**Word from the Farm**

"Farmers talked mostly about one subject: the price problem," TIME reported Dec. 26, in its report of what 5,000 farmers said and did at the 37th annual meeting of the Chicago office of the Farm Bureau Federation of 1,631 farm families.

TIME quoted Verland McLeod, who raises hogs, cattle, corn, wheat and oats on 390 acres near Chemung, Iowa, as saying:

"My income is down 25% to 30% from last year and the weather could be worse with 70% of the crop still in the field. But farmers have to keep in mind that prices can change overnight."

The Farm Bureau urged Congress to enact a soil fertility bank program to replace some of the acreage of cotton, cotton, etc., with soil building crops. It intimated that Congress should believe that payments for under planting should be in crops now owned by the farmers. It also stated that price, by reducing the surplus, should be paid for the yield lost through underplanting by:eqcificing them to enable farmers to grow crops at greatly reduced prices.

**Services Warehouse Burns; Loss Covered by Insurance**

"We Write to Mr. Benson"

In November while making a speech at Clerve-

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weekend, the Farm Bureau invited the public to write him about the farm situation. He has been getting about 500 letters a day from farmers and city people.

Two suggestions occur most frequently. A major-

"The farm and its contents were a complete loss, and may be worth $500,000.

Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company was not carrying any of the insurance risks on the warehouse. It is the policy of the Farm Bureau not to carry the insurance on its own buildings.

Insurance coverage was complete in every respect. The policies provide for complete replacement of the building even though the cost of construction may be greater than when the building was erected in 1949.

The Farm Bureau News service main warehouse at the Farm Bureau Center at 1616 west of Lansing burned Friday, December 9.

The building and its contents were a complete loss, which was in the neighborhood of $500,000.

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**Well on Way to 70,495 Membership**

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Community Farm Bureaus

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Dear Community Farm Bureau Members:

Several times we have discussed the possibilities of a community group making some program. This month we are giving you a suggestion for such a group. These possibilities are not limited to one community. They can be expanded to serve several communities.

On September 28, the Macomb County Farm Bureau held an organization meeting of the group. From this we were able to make suggestions to other bureaus on how to proceed. The meeting was attended by 23 persons.

Mr. C. L. Brody, Executive Vice-President of the Michigan Farm Bureau, gave a talk on the value of farm organizations. Mr. Brody is the founder of the Michigan Farm Bureau and has been its active leader for many years. He has been instrumental in the growth of the organization and its activities.

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How is Your Electrical Wiring?

A recent survey of homes in the United States revealed that 40% of all homes have faulty wiring. This is a serious problem because faulty wiring can cause fires and electrical shocks.

To ensure that your home has safe wiring, follow these steps:

1. Check all electrical outlets and switches to make sure they are working correctly.
2. Check all light fixtures and lamps to ensure they are functioning properly.
3. Check all appliances to ensure they are properly grounded.
4. Check all fuses and circuit breakers to ensure they are properly sized.

By following these steps, you can ensure that your home has safe and reliable electrical wiring.

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Classified ads

Classified advertising is a way for people to buy or sell goods and services. The classified section of a newspaper or online classified site allows people to place ads for items they want to sell or services they want to offer.

The classified ads section is typically divided into different categories such as automotive, real estate, jobs, and services. People can browse these categories to find items they are interested in or services they need.

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Should Trade with Other Nations be Easier?

Is Our Price for Protection High?


Perhaps you may consider those of us in the photographic business as unusual. Yet there are many similarities.

First of all, farming is essential to our national defense, as is the case with many foreign nations. In the United States, we have 12 million farms, 90 per cent of which are family operated. America is the world's largest producer of food, and to a large extent, America's food supplies are obtained from foreign countries.

At the end of the war there was a long pent-up consumer demand for our products. Yet we, too, were faced with the problem of adjusting from a wartime to a peacetime economy.

Second, like the farmer, we have severe competition from both domestic and foreign. In the photographic business, we are up against several companies with such aggressive and efficient companies as Eastman Kodak, Argus, Revere and many others.

In addition, we are in direct competition with photographic manufacturers all over the world, our greatest competition coming from Japan, Germany, England, Switzerland, Austria and Belgium.

Germany alone sells the United States 150 different brands of still cameras. Imports to the United States last year of cameras in coffee (under $50) were twice our domestic production.

These same countries export huge quantities of photographic lenses to the United States. A total of 82,424,000 lenses was imported in 1949. By 1953 the figure had risen to 205,000,38 per cent of them coming from Japan.

The photography industry is also, at present, suffering from severe trade barriers against foreign-made cameras. German workers who are put out of work are a constant reminder to us of what workers in our own country may suffer if we do not act.

The average average income of the photographic industry is better than any other industry. Yet the bit of statistical information the average American possesses about his own industry is so often the result of government statistics that it is rendered ineffective in stimulating interest.

The problem of the protected industry is seldom a matter of wider implications of a policy. It is important factors. First of all, a protected industry is bet-

With the rapidly expanding needs of the photographic industry is the increasing need for cheaper cameras and more sophisticated equipment.

For many years the photographic industry has been protected with duties and quotas. For example, Japan has had a quota on its exports of cameras for 25 years. In 1952 we imposed a 30 per cent duty on Japanese cameras.

However, the photographic industry has been using its power. What has happened to the Japanese since the war? They have doubled their production of cameras, and are now producing a camera with a wholesale price of $40. In 1952 the price of a comparable camera in the United States was $90. They have doubled their production of cameras, and are now producing a camera with a wholesale price of $40. In 1952 the price of a comparable camera in the United States was $90. It is not an isolated instance. There is a trend in the photographic industry to bet-

For our own part, to refuse to buy from us unless we buy from them, is not in the standard of living of millions of agriculturists? Or, if he buys crops you raise. But they cannot forbidden to buy imports because their present buying power is much smaller than it was because they are in a protected industry. And the increasing need for cheaper cameras, is going to cause a rapid growth in the photographic industry. As the industry grows, the need for this protection is going to be less and less.

It is often said that free trade is desirable in theory. In practice, it has been shown that we have no other alternative but to buy imports in many cases. We have been very fortunate in the photographic industry in that we have been able to grow in spite of the protection we have enjoyed.

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See Your Farm Bureau Fertilizer Dealer!

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Howard Corbus, chairman of the MM Farm Bureau, met at a historic site near Copenhagen. Her native home is boat building country and is by air. The meeting was voted to give $25 to the Arena. A ten dollar gift pack was put back to grass as government policy.

Germantown, Wis. Jane Speirs, head of West- ern Mich. State University's Home Economics Department, was elected to the American Home Economics Association's House of Delegates. She has been named to the Board of Directors of the National Farm Bureau Women's Council.

After the war the family lived for two years in London and then moved to the United Kingdom. They later moved to Yokohama, where Mrs. Corbus was appointed Director of the Vocational School. In 1961, they returned to the United States.

The next day, Mrs. Corbus and her husband came to New York City and attended the meeting of the Farm Bureau Women's Council.

Betty Wester, a vocal soloist, was introduced to the audience as a guest speaker. She sang several songs and captivated the audience with her beautiful voice.

The next day, Mrs. Corbus and her husband stayed in the hotel and enjoyed a potluck dinner at noon.

The meeting was opened with a welcome speech given by the President of the Michigan Farm Bureau. He gave a very interesting talk on the history of the organization and its achievements.

By the end of the day, the meeting was concluded and all the attendees were satisfied with the presentations and discussions.

Throughout the conference, the attendees had the opportunity to network and exchange ideas with other leaders in the agriculture and rural development field.

The meeting was a successful event and a great opportunity to learn about the latest trends and developments in the agriculture sector.
**Resolutions on Michigan Farm Bureau Affairs**

**What We Expect Of Ourselves**

These are the resolutions on "Our Farm Bureau" adopted by the 30th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau held at the Michigan State University, Nov. 10th-11th, 1955. The meeting was attended by 1,072 delegates from 80 counties of the State. The resolutions were adopted by a majority vote.

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**Newaygo DHIA Group Was First in 1905**

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**Seven Steps To Higher Farm Income**

Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, listed seven steps toward increasing farm income at his annual conference in Washington, December 13. He called for increased public-spiritedness in the agricultural production process to bring about an increased consumption of agricultural products.

1. Increased marketing by farmers to increase the demand for their products.
2. Effective use of advertising and marketing techniques.
3. Increased cooperation in the marketing of agricultural products.
4. Increased public-spiritedness in the agricultural production process.
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Farmers Look at the Guaranteed Annual Wage

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for January

Background Material for Program in December by our 1406 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

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January 1, 1962

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

Many farmers and others have been discussing the Guaranteed Annual Wage - a new idea that has been gaining favor with large numbers of people. The fullest promise it would demand is that industry pay a single guaranteed annual wage of $1,000 to every worker, regardless of whether he works one hour or 40 hours a week. It would not be his basic wage, but a wage for the year, not for the week or for the month.

The guaranteed annual wage idea is based on Parity of Income, or a simple idea that was first put forward by Brundage. It is the direct result of a study of labor. The guaranteed annual wage does not fit the standard two-wire system. It would mean the merging of the two-wire system with other parts of the economy. Such a change would bring many advantages and would help solve many of the problems of the working class.

A guaranteed annual wage would allow every worker to have the same income regardless of whether he works one hour or 40 hours a week. The guaranteed annual wage is not a new idea. It has been discussed by many people for many years. The guaranteed annual wage is an important idea that has been gaining favor with large numbers of people.

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The Guaranteed Annual Wage

The guaranteed annual wage is actually inflationary. Any program that tends toward inflation, Daley Wilson Farm Bureau, noted a few weeks ago, is not designed to raise the living standard. The guaranteed annual wage raises the value of savings, and the purchasing power of savings raised the value of income. It raises the value of savings, and the purchasing power of savings raised the value of income.

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