You're Invited to Farm Bureau's Open House

New Home for Farm Bureau in Lansing

Dedicate Building Wednesday, Aug. 10

Building will be devoted to service of more than 65,000 families who are members of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Now that the Michigan Farm Bureau is settled in its new home on U.S. 26 west of Lansing, it is appropriate that Farm Bureau members and their families, our friends and outstanding agricultural leaders meet in the new Farm Bureau building and see it.

We are to have an Open House from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 10.

President Ward G. Hodge, Executive Secretary J. F. Yarger, and Executive Vice-President C. L. Brody will take part in the dedication of the building and the opening of the new Farm Bureau membership.

The boards of directors and the management of the Michigan Farm Bureau and associated Farm Bureau companies are inviting you and your family to attend the Open House.

Included in this invitation are Farm Bureau members and their friends, MFL employees, members of Farm Bureau Services, Inc. and the Farmers Cooperative, Inc., also the editors and employees of the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company and the Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company.

Flamboyant displays to entertain a large crowd.

Many County Farm Bureaus are chartering one or more buses to come to the event. There will be ample parking space on the Farm Bureau compound.

A circular-site tent that will seat 1500 or more has been engaged for the picnic basket at noon. Bring your provisions and come hungry.

The tent will supply shade for the Dedication Program and entertainment following.

Morning Program: Beginning at 9:00 a.m., visitors will register and take guided tours of the Farm Bureau office building and offices on the 10th floor.

Mrs. Roy Bennett will play organ music from 10 to 12:30 noon.

The new office building is one story structure. It provides about an acre of office space for the five Farm Bureau companies. There are decks for 200 office workers.

The Farm Bureau Services, Inc., main warehouse is another one story building that provides nearly an acre of office space for the Farm Bureau. The two Farm Bureau buildings also have the Farm Bureau Services Farm Equipment Division and its parts and service department.

All Branch retail farm supply store is in this building.

Other places of interest are the Farm Bureau Services Lansing Branch elevator office.

It is new and considered to be one of the best.

Farmers Cooperative has a warehouse-service station which is well worth seeing.

All Branch companies will have exhibits on the grounds.

School for Community Group Mgrs.

CLAREN MCGHAN

Community Farm Bureau members in each county will get together at Keelersburg on August 19-21 for a training session on methods of operating Community Farm Bureaus.

This school will be particularly valuable for organizers in the early stages of their work where contacts with members are frequent and the potential for membership expansion is large.

The school will be held in the Farm Bureau building at Keelersburg, about 15 miles west of Lansing. It is a working farm.

Purpose of Farm Bureau

The purpose of this Association through its local, county, state, and national organizations is to promote the interests of agriculture and rural dwellers.

The goal set for 1955-56 includes participation in several new programs. These will be an attempt to achieve or exceed if each scale the previous year.

There were 152 new groups started during 1954-55. This brings the total to a total of 1,481. The Farm Bureau is now into its second year of serving member families of the Michigan Farm Bureau and the Michigan Farm Bureau offices.

Prices

Agricultural Commodity Pool at MFB offers farmers a competitive price in buying and selling grain. The pool is open to all members of the pool.

The purpose of the pool is to assist farmers in getting the best price for their crops. The pool is managed by the Michigan Farm Bureau, which is responsible for the pool's success.

The pool allows farmers to sell their crops at a fair price, which helps them make a profit on their harvest. The pool also helps to stabilize the market for agricultural commodities, which benefits all farmers.
The September meeting. . Farm Bureau.

September is the election month for the Community Farm Bureau. If you are interested, a nominating committee should be appointed at the August meeting. This committee can bring a slate of candidates for consideration.

**40,413 FB Families in Blue Cross**

Farm Bureau families in Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance. The number of families continues to grow as more and more members join the Blue Cross-Blue Shield plan. In 1956, we had 40,413 families covered by our plan. This is a significant increase from the previous year and reflects the growing popularity of this health insurance option among Farm Bureau members.

**Old Settlers' Picnic**

It's been good to gather with old friends every day. It's been great to catch up with everyone. The picnic was a wonderful event for all.

**Trip Leasing Bill Advances in Senate**

Over the objections of railroads, state authorities, and railroads, the trip leasing bill has been passed by the Senate. This is a significant victory for railroads and rail authorities. The bill, which was introduced by Senator Johnson, is now moving forward in the House.

**Community Farm Bureaus**

CLARK L. MOOREN
Coordinator of Community Farm Bureaus of MIF

Dear Community Farm Bureau Representatives,

We hope that all of you are enjoying the fall weather. We're not very far from winter yet, so it's time to start thinking about the coming winter months.

Ranch and Morning reports this week show that many of our districts are still building their organization. In the past year, we've had a lot of new groups form. This is a great opportunity for us to grow and expand.

We're looking forward to a productive meeting at the end of the month. Please make sure to bring your reports and any new ideas you have for strengthening our groups.

Sincerely,

CLARK L. MOOREN
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Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

 BETTI BAUMGARTNER of Battle Creek, a Foreign Youth Extension Service (FYES) Worker in Ionia County, has been on a three-week trip to the Middle East to instruct and help in the saving of the children by teaching them about eating habits. She feels that they will have a better understanding of the need for a balanced diet. The children have a tendency to live on sweets and junk food, which is not good for their health. She is teaching them about the importance of fruits and vegetables, and how they can be incorporated into their daily meals. 

 SHOWN DISCUSSING a program for District 4 women, left to right: Mrs. Goedert, Mrs. James McMillan, Mrs. Elvon Rasmussen, Mrs. Bessey, and Mrs. Gladys Gray. The program is designed to educate women about the importance of healthy eating habits and how they can be incorporated into their daily lives.

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 REBECCA MCBRIDE, Nurse Educator of Pennsylvania State University (Continued on page 12.)

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Farmers Tours to Europe News

This is Unfinished Business August 18

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WILBERT R. FRANKS
American Tourist

The Michigan group of the American Farmers Tours of Europe will leave New York by plane October 8. They arrive in Europe at the most colorful time of the year.

The weather is good. It is the time of agricultural and industrial fairs. Travelers will see the best craftsmanship displayed in smart modern stores. They will discover wonderful things. They'll have time to stroll down spacious boulevards, or sit at a sidewalk cafe and watch the panorama of a colorful European city go by.

Particularly interesting will be the changes in the countryside, the towns, languages, customs and dress in traveling short distances as compared to our distances at home. Sometimes there is such a change in crossing a river, or rounding a mountain road.

Reservations are being made for the four-day American Farmers Tours of Europe this summer. They leave New York City Aug. 27, September 10, September 24 and October 8. Ward G. Hodge, president of the American Farmers Tours of Europe, will be free to dine in various restaurants.

Cost of the tour is $1285 per person. A deposit of $250 will hold a space. For information write American Farm Bureau, 1300 24th St. N.W., Washington, D.C.

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Stanley M. Powell
Legislative Consultant, Michigan Farm Bureau

The very comprehensive legislative report carried on pages 1 and 5 of the July issue of the Michigan Farm News may have given our members the idea that we got along all right and the legislative season is over. They were defeated electorally. Most of the bills that we proposed to the voters within their own districts were rejected. But let us not give up. We will try again.

We were not entirely pleased with the new highway financing program. It is so drafted that the revenue can be used as the basis for extensive spending programs.

The basis for distributing the new revenue will give the bulk of the money to the State Highway Department, to be used on interstate highways and a few designated trunklines, with only a relatively small amount of money being available for the roads on which farmers do most of their driving.

The Michigan Farm Bureau has a policy to have these and other similar proposals placed on the ballot for the voters of the state. Michigan Farm Bureau has felt it is our duty to see that these proposals get a fair hearing. We have given up unsere Zeitgenossen.

We are now in the process of looking at the problems of the two-party system, the stability of European government, the development of splinter party politics, etc. Specific recommendations that will aid in the development of the two-party system and help to assure the stability of European government are being prepared.

A deposit of $500 will hold a space. For information write American Farm Bureau, 1300 24th St. N.W., Washington, D.C.

For August Seeding

August seeding of alfalfa, bromegrass, June clover, and Lentil clover will do well and provide good pasture or hay crop this next season. Inoculate alfalfas and clovers.

We recommend:

ALFALFA—Farm Bureau winter hardy CERTIFIED RANK.
BRONCE—Bromegrass Canidues No. 1. Bronce winter hardy and vigorous.
JUNE & MAMMOTH CLOVER—Farm Bureau Brand Mammot seeds

LADINO—Certified Ladin clover.

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Library Services and Truck Overload Fines

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for August

Background Material for Program in August by Our 1471 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

DONALD D. KIRBY
Coordinator of Education and Research for MFB

Farmers are in a position to watch what happens to the highways. A growing interstate traffic roars along our roads. In many cases new highways have cut through their lands.

The farmer travels these roads almost daily. They are like the market to his store. If they are rough and broken, he has cause to realize it more than any other traveler of the roads. His car and truck pound over the highway, and the farmer dammed stretches. Little wonder that he is road conscious.

Farm Bureau people in 1938 took the initiative in promoting legislation that brought sharp increases in truck overload penalties. It has become a common procedure with some trucking firms to take the risk of a fine in order to gain an extra bonus on delivery. Many such deliveries could realize a profit in spite of the fine.

The years have seen an increase of larger trucks, bearing heavier loads and traveling at increased speeds. More and more of them are on the highways. The movements of this traffic do not undermine the library program. It merely aimed at maintaining the highways. It was natural that the farmer should become concerned.

The Michigan Farm Bureau Convention asked that overload provisions for the highways be increased. The Michigan Farm Bureau resolutions of 1947 and 1953 provided for his opposition to the amend- ment to the farm protest bills brought in the House and Senate in Lansing. In a statement issued July 18, 1953, the Coordinator of Education and Research for MFB, Dr. B. H. Grigsby, a Michigan University President and the Dean of the School of Public Health or Mercy College, Detroit, expressed the position taken by the Coordinator.

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Modern Feed Help Profits

Modern needs for profit call for modern feeds for poultry and livestock. Farm Bureau offers you modern, open formula feeds. These feeds show the factors that go to make up modern effective feeds. They tell you how much of each ingredient is used.

Here Are New Farm Bureau Feeds 

Poultry Feed Steer Feed

BOOSTER SUPPLEMENT, a concent- rated pellet feed with 21% protein, includes vitamins, minerals, and amino acids. It is a Rodriguez to the laying flock. It's rich in vitamins, minerals, and D. and the unidentified factors. Pellets of a 100% base of both ingredients in one bag will be used in both. The balanced 100 pellets of both ingredients in one bag will be used in both. The balanced 100 pellets of both ingredients in one bag will be used in both.

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