at the MFB Institute at MSC Jan. 5-6 recommended that the Associate Member section of the county by-laws be considered by the directors at their county by county sessions in February and March. The associate memberships

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A partial report has been received at the Hastings office and it appears the plan is being received favorably by the members. Contacts will be made with the captains the first part of February to get an accurate report on the progress of the new plan. Barry county was chosen as

Farm Bureau Board Names Officers

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The board reappointed J. F. Yaeger of East Lansing as executive secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Farm Bureau. C. L. Brody of Lansing was re-appointed executive vice-president in charge of public affairs for the Michigan Farm Bureau.

MR. BUSKIRK is a charter member of the Farm Bureau and was first elected president in 1945. He has been active in Farm Bureau and farm cooperatives for 36 years. He is a fruit grower near Paw Paw. The Buskirk farm of 213 acres has been in the family since 1852. Mr. Buskirk is a member of the American Farm Bureau fruit and vegetable committee, and is a past president of the Michigan Horticultural Society.

MR. HODGE operates 400 acres near Snover. His major interest is dairying, with wheat and beans as supplementary income. His grandparents were pioneer settlers, obtaining the original deed on 40 acres from the government. Mr. Hodge became a state

P.X. Program Under Way In Counties

"P. X. (Policy Execution) is a logical step following our P. D. (Policy Development) program," said Jack Lynn, AFBF legislative director, at the Michigan Farm Bureau Institute held at East Lansing, January 5 and 6.

Mr. Lynn said that in the development of Farm Bureau policy, recommendations go from

Flexible Supports For Basic Crops

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Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson said that the proposed farm program "requires only a minimum amount of new legislation and is designed to maintain agricultural income at high levels."

Mr. Benson said the plan "is the product of the most complete study of the American farm program in history."

Participating in a great discussion of the farm program this year were the memberships of the American Farm Bureau, the national Grange, the Farmers Union, and scores of producer, processor, and trade groups, committees of Congress, the agricultural colleges, 500 of the best qualified agricultural men in the nation, individual farmers and citizens.

The Secretary of Agriculture said President Eisenhower's farm program makes these major recommendations:

1. THAT the bipartisan agricultural Acts of 1948 and 1949 become effective as now scheduled with the 1955 crops.

2. That not to exceed \$2.5 billion worth of surpluses acquired by the Government under the present program be withdrawn from the market and placed in a special reserve stockpile.

3. That Commodity Credit Corporation's borrowing authority be increased by \$1.75 billion—from \$6.75 billion to \$8.5 billion—to permit continuation of price support operations on basic commodities at 90 percent of parity through 1954, as existing legislation requires.

IN URGING that flexible price supports become operative on basic commodities in 1955, the President emphasized the need for balancing production of various crops with changing demands.

Price Supports on Five of the Basic Commodities—wheat, corn, cotton, peanuts, and rice—would range between 75 and 90 percent of parity, depending on the supply from year to year. It was recommended by the President that the modernized parity formula, now scheduled to become effective January 1, 1956, be applied to four of these crops at that time. It is already effective on rice, tobacco and non-basic commodities.

This modernized parity is based upon the price relationships of the various commodities to one another over the past 10 years. It brings the old 1909-14 formula up to date.

THE PRESIDENT further recommended that legislative action be taken to prevent a decline of more than 5 percent in any one

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F.B. 'Liaison Committees' Seek Unity

In every walk of life, as long as people are people, there are misunderstandings that arise. And these misunderstandings are always based on either a lack of information or misinformation.

Farm Bureau has a variety of programs. They should be tied together in a common purpose—namely, to serve the farm people of Michigan. The realization of this fact has brought about the development of committees of people who work on these various programs in most of the counties of the state.

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

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Women's State Advisory Council



THIS IS the State Advisory Council of the Farm Bureau Women at their semi-annual meeting January 4. At that time the suggested program for Farm Bureau Women's Committees was approved and projects agreed upon for 1954.
Council members, left to right—Mrs. M. O. Hitchings, St. Clair county, District 6; Mrs. Alden Matthews, Ogemaw county, District 10 east; Mrs. Sherman Richards, Livingston county, District 3; Mrs. Carl Topf, Ingham county, District 5; Mrs. Clare Williams, Gratiot county, District 8; Mrs. Harry Shannon, Cass county, District 1; Mrs. Alex Kennedy, Alpena county, state vice-chairman; Mrs. Carlton Ball, Calhoun county, state chairman; Mrs. Theo Mohn, Branch county, District 2; Mrs. Marjorie Karler, coordinator of Farm Bureau Women's program; Mrs. Hiram Brock, Charlevoix county, District 10 west; Mrs. Ernest Heim, Grand Traverse county, District 9; Mrs. Robert Weisgerber, Ionia county, District 4; Mrs. Carl Johnson, Montcalm county, District 7; Mrs. Harry Whittaker, Lapeer county, immediate past chairman.

Community Farm Bureaus

MRS. MARJORIE GARDNER
Coordinator of Records & County Office Services
Dear Community Farm Bureau Members:
Another month has passed for the Community Farm Bureau fiscal year. Our records indicate that we have gained some on our goal of 1607 groups. We have 1291 groups recorded in the state office. Of this total 38 are newly organized since September. Huron county is leading the state with a total of 58 Community Farm Bureaus. They have organized one new group this year. Clinton county is second with 47 groups with one newly organized group this year. Washtenaw county is in third place with 45 groups, 2 of which are new this year. New groups which were organized since the last article in the paper are as follows:
Kalamazoo County—Scattered Community Farm Bureau Group—Mrs. Edna Briggs, Secretary; Copper Kettle, Mrs. Alice Ackley, Secretary, Branch—Carruthers, Mrs. Owen Beach.
Hillsdale—Carpenter Road, Mrs. Anna Babik, Stinson, Mrs. Marion Spangier; East Bacon, Ray Fansior, Jr.
Washtenaw—Sodabusters, Mrs. Owen Zahn.
Eaton—Fairview, Mrs. Brian Royston.
Ionia—Knox, Robert Hende.
Huron—Windsor, Mrs. Hazel Fritz.
Kent—Star, Mrs. Alex Wingeler; Peach Ridge, Mrs. Leon Brechtling; Kent Ridge, Mrs. Jean Afton.
Montcalm—Cato, Keats Orr.
Ottawa—Spoonville, Forrest Easterly.
Charlevoix—Spring Brook, Mrs. Atta Howard.

become a relatively simple procedure for the group since all eligible members must have roster status in order to qualify for Blue Cross.
At the present time, approximately 40,000 Farm Bureau families are being serviced through their Community Farm Bureau groups in the Blue Cross-Blue Shield service. During the past few years, the approximate increase has been around 5000 new families each resocialization time.
It is anticipated that even with the high percentage of enrollment which we now have that the increase this year will run about the same. This is due quite largely to the organization of new Community Farm Bureaus and the addition of new members to some of the groups which are already established.

Gold Star Award winners for the month of November are as follows:
ALPENA COUNTY—Northport Community Farm Bureau Group, Mr. Wm. Julian, secretary.
GENESEE—Southwest Davison, Mrs. Stanley Ries.
MONTCALM—Montcalm - Progressive, Mrs. Charles Martin.
NORTHWEST MICHIGAN—Northport Mrs. Ralph Snyder.

Co-op Clinics To Talk Credit And Finances

Adequate credit and finance for farmer cooperatives will be the basis for discussion at a series of Cooperative Clinics in Michigan, beginning February 22. That subject was rated the most important problem of farmer co-ops by their managers and presidents in a recent questionnaire circulated by the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives, which is sponsoring the Clinics.
Vernon Sorenson, Michigan State College agricultural economist, will outline the findings of his Michigan Financial Study, with business predictions for the next ten years.
Representatives from the St. Paul Bank for Cooperatives will be on hand to explain how the Bank considers co-op loan applications.
The meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and are scheduled as follows:
Feb. 22—Monday, Coldwater, Grange Hall.
Feb. 23—Tuesday, St. Joseph, Whitcomb Hotel.
Feb. 24—Wednesday, Grand Rapids, YMCA.
Feb. 25—Thursday, Lansing, YMCA.
Feb. 26—Friday, Ypsilanti, White Gables.
Mar. 1—Monday, Lapeer, American Legion Hall.
Mar. 2—Tuesday, Bad Axe, Coles Restaurant.
Mar. 3—Wednesday, St. Louis, Park Hotel.



Dear Valentine
Take all my heart, Dear Valentine,
Companion of my days,
To you my soul for comfort turns.
With what an ardent phrase
Would I declare my love and faith.
My heart is fond and true.
It only beats that I may live
To prove my love for you.
My love is simple. It delights
In quiet serious things;
Those gentle thoughts and gentle words
From which devotion springs.
My love is of the homey sort
And everything I do
Or think or feel or hope revolves
Around our home and you.
The calm sweet joys of wedded hearts
Are ours in fullest measure.
Your love for me and mine for you
Comprise a mutual treasure
With which no other wealth compares.
It is my fervent hope
That we may keep it through the years
Far down life's western slope.
With all my heart, Dear Valentine,
I court your tender smile;
With all of good that in me dwells;
With all that is worthwhile.
By all that makes God's children His,
Whatever may ensue
May every throb of my fond heart
Beat but for you—for you.
R. S. Clark
315 North Grinnell Street
Jackson, Michigan

Mar. 8—Monday, Traverse City, Park Place Hotel.
Mar. 9—Tuesday, Boyne City, Dilworth Hotel.
Mar. 10—Wednesday, Big Rapids, Bowers Restaurant.

activities in Washington as well as in the State Capital.
The Legislative Committees will have luncheon at noon with members of the Legislature representing their own counties. The group will adjourn in time to attend the opening of the sessions of the Senate and House of Representatives.

AMONG the interesting debates heard by Legislative Committee members during 1953 seminars were discussions on the Mackinac Bridge, a proposed state income tax and the garbage-cooking bill. Seminar dates have been set for the various regions as follows:
Feb. 10—Central Region: Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Ingham, Ionia, Livingston, Shiawassee counties.
Feb. 11—Southeast Region: Branch, Calhoun, Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee, Monroe, Washtenaw, Wayne.
Feb. 16—Thumb Region: Huron, Lapeer, Macomb, Oakland, Sanilac, St. Clair, Tuscola.
Feb. 17—Southwest Region: Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Van Buren.

Legislative Seminars Set For Lansing
DAN E. REED
Ass't Legislative Counsel
County Legislative Committee Chairmen attending the recent Farm Bureau Institute approved a Legislative Seminar program for 1954. The value of the activity was proven through a seminar program carried out during the 1953 legislative session.

PLANS call for County Legislative Committees to assemble by regions at Farm Bureau headquarters in Lansing. Beginning at 10:00, the forenoon will be given to a discussion of current legislative issues. This will include

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LIVESTOCK
MILKING SHORTHORNS—We won Premier Breeder award at the recent 1953 Michigan State Fair, our 10th in 11 years. Take a short-cut to success by heading your herd with a young bull from Inglefield Farm. Write or visit Stanley M. Powell, Ionia, R-1, Michigan. (10-1f-57b)
FOR SALE—12 REGISTERED Corriedale ewe lambs, year old April 1. From a Coober ram. Several registered Corriedale ewes. Also, pair of bred goats. Lawrence Hart, Bath, Michigan. (2-1f-20p)
CORRIEDALE SHEEP. Does your flock shear 10 lbs. or more of long staple wool? If not, ask your sheep shepherd about using a Corriedale ram in that part of your flock you save your replacement ewes from George E. Mikessell, Charlotte, R-4, Michigan. (3-1f-40b)
FOR SALE—20 head of Yorkshire bred sows and gifts. Due to farrow any time after Feb. 1. Outstanding type production. Herd has won several grand champions at State Fair. Average sow production in herd 9 1/2 pigs per litter. Also several head of fall gilts and boars for breeding purposes. Martin Gann & Sons, Charlotte R-5, Michigan. (2-1f-51b)
AGENTS
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"PROOF" of the pudding is in the eating" and the proof of a roof's actual worth is in its weather wearability. Unico-Seal roofing carries the Seal of Quality (2 oz. zinc coated) identification. Patrons purchasing galvanized roofing with this seal are assured of a known specification. Write for free information and the name of your nearest dealer. Farm Bureau Services, Inc., Steel Department, 221 North Cedar Street, Box 960, Lansing, Michigan. (1-1f-77b)
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FOR SALE—No. 1 Buckeye Ditcher, Serial No. 6490. In very good condition. Price \$3,500.00. W. H. Knapp, Box 293, Monroe, Michigan. (2-1f-18b)
PINKING SHEARS. Only \$1.95. No-nail. Chromium plated. Precision made. Manufacturer's Christmas giveaway. Guaranteed \$2.95 value or money refunded. Order by mail. Lincoln Supply Sales, 1704 West Farwell Ave., Chicago 26 Illinois. (1-1f-30b)
NEW AIR COMPRESSOR. Tractor or Jeep. Power Take-Off operated. Capacity 3 cubic feet. Fully guaranteed \$22.50. Shipped prepaid. Cash with order. A. B. Supply Company, Box 803, Danville, Illinois. (1-2f-29p)

This is the AFBF Board for 1954



The new board of directors of the American Farm Bureau Federation for 1954. President Allan B. Kline of Iowa, and Vice-President Walter L. Ran. m Bureau Federation for 1954, President Allan B. at their first meeting.
Standing, left to right: Delmar Roberts, Anthony, New Mexico; Ray V. Swanson, Pocatello, Idaho; Wilson Heaps, Street, Maryland; Lewis F. Allen, Bowling Green, Kentucky; Hassil E. Schenck Indianapolis, Indiana; H. E. Slusher, Jefferson City, Missouri; J. Walter Hammond, Tye, Texas; Curtis Hatch, Madison, Wisconsin; John H. Schenk, Logan, Illinois; Boswell Stevens, Macon, Mississippi; George H. Wilson, Georgia; Warren W. Hawley, Batavia, New York; Lorenzo D. Lambson, Southwick, Massachusetts; Herbert W. Voorhes, Trenton, New Jersey; Alfred L. French, Concord, New Hampshire.
Seated, l. to r.: R. Flake Shaw, Greensboro, North Carolina; Charles B. Shuman, Sullivan, Nebraska.

Feb. 23—East Central Region: Arenac, Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Midland, Saginaw.
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March 3—Northwest Region: Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Kalkaska, Manistee, Missaukee, N. W. Michigan, Wexford.
March 17—West Central Region: Kent, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newago, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa.

Young Farmers
Young farmers getting started are advised by Michigan State College agricultural economists that any farm short on land, livestock, machinery and credit will have a rough time in the period ahead.

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You'll save time, money and get complete protection against loss from fire and wind for your home, your buildings, equipment, and stock. Insure them all at one time with STATE MUTUAL.
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PURE CRUSHED TRIPLE SCREENED OYSTER SHELL
FOR POULTRY
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More dwarfs are on the way

Dwarf fruit trees are easier and cheaper to spray, thin, prune and harvest. And, in answer to growers' demands, they'll be more plentiful, say Michigan State College horticultural specialists, after observing eight years of dwarf tree performance. Dwarf trees have borne when only three to four years old, much earlier than standard trees. And when only five to eight years old they have yielded up to five bushels a tree. But the special dwarfing root system, though popular in Europe, is still scarce here. Nurserymen are taking steps to correct that and fill the American demand.

Dwarfs save telephone dollars, too
Size is as important to telephone equipment as it is to fruit trees. Take this tiny vacuum tube, for instance. It boosts your voice traveling over wires to distant telephones. Today 600 of these "dwarf" tubes do the job that once took a whole roomful of equipment. Yet they occupy a space only two feet wide and eleven feet high. Making equipment smaller saves space in telephone buildings. That, in turn, saves money and helps Michigan Bell keep costs down. Efficiency and economy give you more for your telephone dollar.

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March 1-20 is Blue Cross Enrollment Period

Time to Come in, Or Make Changes

Farm Bureau members should mark the period from March 1st through March 20th.

It is the annual 20-day period when enrollment in Blue Cross-Blue Shield hospital, surgical, medical benefits plan is open to members.

Here, in brief, are the rules governing eligibility of Farm Bureau members for Blue Cross-Blue Shield group coverage at group rates:

1. Your Community Group must be one which is offering Blue Cross-Blue Shield. At present, some 1,100 of the 1281 Community Groups do.

2. You must have been a paid-up member of your Group by January 15 and your name carried on the membership roster which your group must submit to the County Farm Bureau office no later than February 1.

Most Farm Bureau members who are eligible are enrolled. For the state as a whole, seven out of ten members are covered. In many groups the percentage is even higher. Numerous groups top 85 per cent and some range as high as 96 per cent.

As a Farm Bureau member on a Community Farm Bureau roster, the March 1-20 re-enrollment period is your one chance this year to get Blue Cross-Blue Shield group coverage for yourself and your family. Don't let it slide by.

The chance to have the best protection available hospital and medical costs through Blue Cross-Blue Shield group coverage at group rates is one of the many advantages of Farm Bureau membership.

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Co-op Advisory Committee to FB Services, Inc.



ABOVE ARE SEVEN of the nine men farmers' cooperative managers have elected to serve as an advisory committee to the board of directors of Farm Bureau Services, Inc. Front row, left to right: Martin Bauer, FB Services District 3, Hemlock Farmers Cooperatives; Marten Garn, president of Farm Bureau Services; John Rinke, Dist. 4, Warren Cooperative Company; Paul Kaechele, Dist. 2, Caledonia Farmers Elevator Co. Standing, left to right: Robert Pettit, Dist. 7, Farmers Elevator of Fowler; Darwin Orcutt, Dist. 1, Ellsworth Farmers Exchange; Alfred Roberts, at-large, Cooperative Elevator Co. of Pigeon; Walter Brown, Dist. 8, Ypsilanti Farm Bureau Ass'n; J. F. Yaeger, manager of Farm Bureau Services. Not present for this picture were Al Smith, Dist. 5, Salaem Cooperative Co. at Dorr; Bernard Coplin, Dist. 8, Battle Creek Farm Bureau Ass'n.

roll during the March 1-20 period will present May 1.

Presently enrolled members may wish to make changes in their coverage. They may do so during this re-enrollment period. Last year for the first time Farm Bureau members were offered optionally a new Blue Shield medical-surgical plan at a slightly higher rate.

Under it, Blue Shield participating doctors will accept the Blue Shield benefit as full payment for their services if your annual income for the last three years did not average over \$5,000 (\$3,750 if you are single).

Many members took advantage of this new program during last year's re-enrollment. Many more of you may wish to do so this time.

THE TREND among Farm Bureau members has been toward the full protection package which includes medical-in-hospital as well as hospital and surgical coverage. In fact, over 85 per cent of all enrolled members have it. This is the monthly cost of that program:

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Self and Spouse	8.05	8.55	
Full Family	9.10	9.60	

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centing Blue Shield plan, add 35¢ subscriber, 80 cents for self-and-cents to the cost for the single spouse and \$1.25 for full family.

Farmers Interested In This Legislation

STANLEY M. POWELL
MFB Legislative Counsel

SEVERAL BILLS of considerable interest to Michigan Farm Bureau folks have already been introduced in the current session of the Michigan Legislature. We know that a number of other measures dealing with subjects covered by Michigan Farm Bureau resolutions are being prepared by various Senators and Representatives.

The first bill introduced in the House was directly in line with one of the M. F. B. resolutions. It was proposed by Representatives William S. Broomfield of Royal Oak, Joseph A. Cavanagh of Midland and Cyril H. Root of Kalamazoo. This provides that the latch or door must be removed from abandoned refrigerators and ice boxes. Agitation for legislation along this line grows out of the numerous instances of children who have suffocated from hiding in abandoned refrigerators.

TWO HOUSE BILLS have been introduced in an attempt to protect farmers from loss which is frequently sustained when buyers of milk or cream fail to pay for these products. This is a problem which the Michigan Farm Bureau delegates have considered at frequent annual meetings. Resolutions have been adopted favoring legislation which would require that the buyer of such products post a surety bond or in some other way give evidence of financial responsibility.

H. 5 by Representative Louis C. Hamton of Lapeer would provide for semi-monthly payments for such dairy products and would require that the dealers file a surety bond with the Michigan Department of Agriculture. H. 113 by Representatives Einar Erlandson of Escanaba, James Goulette of Iron Mountain and Kenneth O. Trucks of Baldwin provides for payment of dairy products on the 1st, 10th and 20th of each month unless a surety bond has been filed to guarantee payment.

It is possible that neither of these bills is the final answer to the problem, but at least they provide a starting point and indicate the legislative interest. Senator Milo Johnson of Greenville, who has sponsored similar legislation in previous sessions, is again studying the matter and may come up with a new bill to safeguard the interests of dairy producers.

THE WIDELY publicized Conlin Plan has been introduced. It is House Joint Resolution F and is sponsored by Representative Rollo G. Conlin of Tipton and four of his colleagues. It would provide for current distribution to the schools of their share of the sales tax revenue. It would remove the present very objectionable feature which involves making an appropriation each year for the schools, to be paid the following year, and measuring the amount of that appropriation by the amount of sales tax collection for the previous year. The delegates at the last Convention of the Michigan Farm Bureau endorsed the principle of the Conlin Plan.

Once more the question of submitting to the voters of the state the issue of whether or not a Constitutional Convention should be held to draft a new Constitution for Michigan has been raised. Such a proposal has been made in

and we doubt whether passage of another law will solve the problem. We ask the Michigan Legislature to institute a study to provide information on the comparative effectiveness of speed limits in other states.

"We further recommend that the 'Crusade for Safety,' as promoted in Muskegon county during the past year, be investigated by the various County Farm Bureau Boards. This plan has substantially reduced the accidents in that area."

A proposal to strengthen the safeguards of the fifteen-mill limitation is being sponsored by Representative Leo Miller of Jackson. This is House Joint Resolution D and would raise the vote required for increasing the millage limit by providing that such a proposal must carry by a majority vote of property owners in the district affected. At present only a majority vote of electors is needed without regard to property-owning qualifications.

Cattle Grub
January to June is the cattle grub control time in Michigan. Rotonone is the insecticide to use, reminds Ray Janes, extension entomologist at Michigan State College.

Farm Supply Should Meet Regularly

FRED REIMER
Coordinator, Farm Supply

There is more work to do for County Farm Bureau supply committees. This is brought about by a second Farm Bureau fertilizer plant, and the new approach to our farm equipment program in setting up retail dealers.

AT THE Farm Bureau Institute at MSC Jan. 5-6 it was said that there are many requests for new dealerships. The old method of holding meetings of the farm supply committee from time to time is proving inadequate. We find that it's hard to find a date when some of the people aren't scheduled for something else. Therefore, the group at the Institute recommended regular monthly meetings for the county committees. From such meetings the committees could expect to be:

1. Better informed.
2. Better acquainted with their job.
3. Better informed on commodities.
4. To plan meetings of their members.
5. To discuss material sent them.
6. Ready to receive any request that came their way at a time all members were present.

J. F. YAEGER, Manager of Farm Bureau Services, pointed out the similarity of a farm cooperative and Farm Bureau Services, Inc. He also explained how we could all work together on a better merchandising program for

our members. Maynard Brownlee brought the County Farm Bureau farm supply committee chairman up to date on Farm Bureau Services, Inc., its origin, purpose and structure. Mr. Brownlee is manager of the farm supply division of FBS.

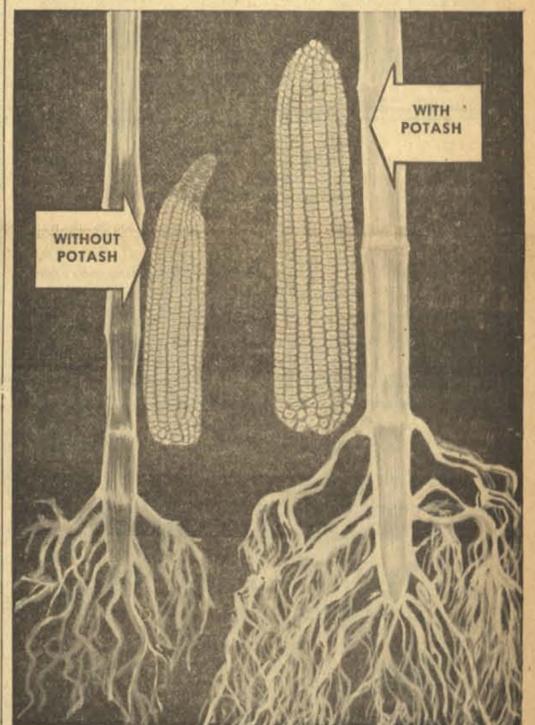
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January 15, 1954
Lansing, Michigan

J. F. YAEGER
Secretary

To Farm Bureau Members Old & New

Your strength and vigor applied to your problems, as a united group of intelligent folks, can, and will, do agriculture good. We are proud of you.

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For Pigs
Leave on sow where possible. (If necessary, use Land O'Lakes Pig Milk Replacer until Farm Bureau Creep-ettes are freely eaten.) Offer Farm Bureau Creep-ettes (30 grams antibiotics in every ton) at 3-5 days of age. Use a Creep and continue until pigs weigh 35-40 lbs. Then F.B. Pig and Sow Feed 17% until pigs weigh 90-100 lbs.—then Porkmaker 40% as 10% of ration (or after 125 lbs. 10% of Pork 125 in each ton of feed.)

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Activities of Farm Bureau Women of District 1

Five Counties Have Varied Programs

MRS. HARRY SHANNON of Marcellus
Member of State Advisory Council, and Chairman of
Farm Bureau Women's Activities for District 1

This is the first of a series of articles that will appear in the Michigan Farm Bureau News concerning the activities of the County Farm Bureau Women's Committees. We shall talk about their programs, their projects, and social events.

District No. 1 is made up of St. Joseph, Cass, Berrien, Van Buren and Kalamazoo counties. All of these counties have the same type of business meetings but their county projects vary greatly due to location and the needs of their county. I want to tell you about some of the projects of these five counties.

Cass County. The picture with this article shows Mrs. Norman Harvey, president of Cass County Farm Bureau Women's Committee, presenting a check for \$660 to Mr. Sam Thompson, temporary chairman of the proposed county center building for Cass county.

This project was sponsored by Cass County FB women because of the great need for such a building. It will be used by farm groups to hold county annual meetings, Rural-Urban Days and other meetings. The whole county needs to have such a place in which to hold large meetings.

Fish suppers were served at four different locations in the county for which the county women's committee planned and served the suppers. All the food was donated by Farm Bureau families through the county. These suppers were very successful and the \$660 was cleared and turned over to the building fund.

BERRIEN County Farm Bureau women are very much interested in helping more girls to be able to take nursing training. Mrs. Fred Foster reports that they are giving nursing scholarships of \$250 each to two girls for a three years' training course. The plan is set



SAM THOMPSON, temporary chairman for proposed community center building for Cass county, thanks Mrs. Norman Harvey, president of the Cass County Farm Bureau Women's Committee, for check for \$660 the women contributed to the project.

They also have an ice cream booth at the Berrien County Youth Fair to help their project along.

VAN BUREN county Farm Bureau women for the past few years have carried on a big project. They have given over \$1,000 towards a new hospital in their county. This past year they gave \$800 towards a Youth Camp in their county.

This group has one of the best attendance records in the state. They feel that one of the reasons for this is the planning and working done together at their food booth at the county fair.

For this project, a general chairman is chosen to plan amounts of foods and to do the buying of foods and paying of bills. They operate the booth for 15 hours a day and have two shifts of workers each day of from 10 to 12 women. Each group is also responsible for 50 pies a day for their shift. The pies are solicited from all Farm Bureau families in the county.

Mrs. Frank Nash, county chairman, thinks that potluck dinners served in members' homes at each meeting is also responsible for good attendance.

KALAMAZOO county is quite different from our other counties because there is one large city in the county. The Farm Bureau Women's Committee believes that perhaps the thing that they can carry on best as their project is in connection with Internal Relationships.

There are two large colleges in Kalamazoo. Many foreign students attend school there. It was

proposed that students from different countries be invited to take part in a panel discussion at the Kalamazoo county meeting. The women reporting back to their own community group would acquaint our people with a better knowledge of life in foreign lands.

Kalamazoo Farm Bureau Women's Committee also plans to aid the students in any way possible—to invite them to spend some time in their homes and to attend different types of meetings so they can learn more of ways of living here in the United States. They can return to their homes with good reports of our ways, methods, and results in farming, manufacturing and any types of industry that they have been interested in.

Kalamazoo ladies have also promoted successful dinners for the County Farm Bureau at roll call time. Mrs. Howard Corbus, chairman for Kalamazoo county, is especially interested in the foreign student project as her husband is a professor at Kalamazoo Teachers college and also manages the college farm.

ST. JOSEPH county ladies have felt the great need of a better understanding between rural and urban families. The work and effort that they put into planning and having a Rural-Urban Day was certainly obvious in the very good attendance at the meeting. Invitations had been sent to each organized club in the county asking them to send one or two representatives to the meeting. The response was fine.

After a lovely dessert luncheon, four members of the Women's Committee of the Farm Bureau gave splendid talks about life on their farms and concerning their special type of farming. They told their city friends of the long period of time, the great amount of machinery involved and the work that is needed to produce crops or animals to the time when some profit can be derived from them.

This was an informative afternoon for both rural and urban ladies. Mrs. Don Pierce, chairman, then invited the urban ladies to a return meeting asking them to provide the program and to telling of urban life and their problems.

Telling about these projects in our counties does not mean that these are their only works. Each county group of Farm Bureau women feels that anything they can do to help with health, legislation, citizenship, education and in the furthering of better understanding between rural and urban families and between nations is a project they must carry out.

Farm Bureau Women's Plans For 1954

MRS. MARJORIE KARKER
Coordinator of Women's Activities

Chairmen of Farm Bureau Women's committees of county boards of directors held four meetings at the Michigan Farm Bureau Institute Jan. 5-6 to make plans for 1954.

1954 PROGRAM. Mrs. Alex Kennedy of Posen, state vice-chairman, presented a program as set up by the first State-wide Program Planning Committee of Farm Bureau Women. A copy of the suggested program was given to each person. The suggestions were discussed.

Mrs. Kennedy was chairman of the committee, which included: Mrs. Lavern Sayre of Wayne county, Mrs. Raymond Murton of Clinton, Mrs. Stephen Wall of Osceola, and Mrs. Harry Whitaker of Lapeer.

MEETINGS. The women and county presidents met with Nor-

wood Eastman for a discussion of how to conduct a meeting.

PROBLEMS. Chairmen of Farm Bureau Women's committees met to develop answers for problems encountered by the women in their Farm Bureau work.

PROJECTS. Mrs. Carlton Ball, state chairman for Farm Bureau Women's Activities, was in charge of the meeting on projects for 1954. These were outlined by several members of State Advisory Council. The projects are:

1. \$5 per county to help in the recruitment of more nurses.
2. \$10 per county to go to the Sister Kenny Treatment Center for much needed equipment.
3. \$10 per county for the next three years to raise money to send as many delegates as possible to the next meeting of the Associated Country Women of the World.
4. A state speaking contest will be held, the topic being "Farm Bureau Builds A Better World."
5. To accumulate colored slides depicting rural life in Michigan, to be given to the Associated Country Women of the World for their film library. This will be a district project, and each district will be expected to turn in about 10 slides by the first of September.
6. The Pennies for Friendship will be continued another year. This is a project whereby 2c per member in each county will be raised to help defray the expenses of the Associated Country Women of the World.

P. X. Program

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community groups to the County Farm Bureau and from there to the state.

RESOLUTIONS adopted by State Farm Bureaus may not be identical with the recommendations made by some of the individual Community Farm Bureau groups. The state resolutions are considered by the delegates at the national convention and then policies proposed by the 49 Farm Bureaus representing each state and Puerto Rico are blended to form a single statement of policy.

This becomes Farm Bureau policy on national issues. It is the program of Farm Bureau throughout the nation. In drafting this single statement of policy there is necessarily a give-and-take on the part of the representatives of the various states which is an essential part of arriving at an agreement.

THE MEETINGS now being held by County Legislative Committees will give Minutemen an opportunity to analyze Farm Bureau policy as finally determined by the voting delegates. Minutemen will be discussing these policies with Community Farm Bureau groups through their reports during succeeding months.

There are now 1,278 Minutemen representing that number of Community Farm Bureau groups in Michigan. Sixty-two legislative chairmen representing County Farm Bureau Women's Committees also serve in a Minuteman capacity.

Those attending the meetings being held by County Legislative Committees are, in addition to Minutemen and Legislative Chairmen of Women's Committees, the Farm Bureau Executive Committee, Junior Farm Bureau President and the Chairman of the 1954 Resolutions Committee.

In 18 counties there is a Farm Bureau member who has been a member of a Farm Bureau delegation to Washington in 1953 or who will be a delegate in 1954. These people will also attend the county meetings. January 25 and 26, Legislative Committees attended district meetings throughout the state to plan for the county meetings now

being held. Action was taken at several of these meetings to register strong support for Farm Bureau agricultural policies. Many of these policies are embodied in the farm program recommended to Congress by the President.

President's Farm Program

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year, as a result of the transition from the old to the modernized parity on various commodities.

For tobacco, the present program would be continued with price supports at 90 percent of parity when marketing quotas are in effect. Continuation of the sugar program in its present form is recommended.

HONEY and tung nuts would be dropped from the list of commodities on which price supports are mandatory. Future supports would be at the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture, as is now the case with most other non-basic commodities.

A completely new program is proposed for wool. Direct payments would be made to producers to make up the difference between the average price of wool during the marketing season and 90 percent of parity.

THE SPECIAL problems of the operators of 3½ millions of small farms, most of which receive little or no direct benefits from price support programs, are to be made the subject of a broad study recommended in the President's message.

At the same time, plans are outlined for high level-trade missions and for a world conference on international trade problems with a view to expanding our exchange of agricultural goods with other nations.

Resolutions Chairmen Plan 1954 Course

STANLEY M. POWELL
Legislative Counsel, MFB

Chairmen of the County Farm Bureau resolutions committee shared ideas and experiences about performing their duties to best advantage at the Michigan Farm Bureau Institute at MSC January 5 and 6.

They and their committees were to do an even better job of Farm Bureau policy development in 1954.

IT WAS agreed that they would go home and call their committees together and set up a plan of procedure and a schedule of activities leading up to the presentation of their recommendations to the membership of their County Farm Bureaus at its annual meeting next fall. Probably no two counties will

tackle this job in exactly the same way. All agreed that they should devise means of stimulating thinking and action on resolutions by members through Community Farm Bureau groups throughout the year. They favored the use of well informed persons in finding out current needs and in the development of recommendations. They plan to hold district meetings of members of the County Farm Bureau resolutions committee to share ideas and consider current (Continued on Page 5)

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How Well Do You Know Your Farm Bureau?

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This Article Describes Origin, Purpose, The Activities of Michigan Farm Bureau and 4 Service Companies

EINAR E. UNGREN
Editor of Michigan Farm News

The Michigan Farm Bureau of nearly 60,000 families is the largest general farm organization in the state. It is influential in public affairs and in the business interests of agriculture.

Headquarters of the Michigan Farm Bureau and four Farm Bureau service companies are at Lansing. They are the Farm Bureau Services, Inc., distributor and manufacturer of farm supplies; Farmers Petroleum Co-operative Inc., distributor of petroleum products and automotive supplies; Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company, automobile and farm liability insurance; Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company.

These organizations have properties and service facilities for farmers throughout lower Michigan.

The Michigan Farm Bureau was organized by a group of independent County Farm Bureaus February 4, 1919, as a membership type, non-profit general farm organization. Its objective was stated as "the advancement of our members' interests educationally, legislatively, and economically."

It was organized at a time when state Farm Bureaus were being organized throughout the nation. The movement culminated in a national organization of Farm Bureaus at the county, state and national levels in 1919.

When the Michigan Farm Bureau was organized, it was instructed to develop Farm Bureau programs for the co-operative marketing of live stock, grain, beans, wool, fruit, dairy products and other commodities.

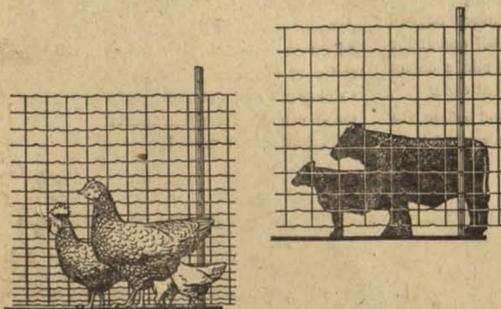
The Farm Bureau was instructed to establish a field seeds service and a farm supplies department for the membership.

The Farm Bureau was also instructed to establish a general public affairs service which has represented the membership to the legislature, to Congress and departments of government, as well as to other groups in public life and business for 34 years. This operation is now under the direction of the Executive Vice-President in charge of Public Affairs, Mr. C. L. Brody.

Today the Michigan Farm Bureau has developed into a membership and public relations organization, and into the parent organization of four farm service companies. Mr. J. F. Yaeger is their executive secretary and treasurer and general manager

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The Michigan Farm Bureau resolutions committee considers resolutions presented by all County Bureaus for action at the state and national levels. They are presented to the state convention. The resolutions adopted by the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting become the state organization's policy and program.

Resolutions dealing with national and international affairs are resolved at the state level into recommendations to the American Farm Bureau annual meeting in December.

OVER the years, some of the marketing and purchasing activities envisioned by the founders have developed from departments of the Michigan Farm Bureau into separate corporations, namely, the seed and supplies departments into Farm Bureau Services, Inc.; the Petroleum department of FBS into the Farmers Petroleum Co-operative, Inc.; the Michigan Farm Bureau insurance department into the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. and the Farm Bureau Life Insurance Co.



J. F. YAEGER

Executive Secretary and General Manager of Michigan Farm Bureau and its Service Companies.

Certain co-operative marketing proposals in 1919 were delegated to large co-operative groups in Michigan which specialize in the marketing of certain major commodities, such as grain and beans, live stock, dairy products, potatoes, cherries, etc.

Organization. Today the Michigan Farm Bureau is a state organization representing nearly 60,000 farm family members in 63 County Farm Bureau organizations.

Program of Work for the Michigan Farm Bureau comes from the membership in the County Farm Bureaus. The program desired by those members at the county, state, and national levels is expressed in the resolutions adopted at the annual meetings of the County Farm Bureaus, usually in October.

Action on Program. At present the Michigan Farm Bureau maintains these departments to work with the membership in making the Farm Bureau's general program effective: Public Affairs, including legislation; Organization and Junior Farm Bureau, Information, Research and Education, Women's Activities, Community Farm Bureaus, Commodity Relations, Office and Records, Farm Supply Relations.

Women's activities program of the Farm Bureau is interested in improving rural living and rural health. The women operate as a committee of the County Farm Bureau board. All women of the Farm Bureau are invited to take part in the women's work. There is a state program on women's special interests in the Farm Bureau. It is drafted at an annual meeting of delegates from Women of the Farm Bureau Committees in the counties.

The Michigan Junior Farm Bureau was established in 1935 as a training organization for youth who will be the members and officers and employees of the Farm Bureau and farm co-operatives. The Juniors have their own program and governing body.

Finances. Farm Bureau membership dues are \$10 per year. About half remains in the county for the County Farm Bureau program. The Michigan Farm Bureau receives the remainder to finance its work. The American Farm Bureau Federation national dues are \$.75 per year for each member.

Properties. The Michigan Farm Bureau owns its headquarters building and other properties at Lansing. It has a substantial investment in each of the four Farm Bureau service companies.

Government. The Michigan Farm Bureau receives its authority from the County Farm Bureaus through the board of delegates to the MFB annual meeting.

The delegates elect a board of directors of 15 members. It is done

in this manner: Delegates from each of ten Farm Bureau membership districts caucus at the annual meeting. Each district presents a nominee to the convention for election. Three additional directors are elected at large. The state chairman of Women of the Farm Bureau, and the president of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau are elected as directors to represent those organizations.

The directors hire an executive secretary and treasurer who is responsible to the board. The executive secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. F. Yaeger, is responsible for the general management of the Michigan Farm Bureau and four service companies and some 704 employees throughout the state. The executive secretary is also charged with directing activities to make effective the program of the Michigan Farm Bureau as set forth in the resolutions adopted by the annual meeting.

The directors also hire the executive vice-president in charge of public affairs for the Michigan Farm Bureau. Keith Tanner is manager of the Member Service Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

Organization. The original seed and farm supplies departments of the Michigan Farm Bureau were incorporated in 1929 as the Farm Bureau Services, Inc. a farm supplies co-operative.

Purpose. Farm Bureau Services, Inc., purchases or manufactures Farm Bureau feeds, seeds, fertilizers, paints, steel products, farm machinery and other commodities for distribution to Farm Bureau members and other farmers.

Ownership. Farm Bureau Services is owned by the Michigan Farm Bureau and 152 farmers' co-operatives and thousands of farmer patrons.

Distribution. FBS distributes farm supplies to farmers by wholesaling them to 350 farm co-operatives and dealer-agencies. FBS also operates 15 Farm Bureau Services retail branch elevators. It manages 17 farm co-operatives under management contracts with their boards of directors.

Business Volume. For the year ending August 31, 1953 FBS business was \$20,060,900.

Savings. Total net savings for patrons were \$123,679. Savings made through purchases and through manufacturing operations are returned to patrons and patronage refunds. To date patronage refunds have been made in Farm Bureau Services securities.

Facilities owned. Farm Bureau Services owns in Michigan one fertilizer manufacturing plant at Saginaw, with a capacity of 60,000 tons annually; it has nearly completed a 40,000 tons annual capacity fertilizer manufacturing plant at Kalamazoo. It owns one field seed processing plant at Lansing; six farm supply warehouses and the 15 retail branches.

Farm Bureau Services is joint owner with other state co-operatives of these regional manufacturing and purchasing co-operatives; Farm Bureau Milling Company feed mill at Hammond, Ind., United Co-operatives at Alliance, Ohio, manufacturers of petroleum products, paints, steel products; Universal Milking Machine and Co-op Water Heater plant, at Albert Lea, Minnesota.

Government. Farm Bureau Services is responsible to a board of nine directors who represent the Farm Bureau membership and 152 farm cooperatives which are shareholders, and farmers who are shareholders.

J. F. Yaeger is manager of Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

Farmers Petroleum Co-operative Inc.

Organization. For many years Farm Bureau Services, Inc. operated a petroleum products department. The Services owned considerable distribution equipment such as tank transports, tank wagons, bulk stations, etc. The department had a large business in motor fuels and automotive equipment.

Post-war conditions in the petroleum industry and the need for more adequate financing brought about the incorporation of the petroleum department in 1948 as the Farmers Petroleum Co-operative, Inc., a co-operative stock company, non-profit. Additional finances were subscribed by farmers and by co-operatives.

Purpose. The Farmers Petroleum Co-operative distributes motor and other petroleum fuels, and a large volume of motor oils, greases, anti-freeze, tires, batteries, and other automotive supplies.

Ownership. Farmers Petroleum Co-operative, Inc., is owned by farm co-operatives and farmers

who have subscribed its capital and hold its stock.

Distribution. 227 local co-operatives and dealer outlets, including 46 bulk stations with tank wagon service to farmers.

Business Volume. For the year ending August 31, 1953, the Farmers Petroleum Co-operative, Inc., business volume was \$4,103,659.

Savings. The net savings for the above year were \$167,191. The savings in this company belong to the co-operatives, stockholders and have been distributed in cash on a patronage basis. Co-operatives and farmers are eligible to become stockholders.

Facilities. Seven tank transports for deliveries from refineries and terminals to the retail places of business.

The FPC at the close of 1953 owned producing wells in Michigan, Illinois and Indiana from which it receives about one-third its daily requirements.

FPC began to purchase oil production in late 1950. It proposes to continue the acquisition of well established oil production until it controls 75% or more of its daily requirements of crude oil.

Government. Farmers Petroleum Co-operatives, Inc., is responsible to a board of nine directors who represent the Farm Bureau membership, farm co-operative ass'ns and farmer stockholders.

Earl Huntley is manager of the Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc.

Farm Bureau Mutual Ins. Co.

Organization. Members of the Michigan Farm Bureau decided in 1948 that they would like to own and operate their own automobile insurance company for Farm Bureau members only, and to provide automobile insurance at cost.

The Michigan Farm Bureau had acquired considerable experience in the automobile insurance business. For 22 years it was the state agent for State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, the largest company in the business.

Farm Bureau members raised more than \$225,000 required to start the Company, and subscribed to 3,600 charter applications for policies.

The Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Michigan was granted a charter by the State Insurance Commission to start business March 7, 1949.

Since that time some 42,000 Farm Bureau members have taken automobile insurance in the Company. The Company is growing at an average of about 40 new policies daily. It has agents in every county in which the Farm Bureau is organized. Its financial position is excellent.

Service. When the Company made application for charter, it filed the lowest schedule of automobile insurance rates then in effect in Michigan.

Ownership. The Company is owned by Farm Bureau members who are its policyholders. Service is limited to members of the Farm Bureau. Savings that may be effected on the cost of automobile insurance will belong to the Farm Bureau member policyholders.

Government. Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company is responsible to a board of ten directors. They represent the policyholders and the Farm Bureau membership since the Company limits its business to members of the Farm Bureau in Michigan. Nile Vermillion is ass't secretary-treasurer, and R. P. Zemke is manager of Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. of Michigan.

Farm Bureau Life Insurance Co.

Organization. Members of the Michigan Farm Bureau became interested in 1950 in establishing a Farm Bureau life insurance company.

A committee of the MFB board of directors found that Farm Bureau life insurance companies were operating in other states. All of them filled a need and were successful. In November of 1950, the annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau membership authorized a Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company if the membership showed sufficient interest.

About 10,000 members made applications for a total of \$21,000,000 in charter policies in the proposed company. That settled the question of interest in the life insurance program.

Capital of \$315,125 was raised from the Farm Bureau membership in three weeks through the sale of stock in the company.

The company proceeded with its organization and was granted a license to begin business September 20, 1951.

August 31, 1953, the Company had \$28,000,000 worth of life insurance in force. The Company began in Jan-

First Place in Oceana County



JACOB HEER of Hart receives from Governor Williams an award for Crystal Lake Farm Bureau as first place winner in Oceana county in 1953 West Michigan Farm-to-Prosper Contest. Award was framed Certificate of Merit and \$50 cash. Awards were presented at annual Round-Up in Muskegon. In 1952 Crystal Lake Farm Bureau won the five-county Sweepstakes award of a framed certificate and \$100 cash. It lost out in Sweepstakes judging in 1953 to Big Prairie Grange Newaygo county.

uary, 1952, to write ordinary life, 20 year life and 20 year endowment policies. Later it added a Farmer Investment Protector Policy. This is an investment type of contract with a life insurance protection.

At its first annual meeting of stockholders February 26, 1952, the Company announced that it was operating profitably.

Ownership. The Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company is owned by its stockholders, most of whom are members of the Farm Bureau.

Government. The Company is responsible to a board of ten directors who are elected by the stockholders in annual meeting. Nile Vermillion is ass't secretary-treasurer, and William C. Conley is manager of Farm Bureau Life Insurance Co.

Buy Farm Bureau Feed.

Resolutions Chairman Plan 1954 Course

(Continued from Page 4) issues. These will probably be in the late summer or early fall. The committee chairmen feel that developing resolutions is a vitally important part of the Farm Bureau program. They are determined to do the best possible job in this regard during 1954.

Income Tax Aid

Farmers can get information on how to file their income tax returns from a bulletin called "1953 Farmer's Income Tax." The publication has been approved by the Bureau of Internal Revenue and is available at the offices of county agricultural agents.

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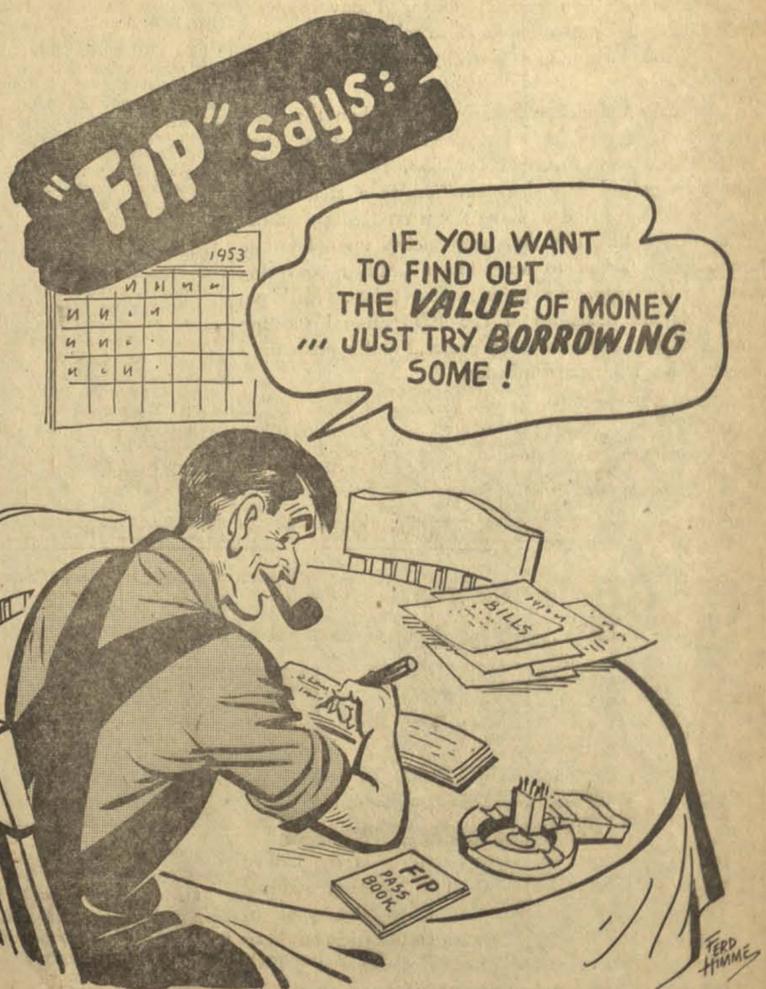
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Financing Drains Within & Between Counties

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for February

Background Material for Program in February by 1281 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

DONALD D. KINSEY
Coordinator of Education and Research

Note: Events prompted a change in the discussion calendar. The State Discussion Topic Committee has approved a shift to consider the March topic at this time. The topic that was scheduled for February will be taken up next month.

A DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE PROMISED LAND

Water flowing o'er the land,—
Whither shall it go?
We bless it when we need it,
We curse its overflow!
Yes—When the land is parching
We wish there were enough.
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The drainage plan is such
That no man has too little
And no man has too much.
(The explanation's simple,—
They just kick up a fuss
When water levels get too high
And it rains down on US!)

Four thousand years ago, the Egyptians used the overflow of the Nile river to regulate the planting and harvest of their crops. Floods descended from the mountainous headwaters. Planting had to wait for the waters to subside.

In 1954, their irrigation dams control water supply for an increased harvest. The problem of controlling water-flow to put it where we want it, in the right quantities and at the right time is as old as agriculture itself.

Michigan was once part of the great Northwest Territory. Folks in the East thought at that time that the southern part of the state was a mass of swampland, unfit for farming. Settlers showed they were wrong. But there were many swamp areas. And much of the country was rolling, with glacial hills. This has made drainage problems right down to this day.

In the early days owners drained their lands without thought to their neighbors. People were not too crowded, however, and the problem was not too serious. But as farm after farm filled in the jig-saw puzzle of Michigan it became a serious problem. Today an owner is liable for the consequences if he releases water upon his neighbor without a lawfully approved drainage system.

The earliest drainage laws are older than the State itself, according to some historians. The oldest dated law, however, was passed in 1839, two years after Michigan gained formal recognition as a state. The laws that have followed have taken on the appearance of a crazy-quilt. Law has been tacked upon law and amendment tacked to amendment until a confusing mass of law regarding drainage now exists. Michigan Farm Bureau delegates at the 1953 annual meeting requested that these laws be codified and systematized to get away from the confusion.

NATURAL creeks and rivers do not provide proper drainage of all the farm land developments that have grown up in Michigan. Proper control of flow-off waters have required larger drainage ditches. The opening of bottom lands for muck farming has re-

quired deeper drainage channels. Farmers in the lower-lying areas had to be protected from this overflow.

Financing problems have grown. Many county ditches today have become major drainage projects. Their channels have to

Discussion Topics

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

- Feb. A State Plan to Regulate the Financing of Drainage Projects Within and Between Counties?
- Mar. Our Community Farm Bureaus and the Service-to-Member Program.

Be sure to read your discussion topic articles on this page of the Michigan Farm News. Attend your Community Group Meetings!

be properly graded for miles. Grades and slopes have to be maintained like a roadbed, if the ditch is to operate properly and not give trouble.

THE VERY size of the project creates a financing problem. Many of these drainage systems cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, and some run into the millions. Where a flood control project becomes necessary on rivers and streams the cost is borne by the state. But on drainage ditches that are developed across private lands, the costs are assessable against the lands in the drainage area of the ditch. The high costs can mean heavy financial burden to farmers in the area.

No drainage is developed, of course, without petitioning the landowners in the area. Before actual digging starts, two-thirds of the landowners across whose lands the drain would be dug must have signed the petition. If their lands are tax-delinquent they are not eligible to sign.

THE POINT has been made that some landowners do not sign such petitions—even though they agree that drainage is needed—because of the financial burden involved.

Assessments for such county or inter-county ditches are spread over the whole area served by the ditch. The size of the assessment is adjusted in proportion to the benefits gained by the drainage ditch. A landowner has the right to appeal and have a hearing on his assessment. All property owners are notified and have a right to be heard.

BUT THE mounting problem of costs has prompted some owners to suggest that a plan be developed for state aid in financing drainage projects within and between counties. A bill suggesting one such program was placed before the Michigan Senate in its 1953 session. Senate Bill No. 1249 was sponsored by Senator Teahen of the 15th Senatorial District. What was he shooting at? Various people in the state are now eligible for a refund of the 4½¢ per gallon state gasoline tax. The Senator would suggest that only 3½¢ of this tax be returned to some of these people and that one cent be withheld. Sums thus collected would be passed along to the County Treasurers. The sums would be what had actually been withheld within that county.

A FUND would thus be built within each county to be known as "The Drainage and Secondary Road Fund." It would be spent

for projects in a certain order of priority. First consideration would be given to the construction and maintenance of inter-county drains. Next in order would be drains within the county. If any funds were left after payment for these projects the funds would be usable for construction and maintenance of local roads, streets and highways.

The bill would call for a matching of funds for these purposes by the landowners to an extent and amount determined by the County Board of Supervisors. The one cent would not be withheld from such groups as Federal or State Agencies, parochial and other schools, boats or aeroplanes, etc.

OBJECTIONS might come from many groups, such as contractors who operate machinery off the highways, but who are not given a full refund under this bill. Some of the farmers might raise objection to paying drainage bills when they do not need drainage. In fact, in certain kinds of farming it is desirable to keep a rather high water table. Those farmers often do protest against extending the depth of drainage systems. Yet they would be paying for a part of the thing that they do not want.

It most certainly is not easy to satisfy the desires of everyone in this matter of water control. Drain commissioners are often made the goats of local criticism in matters over which they have no control. It is the people within a drainage area who must work out their problems among themselves.

PERHAPS there are other methods of developing a workable plan for state-aid to relieve individuals from financial responsibilities in drainage projects. There are areas where such a plan would be of great service.

Questions:

1. Do you think that there should be, or should not be, a plan of state-aid to relieve individuals from financial responsibilities for drainage projects within and between counties?

2. What do you think of Senator Teahen's proposal?

3. Do you have ideas of your own for a plan, if you favor such state financing for drains?

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Plan of Action For County Chairmen

WESLEY S. HAWLEY
Coordinator, Community Farm Bureaus

Chairmen of the Community Farm Bureau committees of 48 County Farm Bureaus attended the Michigan Farm Bureau Institute at MSC January 5-6.

Their purpose was to discuss and work out a working plan for Community Farm Bureau committees of County Farm Bureaus. Following is a summary of their recommendations:

1. Duties and Responsibilities of the Committee Chairman. It is the responsibility of the county board to select and appoint the Community Farm Bureau Committee Chairman and instruct him as to his duties as soon as possible after the new board is organized. It is the responsibility of the Chairman to select and organize his Committee as soon as possible.

2. Duties and Responsibilities of the Committee. When the Chairman has his Committee selected and informed as to their duties they should plan the year's work. They should survey the situation and map the County, spotting the members and groups. After studying the map, they should set goals and locate new group areas. A study of the minutes of the present groups will show which ones need help. Definite plans should be made to assist them.

In the joint session of the Community Farm Bureau and Membership Committees, it was decided that it was important for these two Committees to have a joint meeting in each County early in their planning because they had much in common. It was agreed that the two Committees should work together for the planning of the location of new groups to be organized and areas to be worked in the roll call campaign. If this is done and the new groups are organized during October, November and December, they will be built up in numbers in the roll call campaign the first week in December.

3. Working with the Present or Established Groups. It was generally agreed that it is necessary for the Committee to make a thorough study of the conditions of the present or established groups in each county. They outlined a pretty complete plan of procedure. They stressed the importance of studying the minutes of the groups and helping the groups that need help.

4. Work of the Committee in Organizing New Groups. It was agreed that the Community Farm Bureau is the backbone of Farm Bureaus. There the members discuss ideas that lead to action and good programs for the betterment of the community. A Community Farm Bureau should be within easy reach of every member in every county. There is much work to be done in this phase of Farm Bureau. We will not have a true grass roots organization until over 50% of the members are meeting and participating in the Community Farm Bureau activities.

A study was to be made in January to find the areas where new groups should be organized and to set up the proper machinery to carry out this work.

The Committees recommended that Community Farm Bureau officers should meet and plan well for the community activities soon after they are elected.

New Ruling on Income Tax

Farmers who are busy filling out income tax returns are reminded today that there is only one change in the new income tax regulations from last year that affects them.

Everett Elwood, extension agricultural economist at Michigan State College, reports that the change is this: Farmers can now depreciate the cost of building or

remodeling a grain storage over a five-year period. That's in contrast to taking the ordinary deduction which was based previously on the useful life of the structure.

FARMERS may start the depreciation schedule on the building the month it is completed or begin with the following tax year. If the farmer decides to write off the construction cost over five years, he must note that in his tax return the first year.

Corn cribs, grain bins or similar structures used primarily for the storage of grain produced

by the owner are included in the provisions of the new regulations. The Bureau of Internal Revenue also considers enlarging or remodeling present grain bins as construction of a grain storage, according to Elwood.

Treating Grain

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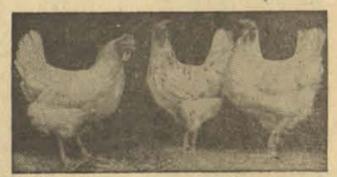
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