Stepped-Up Highway Program No. 1 Question

Ton of FB Garden Seeds to Greece

The boxes contained these gardden seeds: 630 pounds peas, 300 pounds sweet corn, 300 pounds lima beans, 630 packages of swiss chard, carrots, squash, turnips, radishes, and peppers, and 250 packages of miscellaneous seeds. These have a total value well over \$800 and are a gift from Michigan people through CROP, the Christian Rural Overseas

In 1949 Church World Service sent a representative, Mr. Edson Sower, formerly from Flint, Michigan, to Greece to survey the relief needs. A little later a team of five Americans and one Scandanavian youth were sent to Greece under direction of the World Council of Churches and headed by Mr. Sower. Their work has been mainly teaching and helping the village farmers to produce more and better supplies of food.

bushels of hybrid seed corn, which CROP promptly sent. Most

Fertilizer Quality Control

Our Farm Bureau fertilizer

manufacturing plants at Kal-

amazoo and Saginaw are pro-

Storing well-cured fertilizer, es-

pecially Farm Bureau, high anal-

ysis plant foods, is simple. For

best results, pick a dry storage

area. The bags should be stack-

ed not more than eight high, and

in such a manner that there is

pile. Moisture and extreme tem-

perature fluctuations are to be

There is an advantage in buy-

ing Farm Bureau fertilizer early

in the year. The fertilizer has

been mixed properly and has had

good air circulation within the farmer's equipment.

Despite the best that man has spring, and he gets as a discount the cost of storage.

Your Storage of Farm

Bureau Fertilizer

February 18 five large boxes | miles from here. But we must of garden seeds-over a ton- plant it." They did, on their poorwere shipped from the Farm est soil, unplowed and untended Bureau Services garden seeds during the summer, yet when department in Lansing to the harvest came the American hymountain villages of northern brid corn out-produced their Greece. corn had been planted on their best soil, plowed and tended throughout the summer.

> Said Mr. Sower, "They take our word for anything now." On February 18 a shipment of 7,000 bushels of U. S. hybrid seed corn was loaded out of New York bound for Greece. This also was a contribution from CROP In 1953 and 1954 smaller shipments of hybrid seed corn were

The "Greek Teams," mostly American youth, number over 30 persons, both men and women. Not only have they taught the people how to produce more and better food but also the girls have taught them how to preserve foods by canning. During the past two summers over onequarter million glass fruit jars have been sent to them from the United States through Church World Service. A "modern mir-In 1952 Mr. Sower requested 300 acle" of preserving vegetables

farmers were glad for the help While the principal task of given them. However, some were CROP is sending food to the skeptical. Typical were the hungry, it was decided by the farmers of the village of Ionnina State CROP Committee that a who said, "These boys are sin- shipment of needed garden seed cere fellows, we don't want to would, in this case, be more offend them, but of course the valuable than sending food. The seed can't grow here! How could people have land and are able it? After all, it was grown 4,000 and willing to help themselves.

been able to do, occasionally a

few bags will show "bag-set".

with your dealer.



MEMBERS of the State Committee of the Christian Rural Overseas Program were present Feb. 18 when 5 boxes of garden seeds—over a ton—were shipped from the Farm Bureau Services garden Southwestern 98%, Southeastern seeds dep't at Lansing to the people of northern Greece. Left to right, Russell Hartzler, state CROP 97%, Central 95%, Northwestern director; Dan Reed, Michigan Farm Bureau: Elmer Lightfoot, executive secretary of Michigan Fu- 92%, West Central 86%. County ture Farmers of America; Milon Grinnell, editor of Michigan Farmer. See article on this page.

To Get Tough **About Exports**

U. S. farers face nearly three times the competitive imports hat other segments of the economy face, an American Farm Bureau Federation trade expert In rare instances we have a bag declared today.

of hard fertilizer. If these few Gwynn Garnett, Washington, bags are dropped onto a flat D. C., Director of Foreign Trade ducing granulated plant foods which have been going out to the bag hitting evenly on the Development for the Federation, which have been going out to farmers in great volume for the spring season. A few words about proper storage are timely the bag hitting evenly on the bevelopment to the bag hitting evenly on the bag hitting e process doesn't do it, get in touch are coming in under concessions granted under the Reciprocal Frade Agreements Act." The Farm Bureau's plant food

manufacturing program is plan-Speaking in behalf of the Farm ned to assure the farmer a uni-Bureau-a non-governmental general farm organization of 1,form, granulated, high analysis plant food which will pour 809,461 farm families in 48 states easily, and won't clog in the and Puerto Rico-he made it clear that the Federation strongly urged enactment of the bill Our discount to farmers for now before Congress to extend taking delivery of fertilizer in the Act.

However, he called for a review of reciprocal concessions from farming at 85. given to foreign countries who have denied to American pro- Germany in 1867 when Fred was title. ducers the benefit of their con- 12. They settled in Paris town-

time for a complete cure. The granulation process in itself is storage. (2) the farmer has on provide in the Act a provision to It was all trees. Their first home suspend U.S. concessions when was a 12- x 12-foot shack. The to their commitments under ex- gave way under a heavy snow,

> He pointed out that the U.S. he said, foreign countries continue restrictions against U.S. farm products including lard, poultry and animal products.

"The \$1.7 billion of competitive farm products amounts to over five percent of the value of domestic production of these same products and to over 16 percent of the total U.S. imports," he ex-

Insurance Co's Elect Hazel and Knirk

Russel E. Hazel of Richland was re-elected president of the Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company at the 4th annual meet-DeRuiter of McBain was elected Only 2700 memberships needed to dents and Mr. Stevens is a mem- munity group to qualify the vice-president. Albert A. Brind- put Michigan in 1st place. The ors. The appointments were roll to make the plan workable to the board of directors. J. F. been 1st or 2nd for the past five priately recognized by changing More than 2,000 Farm Bureau elected secretary-treasurer, and will join when invited! members have Farm Bureau Nile Vermillion of DeWitt was re-

> re-elected president of the Farm elected to the board. Other offi-Bureau Mutual Insurance Com- cers re-elected are J. F. Yaeger, Johnson of Freeland was re- ass't sec'y-treas.

FB Board for Mich. State University

Ward G. Hodge of Snover, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, announced Feb. 23 that the board of directors of the Farm Bureau has unanimously expressed its approval of the proposal to change the name of Michigan State College "to a title that more adequately expresses its service as one of the state's leading universities." The directors met at ansing February 22. Their reso

"The Michigan Farm Bureau ooks with favor upon the title of Michigan State University of Agriculture and Applied Science,' or a similar designation that embraces the broad and varied functions of the institution in East Lansing.

"This Board of Directors voices its appreciation of the great service the institution is rendering Michigan agriculture, and urges that the university status it has achieved be recognized in its

"We urge the early approval by the Michigan Legislature and concurrence by Governor Williams of the legislation to accomplish the above objective. Enactforeign countries fail to live up next spring the roof of the shack ment at this time is particularly appropriate as a well deserved recognition in connection with the Centennial Celebration of 100 In 1879 Mr. Ruehs was 24. He years of service by Michigan

> "The board of directors of the she passed away in 1939 they had Michigan Farm Bureau hereby instructs President Ward Hodge Mr. Ruehs once planned to be a to forward copy of this resolution teacher, but the death of his to Governor Williams and to members of the Michigan Senate stead he became an outstanding and the House of Representa-

Grange For Mich. State University

the Michigan State Grange Legislative Committee February 23

"We congratulate Michigan State College on its 100 years of growth and service. It has developed into one of the largest institutions of higher education in America. Because of the of the American Farm Bureau breadth and scope of its curriculum of undergraduate and postgraduate instruction and its preeminent academic standing, we urge that at the present session of the Legislature the current status University of Agriculture and

Discussion Topic On Television

Subject for discussion at Community Farm Bureau meetings in March: "Michigan's Water Rights and Resources." Television programs on the subject:

March 2, 8:30 p. m.-WKAR-TV, Michigan State college. Chan-

March 9, 1:00 p. m.-WNEM-TV, Bay City, Channel 5.

March 19, 1:30 p. m.—WOOD-TV, Grand Rapids. Channel 7. March 28, 7:00 p. m.-WPAG-TV. Ann Arbor, Channel 20.

63,350 Families Members of Farm Bureau

Membership in the Michigan Farm Bureau for 1955 stood at 63,350 on Feb. 23. This is 96% of the goal of 65,918. Twenty counties have exceeded their 1955 goals. Livingston leads with 124% of goal, Cheboygan has 123% Bay has 122%. Others over goa are Alcona, Alpena, Benzie, Berrien, Branch, Genesee, Missaukee Monroe, Montgomery, Ogemaw Presque Isle, Saginaw, Sanilac, St. Joseph, Tuscola, VanBuren, Washtenaw.

Regional standings are: East Central 100%, Northeastern 100% standings Feb. 23:

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3	Bay	1.510	1,845	
4	Tuscola	1 871	2,130	
5	Rengle	920	263	
6	Ct Transh	2 004	7 000	
43	St. Joseph	1,094	1,223	
7	Alcona	361	403	
8	Montmorency .	186	208	
9	Branch	1.691	1,830	
10:	Monroe	1.318	1,427	
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13	Saginaw	2,201	2,339	
14	Van Buren	1,933	2,018	
15	Ogemaw	388	404	
16	Missaukee	456	468	
17	Conorm		1,507	
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20	Presque Isle	470	470	
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17	Oakland	1,145	1,044	
18	Allegan	2,161	1,920	
19			1,423	
10	Hillsdale	1.549	1,366	
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	Oceana	100	676	
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45	Eaton	1.487	1,300	
6	Antrim	475	416	
7	Osceola	895	592	
8	Clinton	7 500		
9	Chillian	266,1	1,355	
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3	Wayne	505	484	
4	Towns	894	189	
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	Mason	661	534	
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Arenac ABA Doing Well

Arenac County Farm Bureau members George Tulloch of Omer, Thomas Logan of Standish, Charles Yenior of Sterling and Henry Ellison of Au Gres are directors of the Arenac Artificial Breeders Ass'n. Mr. Logan is president. Leonard Gulvas is secretary. 100 dairymen and their wives attended the annual meeting January 11 at Standish to hear that 1954 was the best year in seven years of successful operation. Other members of the board are: Charles Dreyer and Eugene Hauser.

St. Joe Entertains **New Members**

Old members of St. Joseph County Farm Bureau entertained \$100,000,000 to provide a fund to served, and the glass must be of new members at a dinner program at Centreville Grange hall the evening of Feb. 24. Stanley tional facilities. One day it fell 2 vide for a \$5 license for each dis-Powell spoke on the Farm Bureau program.

OUTSTANDING

YOUNG FARMER

You may nominate someone for the nation's outstanding Yaeger of East Lansing was re- years. Contact that friend who its name to the Michigan State young farmer, age 21 to 35. Nomination form may be had from Applied Science. This action your local Junior Chamber of would be especially timely during | Commerce or the Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce, 123 South Grand Ave., Lansing. En-The investor who survives is try must be made by April 2.

Problems: Money & How to Use It

Proposed Bond Issue for Half Billion Dollars Dead as the Legislature Considers Other Methods

> STANLEY M. POWELL Legislative Counsel of Michigan Farm Bureau

Confusion, indecision, and controversy relative to financing a stepped-up program of highway construction have characterized the current session of the Michigan Legislature. The proposal to bond Michigan for a half billion dollars to finance such a program for highway purposes seems to be dead, at least for this year.

The action taken by the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors, reported in the February issue of the Michigan Farm News, may have had considerable to do with this situation. You will recall that the MFB directors adopted a comprehensive statement explaining why they opposed the bond issue and favored a "pay-as-you-go" program. Other substantial groups have since taken a similar position and these arguments seem to make sense with the majority of the lawmakers.

Questions which face the lawmakers relative to the highway finance snarl are: How much additional revenue is needed? How is it to be raised? How will it be divided up among the three road building authorities, that is, the State Highway Department, the County Road Commissions, and the cities and villages? Ideas as to the amount of increase in the motor fuel tax rate vary from 1/2c to 2c per gallon. It is frequently suggested that the weight tax rate on commercial vehicles should be raised 25 %.

Some feel that all of the new revenue should be devoted to the expansion of Michigan's system of interstate and arterial trunk lines. Another proposal would turn over 75% of the new revenue to the State Highway Department between the counties, cities, and tax income, that is 44% to the State Highway Department, 37% cities and villages

You may recall that the Michigan Farm Bureau position is that They examined each proposal "in any such augmented highway program, equitable consideration should be given to all types of roads, including state trunk of the state organization. They lines, county primary roads, also tried to analyze what its county local roads and municipal streets, not merely super highways, as some interests are now currently advocating."

The plan receiving the most favorable consideration, especially in the House, would provide for an increase of 11/2 cents per gallon in the gas tax rate and a boost of 25% in the weight tax on commercial vehicles. This is an adaption of the original House Bill 65 introduced by Rep. Emil Petz and 29 other members of the

The new revenue would be distributed on the basis of the present formula, that is 44% to the State Highway Department, 37% to the counties, and 19% to the cities and villages, with the provision that the amount of money going to the state might be used to finance revenue bonds. This feature is being considered at the insistence of Governor Williams who feels that the "pay-as-you-go" plan gets results too slowly. In its present form it carries a referendum.

Feb. 24 this bill passed the days before being acted upon.

of the members of the legislature ounce glasses be used in serving to add to Michigan's bonded debt, milk from dispensers. The presthe Senators have now approved ent law specifies that not less the proposal to bond the state for than 8 ounces of milk shall be assist especially needy school dis- not less than 9-ounce capacity. tricts with construction of addi- The new proposal would also provotes short of the needed number | pensing machine. of affirmative votes but on the Members of the MFB legislafollowing day it was reconsidered | tive committee didn't seem very and approved with 2 votes to favorably impressed with some of spare. This is Senate Joint Reso- these suggestions and gave the lution "D" and is in the form of a visiting dairymen no assurance Constitional Amendment. If it as to just what their final posireceives the necessary 2/3 major- tion would be. Tentative agreeity in the House and if this ac- ment was reached that the prestion is taken soon enough, the ent provision of the law which

voters at the April 4 election. since the lawmakers came to and public and private schools, ten 325 bills and 24 proposed

Constitutional Amendments have been introduced but most of these measures are still pending in the committees to which they have been referred.

MFB Legislative Committee. Members of the legislative comand allow only 25% to be divided mittee of the Michigan Farm Bureau and staff members are villages. Others urge that the keeping close watch on the meanew revenue be allocated the sures being introduced and the same as existing weight and gas progress being made concerning pending legislation. The MFB legislative committee was in sesto the counties, and 19% to the sion at the Lansing headquarters February 22 and carefully reviewed a large number of and constitutional amendments from the standpoint of whether or not it is in line with, or antagonistic to, any official position effect might be on farm families if it were enacted.

> The Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors has taken unanimous action endorsing the provisions of H-156 which would change the name of the Michigan State College of Agriculture and Applied Science to the Michigan State University of Agriculture and Applied Science. The full text of their resolution, giving the reasons for this timely action, appears elsewhere in this ssue of the Michigan Farm News. Dairy Proposals. The legislative

committee of the Michigan Dairy

Farmers Federation and George

McIntyre, director of the

Michigan Department of Agriculture, met with the MFB legislative committee February 22 to discuss several pending legislative measures relative to the dairy industry. These include a bill to raise the minimum butterfat content of various types of ice cream and to cut down the amount of air which can legally be contained in ice cream and a rather far-reaching proposal to amend the law passed one year House 92 to 0, and was given ago legalizing, for Michigan, the immediate effect. It now goes to use of bulk milk dispensers. This the Senate where it must be five bill would place in the statute many provisions which are now embodied in departmental regu-Schools. Despite the reluctance lations. It would require that 10-

proposal will be submitted to the requires that "all such bulk milk dispensers, except in hospitals, During the month and a half licensed child welfare agencies,

(Continued on page 4)

Aids Safety Council



WARD G. HODGE, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, and will represent the American munity Farm Bureau, be in rea-Farm Bureau on the Farm Con- sonably good health, not over 60 ference of the National Safety years of age, and able to work Council. Mr. Hodge will repre- regularly. At least 60% of those sent state Farm Bureau presi- eligible must enroll in each comber of the AFBF board of direct- group. Enough groups must enmade by AFBF President Char- in the county. les Shuman at the direction ef the board of directors.

Flour

Enriched flour is simply flour to which has been added the B

Van Buren Qualifies for Group Life

winter and storing it on the farm

works to advantage two ways:

(1) It enables the Farm Bureau

factories to work continuously

hand the analyses he wants for

Van Buren County Farm Builies in the plan.

Van Buren County is the fourth county to qualify for the Group Life Plan. Others are Barry, Oceana and St. Joseph counties. Berrien, Alcona and Kalamazoo

sidering the Group Life Plan. Boswell Stevens of Mississippi, plicant must belong to a Com-

Group Life insurance, which is elected ass't sec'y-treas. \$1,000 for husband, or wife, or

reau has qualified for Farm Bureau's Group Life Insurance. Waldo Dick, president, and Lynnford Goss, roll call chairman, announced that 524 members have enrolled for the Group Life Plan. Enrollment will be open for another month, hoping to enroll 800 fam-

Farm Bureau members are con-

To qualify for the plan an ap-

It's better to do a little task pany at the 6th annual meeting East Lansing, secretary-trea- the man who can see the differ- Eugene R. Groh of the Michigan Lansing, progress has been rather shall be operated in the same vitamins: thiamine, riboflavin well than to be lost in a great un- at Lansing, Feb. 22. Kenneth O. surer; Nile L. Vermillion, DeWitt, ence between a chance and a sure Farm Bureau heads the Michigan slower than usual. As this is writ-

AFBF Asks U.S. Fred W. Ruehs 100



FRED W. RUEHS of Caledonia celebrated his 100th birthday January 30 on the Kent county farm where he has resided since He is the father of three sons and five daughters, wellknown in the Kent County Farm Bureau. Mr. Ruehs was one of the first members. He retired

The Ruehs family came from ship, Kent county. He remembers the day in 1869 when they moved "We are asking Congress to to a farmstead near Caledonia. isting trade agreements," he de- so they moved into a log stable

is now importing \$1.7 billion of was married to Eliza Fischer and State College. competitive farm products. Yet, began farming on his own, When been married nearly 60 years.

father in 1879 changed that. Infarmer. He was president of the tives." Caledonia Cooperative Creamery for 22 years.

Mr. Ruehs' sons and daughters live in Caledonia township. They are: Ernest W., Paul, and Walter Ruehs; Miss Clara Ruehs, Mrs. George Herman, Mrs. Godfrey Waldeck, Mrs. Henrietta Peters, and Mrs. A. P. Marutz. Mr. Fred Ruehs and son, Paul, and daughter, Clara, make their home to-

Mich. FB Leads

The Jan. 31 membership report showed Michigan in 1st place with 93% of the AFBF membering at Lansing Feb. 22. Ren A. ship goal. Indiana has 89.8% ley of West Branch was elected race ends March 15. Michigan has of this great institution be appro-

Blaque Knirk of Quincy was Brindley of West Branch was this centennial year."

This resolution was adopted by

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PURPOSE OF FARM BUREAU

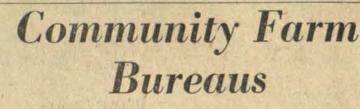
The purpose of this Associa-tion shall be the advancement of our members' interests edulegislatively, and

Michigan Farm Bureau

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WOMEN OF FARM BUREAU Mrs. Carlton Ball......Alblon, R.

Representing
JUNIOR FARM BUREAU
Paul Leipprandt



CLARE L. McGHAN Coordinator of Community Farm Bureaus for MFB

Dear Community Farm Bureau Mempers:

As you see, there is a new person writing this column this month. I am sure that we will all miss Wesley Hawley, but we want to wish him well in his new activities in the Northern Peninsula organizing County Farm Bureaus up there.

I am going to try and carry on the work of Community Group Promotion that Mr. Hawley so ably started. We hope to carry into the job the same enthusiasm and Farm Bureau spirit that he had.

Speaking of "Farm Bureau Spirit," does your community group have

it? Maybe you will ask what is | mutual gains, enthusiasm for | build it: I think that "Farm Bureau Farm Bureau, the work it is do-Spirit," means a sense of "doing ing, and the place in society it right"-working for community exemplifies.

1. Sing in your group meeting, 'The American Farm Bureau

2. Have some recreation.

3. Start your meetings on time and end on time.

4. Have at least one worthwhile

5. Go home from each meeting with a sense of well being and accomplishment.

if your group is doing an out- for cattle, calves, hogs and sheep. East Lansing. standing community service, let me hear from you and we'll see that your group is mentioned in this column. Who will be first?

By the records we see that quite a number of new groups have been organized this month and that more are being organized. We want to welcome these groups into the Farm Bureau family and hope that the members participating in them may have a rich experience in helping to make your Farm Bureau a bigger and better organization.

Our hat is off to the following six counties, who, according to our records, have organized the most new Community Farm Bureaus so far this year:

In first place is Berrien county with eight new groups.

Second Ottawa county with St., Marion, Ohio. five new groups. Tied for third with four new groups each are Eaton, Macomb, Missaukee, and Monroe counties. What three counties will be listed here next

STAR AWARDS FOR JANUARY

Berrien county, Niles Community Farm Bureau, Mrs. Edna D. Sweeney, secretary.

Washtenaw county, Saline Valey Community Farm Bureau, Mrs. Martha Zahn, secretary.

A total of 1,416 Community fly Budget, Box 24, Decatur, Min Groups have been reported to the state office. Of this total, 69 are newly-organized groups.

"Michigan's Problems of Water Rights and Resources" is the Discussion Topic for March.

Battle Creek Auction Sales \$10,614,641

The Southwest Michigan Livestock Co-operative, Inc. auction sales at Battle Creek sold a total of \$10,614,641 worth of livestock for 23,183 farmers in 1954, according to reports given at the annual meeting January 28.

The Cooperative conducts a livestock auction sale each Wednesday, starting at noon. The business also operates every day for market sales of cattle, calves, hogs, and sheep. About a third of the business is in the daily market sales. Last year, for example, 43,641 hogs were sold at auction and 80,133 on the daily

During 1954 sales at Battle





Florida Folders

We have some new Florida Folders. It was Marthy who answered the ad, ("The Woman," quoth Adam, "She made me") And reading is driving me mad.

The lure they so artfully carry (Discounted some fifty per cent) Tugs hard at my indolent nature; Bends further my natural bent.

The Sirens so cutely depicted Are out of my class, it would seem. But sea shells and sunburn are blameless, And even Old Hiram can dream.

"Come, fish in the teeming brown waters," The Chambers of Commerce suggest. "Come, share our hospitable climate." Now just who are we, to protest?

As I look at the snow through the window, Fast blanketing garden and lawn Fond memory urges within me, "Oh pack up your stuff and be gone.

"Be gone from that bone-chilling Winter That lingers so long into Spring. Go soak up a few weeks of sunshine Way down where the mocking birds sing.

"Relaxing restores the ambition It's good for the blood pressure, too." So whispers the tempter within me Till I am convinced it is true.

Till I yearn for the sun and the ocean And the gentle waves lapping the beach; Where the moon looks a few sizes bigger And the stars dangle just out of reach.

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

Centr. Mich. Live Stock Ann'l M't'g

sales at St. Louis sold a total of ment. \$4,384,026 worth of livestock for 15,593 farmers in 1954, according to reports given at the annual meeting at St. Louis, January 27.

hogs 33,100, sheep 16,682. Ray Montague has been em-

Yards Cooperatives, Inc., auction ployed to assist in the manage-Three directors were elected:

John Murphy of Mt. Pleasant, Fay Kennecott of St. Charles, Maurice Gove of St. Johns.

The board of directors elected In the near future we hope to The Cooperative conducts a these officers: President, Lester get around the state and get to livestock auction sale each Mon- Allen of Ithaca; vice-president, know more of you and to renew day starting at 12 noon. During Maurice Gove, St. Johns; secreacquaintances. In the meantime the week there is a daily market tary-treasurer, B. P. Pattison of

CLASSIFIED ADS

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LIVESTOCK

FOR SALE

PINKING SHEARS—Only \$1.95 post-paid. Chromium plated, precision made. Manufacturer's Christmas overstock. Guaranteed \$7.95 value or money refunded. Order by mall. Lincoln Surplus Sales, 1704 West Farwell Ave., Chicago 26, Illinois. (10-tf-30b)

FOR SALE—Clover hay, wire tied. 7½ miles east of Jackson, 9673 Ann Arbor Road, J. W. Knight, Grass Lake, Michigan. (2-2t-18p)

E-Z-WAY Family Budget Book. A complete and simplified system when properly kept. It has 52 weekly record accounting sheets in the book. Each sheet represents one week and it has one sheet to account for bills you pay by the month. Money-back guaranteed. 51.00 postpaid. Send to E-Z-Way Family Ender Roy. 24 Decatur. Michigan.

WOMEN

FREE—'Ideas for Sewing with Cotton Bags''—a new 24-page illustrated book of suggestions for making attractive clothing, household accessories, gifts, and toys from thrifty, colorful Cotton Bags. Simplicity fashions for your Cotton Bag sewing, Send postcard today to National Cotton Council, Box 76, Memphis, Tennessee, (3-9t-50b)

WANTED-FARM WORK

WANTED—Work as farm manager on salary basis or on third basis. On present farm management job five years, Available after March 1, General farm and dairy experience, Age 28, married, eight children. Emerson Bowlsby, Au Gres, Michigan. (3-1t-n)

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Activities of Farm Bureau Women's Committees

Women Have Programs in 63 Counties

District 1

Mrs. Byron Eley, Chairman Constantine

The Women's Committee programs for the coming year, make the best better. The programs are quite varied and they propose an interesting and busy year for Farm Bureau

One of the first events of the early spring for District 1 women is the two-day camp at St. Mary's Lake, near Battle Creek March 8 and 9. For several years, Districts 1 and 2 have held camp together for a bit of recrear tion, relaxation and information on various subjects. We women might say,-a chance to get away from the dishpan, get a new lease on life, or just rest up a bit before that job of spring housecleaning starts.

This year we are also looking forward to meeting with two other districts. Districts 3 and 5 are joining us at camp. The Camp Committee has made plans for a very interesting progam. Re-During 1954 sales at St. Louis servations are to be sent in at pand our program. were: cattle 16,856, calves 6630, once to Mrs. Ray E. Brant, Bellevue R. 1. Camp fee is \$7.75 for the two days. Bedding is furnished.

These counties make up District 1: Berrien, Cass, Kalamazco, Van Buren, and St. Joseph. These been done in the county before, are the women who have been and the women did an excellent elected to serve their respective job! They also did something counties for this year:

Berrien: Mrs. John Walters, Coloma R-1, chairman; Mrs. William Anderson, Coloma R-2, 1stvice chairman; Mrs. James Wire, 2nd-vice chairman; Mrs. Chester Warseo, Berrien Springs, secre-

Cass: Mrs. Norman Harvey, Jones, chairman; Mrs. William Harris, Cassopolis R-3, 1st-vice chairman; Mrs. Berle Blanchard, Marcellus R-3, 2nd-vice chairman; and Mrs. Frank Benedict, Cassopolis R-1, secretary.

bus, Kalamazoo R-7, chairman; Committee. Mrs. Edward Ballinger, School-Mrs. Lawrence Rhoda, Schoolcraft R-1, 2nd-vice chairman; July 1954. and Mrs. Muir Osborn, Scotts R-1, secretary.

Mrs. Carl Buskirk, Paw Paw in the same way. liam Wood, Hartford R-1, secre-

Constantine R-1, chairman; Mrs. at a food concession booth at Ernest Fairchild, Constantine
R-1, 1st-vice chairman; Mrs.
Mary Guthrie, Three Rivers, Fair time will soon be here again to call attention to the fact.

ter attendance records sent in to and cigarettes. \$1,628.78 was the state, also trying to improve taken in, with a profit of \$494.16. over their 1954 records.

county having the greatest im- R-2. The Macomb ladies have done at the Institute in January 1956. I am sure we in District 1 can improve over last year's District 1 has been busy the records. The help of every Farm past month making up their new Bureau member is needed to

District 2

Mrs. Sherman Richards, Chairman Fenton R-2

District 3 eonsists of six counties: Livingston, Oakland, Monroe, Macomb, Washtenaw, and Wayne. They participate in all State projects, and go along with the state program. They especially like this year's program, inasmuch, as there is a greater number of projects to select from to suit their particular needs in their respective counties.

Districts 3 and 5 have held joint camp for the past several gether at St. Mary's Lake, Battle of both groups. Creek, thus enabling us to ex-

Livingston county's chairman Henry Roggenkamp, of Fenton. This year for the first time they and the ladies were especially had a Rural Mothers' March in happy to be of service to this the polio drive. This has never program. rather unique at Christmas time. Instead of exchanging gifts they adorned a Christmas tree with silver donations which went to the polio fund.

chairman, Mrs. Fred Upcraft of she, with her husband, attended Farm Bureau Women's Committee have established the "Laura Jean Stover Loan Fund" at the Mt. Carmel Hospital in Detroit. Jean Stover, daughter of Mrs. Dewey Stover, vice chairman of District 3 and a member of Kalamazoo: Mrs. Howard Cor- the Oakland County Women's

Ottawa Lake. The ladies in this Africa. St. Joseph: Mrs. Donald Pierce, county really outdid themselves

2nd-vice chairman; Mrs. Richard and I thought that you might Hagelgans, Centreville R-1, sec- like their idea. Hot dogs, Sloppy Joes, spudnuts, candy, coffee, This year the Women's Com- pop, were served and there was mittees are striving to have bet- a dispenser for serving popcorn

Macomb county is headed by decided to make an award to the Mrs. Allen Penzien of Romeo, provement over their last year's had a dress project for several attendance record. This will be years. This year they gave forty dresses to the Goodfellows to be distributed with their Christmas baskets. They contributed \$109.43 to the Cancer Society, \$100 to the polio fund, along with their many other pro-

> Washtenaw county ladies meet under the leadership of Mrs. Leonard Engel of Ypsilanti. The county is divided into six sections, each headed by an area chairman. These chairmen make up the executive board of the County women's committee.

> Most of their meetings are all day. The mornings are spent in rolling cotton balls and wrapping bandages for the University of Michigan hospital.

Wayne county under the leadership of their chairman, Miss Henrietta Burch of Plymouth, years at Waldenwoods in Hart- R-1, has set up tentative plans land. This spring March 8-9, for their first rural-urban meet-we shall join with Districts 2 ing. The theme of the meeting to and 4 and will enjoy camp to- emphasize the mutual interests

Wayne FB women served the lunch for the Wayne County Extension Service "Little Farmers Week" in January. This of the Women's committee is Mrs. was a two-day program of educational meetings for farmers,

District 7

Mrs. Dale Root, Chairman Barryton R-1

Mason county. The highlight of our February meeting was a review by Mrs. Floyd Wood of Oakland county has for its Custer of her experiences when Holly. The Oakland County a part of 36th annual American Farm Bureau convention in New York, December 14-16 and also portions of the 20th annual meeting of the American Farm Bur-This fund is a memorial to Laura eau Women's Committee in session at that time. She told of the tour to the United Nations and other places of interest.

Oceana county. The Oceana county women's committee held Miss Stover, a graduate of Mt. their February meeting at the craft R-1, 1st-vice chairman; Carmel Hospital, died in the ser- Fox Hall in Shelby. Twentyvice of her country in Germany, four women came in spite of 6 inches of wet snow and more This is a revolving fund and falling, to see the Associated the recipient will pay the money Country Women of the World back as soon after graduation as slides shown by Mrs. Peacock Van Buren: Mrs. James C. possible, so that other students and the numerous articles from Burns, Paw Paw R-3, chairman; may be helped through school foreign countries displayed by the members. There were articles from Austria, Greece, Nor-Monroe county's chairman is way, Burma, Japan, Korea, Mrs. Lawrence Koppelman of Sweden, England, Sicily and

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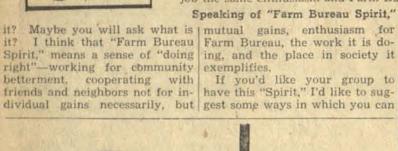
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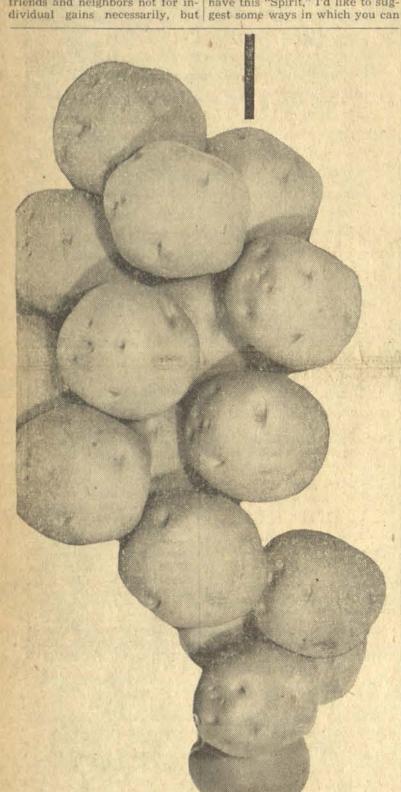
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Farm Bureau to Organize in Upper Peninsula

Work Will Start In Delta County

In the Course of Time, Michigan Farm Bureau May Expect to Have as Members 7,000 Farm Families in U. P.

This month the Michigan Farm Bureau will take the first step in establishing County Farm Bureaus in the upper peninsula. Work will begin on March 10 when Wesley Hawley establishes headquarters at Escanaba in Delta county. Present plans call for the Delta County Farm Bureau to be organized and incorporated by November 1955. Organization of a County Farm Bureau in Menominee county will follow early in 1956.

The selection of Mr. Hawley as Coordinator of Farm Bureau in the Upper Peninsula places the work in the



WESLEY S. HAWLEY

zer. Over a twenty years' ployment, Mr. Hawley has counties had a key role in the organization of 22 lower peninsula counties. During this time, he has served first as District Membership Representative, later as Coordinator of Membership Acquisition, and for the past two years has been Coordinator of Community Farm Bureau Activities.

For several years, Farm Bureau has received inquiries concerning the possibility of extending the organization to the upper peninsula. Last year a study was conducted to determine the feasibility of such a move. It was learned that Farm Bureau potential for membership in the pattern of all counties in the upper peninsula is approximately 7,000 families. In 1953, there were \$31,000,000 worth of agricultural products sold in that area. Present indications are that improved transportation methods have caused agricultural activities to increase over the past few years.

Farm Bureau in the upper peninsula will give the Michigan Farm Bureau members a stronger legislative voice. At the same time it will extend the organization's benefits, so widely used and appreciated by lower peninsula farm families, to our neighbors across the Straits. This is truly another forward step in Farm Bureau's distinguished record of service to the Michigan farmer.

Beginning March 10, this will be the address for the new upper peninsula office: Michigan Farm Bureau, Wesley S. Hawley, Coordinator, 1806 Ludington Ave., Committee meet in homes of mated that Michigan farmers buy from Texas on major items Escanaba, Michigan.

Member Service Div. Promotes Two



CLARE McGHAN joined the MFB Member Service Division at Lansing Feb. 14 as Coordinator of Community Farm Bureau Activities and Coordinator of

Junior FB Field Representative, ance Committees. Richard Root, in this area.



MFB Member Service Division gram. This will surely be a staff at Lansing March 1 in the major activity of the Wexford newly-created position of Co- county Women's Committee but ordinator of Insurance Relations. we also have other program Junior Farm Bureau Activities. This position was created to plans. In his new position, Mr. Mc- develop among Farm Bureau Ghan will be responsible for the members a greater awareness promotion of new Community and a better unerstanding of the Bureau Women's Committee has Farm Bureau along with a pro- Farm Bureau Insurance program. re-elected Mrs. Ellsworth Behne gram of development and main- As such, the new program will of Cedar as chairman. They have tenance of the present 1,410 Com- parallel the work of the Farm been having some fine programs munity Farm Bureaus. He will Supply Committees with Farm and have cooperated in all proalso have the responsibility for Bureau Services and Farmers jects. One project completed is the development of youth lead- Petroleum Cooperative. Mr. the purchase and installation of ers in the Junior Farm Bureau. Foerch will work directly with a Modern Fold curtain at Gilbert He will supervise the work of the newly created County Insur- Lodge. Women attending the

Born and educated at Lansing, have a chance to enjoy it. Born at Charlevoix, Mr. Mc- Bureau employee since 1941—ex- director for 1955, reports that Ghan has his schooling there and cept for the three years in the plans for the camp are progressat Michigan State College. Foi- Navy. He started with Farm ing. The dates will be announced lowing this, he spent three years Bureau Services at Traverse City, soon. in the Army. He has been a Farm was Ass't Manager at Chesaning Bureau employee for eight years, and Manager at Bancroft. He be-During that time, he served as came County Organization Di- gress. The county chairman is Regional Membership Represen- rector in Eaton county and was Mrs. John Millarch of Arcadia,

New Regional Representatives



RAYMOND DeWITT became hands of a veteran organi-January 17. This includes Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Ingham, cludes Allegan, Barry, Berrien, period of Farm Bureau em- Ionia, Livingston and Shiawassee

Mr. DeWitt has been a dairy ty. His Farm Bureau record includes service as president and president of the Michigan junior Farm Bureau.

Activities of Farm Bureau Women

District 9

(Continued from Page 2)

Mrs. Evelyn Heim, Chairman Traverse City R-4

There is something about the ncourages one to evaluate the accomplishments of the year just past and then to plan to go forward to higher goals. This is

Mrs. L. Nugent of Frankfort. articles to come. Benzie County Farm Bureau So let's look back to the year Women sponsored a Polio Bene- of 1932. In June the State of fit Party January 15th at the Michigan passed the law impos-Crystal Lake township hall. It ing a 3% sales tax on the purwas very well attended by mem- chase of goods and supplies. bers and non-members and net- The law exempted goods that ted \$120 for the polio fund. A were bought for resale. The sales turkey was donated by one of tax board ruled that manufacour Farm Bureau members, two turers were exempt on purchases cakes were sold and the enter- of metals, wood, cloth, leather, tainment was square and round etc., to go into their products for dancing and card playing. Coun- resale. But the board held that ty FB Women served a lunch of the farmer must pay sales tax on sandwiches, pie, doughnuts and his production supplies on the

man is Mrs. Herbert Vander- sumed them. Vlught of McBain. Missaukee gram. The women are interested \$40,000,000 a year. Sales tax on to exempt feeds, seeds, fertilizer tendance each month, 95% in Farm Bureau started its fight cals from the sales tax. February. In the past year the in July 1932 to gain the same exnumber of groups has increased emption for farmers that was from 14 to 20. We are looking given to manufacturers of goods forward to more which are in for resale. Farm Bureau's petition \$14.556 Interest the process of organizing. The to the sales tax board was denied safety chairman gives a report without a hearing. The Farm Bueach month. We have appointed reau marshalled its facts and a citizenship and a legislative went to the people and to memstate and district meetings are homes. complete. One of the beautiful things about the meetings in Missaukee county is that they are always opened with prayer.

Wexford county had an outstanding Rural-Urban meeting plies for production purposes. last year which has carried over into 1955. Mrs. Charles Gotthard. county chairman, gives their plans for this year as follows: The Soil Conservation Directors heard so many good things about our Rural-Urban meeting that they have asked us to present our program for their Centennial meeting of 1955. The stories we told at our meeting will be received and more slides ROGER FOERCH joined the will be taken for this pro-

Northwest Michigan Farm NW Michigan camp in June will

Manistee county reports protative in Northeastern, North- a Regional Membership Repre-western, and Southwestern Re- sentative in the Northwestern been formed and their programs Region for the past five years, along with the other counties in District 9 are "making their communities a better place in which to live."





gion February 14. This area in-Van Buren counties.

Mr. King has been farming in and fruit farmer in Berrien coun- Washtenaw county for 13 years. He has served Washtenaw Coun-Farmers Oil Cooperative.



WARD COOPER became Regional Membership Representative for the Northwestern Region March 1. This area includes Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Kalkaska, Manistee, Missaukee, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Northwest Michigan, and Wexford counties.

Mr. Cooper was acting postmaster at McBain. He served as a veterans instructor at Cadillac high school. In Farm Bureau Roll Call manager for Berrien ty Farm Bureau as its president he has been a Community Group County Farm Bureau, and vice- and as Roll Call manager. He has discussion leader and chairman been a director of the Washtenaw of the County Community Group

This Battle in 1932-33 Was Important to You

A common, fair and frequent question is posed for Farm Bubeginning of a new year that reau. What is Farm Bureau doing for the benefit of the individual farmer?

There are so many answers to this question that it is a problem where to begin. So we shall begin at a point in Farm Bureau Benzie county's chairman is history and cover other points in

ground that they could not be from this action. identified in the finished product,

All reports from bers of the legislature at their

Early in the next session of the Company. legislature, the House adopted a resolution to inform the sales tax board that it was not the intent

reau and the sales tax board faced each other in Ingham county circuit court. Judge Leland Carr's verdict was that the Farm Bureau had proved its, case for exemption of farm supplies. The tax board appealed to the Supreme Court of Michigan.

In the meantime the people

Farmers used their Farm Bu-

Today, Oklahoma has a sales Missaukee county's new chair- and therefore, the farmer con- tax battle similar to that in Michigan in 1932-33. Farmers in Oklahoma have to pay sales tax on farm production supplies. Many members and stress an impor- were buying farm production to avoid the tax Oklahoma Farm tant issue for each month's pro- items of all kinds at the rate of Bureau is asking the legislature which is proved by a good at- that amount would be \$1,200,000. farm machinery and farm chemi-

FB Life Pays

No man can help make his community better, more progressive of the legislature to tax farm sup- and efficient without doing the same for himself.

The board paid no attention. DONALD D. KINSEY

In June of 1953 the Farm Bu-

working on this problem through the Farm Bureau were making a powerful impression on public opinion. When the legislature met in January 1935, a bill was offered to make farm production supplies exempt from sales tax. It was adopted and became law May 23, 1935.

reau organization effectively to gain for themselves what was right and just. It has saved every individual farmer thousands of dollars over the years. The individual farmer is still benefiting

The Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company in January paid \$14,556 interest at 61/4 % for 1954 on Class A common stock amounting to \$232,900. This is capital stock subscribed to start



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Highway Program No. 1 Question

(Continued from Page 1) the public," is not justifiable and should be changed. It was pointed out that some large restaurants and many hotels have several rooms where meals are served. Often these are adjoining rooms but under the law, an eating establishment would need a separate dispenser for each room. It was agreed that if the dispenser were located in one of the rooms where milk is served, that should

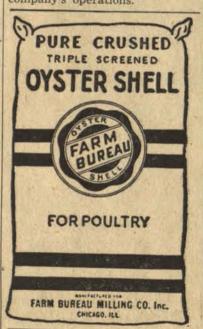
be satisfactory.

MFB Program. Some progress is being made in connection with egislation recommended by the Farm Bureau delegates last November. The Senate passed and sent to the House S-1048 which would repeal the present chain store tax. This is in line with a Farm Bureau recommendation. The House approved H-16 which is designated to safeguard the interests of dairy farmers with reference to payment for their milk and cream

Lengthy measures to codify the Michigan school laws and drainage laws have been prepared and are receiving consideration.

FB Mutual Pays \$24,429.20 Interest

The Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company in January paid \$24,429.20 interest at the rate of 6% for 1954 on outstanding surplus certificates amounting to \$503,220. The certificates represent money subscribed by Farm Bureau members to finance the company's operations.



Glad I Live In Michigan

(Continued from Page 6) upon how the people of the community make their living.

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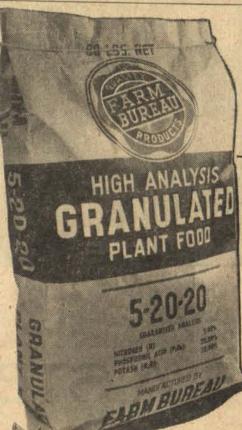
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Two outstanding accomplishments during 1954 were:

- 1. A Fire Division was added, and by December 31, 1954, \$15,000,000 of fire insurance had been purchased by Farm Bureau members.
- 2. The Casualty Division passed the 50,000 mark for automobiles insured.

On December 31, 1954, we had 48,057 Farm Bureau members as automobile policyholders. They have 50,-065 automobiles and trucks insured with us. We had 7,771 farm liability insurance policies in force for a combined total of 57,836.

Our goals for 1955 are 55,500 automobiles or trucks and 9,200 farm liability policies for a total of 64,700. The goal for fire is \$35,000,000 of protection.

From a start of 3,600 charter automobile policies in March of 1949, we have grown to 48,057 automobile policies, 7,771 farm liability policies and \$15,000,000 property values insured for fire.

adjustors from 11 surrounding

states. This meeting was held at

Kellogg Center, Michigan State

College, East Lansing, Michigan.

Everyone enjoyed the Conference

and his Michigan visit. This type

of meeting helps to promote co-

operation and better working re-

ationships between the Farm

Challenges, new ones and oth-

ers carried forward, continue for

your Company. We see these in

general as problems of expansion,

development and education. A few of these includes (1) meeting

new competition situations (2)

problems of our youthful drivers (3) safety programs (4) dividend distributions and (5) additional

Automobiles Insured

MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.

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Asset Accumulation

insurance lines.

Bureau Insurance Companies.

During 1954 we paid a record Company was host to 41 Farm amount of \$1,568,000 in claim Insurance company managers, payments in behalf of the policy- claim superintendents and claim

Farm Bureau Mutual assets have increased from a \$340,000 in 1949 to \$3,150,000 in 1954. Surplus and special reserves to policy-holders have grown to \$1,425,000.



BLAQUE KNIRK of Quincy, Bureau Mutual Insurance Company. Farms 372 acres. Beef cattle, hogs, dairying, general crops. Member of Farm Bureau 14 years.

During 1954 the company allowed dividend credits to automobile policyholders in the amount of \$44,500. This dividend was declared by the Board of Directors at the 1953 annual meet

Careful screening, orientation, indoctrination and on - the - job training of employees has been continued. It has resulted in an improved relationship with the employees and has given improved service to the policyholders.

The Claims, Underwriting, and Accounting Departments were reorganized during 1954 and new responsibilities assigned to existing personnel or to new competent personnel added to the staff from other established insurance companies. As a result, we anticipate improved services at a lower ultimate cost

Emphasis on selection and training of personnel cannot be overdone when considering the size the insurance companies have attained. The combined Mutual and Life Companies' assets now total \$5,064,000 as contrasted to original contributions by Farm Bureau members in the amount of \$844,000.

The agent recruiting program is developing very well through the cooperation of Michigan Farm Bureau Member Service Division and the various County Farm Bureau Boards.

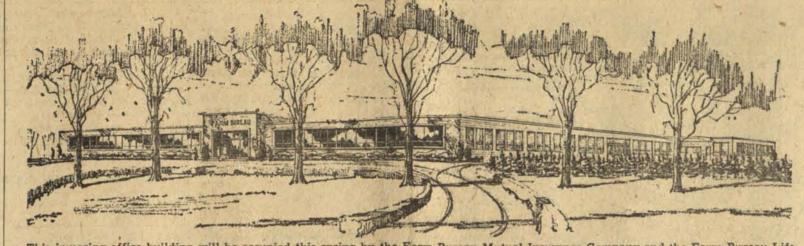
At the end of the year in 1954, County Insurance Agreements were active with 28 counties. This program of taking the insurance service to the counties has resulted in an increased interest and knowledge of the insurance services by the personnel in the counties. The following counties have these agreements in effect:

Allegan, Barry, Bay, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton,

Grand Traverse, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Huron, Ingham, Ionia, Kent,

Lapeer, Leelanau. Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, Ottawa, Saginaw, Sanilac, St. Clair, St. Joseph, Tuscola, Van

In September of 1954, your ness.



This imposing office building will be occupied this spring by the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company and the Farm Bureau Life Company, the Michigan Farm Bureau, Farm Bureau Services, Inc., and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc. It is being built by the Insurance Companies. The offices will replace the scattered and inefficient facilities now used by our family of Farm Bureau Companies with modern accommodations designed to provide the most efficient service to state-wide Farm Bureau membership. The building is located on US-16 west of Lansing at 4000 North Grand River Avenue.

Your Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company expanded during 1954 to include the newly-formed Fire Insurance Division.

This development was brought about by Farm Bureau members who invested \$288,200 in surplus certificates to create this division. The program is designed to offer, Fire, Lightning, Wind and Extended Coverage on farm property, dwellings and good commercial buildings in which Farm Bureau members have a financial interest.

Members subscribed to \$77,000,000 in charter fire reservations, and the division was founded on July 8, 1954. Applications for the new coverages began to be received in the Home Office on July 23, 1954 and by December 31 of this year 1,361 applications were received, totaling \$15,000,000 in protection. This is, indeed, a very gratifying record. It is equal to the support given in the past to the auto, farm liability and life insurance programs. A goal of \$35,000,000 in protection has been set for 1955. This goal will add another

3,000 members to those now already taking advantage of this new service.

The new field of insurance for your Farm Bureau Companies has been designed with the emphasis on providing members with the broadest coverages and the best available claim service. The members of Farm Bureau realized the need for these more comprehensive fire policies, and many members immediately took advantage of the superior protec-

Twenty-four hour claim service has been available through ten claim offices located throughout the state of Michigan. The adjustors are all qualified claims men who remain constantly in touch with the Home Office. This procedure provides ast, friendly and fair claim settlements in every

Members of the Michigan Farm Bureau have shown great foresight by adding this new service. This is another big step toward a complete insurance package for Farm Bureau members.

\$1,568,000 Paid on '54 Claims

Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Michigan paid \$1,568,000 in claims in behalf of its automobile, farm liability and fire policyholders during 1954. A total of 18,156 claims were settled.

During the 70 months that the Company has been operating, it has paid \$4,236,000 in claims for policyholders. More than 56,865 claims have been presented since the beginning of the company,

The company now has 48,057 automobile policyholders and 7,771 farm liability policyholders. All policyholders are members of the Farm Bureau.

Net reserves of \$781,523 are available to cover claims not yet disposed of.

With the growth of Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company it was necessary to expand the claims department in order to provide Farm Bureau members with the prompt service they are entitled to receive. Today there are six regional claims offices working with the staff at the home office at Lansing. There are 10 fulltime claims adjustors on the road.

Claims Department responsibilities: The Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company offers Farm Bureau members the following types of insurance:

Automobile: Public liability (bodily injury and property damage), auto medical payments, collision, and comprehensive (fire, theft, windstorm, etc.), and road service.

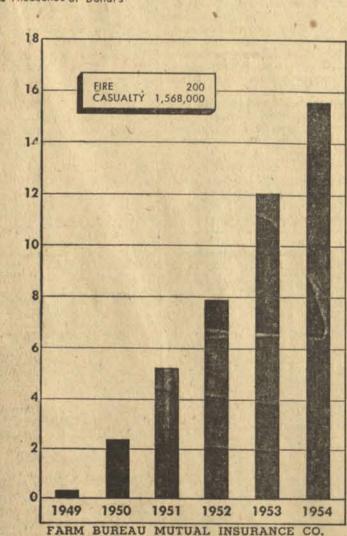
Farm Liability: Comprehensive bodily injury and property damage liability, premises medical payments, employer's liability, death of livestock, and insurance protection for those doing custom work.

Fire: Fire, lightning, wind, and extended coverage on farm property, dwellings, commercial bldgs.

Claim Payments

TOTAL CLAIM PAYMENTS FOR EACH YEAR

Hundred Thousands of Dollars



Life Insurance Sales \$41,000,000 Ass't Secretary-Treasurer and Manager From his Report to Farm Bureau Life Insurance Com-

pany at 4th Annual Meeting at Lansing February 22, 1955.

Both from a surplus growth standpoint and from a policy growth standpoint, Farm Bureau Life experienced during 1954 its most successful year since the close of the Chapter Life campaign. Its progress is far ahead, in all respects, of the minimum goals established one year

Sales of life insurance since the beginning of the company on September 20, 1951 total \$41,000,000. This total breaks down as follows:

Charter Policies \$18,233,000. This represents more than 9,000 policyholders in the Michigan Farm Bureau for an average of \$2,000 of insurance for each charter policy. Sales of charter policies ended July 1, 1952.

Farmers Investment Protector, \$14,267,000. This special policy, "FIP," has been purchased by 5,128 Farm Bureau members up to December 31, 1954.

Group Insurance \$2,000,000.

Ordinary Life, Endowments, other policies \$6,500,000.

During the year, the Farm Bur- goals of the Company is to reach eau membership in two counties, an "efficiency size" of \$100 mil-Barry and Oceana, completed en- lion life insurance in force. At rollment in our group plan. This our present rate of growth it should still be regarded as an ex- seems reasonable to assume that periment in providing low cost this figure will be reached ahead insurance to the members of the of schedule. Farm Bureau. This is the first effort to provide farmers with Farm Bureau Life Insurance low cost group life insurance. As Company will be "mature." Its the year ended, the membership agents and other personnel will in two additional counties had be seasoned and experienced and almost completed their enroll- will have in their hands an operment campaigns.

Sixty per cent of the members of a Community Group must participate in order to qualify the group. No medical examination is required. The upper age limit is set at 60, and the insured may carry the insurance until age 65.

Membership Group Insurance. The Future. One of the first

When that point is reached,

ation which is large enough to develop cost efficiency. Policyholders will benefit directly in better service and lower net cost. The end of 1955 should see

your Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company half way to its goal of \$100 million life insurance in

Family Security

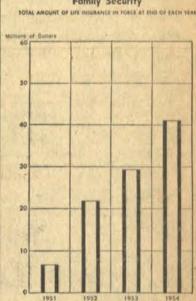


RUSSELL E. HAZEL of Richland, Kalamazoo county. President of Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company. Farms 285 acres. Beef cattle, hogs, general crops. Member of Farm Bureau 25 years.

The plan is limited to Farm Bureau members in good standing and who are members of a Community Farm Bureau Group.

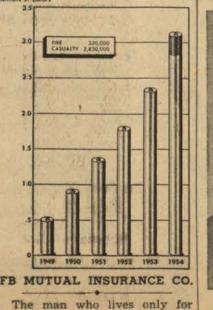
Dividends. Dividends to policyholders totaled \$70,000 during 1954. A 5% special additional dividend was paid to Charter Policyholders. Present indications are that this special dividend can be continued and perhaps can be increased at some future date. Dividends paid to policyholders since the beginning of the company now total \$131,-

Financial. Assets of the Life Insurance Company on December 31, 1954 were \$1,914,000. This is 61/2 times the original contributed capital. The investment capital is represented by Class A common shares and Class B common



Asset Growth

Farm Bureau Insurance Companie's Management



J. F. YAEGER Executive Secretary, Treasurer himself runs a very small busiand General Manager



NILE VERMILLION Manager, Mutual and Life Co's: Ass't Sec'y



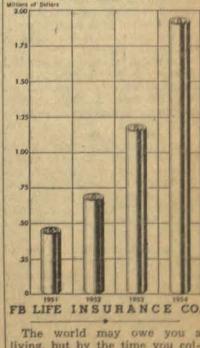
R. P. ZEMKE **Assistant Manager** Farm Bureau Mutual



W. C. CONLEY **Assistant Manager** Farm Bureau Life



JAMES RATHBUN Assistant Manager For Fire Insurance



The world may owe you a living, but by the time you collect you'll be an old man.

Michigan's Growing Water Use is a Problem

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for March

Background Material for Program in March by 1410 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

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

Drive east-drive west-drive north in Michigan. Before too long you come to the shores of the inland seas. It is not surprising, then, that Michigan's people have become careless about the state's water resources. They can see water all about them.

But do you know that Michigan is the heaviest consumer of water in the United States? And do you know that a number of Michigan communities found themselves without water last year? Wells in the village of Flushing went dry-and the folks had to truck water into town.

The water table is dropping. Cities, towns, industries and irrigation systems all have tremendous well casings sucking at this precious store, like boys with straws in a single tumbler of ice cream soda.

The tendency for people with respect to such problems is to "let it ride" until the matter really gets tough to untangle. It is already getting serious. Let's not make returned from the Community this mistake.

Ernest Anthony, former Dean of Agriculture at Michigan State College, says, "We are still thinking of Michigan as a wet state. We cannot seem to realize that Michigan does not have enough water for its needs. May If we are to continue as a great industrial state, we must Jun. safeguard our present supply of water by conservation. Once we lose the water, it is not easy to get it back!"

Increasing Water Use Farmers have one of the Aug. greatest stakes in the water problem. Soil is useless without enough water. We have paid much attention article in the Michigan Farm to soil and water conservation. But it is not being applied to enough of the land, and water is running off that we are going to need. We have allowed this run-off are based on the English comto carry our soil and its fertility downstream at the same time that we have lost the water.

Michigan users of water are increasing by leaps and horse and buggy class. bounds. Hundreds of new communities are springing into being and are sinking wells. New industries appear every day. Watch them grow!

But wait! Bill found that there

ly are without water.

he water?

Do you know that:

1. It takes 98,000 gallons of was a bed of water only 15 feet water to produce one ton of steel? underground in a gravel vein. America produces 180 million He drove a well. So did his tons of steel a year. Every auto- downstream neighbors. After mobile on the road required 100,- they had pumped for awhile, 000 gallons of water to produce wel

2. Some modern plastics factories use 300,000 gallons of water in producing one ton of the pro-

3. A ton of ammonium sulgallons of water in its making.

4. A ton of beet sugar needs 31,000 gallons of water to put it on the market.

5. Michigan farmers are now irrigating 70,000 acres of farm land-mostly vegetables, potatoes and fruits, and some pasture. It would take 10 billion 500 million gallons of water a summer to do a good job of putting water on those acres!

6. Farms need electricity today. Water from streams is required to cool the condensers in order to make this electricity available-so it does another farm job at the plant where the electricity comes from.

Michigan industry and agriculture is using more and more water. Large business buildings are using tons of water daily in air conditioning—with little or no control of the amounts used in most cases.

Farm Irrigation Grows. The irrigation of farm lands in Michigan has been expanding like a mushroom. Farmers found that it pays off-if they can get enough water. Some fertilizers need plenty of water in order to render their fullest benefit. What can happen?

Let's look at an imaginary Bill Brown. A medium sized stream flows through Bill's farm. There is a nice little pool with a gravel bottom at a convenient point.

Bill spends nearly \$6,000 for some irrigation equipment. In the dry months he showers his potatoes and melons with refreshing water from the stream. He wets down his pasture, too, and the cows have good eating while his neighbors pastures are

The neighbors watch, of course! The next year four of them-two above Bill on the stream-buy irrigation equipment. When Bill goes to irrigate the next summer the water is gone from his little pool in the steam. There was really only enough for two, so the crops suffered. Bill's equipment sat idle.



Discussion Topics

These were chosen by your State Discussion Topic Committee from the results of the questionnaire

Mar. Michigan's Problems of Water Rights and Resour-

The New Look in our Extension Program.

The New Look in our A.S. C. Program.

ed School Districts. Doing a Good Job in Junior Farm Bureau Recruitment Truck Overload Fines and

Problems Relating to Clos-

Their Uses. Be sure to read your discussion News. Attend your Community Farm Bureau meetings.

wasteful and inadequate. They mon law brought to America when the country was first settled. Modern living and modern farming put these laws in the

Michigan's water rights operate under what is known as the riparian doctrine. This doctrine is based on the ownership of land along a river, stream or lake. The owner has the right to use waters in such lakes or streams for domestic and livestock purposes. He does not own the water that flows through his land, however.

The people downstream have an equal right to the water for their normal needs and enjoy to fail. Bill found himself enment. Courts have ruled, under tangled in costly lawsuits in the the riparian doctrine, that an owner on a stream has no sup-Or suppose again that a large erior right to the water. He tity runs short of water. So the may take a share, but the owncity fathers buy a few farms ers downstream have a right to around the city and sink tre- see the water flow through their phate fertilizer requires 164,000 mendous casings with high cap- land "undiminished in quantity acity pumps. Farmers' wells and quality." There is no aldry up and their stock and fam- lotting of the supply to save it.

The wasteful nature of this What can be cone? Who owns doctrine seems evident. Even in times of abundance, a curb on Michigan's present laws are the use of water is present. The

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year around.

Facts, People and Laws. The need for Michigan to study its water problems is mounting rap-This does not mean that we should rush blindly into complete legislation at the drop of a hat. But Michigan's Water Resources Commission or a Legslative Study Committee should be empowered and given funds o gather facts about our water problems, to help inform the people, and to formulate recomnended water laws. And citizens need to take an active part in the development of these re-

We need answers to questions

1. How much water reserve to we have? 2. What is our Gaily consump-

tion? 3. How should the right to use available water to the great-

est benefit of everyone be de-

4. How can we hold the waters so that underground and surface supplies are conserved

5. How can we prevent damheavy rainy periods?

the water we need during the dry seasons? Answers to these and many

ther questions are needed. We do not want to compile laws before we study the problems closely. But we need to get constructive action under way soon, and we may have enough facts for some beginning legislation. Certainly all interests should take a part in the action and all should be considered. Rural and urban folks must join hands on the problem.

Farmers in other states have taken the lead in these programs. They have much to gain or lose in the lack of proper legislation or in the passage of good or poor

State or Federal Initiative? States need to take responsible action to keep control of water projects. This is an area in which the Federal government has been moving rapidly, Rights of investigation for water projects have been gained by law and practice by Federal agencies. They have not stopped with investigation. They have frequently taken over the projects themselves. They get the funds by Congressional appropriation. States tend to back away and surrender their authority.

National laws are needed giving Federal aid to state-developed programs. States need to work out interstate agreements Authorities to undertake projects on larger watersheds.

One constructive step came in August of 1954. Congress passed the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act. (P.A. No .-566). This law permits the U.S. Department of Agriculture to cooperate with state and local agencies and organizations on flood control projects within a state. Local interests "run their own show." The Federal agency gives advisory help when requested. It may share the costs of the project when applied for. As far as it goes, this agrees with the approach asked for by the Farm Bureau delegates at their 1953 and 1954 convention.

What are your problems? Where do we want to go in Michigan's water conservation and water rights program? These are problems of the people. We must move to action to save this valuable resource and see that it is properly distributed. It is as eging run-off and floods during essential as the air we breathe examination of and reflection or the food we eat. And we are

6. Do present drainage sys- losing our basic and needed suptems without catch basins waste plies because of inadequate control and allocation laws. People's investments must be pro-

> We can have famine in the midst of plenty in Michigan-or as Coleridge said in his Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner:

"Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink!"

Questions

A special case discussion questionnaire will be sent to your discussion leader. It's too long to print here.

Glad I Live In Michigan, Theme for '55

"I'm Glad I Live in Michigan" is the theme selected for Michigan Week May 15 to 21 by the executive group for the annual statewide program for all citizens. Dr. Grover C. Dillman, presient of the Michigan College of Mining and Technology, is the general chairman. He has listed

proved by the executive board: May 15 - Sunday, Michigan Spiritual Foundations Day-A day devoted by the people of all faiths to the spiritual values of life in Michigan and to study the Michigan foundations of their

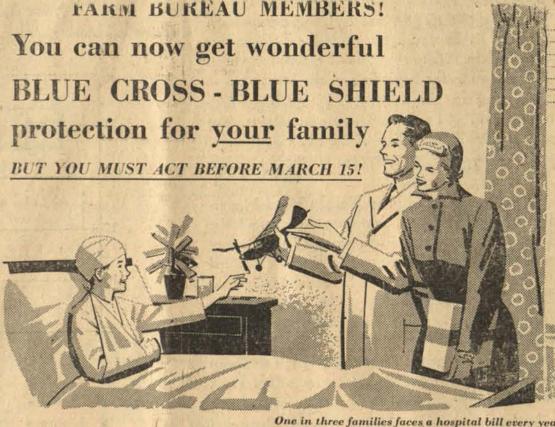
he seven special days as ap-

May 16 - Monday, Exchange of Mayors Day-Exchange of heads of municipal government among all Michigan cities and villages, the pairings determined by lot, as a means of making Michigan communities better acquainted with one another and of dramatizing the purposes of Michigan Week. May 17 - Tuesday, Michigan

Hospitality Day - Emphasizing one of the state's greatest assets, the natural friendliness of Michigan people and the part it plays in the state's huge tourist industry. May 18 — Wednesday, Educa-

tion Day-Open house in schools and colleges throughout the state and, in Lansing, the convening of the Michigan "White House Conference" on education.

May 19 - Thursday, Our Livelihood Day-In each community, (Continued on page 4)



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