Michigan Farm News

# Attend Your County FB Annual This Month

## Historic Timbers to Serve Once More

WARREN E. DOBSON

were hewn and prepared for a the Dansville area. mill which in later years became known as the Henry Ford Flour Mill at Dexter, Michigan.

This year Clarence Diehl and build a combined feed mill and grain storage on their 800-acre farm just north of Dansville. County Farm Bureau.

In looking about for material, they came upon ten of the old stallation. timbers and bought them. How long ago they were given a creothere has been no deterioration.

## MAFC Annual At College **October 18-19**

logg Center Oct. 18-19.

Mr. Hussey, who is also the lowing them through. president of the Maine Potato evening, Oct. 18.

manager of the Indiana Farm holds. Bureau, will give a challenging Louisville, Kentucky.

program, under the joint spon- cooperatives and on the cooperasorship of the Michigan Associa-

**MBF** Meeting not only to grind and mix feeds Something like 116 years ago for their own large Holstein herd, certain swamp oak timbers 12 but also to provide a custom mixinches square and 28 feet long ing service for other feeders in

35th Annual

Nov. 11-12

Farm Bureau people are making preparations for the 35th an-

nual meeting of the Michigan

Farm Bureau at Michigan State

THE ANNUAL business meetng will bring together nearly 650

delegates to represent a member-

ship of 62,981 families. They will consider reports of officers and

approve a program for 1955. The

delegates are elected at County

Farm Bureau annual meetings in

October. Each delegate repre-

COUNTY Farm Bureaus mem-berships will be writing resolu-

tions on program and farm policy

at their annual meetings in Octo-

ber. These resolutions must be

with the state resolutions com-

mittee not later than Nov. 1. The

state committee will present its

report to the MFB convention

BUSINESS to be considered by

kirk, the annual report of the

mendations from the state board

Mr. Yaeger will also report on

the activities of the four Farm

Bureau service companies: Farm

erative, Inc., Farm Bureau Mut-

mobile, fire, and farm liability;

of the Michigan Junior Farm Bu-

reau at Michigan State College.

Farm Bureau at Michigan State

sents 100 member families.

College, November 11 and 12.

The ultra - modern building they are putting up will include a 36-ft.-by-60-ft. storage for 7,000 sons, Dave and Doren, decided to crates of corn on one side and 11,-000 bushels of overhead grain

Fifteen ton covered scales are They are members of Ingham next to the grain dump, which is equipped with an overhead hoist. A grain drier is part of the in-

Diehl and Sons have been Farm Bureau fertilizer distribusoting treatment is not known. tors for many years. They expect However, anyone can see that to distribute Farm Bureau feeds and other commodities

tion of Farmer Cooperatives and the St. Paul Bank for Cooperatives, will be directed to all managers and directors interested in improving their organizations' business policies and financial Nov. 11 for debate.

DR. CHARLES JAMISON, pro- the MFB convention includes: fessor of business policy of the Address of President Carl Bus-Frank Hussey, president of the School of Business Administra-National Council of Farmer Co- tion, University of Michigan, will Executive Secretary and Treasoperatives, will speak at the discuss the need for establishing urer, J. F. Yaeger, and recom-Michigan association of Farmer sound business policy and will Cooperatives annual meeting and point to the methods which might of directors. State Cooperative Clinic, at Kel- be followed by cooperatives in setting these policies and in fol-

Forecast of business conditions Bureau Services, Inc., farm sup-Growers, Inc., will discuss how is always of extreme interest to plies; Farmers Petroleum Coopcooperatives may improve the cooperatives as to all businesses. market. His talk will be part of The assistant vice-president of ual Insurance Company-autothe banquet program Monday the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Ernest T. Baughman, and Farm Bureau Life Insurance will discuss the present business MARVIN BRIGGS, general situation and what the future

The remainder of the program talk to the managers and direc- for the State Cooperative Clinic tors attending the opening lunch- will be planned by the St. Paul eon Monday noon. Mr. Briggs has Bank for Cooperatives. A rehad considerable experience in port will be given on proposed matters of finance, which he will new legislation which will prostress in his presentation. He is a vide for orderly retirement of member of the board of directors government capital in the Bank of the Bank for Cooperatives of for Cooperatives. Discussed will be the effects of the proposed Tuesday the State Co-op Clinic legislation on both the banks for

> (Continued on Page 2) NOV. 10-Cooperative conferences at Michigan State College for dairy, fruit and vegetable, field crops, poultry, livestock and

## MFB Tour to Washington and New York

Michigan Farm Bureau members are invited to join a tour to the American Farm Bureau convention Dec. 13-16 at New York City in December.

The tour is by railroad and includes a day and a half in Washington, D.C., and several days in New York City in the week starting Thursday, Dec. 9 and ending, Dec. 16. The tour is an all-expense arrangement for travel, meals and lodgings with the exception of hotel and meals at New York City.

AT WASHINGTON the party will stay at the Willard Hotel. There will be a sightseeing tour to Arlington, Alexandria, Lee Mansion, and Mt. Vernon. This expense is included in the tour cost. The group will be taken to the Capitol building Saturday

At New York City the group will stay at the Hotel McAlpin at Broadway and 34th street.

THE TOUR will be by the Balimore & Ohio and New York Central railroad, with Pullman accommodations and meals en route provided. It will start from Detroit at 6:00 p.m. Dec. 9. The group will leave New York Thursday morning, Dec. 16, and will arrive at Detroit at 10:15 p.m. that night. Expenses for the tour will range from \$84 to \$87 per person depending upon Pullman berth and hotel room accommodations at Washington. Hotel and meals expenses at New (Continued on page 5)

Emergency!

Know someone who's not reg. agers, and township captains will istered? Call now! Tell 'em that be guests. Information presented the last day to register for the and discussion at each meeting

You can register now and vote in the November 2 election.

## Know the Issues and Candidates



HOWELL CENTER Farm Bureau Community Group of Livingston county is shown conducting a meeting to develop the Farm Bureau Good Citizenship Program. They invited discussion leaders from all FB Community Groups in the county to a "Freedom through Self-Government" meeting. They agreed that one of the key requirements for good citizenship in government is to know the issues and know the candidates for office. Mrs. Harold Millett of Fowlerville was in charge of arrangements for the meeting.

# **1955** Goal is

gan Farm Bureau's fiscal year last day to register. August 31, the organization set a new record of 62,981 family

From now on memberships will be written for 1955. The goal for 1955 is 65,918 families.

lines and in three parts: NOV. 10-9th annual meeting of the women of the Michigan

> 2-THE ROLL CALL for memworkers will go out to enroll 10,-

3-JAN. 10-15 a final reminder will go to those members whose dues for 1955 are still outstand-

Michigan Farm Bureau exceeded its goal for 1954 by 1600 members. Our schedule is 70,000 or more families as members in

KNOW THE ISSUES! the Issues of the 1954 Election" tion. on page 6 for an explanation of four proposed Constitutional the Nov. 2 election.

#### Farm Bureau's To Vote on Nov. 2, You Must Be:

a. A citizen of the United States. b. Twenty-one years of age on Milk Vendors

Michigan for at least six months. d. A resident of city or town-

# **Blood Donors**

News indicated that a new syn-1-DUES FOR 1955 from all thetic substitute for blood plasma | deposits any combination of present members will be collect- had been developed by the re- coins to total 37 cents. ed by mail. All County Farm search department of the U. S. Bureaus will mail requests for Department of Agriculture. On placed at service stations where dues the second week in Novem- September 6, the Lansing State plenty of parking is available. Journal carried a similar an- One is located in the housing nouncement.

onors to stop. We never have for new members only. Several had enough plasma, and we need thousand volunteer membership to continue to build our reserves. The presently developed chem-

icals are used to add to actual plasma, thus expanding the amounts available. Any person can be given only 1,000 cubic centimeters in his lifetime. The dose cannot be repeated with the new substance—(P.V.P.).

tinue their contributions to their Red Cross Blood Bank.

Monday. October 4 is the last See article "We Must Know day to register for the fall elec-

# Half-Gallon In Lansing

By placing "Maisy, the mechanical cow," at 10 convenient locations in Lansing and East Lansing, Dairyland Cooperative Creamery of Carson City has made half-gallon containers 'of milk available to consumers 24 hours per day.
"Maisy" is a big walk-in type

refrigerator which delivers the In July the Michigan Farm 2 quart cartons of cold milk automatically when the customer

The milk automats have been area for married students of

Walker believes Lansing is the first large city in the country to have this 24 hour service available in all areas. He also be-lieves that the convenience and economy will encourage the use of more milk. A half-page advertisement in the Lansing Journal announced "Maisy's" ar-

#### Benson Calls Off Total Acreage Plan

Because of drowth, Sec'y Ben-son has discontinued "Total Acreage Allotments" for 1955. If more than ten acres were diverted, no ed, October 13, 8:00 p.m. a market crop could be grown on Save yourself a lot of trouble them without losing all price sup- tober 8, 8:00 p.m. ports. Cross-compliance on quota

#### District 3 Macomb-Place to be announc-

Monroe-Ida High School, Oc-Oakland - Pre - convention ed. October 18, 8:15 p.m.

meeting. Place to be announced, October 28, 8 p.m. Washtenaw-Lincoln Consolidated School, south of Ypsilanti, nounced. October 21, 8:15 p.ra. October 19, 8:00 p.m.

Belleville, October 18, 8:00 p.m. District 4

Allegan-Griswold Auditorium, Allegan, October 18, starts with supper at 6:30 p.m. Barry-Hastings, Place to be announced, October 26, 8:00 p.m. October 13, 8:00 p.m. Ionia-Place to be announced,

October 20, 8:00 p.m. Kent—Second Congregational Church, Grand Rapids, October ed. October 25, 8:15 p.m. 18, 7:30 p.m.

Ottawa-Allendale Community Hall, October 21, 8:00 p.m.

District 5

October 13, 8:15 p.m. Eaton-Place to be announced. October 5, 8:15 p.m. Genesee-Place to be announce ed. October 26, 8:15 p.m.

ed. October 18, 8:15 p.m. Shiawassee-Corunna. Place to be announced. October 6, 8:15 p.m.

Ingham-Place to be announce

District 6 Huron-County Center Build-

ing, Bad Axe, October 28, 8:00 Lapeer-Place to be announced.

October 21, 8:00 p.m. Sanilac-Place to be announc-Oct. 27-East Central region, Kenneth Hood, AFBF, Midland ed. October 20, 8:00 p.m.

St. Clair-Place to be announced. October 12, 8:90 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

# Members Will Act on Farm Program

President Allan Kline of AFBF Says That At no Time Have Farmers Faced More Important Questions Than Now

NORWOOD EASTMAN Coordinator of Organization for Michigan Farm Bureau

October is the month for County Farm Bureau annual meetings. The resolutions adopted at those meetings will state the programs and policies that the members favor for 1955.

Allan Kline, president of the American Farm Bureau, says, "For 35 years Farm Bureau has built a proud tradition of facing up to the tough problems of agriculture and helping to solve them through united action.

"At no time have affairs far from the farm been more important to farmers than they are now. Many will continue to be important in the years ahead.

"Your real income and your right to earn it are at stake. Thus you and your neighbors should all have a chance to take part in shaping the policies affecting you. This can best be done by talking over the issues, whether they are concerned with budgets, taxes, monopoly, general price level, - or a dozen other matters of county state and national interest, - and deciding about them. They affect your real income!"

The place to make these decisions is at your County Farm Bureau annual meeting. Below is a list of dates and places for county annual meetings. Check the date for your county. Be sure to attend this important meet-

District 1

Berrien-Preconvention meet- Hall, October 29, 8:00 p.m. ing, Berrien Springs Youth Memorial Building, October 26, Hall, October 25, 8:00 p.m.

Annual meeting to be held in January. Cass - Edwardsburgh High Center, October 27, 8:00 p.m. School, October 23, 7:15 p.m.

chool, October 23, 7:15 p.m. Newaygo — Fremont Founda-Kalamazoo — County Center tion Building, October 19, 8:00 Building, Kalamazoo, October 28, p.m. St. Joseph-Centerville, place

to be announced, October 28, 7:30 Van Buren-Paw Paw High

School, October 29, 8:00 p.m.

Hillsdale, October 12, 8:00 p.m.

Lenawee - Producer's Dairy

later, 10 a.m.

District 2

Arenac - Omer Community Building, October 29, 8:00 p.m. Branch - Methodist Church, Bay-Place to be announced Coldwater, October 27, 8:00 p.m. October 21, 8:00 p.m. Calhoun - Community Build-Clare-Place to be announced ing, Marshall, October 19, 8:00

Mason-Scottville Community

Mecosta - Mecosta Township

Montcalm-Place to be an-

Muskegon-Wolf Lake 4-H

Oceana-Place to be announc-

Osceola-Place to be announc-

District 8

ed October 26, 8:00 p.m.

ed. October 28, 8:00 p.m.

nounced, October 20, 8:00 p.m.

October 5, 8:00 p.m. Gladwin-Gladwin Community Hillsdale—4-H Club Building, Building, October 11, 8:00 p.m.

Gratiot—Ithaca High School

Jackson-Hanover Community Gymnasium, October 26, starts Church, date to be announced with supper at 7:30 p.m. Isabella - Moose Hall, Mt. Pleasant, October 28, 8:00 p.m.

Building, Adrian, October 13, 10 Midland - Sanford Grade School, October 19, starts with potluck supper at 7:00 Saginaw-4-H Building, Sagi-

naw, Saginaw Fair Grounds, October 25, 8:00 p.m.

District 9 Benzie-Place to be announc-

Kalkaska - Place to be announced. October 15, 8:15 p.m. Manistee - Place to be an-Missaukee - McBain High Wayne-4-H Club Building, School, October 11, 8:15 p.m. N. W. Michigan-Place to be announced. October 19, 8:15 p.m.

Wexford-Place to be announced. October 22, 8:15 p.m. District 10

Alcona - Bruce Town Hall, Alpena-Big Rapids Town Hall, October 26, 8:00 p.m. Antrim-Place to be announc-

Charlevoix-Place to be announced. October 18, 8:15 p.m. Cheboygan—Cheboygan High School, October 19, 8:00 p.m.

Clinton — Municipal Building, October 25, 8:00 p.m. Iosco-Hale Community Cen-

ter, October 27, 8:00 p.m. Montmorency - Atlanta High School, October 8, starts with supper at 7:30 p.m. Ogemaw-West Branch Com-

munity Center, October 11, 8:09 Otsego-Barnes Town Hall, Oc-

tober 28, 8:00 p.m. Presque Isle—Belknap Town Hall, October 20, 8:00 p.m.

STATE FAIR AWARD Marten Garn of Charlotte,

president of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., won a premier breeder's award and two grand championships for the best Yorkshire hogs at the Michigan State Fair.

Keep matches out of reach of small children.

# Bulk Fertilizer at Kent City



KENT CITY FARM BUREAU is probably the first fertilizer dealer in the county equipped to handle bulk sales of fertilizer to farmer patrons. This picture shows the first 10-ton load being delivered to the organization's 100-ton storage from the Farm Bureau Services plant food manufacturing plant at Kalamazoo.



THIS PICTURE shows Kent City Farm Bureau manager Oscar Anderson using a tractor scoop to load out the first delivery of bulk fertilizer. It went to Carl Waldherr, dairy farmer and president of his Farm Bureau group. The bulk delivery system lowers the price of fertilizer about \$4.50 per ton to the farmer, or about 5% on most grades. The savings come from eliminating bag costs and savings in labor. Allegan Farmers Coop Ass'n and Hillsdale County Cooperative Ass'n have this service in operation.

# 65,918 Families

With the closing of the Michimemberships for 1954.

THE MFB annual meeting will elect eight of a board of 15 directors for two year terms. The 955 is 65,918 families.

The membership campaign for Still Needed new board will elect a president and vice-president for 1955. 1955 will be conducted along new PRE - CONVENTION MEET-INGS: OCT. 30-Annual meeting

000 or more new members.

### or before election day. c. A resident of the state of

# e. REGISTERED-Oct. 4 is the

This should not cause blood M. S. C. campus.

We urge blood donors to con-

amendments to be voted upon at by checking your chimney before cold weather sets in.

# Will Speak to Roll Call Leaders



JACK YAEGER Executive Secretary, MFB

Bureau membership campaign. A the regional meetings: series of regional training meetings on national farm issues of the day has been arranged for October.

County Farm Bureau membership committees, Roll Call manfall election is Monday. Oct. 4. will center around translating present farm issues into Farm

Bureau membership.

Oct. 11—Southwest region, Jack
Lynn, AFBF, Paw Paw high neth Hood, AFBF, Owosso high October 19, starts with supper at Bureau membership. will be presented to Roll Cail school, 8:15 p.m.



Commodity Department, AFBF

WELL INFORMED leaders and workers at county training workers insure a successful Farm schools. This is the schedule for

> Oct. 7 - Northeast region, Wayne Newberry, AFBF youth leader, speaker; Atlanta high school, 8:15 p.m. Oct. 8 - Northwest region,

field Twp. Hall, Traverse City,

Wayne Newberry, speaker, Gar-



Legislative Department, AFBF

Oct. 14 - West Central region,

Oct. 12—Southeast region, Jack Lynn, AFBF Onsted high school, 8:15 p.m.

Jack Yaeger, MFB, Community hall, Fremont, 8:15 p.m. Oct. 26-Thumb region, Kenneth Hood, AFBF, Marlette high school, 8:15 p.m.

high school, 8:15 p.m.

school, 8:15 p.m.

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# Community Farm Bureaus

WESLEY S. HAWLEY

Coordinator of Community Farm Bureaus for MFB

Dear Community Farm Bureau Members:

Now that you have elected your officers for 1955, I suppose you are making plans for good interesting meetings and activities. Here are a few suggestions that might help:

1. Have your officers meet and plan a good agenda for each meeting.

2. Portion them for each part of the program. 3. Follow the agenda in each meeting, starting and closing on

4. Plan one good project for Community betterment for the year. 5. Have your community officers attend the County Officers Training School when held.

6. Give every member something to do to help make the meetings

worthwhile to everyone. 7. Do everything possible to have an enthusiastic, alert, and willing group of members.

You know, the members and officers can make Community Farm Bureau exactly what they want it to be. They can be enthusiastic and active, or they can be halfhearted and sleepy. There are all kinds of groups as is indicated by the following excerpts from letters:

"Our group were so busy and so tired, did not want to go through the business meeting." "I have too much work to do to be a discussion leader."

Or would you like this one bet-

"As I glance over these minutes, I believe they are the best we have sent in yet. All seem to be alert and willing to do their part. That is what makes for good team work in any organization."

Here is an interesting letter by a secretary to the members of Jefferson Community Farm Bureau in Cass county:

Farm Bureau Members: At the September meeting the officers for the year 1954-55 were elected. At the next meeting October 9, Mr. Lee Bakeman will be at our meeting. He is the county Roll Call chairman. We would like very much for this meeting to have a better attendance than was present for our election of

YOU as members of the Farm

Bureau have a very important part in the resolutions that are passed by Farm Bureau groups YOUR voice in these matters is

just as important as those who have tried to keep our group active this year.

YOU as members owe to your officers your support. If this does not take place, it is next to impossible to keep the group active. It is your support and voice in county and state affairs that your officers need. Sincerely,

Your out-going Sec'y-Treas. AVIS RYDER

Helps for Community Farm Bureau Chairmen. Duties and Responsibilities: Meet with Community Officers and plan a good general agenda

outline for the year. Be present at all meetings. (If you cannot, notify vice-chairman) Check program arrangement

with secretary prior to opening of meeting. Start meeting on time.

Conduct orderly meeting. Give every member a chance to participate.

Request vice - chairman to check with committee chairmen to see that reports are ready and

Call on vice-chairman to preside occasionally for experience. Adjourn on set time.

Suggested Order of Business Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance Farm Bureau Creed (if used) Reading of minutes of last

Treasurer's report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Minuteman's report

B. Women's report C. Other committee reports OLD BUSINESS

New business \*Recreation DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY

TOPIC Adjournment

\*Some groups choose to have ome recreational activity before the meeting is called, others just prior to the discussion period. Some use it after the business meeting.

Handling Motions

Proper handling of motions in ousiness sessions is very imporant. It facilitates action and gives every member an opportunity to participate.

The following are some suggestions to help in properly handling the set-up sheets be sent in as picture."

a. A member says "I move that may have status and also that the "Then he clearly states officers may get their informathe proposition (might be writ- tion. ten on paper).

b. A member says "I second sues of the 1954 Election." the motion." c. The proposition is then open

for discussion. d. Each member should have a chance to discuss if he desires. No

### Spray-Control Downy Brome Now

It's a good time to spray-control downy brome, say weed control specialists at Michigan State College. Downy brome is the weed often mis-called "wild oats" in Michigan. The weed is an annual but keeps growing because of its seed producing efficiency. Hundreds of acres of alfalfa in southern Michigan are overrun with downy brome. Recommended sprays are TCA (trichloroacetate) or C-IPC (isopropylphenol-carbamate). Fall spraying is recom-



**FACTS** 

MICHIGAN BELL

How to Broil a Turkey

from

MSC foods specialists' suggestions on broiling a young 2-4 pound Beltsville turkey split in half lengthwise: Break the drumstick, hip and wing joints. Flatten halves; skewer legs to body. Fold wing tips back under wings and skewer wings flat against edge of backbone. Season each half with a fourth teaspoon of salt and sprinkling of pepper. Brush melted fat on turkey and cook slowly, skin side down in broiler pan 5 to 7 inches from heat. It should brown lightly in 10 minutes and be turned and brushed with fat several times. A 21/2-pounder takes an hour.



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### Old Recipe Book

On a shelf in the cupboard, right there by the sink, In the kitchen of Marty, my spouse,

Are several volumes, more ragged I think, Than anything else in her house. There is one-it's the oldest and raggedest, too-

The treasure and joy of her life That was given to her by her mother, no less,

When she was a new-wedded wife. Now Marthy, of course, was no helpless young thing Already she knew how to cook,

But she squealed in delight when she had for her own Her mother's old recipe book.

The recipes in it were written by hand And the ink is now faded with age. They were gathered from neighbors of culinary fame

Who were proud to contribute a page. They average a bit on the fattening side "Eight eggs and a pint of fresh cream." For to set a good table in that early time Was to answer a hungry man's dream. They used "heaping spoonfuls" and "half a cup (small)"

And other odd measurements then, But the things Grandma took from that oven of hers-

Ah, she was a mother of men! My Marthy has long been the Queen of the Range, Delighting to ply me with treats.

She sometimes has said that a working man's job Is the sum of the victuals he eats. So it isn't for nothing her cook book is fraved

And has such a third-handed look

one should be given the oppor-

tunity to speak twice until every-

one has had the opportunity to

question is called for, it is pre-

1. "All in favor of motion as

stated signify by saying aye, or

2. "All opposed signify by say-

g. If members desire they may

h. Most questions call for just

i. Limit action to main motions,

but in case of amendment,

amendment must be handled be-

new ones. To date, 300 of the I,-

356 groups have sent in their set-

October Discussion Topic: "Is

(Continued from Page 1)

group at the noon luncheon Oct.

19. The luncheon will be a complimentary one, provided by the

tives who are the borrowers.

**MAFC** Annual

October 18-19

At College

speak once.

sented for vote.

by raised hand."

lows with the motion:

ing no or by raised hand."

vote by secret ballot.

a simple majority.

fore main motion.

STAR AWARDS

THE SITUATION

For this is the scepter wherewith she is queen-Her mother's old recipe book.

R. S. Clark 315 North Grinnell Street Jackson, Michigan

### e. After discussion, or when Use Water? f. Chairman proceeds as fol-

Dan Reed, ass't legislative counsel of the Michigan Farm Bureau, attended the American Farm Bureau Federation conference on land and water use in July.

"FOR YOU the term water rights means your legal share of the amount of water available," Mr. Reed said.

"Michigan really has no legislation on water rights. In view of the continued and tremendous increases in the use of water for by either a gasoline engine or an illustrated. The book should be Next month we shall have an home use, industry, irrigation and up-to-date report on star awards. air conditioning, Michigan needs to enact sound water rights legislation. "This should be done before

We ended the year 1954 with 1,356 groups. Of these, 118 were we begin to have court decisions establishing precedents for certain situations without taking into up sheets. It is important that account the whole water rights quickly as possible that the group I There was complete agreement at Chicago that the state Farm

Bureaus should work for water ights legislation in each state. At its annual meeting in November, 1953, the Michigan Farm

Bureau adopted this resolution: "WATER RIGHTS. The increasing use of water for irrigation as well as for industrial and domestic purposes indicates that Michigan is fast approaching the

time when laws setting up the Addresses will be delivered by legal right to the use of water will both the President and the Secre- be needed. We recommend that tary of the St. Paul Bank for Co- the legislature take the necesoperatives, H. M. Knipfel and sary steps to initiate such a pro-Oren Shelley. Clark L. Brody, a gram." member of the Federal Farm Credit Board, will address the

Make good use of your time and you'll have more to spare.

A good boost when needed is St. Paul Bank for Cooperatives. | better than a pull that isn't.

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

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# Chain Saws on the Farm



RUSSELL TOLLES of Hastings, Barry County Farm Bureau member, shows how handy a chain saw can be used in cutting wood. Russell Whittemore puts his OK on the work.

KEATS VINING Agr'l News Writer

The chain saw is a piece of mechanized farm equipment that is rapidly becoming a standard tool on many farms. It has just about put the old crosscut and buck saw out of business.

CHAIN SAWS are not new. A patent was asked for such a saw in 1900. It's hard to say who had the idea first, European or American inventors.

The idea was tried first in the Pacific Northwest timber lands. Old time loggers didn't take kindly to the new saw. Then Hitler moved into Poland in 1939. While this country wasn't in the war, food, lumber and other supplies.

this time the chain saw came in- cooled and have rainproof igni- or buck saw. The chain saw to its own in lumbering operation, ball bearings, and speed works and cuts fast. An 18-inch tions. It wasn't long before the controls. saw was refined, made smaller, and adapted for farm use.

with teeth protruding from the book, which is usually written in place where the district forester outer edge. The chain is powered clear, simple English and is well can help.

in position by a guide bar.

The two-man saw in the lumare on the market today. They trouble. use alloys of aluminum and mag-

tween 30 and 40 pounds. Some matter of cutting trees for fireof short saws are even lighter. wood, bolts, or cleaning up fence They cost from \$300 to \$400. The rows, a saw in the 18 to 24 inch average farm-size saw can handle size will do a lot of work. logs and trees up to 20 inches in diameter.

most part with an air - cooled, suggestion would be to consult its effect was quickly felt. The horse power. The larger two-man county farm agent for his adpressure was on this country for saws, six and seven feet long, use dress. seven horse power engines. The engines are compact. The

MAN power became scarce. At magneto is enclosed. They are air different from using a crosscut

THE CHAIN saw is a precision be cut in 28 seconds. What is a chain saw? It con-equipment and as such needs If a farmer is going to cut sists of an endless link chain, careful maintenance and atten- many trees, he should know how somewhat like a bicycle chain, tion. Each saw has an instruction to do the job. Here again is a

electric motor. The chain is held studied and the instructions followed carefully.

Most of the standard saws on ber woods was too heavy and too the market have service headexpensive for average farm use. quarters. Chain saw owners A number of light one-man saws should consult those folks if in

WHAT SIZE saw should a farmer buy? That will depend on THE ONE-man saws weigh be- what he is going to do. If it's a

If the work is going to entail some logging operations, it might Chain saws are powered for the be well to get a larger saw. A two-cyle engine. The engines in with your district farm forester. the smaller models are three If you don't know him ask your

> USING a chain saw is much pine log can be cut in 16 seconds An oak log of the same size can

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The best advice to give to a young man-or to yourself-is to build up permanent savings through the FIP Savings Plan. In FIP account your savings are protected. The Plan provides for continuing your savings even through lean years, and for completing your entire program automatically in case of death.

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# Social Security Act Covers Farm Operators

# They Are in Plan January 1, 1955

Self-Employed Farmer Will Pay 3% of Net Income up to \$4200; Benefits Start in 1956; Gains for Farm Help

Farmers will come under the Social Security Law January 1, 1955, under the terms of the many amendments to the Social Security Act made by Congress this summer.

Farm workers have been covered by the Act since 1951. Congress made changes in the law that will enable many more farm workers to be covered by the system. Congress simplified for farmers the job of reporting social security tax for farm workers.

This year Congress placed another ten million people under the social security program and made many amend. ments to the law to increase the benefits for everyone in the program.

The Farm Bureau has been opposed to coverage of farmers under the federal social security program until more satisfactory experience with self-employed groups has been acquired. The social security program is one of 11 questions the Farm Bureau is discussing in Policy

ings total \$400 or more annually will be required to join the program Jan. 1, 1955.

amount of 3% of their net income will be due with their federal income tax report. In most cases make for the calendar year of 1955 will be dee April 15, 1956.

Farmers will not be required the amount of net profit earned over \$4200 in a single year.

FARM HELP. The self-employed farmer is also responsible for a social security levy of 4% for any employe, either farm labor or for domestic help, providing

dependent upon 24 days of total employement in any one quarter their business, their returns will and total earnings of \$50 or more. be considered investment income from Mexico or the British West | security benefits.

are excluded. 2% of the employee tax from the to widows 65 or older, to widows salary due the employee.

BENEFITS TO FARM PEOPLE. Beginning July 1, 1956, assuming

The farmer who retires at 65 monthly earnings of the father. will be eligible for a social se-

to \$350 a month or more.

Development meetings in 1954.

The American Farm Bureau provides this information on the Social Security Act of 1954 as it applies to farm people:

Farm People Covered. About 3,600,000 self-employed farmers having a net income of \$400 or more per year will be added to the social security program January 1, 1955. Another 2,100,000 farm people included in the program are farm laborers. Many of them will be coming in for the first time because the new rules will credit a farm worker for three months social security coverage for each \$100 earned from one employer. (65 or over) will be entitled to a

COST TO FARMER. Self-em- benefit of \$45 up to \$162.80 per ployed farmers whose net earn- month. Agricultural workers and domestic workers will participate

in like manner. Their first payments, in the Under the Social Security Act as amended in 1954 farmers or up to and including \$4200 per year, others may have any amount of income from dividends, insurance, investments, or other pension the report and payment they funds without any effect on their social security checks. Under the 1954 amendments,

to pay a social security tax on \$1200 a year and continue to receive social security. There is no restriction on the amount that may be earned in any month, but

a month in which more than \$80 is earned will cost the pensioner security check for one month. SELF-EMPLOYED FARMERS or businessmen who reach 65 the laborer earns \$100 or more may not receive social security retirements be Eligibility for domestic help is to operate their business. If they retire and hire someone to run

Agricultural workers admitted and they are entitled to social Under the Act of 1954 farm Indies for short term enployment people in the social security pro-The farmer may deduct half or gram will participate in benefits

of any age with children, and to orphans. A widow with two children would have social security benethat social secuity tax has been fits of \$50 to \$200 a month until paid for 1955 and following the children are 18, the range depending upon the average

For these other benefits in the curity benefit of \$30 to \$108.50 long list of amendments, every per month. The above is based self-employed farmer will pay on average monthly net earn- into social security 3% of his net ings before retirement of \$40 up income up to 4200, starting in 1955. In 1970 the rate will rise A retired farmer and his wife to 54% and in 1975 to 6% on a

# Benefits Under Social Security

The table below shows how to estimate the amount of your own and your family's payments. For a more detailed explanation, get in touch with your social security office, which issues social security numbers and provides information.

RETIREMENT BENEFITS			SURVIVOR'S BENEFITS			
Avg. Monhly Earnings After 1950	Retired Worker	Retired Worker and Wife	Aged Widow or Widower	Widow and 1 Child	Widow and 2 Children	Widow and 3 Children
S 50	\$ 30.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
\$100	55.00	82.50	41.30	82.50	82.50	82.50
\$150	68.50	102.80	51.50	102.80	120.00	120.00
\$200	78.50	117.80	58.90	117.80	157.00	160.00
\$250	88.50	132.80	66.40	132.80	177.00	200.00
\$300	98.50	147.80	73.90	147.80	197.00	200.00
\$350*	108.50	162.80	81.40	162,80	200.00	200.00

\*Can apply only when there is at least 11/2 years of earnings at the new maximum annual rate of \$4,200 after 1954.

maximum wage base of up to and including \$4200 of net in-

on the salaries of his employes, and the rate they pay will also move upwards under the new

## What Horton Act Savs **About Hunting**

THE HORTON ACT

An act to regulate hunting upon any farm lands or farm woodots connected therewith or within the enclosed lands of any hunting club, and to prohibit the posting or enclosing of such lands except by the owner or lessee of such lands or by his authorized agent(s).

Hunting on Farm Lands or Lands of Hunting Club, Posting, Unlawfullness. Section 1. No person shall hunt with firearms, or dogs, or in any other manner, upon any farm lands or farm woodlots connected therewith or within the enclosed lands of any hunting club without the (written) consent of the owner or lessee of such lands or lots. No person retired persons may earn up to shall, without due authority for posting or enclosing from the owner or lessee of any lands or lots in this state, erect posters or enclose lands or lots so as to prohibit the public enjoyment of hunting, trapping, fishing, or

tions under this act shall be in The rate the farmer must pay the name of the people of the state of Michigan, and shall be brought before a justice of the peace, police magistrate, or other court of competent jurisdiction. in the county in which the of-fense was committed, and within one (1) year from the time the offense charged was committed.

> 13.1473 Same; Duty of Prosecutor. Section 3. It shall be the duty of all prosecuting attorneys of this state in their respective counties to see that the provisions hereof are enforced and to prosecute all persons charged with violating the provisions hereof; but prosecutions the complaint of any such owner, lessee or agent may be made without complaint, permit or consent of the prosecuting at-

13.1474 Penalty. Section 4. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than ten (10) dollars nor more than fifty (50) dollars, and may be committed to the county jail until such fine and others. and costs of the proceedings are paid, not exceeding thirty (30) days; and for a second (2nd) or any subsequent conviction he shall be punished by a fine of not ling. exceeding one hundred (100) dollars and in addition thereto shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a period of not more than thirty (30) days.

13.1475 Unlawful to Resist other recreational activities on Officer. Section 5. It shall be unlawful for any person

TO hunt on another man's land is a priv-

ilege. Abuse of that privilege has but

Good farmer-sportsman relations, long

This hunting pressure places new emphasis on such familiar reminders as: Ask the farm-

Together they simply say to all sports-

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

THIS FARMER-SPORTSMAN MESSAGE is on the front

cover of the 1954 Game Law Digest some 800,000 persons will

receive when they buy a Michigan hunting license this year. It

was placed there by the Michigan Department of Conservation at

the request of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the

Michigan Farm Bureau, and the Michigan State Grange. The

illustration shows some of the things that make for good rela-

tions: Ask the farmer first, have the dog on leash, the gun brok-

en to show that it is not loaded, and the car parked in the farm

men: OBSERVE THE GOLDEN

RULE.

er first-Close gates-Get acquainted with the farmer—Observe rules of gun safety— Protect the farmer's property-Don't be a

'encouraged by farm groups and sportsmen's

clubs, mean much more now because Mich-

one result-LOSS of a place to hunt.

igan has never had so many hunters.

### 13.1472 Prosecution; Time | to resist or obstruct any officer Limit. Section 2. All prosecu- or person empowered to make arrests under the provisions of this

## State Ranks High in Dairy Business

Just how important is the dairy business to Michigan?

The 846,000 dairy cows 101,000 Michigan farms produce nearly six billion pounds of milk which are already listed as having a year. The value is nearly 150 official standing on our records.
million dollars. The sale of veal "We urge the County Farm before a justice of the peace on and beef from dairy herds totals Bureau Boards to insure that they another 50 million dollars.

THAT BRINGS the total cash dairy income to approximately 200 million dollars, the largest source of farm income in Michiigan. And it helps maintain business in every Michigan city.

There are more than 600 dairy plants in Michigan which process the state's milk supply into various dairy products-bottled milk, butter, evaporated and condensed milk, ice cream, cheese

It is possible to overtake a lot of people on the road to ruin, but you never meet anyone return-

## MFB Board On Community Farm Bureaus

July 27 made these recommenda- in Lansing on September 23 and tions to the membership regard- 24, 1954." ing the Community Farm Bureau program:

"It is highly important that the lichigan Farm Bureau shall con-Michigan Farm Bureau shall continue to speak for farmers by providing a means through which farmers themselves can give Support Plan voice to their thinking on agritultural policy.

in Michigan have not only provided this avenue of expression but also have been an instrument to effective action in matters of legislation, membership, growth, organizational expansion and membership growth, organizational expansion and member educa-

"We feel that there is a need to keep pace in the development of our Community Farm Bureaus with the advancing growth of our

"With this viewpoint in mind, we, the Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors, do strongly recommend to the several County Boards and their Community Farm Bureau Committees that every active effort be given to the promotion and development of Community Farm Bureaus in 1954-55, and to the effective maintenance of those groups "We urge the County Farm

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have an active Community Farm come by pricing American farm-Bureau Committee, and to select ers out of the home market or the a person who shall act as a Com- world market. munity Farm Bureau Manager to 6. Should not encourage imfor the development of these new support. groups. We further urge that the County Farm Bureau Boards se- cost. lect this Community Farm Bureau Manager in time to send him to Gloves The Michigan Farm Bureau the Training Program on Group board of directors at its meeting Organization Methods to be held

# "The Community Farm Bureaus Should Do

DAN E. REED Ass't Legislative Counsel, MFB

Farm Bureau members say the purpose of a farm price support program is to prevent disaster due to severe price breaks, not to guarantee profitable farm income. A desirable price support pro-

1. Should encourage production shifts to more wanted crops.

2. Should not discourage efficient production of quality products.

3. Should permit greatest possible freedom for the individual farm operation. 4. Should tend to bring production in line with demand-not

maintain a permanently subsidized commodity production. 5. Should not decrease farm in-



conduct a Promotional Campaign ports of crops which are receiving 7. Should not be excessive in

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# Activities of Farm Bureau Women of District 8

# Are Active In Health Program

MRS. CLARE WILLIAMS St. Louis Chairman of MFB Women for District 8, and Member of

State Advisory Council Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw.

On a District level our program consists of two council meetings each year. Each county chairman, vice-chairman and secretary attend these meetings. Our jects are explained and discussed charged. Each county contributes \$10 a year to finance district

The counties take turns acting as hostesses for the semi-annual district meetings. All Farm Bureau women are invited.

Our first district camp was held June 23-24 at Coldwater Lake 4-H Club Camp in Isabella county. Fifty-four ladies stayed overnight for the two-day camp. The program stressed mental health.

Miss Esther Middlewood from the State Department of Mental Health gave a very enlightening talk on the Problems of Mental Health for Middle Age. We had a conducted tour of the Michigan Home Training School in Mt. Pleasant. A German exchange student, Miss Edith Poedtke, gave an interesting talk describing her life in Germany during the war years. Mr. Arden Petersen, extension specialist in adult recreation from MSC, led our evening of games and square dancing. Everyone voted to have another camp next year.

The following reports are by County Chairmen. Reports cannot convey the deep personal satisfaction and enjoyment these women have in working together to help build a better community, a better country and a better world in which to live.

#### **Arenac County** Mrs. Lorene Hutchinson, chairman

The Farm Bureau Women's Committee of Arenac county are a very busy group. We have been active in the state cancer program, with many of our meetings the Blood Bank was explained and we encourage active participation. We gave \$20 to the county Polio Fund and we sent clothing to Korea and also

gave a cash contribution of \$10. We had a contest making Safety Scrap Books with Mrs. Francis Pestainer taking first prize, Our county sent two delegates to the Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau Women's Camp at Twin Lakes and four to our District Camp at Coldwater Lake. Our Chairman attended the Institute in Lansing last January. We have contributed to the state

money projects. Our work of raising money for the year consisted of serving dinners for the Grass Institute in Standish. Also, 200 were served at an appreciation dinner for the Sterling Mill at Sterling. We had a lunch stand at our county Grass Day and cleared \$30.12. We also raise money by selling Danny Duzils and stainless steel food choppers throughout the year We served lunch of apple and cherry pie, cheese and coffee at our annual Farm Bureau meet-

Mrs. Marjorie Karker spoke at our rally in May on "What Farm Bureau Does For Us." All Farm Bureau women invited to potluck lunch. Students of the Sterling school provided the entertainment. This meeting was so successful we are planning another rally day to be held in September. We entertained our husbands at a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. John Heinrich, Jr., with a potluck lunch and a stuffed turkey. This meeting gave our husbands an opportunity to learn something of our

#### **Bay County** Mrs. Edward Englehardt,

Chairman The Bay county Farm Bureau Women's committee is a very active group. The chairman attends State Institute and all district council meetings. They are active in cancer work. Raising the necessary funds for material to make cancer bandages is quite

a project in itself.

city women as the speakers. A | district camp at Coldwater Lake. doctor's wife, the city clerk's wife, Several of our women attended. the wife of a business man and We look forward to the camp the wife of a factory worker gave and to making new friends next us an insight into the problems year. of city women. These conferences are certainly worth while and result in better understanding of Mrs. Gleason Halliwill, Chairman

our city friends and neighbors. for the roll call. In January member's homes. We take actwe sent two delegates to the ive part in all Farm Bureau Health Conference at Saginaw. affairs. We have had some very We participated 100% in all the interesting meetings. We have state projects. Our Safety chair- participated in all the state pro-District 8 of the Michigan Farm man, Mrs. Carl Weber, is doing a jects. Bureau Women's Committees is very good job reporting safety the east central part of Michigan measures for the home at each and three counties: Arenac, Bay, meeting. Our legislative chairman, Mrs. Howard Sapin, keeps us well posted on the status of all legislature in Lansing.

regular spring and fall district chairs, and other sick room sup- ladies toured the State Mental meetings are planned, state pro- plies. These are for the use of Hospital at Traverse City; 23 another a banker's wife, the third cancer patients at Bay county. women chartered a bus for a trip and other pertinent business dis- In this closet we have also a to the Sister Kenny Foundation supply of bandages. Material for where we made a tour of the group in the county contributes Northville hospital. toward the fund. In 1953 we To further carry out our health are a very important part of our

Gladwin County

We meet the 3rd Wednesday of We served the kick-off dinner the month in local halls or in

We are interested in health on health. We have made several tours of state hospital to better acquaint ourselves with the facilities available to anyone in Our main project is working need of them. For instance, 25 for our Cancer Closet at Mercy Gladwin County Farm Bureau Hospital in Bay City. We have women visited the Mt. Pleasant six hospital beds, two wheel Home and Training School; six our women's committee. Each treated for Polio. We visited the

We held our fourth annual Rural-Urban meeting recently. At the first we had Farm Bureau programs and have had speakers speakers. At the second we had four farm ladies describe the different types of farming in their respective farms; they described dairying, raising pigs, beans and sugar beets.

The following year four urban ladies told of their homes and family life. One was a doctor in partnership with her husband, was the editor of a local news-Office worker. This year our these bandages is purchased by hospital and saw several being speaker was from the Alma Col-

lege. We feel Rural-Urban meetings

several ways. We have packed Our Committee is made up of clothing which we sent to our two representatives from each German friend, Marie Huechting. community group. We meet the She distributes this to the needy last Tuesday of each month either in East Germany. We sent \$120 in a local hall or in the home to sponsor a Korean child. We of a member.

We are given a budget by our jeans drive in our country. We county Farm Bureau Board and bought fifty Farm Bureau song do not carry on any fund raising books. We take canned goods projects. We have served Kick- to our Christmas party which is off dinners, annual meeting din- given to the needy in our coun-

We have had several fine speakers at our meetings. Mr. . K. Thornberg of Grand Rapids spoke on Fire Prevention on the Farm. Trooper Monroe from the State Police Post talked to us about "Safety on the Highway." Mr. Boyd and Mr. Evans of Cadillac who are associated with the Sherman Williams Paint Co. showed pictures and talked about "Color for the Home."

We sent four delegates to the Welfare League Conference at paper and the fourth was a Post Bay City and four ladies attended the NW Women's Camp at Twin Lakes near Traverse City. Fine reports were given of these meetings. For the last few years we have chartered a bus to take us to the MFB convention. We have participated in all state projects. Farm Bureau Women of Dist. 8

> Our district held a camp for the first time this year at Coldwater Lake in Isabella county. Since we were one of the first groups to use the camp this summer our committee volunteered to clean the camp buildings. About twenty of us gathered at the 4-H Camp buildings the day before camp with housecleaning materials and went to work with a will. Mr. Densmore, our county 4-H Agent, was very pleased and pearance of the camp. Our county was responsible for the buying named Mrs. Wagar as director. and preparing of the food for the camp. Mrs. Hugh Swindlehurst able for a new department so and Mrs. Hazel Beckdolt did a very good job.

> For a little fun we have a newly - established Michigan birthday cake each month at our Farm Bureau News to promote meeting. A dime is baked in the the work. cake and the lady finding the dime must bake the birthday cake for the next meeting.

The Isabella County Women's Committee has carried on a very fine program. They enjoy the things they do and they have so much fun doing them that one wonders why other groups cannot do likewise.

Midland County MRS. F. J. OLIVER Chairman

Our group is composed of two

We Sponsor Representatives We packed three boxes of tors. We conducted the devotion- ing for Korean children. als at our district camp. We at-

Health Conference in Saginaw last March as a group. Three of our members attended the Social Welfare meeting in Bay City. We are proud of having one of our members on the Coun-

tended one session of the Rural

ty Mental Health Board. A number of our members attended the Rural-Urban dinner in March. Mrs. Stacy McCrary of Hope attended the entire session of the Associated Country Women of the World in Toronto, Canada, last August. She told us of the many new friends she had made and gave us many pictures of the

We Were Hostesses to the district semi-annual meeting in April with approximately 150 in attendance from the eight counties in our district, Mr. Ben Pattison of Farm Bureau Services explained the livestock marketng facilities available through the Michigan Livestock Exchange.

We have had interesting and nformative speakers. This is an We are in complete charge of ideal way to get information on the annual picnic. We prepare health and other timely topics to

all members of Farm Bureau. Mr. Clarence Sheridan, a Lincoln township supervisor, talked on Equalization of Taxes and State Aid. Mr. LeRoy Methner, Insurance agent, spoke on "Auto Insurance and Motorists Responsibility." At our May meeting Mr. Lyle Hathaway and Mr. Roy West of the State Police gave us some food for thought on rural accidents, their cause and prevention. They also touched on the problem of roadside rubbish dump-

Mr. Herbert Ripley of the City-County Health Department spoke on rural sanitation with special emphasis on sewage disposal at etables, fruits, etc., for the Farm our June meeting. Mrs. Marjorie Bureau Wall Display at the Sagi-Karker of Michigan Farm Bureau naw County Fair. There were attended our July meeting and eight exhibits in this department gave us a very inspiring talk on last year and we won fourth

Mrs. Hugh Roberston, Chairman ty Farm Bureau we spend in Mrs. Edith M. Wagar is 82 October 1



MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR will celebrate her 82nd birthday October 1 at her home at Briar Hill Farm, 13676 Briar Hill road, Carleton, Monroe county.

Mrs. Wagar is indeed the first lady of the Michigan Farm Bureau. She was elected to the state board of directors in 1921 and was re-elected eight times to serve through 1938. Her Farm Bureau work continued at the community, county and state levels until the last few years.

schools, people, or some timely

We came to have on our sub-

scription list a judge in Detroit,

some well-known names in busi-

ness, education, and state govern-

ment and others outside of Farm

Bureau who enjoyed reading what Mrs. Wagar had to say

Mrs. Wagar was interesting.

This is what she said September

about anything at any time.

During her years as a state di- | sponsibility. It was the beginning rector, Mrs. Wagar represented of a writing career that was to women of the Farm Bureau. In last for more than 30 years. There August of 1923 at her request was an article in each edition by the board of directors established Mrs. Wagar on women's work. complimented us on the fine ap- a Home and Community Dep't farm business, government, for Farm Bureau women. They There wasn't any money avail-

that's the way it was started. We offered Mrs. Wagar space in the

For our September, 1923 edition Mrs. Wagar wrote an article announcing the Home and Community Department and her re-

We Take an Active Part in our county Farm Bureau program. We sponsored the county picnic. We prepared and served the Kickoff dinner for the membership campaign. Some of our ladies worked in the information booth at the County Fair.

We Entertained Our Hus-Fund. At three of our meetings we made bandages for the county patients. Our group also took bands in January. our activities by attending a meeting with us.

to meetings of rural in- clothing and sweets for Korean terest. Last year we sent two children which were distributed ladies to the NW Farm Bureau by one of our boys in Korea. He Women's Camp at Twin Lakes sent us a letter of thanks saying near Traverse City. We had six they were holding the sweets for full-time campers at the District a Christmas party for the chil-Camp at Coldwater Lake in dren. At our May meeting we June as well as three-day visit- made plans to pack more cloth-

> We made a conducted tour of the State Home Training School in Mt. Pleasant which proved to be very 'educational.

#### Saginaw County MRS. MARTIN STOCKMEYER Chairman

Saginaw County Farm Bureau women meet in the different townships of the county, general ly in the township hall with a potluck dinner at noon the fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings are open to all Farm Bureau women. Entertainment at these meetings is furnished by the hostess community group.

We take part in all the state projects. We have a free will offering at each meeting which is used to finance our Christmas meeting and other purposes.

We Gave Our January Collection to the March of Dimes our April collection to the "Make a Dress for Easter" campaign of the Salvation Army. Iwo of our members made six dresses for needy children. \$5 was given to the Hartley Nature Camp at St. Charles where we held our August meeting a year

We have a budget from the County Farm Bureau board which we use to defray expenses for hall rent, for two delegates to the North West camp at Twin Lakes, our share of the District expenses, etc.

Each year the women plan and serve the kick-off dinner for roll call. Also many of the women take a very active part in the planning and work of the county picnic in August.

One of Our County Projects is the gathering of the materials such as grain, hay, veg-(Continued on Page 6)

reau News to announce the Women's Program:

"I attended a County Farm Bureau annual meeting recently where the attendance was at least half women. I found those women just as interested as the

"The Farm Bureau is a business organization. In no other vocation is the husband and wife more closely connected than in farming. The wife is far more interested than she is sometimes given credit for, and she must be an active partner in the business

if she is to do her best. "So much has been said about keeping the boy on the farm, but it seems just as necessary to make farm life attractive for the girl as for the boy. We cannot expect him to stay there alone.

"Through the Farm Bureau we hope to put agriculture on the same business basis as other vocations. As we gain through business methods, we should in turn apply the results to making better homes and better farms.

"My heart goes out to the farm woman who dreams of the time that she can have water in the house, a lighting plant, furnace, and bath room. I feel that when farmers organize for simply the same chance as other business, then rural people will enjoy these comforts as a matter of course."

From this beginning women's work in the Michigan Farm Bureau started. Mrs. Wagar was a familiar figure for years at Farm Bureau meetings as a speaker for all phases of Farm Bureau work. and particularly the women's program. She spoke to thousands of women through her articles. She has been most happy to see the rapid development of the women's program in the past decade. She has attended annual meetings of Michigan Farm Bureau women in recent years where she was one of 1,300 women representing more than 50,000 other women in Farm Bureau.

Mrs. Wagar is quite well and is enjoying life with her son, Lawrence, and his wife, Adah, at Briar Hill Farm. She has lovely memories of the Farm Bureau and the friends she made in that 7, 1923 in the Michigan Farm Bu- work.



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- 2. Sparks on combustible roofs.
- 3. Lightning.
- 4. Spontaneous combustion.
- 5. Careless use of matches and smoking.
- 6. Careless use of gasoline and kerosene.
- 7. Faulty wiring and misuse of electrical appliances.

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made over 10,000 bandages and program the women's committee program and that a better underso far in 1954 we have made held a Nurse Recruitment pro- standing between city and counalmost 8,000. ing at which time Dr. David Bow-Hay schools. Along similar lines Another high light of our year

In March we had an open meetpatients. Our group also took of tuberculosis. He was well TB Sanatorium for two years.

Six of our women attended the first District 8 Camp at Coldwater Lake which was enjoyed by all. I was fortunate enough to be one of the six who relaxed, made new friends and learned many things about Farm Bureau. health, and how fortunate we are to live in a county where we have the right of liberty, free speech and the pursuit of happi-

#### Clare County

Mrs. Winston Raymond, Chairman

Being the new county in Disrict 8, Clare county Farm Bureau women's committee does not have much history.

The committee women meet in the same homes of one of the members of the different groups each month and are having good programs. The ladies are very interested. We have had 100% attendance a few times, for which we are very proud.

Clare county women are interested in health programs. As a many. At the close of the proon various health programs. We women were very generous. had Mr. Earl Tinsman from the Sister Kenny Polio Foundation show pictures and give an explanation of the Sister Kenny Treatment. We visited the Mt. Pleasant Training Home and School for Retarded people. This proved to be very interesting and omething every one should know We have other health neetings.

Miss Edith Poedtke of Gerspoke at one of our meetings. She was an exchange student at the high school here for one year. Her talk was very interesting and gave us a better understanding of life in Germany. She made us realize our hardships are small compared to the life she had lived during the war and the post war years.

We had a second Rural-Urban Lansing last January. We help- stitute held in Lansing in Jan-Conference in September with ed in making the plans for the uary.

of the Gladwin, Beaverton, and about because of them.

BAY COUNTY Farm Bureau Women's Committee wrapping cancer bandages at the home of Mrs.

William Priem of Bay City R-3, chairman of the cancer committee. Mrs. Priem, at right, is shown

holding a package containing one dozen bandages. At this meeting the committee wrapped 323 packs.

We are very proud of our attendance at the district meetings. With 28 attending in April of 1953, 22 attending in October of 1953, and in April, 40 Gladwin County Farm Bureau women attended the meeting in Midland

We serve the annual Farm Bureau picnic dinner. We served the Kick-off dinner to 100 Roll Call workers last November.

Last June, three of our committeewomen and our exchange student. Miss Edith Poedtke of Germany, attended Northwest camp. Edith was asked to speak to the women during the morning session and did very well. She was sponsored by the Women's Committee.

All County Farm Bureau women were invited to our regular June meeting and Miss Edith Poedtke was our speaker. We sponsored Edith to our district camp where she gave a very fine talk and answered many questions about her home in Ger-Farm Bureau group we are able gram a collection was taken up to secure many good speakers and presented to Edith. The Edith said she would use the money to buy gifts to take back to her family in Germany.

> We have held a Rural-Urban meeting each fall in October and plan another for this year with Mrs. Karker as moderator.

Our miscellaneous activities have included a display of the programs planned for future Farm Bureau Women's projects for the year which we set up at the Gladwin County Fair. At many, was living with the Rev- one of our meetings Mr. Snacker. erend Jensen's of Beaverton, history teacher of Beaverton High School, spoke on "Importance of History Schools."

charge of our meeting last Feb- cleared about \$250 above exruary. She led in a study of the state resolutions and pending legislation. I attended the AFBF annual meeting in Chicago last December wth my husband Mr. We participate in all state Gleason Halliwill. At the Janprojects. Our officers attend all uary meeting I gave a report of this way. We have been selling district meetings and our chair- the national meeting and also a vanilla to help pay for a seventyman attended the Institute in report of the Farm Bureau In-

gram for all the 8th grade girls try people are being brought

pay for our meal and none of the work is done by our group. We are free to enjoy the program which consists of a speaker and entertainment. At first our yeartime but in recent years this has been changed and our officers

are elected in October. We have an open meeting every three months and all Farm Bureau women in the county are invited. At these meetings we have a speaker. Mr. Pharr of Alma explained the purpose of the United Fund Drive, Mr. Grav from the Alma Chamber of Com-

merce showed colored slides of the Holy Land. Each year we have husbands night and entertain our husbands at a potluck supper. Mr. Miles Nelson of the Bureau of Weights

attending the camp.

#### Isabella County Mrs. Walter Chaffin, Chairman

of each month and all Farm Bur-

We have also earned money five cup coffee urn.

The money we earn plus the Farm Bureau.

slides to our committee. We had in different parts of the county participated in all the state procharge of the registration for the qualified to speak on this subject since he had worked in a meetings the Blood Bank was average of the first aid station at the Gladwin County Fair in has the facilities to serve us. ly elections were held at this

and Measures gave a very inter-

esting talk at our last meeting. We have participated in all the State Projects. We have sent delegates to the Northwest Women's Camp at Twin Lakes. Good reports have been given by those

We meet the fourth Tuesday eau women are invited. We take a very active part in our county

and serve the Kick-off dinner to Roll Call workers. We serve the lunch at our annual meeting. We also served lunch at the Farm Bureau officers special meeting in October. We helped at the Appreciation Dinner given by the Farm Bureau Services in March. in the Elementary We received \$25 for this. We prepared and served a barbecue to about 2000 people at the Farm Our legislative chairman was in Bureau Services in August. We penses on this.

> by selling tickets for rides at our county fair. We think we are the first women's committee to earn money for our projects in

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Even though the charges in the earth and sky seek to make conpath of least resistance.

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# How Lightning draw a sigh of relief. But, even if there are trees nearby, they do not necessarily offer the path of least resistance. Why? Because the house itself abounds in such natural lightning attractors as

6,100 Members Have Applied for Total of \$77,000,000 Coverage in Company That Will Protect Property Fully

NILE L. VERMILLION Manager of Farm Bureau Insurance Companies

We predict that the fire and wind insurance program in this edition in part the oppowill be the fastest growing insurance service offered by the Farm Bureau.

\$4,000,000 of fire insurance coverages have been written since the Farm Bureal Mutual Insurance Company became a multiple lines fire and casualty company July 8, 1954. The first fire loss has been paid.

Today the total of all applications for Farm Bureau fire insurance exceeds \$77,000,000.

Farm Bureau fire and wind insurance is a natural best expressed as follows: result of our earlier insurance experiences.

Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company was organized by the Michigan Farm Bureau late in 1948. It was licensed March 7, 1949, to write automobile insurance. The following year the license was broadened to include farm liability. It has operated successful-ter holds a monopoly on cut y with these casualty insurances.

Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company was organized by the Michigan Farm Bureau and was licensed September 20, 1951, to write all forms of life insurance.

Both Companies have grown and prospered. They have accumulated over \$4,000,000 in assets, while paying an equal amount back in the form of claims and gallons or half-gallons. This is other benefits.

The success of the casualty and life insurance programs naturally caused Farm Bureau leaders to consider fire and windstorm insurance for the Farm Bureau package.

A survey of the membership revealed that 6,100 farmers were immediately interested to the extent of reserving \$77,000,000 of fire and windstorm coverage in the new service. Nearly a thousand of them invested \$288,000 in the Company to get the fire insurance program started. .

ers are served by local county or township mutuals. The question they will share in the benefits. was whether the proposed Farm Bureau company would put them that Farm Bureau would not in- fire prevention will be encouragterfere with any local mutual ed on every farm. The Company giving satisfactory service to its will spend just as much effort on

this value is insured by local MOST FIRES ARE PREVENT-

there is a wide variance in the ed out above, the Company's first rates charged by local mutuals, rates for fire insurance will be in and just as great a difference in excess of those required for northe coverages offered.

y managed at minimum cost, more premium can be collected. with dividend returns to members. And because of its more

vast experience of Farm Bureau in dealing with farm problems over the years assures everyone that Farm Bureau can work harmoniously and cooperatively with any farmer group and to the best interest of the farmer. The purpose of Farm Bureau is to encourage cooperation among farmers for their betterment.

always provided at cost to members. Fire insurance will be no exception.

In accordance with sound business policy, the rates first charged by the Company will be large enough to take care of possible bad experience without bankrupting it.

It is expected, however, that our experience will be average or better, with the result that any excess premium will be returned in the form of dividends to fire insurance policyholders, just like the dividends now being paid to holders of Farm Bureau auto insurance, and also to holders of Farm Bureau life insurance.

WITH a fire insurance Company owned by Farm Bureau, supported by its members, and scientifically managed by experienced personnel, there is every possibility that it will almost immediately be able to give better service at less cost.

limited to members of Michigan own.

EARLY in the consideration of a fire insurance program the it. Their cooperation will be point was raised that many farm- needed to build the Company and to make it profitable. In turn,

CAREFUL inspection will be out of business. The answer was made of each risk, and modern preventing fires as it does on Figures from government rec- paying losses. The mutual idea of ABLE.

A SURVEY also showed that NO ASSESSMENTS. As point- carry that amount of additional mal losses, with dividend returns Farm Burau Fire proposes to expected. This gives assurance make the same uniform cover- that no extra assessment will be age available to all members, at made if losses are above normal. uniform rates, and with full Your Farm Bureau fire policy is guaranteed NON-ASSESSABLE. When the premium is once paid THIS Company will be expert- for the term of the policy, no

LOSS adjustments will be hanthan adequate surplus, it will dled by the most competent peoissue all of its policies guaranteed ple in the business. As rapidly as volume demands, the Com-In many cases Farm Bureau pany will expand its staff of exwill be able to supplement inade- perienced adjusters to handle quate coverages or insufficient fire claims. Farm Bureau memlimits furnished by local mutuals. bers can begin to look to the Whatever the solution may be, same group of agents, the same there can be no dispute that the adjusters, and the same supervisors to discharge all of their insurance needs.

> No longer will it be necessary to look to 3 or 4 different insurance companies with a variety of people to contact.

FARM BUREAU fire insurance was organized by Michigan Farm Bureau. It was financed by the members. Its services are limited FARM BUREAU insurance is to Farm Bureau members. Michigan Farm Bureau members, through the directors they control the operations of the Fire Company.

> The same staff of officers, employees and agents, who have already made Farm Bureau insurance a success in Michigan, will operate the fire program.

#### **Pasture**

give forage for a score or more fattening hogs, from weaning to State College animal husband-

#### **Potatoes**

twice as much for market as those planted June 16, according to a series of tests by Michigan State College at its Lake City Experiment Station.

Farm Bureau fire insurance is in everyone else builds up his

# Gallon Jugs

Editor's Note: Recently we pub-ished an article from the Co-The Milk Consumer. The L operative Consumer on the sale f milk by the gallon jug in claims that per capita fluid milk Department of Public Health Akron, Ohio. The writer claimed that sales by the gallon jug had lowered prices to consumers and had increased consumption of milk. Milk producers groups say this is not so. We present site viewpoint on the gallon jug as published in the Milk Messenger for September, 1954:

H. F. SIMMONS Secretary - Manager

Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n

Investigations on gallon jugs to date can best be summarized by re-stating in a composite quotation the opinions of numerous other people in the milk business,

There is no magic in the gallon jug which can result in economies to save the milk customer the price of one quart of milk in every four he buys. Most frequently, low prices on gallons are merely an excuse to cut prices. As long as the price cutprices and gallon jugs, he can do all right.

The Dealer's Situation. A quesionnaire circulated in the spring of 1954 asked milk dealers their preference for multiple quart containers. Seventy-five indicated a preference for half-gallons, for gallons, and 4 said either an 85 per cent majority in favor of half-gallons. They were not asked to state reasons for their preference, but reasons can readily be constructed from cost inormation, personal interviews. and letters from people in milk markets with gallon jug ex-

Probably one important reason or milk dealers' preference for half-gallons over gallons is that bottle washers, conveyors, fillers and cappers cannot be made o handle all sizes from 1/2 pints through gallons. A range from 1/2 pints to quarts is the usual range of such equipment, and it s adaptable to half-gallons withut excessive costs. Half-gallons fit well on both

etail and wholesale business. The addition of gallons to the product line in a medium size plant would require an investment of \$30,000 to \$40,000 in additional equipment, with no prospect of its reducing labor costs An even more serious drawords show that Michigan farmers insurance, however, requires back than the equipment investown propetry valued close to \$2 the constant attention of the ment is the fact that milk plants billion, and that less than 25% of members to loss prevention. are not built with twice as much bottle washing and filling space as they need. Competition is too keen to permit the industry to overhead. Therefore, the addition of gallons to the output of a plant usually involves enlarging the plant or building a new plant, with no particular prospect of increasing volume or reducing costs. In other words, it means an investment without hope of paying for itself.

> The gallon jug itself costs only slightly less than four quart bottles. A current quotation on quart bottles with glass lettering is 6.22c each, and a comparable quotation on gallon jugs with a wire bail is 22.92c each or a saving of less than two cents for the gallon. By the time this is spread over 20 or 40 trips of estimated life, the difference would be insignificant.

> The larger neck necessary for a gallon jug makes caps considerably more expensive. One means by which gallon operators have made jug milk appear to cost less is by a bottle deposit large enough to cover the entire container cost, thus shifting this cost to the customer outside of the regularly quoted price.

The sheer weight and size of gallon containers make for awkwardness. Breakage would be greater than for smaller containers, and each unit lost represents four times the loss of a quart bottle in terms of container cost and value of the contents.

The Producer Standpoint. The producer experience in Akron was well covered in a copy of a letter written by Roger Buckley, manager of the Akron Milk Producers Association, to Mr. Sim-An acre of good pasture will mons and distributed at the August 10 meeting of the Michigan Dairy Farmers' Federation. In market weight, suggest Michigan summary, we should note that numerous claims are made in favor of gallon jug milk distribution in the Akron market with respect to prices received by pro-Potatoes planted May 10 yield ducers and total milk consumption, but accurate figures are not available to prove the claims. Figures and estimates compiled by the Association and government agencies would indicate that milk consumption in Akron The man who puts confidence is below the national average.

Mr. Buckley stated that the Lawson operation had cost pro-

son Milk Company of Akron consumption in that city is 500 P. R. Carpenter, D.V.M. Director pounds per capita compared to a

The Akron figure is a misinterpretation of a portion of the Akron Health Department 1952 annual report, but the Lawson lon is not a means of stimulating Company has given it wide publi-

the figures on per capita milk consumption in their 1952 report defense of any matter.

Milk Distribution as it has operated in Michigan is efficient and milk prices to the consumer are low-lower than in almost every other place with Class I prices comparable to ours. Customers have been misled into believing that they could expect comparable price reductions wherever gallons were used. That is impossible in Michigan because there just isn't that much margin in the milk business.

Milk is available through home delivery with quantity discounts to large users and, also, further savings if the customer wishes to go to the store or "depot" for it.

The following letter was introduced in a public hearing, which letter refutes the statements made by Mr. Lawson that the consumption in Akron is 50 per cent higher than in other places.

"The per capita fluid milk consumption of the greater Akron area, as presented in the 1952 Annual Report of the Akron Health Department, is not necessarily correct, due to the following factors:

1. No factual distribution figures were submitted by the milk plants. The total population being served is undoubtedly much greater than the population figure of 340,000 for the greater Akron area used in the computation. The area supplied outside the greater Akron area is undoubtedly much greater than it was in 1942, and no reasonably accurate population figure can be estimated.

2. No figures on fluid milk processed in other areas and sold in Akron were included in the computation.

3. No utilization (fluid milk available and used in computa-

"Therefore, in my opinion, the figures presented, other than the total pounds of milk processed (182,435,956) in 1952, should not

The membership of the Michigan Dairy Farmers' Federation is

The Milk Consumer. The Law- any matter. Dairy, Food & Meat Division,

be used in support or defense of

Your Secretary wrote to one national average of 352 pounds of the distributors in Chicago where gallon jugs are prevalent, and the president of that company, in answer to certain questions, wrote as follows:

"In my opinion, the glass galfluid milk sales, does not lend itcity and claims that their gallon self as an economy package to jug system is responsible for this handle in plants as compared to alleged high level of consump- quarts, especially in small plants, and does not, in my opinion, con-Practically no publicity has tribute to the salvation of the been given to the letter signed by farm price structure, including Dr. Carpenter of the Akron markets not controlled by law. Health Department stating that To the extent that gallon jugs are priced at a differential below quarts beyond the extent of cost are not necessarily accurate and economics, the economic cost should not be used in support or burden must be borne by someone, through deterioration of the ing vine or climber-can be condistribution system or lower prices to milk producers."

Resolution Against the Legalization of Gallon Jugs as a Milk Repair broken steps, porch Container in Michigan Adapted by floors.

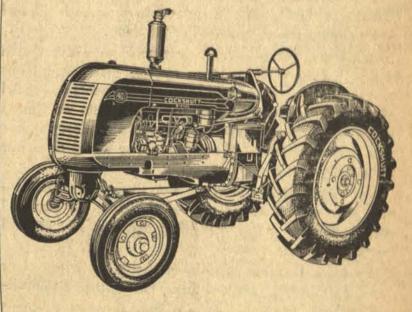
Michigan Dairy Farmers' Federa-

comprised of practically all the bargaining and operating dairy cooperatives in the state. The purposes of this Federation, as stated in its by-laws, are to promote the interests of both the producer and consumer of milk by doing such things as are deemed necessary with respect to quality and distribution of milk, and to promote and improve desirable marketing procedures and practices. This Federation has thoroughly studied the use of gallon jugs in the marketing of milk as an additional legalized container. Considering Michigan conditions and all the factors involved in the use of gallon jugs for distributing milk, we have concluded that this legislation would not be in the best interests of producers, distributors or con-

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# We Must Know Issues of the 1954 Election

# Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for October

Background Material for Program for October by 1356 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

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

I heard someone comment the other day, "Well, the election this fall is an off-year election . . ." You need but to put this comment under close examination to see that it is thoughtless and unfounded. And it is a dangerous statement, too. It is designed to make citizens

In these days there is no such thing as an off-year election. Trends in the political affairs of the world and of the United States are so critically important and powerful that every election, regardless of year, is a climax that changes the destiny of our people.

The real issues of the 1954 election, as in other times, will be buried under a flurry of partisan political hullabaloo. But these issues are not really concerned with which party shall be in control. The issue behind the scenes is the basic survival or defeat of the American free-enterprise system versus state socialism. And every vote that is cast will bear one slant or another, intended of the Michigan Farm Bureau or unintended, and regardless of party affiliation.

We must remember that there are champions of freeenterprise and the rights of individuals in both parties. There are champions of state socialism on both sides of the political fence, too - lots of them.

We live in a republic. This means that we vote men into office to vote for us in matters that concern our ways of living. These men have political bents and social viewpoints. When we vote for a candidate we should know what kind of a social and political philosophy our vote has expressed. What kind of a world does our

We cannot know unless we have studied our candidate and have examined his way of thinking, his personal record, and the groups and ideas to which he has paid the tax. These costs would be allegiance in the past.

To learn these facts citizens should seek out their candidates. Hear their speeches. Have them in to meetings. Question them. Review their histories and voting records. Watch the stand they take on issues in Congress and the Legislature. The political ballyhoo of the election is no test of a man's worth. It is an emotional appeal aimed at a mob spirit. We must get closer to the true man.

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eligible voter who has moved his

HE who votes blindly by party behind the election. line without knowing the true nature of his man may be defeating his own intents and purposes. know where our candidates stand And he who votes not at all opens on such matters as: wide the gate for control in government by the ambitious, the corrupt - or, at best, to his opposition. There is no government by the people unless the people establish the body of the

If you are in doubt about the stand of your Congressman or Legislator on any issue one of the best things to do is to write and ask him how he stands or how he voted. If he is a new candidate, the same thing can be done. Such contacts are good for both the voter and the candi-

LOOKING at the Issues. It would be impossible to review all the issues of the coming election here. Community Farm Bureaus looked at some of the national issues in the September meetings. But the farm program of the future will still hang in face the voters on the November the balance, and the question as to how much government we shall have in agriculture will be with us for many years to come.

my, the trends of taxation, the given the right to vote in the city foreign trade policy, and the or township where he lived berights of man to hold a job with-fore moving. Many voters have out compulsory membership in lost their franchise just because

Discussion Topics

Committee from the results of the questionnaire returned by the Community Farm Bureaus.

These were chosen by your State Discussion Topic

Oct. Issues of the 1954 Elections

Nov. The Job of a General Farm Organiza-

Dec. State or Local Equalization of Taxes?

Jan. Farmers and the Social Security Pro-

Feb. The Uses of Farm Commercial License

☐ Yes

☐ Yes

☐ Yes

For a Week

points and records of our candi-

dates to the fullest extent of the

information we can get about

3. We have reviewed the pro-

posed State Constitutional

Amendments that are to appear

SUNDAY: What is my respon-

A good time to reflect on

sibility toward the safety of oth-

safe equipment and practices is

MON. Home Safety-Do you

ight your way ahead of you into

rooms, or up and down stair-

ways? If you don't, you may be

TUES. Livestock-Do you lead

the bull on a staff? If you don't,

the undertaker has left a blank

space in his schedule for your

for a fast trip and a sudden stop.

upon it?-It does.

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THURS. Highway Safety-Do

seeing your doctor soon.

on the ballot on November 2.

Safety Calendar

□ No

□ No

they moved at an "unfortunate" the surrender of our influence in to deprive them of their right sition" or to corrupt or subverto vote for this cause.

Conlin Plan for distributing sales | ber 2. tax monies. When this proposal was before the State Legislature in 1953 the legislative committee analyzed it. They decided that t was in line with the general intent of the state resolutions on such matters and gave it their

proposed amendment would leave the one-half cent of the sales tax that is returned to cities, townships and villages as it now stands, with one exception. In the past this money has been returned to local governments on a population count The Conlin amendment would remove 50% of the inmates in tax supported institutions from this population count, (inmates of prisons, mental hospitals, etc.)

It would also charge the local governments with a proportionate share of the costs of collecting deducted before payments are made to local governments.

THE MOST important part of the proposal changes the manner of appropriating monies for payments to school districts. Under present conditions school districts get one-half cent of current sales tax collections quarterly on the basis of the school census. This would not be changed.

But the Legislature, in addition to this, has to appropriate an amount equal to 44.77% of the sales tax collections made in the last complete fiscal year. Actually this money must be paid out of AT THE state level we should next year's collections, but is figured on last year's returns. 1. The protection of the powers as the "Time Bomb" effect.

of local government versus cen-IF THE amount is based on a tralized control on matters such high sales tax year, and the actas (a) authorities and duties of ual taxes collected come during locally elected officers; (b) taxa poor year, the state is badly ation; (c) control of the schools; 2. The rising problem of the it around the other way. If the News, please send us a postcard more than 20 groups representing appropriation is based on a low giving the name, postoffice and rights to the use of water re-3. Farm marketing problems. along on the basis of the lower 4. Allocation of highway funds. figure even though the money

5. Traffic control on the high- is available. The Conlin Plan would change this so as to set aside two cents 6. The lowering of the voting of the three cents collected in sales tax. These monies would then be allotted the same year as AMENDMENTS on the Novemcollected, on a quarterly basis ber Ballot. Prominent among the and in accordance with a distribuissues of the 1954 election will tion formula adopted by the legisbe four proposals to amend the lature. Thus, the monies would State Constitution. These will be based on currently collected taxes - not on guesses. The schools would get a sure-fire

Proposal No. 1 would permit an reveune. Proposal No. 2. passed the residence in the state within 30 House with a vote of 93 to 1 The stabilization of the econo- days before an election shall be and passed the Senate unani-

> PROPOSAL NO. 3. would authorize the state to borrow an amount up to \$80 million to pay a soldier's bonus to veterans serving between June 27, 1950, and December 31, 1953, - or to their survivors. There are no resolutions that establish a Farm Bureau position on this proposal.

> PROPOSAL NO. 4. On the date that I write this the State Supreme Court cleared it to go on the ballot. This amendment would legalize lotteries (including "Bingo") in the state when conducted by non-profit, charitable institutions. Some lodges, churches, and veterans organizations want to hold such programs. Farm Bureau has no resolution determining a position on the

> Some people have expressed concern that questionable "organ-izations" may be able to get themselves classified as "non-profit and charitable," and that abuses may be made of the law. On the other side those favoring the law indicate that abuses may be made of any law. So goes the argument. Suit your own conscience. BUT BE SURE TO VOTE.

> > QUESTIONS

1. Since a failure to vote means

### Membership **Awards For** 1955 Roll Cal

ship achievements are available to County Farm Bureaus for 1955. County Farm Bureaus reaching goal for the first time in the last three years will receive the wall plaque award. Counties already having such plaques will receive date plates to keep the record of the award current.

FIFTY-FOUR of the 63 counties already have these plaques. Counties with the opportunity to win a plaque for the first time in 1955 are Emmet, Isabella, Midland, Newago, Oceana, Osceola,

Shiawassee, Wayne and Wexford.

THREE trophies will be given to the three counties with the There seems little reason government either to the "oppo- highest percentage of 1955 county goal based on membership in the sive individuals or groups, we state office as of January 15. pledge that all eligible voters These are revolving trophies and Proposal No. 2 is the so-called will vote at the polls on Novem- can be retained if won for three consecutive years. At present the first-place trophy is in Cheboygan county, the second place in 2. We pledge that each member St. Joseph county, and the third of our group will study the view-

in Bay county. Three other trophies will be given to the three counties who have the highest maintenance of 1954 membership. These trophies will be based on mid-Aug. figures when the books are closed in 1955. These are not revolving.

ONE TROPHY will be given to the county that signs the largest number of new members by December 6. This date ends the one week new-members drive. This trophy is not revolving.

A final three trophies will be given to the three counties that have the highest percentage of county new member goal by December 6. In addition to these state awards there are numerous regional and county awards set up at the local level.

Of course, we still have the opportunity to share in the AFBF Two Million Member Award as we have for the past three years. Nine trips to Washington, D. C. will be awarded to county leaders for 1955 membership achievement provided that we reach our state goal of 65,918 member families. These representatives WED. Are your hay lofts visit the AFBF offices in Washfloored with securely nailed boards? If not, prepare yourself ington and call on their Congressmen and Senators while there.

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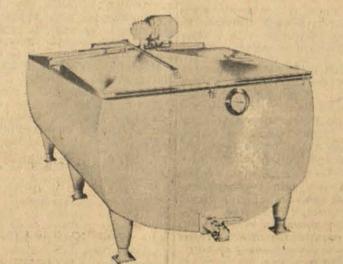
The Arcadia Community Farm FRI. Machinery-Are all of Bureau of Manistee county is reyour safety guards in place? If ceiving congratulations on the This has often been referred to not, you had better increase your complete and artistically-arranged general farm exhibit which won first prize at the Northwest Meat Michigan Fair at Traverse City.

The Arcadia group was happy to have its display win the blue If you know members failing ribbon in competition with the "in the hole." Or we can turn to receive their Michigan Farm excellent exhibits presented by five counties in Northwestern sales tax year, and present col- RFD number, together with the Michigan. Arcadia Community lections are running high, the name of the County Farm Bu- Farm Bureau has a membership school districts will have to get reau. Michigan Farm News PO of 21 families who worked on the

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#### Chain Saw On the Farm

(Continued from Page 2) FELLING a tree with a chain saw is much like using the cross cut saw. Only it's a faster job. The tree should be notched on the side it is going to fall. Pick if possible the place you are go ing to fell the tree. Try and get a place where it won't fall into a arger tree or lodge.

The notch, either triangular or square can be easily cut with the chain saw. Start the back cut about two inches higher than the notch, or the under cut.

THE TREE should be felled in position to make it easy to cut up and not have to run the saw in the ground.

Once the tree is down, the chain saw can be used to cut the ops off. Top limbs should be cut close to the trunk. The tops can be made into firewood or for fuel for the sugar bush, if it's a maple

The tree is either going to be used for lumber, firewood, or posts or bolts.

WILLIAM LOVE, extension orester at Michigan State College, warns about the use of a chain saw. It should be carried safely in a car or truck. Never carry the saw when it

is running. The engine should always be stopped when the gas tank is to be filled. If the engine is hot be careful of any gasoline overflowing. At the end of a day's work, the

engine should be wiped clean of excess oil and dirt. Look for oil and dirt on the cooling fins and the inner housing of the magneto and points.

Chains should be kept in good condition by proper sharpening and checking for defective teeth and rivets. In no case should an engine be started while the chain is in a cut. The saw may jump out of control because the operator does not have full control of the handle bars and throttle.

NEVER take a saw into a tree to do pruning. Work only from the ground.

Michigan farmers are using chain saws to advantage. A dealer in Hastings, Barry county, reports that six years ago one could hardly find such a saw in that area. But in three years he had sold 400 of the smaller farmsize saws in Barry county and three adjoining counties.

Russell Tolles, Barry County Farm Bureau member of Hastings R-4, said that there is a good use for a chain saw besides the farm.

With a twinkle in his eye, he said it is the handiest tool you ever saw in a a deer hunting camp. For three years his chain saw has made the chore of cutting camp wood an easy one.

The all-popular hamburger journeyed across the Atlantic from the German seaport city with a similar name.

#### **Activities of Farm Bureau Women**

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place. The men help us put up the

Thirty women made a trip in a chartered bus in July of last year to the mental hospital at Northville. In May of this year 23 women visited the Sister Kenny Hospital at Farmington. These places mean so much more after one has actually been there. It gives us a better idea of the help they need in order to operate better and it gives us information that is invaluable in case any one in our family or our friends or neighbors needs the facilities available in those hospitals.

We Spearheaded the United Health and Welfare Fund Drive in rural Saginaw county last October. This was the first time that there was a drive in the rural areas.

We have a very good United Nations chairman. Her reports each month are helping us learn a great deal about the U. N. and its work. Our legislative chairman is keeping us posted on the goings on at Lansing. She does a splendid job. Our safety chairman shows great promise. It is through the reports of our chair- may be costly. Be sure to inmen that we are able to keep our members well posted on current grains for rust and smut. It events and to receive needed in-

Saginaw county women were hostesses to the District semiannual meeting last October.

We are following the program set up by the state program planning committee for the most part

and find it very helpful. Four women attended the Northwest Camp at Twin Lakes and fourteen attended the District 8 Camp at Coldwater Lake. Reports were given to all the group of these meetings. The ladies enjoyed the fun, the fellowship, the friends and the information they received at the camps.

### Purpose of Farm Bureau

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

This sentence is taken from the statement of purpose when the Michigan Farm Bureau was organized at Michigan State College, February 4, 1919.

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