



Attend County FB Annual Meeting in October

Resolutions Group Digs for Facts

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The Resolutions Committee of the Michigan Farm Bureau is preparing for the 36th annual meeting by discussing matters of interest to the membership with some of the best informed people in Michigan.

Because most of the annual meetings of County Farm Bureaus are not held until late in October, it is necessary for the state committee to begin studying various timely issues before receipt of the resolutions as adopted by the members in the various counties.

All county resolutions will all be carefully considered by the state committee before its report is formulated. The content of the County Farm Bureau resolutions will largely determine the recommendations as presented at the state convention by the Michigan Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee.

The committee met at Lansing, August 22. It organized and set up six subcommittees. Each of the subcommittees discussed the problems it wished to explore. They agreed upon the resource people with whom they desired to confer when they met again September 21.

They went after top flight authorities. The favorable response from important individuals was a real tribute to the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Simultaneous meetings of three subcommittees were held the morning of September 21 with resource people, as follows:

Committee on Education conferred with Dr. Clair L. Taylor, superintendent of public instruction, at the state capitol. From time to time he called in a staff member to assist in the discussion of some special problem.

Other resource persons attending this conference were Mr. Wesley Thomas, ass't executive secretary of the Michigan Education Ass'n; Mr. Sid Sixma, executive secretary of the Michigan Ass'n of School Boards; Mr. Carl Anderson, chairman of rural education, Michigan Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Topics discussed included closed districts, refunding of school bonds, the definition of a "distressed" district, the problem of the needs for more classrooms to take care of increased enrollments, and how citizen interest in education may be fostered and utilized.

The Subcommittee on State Affairs conferred in the office of C. L. Brody, executive vice-president of the MFB. Its staff of resource consultants included D. Hale Brake, president of the Michigan Institute of Local Government; Dr. Paul A. Miller of extension, Michigan State University; and Lieut. Shirley Curtis, commanding officer, Safety Division, Michigan State Police.

Among the matters discussed were the promotion of local government, the issue of legislative reapportionment, the new program of research and education in connection with the marketing of farm products, and the activities and programs promoted by the Michigan State Police for the reduction of motor vehicle accidents.

The Subcommittee on Conservation met at the Michigan Dept't of Conservation in the new state office building. The battery of experts with whom they conferred included staff members of the Dept't of Conservation, including Charles Miller, chief of the Lands Division, L. N. Jones, ass't chief, Parks Division; A. B. Cook, ass't chief, Fish Division; Durward Robson, chief, and E. E. Tucker, ass't chief of Field Administration. Others attending the conference were Harry Gaines, secretary of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs; Professor Raleigh Barlow, Agricultural Economics Dept., Michigan State University.

The discussion by this subcommittee continued through a noon luncheon when the resource staff was increased by Harold Lakin of the Soil Conservation Service; Russell G. Hill, State Soil Conservation Committee, and J. Kermit Carey, president of the Michigan Soil Conservation Districts, Inc.

Subcommittee on State Affairs and Education. This committee had a joint session with these resource persons. Dr. Tom Cowden, dean of agriculture; Pro-



Prepare for Farm Bureau's Annual

Farm Bureau people will soon be making preparations for the 36th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau at Michigan State University November 10 and 11.

Nov. 9—Commodity Day conferences for Farm Bureau committees representing dairy, fruit and vegetables, poultry, livestock and wool, and farm field crops interests. Union Memorial building, third floor. Meetings start at 10:30 a.m.

The committees will make recommendations to the Michigan Farm Bureau resolutions committee on resolutions in their program for 1956.

The delegates will be elected at County Farm Bureau annual meetings in October. Each delegate represents 100 families who are members of Farm Bureau.

County Farm Bureau members will be writing resolutions on program and farm policy at their annual meetings in October. These resolutions must be with the state resolutions committee not later than November 1.

The state resolutions committee will present its recommendations to the MFB convention November 10 for debate.

Other main business to be considered by the convention will be the annual report of the Executive Secretary and Treasurer, J. F. Yaeger, and recommendations from the state board of directors.

Mr. Yaeger will report also on the activities of the four Farm Bureau service companies: Farm Bureau Services, Inc., Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company, and the Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company.

C. L. Brody, executive vice-president in charge of public affairs, will report on the Michigan Farm Bureau state and national legislative work.

The MFB annual meeting will elect seven members of a board of directors of 15 for two year terms. The new board will elect a president and vice-president for 1956.

These meetings will precede the MFB annual meeting:

Oct. 29—20th annual meeting of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau, Music building, Michigan State University.

Nov. 9—11th annual meeting of Bureau, Auditorium, MSU.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE for MFB annual meeting Nov. 10-11 at MSU. The committee met Aug. 22 and Sept. 21 and will meet Oct. 19, Nov. 3 and Nov. 8-9. It reports to the convention November 10.

Committee members, left to right, and group they represent: H. F. Howelsen, Russell Hazel, Thomas Hahn, MFB board of directors; Mrs. Charles Nickel, Mrs. Ernest Heim, Mrs. John Wathing, Women of MFB; Mrs. Beaman Smith, District 10; Fred Lynch 9; C. L. Brody, adviser for MFB; Waldo Dick, chairman, 1; Stanley Powell and Dan Reed, advisors for MFB; Archie McCallum 8; Guy Freeborn 7; Henderson Graham 6; Edmund Miller 5; John H. Albers 4; Allen Rush 3; Willis Hoffman 2.

Feed and Grain Meeting Oct. 10-11

The Annual Feed and Grain Conference will be held at Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, October 10 and 11. The conference is for all grain and feed dealers in the state. The program includes talks by some of the leading nutritionists in the country. Ray Bohnsack of Farm Bureau Services will speak on Practical Tools for Management.



RICHARD NELSON is now program assistant to Harry L. Bryson, director of field services for the American Farm Bureau Federation. Mr. Nelson is a former president of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau, and former MFB membership representative for District No. 1 in southwestern Michigan. In 1949 he became director of the Young People's Dept of the California Farm Bureau, was promoted to ass't director of organization two years later. In 1953 he moved to Spokane as organization director for the Washington State Farm Bureau. Mrs. Nelson, the former Ruth Parsons of Fowlerville and their son, Rick, are at Fowlerville and will join Mr. Nelson in Chicago soon.

FB Insurance Co's Want More Agents

An agent recruiting program designed to furnish Farm Bureau Insurance Companies with additional agents to keep pace with an expanding insurance program, is now underway.

The program is centered around an attractive and informative booklet entitled "Farm Bureau Insurance Extends To You An Invitation To A Professional Career."

The booklet provides information on the outstanding opportunities and rewards available as an agent for Farm Bureau Insurance.

This booklet also describes the origin and development of Farm Bureau Mutual and Farm Bureau Life Insurance Companies and gives a brief description of the importance of the insurance business in the world today.

Each coverage offered by Farm Bureau Insurance Companies is explained and the training program offered all agents is described.

Distribution of the booklet is already underway. Insurance regional sales representatives, membership regional representatives, insurance agency managers, county office managers and secretaries, insurance claim adjusters and the insurance coordinator have all been provided with copies of this new booklet. Plans call for placing the booklet in hands of men who are interested in the sales opportunities available in Farm Bureau Insurance.

Supplementing the booklet distribution will be a series of advertisements in the Michigan Farm News, the first of which appears in this issue.

Jr. Farm Bureau Convention Oct. 29

The Michigan Junior Farm Bureau will hold its 20th annual meeting Saturday, October 29 at the Music Auditorium at Michigan State University.

The meeting starts at 10 a.m. with the business meeting. Committees will report. Talent find and speaking contest finals will precede the election of officers.

The evening meeting starts with a banquet at 6:30 in the Union building ball room. Recognition will be given past and present Junior members who have participated in Junior tours.

Wayne Newberry, director of young people's activities for the American Farm Bureau, will speak on "Coming of Age." From 9 p.m. until midnight the Juniors will have a dance.

FB Mutual Acts on New Auto Ins. Law

Effective October 14, 1955 by act of the legislature, Michigan motorists must have at least \$10,000 to \$20,000 limits automobile insurance protection against body injury their car may cause to others. The present minimum is \$5,000-\$10,000. Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company has announced that effective October 14 all its existing policies having Body Injury limits (public liability) of \$5,000-\$10,000 will be considered as having \$10,000-\$20,000 limits.

POWER SAWS AND MOWERS ON FARMS

The U.S. Dept of agriculture said in September there were about 250,000 chain saws and 1,200,000 power lawn mowers on farms.

MICHIGAN ELEVATOR EXCHANGE SAYS

Farmers Have a Job to Do

THOMAS D. KENNEDY

In his annual report, Mr. Bliss said that despite the big job done in the past year, "a look into the future of the Exchange indicates that we are going to have to increase in size and expand our facilities, even more than at present, if we are going to keep up with the trend of the times."

"Farmers are going to have to turn to modern farm marketing methods, as done in other industries, to cope with the cost-price squeeze which is gradually eating away at farmers' purchasing power," Bliss said.

Delegates adopted a resolution paying tribute to the years of service rendered Michigan farmers by Roy W. Bennett, who retired August 31 as head of the Farm Bureau Services seed department, and B. P. Pattison, who retired the same date as director of commodity relations and finance promotion for Michigan Farm Bureau.

Delegates also urged support of proposed legislation requiring that toxic chemicals used in the treating of seed be required to carry a prominent color dye so as to make the treated seed easily identifiable.

and devoting those surplus acres to soil-conserving and soil-building purposes.

Mr. Hendrickson said that the present problem of feed grain surpluses may compound the farm problem by encouraging a surplus of livestock and meat production due to the attraction of cheap feed.

All officers of the company were re-elected to 1-year terms. Officers are: Waldo E. Phillips, Decatur, president; Robert F. Keenigshof, Buchanan, 1st vice president; Milton J. Burkholder, Mariette, 2nd vice president; George H. Brooks, St. Johns, secretary; and J. C. Kitter, Blissfield, treasurer.

Members Will Act On 1956 Program

This is the Place Where the Individual Member Says What He Wants Farm Bureau Program to be

October is the month of County Farm Bureau annual meetings. The resolutions adopted at those meetings will state programs and policies that the members favor for 1956.

At County Farm Bureau annual meetings the individual member has his opportunity to speak, to recommend, to debate and act on the program he wants in Farm Bureau. It is a most important meeting to attend.

Members have four important jobs to do at County Farm Bureau annual meetings:

- 1—Consider and act on reports given by officers and committees of the County Farm Bureau.
- 2—Adopt resolutions of policy and program dealing with county, state, and national matters of interest to farmers.
- 3—Select delegates from County Farm Bureau to the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting in November.
- 4—Elect directors for the county board.

Some of the problems County Farm Bureaus are likely to consider at their annual meetings are:

- State and federal programs for highways.** One item of interest is exemption of gasoline used on the farm from the federal gasoline tax of 2 cents per gallon for highway purposes.
- Schools.** There is interest in providing more representation from rural areas on school boards.
- Taxes.** Property taxes are becoming burdensome on farms in many areas. Especially those having considerable suburban development. Is there an answer?
- Federal farm program.** Changes can be expected. What about the thinking toward a soil fertility program to manage the acres diverted from surplus producing crops?

The place where decisions on Farm Bureau policy will be made is at your County Farm Bureau annual meeting. Below is the list of County Farm Bureau meetings and the place and time for each. Be sure and attend this important meeting:

- District 1**
Berrien — Youth Memorial Bldg., Berrien Springs, October 27, 8:00 p.m.
Cass — Edwardsburg High School, Edwardsburg, October 15, 8:00 p.m.
Kalamazoo — County Center Bldg., Kalamazoo, October 27, 8:00 p.m.
St. Joseph—Centerville Methodist Church, Centerville, October 20, 8:00 p.m.
Van Buren—Paw Paw High School, Paw Paw, October 21, 8:00 p.m.
- District 2**
Branch — Methodist Church, Coldwater, October 27, 8:00 p.m.
Calhoun — Community Bldg., Marshall, October 18, 8:00 p.m.
Hillsdale — 4 - H Clubhouse, Hillsdale, October 12, 8:00 p.m.
Jackson—Parma Masonic Temple, Parma, October 19, 10:30 a.m.
Lenawee — Producers Dairy, Adrian, October 13, 8:00 p.m.
- District 3**
Livingston—4-H Bldg., Fowlerville, October 19, 7:30 p.m.
Macomb—K. C. Hall, Utica, October 19, 7:15 p.m.
Monroe—Ida High School, Ida, October 13, 8:00 p.m.
Oakland—To be announced.
Washtenaw — Saline High School, Saline, October 19, 8:00 p.m.
Wayne—Van Buren Town Hall, Belleville, October 17, 8:00 p.m.
- District 4**
Allegan—Griswold Auditorium, Allegan, October 24, 8:00 p.m.
Barry—Methodist Church, Hastings, October 25, 8:00 p.m.
Ionia—Elks Temple, Ionia, October 27, 8:00 p.m.
Kent — Comstock Park High School, Grand Rapids, October 17, 8:00 p.m.
Ottawa — Alandale Township Hall, Ottawa, October 19, 8:00 p.m.
- District 5**
Clinton — Municipal Bldg., St. Johns, October 10, 8:00 p.m.
Eaton—Masonic Temple, Charlotte, October 11, 8:00 p.m.
Genesee—Williams Gun Club, 1 1/2 mile west of Highway 15, on Lapeer Road, Genesee, October 17, 8:00 p.m.
Ingham — American Legion Bldg., 1 mile north of Mason on Highway 127, October 18, 7:30 p.m.
- District 6**
Huron—4-H Bldg., Bad Axe, October 27, 6:30 p.m.
Lapeer—County Center Bldg., Lapeer, October 20, 7:30 p.m.
Sanilac—Farm Bureau Bldg., Sandusky, October 18, 7:30 p.m.
St. Clair—Fort Gratiot High School, North Street, October 11, 7:30 p.m.
Tuscola — Fairgrove High School, Fairgrove, October 25, 6:45 p.m.
- District 7**
Mason — Community Bldg., Scottville, October 26, 10:30 a.m.
Mecosta — Stanwood High School, Stanwood, October 24, 8:15 p.m.
Montcalm—October 27. Place to be announced.
Muskegon—October 28. Place to be announced.
Newaygo—Fremont Foundation Bldg., Fremont, October 18, 8:15 p.m.
Oceana—October 25. Place to be announced.
Osceola — Lincoln Township Hall, October 20, 8:30 p.m.
- District 8**
Arenac—Omer, October 21.
Bay—October 19. Place to be announced.
Clare — Clare High School, Clare, October 11.
Gladwin — Community Bldg., Gladwin, October 10.
Gratiot—Ithaca High School Gym, Ithaca, October 17.
Isabella—Mt. Pleasant, October 20.
Midland—Sanford High School, Sanford, October 28.
Saginaw—4-H Bldg., Saginaw, October 24.
- District 9**
Benzie — Benzonita Community House, Benzonita, October 19, 8:00 p.m.
Kalkaska—I.O.O.F. Hall, Kalkaska, October 14, 8:00 p.m.
Manistee—V.F.W. Hall, Kaleva, October 20, 8:00 p.m.
Missaukee — McBain High School, McBain, October 17, 8:00 p.m.
Northwest Michigan — Twin Lakes 4-H Camp, near Traverse City, October 18, 8:00 p.m.

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The Inscrutable Melon

I am always fond of melons, the water—or the musk.
I admire their bulging fullness in the garden just at dusk.
I like their plump spheroidal gleam beneath the sun at noon.
And I used to like them also by the glimmer of the moon.
Whatever be the time of day, wherever I may be
That monster fruit, the melon, holds a lusty charm for me.

Now melons vary, each from each, in quality and taste.
Although they be superbly striped or elegantly laced.
And furthermore one slightly green looks to the casual eye
Exactly like a full-ripe fruit and one to conjure by.
No matter what the lunar phase; despite whatever test;
It's mighty hard to tell for sure the better from the best.

Some thump a melon with their nail and the resulting tone,
If "pink" or "punk," is thought to have some virtue of its own.
Some press down firmly on the top and if a hollow crunch
Rewards their efforts that's the one, the one to pick for lunch.
Again, some scrutinize the stem. If it be slightly loose
Around the edge they judge it ripe and good in taste and juice.

Some ruffian spirits cut a plug right to the melon's heart;
A mighty crude expedient, and neither good nor smart.
It rouses up the farmer's ire. The melon is a loss.
And when I find MY melons plugged it makes ME sorta cross.
Whatever test we may employ, it still is hard to tell.
The melon lies inscrutable. It guards its secret well.

The inmost hearts of people, too, are mighty well concealed.
By no precise criterion may goodness be revealed.
Not shape nor sound nor loosened ties may prove a person's worth.
Performance, friends, identifies the great ones of the earth.
Aside from that, "inscrutable" describes the human race.
Performance, only, bares the heart, if it be fine or base.

R. S. CLARK
315 North Grinnell Street
Jackson, Michigan



OCTOBER IS CO-OP MONTH. Governor Williams issued a Proclamation Sept. 15 naming October as Michigan's month to recognize cooperatives. Left to right are: J. F. Yaeger, executive secretary, Michigan Ass'n of Farmer Cooperatives; Arnold Mussolf, secretary, Farmers Production Credit Ass'n, Lansing; Lewis W. Morley, public relations director, Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n; Governor G. Mennen Williams; James Bliss, general manager, Michigan Elevator Exchange; Dwight Snyder, manager of Lansing Dairy Company; L. A. Cheney, ass't sec'y, Michigan Ass'n of Farmer Cooperatives.

For Farmers, Too?
Editor, Michigan Farm News:
When I buy a ton of coal, I pay about 40 cents to John L. Lewis, a little to the steel workers who made the cars, and something to the railroad workers for pensions.

If I buy a car, I am compelled to contribute to Walter Reuther and his auto workers for pensions and for a guaranteed annual wage.
What do they pay to farmers for a retirement fund? Nothing!
Why not have all the handlers of farm produce add about 5% to put into a fund for a guaranteed annual wage for farmers? Then, if they lose a crop, it would be much the same as an automobile worker getting laid off.

Why doesn't the Farm Bureau go after the benefits Lewis and Reuther are after for the unions?
Wesley Ladd
Caro, Michigan
Member Tuscola Co. FB.

Can't Go Wrong with FARM BUREAU CERTIFIED SEEDS
See Farm Bureau Dealer



Community Farm Bureaus

CLARE L. MCGHAN
Coordinator of Community Farm Bureau for MFB

Dear Community Farm Bureau Members:
By the time you receive this paper, we hope that all of the Community Farm Bureaus will have elected their new slate of officers. This probably means that some of you will have new responsibilities. We realize that sometimes we do not always do the best we can on a new job because we often do not know what our responsibilities are.

In this article each month we will briefly touch on the duties of some of the officers that we have in Farm Bureau that are not usual. By this, I mean, offices such as Chairman, Secretary, News Reporter are similar to the officer's homes. If the group has a planning committee, this may not be necessary, but the officers should get together prior to the meeting. Some do this by assembling fifteen or twenty minutes before the meeting is to start.

Remember that good organization can only come about by good planning, but good planning will only be successful if you work the plan. Make your tenure of office a success by good planning and working your plan. Best wishes to all of you for the 1955-56 year.

Year-end Status. We completed 1955 with 1474 groups. Of these, 137 were newly organized. To date, 250 of the 1474 have submitted their set up sheets for the new year. It is important that the set up sheets be sent in as quickly as possible so that the group may retain status, and also that the officers may get their information.

1. She represents her community group on the County Women's Committee.
2. She reports to the Community group.
Of course, the joker to the above is that in order to do either of the above two things she must meet with the Women's Committee. With this in mind, let's see if we can determine which one of the women in your group

committee. Your group, providing your representative is at the meeting where this matter is discussed, has just as much to say about the types of information as any other member of the committee.
Many people have asked me, "Just what does the representative on the Women's Committee have to do?" It's simple—she has two things to do, namely:

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could best represent the group.
That's not fair to the woman, because the rest of the Women's Committee are expecting her to be there and many times she is criticized because she isn't.
It's not fair to the group because they don't have the opportunities that other groups do have.
It's not fair to the rest of the Women's Committee. They have a right to expect attendance on the part of any woman on their committee. There have been state contests of one kind or another

CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified advertisements are cash with order at the following rates: 10 cents per word for one edition. Ads to appear in two or more editions take the rate of 8 cents per word edition. These rates based on guarantee of 80,000 or more subscribers. They are members of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

LIVESTOCK

CORRIEDALE SHEEP—Pick up your ram now. A small deposit will hold until wanted. Your choice, \$75.00. I can use one Shropshire, two Hampshire, four Corriedales under five years in exchange. George E. Mikesell, Charlotte R-4, Michigan. South on US-27 at Ripley's garage. (9-21-40b)

SHROPSHIRE RAMS and breeding ewes. Registered. Visit or write: Ingleside Farm, Stanley M. Powell, Ionia, R-1, Michigan. (10-31-15b)

AT AUCTION, Saturday, November 5, 1955-199 Registered Corriedale Ewes from the flocks of Mikesell, Halsey and Squires, Hobart Farthing, auctioneer. For catalog write George E. Mikesell, Charlotte R-4, Michigan. (10-21-35b)

MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCERS

FOR ORDERS placed in October for King Maple Syrup Evaporators, a very liberal cash discount is granted. Plan now for your 1956 syrup season. Take advantage of this saving. Write now to Sugar Bush Supplies Company, Box 1197, Lansing, Michigan, for all prices and descriptive material. (61f-45b)

PURE MAPLE SYRUP Makers: Now available, special oil burner to fit your King Evaporator. Write for literature and estimated costs. Make one gallon of syrup with three gallons of fuel oil. Write Sugar Bush Supplies Company, Box 1197, Lansing, Michigan. (9-1f-40b)

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WOMEN

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AGENTS WANTED

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RUN SPARE-TIME Greeting Card and Gift Shop at home. Show friends samples of our new 1955 Christmas and All-Occasion Greeting Cards and Gifts. Take their orders and earn to 100% profit. No experience necessary. Costs nothing to try. Write today for samples on approval. Regal Greetings, Dept. 57, Ferndale, Michigan. (7-4t-52b)

FISH

PERCH SPECIAL: 20 cents per pound. Fifty-pound-box lots or larger, 18 cents per pound. Five cents per pound extra for scaling and cleaning. Open seven days per week. Bay Port Fish Co., Bay Port, Michigan (Huron county). (10-11-35b)

BARN EQUIPMENT

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FOR SALE

INCUBATORS for sale: Jamesway Model No. 2940's. Also hatchery and poultry equipment. Call afternoons or evenings. Reuther's Hatcher, 1 1/2 mile west of Euclid on Saizburg, Bay City, Michigan. (10-11-27p)

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How the salesmen sell those products governs what the meat packer can bid for your livestock or other agricultural products. Every week, more than 5,000 Swift salesmen in the familiar red cars call on most of the retail stores, restaurants and hotels selling your product and ours. They travel sixty million miles a year with the all important thought in mind—find the best markets.

Some salesmen may sell on an 800-mile route; others, in large cities, may do their selling in a mile square area. In Alaska, Swift salesmen cover their routes by plane.

These salesmen might be called your "hired hands." They are more than "order takers"; they know each retailer's likes and dislikes, resulting from consumer preferences. They help promote the sale of products by supplying retailers with posters and displays, encouraging consumers to buy. They make sure that the retailer is not overstocked, nor out of stock. They have ready ideas and materials to put on "all out" meat promotions, such as Swift's Martha Logan cooking schools.

When it becomes necessary for farmers and ranchers to market large supplies of livestock, Swift salesmen immediately start pushing the products in greatest supply... finding new customers and helping regular customers sell more.

Along Swift's "red wagon route," refrigerated cars and trucks move meat and other products you produce from where it is to where it isn't. Swift salesmen carry on the cycle which starts on your farms and ranches—always seeking the best possible price to assure the best price for the livestock and other agricultural products we buy from you.



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This is the House that Farm Bureau Built

Business Services Were Developed

DONALD D. KINSEY
Coordinator of Research and Education, MFB

The Farm Bureau House could not be complete without a considerable amount of business frontage.

The very term "farm" means business in many ways. Farmers, like manufacturers, produce goods for public consumption, and must market those goods.

Hence in this building there must be places where work could be done in the matter of marketing the products of the land. There were obstacles to be overcome, in the form of resistance by groups that controlled much of the marketing activities. The variety of Michigan farm production gave rise to the tendency to set up little, independent farmer groups around commodities—somewhat walled off from the main structure.

Bringing all this varied production and the related problems under one roof with a strong foundation beneath has been one of the tasks in planning the House of Farm Bureau.

Farmers were quick to see the possible opportunities for organizing their marketing programs to better advantage. Some independent monopolies took large margins. The consumer paid prices far beyond what the farmer was getting. And the farmer's price was too low.

Farmers sought means of controlling their products in sufficient volume to improve the farmer's price. They wanted to avoid "dumping" commodities on the market at harvest time. They wanted the advantage of a proper flow of goods to market with a more uniform price to themselves.

This would require better and larger storage facilities and a farmer's marketing agency. Farmer cooperatives were formed to do these jobs. Farm Bureau served to support and coordinate the efforts in these directions.

As early as 1920 the American Farm Bureau Federation formed committees to work on this problem. Separate committees were set up for grain, livestock and dairy, wool pooling, cotton and fruits and vegetables at that time. Later in 1933 a number of these were combined under a committee on field crops and a poultry committee was added.

The Michigan Farm Bureau established a marketing department on April 13, 1920 only a year after its date of origin.

November, 1920 it set up an Elevator Exchange department with an affiliation of fifty elevators and cooperative associations agreeing to sell all of their grain and beans through this agency. Numerous other elevators were getting their house in order to join the Exchange before the year was out. The exchange department secured accurate information and larger bids from the leading grain markets of the country. They reported field crop prices daily.

The transition from the Elevator Exchange department to the Michigan Elevator Exchange as a separately incorporated organization took place on July 19, 1921. Forty-five elevators entered into agreement to form this new grain and bean marketing body.

The Farm Bureau gave strong support in these early days to the formation of many farmer commodity organizations. A plan for integrating these organizations with the State Farm Bureau evolved in 1921. Each commodity organization was authorized, under the State Farm Bureau bylaws of that time, to nominate a candidate for election to the Board of Directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau. The Farm Bureau, in turn, was permitted to have an ex-officio representative on the Boards of Directors of the affiliated commodity exchanges.

The commodity marketing exchanges at that time were the Michigan Elevator Exchange, Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n, Michigan Livestock Exchange, Michigan Potato Growers Ex-

change, Michigan Fruit Growers, Inc. Each of the five nominated one of its directors, a Farm Bureau member, to represent it on the State Farm Bureau board. Six directors elected by the Farm Bureau completed the board of eleven.

This system was abandoned in 1945, it was replaced by a Commodity Department in the Michigan Farm Bureau. The director of the Department, Mr. Pattison, was to act as a liaison agent between the commodity organizations and the Michigan Farm Bureau Board. He was to help to bring about teamwork between Farm Bureau and the various commodity programs.

In addition to this, the Farm Bureau formed, in 1946, five commodity relations committees—dairy, fruits and vegetables, field crops, livestock and wool, and a poultry committee. These committees were to provide a medium for presenting the desires of the commodity groups to the Farm Bureau board of directors.

Farm Bureau would serve to correlate the various commodity groups in the development of a unified program for the strengthening of agriculture in general. It would serve as a clearing house for the resolutions of the farmers' commodity interests.

Part of this program developed into the "Commodity Day" program which first began in 1946. This day was set one day ahead of the state Farm Bureau annual meeting. It provided an opportunity for commodity groups or individual producers to present their problems. The programs were open to the public. From these meetings resolutions proposals could be sent to the floor of the annual meeting to be voted upon.

Michigan Farm Bureau has continued over the years to give assistance in practical ways to the growth of the commodity marketing programs. It helped in the promotion of financial campaigns and organization work to establish livestock auction yards at Battle Creek and St. Louis.

The Battle Creek yard was established by the Southern Michigan Livestock Cooperative, Inc. in 1949. The St. Louis yards were brought about by another farmer group—the Central Michigan Livestock Cooperative, Inc. These associations turned the operation of the yards over to the Michigan Livestock Exchange.

The program at the yards provides a distinct advantage for the farmers in that they are assured of no less, and often get more than, the going market price for their stock. Plans are under way to establish a similar yard in the Traverse City area.

The actual volume of business handled by these livestock yards to the benefit of the farmers av-

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erages in excess of \$10 million per year in gross operations.

Farm Bureau has recently helped the poultry producers to establish a new marketing program for their products. It helped form the new Michigan Poultry Marketing Cooperative, Inc. in 1954.

This cooperative purchased the Hess Michigan Golden Duck Farm Processing Plant at Hemlock, Saginaw county, for the dressing and freezing of poultry to ease production and "peak load" problems in the poultry business.

Farm Bureau has supported legislation to help provide funds for the advertising of Michigan fruit. It has also given aid to the American Dairy Association in promoting a dairy advertising program and protective legislation for the dairy industry.

The program for financing the new grain terminal of the Michigan Elevator Exchange at Ottawa Lake near Toledo was helped by Farm Bureau. The first units were built in 1951 to hold 800,000 bushels. Since that time new units have been added. Government surveys now license the terminal for 2 million bushels of grain storage for Michigan, one million for Indiana and one million bushels for Ohio farmers.

In 1954 the commodity program was expanded by the addition of commodity committees at the county level, chosen by the County Farm Bureau Boards.

Each county committee has five representatives on it, one for field crops, dairy, livestock, poultry, and fruits and vegetables. They meet not only at the county level but also by Farm Bureau regions.

At the regional meetings they elect a representative from each commodity field to serve on the state committee. There is a state

committee for each of the commodity programs by this process. Each of the five state committees has eight elected representatives from the regions plus two members of the State Farm Bureau Board who serve in an advisory capacity.

The State board members also report the committee desires back to the Board. These Committees also help to plan for the annual Commodity Day under Farm Bureau auspices at Michigan State College the day before the Farm Bureau's annual meeting.

The amount of business frontage that has been added to the Farm Bureau House in the form of commodity marketing programs alone is probably more than most people realize.

Co. Ann'l Meetings

(Continued from page 1)

Wexford — Cadillac High School, Cadillac, October 21, 8:00 p.m.

District 10

Alcona—Mikado, October 11.

Alpena—Long Rapids, October 12.

Antrim—Bellaire Legion Hall, Bellaire, October 25, 8:00 p.m.

Charlevoix—East Jordan High School, East Jordan, October 10, 8:00 p.m.

Cheboygan—High School, Cheboygan, October 27.

Emmet—High School, Alanson, October 25.

Iosco—Town Hall, Hale, Oct. 28.

Montmorency — Atlanta High School, Atlanta, October 18.

Ogemaw — Town Hall, West Branch, October 17.

Otsego—Bagely Town Hall on Highway 27, October 18.

Presque Isle—Belknap Town Hall, October 24.



SHOWN ABOVE at first meeting of Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company's "Grand Sweepstakes" sales campaign are, left to right: Ivan Allison, ass't sales manager; Irving LeBlanc, sales promotion supervisor; Niles Vermillion, manager of Farm Bureau Insurance Companies; Marvin Rorick, southwest regional sales representative.

Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company celebrated its fourth anniversary during the week of September 19 by kicking off a tremendous sales campaign designed to produce \$5,500,000 in life insurance during a six weeks period.

The theme of contest is centered around horse racing with each agent racing to reach his production goal during the contest period.

Each agent can select the amount of life insurance which he intends to write during the contest. Each category of life

production, as shown on the display in the picture above, has a set of odds which determines what the agent will win if he reaches his production goal. The contest awards are set up to offer strong incentive for agents to set high goals and then make an all out effort to reach them.

Regional sales meetings were held in Kalamazoo, Mt. Pleasant, Gaylord, Caro and Brighton during the week of September 19 to formally "kick-off" the campaign.

During the regional meetings, sound effects, a large background (Continued on page 5)

Why Railroads Support an Up-to-Date Transportation Policy

Consider the extraordinary situation that the railroads of this country face today.

Here is a fundamental industry, performing a service essential in peace and irreplaceable in war; which directly employs over one million people; which provides, maintains and improves, at its own expense, the roadways and other extensive facilities which it uses — and which pays taxes on those roadways and facilities. Here is an industry operating with constantly increasing efficiency; which is conservatively financed, with a steadily decreasing total of fixed charges.

Yet here is an industry which earns a return on investment of only about 3 1/2% — among the very lowest of all industries; an industry so restricted by the application of laws governing transportation that frequently it is not permitted to price its services on a competitive basis.

How can such a situation have arisen in a nation devoted to the classic concepts of free enterprise and equal opportunity?

An important part of the answer is clearly indicated by the recent report of the Presidential Committee on Transport Policy and Organization created last year by President Eisenhower. This Committee consisted of five members of the President's Cabinet and two other high government officials. It was charged with responsibility for making "a comprehensive review of over-all federal transportation policies and programs."

The report of the Committee, released by the White House in April, opens with this sentence:

"Within the short span of one generation, this country has witnessed a transportation revolution.

"During this same period," the report continues, "government has failed to keep pace with this change . . . regulation has con-

tinued to be based on the historic assumption that transportation is monopolistic despite the . . . growth of pervasive competition. The dislocations which have emerged from this intensified competition, on the one hand, and the restraining effects of public regulation on the other, have borne heavily on the common-carrier segment of the transportation industry.

"In many respects, government policy at present prevents, or severely limits, the realization of the most economical use of our transportation plant."

To the end that all forms of transportation should be developed to their greatest economic usefulness, the Cabinet Committee recommended, among other things, that:

"Common carriers . . . be permitted greater freedom, short of discriminatory practices, to utilize their economic capabilities in the competitive pricing of their service . . ."

Legislation to give effect to Committee recommendations has been introduced in Congress.

Passage of this legislation would not give railroads any rights that other forms of transportation do not already have or would not receive. The legislation recognizes that each of the competing forms of transportation has advantages in handling different kinds of shipments, moving between different points and over different distances. It proposes that each type of carrier be given the freest opportunity to do the job it can do best, at the lowest reasonable cost.

That's the way toward the best and most economical service, to the benefit of businessmen and taxpayers — and of the consuming public which, in the end, pays all transportation costs.

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Thousands of cows that are bred for high production never reach their full potential because they are improperly fed during the first six months of life.

How much a cow will produce depends in part on her capacity for roughages. The development of that capacity begins with the very first day of life. The earlier the rumen of the calf is developed, (calf's ability to handle dry feed), the sooner it will develop depth of body, spring of rib and capacity for roughage.

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Assure yourself of more big money making cows with the Carnation-Albers Plan.

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YOU CAN FERTILIZE AS LATE as you can plow! To get the most out of your fertilizer, your soil, your seed and your work . . . use some fertilizer this fall on pastures.

YOUR PASTURES will produce more abundantly next year. You'll be giving your forage crops a faster start. This will help you lead the parade in your area next year, come next harvest.

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Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

District 2

Mrs. Theo Mohn, Chairman
Quincy, R. 2

The following chairmen of Branch, Calhoun, Hillsdale, Jackson and Lenawee counties, Mrs. Ellsworth Hard, Mrs. Agnes Lord, Mrs. Eulalia Bell, Mrs. Geraldine Crisenberg and Mrs. M. M. Halley and their officers were entertained at the home of Mrs. Mohn for their council meeting on August 2nd with Mrs. Karker and Mr. Charles Munford also present.

Plans were made for the district meeting at Hillsdale high school, where the installation of the new officers will take place.

As this will be the last communication in the News for me, I should like to tell the state officers and also the staff members how very much I have enjoyed working with them and thank them for the help they have so cheerfully given to me; also how much I have enjoyed Farm Bureau work in every phase.

I have been able to see in operation all groups, from the community groups to the county, district, state, national and world group, and I can say it is all very wonderful. I wish success to my successors and hope they enjoy it as much as I have. If I in any way have contributed anything helpful in Farm Bureau, I

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am truly thankful.

Our county chairmen are very busy this month as they all have a booth at their county fair. They could not take time out for a contribution to the News for this issue. The fair is a full time project for those who can give of their time and efforts. Some are doing double duty as their children participate in the 4-H work.

The resolutions are taking up a great deal of time, and the election of officers this month will make a few changes. It takes a little time to become adjusted to the work.

Don't let anyone tell you there isn't any work in Farm Bureau. That just is not the case.

As in everything else, you get out of Farm Bureau what you are willing to put in and you must give of your time, and your efforts if you derive any satisfaction or good results.

I realize that as in every other organization we do not always think alike. That makes for a good conclusion if we will all truly participate in the discussions.

If we could impart to everyone the Farm Bureau story, so that all would understand all phases of the organization, we could get better participation from all members. The old saying, "What you do not know will not make your headache," should be reversed, because sometimes if you don't know, you do have the headache and perhaps it is too late for relief.

More public relations and more work in citizenship would be a recommendation on my part. Thanks again for everything.

District 3

Mrs. Sherman Richards,
Chairman
Napoleon, Box 33

Monroe County Farm Bureau Women started out this year with planning a program. Our Vice-President, Mrs. Joseph C. (Lola) Labert, chairman of the program committee, called a meeting in January, when the program was made up for the year. It was taken to the regular Women's Committee meeting for approval and then, Mrs. Lawrence Koppelman, who represents the women on the County Farm Bureau Board, took it to the January Board Meeting where the program was approved as presented.

In January there was an open meeting for all Farm Bureau women in our county with a potluck dinner at noon. Carl M. Beck, the Dearborn District representative, told us about social security.

In February there was the regular business meeting of the Community Group's Women Committee representatives only.

In March, we had another open meeting. Our Home Demonstration Agent, Edna M. McDermott, presented a Home Economist Specialist from the Michigan State University Marketing and Consumer Information Service. This program told the women how and when to shop for the family food and was accepted most favorably.

May and June were regular business meetings.

In July the final plans for the

county fair, August 8-13 were made. The Women's Committee had the food concessions stand at the fair in the Farm Bureau tent. They sold hot dog and "Sloppy Joe" sandwiches, milk, ice cream, candy, potato chips, pop, homemade pie and coffee. We have 23 groups and each group furnished 4 or 5 ladies to work.

A schedule was set up so that each person knew exactly what day and time her group was to report for work. Those who could not work in the stand were to bake pies, to be furnished when their group was assigned to work, thereby, helping to solve the delivery problem.

The net profit from our Fair project was \$783.23. This money will be used for Women's Committee Projects during the coming year. The women voted again to give \$250 to the 4-H building fund, as they did last year. Also, last year, 2 card tables with chairs were given to the County Farm Home. One other project we have in mind is to do something for the new county office building which is being planned by Monroe County Farm Bureau.

We had a tour planned for September but due to the warm weather, everyone was too busy now, so it was postponed until later in the year.

For October, we are making the plans for our 1st Rural-Urban meeting to be November 2nd at the Ida Fire Hall. Committees have been appointed and are working. We will have a final meeting and rehearsal on October 14, followed by a regular business meeting of the Women's Committee.

We are making plans to attend District No. 2 meeting on October 13 in Washtenaw County and the Michigan annual meeting in Lansing in November.

In December, we are inviting our husbands and plan to have someone over to show a film and tell us about Farm Bureau Services.—Mrs. Lawrence Koppelman, chairman, Monroe County Farm Bureau Women's Committee, Ottawa Lake R-1.

District 7

Mrs. Dale Root, Chairman
Bryantown R-1

The Farm Bureau Women of District 7 held their camp at Hess Lake August 22-23. Mrs. William Stipek of Osceola was camp chairman, Mrs. Carl Johnson of Montcalm county was camp director, and Mrs. Stuart Oehrl of Osceola county was program chairman.

Other members of the camp committee were: Mrs. Milo Colburn from Mason county, Mrs. Otto Larson, Mecosta county; Mrs. Edna Lindgren, Muskegon county; Mrs. Neva Chryslor, Newaygo county and Mrs. Amil Johnson, Oceana county.

Camp was opened with the pledge to the flag led by Mrs. Sealoff of Osceola county. Prayer and devotions were given by Mrs. Johnson from Osceola county.

Ralph Olthouse, regional representative, spoke on the necessity of a positive attitude in doing Farm Bureau work.

Mrs. Marjorie Karker, coordinator of Farm Bureau Women's Activities, announced the annual meeting November 9 and the program.

Everyone enjoyed hearing Tsuru Nakatani, the Japanese student, tell of the customs in her country. The women of our district are sending a present to Tsuru's mother in Japan.

Colors, fabrics, and new trends in home furnishings were demonstrated by representatives from the Wurzburg Company in Grand Rapids.

Vespers services were in charge of Mrs. Johnson of Oceana county. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful solos given by Mrs. Brooks of Fremont, Miss Eleanor Densmore, Kent county home demonstration agent, showed slides taken during the two years she spent in Okinawa helping to establish schools on the island.

A chorus rehearsal was held Tuesday morning with Mrs. Warner from Fremont, conducting.

Clara McGhan from the Michigan Farm Bureau talked on the problems of community groups and the necessity of everyone participating.

Mrs. Dale Root, district chairman, urged the women to take an active part in the coming membership drive to help our district make the goal this year.

Dr. Louis A. Wolfanger, MSU extension specialist on land use, told of the necessity of zoning along our highways and using marginal lands for building purposes to keep the most productive soils for farming.

Prizes were awarded by Mrs. Olson and Mrs. Holt of Mecosta county to the oldest lady present, to the one who belonged to Farm Bureau the longest time and the one who came the greatest distance to camp.

The camp was enjoyed by everyone. We hope more ladies will plan to attend next year.

Mecosta County — A capacity crowd filled the Aetna township

hall in Morley the evening of August 8th when our Farm Bureau Women's Committee presented their international program.

Mrs. Harry Whittaker showed pictures of her recent trip through Germany and several other European countries. Her talk was especially interesting and instructive and enjoyed very much.

Of special interest to many were the pictures of the home of Marie Husting, one of the German women who visited Michigan a few years ago. She was entertained in several homes in Mecosta County.

Mrs. Tsuru Nakatani, the Japanese student sponsored by Farm Bureau women of Michigan, was present and appeared in native costume. She pleased her audience with a description of life in her own country.

Following the meeting light refreshments were served, and the members of the Women's Committee met for a short business meeting.—Mrs. William Fitzgerald, Chairman, Mecosta county, Farm Bureau Women's Committee.

Muskegon County Farm Bureau Women's Committee met at the Muskegon County Center at Wolf Lake for their August meeting. This was a picnic supper to which the husbands and families were invited.

Mrs. Lawrence Lee, program chairman, introduced Mr. Henry Dierking, of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service. He is soil conservationist for Muskegon county. Mr. Dierking spoke on Conservation of Wild Life and showed a film entitled "Realm of the Wild."

At a recent meeting the program featured speakers on social aid and social welfare. Our group plans to visit the county convalescent hospital at a future date.

Muskegon will be hostess county for the fall meeting of the women from the 7th district. This meeting will be held in Grant Community Building Wednesday, October 5.—Mrs. Arlan Hetzman, chairman, Muskegon County Farm Bureau, Women's Committee.

District 10-E

Mrs. Alden Matthews, Chairman
West Branch, R-2

Presque Isle county has made a donation of \$25.00 to the Presque Isle chapter of the crippled children's society for clinical immunization equipment.

Mrs. Strickler, of Austria, ac-

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Mrs. Wagar is 83



MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR will observe her 83rd birthday October 1 at her home at Briar Hill Farm, 13676 Briar Hill road, Carleton, Monroe county. We extend to her the best wishes of all the members of the Farm Bureau.

Mrs. Wagar is the first lady of the Michigan Farm Bureau. She was elected to the state board of directors in 1921 and was re-elected eight times to serve through 1938.

In August of 1923 at her request the board of directors established a Home and Community department and asked her to head it. The work of Mrs. Wagar and her associates eventually became the Women's Committees of the Farm Bureau as we have them now.

In September, 1923 Mrs. Wagar wrote an article for the Michigan Farm News to announce the Home and Community 'Dep't'. It was the beginning of a writing career for this paper that was to last more than 30 years.

There was an article in each edition by Mrs. Wagar on women's work in the Farm Bureau, farm affairs, government, schools, people, or some timely topic. People enjoyed what she had to say.

For many years Mrs. Wagar was a familiar speaker at Farm Bureau meetings on all phases of Farm Bureau work.

She has been most happy to see the development of the Farm Bureau Women's Committees and their programs, especially the great growth of the past ten years.

Mrs. Wagar is quite well and enjoys life with her son, Lawrence, and his wife, Adah, at Briar Hill farm. She keeps up on the Farm Bureau and has lovely memories of the friends she made in that work.

Practical Nursing--What is it?



MISS INEZ T. SMITH
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This care is given in hospitals under supervision of an instructor. During this time class-work continues in relation to the nursing care given.

Practical nurse schools are open to healthy men and women between the ages of 18-50 who have completed the eighth grade. For those who are under 25 years of age, tenth grade is required and twelfth grade preferred.

Practical nurses—both men and women—have plenty of opportunity to work in a variety of places.

The graduates of the one-year program are employed in general hospitals, tuberculosis hospitals, convalescent homes, doctor's offices, private duty, Indian Service, the Army and Navy, mental hospitals, public health agencies. Some have gone into positions related to nursing, and some have preferred to stay home and put into practice their skills in caring for their families.

In the recent Cunningham report "For Better Nursing in Michigan" it is stated that by 1960 Michigan will need approximately 4,000 more nonprofessional nurses than there were in 1954.

Many women have always had the desire to give service to others, but they married early or couldn't go into professional nursing. Today, now that their families are grown, these women can enter practical nursing and obtain satisfaction in nursing and add to the income of the family.

Many states look to Michigan for information about practical nursing as Michigan was one of the first states to have a state-wide one-year program in practical nursing in under vocational education.

SHAMPOO is one of the procedures practical nurses perform.

A bill to license practical nurses was passed in 1952. This protects the public as well as the practical nurse, for those who can use the title "Licensed Practical Nurse" have had training and have passed an examination. Graduates of the following training programs may take the licensing examination in Michigan:

Vocational practical nurse schools under the public school systems:

Ann Arbor Practical Nurse Education Center, Jones School, 401 N. Division, Ann Arbor.

Battle Creek Practical Nurse Center, Jefferson Elementary School, 55 East Fountain, Battle Creek.

Detroit Practical Nursing Center, Northern High School, 9026 Woodward, Detroit 2.

Flint Practical Nurse Center, Flint Community College, Practical Arts Building, Flint.

Grand Rapids—Division of Practical Nursing, Grand Rapids Junior College, 148 Ransom Avenue, N. E., Grand Rapids.

Lansing Practical Nurse Center, Technical High School, 419 N. Capitol Avenue, Lansing.

Marquette — Upper Peninsula Center for Practical Nurse Education, c/o Northern Michigan College of Education, Marquette.

Traverse City—North Central School for Practical Nurse Education, c/o High School, Traverse City.

Private practical nursing schools:

Cadillac—Mercy School of Practical Nursing, Mercy Hospital, Cadillac.

Mt. Clemens — St. Joseph School of Practical Nursing, St. Joseph Hospital, Mt. Clemens.

FARM FACTS

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Better vision and television

Good lighting makes television viewing more fun with less eyestrain and fatigue. Michigan State University home economists say that it's a mistake to darken the room. They suggest turning your lamps on low or medium and avoiding exceptionally bright spots of light on the walls near your TV set. Strong contrast between the bright TV tube and dark surrounding areas causes eyestrain. Good lighting softens that contrast.

Does your picker lose corn?

Stop your corn picker once in a while to check corn loss and make adjustments for it. Here's one way to estimate your shelling and ear loss at harvest time, say Michigan State University experts. For 40-inch rows, count the kernels in a 40 by 40-inch square. Twenty kernels on the ground in that area means you're losing one bushel per acre. Also, one ear in 133 feet (43 paces) means a bushel lost per acre.

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(Editor's Note—This is one of a series of articles for the purpose of describing opportunities open to women who wish to prepare for nursing.)

District 10-E

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knowledge a package she received from CARE from the Presque Isle Women's Committee.

The County Nurse, Miss Sechrist, showed two films on the dreaded disease, breast cancer. She also gave a brief report on this subject and of self-examination of the breast. Thirteen groups were present and three were absent.

Mrs. Otto Mendrick of Presque Isle is county chairman.

Iscos county had the county school superintendent at one meeting, and the Home Economics teacher at another. The county treasurer talked on tax equalization.

The women's committee made cancer pads for the health council at the September meeting. The prosecuting attorney gave a talk on citizenship. The county chairman is Mrs. Kenneth Pringle, McIvor.

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MILK BAR AT STATE FAIR. Members of the Junior Farm Bureau served 7,050 gallons of milk by the glass at the Dairy Bar sponsored by the American Dairy Ass'n of Michigan, the state Department of Agriculture, Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n, and Detroit Dairy Council.

Milk Bar at State Fair Successful

"All the milk you can drink for 10 cents" proved to be a powerful attraction when the dairy committee of the State Fair set up a milk bar in the agricultural building.

About 150 members of the Junior Farm Bureau serviced the bar September 2 to 11. They dispensed 5,615 gallons of homogenized vitamin D milk and 1,435 gallons of buttermilk. It was the first time this had been done.

Their count was 50,410 customers served. Most of them averaged two glasses of milk. Some took more.

Adult customers outnumbered the children more than 5 to 1.

It turned out to be a most successful advertising promotion for milk. The servings were made from four bulk milk dispensers.

Another group of Junior FB members served Michigan fruit juices at a bar near the apple display. This was their 7th year. "All the milk you can drink for 10 cents" was a sell-out daily at the U.P. State Fair at Escanaba.

Genesee Members' New Farm Plan

George Gillespie of Gaines and Stanley Perkins of Swartz Creek, members of Genesee County Farm Bureau, have developed a new farm plan. Mr. Gillespie has been chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture in the legislature for several years. Mr. Perkins is prominent in the livestock business. The plan: A resolution relative to a balanced plan for a solution of

MAFC Annual Meeting at MSU Oct. 10-11

L. A. Cheney, assistant secretary, announces the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives' annual meeting will be held October 11-12 at the Kellogg Center, Michigan State University.

The association is composed of some 150 farmers cooperatives throughout the state. The organization provides a youth and adult educational program for its members and works on legislative problems in the interest of farmer cooperatives.

The theme for the first day will be "The Challenge Ahead."

"What's Ahead in Agricultural Research" will be the subject of the luncheon speaker, L. M. Turk, Director of Agriculture, Experiment Station.

"Co-op Extension Program and Cooperatives Working Together to Increase the Farmer's Income" will be presented by the banquet speaker, Paul Miller, director of the agricultural extension service.

The theme for the second day is "Improving Our Public Relations."

Walter Scott, Michigan regional public relations man for General Motors Corporation, will talk on this topic. Mr. Scott will present some of the problems in the field, and some of the possible solutions as they would apply to managers and directors working with farm people.

After the talk, the people will be divided into three groups, Dairy, Elevator and Rural Electric; where they will discuss the problem in detail as it applies to their particular interest.

Quentin Reynolds, retired general manager of the Eastern States Farmers Exchange, West Springfield, Massachusetts, and now National Finance Chairman, of the American Institute of Cooperation, will give his experiences with public relations in a successful cooperative. His talk will include the American Institute of Cooperation program.

Cons. Commission Needs a Farmer

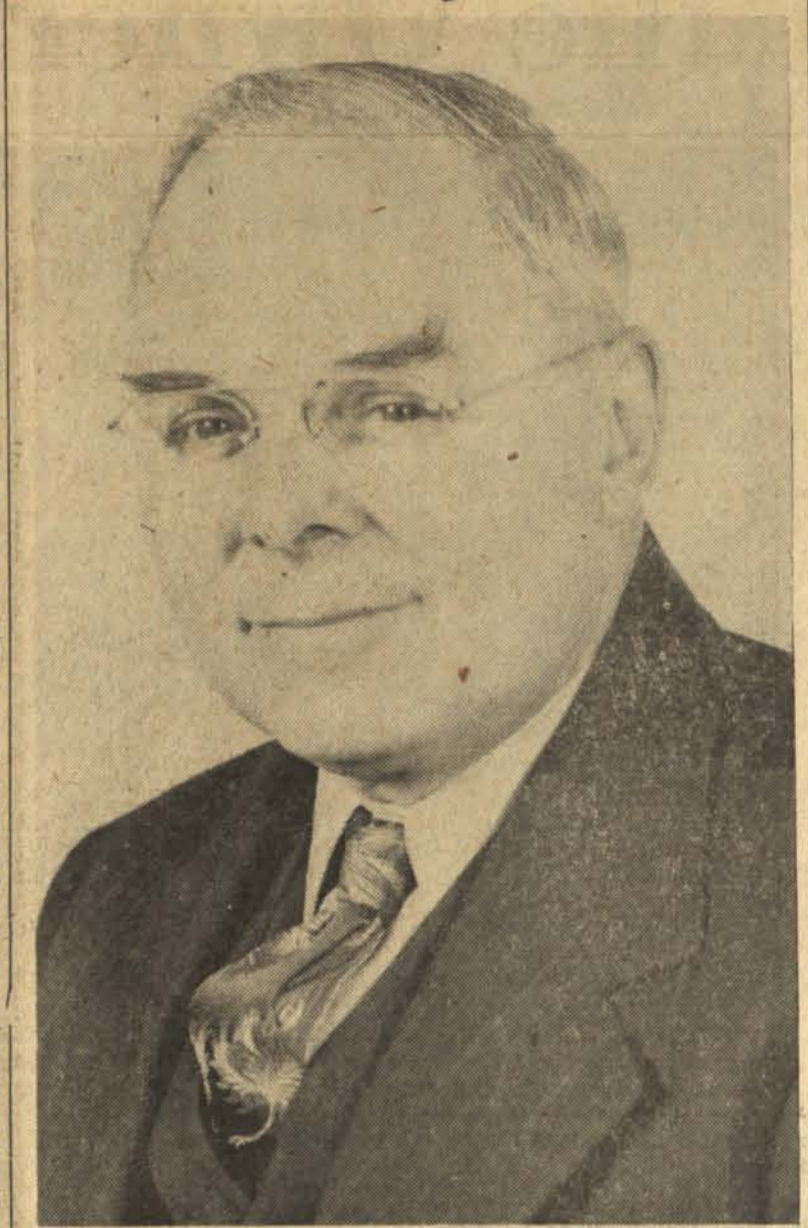
Farm Bureau people are interested in having a representative of agriculture on the state Conservation Commission. The appointments to fill the three terms beginning April 1, 1955 have not been announced by Governor Williams.

"Farm people are interested in these appointments from the stand of the whole field of conservation," C. L. Brody of the Farm Bureau wrote Governor Williams.

In 1954 the Michigan Farm Bureau said in a resolution at its annual meeting that agriculture should be represented on the Conservation Commission, the Public Service Commission, and the State Tax Commission.

People who live up to their opportunities live high.

Jordan Valley's Record



PERCY PENFOLD, member of Charlevoix County Farm Bureau, has been manager of the Jordan Valley Cooperative Creamery at East Jordan since it started in 1931. He has helped it become the fourth largest in Michigan.

The Jordan Valley Cooperative Creamery at East Jordan, Charlevoix county, is one of the best creameries in Michigan, and the fourth largest.

It was established in 1931 for the purpose of improving the pay Charlevoix county dairy farmers were getting for butterfat.

They got 6 to 9 cents a pound less than farmers in lower Michigan were receiving.

Percy Penfold was hired as manager. He came from Nashville with 16 years' experience in creamery operations.

In 1932, the first full year of operations, sales totaled \$68,069. That represented 273,443 lbs. of butterfat. The price to member-producers was 18 1/2 cents per pound.

Six years later annual sales were \$282,000, the volume of butterfat was over 700,000 lbs. and the price to producers was 35 cents.

In 1942-45 when butter plants were closing, Jordan Valley was nearing 1,500,000 lbs. of butterfat annually. In 1945 the price to producers was 53.78 cents.

In the years 1946-48 sales passed \$1,000,000 annually and a high of 82 1/2 cents per pound of butterfat to producers was reached.

Last year total sales were \$1,378,684. The creamery began to add lines some years ago and now manufactures butter and non-fat dry milk powder. It pro-

cesses fluid milk for bottled milk and sells sweet cream.

In the years 1946-49 a modern plant of steel, brick, tile and glass was built at \$150,000. Today it's worth much more than that because of expansion and installations for new products.

The Jordan Valley Cooperative Creamery does business in seven counties of Northern Michigan. It has 900 cream patrons and 200 milk patrons.

The organization represents the largest single producer investment in buildings, equipment, machinery, and automotive equipment in the entire upstate area for processing dairy products.

Farm Bureau Ins. Sales Campaign

(Continued from Page 3) display and jockey uniforms were used to add excitement and build up enthusiasm during the contest "kick-off."

The purposes of this concentrated promotional effort are to bring the benefits of Farm Bureau Life Insurance to more Farm Bureau members, and to continue the rapid growth of Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company.

At the end of its fourth year, Farm Bureau Life has over \$50,000,000 of life insurance in force and now has its sights set on the \$100,000,000 mark.

Farm Bureau In Upper Peninsula

WESLEY S. HAWLEY
MFB Secretary, UP

The fall harvest is well under way in the Upper Peninsula. Silos are filled and the potato harvest is getting under way fast. The potato harvest is a little early due to a killing frost that hit the U.P. September 11 and another one since. The yield is generally off this fall due to the severe drought this summer. Many fields will yield only about half that of last year. But some fields are better.

AFBF Potato meeting. Clayton Ford, chairman of the Farm Bureau advisory committee for Delta county, attended the AFBF potato meeting in Chicago September 24. He presented the situation in the Upper Peninsula.

This is the first time that such a meeting.

The work of organizing Farm Bureau in Delta and Menominee counties is moving along well. There are now 5 new community groups in Delta county. We expect there will be 5 more by the first of October. There are two groups in Menominee county and dates set to organize some more in early October.

October 17 Delta County Farm Bureau will organize. The goal of 12 Community groups and 100 member families will be reached by that date. This will be a very momentous time for the Farm Bureau in the Upper Peninsula.

J. F. Yaeger, executive secretary of the Michigan Farm Bureau,

will speak. By-laws will be adopted and a board of directors elected. Delta county can then start building a good program in the county for the betterment of the members and the Upper Peninsula as a community.

An Officer Training School has been planned for the new Community Farm Bureau officers to be held October 25 at the Junior High School in Escanaba. The various groups of community officers will be assisted by the following Farm Bureau staff members and others: Chairman—Wesley S. Hawley—Coordinator MFB, Upper Peninsula group chairmen; Discussion Leaders—Don Kinsey, Coordinator Research and Education; Minute-men—Dan Reed, Assistant Legislative Counsel; Secretaries—Clare McGhan, Coordinator of Community Activities; Women—Mrs. Marjorie Karke, Coordinator of Women's Activities; News Reporters—Jean Worth, Editor, Escanaba Daily Press; Recreation Leaders—Mrs. Wesley S. Hawley.

The interest in Farm Bureau in the Upper Peninsula is very good. There is a strong feeling that the Upper Peninsula needs a constructive Farm organization like Farm Bureau.

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the problem of agricultural production and marketing and proposing a new method of controls to be regulated by the farmers of the United States.

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Whereas, Each of the plans to a lesser or greater extent have failed to give the farmers the parity price so generously promised by both political parties; and

Whereas, The experience of the past seems to prove that only two possible solutions exist: One to return to supply and demand; or by the producers themselves; now therefore be it

Resolved, That we recommend to the Congress of the United States that legislation be enacted to authorize the plan herein set forth:

(1) Establishment each year by the Secretary of Agriculture of a national quota of production for each of the basic commodities based upon national needs for the ensuing year, and without regard to present surpluses;

(2) Allotment to each registered farmer or producer of basic agricultural commodities of his proportion of the national quota of any such commodity which may be sold on the open market, based upon his owned or controlled crop land or tillable acreage and measured in bushels, bales or other established units of measure of the commodity;

(3) The market for the basic commodity under quota shall be controlled by law requiring elevators, millers and other consumers to purchase at a unit price to insure the producers an annual income;

(4) Except as may be necessary for the establishment of quota, no acreage or production limitations shall be established, but all production above quota shall be kept on the farm at the producer's expense and risk;

(5) Over quota production of grains shall be usable for livestock feed, seed and sold on the open market in free trade;

(6) All implementation and control of the plan shall be vested in and exercised by those participating in the plan, by majority vote or by representation in cases where actual participation in decisions by all concerned is not practicable; and

(7) In the event the elevators or mills cannot accommodate the producers who wish to sell their quota at harvest time, the government shall pay the producer an adequate storage fee per unit, per month, so orderly marketing may be the rule.

Deer Shot by Potato Growers

A number of deer were shot recently for digging and eating potatoes on farms near Hawks, 10 miles southwest of Rogers City.

The deer damage was scattered over 50 acres on seven farms north and south of Hawks, conservation officer Ned Curkis of Presque Isle County said.

Conservation Department game men say damage resulted because of increasing deer populations and extremely dry conditions in the area this summer.

The loss was estimated at "several hundred dollars." Permits to shoot the invaders were issued to farmers last month.

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Problems in the Ownership of Mineral Rights

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for October

Background Material for Program in October by our 1475 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

DONALD D. KINSEY
Coordinator of Education and Research

Most every ambitious person seeks to own a parcel of property sometime during his life. The values behind the idea of ownership have some interesting angles, if you analyze them.

In ownership there is pride—the pride of accomplishment that has earned for you the property. There is freedom to do with the things that your fancy and opportunity may dictate.

There is social prestige in being a landowner. There is a thought of some security, for a home is a comfort, a refuge, and a possible means of gaining funds by sale, if emergency demands. And there is a feeling of authority over the land—it is yours to determine the use to be made of it—your "corner of the world."

Because of these desired values, we like to think of ownership without the interference of claims by others on what we possess. It puts a "fly in the ointment" if there is some question of true and clear title, or some legal claim to part of the rights on the property.

Actually the old idea of ownership held that if a person held full and clear title to a piece of land, he owned that spot "from the bowels of the earth clear up to the bowl of the heavens." But if or when there is a confusion of title, or if the ownership of surface rights are in the hands of one party and the rights to minerals under the surface are reserved to another—then some of the satisfaction and security of ownership is lost.

Practices in the barter and sale of property have not always been governed by these values of absolute ownership. Rights to the use and wealth of land may legally be divided by agreements of the parties involved at the time of a sale.

The rights of surface use may be purchased by a party, while the rights to mineral deposits including oil and gas beneath the land may be retained by the seller. The seller retaining the mineral rights may be an individual or a state.

Michigan Law Has History. Right here begins the second part of our story. It takes us back to about 1907. At that time there lived in Oscoda County a man by the name of Carl E. Schmidt. Over the years he had watched private interests ravish the forests of Michigan of their lumber and lay them bare as wastes. The wealth of the state lands, purchased for a pittance, went into the pockets of a few.

Mr. Schmidt was appointed as a member of a State Committee of Inquiry into State Tax Lands, Forestry and Natural Resources. Much cut-over land was falling back into the hands of the State for non-payment of taxes. Stripped of its apparent wealth, it was abandoned and the State left holding the bag.

Mr. Schmidt foresaw that there might be oil, gas or other mineral wealth beneath the soil. He wished to help avoid another similar exploitation and waste of this wealth by private interests, without benefit to the general public. At the suggestion of his committee, Senator F. B. Kline of Lenawee county introduced a bill at the 1909 session of the Legislature. This bill provided that when State lands are sold "the mineral rights shall be reserved to the benefit of all the people of the State."

The Committee pointed out that:

1. There is difficulty in setting a value on possible mineral de-

posits under the land, if they are to be sold.

2. Speculators should not be allowed to purchase state-owned lands for exploitation without an assured return to the people's general benefit. These speculators, without state control, could readily buy these lands, sell the surface rights and keep the mineral rights for themselves. Such a case must be prevented.

The bill passed and became Public Act No. 280 of 1909 in Michigan.

Owned by State — Administered by Conservation Department: With the discovery of oil and gas in Michigan, an interest grew in leasing state lands for drilling. Since 1927 mineral rights leases on tax-reverted lands have put millions of dollars into the general fund of the state. Leases are auctioned to the highest responsible bidder, and royalties on mineral recoveries are put into the state general fund to finance public programs.

Title to these lands is held in the name of the State of Michigan. The administration of them is under the jurisdiction of the state Department of Conservation. Contrary to some popular beliefs, no revenues from the sales of these lands are retained by the Conservation Department. Revenues from the sales are paid back to the county and local units of government in proportion to the tax liens they hold against the property.

In all fairness to our topic, it should be stressed that an extremely small fraction of the state-owned lands are fit for agriculture. Most of them lie in the cut-over areas of the north and are worthless for farming.

The tillable farming land has been sold back to private interests over the years. Since 1940, over two million acres of state lands have been sold, exchanged or otherwise disposed of. All the rest of the state holdings are permanently dedicated to conservation purposes. No state-owned lands are actually



YOUTH DELEGATION TO AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF COOPERATION. Farm cooperatives in the Michigan Ass'n of Farmer Cooperatives sponsored the young people in this group to the Institute. They are selected from FFA, FHA, Junior Farm Bureau, Grange, 4-H clubs. The object is to acquaint them with the function of farm cooperatives in business and to educate for leadership.

on the market for sale at the present time.

Some legal complications. There are some complications, however, which show up when ownership of rights in lands are divided between parties. Let us take a case. Numerous such cases have beclouded the titles to property in Michigan for years.

Let us suppose that years ago an owner sold the surface rights to a piece of property, but retained the mineral rights to himself and his heirs. Then, let us suppose that the deed to the surface rights was sold and resold two or three times. Parties holding claims to the property move all over the country—or even to foreign lands.

Now let us suppose that the present holder of the deed dies and the estate has to go into probate court to be settled. Sale of the land to settle the estate becomes necessary, but a sale depends upon the ability to deliver a free and clear title.

Our mineral rights claim and title has also gone through two or three generations in this case, to tangle things further. So, everything considered, the estate may be stalled in court for years. The heirs cannot sell, and the estate stays in escrow.

Complications of this character proved to be a sufficient problem to cause the Farm Bureau delegates to pass the following resolution at the state annual meeting in 1953:

"The widespread custom of reserving or selling portions of the mineral rights appertaining to the descriptions of property results in costly confusions of titles. We believe that legislation should be developed concerning ownership of separated mineral rights in order that confusion of titles be avoided."

In the 1953 session of the

Legislature various bills were introduced in the Senate and House bearing on this matter in one way or another. None of them passed, and no action has been taken as yet. Title confusion and delay still may go on indefinitely in Michigan.

Most everywhere people run into problems relating to the rights to use or explore property. For example, there are eighteen states subject to the U. S. Mining Law of 1872. California is one of these.

In such states any prospector has the right to seek and explore for mineral deposits on lands where these rights are reserved by the Federal government. Some California farmers—and those in other states—have people trooping over their lands continually with a Geiger counter. Yet they have a legal right there and are not trespassing. Michigan has no such problem, for which we may be thankful.

There are those who dislike the fact that the state has retained the mineral rights on some lands now privately owned. The amount of land where such is the case is very small. But one point should be considered:

When the land was offered for sale that provision was contained in the offer. The buyers agreed to that provision at the time of purchase. To demand that the state surrender these rights under these conditions is asking for more than was bargained for. Such points are not apt to make present surface owners happy, but the truth is sometimes painful because we have to live with it.

Questions
Separate titles to mineral and surface rights on land are perfectly legal, but sometimes produce complications of ownership. The Michigan Farm Bureau delegates resolved that legislation

should be developed aiming to avoid the confusions of title so that there will not be costly delays and legal operations in the event of the sale of the properties.

1. What are your recommendations for developing legislation of this kind?

2. Are there cases in your area where mineral rights were reserved when the property was sold? If so, why not talk over the conditions of the title and possible problems faced by the surface owner?

At the 1945 annual meeting of Farm Bureau women, Mrs. Malory N. Stickney of Clarkston, Oakland county, offered a motion to urge the new board of directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau to hire a full time director of women's activities.

The motion was supported by Mrs. Claud Burkhart of Howell, Livingston county. It was adopted. The MFB board of directors accepted the recommendation. Mrs. Marjorie Karker was appointed director of women's activities in 1946.

Women Got State Director in 1946

Women of the Michigan Farm Bureau have had a director of women's activities since 1946.

In November 1946, the women of the Michigan Farm Bureau held the first of their big all day conventions on the Wednesday preceding the state Farm Bureau annual meeting.

Bean Pool Is Winning Favor From Growers

TOM KENNEDY

Started on a small scale last year, the bean pool marketing program for navy beans conducted by the Michigan Cooperative Bean Marketing Association is now well into the second season of operation. It is expanding rapidly among bean growers in the Thumb and Saginaw Valley areas.

The 1954 crop bean pool returned members additional payments averaging \$2.00 per cwt, above the market price at time of delivery after all storage and interest charges were paid, according to the Association.

The bean pool is conducted by the all-grower Association in cooperation with Farm Bureau Services branches, local cooperative elevators, and the Michigan Elevator Exchange.

A grower who wants to participate in the pool program can deliver his navy beans to any

elevator cooperating. He signs a bean marketing contract in which he agrees to market all of his beans, except seed requirements, through the pool. He pays dues of \$1.00 for membership in the Association. His beans are graded exactly the same as if he were selling them outright or putting them under government loan. He receives an advance payment at the time of delivery.

He will receive a final settlement and accounting when the pool is closed. He is not assessable by the Association or the pool and no charges can be made against his beans except those agreed upon in advance of the pool year by the Association board of directors in a contract with the Michigan Elevator Exchange for processing, storage, and marketing.

All other proceeds from his beans are returned to him. He signs away no rights or privileges to an outside group but joins an organization controlled by growers. He is guaranteed at least the support price for his beans because the Association is eligible under specific terms of the price support program regulations to place pool beans in the support program.



ROBERT REES, president of Lapeer County Farm Bureau (right), Mrs. Logan Harris, chairman of public relations committee (left) and Mrs. Kenneth Jenkins, member of the public relations committee, made plans for the Lapeer County Farm Bureau-Sportsmen at Lapeer August 28. Farm Bureau members were hosts at a dinner-program to improve farmer and hunter relationships.

Insurance is important in successful farming



"It is Never Wise to Take Unnecessary Risks"

Ervin Buchholz of Huron county believes in setting high standards for his farming and in using modern devices to help assure its success. He takes pride in his registered Holsteins and in the honors claimed by the best specimens in his dairy herd of some 40 cows and heifers.

About 55 acres of his farm are devoted to the raising of certified seed beans. He farms 120 acres of his own and rents another 40 acres. He flies his own airplane, finding it a great convenience in the business end of his farming.

And, like other successful farmers, he sees to it that he and his family are well protected by Farm Bureau Insurance.

"It is never wise to take unnecessary risks," he observes, "especially when you can protect yourself so easily against a farmer's biggest hazards. To me good insurance is a good business investment.

"I think insurance is valuable, too, because it gives you a feeling of security. I like that feeling.

With the right kind of insurance I can go about my business without worry about the unexpected, and that freedom from worry is worth a great deal."



Ervin Buchholz and his son, Ronald, are seen in the photograph with Alviron Belle C. H. Rex Kirk, winner of second place in the Michigan State Black and White Show last year. The cow is from the foundation cow purchased by the Buchholzes in an improvement program which has lifted the herd average from 385 pounds in 1947 to more than 500 pounds today. Ronald, who is married and farms with his father, managed Alviron Belle in 4-H Club work.

Discussion Topics

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

- Oct. Ownership of Mineral Rights on Farm Land.
- Nov. How Farm Bureau Benefits the Average Farmer.
- Dec. Should Michigan Have a Highway Speed Control Program?
- Jan. Industry's Guaranteed Annual Wage and the Farmer.
- Feb. The Serious Political Attacks on Farmers Cooperatives.

Be sure to read your discussion article in the Michigan Farm News. Attend your Community Farm Bureau meetings.

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