Farm Bureau’s 1956 Goal is 70,000 Members

MFB 36th Annual Meeting Nov. 10-11

Pre-Convention Sessions Include Women Of Farm Bureau, Junior Farm Bureau, Five Commodity Conferences

The 36th annual meeting of the board of delegates of the Michigan Farm Bureau will be held at the Auditorium at Michigan State University, Thursday and Friday, November 10 and 11. Members are invited to attend.

650 voting delegates will represent the membership of 355,000 persons. They will act on reports of officers, recommendations from the state board of directors, and upon resolutions of policy which have come up during the annual meetings of County Farm Bureaus in October.

The state resolutions committee report will also present the Women Committee of Farm Bureau and the Junior Farm Bureau, Five Commodity Conferences.

Farm Bureau Aided in Farm City Week

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A Farm City appreciation program is being sponsored by the Farm Bureau in 149 cities and towns in the state. The program will be held October 30, 1955.

The program is designed to show the relationship between agriculture and the community. The objectives of the program are to increase the understanding of the importance of agriculture and to promote better cooperation between the agricultural community and the community at large.

Farming continues to be one of the most important activities in Michigan. It is estimated that approximately 250,000 persons are employed in agriculture-related occupations. These professions include farmers, farm managers, farm laborers, farm equipment operators, and farm office workers.

The Farm Bureau has been active in many ways to support agriculture. They have lobbied for fair labor laws, supported farm credit programs, and encouraged research into new farming techniques.

Farmers adjust their production decisions when government programs don’t prevent them from doing so. Changes in the price trend are one of the factors that will influence farmers’ decisions. The changes will add to the cost of living and will be reflected in the prices of food and farm products.

The Michigan Farm Bureau has an annual meeting in November 1; it is sponsored by the Michigan Farm Bureau, with the Lansing area Kiwanis Club cooperating. More than 400 rural and urban businessmen, and representatives of 35 county Farm Bureaus will attend the meeting.

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Farm income
Problem is Surplus

The three Big Boys are off to school.
One only now must bide at home
To be his mother's man.
Since school claimed only one,
While all the rest are leaving
He has three hours-and they are his.
In which to run or rest,
Three hours are his, to climb or dig:
When home at noon his brothers troop,
Hoping that little Beany stays alone

Community Farm Bureaus

CLARE L. McGHEE
Coordinator of Community Farm Bureau for MFB

Our Community Farm Bureau Members.

We wish to extend our congratulations to the Community Farm Bureau and Discussion Leaders that are listed here. This recognition is given to groups and leaders for the outstanding contribution they have made to the Community Farm Bureau program this past year. These groups held a meeting every month, discussed and came to conclusions on each of the twelve state discussion topics. We believe that this list proves that it can be done and we hope to see more groups listed here next year. Here are the 1956 participation Community Farm Bureau groups.

Farm Bureaus

Kalamazoo County

Mr. Elmer N. Parker, 107 S. Kalamazoo...Portage, on the Gull River
Mr. Elmer Shearer, 121 S. Kalamazoo...Battle Creek
Mr. Elmer J. Smith, 320 N. Kalamazoo...Lansing
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Michigan Farm News

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Not only can you cut down the amount of mail handled but it also simplifies the job of the Farm Bureau office for the renewal of membership.

Just the Age

The three Big Boys are all off to school, P'any and Chris and Dan. To be his mother's man. They have such a little while
Since school claimed their time. It seems so short. But there must have been a time when
So swift the seasons run.

New things come easily
While all the rest are leaving
To be his mother's man. They are his
But Beware of grief. It has been three hours-and they are his,
In which to run or stay.
To be his mother's man. They are his,
As to suit him best,
These hours are his to clinch to day.
To see the dewdrops glide;
To expand with the garment of
To clearer or to listen.
These golden fantasias have life,
While they seek recreation
Send Sunny to the lone shows
Devoid of competition.

On, he will be on hand with shoes
To welcome their occurrence
When home at noon his brothers troop.

Pockets

It is not too early to establish
A credit and to establish
A habit which will last a life, P'any
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the building of a house.
agriculture was leading the way to recognize farm problems as being important to our gen-
But farmers lacked an effectively organized spokesman.
writing the party's program. When farm people did get their hearing bell toll on relative-

In the latter part of the 20s this picture began to change. It became evident to national leaders that agriculture was leading the way to an economic growth because of the steady decline in farm income. In 1927 and 1928 Congress passed the McNary-Haugen farm price support bills sponsored by Farm Bureau, only to have them vetoed by President Coolidge. In 1929, however, President Hoover signed the first important agricultural bill to aid the farmer. It was the Federal Agriculture Marketing Act. It was the first solution to the farm problem, but it was a step in that direction. And it afforded a basis out of which more constructive programs could be developed.

In the decade of the 1930's, the nation recognized the importance of agriculture on a crisis which caused Congress to do something. Farm Bureau had become an organized force which could not be ignored. As a result, in 1933, Farm Bureau set out to organize the nation's farmers to seek a solution to the farm problem.

As Your Farm's Treasurer

Budging is mighty important
On today's farm you have to get the most out of every dollar you spend. Every dollar must be made to do its share. It must go to build up the farm as a business, and to produce a product that will bring a profit.

Here are some of the suggestions to help you get the most out of every dollar you spend:

State Mutual INSURANCE COMPANY

today Farm Bureau builds its program

Business is a process of competitive production and distribution of goods and services to meet the needs of society. It is a process of converting resources into products and services that can be exchanged for other resources.

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The Farm Bureau membership played a key role in the passage of the Federal Agriculture Marketing Act in 1929. This act established a system of price supports for crops and livestock. The Farm Bureau was also instrumental in the passage of the Commodity Credit Corporation Act in 1933. This act created a federal agency to provide price support to farmers through the purchase of surplus agricultural commodities.

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from Ingham, 17 from Clinton, 14
Farm Bureau Women was held
Church in Charlotte.

October 7 at the Congregational
Church in Charlotte. After the
close of this meeting and turned
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abroad to the Associated Coun-
district 3 women held their
meeting at Dixboro Meth-
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rn Region, told of the relation-
ship, October 13.

Mr. Lee said we are learning
in this beautiful wooded area.
Health, Nurses

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Health Department, talked on
problem of disposing of surplus.
Mr. Lee said, "Schools seem to be a major

issue as related by both guests

and hosts, with an expressed
wish by Farm Bureau women to
continue these programs. Look-
ing at the day's schedule it was

a real pleasant surprise how much
did they learn. We will try hard
to keep these ideas going.

Mrs. Brown, our state
corporate chairman told what they
had done in Muskegon county. They have made it

a point to tide them over until
the next year. This is the best we can do.

Mr. Lee said, "It is impossible

for a teacher to take care of all
these children alone. We need
help in the way of training and putting
something together that will help
us to bring in these children and
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Teamwork the Key to Farm Bureau Benefits

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for November
Background Material for Program in November by 1475 Community Farm Bureau Discussion groups
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"What has Farm Bureau done to benefit the average farmer?" This question is asked often. It sounds like a "mechanical" question, but it really has a "human" answer to it. It reveals an idea about Farm Bureau that twists the picture. Farm Bureau, yes, Farm Bureau is an organization of farm people. It was organized by farm people. And since its beginning in 1919 its policies and programs have been guided by the needs and wishes of farm people.

Within every accomplishment and success that Farm Bureau has laid a central source of power without which nothing would have been done effectively. The source of this power has been in member TEAMWORK.

We should never forget this fact. Farm people struggled many years to learn the secret of united action. What does it mean? It means that a person may be on a minority side in other matters. It means giving our time and talents to that first won them.

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2. The matter of a minority side

3. The secret of teamwork. Farm Bureau has grown today because of the confidence and trust it has in the ability of its members to band together.

I mean giving cooperative support to policies when they are not popular. Each time they are put to the test, the membership is strengthened. The membership strength is the lifeblood of Farm Bureau. It is the secret of its success.

4. The need for teamwork is as great as the pace. The purposes of Farm Bureau have been to promote and finance the new programs. Farm Bureau has helped to promote and finance the new programs:

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B. The Farm Bureau's guaranteed market for its clover and alfalfa seed program in Michigan tested $663.648 in cash. It will pay them for freight, bags and handling. It is expected that Farm-City programs will more than restore these losses in a few years. The Farm Bureau has helped to promote and finance the new programs:

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