Michigan Farm News

1,609,461 Families Members of Farm Bureau

Dairy Festival Time Feb. 10-19

February 10 to 19 will be Dairy Festival Time in Michigan to promote the consumption of all dairy pro-

How effective this can be was shown in Madison, Wisconsin, May 7 to 15, 1954, when the newspapers and grocers cooperated in a tremedous advertising and sales promotion on dairy products. For the eight day period the Madison community consumed an extra 3,-000,000 lbs. of milk in dairy products.

In Michigan the Farm Bureau, Grange, Michigan State College, Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n, Mid-West Producers Creameries and all parts of the dairy industry will take part in the promotion. So will newspapers, radio and television stations, grocers, restaurants and other groups:

Michigan State College has requested county agr'l agents to create county dairy committees to assist in promoting the festival.

The Farm Bureau is requesting the dairy committee and a member of the Women's Committee of each County Farm Bureau to serve on the County Dairy Festival committee. Members of the state Farm Bureau staff will assist at the state level.

The American Dairy Association has made available to Michigan newspapers and grocers some 16 newspaper pages of advertisements to promote the sale and use of dairy products during the festival. Appropriate material will be available for radio and television sta-

Farm Bureau Promotes

Keith 'A. Tanner and Norwood Eastman have been promoted to new responsibilities in the Michigan Farm Bureau organization, effective January 1. The promotions were announced December 28 by J. F. Yaeger, the south central area of the executive secretary.

Mr. Tanner has been promoted from Manager of the Member Service Division of MFB to be Manager of Operations for Farm Bureau Services, Inc. This is a new post in the cooperative farm supplies service of the Farm Bureau.

NORWOOD EASTMAN

Mr. Tanner has been employed

by Michigan Farm Bureau since

1939. He started as district mem-

bership representative in Gene-

see, Lapeer and Oakland counties.

After 11/2 years he came into the

state office as director of Com-

munity Farm Bureau groups and

district representative for Eaton,

Ingham and Shiawassee counties.

After service in World War II,

he became director of organiza-

tion for Michigan Farm Bureau,

and was promoted to director of

field services, and in 1953 to

manager of the member service

Mr. Eastman came to the Mich-

igan Farm Bureau in August,

1950 as director of the Junior

Farm Bureau. Before that he was

county Farm Bureau organiza-

tion director for Huron and Tus-

cola counties, and helped organ-

ize Community Farm Bureaus.

In June, 1953, he was promoted

to head the Organization and

Junior Farm Bureau depart-

We consumed more than 12

Milk

of 63,000 farm families.



KEITH A. TANNER

As Manager of Operations, Mr. | ber Services for our organization Tanner will have over-all responsibility for accomplishing the annual manufacturing and sales goals of Farm Bureau Services. He will work with and assist the men in charge of three Farm Bureau Services operating divisions; Maynard Brownlee, manager of the Farm Supplies Division; Archie Moore, manager of the Farm Equipment Division; and John Sexon, acting manager of the Plant Food Manufactur-

"The principal reason for creating the new position of Manager of Operations for Farm Bureau Services," said Mr. Yaeger, "is to enable the executive secretary to devote his time to long-range planning and the correlation of activities of all the Farm Bureau active in Jr. FB in Tuscola county in the early 1940's. In 1945 he was

"Up to this time the executive secretary for all Farm Bureau companies has also been manager of Farm Bureau Services, Inc. Now the Michigan Farm Bureau, Farm Bureau Services, Inc., the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., each have a manager who reports to the executive secretary"

Norwood Eastman, coordinator of the Organization Department and the Junior Farm Bureau Department of Michigan Farm Bur- But many adults, as well as chilmanager of the Division of Mem- | better diet.



Construction Ahead of Schedule



THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27 they were laying face brick for the front of the Farm Bureau office building now under construction at 4,000 North Grand River avenue, which is US-16 west of Lansing. The concrete floors have been laid. All of the steel work is up and ready for roofing soon. The sidewalls of the 200 by 240 feet structure are up about halfway. Aluminum window frames are going in for walls that will be about two-thirds window space. Construction is well ahead of schedule. Unless there is some delay, the building should be ready for occupancy about April 1, 1955.

Everett Young to Work in Thailand

Everett J. Young, assistant secretary of the Michigan Ass'n of Farmer Cooperatives, has received an appointment from the For-Operations Administration of the U.S. government as cooperative organization advisor to the government of Thailand. Mr. and Mrs. Young will leave for Bangkok January 1.

Mr. Young will be on leave of absence from the Michigan Farm Bureau. He has been employed there since 1940. He is a graduate of Michigan State College and was at one time a field representative for the Farm Bureau in

Where Your County Stands

Michigan County Farm Bureaus December 20 with respect to how near they were to attaining 100% of the membership goals they have set for themselves for 1955. The annual Roll Call for membership got underway November

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į	2	Cheboygan	286	25	4	89
ì	3	Bay	1,510	1,34	2	88 791
	4 5	Alpena	592 361	47 28	1	791
	6	Alcona St. Joseph	1,094	84		77
	7	Berrien	2,397	1,73	5	72
	8	Allegan	2,161	1,52	7	71
	9	Branch	1,691	1,13	1	71
	10	Washtenaw	1,620	1,14	3	71
	11	Tuscola	1,871	1,29	5	69
	12	Sanilac Macomb	2,138 1,162	1,46	2	68
	14	Oakland	1,145	76		67
	15	N. W. Michigan	1,065	71		67
	16	Montmorency	186	12		67
	17	Livingston	1,191	77	1	65
	18	Saginaw	2,251	1,46	0	64
	19	Mason	661	40		62
	20	Ottawa	1,567	95		61
	21 22	Lapeer	1,618	97		60
	23	Kalamazoo Presque Isle	470	28		60
	24	Ingham	1,171	69		59
Ľ	25	Emmet	309	17		58
	26	Gratlot	1,497	85		57
	27	Calhoun	1.544	86		56
	28	Barry	1,255	69		56
	29	Ogemaw	388	21		55
	30	Charlevoix	383	20		55
	31	Monroe Iosco	1,318	72	1	54
	33	Clinton	231 1,592	84		53
	34	Osceola	687	- 36		53
	35	Antrim	475	25	4	53
	36	Wayne	595	31		52
	37	Isabella	1,206	60		50
	38	Mecosta	837	41		50
	39	Midland	621	31	2	50
	40	Genesee	1,491	74 64	0	49
	42	Missaukee	456	22		49
	43	Oceana	765	36		48
	44	Manistee	291	13		48
	45	Van Buren	1,933	92		47
	46	Kent	1,600	75		47
	47	Gladwin	413	19		47
	48	Hillsdale	1,549	72		46
Ī	50	Arenac	200	19		46 46
	51	Lenawee	1,643	70		44
	52	Jackson	1,154	51		44
	53	Cass	974	43	5	44
	54	Muskegon	526	. 23	3	44
	55	Wexford	300	13	0	43
1	56	Eaton	1,487	62		42
	57	St. Clair	1,460	60		42
1	59	Montcalm Shiawassee	1,130	46		41
1	60	Kalkaska	102	4		39
I	61	Newaygo	738	27		37
ı	62	Huron	1,997	69		35
۱	63	Otsego	134	4		33

Got Out Vote

TOTALS

65,918 37,638 57%

R. B. McKinley of Grant, representing the Newaygo County books to the seventh grade pupils ual stockholders. billion quarts of milk last year. at the Grant school. The books were given for collecting the eau, succeeds Mr. Tanner as dren, should drink more for a most "get out the vote" stickers O. Johnson of Freeland was of tenants on another 550 acres. during the recent election.

Farmers Petroleum Set Record in '54

Earl Huntley, manager of the Petroleum Cooperative. Inc., of Lansing told shareholders at the 6th annual meeting a Michigan State College Dec. 10 that their organization had set new record in 1954 by distrib uting 28,202,664 gallons of automobile and tractor fuels to far

On the year's operations, Mr Huntley reported that the organization had returned \$149,000 in patronage dividends to patrons who are shareholders.



THOMAS KONING, elected president of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., is engaged in general farming on 240 acres at Marne R-1, Ottawa county. He has been farming for 32 years and is a long time member of

The farmer has become a major customer for any petroleum company, said FPC president Ward G. Hodge of Snover. Since World War I, said Mr. Hodge, the number of farm tractors and trucks has increased 16 times as farm operations have become mechanized. Farm consumption of petroleum fuels is up nine times. Farmers are shifting rapidly to oil for heating their homes.

Farmers Petroleum Cooperative now has an interest in 175 producing wells in Michigan, Indiana and Illinois, and owns or controls a daily production of about 1,200 barrels, Mr. Huntley said. This less than half the requirements of the business.

products to Michigan farmers. of Mr. Kline's term of office. Mr. Huntley said that farmers | Charles B. Shuman is a grain and their cooperative oil com- and livestock farmer from central panies have \$965,000 invested in Illinois. He has served 9 years

elected president, and Kenneth acres and supervises the operation Elton R. Smith, Caledonia. (Continued on Page 2)

Discussion Topic On TV in January

"Farmers and the Social Security Program" Community Farm Bureau discussion topic for January will be presented these television stations. 5, WKAR-TV, Michigan State College, Channel 60 UHF, 8:30 p.m.; Jan. 12, WNEM-TV, Bay City, Channel 5, 1:00 p. m.; Jan. 22, WOOD-TV, Grand Rapids, 12:30 p.m.; Jan. 31, WPAG-TV, Ann Arbor, 7:00 p.m.

New Chemical Kills Cat Tails Easily

Want to get rid of those cat tails in your drainage ditches next

The job's easy with a new chemical called dalapon, according to a Michigan State College weed control specialist.

B. H. Grigsby, who conducted extensive tests in the Thumb last summer, recommends about 20 gallons of water for good control.

Elect Shuman President of

Illinois, was elected president of Bureau for 22 years. the American Farm Bureau at the 36th annual meeting at New

Mr. Shuman succeeds Allan B. Kline of Vinton, Iowa as the head of the American Farm Bureau, which has a membership of 1,609,000 farm families.



CHARLES B. SHUMAN

Mr. Kline told the convention that he was resigning as president because his health had not been good of late. His doctor had informed him that he could not Shareholders were informed continue to carry the schedule that in six years Farmers Pe- required of the president of the troleum Cooperative, Inc., has be- American Farm Bureau. Mr. come one of the largest inde- Shuman was elected unanimously pendent suppliers of petroleum to serve the one year remaining re-elected vice-president by the

the company. Earnings of the as president of the Illinois Farm kirk, retired. These directors present group life insurance to Company for the six years total Bureau of 201,000 members. He were re-elected: Peter H. Dehas been a member of the AFBF Weerd of Hudsonville, Marten Attending the annual meeting board of directors since 1945. He Garn, Charlotte; Ward G. Hodge, were representatives of 65 far- was president of his County Farm Snover; Phillip Holzhausen, Cor-Farm Bureau, presented a set of mers oil companies and individ- Bureau when elected to the Ill- unna; Blaque Knirk, Quincy; inois Farm Bureau board in 1941. Ivan Parsons, Grand Blanc; Al-Thomas Koning of Marne was Mr. Shuman farms about 200 bert Shellenbarger, Lake Odessa;

He has a commercial Angus herd.

Mrs. Euell Smith Is Kenny Therapist

Mrs. Euell Smith of Pontiac. apist, was honored at a dinner Dec. 1 and received her certificate as a Kenny Therapist. Members of the Sister Kenny hospital for polio patients at Farmington and members of the Farm Bureau Women's Committee attended ceremonies at Redford. Farm Bureau women's groups throughout Michigan contributed to Mrs. Smith's education as a physical

Farm Bureau Services' 25th Year Its Best

retary of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., of Lansing, farm supplies cooperative, told representatives of 16,000 shareholders at the 25th annual meeting at Kellogg Center Dec. 9 that the organizdistributed \$20,793,000 worth of farm supplies the past

Farm Bureau Services has had a tremendous growth in the past ten years, Mr. Yaeger said. In the last few years he said farmers have invested \$3,500,000 in the facilities and inventories of Farm Bureau fertilizer plants at Saginaw and Kalamazoo. The plant are supplying farmers with 100,000 tons of high analyses, granulated fertilizers a year.

The Farm Bureau reported that its sale of field seeds reached an all time high of 7,000,000 pounds in 1954.



MARTEN GARN, re-elected president of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., is a dairy farmer and breeder of pure bred Yorkshire hogs at Charlotte R-5, Eaton county. He farms 211 acres, and

Maynard Brownlee, manager of the Farm Supply Division, said and livestock feed concentrates set a new record. He explained that when farmers mixed the concentrate feeds with home Bureau formula feeds at the

farm equipment division, reported that Farm Bureau now has \$21,000,000 of tractors, farm machinery, and farm electrical equipment in service on Mich-

Mr. Yaeger said that manu-Bureau Services now include fertilizer factories at Kalamazoo and Saginaw and a major feed mill at Hammond, Indiana, which is operated in partnership with other Farm Bureau supply organizations. The Research of the Company of the Com ganizations. The Farm Bureau Services field and garden seeds plant is at Lansing.

Two-hundred representatives of stockholders were informed that the distribution system of Farm Bureau Services is made elevators and other dealers.

Marten Garn of Charlotte was re-elected president, and ing 303 members in the plan. new board of directors.

was elected to the board of di-

Buy Farm Bureau Feed.

Michigan Honored At AFBF Meeting

Has Been First or Second Farm Bureau to Reach its Membership Goal for the Past Five Years

> NORWOOD EASTMAN Manager of Membership Service Division, MFB

The largest Farm Bureau membership in the history of the organization-1,609,461 families-was reported as the American Farm Bureau Federation ended its 1954 membership year on November 30.

The new record for the 48 states and Puerto Rico marks the 16th year of steady gain in numbers and

Having a leading role in this outstanding membership record was the Michigan Farm Bureau with 62,-981 families. The second state to reach its AFB goal, 1954 marked the fifth consecutive year that Michigan has been honored for either being first or second in achieving this honor.

Fifteen other states were also honored for having reached the 1954 AFBF goal. They were Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Vermont, and Wyom-

Michigan's thousands of volunteer workers should all feel a sense of accomplishmnent in this record. They are directly responsible for the splendid success of previous Roll Calls.

The present membership campaign offers Michigan's loyal workers an opportunity and a challenge to again be the first state in the nation to achieve AFBF goal. The prospects are there; the need for farm organization is greater today than ever before; the Farm Bureau program fills this need. Invite your neighbor to join

We're More than Half Way to 1955 Goal

The Michigan Farm Bureau Roll Call for 1955 is well over the half way mark. The December 20 report from the County Farm Bureaus totaled 37,638 memberships. This is 57% of the state goal of 65,918.

Of this total, 3,301 are new members. This is 32% of the state's new member goal of 10,258. Berrien county won the trophy for signing the high-

est number of new members during the first week of Charles B. Shuman of Sullivan, has been a member of the Farm the drive. Berrien mailed 139 new memberships to the state office the first week.

> Cheboygan county won the trophy for reporting the that sale of 46,000 tons of poultry highest percentage of new member goal at the end of the first week. Cheboygan reported 42 new members or 210% of its goal. Benzie was in second place with 14. Close behind in third place came St. Joseph with 97% of its new member goal of 69. These four coun-Archie Moore, manager of the ties will receive trophies at the annual victory party in the spring.

Still to be decided are the races for the three trophies which go to the counties which report highest percentage of overall goal by January 15, as well as the three facturing operations of Farm trophies which go to the three counties which renew the highest percentage of their 1954 members.

Oceana County Farm Bureau up of 300 farmer cooperative qualified for Group Life Insurance on December 17 with nine community Farm Bureaus enroll-

This brings the total enrollment in Farm Bureau's Group Ren A. DeRuiter of McBain first year. Previously, Barry Life Plan to 957 members in its county had enrolled 654 members rural people.

> Plan originated with our Farm members. Bureau Life Insurance Company. It is patterned after the the group ance to members and their safety specialist.

spouses for \$11.00 per person per Three persons enrolled under

the plan have died. Checks for \$1,000 have been paid to each of their families.

Master contracts are issued to County Farm Bureaus. The County Farm Bureau secretary then ssues certificates of insurance to the member applicants.

To be eligible, members must belong to a Community Farm Bureau, be 60 years of age or less, be in reasonably good health, and be able to do their work regular. ly. At least 60% of those eligible must enroll in a Community Farm Bureau to qualify the group and enough groups must able in the county.

Several other counties are con-The Farm Bureau Group Life sidering offering the plan to their

You'll probably prevent a serlife insurance that is available to lous injury if you learn to lift most people who work in indus- with your legs instead of your try. It offers \$1,000 of life insur- back, points out an M.S.C. farm

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Alexander Stephenson, Barton City ommunity Farm Bureau, Barton

City.
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The purpose of this Associa-tion shall be the advancement of our members' interests edu-cationally, legislatively, and economically.

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group, Turner.

Community Farm Bureaus

Coordinator of Community Farm Bureaus for MFB

Dear Community Farm Bureau Members:

It is our sincere wish that each of you, and your groups will have a happy, interesting and prosperous year during 1955. We hope that your y heart and soul of Farm Bureau. As mentioned in our article in the December edition, 277 Community m Bureaus held monthly meetings and arrived at conclusions.

Mrs. Ethel Miller, Merritt group, Merritt, Mrs. Verl Whittet, Riverside 1 group, Farmington group, Farmington. group meetings will become more and more interesting, and that more members will participate in Community Farm Bureaus, as that is the very heart and soul of Farm Bureau.

Farm Bureaus held monthly meetings and arrived at conclusions cach month and set the pattern for other Community groups. Following is the list of the Certified Award winning groups for 100% participation in 1953-54 The cache in the cach

Mrs. Emma Kuemin, Almira group, Empire.

Mrs. Elinar Nichols, Liverty-Union group, Benzonia.

Mrs. Ida Esch, River Road group, Frankfort.

Mrs. Rachel Keith, Kinderhook, Fre-

Mrs. Warren Fenn, Convis group, Battle Creek. Mrs. Vern Trader, East Homer Mrs. Sam Berry, Eckford group, Marshall. Mrs. Floyd Palmiter, Emmett group, Battle Creek. Mrs. Marie Belote, North Athens,

Charlevoix Mrs. Bernice Fowler, South Arm group, Ellsworth.

Edward Schultz, Briar Hill Cheboygan

Mrs. M. J. Van Campen, Alverno
rroup, Cheboygan.

Mr. George Craig, Black River,
Cheboygan.

Mrs. Bernadine Sheneman, Crump
lettlement group, Cheboygan. Herron.
Clarence Wagner, Evergreen
Herron.
Deephine Martell, Herron group, Herron. Mrs. Gerald Fussey, Long Lake ettlement group, Cheboygan. Mrs. Norman Williams, Riggsville

nas Hoppe, Poland group, Posen, Merritt Barton, Spratt group,

Lachine, Mrs. Alfred Dove, Wellington group, Mrs. Arthur Compeau, Wilson group,

Eaton
Mrs. Ethel Geisenhafer, North Windsor group, Dimondale.
Mr. J. Herbert Berner, West Oneida group, Grand Ledge.
Mrs. Helen Twitchell, Windsor No. 1 group, Dimondale. Mrs. Alice Dittenber, Au Gres group, ohn Krawczyk, Bay Shore group,

Mrs. Annabelle Tullach, Maple Grove group, Omer. Mrs. Dorothy Kusey, Town Hall

Mrs. R. W. Elston, Argentine group,

Gladwin Mrs, Eunice McLaren, Busy Beavers roup, Beaverton, Mrs. Lottie McKimmy, Knox group

Paul Petro, Emerson group, Mrs. W. H. Thompson, Northwest iratiot, Sumner, Mrs. Leland Stine, North Washing-

Mrs. Vennie Watts, Allen Twp. Charles Packer, Northwest Jonesville, J. L. McClelland, Pittsford group, Hudson. Mrs. Merie Blount, Reading group, Reading. Mrs. May Deter, Wheatland group,

Pigeon.

Mrs. Annabel Logen, Bingham group, Bad Axe.

Mrs. Edmond Good, Jr., Central Brookfield group, Gagetown.

Mrs. Carl Ritter, Central Huron group, Bad Axe.

improvements cost little to build, last for generations. Mrs. Michael Pisarek, Grant group, Gagetown.
Mrs. Leroy Booms, Helena group, Harbor Beach.
Mrs. Earl Kuhl, Kilmanagh group, Sebewaing.
Mrs. Irwin Shubel, Lake Shore group, Grindstone City.
Mrs. Fjorence Young, Limerick group, Eikton.
Mrs. Audrey Henne, Lucky Fifty group, Bay Port,
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mrs. Harry Kennedy, Northwest furon, Port Austin. Mrs. Harry Kennedy, Northwest furon, Port Austin. Mrs. Harold Susalla, Parisville roup, Minden City. Mrs. Wm. Tamblyn, Pinnebog group,

Malcolm Sweeney, Sheridan Owendale. Ruth Hobkirk, South Meade



Berrien Mrs. Vernal Shreve, Northwest Bu-chanan, Buchanan.

ont, Indiana. Mrs. Donna Vance, Ovid group,

Coop group, Cheboygan,

Mrs. Alice Davis, Elm Grove group,

Mrs. Robert Oberlin, North Duplain group, Elsie.

Mrs. Ralph Wilson, Top-O-Michigan group, Carp Lake.

Mrs. Robert Coyner, Flushing group, Guy Slocum, Gaines group, Mrs. Shirley Ries, S. W. Davison froup, Davison. Mrs. Bernice McClure, S. W. Richfield group, Davison.

eaverion. Mrs. Earl Rau, Quack Grass Terrors roup, Beaverion. Mrs. Elsie Grinn, Sharkeyville group,

Mrs. Elsie Bogg, Elba group, Banton group, Ashley.

Mrs. George Davidson, Pine River group, Alma.

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Stockbridge.

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Mrs. Julius Abraham, Lenox Center group, Richmond.

Mrs. Lewis Kitley, Meade group, group, Bad Axe.

Mrs. Alice Rink, East Bloomfield group, Harbor Beach.

Mrs. Alice Schultz, East Redman, Mrs. Lewis Kitley, McCarley, Mt. Clemens,
Mrs. Ralph Beaufalt, North Avenue group, Mt. Clemens.
Mrs. Harry Tincknell, Orchard Mrs. Clarence Gelger, East Siegel group, Harbor Beach. Mrs. Mary Essler, Fair Haven group, roup, Romeo.

Mrs. Moni Livermore, Ray Center group, Romeo. Mrs. Edwin Blackman, 700th group, Bay Port.
Mrs. Albert Thomas, Forest Bay group, Harbor Beach.
Mrs. Michael Pisarek, Grant group, Mrs. Leonard Reed, Pleasanton group, Bear Lake. Mrs. H. P. Anderson, Lincoln River group, Freesoll.

Walter Nitz, Sigel Bloomfield Harbor Beach. Ed Schnepp, South Brookfield Kelth Apley, Verona group,

group, Big Rapids.

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Blanchard.

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group, Remus. Mrs. Beatrice Young, Homer Twp.
Mrs. Charles group, Midland.

Manistee

Mrs. Clara Priest, Aetna, Morley.
Mrs. Albert E. Emmons, Big Rapids group, Big Rapids.
Mrs. Charles Jensen, Big Rapids 2 group, Big Rapids.
Mrs. Eleanor Freiberg, Green Twp.

Mrs. Bert Jager, Aetna Reeder group, Falmouth.
Mrs. Anthony Marcus, Lucas group, McBain.





New Year Prayer

Dear God, from whose almighty hand we have the gift of days, We are Thy tenants on the land and once again we raise Our prayer of honest thanks to Thee, in whom all goodness dwells.

Hear us today and grant that we may serve as love compels.

We thank Thee for the year just past. It was a prosperous one. By Thy kind help we have amassed a wealth of work and sun. We thank Thee, Lord, for beads of sweat instead of tears of gall. Be ours the strength to labor yet, before the night shall fall.

We thank Thee too for health and friends; for liberty and peace. Thy blessed mercy never ends; nor shall our praises cease. We feel Thy kindness as a dome, protecting us from harm, And sense Thy power in every home; Thy hand on every farm.

We thank Thee for Thy Holy Word, and may we ever seek Its comfort when the day is hard and we are tired and weak. Direct us through the coming year, our hearts are prone to stray, But by Thy help and in Thy fear we yet shall keep Thy way.

So may we do each one his part that this good soil may be By every tongue; in every heart; the homeland of the free. Lord, bless Thy children everywhere. Transfuse our souls again, That faith shall never know despair. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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In order to win a Star Awards for excellent minutes of a Community Farm Bureau meeting, the group must hold a meeting at which conclusions are arrived at and reported to the state office. There is no fixed formula

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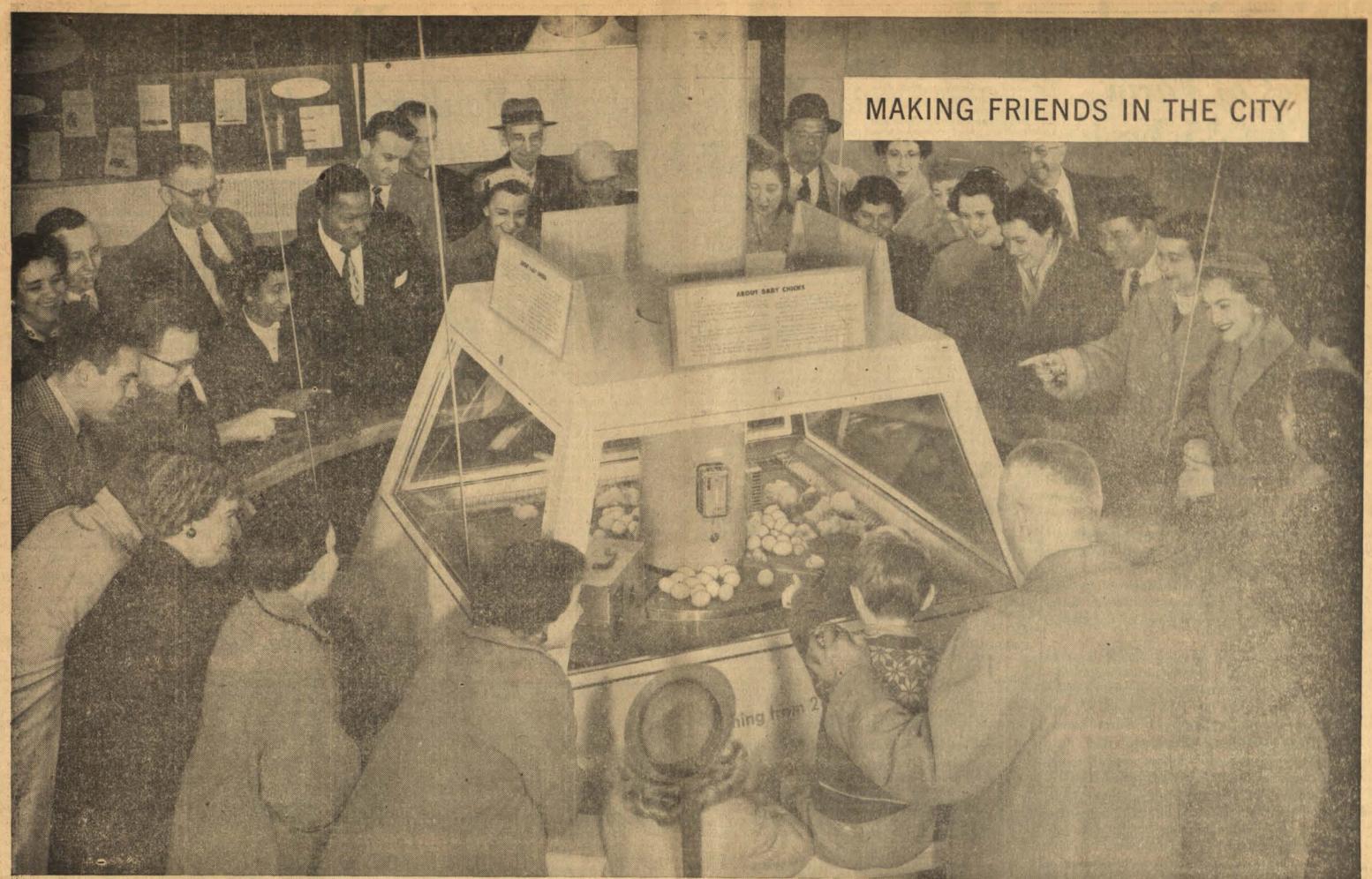
to teach agriculture as a science, to assist farmers, to serve many people instead of a few. That dream has come true magnificently, Today Michigan State College serves the people in many ways. For example, the Cooperative Extension Service reaches every township in the state. Nearly 400 trained people furnish usable information to farmers, homemakers, boys and girls. And more than 300 Agricultural Experiment Station researchers solve many farm and home problems.



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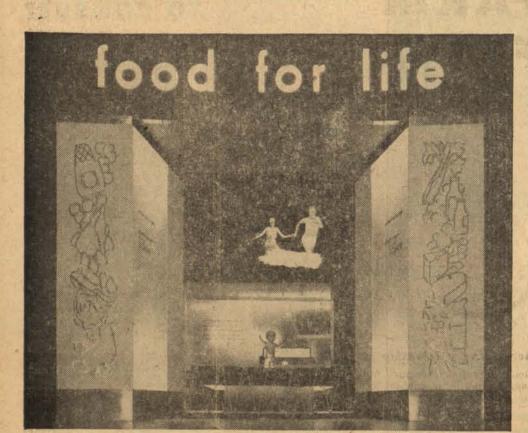
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NUTRITION IS OUR BUSINESS

This is the House That Farm Bureau Built

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Coordinator of Education and Research for MFB

This is the second of a series of articles that will appear in the Michigan Farm News during the next few months. Their purpose election. is to develop a better understanding of the Farm Bureau.

Our Farm Bureau house was not built in a day. At this writing we are in the fourth decade of its construction and building is still in progress. For a building of this type, complete plans could not be made in advance. The plans had to be altered occasionally to meet changes in the course of history.

During these thirty - five years are to be found the successes and mistakes that normally go into the build- into the clear as one between ing of a house. Some of the foundations proved strong and firm. In other cases there were rooms that had to in the early 50's. be torn down or reframed so as to be strong enough to weather economic storms.

The newly - born Farm Bureau in the 1920's had a erations they have planned and large task before it. To be effective it must gain the free decisions. The threat to recognition of other economic groups and political parties. Business and labor organizations were already powerful.

But farmers lacked an effectively - organized spokesman. Neither of the major political parties was willing to recognize farm problems as being important to our general economy. It was very difficult to get an audience before state or national political committees. When farm people did get a hearing their pleas fell on relatively deaf ears.

In the latter part of the 20's this picture began to change. It became evident to national leaders that agriculture had led a collapse in the economy by sharply falling farm incomes. For the first time in 1927 and 1928 Congress passed bills sponsored by Farm Bureau, only to have them vetoed by the President.

In 1929 the President signed the first important agricultural bill to aid the farmer. It was the Federal Agricultural Marketing Act. It was not a solution to farm problems, but it was a step in the direction of growing strength. And it afforded a basis out of which more constructive programs could be developed.

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prices on the free market.

But political opportunists were

around Washington. The disaster

of this era lay in the fact that

the farm program was fastened

upon by party politicians as a

power. They fostered larger ap-

propriations and larger bureaus

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of agriculture as a major factor parity in relation to the degree in our economic health. Other of surplus of the supported crop. groups became concerned over the farmer's problem. And Farm Bureau leaders found it easier ment of a needed farm program. on agriculture for its products

keting Act was followed by the above support levels. In fact, establishment of the AAA pro- farm prices rose by leaps and gram in 1933. Rigid supports on bounds. Under the needs of the

were to be paid out of a pro- production control payments, to be or not. cessing tax, but the plan was One marked effect of this philruled unconstitutional by the osophy was to change the public U.S. Supreme Court in 1936.

Under Farm Bureau sponsorship Congress then enacted the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, and large Con- public attitude, the farmers again gressional appropriations became had to put up a serious battle

necessary to carry the program. to receive consideration for their Because the crop control fea- program in Congress. Opposition tures of this Act were without groups began to stand against farforce, a new AAA measure was mers' organizations. Other ecoenacted in 1938 to replace the nomic groups now wanted a



Farm Bureau Members: Have you paid your membership dues for 1955? Remember your County Farm Bureau Secretary must have your dues by January 15, 1955, to protect your Blue Cross Bureau Group roster status, and Farm Bureau membership qualiinsurance.

In the political battle that now shaped up, sound economics were the program was at a standstill

There was little need for the support program itself before the 1950's. The coming of the Korean war, too, in 1950, kept farm prices up for a couple of years and avoided a showdown with the farmer on real production

Bureau membership grew constantly under the fight it was waging over this issue of high supports. The issue emerged a free enterprise capitalist sys-tem and one of state socialism

Farmers are businessmen who own their property and work their lands to earn a profit. For genproduced according to their own began to say the "Profit Motive" to Farm Bureau as a means of fighting this danger.

But the government bureaus had become powerful and Congress was weak and controls came inevitably. High rigid price controls were continued into 1953 - in peacetime - for the Korean armistice had been

The incentive payments helpnecessary to invoke the control for their 1954 crops.

Surpluses and the loss of exfarm prices seriously in 1953. The government held a tremendous surplus that could be turned loose on the market at any It was a potential threat to the free market price. Farmers were "over a barrel." Rejection of the marketing quota Some sharp contrasts developed in the decade of the 1930's. The pation recognized the importance of the 1930's and the importance of the i

In the year of 1954 the compli-This Act crowned Farm Bureau's cations of the control program began to appear. The extent of The 40's were a war decade. a farm are broader than most to get support for the develop- The extremely high demand up- persons realized. Rules requiring

Allotments on all supported crops must be conformed to in farm prices at 52% of parity war a new use for support prices the critical crop. Penalties must emerged. Federal funds were be paid for overproduction, even The object was mainly to ad- used to increase production if the farmer plans to feed the just production so as to main- rather than to reduce it. Talk excess to his livestock. And all tain a firm market price at pro- was about "incentive and com- farmers are subject to the quotas fitable levels. These supports pensatory" payments rather than and controls whether they choose

Thus with the first real encroachment of the control proattitude from one of sympathy gram over their farm operations, Farm Bureau people faced a problem of growing proportions.

As a result of the changing Secretary Benson's decision in December that "cross-compliance" could be dropped for 1955 was a welcome relief on the issues surpluses and crop control.

Membership

1936 program. Within the 1938 "say" in how the farm program in the membership of the Michi- age is about 52,500 families with gan Farm Bureau has been a a peak reached in 1954 of 62,981 product of a number of things families. Membership goals have It was an era in which Farm since its beginning in 1919. As been reached in record time dur-Bureau membership more than we have pointed out, without a ing this period. doubled nationally - and quaddoubt the major farm issues have rupled in Michigan. During this had much to do with it in the time the level of flexible price later years. In the early years, I supports was adjusted by law to the level of 75% to 90% of parity as a possible protection against a severe decline in farm

During the early 20's less than two-thirds of the eligible counties were affiliated with the state organization. And a "false start" was made to build a large membership. It was an age of "big promoters," so some were hired to help in the job. They means to keep or win party promised more than they could

The large membership signed for the first year rapidly program. Congressmen came to dwindled away. Actually the believe that their political fu- membership average of the first five years totaled around 24,000 each other for farm appropria- families.

Farm Bureau had yet to build a strong program. It had rather gram was never given a trial, few legislative accomplishments to support a needed prestige. It bills were passed holding the had few services. And farm prices began to fall. In the later half of the decade of the 20's membership fell with them. The Farm Bureau had a fight on its average was around 12,400 fam-

hands. It was a fight for free- ilies. years for the farmers and hard for membership as well. In spite service, your Community Farm gram. It was a fight for the of the fact that the farmer needright to operate one's farm as ed his organization more than the farmer himself chose to do. ever, only a few hardy souls fication for Farm Bureau auto- The support levels stood in dan- hung on and kept the Farm Burmobile, farm liability, and fire ger of becoming a ceiling on the eau alive. The memberhip averfarmer's income rather than a age for the first five years of

floor to protect him against dan- the 30's was a mere 2,950 fam-

forgotten. Congress and the during this time. Even before Government bureaus pushed to- the 30's departments for serving ward a larger farm control em- membership had been developed pire, or sought to curry votes by by the Michigan Farm Bureau. increasing the "give-away" pro- At the very outset in 1919, the gram in anticipation of the next members had established their state board of directors, and administrative staff, a membership department, a records department, a publicity dep't and a legislative dep't.

In 1920, they set up a Seed Department, and in 1922 a Feed Department. These were expanded in 1925 to become the Seed Service and the Supply Service. Then in 1929 these services were merged and incorporated to form the Farm Bureau Services. Inc.

1926 saw the Michigan Farm Bureau become a state agency for the State Farm Mutual Insurance Company with an Insurance Department to direct the work. But actual member-participation programs were as yet to appear.

The membership picture showed some improvement in the last this freedom by a system that half of the 30's. And a number of new programs appeared on the was evil - a socialist system horizon. Membership averaged that would police their produc- about 7200 families in these five tion - caused many to return years. A Farm Machinery Dep't was formed.

The Community Farm Bureau program was started in 1936. This program laid the groundwork for one of the best memberparticipation programs in the country. It has gained the respect of adult educators everywhere, and has been copied by other state Farm Bureaus.

The early 1940's began a period ed to create a bumper crop of of rapid growth and expansion wheat in 1953 and staggering in membership and programs. surpluses developed. It became The war brought better farm prices. New participation prolaws to cut production on wheat. grams and member services were Farmers were asked to vote to developed. The average memaccept or reject marketing quotas bership from 1940 to 1944 was 16,300 with the numbers increasing rapidly. 1942 saw the port markets had begun to drop Blue Cross hospitalization plan offered to members through Community Farm Bureau groups. In 1943 the Farm Bureau helped to organize the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives.

From 1945 to 1949 the growth continued at a goodly pace. The five year average was 40,600 meant a drop in support levels families. A peak was reached in 1947 at 48,100 with a tem-In the face of falling porary drop in 1948 due to an increase in dues from \$5 to \$10 The dues increase was to provide for an expanded program.

Numerous programs and services were developed during the act quickly. Accordingly 18 way for this season, the process-last half of the 1940's. 1945 saw farmers agreed to advance \$75,- ing facilities are now available last half of the 1940's. 1945 saw the beginning of the program for 000—the money to be used for for broiler, fryers and farm flock tions Department, and the Legal

In 1946 construction was started on the first fertilizer factory in Saginaw. The Personnel Dep't was also organized that

1949 marked the incorporation of the Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., and the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Michigan. The automobile insurance program rates to farmers by all companies n the southern peninsula of Michigan.

Continued growth of the membership program during the early 1950's in spite of dropping farm prices indicates the growing health of the organization and the worth of its services to Membership History. Growth the farmer. The five year aver-

New programs developed during this period include the forhowever, there were ups and mation of a new Farm Supply Department in 1950, the Life Insurance Company in 1951, the building of a second fertilizer plant at Kalamazoo in 1953, and the beginning of new programs in Fire Insurance and Group Life insurance in 1954.

During this period also the Farm Bureau has been instrumental in promoting the financing and organization of livestock auction yards at Battle Creek and St. Louis, Michigan. Similar aids to farmers in organizing marketing programs are under way in other parts of the state at the present time.

Membership Growth In Michigan Farm Bureau Membership (Organized) .47,500

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floor to protect him against dangerous decline of income. It was to be an uphill fight. In the political battle that now the assumed that the sound point in the political battle that now the assumed that the sound point in the political battle that now the assumed that the sound point in the political battle that now the assumed that the sound point in the political battle that now the assumed that the sound point in the political battle that now the assumed that the sound point in the political battle that now the assumed that the sound point in the political battle that now the political battle that now the sound point in the political battle that now the sound point in the political battle that now the sound point in the political battle that now the political battle that now the sound point in the political battle that now the sound point in the sound Cooperative at Hemlock

The Commodity Departments of the Michigan Farm Bureau has given considerable help in the organization of the Michigan Poultry Marketing Cooperative at Hemlock, Saginaw county, in the hope of developing a better marketing program for the poultry producers of the state.

The idea came from resolutions resented to the delegate body of the Michigan Farm Bureau mempership requesting that the Farm Bureau, Michigan State College and the Department of Agriculure give some assistance in developing a better market for poultry producers.

The Farm Bureau called a neeting of poultry producers from several counties, representatives of the Michigan State Colege and the Department of Agriculture on July 16 to discuss the ways and means of assisting poultrymen. This meeting was followed by a state-wide meeting of 100 poultrymen at St. Louis

The possibilities of acquiring rocessing facilities for live poulry was discussed wth Mr. Grant Hess of St. Louis who owned such processing plant at Hemlock, Michigan. A committee was appointed to develop a proposition with Mr. Hess for the purchase of these facilities and this committee reported back to a facilities at Hemlock.

the installation of the large freez- | provide working capital that will

first of October were mostly confined to turkeys, since the production in the state was in surplus and the outlook for marketing not favorable. The Cooperative in starting so quickly was confronted with many obstacles, one of which was the lack of freezing facilities which placed a very definite limit on the amount of live products that could be processed daily.

Since the installation of the blast freezer about the middle of November, the plant has been in a position to expand its operations and turn out an excellent product. Some 2,000,000 pounds of turkey meat in addition to some broilers and fowl has been processed and sold as frozen products. his amount of turkeys taken off the live market has had stabilizing influence on the price of turkeys to all producers regardless of how or where they were sold in the state.

It is admitted that the cooperative has rendered a remarkable service particularly to the turkey industry while operating under some adverse conditions as to time and equipment. The frozen econd state-wide meeting held product has been of a high qualiat St. Louis on August 13 and ty and has enjoyed an excellent were at that time authorized to acceptance on the market. Net proceed with the purchase of the returns to the producers have been better than anticipated.



MODERN PROCESSING PLANT of Michigan Poultry Marketing Cooperative at Hemlock. A recent addition to the facilities is a \$75,000 blast freezer which will freeze 100,000 pounds of poultry daily to 45 below zero.

If was apparent that if any Looking Ahead in Plant Opera-help was to be given to the turkey producers, we would have to problems somewhat out of the elected a board of directors and and also farm flocks that have said: set up the organization of the outlived their usefulness for egg Michigan Poultry Marketing Cooperative, Inc.

Members of the board of direc-

tors are: Marshall Michaels, Alma; Bernal Burke, Branch; Grant Gingrich, Barryton; Luther Klager, Bridgewater; John Chilson, Ma-Maurice Lee, Deckerville; brought an immediate drop in Milton Thayer, Deckerville; Kenneth Jenkins, Attica; and Max

Gray, Lake.

Looking Ahead in Plant Operaproduction. Buyers of live poultry are not

available and processing plants in larger cities are going out of busness. To improve this market situation, it is obvious that large numbers of poultry must be diverted into frozen channels,

facilities at Hemlock now cooper- compliance with a total acreage atively owned by the farmer pro- allotment as conditions necessary ducers are in position to render for price suport. The board of directors elected a valuable marketing service. The Marshall Michaels president, Max facilities formerly owned by

er. The corporation assumed pos- permit the cooperative to pursession of the plant on October 1 chase live products for processand has operated it since that ing. Producers of broilers, fryers, turkey growers, farm flock and hatchery owners will be contact-Processing operations since the ed throughout the state.

> Membership is invited from all sources in Michigan interested in providing a better market for all poultry products.

It is apparent that the next few months will be extremely difficult for the poultry industry from the marketing standpoint. Development of additional marketing channels are therefore a must with present production.

Buyers of live poultry in the state are becoming less in num- enabled us to eliminate the total ber as the months go by. Pro. ducers who plan on staying in the business we believe should give serious thought toward developing a better market.

Livestock producers have financed their own marketing fa- Price support for various of these cilities. We believe the poultry producers can be depended upon and 85 per cent of parity during to do likewise when they fully appreciate the program and operations of the marketing cooperative at Hemlock.

Benson Tells Why Controls Were Relaxed



EZRA T. BENSON

At the American Farm Bureau's 36th annual meeting at New York | Farmer's Future Congressional committees opened their doors and listened. The Federal Agricultural Mar
Congressional committees with a griculture for its products of the law. They begin to put their finger on the farmer's total their finger on the farmer's total their finger on the farmer's total to be used at all. Prices stayed on agriculture for its products of the immediate installation of a products. They are confronted the immediate installation of a products of the immediate installation of a products. They are confronted the immediate installation of a large blast freezer having a daily capacity to freeze 100,000 lbs. of the law. They begin to put the immediate installation of a products of the immediate installation of a large blast freezer having a daily capacity to freeze 100,000 lbs. of the law. They begin to put the immediate installation of a large blast freezer having a daily capacity to freeze 100,000 lbs. of the immediate installation of a large blast freezer having a daily capacity to freeze 100,000 lbs. of the immediate installation of a large blast freezer having a daily capacity to freeze 100,000 lbs. of the immediate installation of a large blast freezer having a daily capacity to freeze 100,000 lbs. of the immediate installation of a large blast freezer having a daily capacity to freeze 100,000 lbs. of the immediate installation of a large blast freezer having a daily capacity to freeze 100,000 lbs. of the immediate installation of a large blast freezer having a daily capacity to freeze 100,000 lbs. of the immediate installation of a large blast freezer having a daily capacity to freeze 100,000 lbs. of the immediate installation of a large blast freezer having a daily capacity to freeze 100,000 lbs. of the immediate installation of a large blast freezer having a daily capacity to freeze 100,000 lbs. of the immediate installation of a large blast freezer having a daily capacity to freeze 100,000 lbs. of the immediate installation of a large blast freezer having a daily capacity to freezer having a daily

"Last spring before Congress Here in Agriculture Depends on adopted the basis for a sound You." farm support program, there seemed to be a possibility that to work through his extension rigid, high price supports might program and Farm Bureau organcontinue for the 1955 crops. Rigid ization for a self-help program. price supports must be accompanied by rigid controls.

The poultry processing plant the intention to require cross itself.

them into effect, they would have been the strictest controls ever imposed on our farm people.

"By September changed circumstances made it possible to eliminate the total acreage allotment requirement from the 1955 program.

"Congress had passed the Agr'l Act of 1954, moving toward price flexibility and greater freedom of operation.

"Congress had also enacted the Trade Development Act which gave us new opportunity to move our accumulated surplus farm commodities into consumption abroad.

"In addition, a spreading drought which at its peak embraced 949 counties in 18 states not only reduced this year's crop yields, but also made it imperative that farmers in the stricken areas be given every opportunity to make a recovery.

"This combination of events acreage controls.

"Simultaneously with the relaxing of restrictions, I announced the 1955 level of price support for oats, barley, rye and grain sorghums at 70 per cent of parity. grains has fluctuated between 35 the past 15 years.

"Seventy per cent of parity will be approximately the same as the price support for corn in the non-commercial areas.

"The greater price flexibility permitted by this action will be of help to hard pressed dairymen and poultrymen who buy those feeds. "In 1954 producers of feed

grain increased their production by 10-million acres. "It is clear that farmers desire

to hold production of feed grains at a high level in 1955. It is necessary to set price supports at a level which while giving effective support, will also permit the great bulk of these feed crops to move into use. "As we adjust our price sup-

ports realistically, it is possible to relax our controls. At 70 per cent of parity for feed grains, the Commodity Credit Corporation will support the market rather than become the market.

"For the year ahead, I believe the outlook is generally goodboth for agriculture and the Nation. Business activity is at the highest level in our history. This assures continuing strong demand for the products of our farms. Agricultural products are likely to be somewhat higher."

Is Up to Him

Dr. Kenneth Hood of the poultry products to a temperature key producers. It has been ex- and the nation as a whole. He ex- AFBF told an audience of over of 45 degrees below 0. The 18 in- tremely difficult to find a live plained how crop controls were 500 Shiawassee county farmers corporators held a meeting and market for broilers and fryers relaxed for 1955. Mr. Benson at Owosso high school October 28, that "Where We Go From

Dr. Hood challenged the farmer

If good markets are provided through research and export, the "Accordingly, we announced price support will take care of

Everyone knows of the success "Had it been necessary to put struggles to win it.



DRESSED TURKEYS on the line and on the way to the packaging station and blast freezer.

treasurer, and B. P. Pattison secretary. The directors signed the agreement with Grant Hess of Hemlock to purchase his processing facilities and authorized

1935 1936 .7,522.8,173 1937 1938 .6,7801939 .7,4201940 .9.7801941 1942 14.840 .20.5391943 1944 .29,027 .38,079 1945 1946 1947 ..48,100 .34,382 1948 36.878 1949 1950 .41.9221951 1952 1953 .56,662

Gray vice-president, Roy Bortels | Grant Hess of St. Louis for his Michigolden duck operations are second to none in the state. We are now urging the broiler,

fryer and farm flock producers to use the facilities of the cooperative for processing their fowl. It will be necessary that you call or contact the cooperative at Hemlock and make specific arrangements for service. Do not deliver any fowl to the

Hemlock plant without previous agreement. The processing facilities are scheduled for the processing of ducks approximately two days per week. However, all additional time is now available for processing other fowl.

Additional Finance and Membership. In the organization of the cooperative, time was the essence. Only sufficient financing was requested to install the large blast freezer.

Plans are now under way to

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Resolutions on State & Farm Bureau Affairs

They Outline the Program of Work

ontinued from Michigan Farm News For Dec. 1, 1954

We are presenting in our December and January editions the full text of resolutions on State and Farm Bureau affairs, as adopted by the voting delegates at the 35th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau at East Lansing, November 11 - 12, 1954.

These resolutions become Michigan Farm Bureau policy. In this edition we are completing the presentation of resolutions on State affairs, and are publishing the resolutions dealing with our Michigan Farm Bureau as an organization.

Resolutions adopted by the MFB convention with respect to national and international matters became recommendations to the American Farm Bureau convention at New York city December 14-16. Resolutions adopted there by delegates from all the states become Michigan Farm Bureau's policy on national and international issues. The text of the AFBF resolutions will appear in the January or February edition of the Na- ther T.B. is showing a slight a voice at the conference table germ warfare as it may be aption's Agriculture.

new our 1953 position relative

to multiple-fortified milk. We

mer regulations.

Michigan Farm

Bureau Policy is

annual meetings.

Based on Resolutions

Discussed in 1,364 Com-

munity Farm Bureaus.

Drafted by 63 County Farm

Bureau Resolutions Com-

Approved by members in

63 County Farm Bureau

Digested by 16-member State Resolutions Com-

mittee, composed of one

member from each of the

ten districts, plus three

representatives of the

Farm Bureau Women and

Determined at State An-

nual Convention by voting

delegates from County

Farm Bureaus-one dele-

gate for each one hundred

Farm Bureau's Voice is the

Voice of the Member.

Promotion of Use of Dairy Pro-

ducts. We endorse the promotion-

al work of the American Dairy

Association and encourage every

dairy farmer to support this self-

help program through the year-

around monthly set-aside of two

cents per hundred pounds of milk

or 1/2 cent per pound of butter-

We recommend that milk be

served at farm meetings and ban-

quets and that Farm Bureau

members encourage improve-

We believe in production for

Minimum Butterfat Content of

Milk. The present state legal min-

imum for butterfat in milk sold

to consumers in Michigan is 3%.

contains 3.5% or more. In order

use, not for Government storage

ments in milk merchandising.

members.

three members at large.

State Affairs

Soil Conservation and Soil Con- commend the Legislature for servation Districts, Responsibility passing, during its 1954 session, for land use and improvement H. 210 limiting such fortification thereof belongs to all citizens, to the ingredients and the urban as well as rural. The well- amounts thereof recommended by being of all is dependent on con- the Michigan Department of serving our soil. The annual Health, the Michigan State Mediincrease of population places a cal Society and leading nutridefinite responsibility on agri- tionists at Michigan colleges and culture and the nation to sate- universities, namely 400 units of guard our needed future food Vitamin D per quart, and that production facilities. Intelligent addition, plus 2,000 units of Vitause of land and conservation min A per quart, in fortified thereof by not only individual skimmed milk. farmer-owners and farm renters, cannot be stressed too much ..

The 72 Soil Conservation Disciently governed and controlled Agriculture has recently revised products. by volunteer farmers and are its regulations defining fortified effective units of soil-saving ac- milk so as to eliminate the additivity. We recommend use of tion of iodine and to reduce the our established government amounts of some of the other agencies in obtaining supervisory vitamins and minerals below the help to bring about real soil con- requirements set forth in its for-

We also recommend that the Legislature increase the appro- that every means should be used tion districts by the amount of Studies are now under way in \$250 per district, the same to be Wisconsin and Minnesota which matched by local funds, which should give information, not now would provide a part-time as-

Gypsy Moth, Dutch Elm Disease and Cak Wilt Control Pro- that the use of this container providing such needed services. is welcomed and needed. grams. We support needed State in Michigan not be legalized at

Commodity Promotion. We favor the promotion of agricultural commodities by commodity groups whereby a commodity group, as necessary, organizes it self so as to carry out a program of advertising, promotion and information which will assist in the solving of commodity marketing problems without relying upon government assis-Recognizing the success with which the promotional efforts on some agricultural commodities have met, we further recommend that agricultural commodity groups re-evaluate their programs in the light of this experience and that the Michigan farmer take a realistic approach to this whole problem of advertising, promotion and information as a marketing tool.

Multiple-Fortified Milk. We re-



Farm Bureau Members: Have you paid your membership dues It is estimated, however, that 90% for 1955? Remember your County of the milk sold in Michigan Farm Bureau Secretary must have your dues by January 15, to insure consumers a higher service, your Community Farm legal state minimum be set at Farm Bureau membership qualification for Farm Bureau automobile, farm liability, and fire Cattle. Bang's disease and T. B. with this world of bigness. insurance.



OFFICERS AND STAFF MEMBERS of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureauu for 1955 are shown in this picture. Front row, left to right: Shirley, Estelle, Gaylord, secretary-treasurer; Paul Leipprandt, Pigeon, president; Lois Schmidt, Berrien Springs, historian. Standing, left to right: Dick Root, East Lansing, field representative; Hilbert Schulye, Pigeon, camp chairman; Douglas Sanford, Allen, 2nd vice-president; Dick Arnold Plainwell. 1st vice-president: Norwood Eastman, East Lansing, coordinator of organization, Michigan Farm Bureau.

a menace to human health. Fur- | Farm Bureaus we have attained | ing fire, chemical, biological and increase in Michigan.

programs, including:

1. More frequent testing. We failure. would urge an annual test as Farm Bureau has progressed ties, power and other supply soon as practicable,

"Ring Test" twice a year. rectly to slaughter houses, rather The American Farm Bureau Fedthan through regular sales mar- eration, which has reached a

Buyers of Livestock and Dairy of policies originating at the Products. We commend Mich igan grass-roots level. In Michigan our lawmakers for thir action in set- membership has reached 62,981. We deplore the executive veto ting up an Interim Committee to We can not expect a great debut by urban population as well, which prevented this constructive study means by which farmers crease of issues and challenges. legislation from becoming a law. can be given some assurance of We, therefore, must ever be alert Women and Junior Farm Bur-We note with satisfaction that the financial responsibility of and progressive. tricts now organized are effi- the Michigan Department of of commercial buyers of dairy

products commercially

Cooperative Livestock Market-Gallon Milk Container. We feel ing. We are encouraged at proto increase the use of milk. available, on the effect of the

appropriations for activities to eradicate Gypsy Moth, Dutch Elm Disease and Oak Wilt.

this time, and that a report be made to the 1955 Michigan Farm mend that all dressed poultry in our community groups by:

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1. Organizing more groups to the community groups by: this time, and that a report be to whether it is a broiler, fryer, roaster or stewing fowl.

Removal and Disposal of Abandoned Orchards and Vineyards. Inasmuch as there are many diseased and abandoned orchards and vineyards, we reand vineyard.

ivities of the Michigan Apple sociated Women. Industry function. In the light f current economic conditions,

Bean Promotional Program. We make a study looking forward part of its county program. to the introduction of a bill in a future session of the Michigan Legislature declaring it to be the Farm Bureau to encouragement public policy of the State of of good citizenship and recogni-Michigan to promote the con- tion of our American heritage. sumption and sale of dry edible beans grown in Michigan: (1) by licity, advertising, and an informational and sales program to increase consumption and improve efficiency of production; and will encourage use of milk dry edible beans and providing and dairy surpluses for school for its collection; (3) by creating lunches and domestic and for- a bean commission and vesting eign-aid programs that will not in it the administration of the interfere with normal marketing. act and providing for the powers, duties and authority of said com-

Our Farm Bureau

on matters of interest to the plied to humans, animals, crops, We will support adequate ap- farmers of our country. If we or through bombing or other propriations to carry out control allow this voice to diminish in- forms of enemy attack, such as stead of growing we can expect sabotage, which would disrupt

2. Use of the so-called Bang's strength of membership and par- agricultural industry. ticipation of that membership in 3. Marketing of reactors di- the affairs of the organization. in 1954, has maintained a strong Financial Responsibility of u influence in high places because

We look forward to reaching our goal of 66,000 farm families We favor action to require a in 1955 as Michigan's share of the mend that all departments of bond or other evidence of finan- two-million member A.F.B.F. Michigan Farm Bureau and its cial responsibility as a prereq- goal. Attainment of this goal is subsidiary companies cooperate uisite to the obtaining of a necessary if farmers are to pro- in the promotion of safety educalicense to buy livestock and dairy tect their best interests and help tion on the farms, in the home preserve the free enterprise sys- and on the highway in such ways tem in America.

gress which has been made in Michigan is one of the earliest Michigan Cooperative Livestock states to adopt a Community Farm Marketing. We realize that there Bureau program. Its value has re- use and abuse of Blue Cross-Blue are areas that are not adequately ceived wide recognition from Shield service is reflected in the served, particularly in the north- neighboring states. Each member premium rates thereof and as ern part of the state. We ask should be well educated on the they have been increasing in the gallon container on the quantity the continued cooperation of the basic theory that his participation past and may rise still further in of milk used. We recommend Michigan Livestock Exchange in in the affairs of the organization the future, we recommend that

service more members.

2. Plan to issue special invitations to non-attending members. 3. Encourage and aid a dependable Community Farm Bureau Committee in every county.

American Farm Bureau Wocommend that the program of men. The Michigan Farm Bureau condemning diseased and aban- Women are concerned that the doned orchards and vineyards designation, "Associated Women for removal and disposal be ex- of the American Farm Bureau pedited, and that the cost of Federation," implies that they this removal and disposal be are a separate organization or paid by the owner of said orchard auxiliary. They wish to be an integral part of the Farm Bureau. Therefore we urge the American Revision of Apple Act. We sup- Farm Bureau to make such strucport the action of Michigan tural changes as are necessary to apple growers in their efforts to provide that the women's affiliarevise the Baldwin Apple Act tion would be "American Farm under which the promotional ac- Bureau Women" rather than "As-

Junior Farm Bureau. We realthis act needs to have certain ize that a strong Farm Bureau basic changes. Principal changes must constantly be developing needed are: Redistricting of the new leaders. To do this, many state in line with changing apple counties have a Junior Farm production and staggering of the Bureau dedicated to leadership terms of members of the Com- training. These Junior groups mission in order that all terms have contributed many presentdo not expire at the same time. day leaders to their County Farm Bureaus.

In view of the above, we ask that the board of directors recommend that every county deof the Michigan Farm Bureau velop a Junior Farm Bureau as a

Citizenship. We dedicate our

We urge County and Community Farm Bureaus to use the providing for research and pub- Pledge of Allegiance at meetings and to properly display our flag. Good citizens are informed voters. Farm Bureau members should participate in all elections (2) by levying an assessment on and in the affairs of the political parties of their choosing.

As Michigan becomes continually more industrialized, rural people need to use every opportunity to express themselves.

Our Part In Civil Defense. We recommend that the Board of Directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau establish a Committee on Membership. The same chal- Civil Defense, the purpose of ege, "Who shall speak for farm- which will be to work with the ers?", is still before agriculture. duly constituted civil defense Groups, other than farmers, have authorities of the state and of 1955, to protect your Blue Cross quality product, we urge that the many plans for agriculture. local government and with other Farmers are and will undoubted departments of government con-Bureau Group roster status, and 3.5% butterfat in all milk sold. ly remain a minority group in cerned with civil defense so as to America. Individuals in any assure the maximum protection Bang's Disease and T. B. in group can never expect to cope of the Farm Bureau membership and other farmers against all in cattle are costly to farmers and Through our state and national forms of enemy attack, includ- resolutions adopted at this annual

necessary transportation faciliwith good strides in building necessary for the operation of the

Public Relations. We realize the importance of a public relations program to our organization and membership of nearly 1,600,000 recommend that County Farm Bureau Boards of Directors encourage and stimulate the County Public Relations Committees to increase their efforts to bring a closer working relationship in the rural-urban areas.

We suggest that Farm Bureau eau continue their fine efforts in public relations.

Safety Program. We recomas to make that safety promotion Community Farm Bureaus, program most effective for our organization and the farm people.

Blue Cross-Blue Shield. The the Michigan Farm Bureau, Labeling Poultry. We recomneed to encourage more activity Blue Cross representatives, evolve a policy based on the de-

> We feel that adoption of this ype of plan will reduce misuse of the service and keep rates down to a minimum.

Membership Understanding of Agricultural Programs. We recmmend that the Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors make a study of all agricultural programs and agencies of U.S.D.A. and institute an educational program in the County Farm Bureaus to assist the membership in cooperating to carry out such programs.

Proposed Amendment To By-Laws: We recommend that the By-Laws of the Michigan Farm Bureau be amended to read as

Article IV-Section 3. Class II. Full-time employees and persons who were full-time employees of his association or of its subsidiries or affiliated companies, or f County Farm Bureaus at the me of their retirement, may beome Associate members by makg application, and if accepted the Board of Directors upon xecution of the membership greement, will be entitled to he rights of membership, excepting the right to vote.

Commendation of MFB Staff. We, the delegates to the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting, desire to take this opportunity to express to the management and staff of the Michigan Farm Bureau our commendation for he capable and efficient organiation now performing the work which has made our Community Farm Bureaus, legislative and other activities what other state Farm Bureaus consider to be models. They come here to study our work.

Teamwork being the theme of this convention, we face the future with the satisfaction that our state staff will help us in the solution of our problems.

Further, we desire to commend the entire staff of our Public Affairs Division for its vigorous action in bringing our views to the attention of Congress, our Legislature, and to national and state

Reaffirmation. We reaffirm the resolutions adopted at previous annual meetings that are now in force, except insofar as they are modified or supplemented by the RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

5-Geo. Fogle, Chairman, Mason 1-Lee Bakeman, Dowagiac 2-Mrs. Ruth Day, Clark Lake 3-Wayne Sober, Webberville 4—Hilb't Holleman, Byron Center 6—Frank Merriman, Deckerville 7—Carl Anderson, Brunswick 8-Herbert Schmidt, Bay City 9-Willard Wilson, Traverse City* 10-Arthur McIntyre, Harrisville MFB Women

Mrs. Martin Stockmeyer, Reese Mrs. Alex Kennedy, Posen Mrs. Leon Dunning, Delton

At large James P. Mielock, Whittemore Gleason E. Halliwin, Gladwin Alb't Shellenbarger, Lake Odessa

Farm Bureau Women Elect New President

Mrs. Haven Smith of Chappell, Nebraska, was elected president of the American Farm Bureau Women's Committee at the 20th annual meeting of this group at the American Farm Bureau convention in New York, Dec. 14-16.

Mrs. Smith succeeds Mrs. Charles N. DeShazo of Virginia. Mrs. Smith had been vice-president Mrs. Ernest Nedeau of Meredith. New Hampshire, was elected vice-president.

The American Farm Bureau convention voted to change the status of the women's organization from an affiliated organization to a committee of the AFBF. Formerly called the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau, the group will be known hereafter as the American Farm Bureau Women's Committee.

The Michigan Farm Bureau Women at their annual meeting in November joined with Farm Bureau women in other states in recommending the change of name. The title Associated Women implied that the women's activities were carried on as a separate organization within the Farm Bureau. The title Women's

Committee of Farm Bureau shows to thousands of dollars. the true relationship.

H-Bomb Calls for Rural Area Help

Dan Reed of the Michigan Farm Bureau legislative dep't attended a meeting of a Federal Civilian Defense leaders at Bat tle Creek recently where this was

"The hydrogen bomb tests have out-moded shelters in cities for protection. We must think in terms of total evacuation of a probable target area. Farm and rural homes offer the most emergency housing. A farm family might find 50 persons assigned to them to care for the first few days. Radio-active dust from an H-bomb explosion may continue for days and cover hundreds of

AT AFBF CONVENTION

Michigan's delegation was "at home" in the McAlpin Hotel Convention headquarters were at the New Yorker. "The New Yorker? Just 2 blocks west," the man said! Have you seen these Manhattan blocks? Each one is B blocks long!

Beltsville turkeys, the small white breed of birds, get plump and meaty while they are still young. These birds are practicaly free from pinfeathers, too.



At the 1954 MFB annual meet-

ing, 43 resolutions were adopted on state issues likely to come before the legislature.

A woman tries to reform her husband during the first year of married life-after that she tries to keep him from getting worse.



Detroit housewife says, "We can't afford to be without Blue Cross-Blue Shield!"

"Two years ago my husband and I had a terrible automobile accident in Pennsylvania," says Mrs. Bennett.
"I went to the hospital with two broken legs and a fractured hip. Lucky for us we had the Blue Cross Comprehensive Contract and Blue Shield. My Blue Cross Comprehensive Shield. My Blue Cross Comprehensive Contract covered my whole hospital bill for 120 days—and, a year later, paid another big bill for 103 days resulting from the same accident! Blue Shield paid a big part of my doctor bill, too. Just that one accident would have cost us \$3,700 if we hadn't had the Blue Cross Comprehensive Contract and Blue Shield!"

With Lin 3 families facing hospital

With 1 in 3 families facing hospital With 1 in 3 families facing hospital bills within a year, can you afford to be without protection like this? Over 3 million Michigan people have Blue Cross - Blue Shield. Probably some of your close friends have it. Ask them if they don't agree: there's no finer protection against hospital and doctor bills at any price!

It's easy to find out how you can enjoy low-cost Blue Cross - Blue Shield group enrollment. A company with as few as 5 employees may qualify as a group.

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

Sure You're Protected, But . . .

Is Your Insurance Up-To-Date?



If your insurance was bought five years ago - or even two or three years ago - there's a good chance it's now out-of-date.

Keeping your insurance adjusted to your needs at all times is as important as keeping your machinery in working order and your buildings in good repair.

For Instance . . .

What is your property worth todayyour land, your buildings, your equipment, your livestock? Does your insurance cover it adequately?

Life Insurance Fire Insurance

Are you Planning to help your sons get started in farming? And what about your daughters' share? Is your insurance program planned so that it will help them?

What about inheritance taxes? Has your property increased in value so that inheritance assessments will be higher? Will your insurance take care of these costs?

Talk to your Farm Bureau Insurance Representative about your entire insurance program. There's no obligation, and he has been trained to help you keep your insurance up-to-date.

Auto & Truck Insurance Farm Liability Insurance

The FIP Protected Saving Plan FARM BUREAU INSURANCE CO.

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Lansing, Michigan

Farmers and the Social Security Program

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for January

Background Material for Program in January by 1364 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups have raised some pointed objections to the program that would

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Congress acted. Farm operators are now included under the Social Security law. Many farmers do not seem to realize as yet that this program is compulsory—that ance companies. they must pay the tax. They cannot choose to stay out of the program.

Farm Bureau delegates over the years had taken a position opposing this law as a compulsory affair. At the sure. 1954 annual meeting after the law had been passed they were no less positive in stating their position on the customers that the private commatter. On November 12 they passed the following Private companies cannot use resolution without a dissenting vote:

"Compulsory Social Security for farmers and other persons is cut off. If the older self-employed groups is the road to socialism.

"No self-employed person should be forced to pay into a Federal fund which promises either to make him a snare over the years, his government benefits are cut off. He ward of the Government in his old age, or from which takes care, therefore, to be rather unproductive of income to prohe will never derive benefit.

"If farmers, who have been the bulwark of our \$1200 of earnings, he walks off democracy, are forced into compulsory Social Security, is miserably small. He can earn then every other self-employed group will soon be \$1200 a year plus a small monthbrought under the program.

"We recommend that the American Farm Bureau able annual income would then work aggressively to remove the compulsory features of Social Security in regard to self-employed people."

This was a substitute resolution submitted from the on it. floor. The delegates rejected a more mildly-stated position in passing this one. They wanted to be very positive in their stand.

The Social Security bill was pushed through Congress at the last moment before adjournment. It was something of a surprise move. The House bill had included farm operators, but the Senate bill had held some reservations about it. The Senate originally reported out the bill without coverage for farmers. The bill was later changed in conference to include farmers. But the Senators did succeed in raising the amount that a

person could earn before losing his retirement benefits. This was increased to \$1200. Farm incomes are not like a factory paycheck, and some brow wrinkling may be done to figure out where the line exists.

here that will create confusion. A person will not have to pay, draw payments when his proper date arrives.

A. RETIREMENT BENEFITS
Avg. Monthly
Earnings
Retired

The farmer pays at the rate of 3% on his net farm income gross income minus all expenses This 3% is to be in effect until 1970. Then a raise is figured into the percentage. The cost of the program is expected to increase. The net income figure can be used that is found on the income tax form 1040F that the farmer fills out each year.

Farm operators who have gross income of \$1800 or less per year, may divide this gross figure in half and pay on that figure rather than on actual net income, if they choose. If you had \$1800 gross income and half of it figures out as less than the actual net income found by subtracting expenses, you can pay the Social Security tax on the smaller fig-

To be eligible at all, a farmer income tax, but still have to pay on Social Security.

The maximum amount on which a farmer would pay is a net income of \$4,200. This would cost him up to \$126 a year as Social Security tax.

the farm hand on wages paid to him, 2% from the employing formation that you will need for

but a farm owner who rents his farm for cash or on shares is not. There may be borderline cases here that will creative fusion. efits:

After 1950	Retired	And Wif
\$ 50	\$ 30.00	\$ 45.0
100.00	55.00	82.5
150,00	68.50	102.8
200.00	78.50	117.8
250.00	88.50	132.8
300.00	98.50	147.8
350.00	108.50	162.8
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Avg. Monthly		
After 1950	or Widower	1 Chile
\$ 50.00	\$ 30,00	\$ 45.00
100.00	41.30	82.50
150.00	51.40	102.80
200.00	58.90	117.80
250.00	66.40	132.80
300.00	73.90	147.80
300.00	10.30	197.80

Avg. Monthly

The farmer under 65 years of age, who dies and leaves a widow and children under 18 years, will has to have a gross income from farming of at least \$800—then he if he has participated in the second schedule (B) above could say that \$400 was net, and if he has participated in the propay on that amount. \$400 net is gram for 6 quarters or 1½ years the minimum allowable income after January 1, 1955. This inthe program. On the \$400 the come remains while there are farmer would pay \$12 a year.
He might not owe any Federal income town any fits alone after the reaches the fits alone after she reaches the age of 65 years.

Farmers will need to study this program to know exactly where they stand. Michigan State College Bulletin No. F189 "Social Security for Farm Families" has A change was made in the law been sent to your discussion leadalso relating to coverage for farm er. Each of you may obtain one hands. The rate remains the same for yourself by applying to your -at least until 1970 (2% from County Agricultural Agent. It

Discussion Topics

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

Jan. Farmers and the Social Security Pro-

Feb. The Uses of Farm Commercial License Plates

Those who hope for great benefits, from Social Security should not set their hopes too high. Farm Bureau folks over the years have raised some pointed objecbear some thought.

Delegates' objections point out that this is a socialization or nationalization of the insurance business. The government comes into unfair competition with the an- tested against a program that nuity programs of private insur-

with the private company, the government, on the other hand,

By this measure, the government has taken over potential panies might otherwise gain. force in getting subscribers.

Incentive for capable older person works and earns more than a meagre wage, in spite of the fact that he has paid his share over the years, his governtect his government allowance. When he gets close to the allowed ly allowance. Let's assume that it averages \$78.50 a month in government checks. His total allowbe around \$2100 a year, if he works up to the maximum allowed limit. At today's prices and rents he might not stay too fat



Detroit butcher says, "My family would be hard-pressed if we didn't have Blue Cross-Blue Shield!"

"It's when you need Blue Cross Blue Shield that you find out what wonderful protection it really is," says Mr. DiGactano. "We needed it this summer. My wife was taken to the hospital unexpectedly... she was there for 83 days. It cost almost \$2,200 just for the hospital part, and our Blue Cross Comprehensive Contract covered every bit of it. Blue Shield paid \$277 to our doctor. My family would be hard-pressed if it weren't for Blue Cross-Blue Shield."

Will your family be the one in three that will have a hospital bill within a year? If so, how would you pay it? Wouldn't you be a lot better off with the kind of protection that saved over \$2,450 for Mr. DiGaetano's family? That kind is the Blue Cross Comprehensive Contract and Blue Shield!

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Farm Bureau Members: Have you paid your membership dues for 1955? Remember your County Farm Bureau Secretary must have your dues by January 15. 1955, to protect your Blue Cross service, your Community Farm Bureau Group roster status, and Farm Bureau membership qualification for Farm Bureau automobile, farm liability, and fire

have paid for it over the years, but who have a bit of pride in themselves even in their old age. Suppose one works and earns for himself \$1500 without help from the government. He has had some ambition. The government

but he is penalized for being too ambitious. He gets a reduced monthly government check. Farm Bureau folks have pro-

takes from the individual his worthy incentive and ambition to While the subscriber decides do. With a private insurance whether or not he will insure program for which he has paid over the years, he can work as much as he pleases and find life interesting-it has nothing to do with his payments being lost. And there are those folks who would rather die with their boots on than to recline in a world of

QUESTIONS

1. Does every member understand that he can get aid in his study of his Social Security Program by getting Extension Bulle-

3. Do the members know that they can get an application for a Special Security number by aptook his Social Security payments, plying at their post office?

174 at AFBF Meet From Michigan

lege agricultural engineers.

2. What parts of the Social Security Program do you find it hardest to understand?

Plant Food Div

Michigan Farm Bureau was well represented at the American Farm Bureau convention in New York City Dec. 12-16 when 174 members made the trip. Michigan was one of 16 states to be honored for having exceeded its 1954 quota of the AFBF goal of 2,000,000 members.

Irrigation

An irrigation system has nearly as many uses as a farm tractor, claim Michigan State Col-

pass at par in any nation.

John Sexon Actg. Mgr. of

ed acting manager of the Farm Bureau Services, Inc., Plant Food Manufacturing Division while Adolph E. Ecklund, manager, is on leave of absence due to illness. The appointment was made by J. F. Yaeger, executive secretary of FBS.

Mr. Sexon has been superintendent of the FBS plant food manufacturing plant at Saginaw. He came to the plant in 1948 as Travel a foreman and later was promoted to ass't superintendent, and superintendent.

armed forces from graduation Courtesy is a coin that will until 1946. For the next two years he was agricultural official

of the U. S. military government in Germany. He was recommended to Farm Bureau Services by Dr. George Scareth of the American Farm Research

"I have united with these friends and neighbors to enjoy a social hour, to study our common problems, to support through the Farm Bureau the organized effort which is essential to the welfare and prosperity of agriculture to the end that such cooperation may provide a comfortable living for my family, education for my children, and independence for my old age."

When you are packing sweaters for travel, fold in the sleeves and roll the sweaters to prevent He is a graduate of Purdue ridges. They take less space this university, the school of agron- way, too, advise clothing specialomy, in 1942. He served in the ists at Michigan State College.

Use the present to plan your

Visit in Kalamazoo

Through the Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau Women's Committee nine young women and two young men students from The Farm Bureau Creed Mexico City were entertained for a day at the farms of these members: the Lawrence Rhoda's, Schoolcraft; Harland Bennett's, Fulton; Muir Osborn's and Arch Thompson's, Scott; Fred Henson's, Richland; Fred Geschwendt's, Walter VanAntwerp's, and Carl Bacon's of Kalamazoo. The students are in Kalamazoo for a month. The Farm Bureau folks were invited to visit them in Mexico City.

Correct It

Farm drivers are responsible for more than their share of auto and truck accidents, point out safety specialists.

Best Concrete

To get the best concrete, keep t damp for five to seven days after you pour it, advice MSC



Thirty-five years ago Farm Bureau leaders and agricultural agents met at what was then Michigan Agricultural College and organized Michigan Farm Bureau.

They had two primary objectives: First, an organization that might effectively speak for farmers in the State Legislature and at the Nation's Capitol, as well as at the community and county level. Second, the organization of several "SER-VICES."

Today we can point to considerable progress in this respect. Most of it within the last six years. Today we talk of the "FARM BUREAU PACKAGE."

In this is included legislative activities, women's activities, youth programs, community groups, Blue Cross services, various insurance services, petroleum services, and general farm supplies services.

We look ahead with optimism and determination to further expand services whenever Farm Bureau members and cooperators request it, and proof of this is testified to by their willingness to finance and use the facilities.

The future is in our hands and will be whatever we make it.

May the New Year be one of good health and happiness for all and a fullfillment of your wishes for your family . . . your country . . . your world.

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