Editorial

Politics and the Farm Program

Ray Tucker is one of the outstanding reporters at Washington. He says in his National Observer column, for instance, that Congress will send a rigid 90% of parity farm price supports to President Eisenhower.

The legislative situation in Congress favors the Democrats. They are in control. Since the party leaders are campaigning for a return to rigid 90% parity farm price supports, such a bill may be adopted by Congress.

On the other hand, the 1,500,000 farm families in the Farm Bureau and 800,000 in the Grange may be expected to fight this proposal.

Would President Eisenhower veto a 90% of parity bill? We think so. In his Farm Message to Congress January 9, the President charged 90% of parity with responsibility for the surpluses by saying, "The plain fact is that wartime production incentives..." He superseded Secretary of Agriculture Beazo's view that rigid, 90% of parity price supports amount to price fixing.

Farm bills have been vetoed before on the grounds of price fixing.

In the mid-1920's Congress attacked the farm surpluses problem after the Farm Bureau had adopted the McNary-Haugen Domestic Allotment Bill in 1927 and again in 1928. Congress then proceeded to establish a two-part system to assure adequate prices for wheat, cotton, livestock, and other farm products. A government agency was to sell the surpluses abroad whenever it would bring. An "equalization fee" was to be collected on the entire production to reimburse the government for losses on crops sold abroad.

President Coolidge vetoed the McNary-Haugen bill twice on the ground that it was price fixing by government and would end in collapse.

Main Problem is the Surplus

How strongly President Eisenhower feels about high rigid farm price supports as the cause of the present farm surpluses is revealed in his Farm Message to Congress January 9. The President said:

"Of the many difficulties that aggravate the farm problem, the mountainous surpluses overshadow everything else.

"Today's surpluses consist of commodities produced in a volume unprecedented in wartime but unmarketable at peacetime at the same prices and in the same quantity.

"The plain fact is that wartime production incentives were too long continued."

"During the past three years there has been no lack of effort to get rid of surplus stocks..." The surplus has now been reduced, Mr. Shuman said. We have found outlets for commodities in a value of more than four billion dollars.

"But these disposal efforts have not been able to keep pace with the problem. For each bushel equivalent sold, one and a half have replaced it in the stockpiles..." We were not for the government's buying stocks. Farmers would be getting more for their products today.

"Other consequences of past farm program have been less damaging. Both at home and abroad, markets have been lost. Foreign production has been increased. American exports have declined. Foreign farmers have been better off.

"Steadily this chain of events has lengthened. Our farmers have had to submit to drastic acreage controls. The government imposed universal acreage controls which averaged about 40% of the cropped land last year.

"Even these controls have been self-defeating, because acres diverted from price-supported crops have been used for non-price supported crops. These surpluses have been thrown into surplus and their prices have declined.

"Today, almost without regard to the livestock or crop prices, nearly every farmer is adversely affected by our surpluses. The whole process, the effects bad divided from one of the long-run effects of the farm program, the creation of high and artificial prices for the many other commodities supported by price supports gets smaller as the surplus increases."

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"We are completely confident that the American Farm Bureau Federation, the County Farm Bureaus, the state Farm Federations, and the National Farm Bureau will give positive consideration to these recommendations."
Community Farm Bureaus

CLARE L. MCBAIN
Coordinator of Community Farm Bureaus for Michigan Farm Bureau

Dear Community Farm Bureau Leader:

Since 1936 over fifteen hundred Community Farm Bureaus have been organized in Michigan. In January the 1500th group was organized in Lenawee County. This is, I think, a notable milestone in the history of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Michigan, without a doubt, is the most active Community Farm Bureau group of any state.

Why have Community Farm Bureaus been so popular? Some people might say they haven't, but I think the records prove otherwise.

I don't think any other organization has this many local groups in Michigan. Our county Farm Bureaus are not nearly so active as the Community Farm Bureaus. This is to say, it is not a case of the Community Farm Bureau groups taking away from the Michigan Farm Bureau groups. But it is a change in the rural community, the farm community has changed a great deal. Hay, choppers, balers, etc., are new, and more farmers are needed where more farmers are needed. This means a change in the rural community, the farm community has changed a great deal. Hay, choppers, balers, etc., are new, and more farmers are needed where more farmers are needed. This means a change in the rural community.

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February is being promoted as Community Group month. Let's re-dedicate ourselves to the work of the Community Farm Bureau. Let's give a little extra help this month. Let's do a little extra work this month.

February is the month of service. Let's plan to do some service work this month. Let's plan to do some service work this month. Let's plan to do some service work this month.

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**Developing Our Petroleum Program**

DONALD D. KIRBY
Coordinator of Education and Research

The majority of the Bureau, in the course of its existence, has some youngster that has grown up to be an adult stature. They put on new clothes and take their place in the life of the community.

The Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., may be in its youth, but it has assumed in a short time a “standing” good stature. But what about the facts that lead to its growth?

Faint murmurs are found in some of the early annual reports of the Michigan State Farm Bureau during the construction of the department handling some “oil.” In 1921 it cited an order for about $100 worth of oil.

As the twentys were worn, however, old purchasing agencies show that oil was being obtained from the J. D. Street Co. of St. Louis, Missouri. This company still furnishes some Farm Bureau Brand oils to cooperatives in some other states.

Farm Bureau Services, Inc., as late as 1929 shows records of delivery for J. D. Street Co. A year or two earlier the Indiana Farm Bureau Cooperative Association purchased some used oil blending in Indianapolis, where they blended their own quality used oils. More volume was needed to put the plant at capacity and yield the benefits of such

So, in 1930 there came an invitation to Farm Bureau Services, Inc., and to the Ohio Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, to purchase part-ownership in this oil blending facility. The majority of the investment of the Farm Bureau Services, Inc., in this venture was only $1500. The merger gave origination to the petroleum association, of which this company owns savings for farmers because the cost of ingredients was relatively small compared to the sale price. Such savings could be passed along to farmers.

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Unithed Cooperatives, Inc., continues to operate the employee-owned plant at Grand Haven, and even today it has purchased more than $100,000 in oil.

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**What’s New in Field Seeds Situation**

J. R. SCHANITZ
Mfr. FBIS Seed Service

Attracts and is plentiful and the lowest in price since 1928. This year the price of 10 lbs. of 100 varieties of beans is 45 cents.

Bouquet, recommended by the Michigan Agriculture Experiment Station, is now and recommended by Mays County, Ia. and is crossed by the Illinois State University.

Westeren Grown is recommended by the Illinois State University.

**How to Make Double Milk**

**POTLUYNEN**

New Dickie laying house between Zeeland and Holland.

**D I R K S E L E G H O R N F A R M Z E L E A N D M I C H I G A N**

**Notice of Annual Meeting**

FARM BUREAU MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.

The stockholders of the policiesholders of Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Michigan, a corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of Michigan, respectfully notice: The annual meeting of the stockholders will be held at the Farm Bureau Building, 400 North Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, on Wednesday, February 20, 1954, beginning at 1:30 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To elect directors.

2. To consider matters as may properly come before the meeting.

J. F. YAEGER
Secretary

Michigan’s Soil and Climate plus Farm Bureau Fertilizer Equals Bumper Crops

**The Soil You Work On.** Mr. Michigan Farmer, and the climate you live in combine to give you a good farming advantage. In general, there are certain advantages in farming in this state. We have some districts where we have fertile soil, and the climate is suited to a certain extent to the growing of crops.

**What You Need to Know About the Soil You Work On.** The size and type of farm you own will influence your choice of crops and the type of soil that is best for your farm. The climate in Michigan is mainly influenced by its latitude and by the position of the Great Lakes as a source of moisture. The climate is moderate, with mild winters and cool summers.

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**The Soils You Work On.** The soils in Michigan are varied, ranging from sandy soils in the western part of the state to loam soils in the eastern part. The most common soils in the state are loam soils, which are rich in nutrients and have good water-holding capacity.

**Bumper Crops.** Bumper crops are those that are produced in years when the weather is favorable and the soil is well-managed. The crops that are most likely to produce bumper crops are those that are well-adapted to the local climate and soil conditions. Some examples of bumper crops include:

- Corn: The state of Michigan is one of the leading producers of corn in the United States. Corn is grown in nearly every county in the state and is an important crop for the economy.
- Soybeans: Soybeans are a high-value crop that is grown in the state. They are a good source of protein and fat, and they are also used in the production of biodiesel.
- Alfalfa: Alfalfa is a forage crop that is grown in the state. It is a good source of protein for livestock and is also used in the production of malting grains.

**The Benefits of Proper Fertilizer Management.** Proper fertilizer management is important for achieving bumper crops. This includes selecting the right type and amount of fertilizer, applying it at the correct time, and ensuring that the soil is well-prepared for the crop.

**The Importance of Good Management.** Good management is essential for achieving bumper crops. This includes selecting the right type and amount of fertilizer, applying it at the correct time, and ensuring that the soil is well-prepared for the crop. It also includes selecting the right crop rotation, using proper irrigation practices, and controlling weeds and pests.

**The Financial Benefits of Bumper Crops.** Bumper crops can provide significant financial benefits for farmers. These benefits include increased crop yields, lower costs of production, and higher prices for the crop. The financial benefits of bumper crops can be significant, and they can help farmers achieve a higher level of profitability.
Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

**District 1**
Mrs. Byron Slay, Chairman

Barrie County. A pathetic death and murder of the Barrie County Farm Bureau woman of the year was present at the annual meeting. June who was killed and the murderer has been identified.

**District 3**
Mrs. Walter Wood, Chairman

Wesney County. Women's program for the year opened on January 19th. The meeting was held in order to establish a pattern to the Farm Bureau's program for the year. The women's program was presented by Mrs. Paul Smith and was well received.

**District 7**
Mrs. Dale Brand, Chairman

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STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL, of Women's Committees of Michigan Farm Bureau, at a program meeting in Lansing. Lathas to: Mrs. Joseph Nye of Clare, Mrs. Walter Wolfe of Chelsea; Mrs. H. M. Misses, Marsh of East Jordan; Mrs. Ann Reckel, Chelsea; Mrs. Margaret Kishler of Kimsford; Mrs. Caroline Boll of Althea, and, was vice-chairmen, Mrs. Ernest Miller of Traverse City, Mrs. Dale Bent of Bay Port, Mrs. Robert Weigand of Owosso, State coordinator, Mrs. Marjorie Kreke, of Lansing, A. M. G. Williams of South Street, Mrs. Elma Weygand of Althea.

**REGIONAL REPORTS**

**Menominee county**

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**Osceola and Mecosta county**

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**Presque Isle county**

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**CROPP LAND TAKEN FOR OTHER USE**

A large number of acres of land are being taken for other use. The number of acres being taken for other use is not available. However, it is estimated that the number of acres being taken for other use is not more than 500.

**CASSIL'S CRICKET COCKROACHES**

Two species of cricket cockroaches are commonly found in the United States. They are the American cricket cockroach and the European cricket cockroach. The American cricket cockroach is found in the northeastern United States and the European cricket cockroach is found in the southeastern United States.

**COLORS IN ROSES**

The colors in roses are determined by the presence of different pigments. The three main colors in roses are red, pink, and white. Red roses are the most popular and are often associated with love and passion.

**WHAT IS SURGICAL NURSING?**

Surgical nursing is a specialized area of nursing that focuses on providing care to patients undergoing surgical procedures. In the operating room, the surgical nurse plays a crucial role in ensuring patient safety and comfort. The nurse is responsible for preparing the patient for surgery, ensuring that all necessary equipment and medications are available, and assisting the surgical team during the operation.

Surgical nurses must have a strong understanding of surgical techniques and be able to anticipate the needs of the surgical team. They must also be able to maintain a calm and focused demeanor in high-pressure situations.

Surgical nurses are often the first point of contact for patients undergoing surgery. They provide emotional support and answer questions, helping to alleviate patient anxiety and decrease stress.

Surgical nurses must be proficient in a wide range of skills, including suturing, intravenous injections, and monitoring vital signs. They must also be able to work well with a multidisciplinary team, coordinating care with physicians, anesthesiologists, and other healthcare professionals.

In conclusion, surgical nursing is a vital and essential role in the healthcare system. Surgical nurses play a critical role in ensuring the safety, comfort, and recovery of surgical patients. Their expertise and dedication serve as a testament to the importance of nursing in providing high-quality care to patients.
Legislature Gets Bills that Interest Farmers

Some Supported By Farm Bureau

STANLEY M. POWELL
Legistlature Report for Farm Bureau

About 200 bills have been introduced in the legislature during the session which convened at Lansing, January 15. Twenty-seven of these bills had been fixed February 8 as the last day for introducing all bills, except tax and appropriation measures. They have established a series of 10-15-day periods, ending March 9 for the final adjournment of the current session on April 6.

Bills of special interest to farm families have already been introduced and many more bills are being discussed informally by lawmakers who may get their ideas into final form and introduced before the February 8 deadline.

The Governor's main message was delivered personally to a joint session of the Senate and House January 12. It featured such matters as automation, electronics, solar-energy, machine tools, and the problems arising from the resultant displacement in industrial employment.

A couple of weeks later, the Governor submitted his budget recommendations. These totaled $339,400,000, an increase of $31,500,000 over appropriations for this year. The Governor stated that this would be a balanced budget. He predicted a yield of $315,000,000 from present tax sources and stated that this would be a balanced budget. He predicted a yield of $315,000,000 from present tax sources and stated that this would be a balanced budget.

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FARM BUREAU SERVICES, INC. FEED DEPT.
Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for February

Background Material for Program in February by our 1507 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

DORAN D. KIRBY
Coordinator of Discussion and Record, MFA

Did you happen to see the television program "Citizen Dave Douglas"? It was shown all over the United States in the summer of 1955.

The film was produced, and the television time was paid for by the National Tax Equality Association—composed of some business men and consumer groups—organization that for many years has fought to destroy the farmer cooperatives in this country. The program centers around the consumer cooperatives in the rural areas. They want the rich returns that would come if competition from cooperatives were removed.

The methods used in the film followed all the tricks of the consumer cooperative propaganda used by the major business organizations. There was a fabric of distortion and twisted meanings. Just like all former attacks, it fed the public to think that farmer cooperatives do not pay taxes.

Let us not be fooled. Cooperatives do pay every form of tax that is paid by other corporations, including income tax when they pay it. The income tax is not paid by the business, but by the members, who pay it as dividends to another business, their cooperatives.

Farmers should know the facts about their cooperative forms of business. They should be in a position to make up their minds about joining these business cooperatives effectively. So let's look at some of the facts.

Farmer cooperatives are as American as baseball and apple pie. For generations farmers have been using their efforts to improve their lot in the home community. They worked together to build roads, homes, churches, schools, and other necessary facilities.

They have continued to plant and harvest crops. The first farmers united to fight against unfair competition to get a better deal for their products. They worked together to build roads, homes, churches, schools, and other necessary facilities.

The American Association of Cooperative Dining Rooms (AACDR) has prepared a document that gives the facts about our cooperative organizations. It is called "The Facts about Cooperative Dining Rooms." It goes into detail about the cooperative business enterprise, what it is, how it operates, and the advantages it offers. It is available to members and non-members.

Questions

1. Why do you think farmer cooperatives are so successful? What do they offer that the other business enterprises don't?

2. How do they operate? What are they? What do they do? What is their history and development?

3. What taxes do your local cooperative organizations pay? How are these taxes paid for? Do they pay taxes in the form of dividends or refunds?

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5. What is the farmer's responsibility as a citizen to his cooperative business enterprises?

Greek Dairy Cattle Need Artifical Plan

Since 1949 Greece has been in a virtual slavery to Turkey for over 100 years. Greece has lost over 80% of its land to Turkey. The Greek people have paid for this with their lives.

The Greek dairy cattle need artificial aids in order to produce more milk. The Greek people have been fighting for their freedom for over 100 years. They have lost almost all of their land to Turkey. Greece needs help to produce more milk.

This is a very interesting problem for those who are interested in agricultural development. The Greek dairy cattle need artificial aids in order to produce more milk.

"Insurance provides peace of mind.

The two farmers have Farm Bureau financial liability and auto insurance and Robert has Farm Bureau life insurance on himself and his two children.

SPECIAL NOTICE to Owners of

Cockshutt and Co-op Machinery

In the past Farm Bureau Services has carried a large stock of repair parts for the Lansing Warehouse. Also many of the parts which were stocked in the State parts room are being sold by Geesey & Williams of the Rossington & Coop.

Any orders will be filled through the Farm Bureau Services at the Lansing Warehouse and complete parts will be shipped to the nearest parts room or directly to the farmer.

Some dealers rely on the Lansing Warehouse for parts and others have their own parts rooms.

Program for Coming Season

The Sales Record of repair parts in the Lansing Warehouse and a list of all parts sold in the State parts room are now being compiled.

Many of the parts which were stocked in the State parts room are being sold by Geesey & Williams of the Rossington & Coop.

If you have any questions or need parts, please contact your local Farm Bureau Services representative.

FARM BUREAU SERVICES, INC.

FARMER Cooperatives Fighting for Survival

It was established a non-business was ever established. A business was not.

Farm Bureau Winners at Mid-Meeting

Mid-West Annual Meeting Feb. 23-24

West Great Community Farm Bureau placed first in Onondaga county in 1958. The Backyard Beaches Award was conferred by George E. Williams of the "Second Beach" and Mrs. George Williams of Bayville Beaches.

John Haga receives the first prize award for West Grand Community Farm Bureau in Osceola county in the 1958 West Michigan Farm Bureau Awards by Robert R. Atwood of Onekama.

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