MFB Membership is Close to Goal at 61,685

MFB Objects to Road Bond Idea

Farm Bureau Favors Increase in Gasoline Tax and Pay as You Go Rather Than Bond For $500,000,000

The board of directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau said in a statement January 26 that the Farm Bureau is opposed to any increased state gasoline tax and is operating on the assumption that the state will bond the state for 20 years for $500,000,000 for highway purposes.

C. L. Brodey, executive vice-president of the Farm Bureau, quoted the board as saying that the Farm Bureau organization of 61,685 farm families favors a gasoline tax of 5 cents per gallon or an even higher rate to come on pay as you go highways. The highways should be built and maintained through funds raised by the people who use the roads, Mr. Brodey said.

The board revealed that the Farm Bureau believes no radical change should be made in Michigan’s highway program until information is available from the survey of Michigan’s roads and streets, now in progress. When the survey is completed, and the public knows more about the highway program being developed by the federal government, the MFB board of directors said.

Statement Relative to Highways and Highway Finance

When the state bond commission has made up its mind as to what the roads shall be built of, and furnished with, the state will be in a position to decide whether more state money should go towards these projects. Meanwhile, the state can initiate the plan of road building by passing a law permitting the state to bond the state for the amount needed, but not for more than 20 years, and at an interest rate of 3 c per gallon or any higher rate if need therefor can be demonstrated.

After the money has been collected, a state highway bond commission would be set up to define the design and specifications of the roads, and to determine the cost of the roads. After that is completed, the bonds could be issued at a lower interest rate, or even a zero interest rate, if need be. The Michigan State Highway Board of Control, a body of five directors from various parts of the state, will determine the rate of interest, and the state will be able to finance the roads at a lower cost than they can be financed today.

In view of these circumstances, the Michigan Farm Bureau feels that a highway bond issue at this time, would be highly unwise. The farm Bureau has long advocated a highway bond issue, but such an issue should be held in abeyance until the state highway bond commission has determined the design and specifications of the roads, and the cost of the roads.

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The Old La Grippie

I will sit amid the old La Grippie, That red lie on our several heads about to become the last, That mask and sable wrapped up as a snug little bundle With skills and toves turning them into shape can be seen. The old La Grippie, and I recall, was quite a common thing to see on the farm and in all old La Grippie (passes through). I was looking round our new days when we left to bed, needed something more or less to make our farming independent. We possessed never a bit of me, at Mother's kind assistance. And there was a looking just to make us believe our existence. We taught the denen door and held in hope this spring to slip that many many hopes would fall into our farming projects. Oh that was in pre-napija days before the heat was past. Grown people in the world or systems get their facts. Before the anti-biotics, before the shot-a-week. Before the making of the science of the independent. Today I got my feet wet and it's just like long ago, They will catch a task, take it up, and do what they can. It is not in the last part that cannot be said.

So I must take a verse of pills and stay a bed a bit. The Doctor inside in our, the news is in a shot, And all the while my head is shifted, my nose starts to drip. And they tell the thing a virus just is just the old La Grippie.

IBM Computers Take Over Cow Testing Records

The IBM machines work. The records are printed onto cards that fit an international business machine laboratory in shaded. Cards used in this proc are used by the members of small and large associations. The many things of the National. He is executive...
On the rural routes of America live the producers of our nation's food supply... along the city, town and village streets live the people who depend on the food that farmers and ranchers produce.

Most of these consumers aren't able to come directly to your farm or ranch... neither can the retail dealers. That's why companies such as Swift have a job to do... to process and distribute what you produce.

The services we perform help provide a market for your livestock and other agricultural products. And, the better job we can do in selling and distributing our products, the better market we can provide for you. Consumers living a thousand miles or more from your farm or ranch, become your customers.

Every year we do business with millions of people, both producers and those who buy our products. Our total sales in 1954 amounted to $2,510,804,805. Net profit was $19,050,891. The report below shows what happened to the money received from sales.

You'll also notice that our earnings per average dollar of sales were 8/10ths cents. This small profit was used in two ways... part was paid to the 65,000 shareholders, a good number of them farmers and ranchers... the remaining profit is being retained in the business for future needs.

Here's what happened to the Swift sales dollar

For all "raw materials"—from your farms and ranches, and other sources, we paid out $1,838,648,919 last year. Only a small part of that money may be profit for producers, just as only a small part of Swift's total sales may be profit for us. From the average Swift sales dollar, during the year of 1954, we paid out for livestock and other agricultural products 73.2 cents.

For labor in 1954 we paid out $328,446,934. As in your business, labor costs are an important item with us. Swift's organization of 78,000 men and women processes and markets the products we buy from you. Out of the average sales dollar, Swift employees received 13.1 cents.

For supplies we paid out last year $135,225,094. This includes a wide variety of necessary items... fuel, electricity, containers, spices, sugar, salt (6 million dollars' worth of salt in a year), etc. The cost for supplies, per average sales dollar, in 1954, was 5 cents.

For transportation we paid out $66,435,539 last year. Products must be moved—often great distances—to match the supply with demand. Our transportation costs for 1954, per average Swift sales dollar, were 2.6 cents.

For taxes—federal, state, local, including unemployment insurance and old age benefit taxes—we paid out last year $33,234,696. Taxes are a large part of our cost of doing business these days. Our total tax bill was actually greater than our net profit. Out of the average Swift sales dollar for 1954, taxes were 1.3 cents.

For other expenses in 1954 we paid out $99,762,732. These are necessary business costs not classified above... interest on borrowed money, depreciation, telephone and telegraph bills, rent and advertising. From the average Swift sales dollar, these costs were 4 cents.

Net earnings in 1954 were $19,050,891. This was used in two ways—for future business needs and dividends to shareholders. Net earnings per average sales dollar were 8/10 cent.
What about the Driver Without Insurance?

Especially If He Has an Accident

MILK E. VERNICK
Manager of Farm Bureau Insurance Department

In Michigan, the responsibility of all automobile drivers is a part of the insurance system. The system is designed to provide protection where there is a financial loss due to the operation of an automobile. The system is not designed to provide a means of collecting damages for the negligence of the driver, but to protect the insurer against the uninsured.

In the event of an accident, the insurer will pay the claims of the insured, up to the limits of the policy, and will not be responsible for the negligence of the driver. The uninsured will not be able to collect any damages from the insurer, regardless of the fault of the driver.

It is important for all automobile drivers to be aware of their responsibility under the insurance system and to be prepared to handle any situation that may arise.

Junk in Corn Damages Feed Mills

MFB Women's Committees in District 7

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FARM BUREAU MEMBERS...... YOU OWN THESE PLANTS... IT'LL PAY YOU TO USE THEM!

Features that make FARM BUREAU FERTILIZER your best buy:

HIGH ANALYSIS means more plant per bag.

High analysis fertilizers are those manufactured to give you more plant food for your dollars. An example...3 bags of 5-20-20 will do the same job as 5 bags of 3-12-12, and do it at lower cost, in less time and with less work on your part. Your Farm Bureau Fertilizer plants introduced 5-20-20, 6-24-12, 4-12-24 and 0-25-25 to Michigan. Put one or all of these advanced Farm Bureau Plant Foods to work for you today!

MINOR ELEMENTS are present in every pound.

Trace elements of the essential minerals are present in all grades of Farm Bureau Fertilizers as natural carriers. If you so desire, your Farm Bureau can, upon special order, add such minerals as manganese, copper, boron and zinc. These additions will be made in the proper proportions, as called for in the most up-to-date formulas, for use in areas where they are required. Just another example of the modern planning behind your modern fertilizer plants.

BETTER SUPPLY SERVICE from two plants.

No matter where you live in Michigan, you save money when you order fertilizer from your Farm Bureau Dealer. You save because of the ideal location of Kalamazoo and Saginaw and the resultant lower shipping rates. The production capacities of your plants guarantee you a broader selection of high analysis plant foods than is available anywhere else in the state. Order "Farm Bureau" and save time, as well as money.

AND NOW FOR PRICE...... you are invited to check anywhere in Michigan and see for yourself how Farm Bureau Compares!

For more than a quarter of a century Farm Bureau Services, Inc. has operated on the principle that "There Is No Substitute For Quality." Your Fertilizer Division operates in strict accordance with this principle. It provides the best quality plant foods at economical prices. Another example of the many products and services available to you, as a Farmer-Patron, through your "Farm Bureau Package."
This is the House That Farm Bureau Built

Community Farm Bureau's Purpose

DONALD D. KIRBY
Coordinator of Education and Research for MFB

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High Quality Seed is the Best Buy

DOROTHY M. KINSEY

You save money on seed and you save your time and labor if you use the finest seed available. You also get the best results. If you use the finest seed available, you get the best results.

Your experience in 1951 showed you that you can save even more if you use the finest seed available. You also get the best results. If you use the finest seed available, you get the best results.

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This page contains a variety of text, including articles about community farm bureaus, seed quality, and other topics. It also includes advertisements for Mutual Insurance Company, which offers auto, home, and farm insurance. The text is formatted in paragraphs, with some sections numbered and others not. The heading at the top of the page reads, "This is the House That Farm Bureau Built."
Challenge to Farmers to Find New Ideas

Leaders Say Best Outlook in History

"Farm Factories were among the new industries we are building," said a leader in his address to a recent meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau. "The new industries we are building are the farm factories."

Some economists say the average farmer can increase his income by 25 percent or more in this group of new industries. We are sure that good crops, better feeds and better machines will produce more. Good alfalfa, better seeds and better farming will mean a thousand . . . two thousand, maybe as much as three or four thousand dollars extra.

There are plenty of frontiers, the net income of 1,000 Iowa farmers was $30,000. Nearly $100,000 worth of farm products is estimated to be lost this year. We are asking you to make up your minds to have a busy year in 1955 and to have a good job on hand, to work hard and to keep your production going."

The Michigan Farm Bureau Women are sponsoring a series of luncheons to be announced. Our President, Mrs. Conant attended the Institute in Lansing and I'm indeed sorry to hear of the resignation of Mrs. Fleming of Gaylord. Our County Farm Bureau women of the district will know when the luncheon date to be announced."

Farmers now face a new challenge. It is an opportunity to make up their minds to have a good job on hand. To work hard and to keep their production going."

A company with as few as 5 employees and a payroll of $250,000 is paying dividends on the average; the other Michigan producers are taking advantage of the opportunity to obtain better yields, better prices, better markets and better services."

There are plenty of frontiers. There are plenty of opportunities. When I say that there is a great opportunity ahead for farmers, I do not mean to infer that we have not made tremendous progress. With our production records, new vegetables, new fruits. There are plenty of frontiers. There are plenty of opportunities. When I say that there is a great opportunity ahead for farmers, I do not mean to infer that we have not made tremendous progress. With our production records, new vegetables, new fruits.

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United We Are Strong . . . Divided We Are Wrong

More and more you Farm/Bureau members are giving the same shoo-ghan is right. More and more are you buying—Farm Bureau and holding a stronger community organization of your own."

To keep you informed of new opportunities to buy Farm Bureau, here is some news you can make use of. Ask your Farm Bureau Dealer about them. It's your friend.

New Hormone Feed

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March 1-15 Blue Cross Dates

First, your university group must be a Blue Cross-Blue Shield Mutual 603 group that contains the questions you refer to. Second, you must be a 633 group that contains the code.

March 1st to 15th is the annual renewal period for all Michigan Farm Bureau Groups. At that time you may renew your membership who do not have Blue Cross-Blue Shield group may get into Blue Cross-Blue Shield health plan and hospital insurance coverage.

For all new health plans, Blue Cross-Blue Shield is on a "first-dollar" basis. Blue Cross-Blue Shield will pay your insurance for your protection.

There is a flat $1.00 per member per month for the hospital insurance plan. Of course, if they are regular on the highway generally for other purposes he should file an annual report and any special report required by the annual report.

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