# Farm Bureau Ideas Going Well in Legislature

### EDITORIAL

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### Going Both Ways at the Same Time

"You can't travel in opposite directions at the same time," said Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson to the Senate and House Committees on Agriculture at hearings in February.

He was saying that the nation cannot get anywhere by enacting a soil bank to reduce farm surpluses, and at the same time return to the surplus producing program of 90% of parity price supports for wheat, cotton, corn and other crops.

Nevertheless, the Senate expects to vote early in March on Senate Bill 3183 which does those things. The Senate Committee on Agriculture is controlled by Senators favoring rigid supports at 90% of parity. By a vote of 8 to 7 they wrote a return to 90% of parity into farm legislation recommended by President Eisenhower.

Senator Knowland of California expects a coalition of Republicans and Democrats to offer an amendment in the Senate to strike out the provisions of the bill restoring 90% parity. This would keep the flexible price support program in force.

Should the Senate committee's farm bill be adopted with 90% of parity supports, the next decision is up to the President since the House voted a return to 90% of parity last year.

Statements from the White House indicate that President Eisenhower does not approve the 90% of parity provisions written into the administration

At Peoria, Illinois on February 27 some 11,000 members of the Farm Bureau exploded their displeasure over the Senate bill. President Otto Steffey described it as a measure that "will only dig us deeper into the hole."

At Washington the Farm Bureau is bringing before Congress the Farm Bureau recommendations for reducing farm surpluses and improving farm income. They include: (1) Expansion of markets (2) Continuation of flexible price supports (3) Require farmers to reduce acres in soil depleting crops to qualify for price supports (4) Soil fertility bank program with payments in kind to farmers from government owned surplus (5) Prohibit harvesting or grazing of land in soil bank (6) Stay with modern parity formula.

### Michigan Farm Bureau Re-Elects Officers

The board of directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau organized at its meeting at Lansing February 1 by re-electing President Ward G. Hodge and Vice-President Blaque Knirk. The board re-appointed J. F. Yaeger as executive secretary and treasurer and Clark L. Brody as executive vice-president in charge of public affairs. The new board elected at the 36th annual meeting of the MFB November 10-11 voted to elect its officers at the February meeting. We present:



WARD HODGE, President, of BLAQUE KNIRK, Vice-Presi-Snover, Sanilac county. Mr. dent, of Quincy, Branch county. Hodge is a dairy farmer with a Mr. Knirk is engaged in livestock herd of Ayrshires. He farms 400 and general farming on 372 acres. acres with wheat and beans as Director of MFB for seven years major crops. Director of MFB for and a director of all Farm Bueight years and a director of all reau companies. President of Farm Bureau companies. Mr. Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Hodge has been a member of Co. He has been a member of



Farm Bureau for 17 years.

igan Farmer for 37 years and of **Burt Wermuth** Burt Wermuth, 76, of Holly, a the Michigan State Grange Patleader in Michigan agriculture ron for the past 9 years. Mrs. carbon dioxide. The Oscar May- mane measure food animals be for more than 50 years, died Feb. Wermuth, his son and two daugher of the Micheles of the Mich

### Services Calls \$165,000 in Patronage Stock



ROBERT KOENIGSHOF. (left) deemed FBS patronage dividend | Buchanan's patronage stock | During March Farm Bureau nanager of Buchanan Co-ops, stock issued in 1943 to distribute dividends from Farm Bureau Services will pay \$165,000 to nc., is receiving from Keith FBS savings for 1942 to patrons. Services since 1943 total \$39,360. farm Tanner, manager of operations Maynard Brownlee, manager of This is patronage savings on patrons in exchange for FBS for Farm Bureau Services, Inc., a FBS farm supply division, enjoys Farm Bureau supplies purchased patronage dividend stock issued

# Launch "Three or More Clubs" For Member Goal of 70,000

### Services Calls \$165,000 in Patron Stock

Farm Bureau Services, Inc., of paid to the owners in cash.

These securities bear a due date of July 1, 1959, and were given to stockholder members and dealers based on their purchases of 1942 business year.

While their redemption at this time is three years ahead of Michigan Farm News. schedule, it is in keeping with company policy of maintaining the ownership with current users of the services offered.

According to the by-raws of Farm Bureau Services, the margins or savings effected each year belong to the common stockholder patrons on a patronage The patronage stock is for retirement on a fifteen year otation plan.

Beginning March 5 commodity epresentatives of Farm Bureau Services will be meeting with the management and boards of directors of farmer co-operatives and dealer associations who are the holders of most of this dividend

In addition to giving them their checks for the 1943 stock securities, they will discuss schedules for the retirement of FBS's patronage dividend securities issued for the succeeding years amounting to nearly \$3,000,000.

The majority of Farm Bureau Services' working capital comes from patronage dividends retained in the business through the issuance of securities to patrons and members. In addition local farm co-operatives, dealer associations and individual farmers have invested more than \$3,000,-000 in debentures for the building of two fertilizer manufacturing plants as well as ownership 85, Lenawee 84, Charlevoix 84,

sue makes the fourth recall of Clinton 80. patronage stock on Farm Bureau Services' rotation plan. Patronage dividends for the years 1934 to 1941 inclusive totaled approximately \$400,000.

### Bills Ask Humane

make some animals unconscious | Congresswoman Martha Griffiths before slaughter. The Hormel of Michigan have bills before Company anesthetizes hogs with Congress requiring that as a hu-

Membership of the Michigan Farm Bureau on February 28 was 65,208 families.

This is 93 per cent of the goal of 70,000 family memberships set for 1956. President Ward G. Hodge has invited 1,525 Com-

munity Farm Bureaus to make goal in March by getting three or more members each.

Three or More Club" has been announced by Presment \$165,000 of co-operative patronage dividend stock. This patronage dividend stock. This was a very patronage dividend stock. This was a very patronage dividend stock. This was a very processing plant at the Farm Bureau Services, Inc., because and a \$180,000 seed patronage dividend stock. This was a very processing plant at the Farm Bureau Services, Inc., because of the dispenser must be allowed in the room where the milk is served. This was a very processing plant at the Farm Bureau Services, Inc., because of the dispenser must be allowed in the room where the milk is served. This was a very processing plant at the Farm Bureau Services, Inc., because of the dispenser must be allowed in the room where the milk is served. This was a very processing plant at the Farm Bureau Services, Inc., because of the dispenser must be allowed in the room where the milk is served. This was a very processing plant at the Farm Bureau Services, Inc., because of the dispenser must be allowed in the room where the milk is served. This was a very processing plant at the first processing plant at the farm Bureau Services, Inc., because of the dispenser must be allowed in the room where the part of the person involved consented. patronage dividend stock. This sum, which was issued in this membership effort through new memberships Bureau Center at 4000 North establishments having multiple as Class AAA preferred, will be or renewal of old memberships between February 20 Grand River avenue at Lansing. and March 31.

Secretaries of Community groups will report the names of the new members or renewals to President Farm Bureau supplies during the Hodge. Three or More Club certificates will be sent floor of the old warehouse. to qualifying groups. They will be recognized in the

The memberships may be secured anywhere in the county, as well as in the area of the Community Farm Bureau group.

Michigan Farm Bureau has a good opportunity to be the first state Farm Bureau to make its American Farm Bureau goal in 1956. Nearly 6,000 new members merchandise that have come into sued in this manner is scheduled have been added to our rolls so far this year.

The 1956 goal of 70,000 was set by County Farm Bureaus in 1952 when the membership was 53,335.

112, St. Joseph 107, Branch 106, Van Buren 105, Washtenaw 104, Montmorency 103, Manistee 103, Saginaw 102, Alpena 102, Berrien 102, Iosco 101, Ogemaw 100,

90 To 99%: Calhoun 98, Kalamazoo 97, Huron 97, Genesee 96, Lapeer 96, Sanilac 96, Monroe 95, N. W. Michigan 95, Arenac 94, Gladwin 93, Ingham 92, Presque Isle 91, Ottawa 91, Isabella 91,

88, Ionia 87, Macomb 86, Shiawassee 85, Hillsdale 85, Osceola in other facilities and inventories. Oakland 84, Gratiot 84, Allegan

> 70 To 79%: Emmet 79, Cass 79, St. Clair 78, Mason 77, Antrim 77, Muskegon 76, Montcalm 73, Midland 72, Kalkaska 70. 60 To 69%: Wayne 69, Clare

68, Newaygo 68, Wexford 63.

50 To 59%: Otsego 55%.

Two nationally-known packers Humphrey of Minnesota and

### Farm Bureau Putting Up 2 **New Buildings**

The new warehouse replaces a

space. It should be ready for milk. occupancy about June 1.

Adolph Ecklund, manager of construction for Farm Bureau Services, said the warehouse will include ample space for a nodern retail store for farm supolies. It will have new arrangements for storing and handling built in 1947.

cessing and packing unit connects with the warehouse and will use some of its storage and shipping facilities. The seed plant has a floor space of 40 x 60 feet and is 65 feet high. Construction is steel

Richard Schantz, manager of the Farm Burcau Services seed dep't, said the operation will be highly mechanized to clean, 10,000,000 pounds of field seeds a

Once at the plant, seeds will be and by air suction lift. This will plant. Seed will be piped from one operation to another and finally to storage tanks. At shipping time, seed will be drawn from a storage tank, bagged, and

The Farm Bureau has operated Testimony showed that rapid its field seeds business at 221 progress is being made by grow- North Cedar' Street, Lansing, ers in improving migrant hous- since 1920. The business will be ing. Dr. Leeder reported that moved to the new quarters about

in his opinion, such legislation Granger Brothers, Inc., of Lan-was "premature." Growers pointed out that competition for good tracts. Edmund J. Meles of Lan-

### Midwest FB Ass'n **Elects Ward Hodge**

Ward G. Hodge is the new president of the Midwest States Farm Bureau Presidents and passed H. 103, which would rethis legislation could work on Secretaries Ass'n. He was elected vice-president of the American

# Senate Approves Several Farm Bills

Legislation Would Clarify Milk Dispenser Law; New Drainage Code Enacted; House Bans San Juan Rabbits

STANLEY M. POWELL

Legislative Counsel for Michigan Farm Bureau

The Michigan legislature is now in the final weeks of the 1956 session. With April 6 established as the date for adjournment, tremendous pressure is developing in the legislative chambers, committee rooms, and corri-

February 29 was the final date for reporting from committee in the house of origin, all bills except tax and appropriation measures. This deadline brought automatic death to scores of bills. On the whole, this was probably a blessing, as the state and its citizens will undoubtedly be better off that the majority of this batch of bills expired rather than found their way into the state's statute books.

February 29, the Legislative Committee of the Michigan Farm Bureau studied quite a list of pending measures regarding which the state organization did not have a definite position. They reached various conclusions which were reported to the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors on March 1, for consideration and action to establish the Farm Bureau position regarding these meas-

As is always the case, the legislators have left decision on budget bills and the controversial state aid for schools formula until the closing days of the session.

Milk Dispenser. A number of bills supported by the Michigan Farm Bureau have been making substantial and encouraging progress. S. 1111, amending the law which we promoted two years ago, to legalize use of bulk milk dispensers in Michigan, has received approval in the Senate. It was passed in the form recommended by the Farm Bureau.

establishments having multiple dining rooms.

The bill also left out the so- practice of veterinary medicine. 200 x 240 ft., one story steel and called "72 hour provision," which concrete building that was required that the milk must be destroyed by fire December 9. It used within that period of time s being built on foundations and after being pasteurized. There is no such limit on bottled milk, The new building will provide which frequently is not as well about an acre of warehouse refrigerated as is the dispenser

> In accordance with our recommendation, the language specifying an 8 cunce serving from dispensers, was retained. The bill, as introduced, had proposed dropping this provision.

use since the old warehouse was S. 1070, which would eliminate stiffen the penalties for those the present dual control of the selling obscene literature. Mr. Ecklund said the seed pro- Michigan State Fair and its property. This measure has been quite controversial in recent years, but has now received the unanimous support of the Sena-

major measures enacted during would control roadside hunting. the current session was H. 3, the new drainage code. This places all of the drainage laws of the process, store, and bag up to state in one unified statute and eliminates the conflicts and confusion which have grown up in this field during the past several ed H. 68, which would permit handled mechanically in bulk years. The Michigan Farm Bureau has been actively promoting this drainage recodification which would permit Boards of for the past two or three years.

> Flashers. Another bill which has been approved by both the House and Senate and which was supported by the Farm Bureau mittee on Roads and Bridges has was H. 33. This adds to the ve- reported favorably, H. 255, which hicles that are permitted to have would permit a farmer or memsirens and flashers, the privately owned cars of volunteer and paid equipped with farm commercial firemen. They would be entitled license plates for passenger car to use this emergency equipment purposes. This was recommended only when going to fires.

Rabbits. The House has approved and sent to the Senate, H. 97, which would ban the importation and release of San Juan rabbits which have proved very destructive wherever they have established themselves.

Seed Grain. The House also quire coloring of seed grain

Intoxication. The Senate has Farm Bureau Services, Inc., ment that the dispenser must be allow a chemical test of intoxica-

> Veterinary. The Senate also approved S. 1015, to regulate the

> Trucks. Senate passed and sent to the House, S. 1069, which will allow the continuance of the present 55 ft. length limit for motor vehicle combinations.

Insurance. The House has approved H. I, which would provide a new insurance code to replace the present miscellaneous statutes in this field.

Delinquency. The House has approved H. 10, H. 11, and H. 12, a series of three bills to deal State Fair. Another of the bills more effectively with the sex approved by the Senate, with deviate problem. The House also Farm Bureau support, was approved H. 34, which would

> Hunting. The House has adopted H. 53, which would permit hunting black squirrels, except in Cheboygan, Ciare, and Isabella

Another bill approved by the Damage Code. One of the first Representatives was H. 89, which

> adopted H. 30, which provides for the qualifications and examination of school bus drivers.

Taxation. The House also pass-Boards of Supervisors to employ independent appraisers and H. 77 Supervisors to hire assistance to survey assessments and to aid in

equalization. Farm Trucks. The House Combers of his family to use a vehicle by the Farm Bureau delegates at the state convention last Novem-

All of the measures in the above list were supported by the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Among the bills opposed by the Michigan Farm Bureau, and which are now dead for the cur-

Oleo. H. 73 and H. 142, which which had been treated with would have liberalized rather Dairy Ass'n of Michigan at the toxic materials. These last two drastically, Michigan's laws rela-There is a place at the top for recent annual meeting. Mr. measures were among those re- tive to packaging, merchandising,

### Slaughter Methods

# This is how the County Farm Bureaus stand today in relation to their membership goals for Migrant Labor Over 100% of Goal: Livingston 127, Cheboygan 123, Bay 113, Benzie 116, Tuscola 113, Alcona

DAN E. REED

After hearing testimony by growers, Farm Bureau representatives, and Dr. Fred S. Leeder of the Michigan Department of Health, the House Labor Committee of the Legislature voted not to report out a measure which would establish, by law, specific requirements for housing of seasonal agricultural 80 To 89%: Barry 89, Jackson Workers. The bill is dead.

The retirement of the 1943 is- 83, Kent 82, Oceana 81, Eaton 80, progress was amazing and that June 1. help is bringing improvements sing is the architect. in housing and working condi-

> The Farm Bureau pointed to resolutions on seasonal labor housing adopted at the 1954 and 1955 MFB annual meetings, and called attention to the hardships small, family farm operations.

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### Community Farm Bureaus

CLARE L. McGHAN Coordinator of Community Farm Bureau for MFB

Dear Community Farm Bureau Leaders:

At the present time there are a lot of new Community Groups being formed. We wish to welcome all of you into the Farm Bureau family. We hope that you get a lot of pleasure and satisfaction from your affiliation with your group.

Did your group help to organize another group in February? If you didn't, will you this month? This can be a very good project

A Community Farm Bureau group project is very important.

Because you are organized as at Community Farm Bureau you Michigan will have its goal of have a fine opportunity to work 70,000. together as neighbors on matters that will bring better living to your community.

Alert groups will set up procommunity betterment.

The work we do may bring improvements to your schools, our churches, our roads. It may be that we seek to bring more beauty to our countryside. It your group's name listed in this may be that we work for safety improvements on our roads and farms and in our homes.

other neighbors who have met own. Almost every community a blood donor team. Volunteers group. are needed for many programs of worth. Whatever we do, the place to live, because our group has been a part of it.

Your group officers have remore Farm Bureau members, we all want it to be.

Name Brody to

role Association.

Probation Council

bership of 30,000 citizens and of-

juvenile and adult offenders.

president of the Michigan Farm lished to aid in the work.

tion and Parole Ass'n has a mem- type of imprisonment.

ficials. It fights crime by its ser- OLD STANDBYS BEST

for a Community group.

ber we have as members. There 3. grams that will result in real are still about 25,000 farmers in Michigan who are not members. Less than 5,000 members are needed.

This job can be done, will your group do their share? Let's see paper next month as having accomplished your goal. Who will be first? You need not add these new members to your group. It may be that we help out Help them form a group of their with misfortune, or we may form in the state has room for another secretary.

Community should be a better part in Farm Bureau. "Those vieve Muxlow, secretary. who share care." Another saying we used to hear is that "A working horse can't kick."

Maybe if we enlisted more peoceived information about the "3 ple to work in Farm Bureau M. Brillhart, secretary. or more Club." If every Com- there would be less "kicking." munity group in the state will be Only by pulling together will Hillsdale county. Reading Com-

The counties leading in the organization of new groups are as This goal is very important be- follows: Menominee 14, Van Bucause the strength of Farm Bu- ren 7, Delta 6, Macomb 4 and reau is determined by the num- Calhoun, Emmet and Iosco with

> So far this year there have been 66 new groups organized in Near \$60,000,000 the state making a total of 1525 groups. This is very good. We who have made this growth possible. How many groups will Farm Bureau. we have by next month?

### SILVER STAR AWARD

### of offenders to society as respon- DeRuiter Elected sible citizens. Michigan is one of the first five states where Citi- Life President

was elected president, and Albert Bureau, has been appointed to Judge Irving Ben Cooper of Shellenbarger of Lake Odessa the Michigan Citizens Council of New York told the Michigan was elected vice-president of the the National Probation and Pa- Council Feb. 7 that delinquents Farm Bureau Life Insurance who enter court for the first Company at the 5th annual meet-Serving with Mr. Brody are 15 time can generally be made into ing of stockholders at Lansing

The 48-year-old Nat'l Proba- against \$2,500 a year for any Hood of Paw Paw, and Allen Rush of Lake Orion.

vices to promote rehabilitation of Merion bluegrass, Kentucky as executive secretary and gen-The Ford Foundation has grasses are still best for Mich-

blue, the red fescues and bent- eral manager. The directors voted to continue granted the Ass'n \$600,000 for a igan lawns. A lawn you can plant the present dividend rate of 5%

# Clark L. Brody, executive vice- zens Councils are being estab-

other men appointed by Charles
E. Wilson, chairman of the national organization.

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In the call generatly useful citizens under proper probation proper probation and proper probation are service costs about \$300 a year as a punckel of Williamston, Max

retary-treasurer and reappointed

program by laymen, lawyers and and forget is still just a dream in on all policies over two years

### GOLD STAR AWARD Alpena county, Leer Community Group, Mrs. Alma M. Wong, Lapeer county, Montgomery

Enlist every farmer to take Community Group, Mrs. Gene-

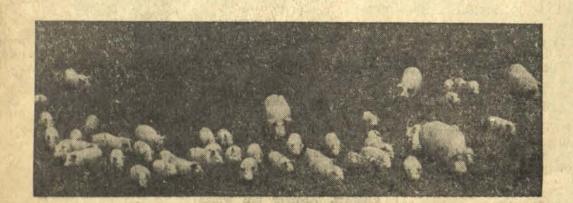
Kent county, East Belt Line Community Group, Mrs. Ellen

Ren A. DeRuiter of McBain

J. F. Yaeger was re-elected sec-

judges to strengthen all facilities Michigan, say MSU turf specia- old, plus an additional dividend

### for the more effective restoration lists. of 5% on charter policies. You...too can have a field of Alfalfa equal to this one ...



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### House Plants

Marthy's kitchen has a window and the window has a shelf. Not so pretty, but substantial, I contrived it there myself. And the mild south sun that enters on these chilly wintry days

Lights a fine array of violets with his weak and watery rays.

As to number, maybe twenty; as to names, I do not know, But I take sound satisfaction in my Marthy's violet show.

They are thrifty. They are happy. They are gay with vigorous bloom.

Their exuberant effulgence sorta permeates the room. They are white and pink and purple. They are lavender and blue.

There are "boys" and "girls" among them, and the boys are lovely, too. If I seem enthusiastic in describing this display

That impression is precisely what I'm seeking to convey. My Aunt Polly went for house plants, too, when I was

I have never seen the equal of the fuchsia plant she had. She was blessed, the same as Marthy, with the greenest

kind of thumb. And that tender gardening know-how, as the seasons

go and come. In two different generations they pursued quite similar goals,

And I trust they'll meet in Heaven as two blessed gardener souls.

House plants flowering in cold weather almost bring warm weather back. They present a summery something that belies the almanac.

I like them plain or fancy, if singly or in lots, In neatly painted old tin cans or pastel plastic pots. I like them all sincerely and I hold it no disgrace. Blooming violets, in winter, touch me in a tender place.

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

### Life Insurance

(Continued from Page 5) service in this respect is far want to say thanks to all of you above just "selling". Financially bers also of the Farm Bureau secure members mean a strong Board are able to correlate the

In helping members plan their personal service but he is also bers.

adding to the growth and stability of Farm Bureau, Backing up the agents is a hard working staff of experts and a farmer Board of Directors who as mempurposes of the organizatin.

1955 has been a year of healthy financial security the agent is growth, on a sound basis and not only providing a valuable with improved service to mem-

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lets, we are agents for Northco ven-tilation system, laying cages, and the Hawkins S. G. floor with which you can double the capacity of your pres-ent laying house. Don't miss this! Dirkse Leghorn Farm, Zeeland, Michi-gan. Phone 3691. (2-3t-117h)

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REGISTERED, virus-free straw-berry plants: Blakemore, Dunlop, Tennessean, \$6.00 per thousand; Aroma, Belmar, Premier, Robinson, Tennessee Beauty, \$7.00 per thousand. Certifled everbearers — Superfection, Streamliner, \$14.00. Each variety \$2.00 per hundred, Eugene Smith, Coltewin R-1, Tennessee. (3-2t-16p) FLOWERS

HARDY CHRYSANTHEMUMS-10 corgeous colors, \$1.00, postpald, Bur-nette Gardens, 18, Assumption, Illin-ols. (3-1t 12bFP)

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yearly for hospital care. Three items enter into the rest: (1) actual cost of providing hospital care (2) operating expenses of Blue Cross (3) financial reser-

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force. If costs for hospital care should Feb. 29.

This will raise the monthly REFLECTORS FOR R.R. CARS Representative George Gilles- as executive secretary and genpie of Genesee county has introduced a resolution in the Michigan Legislature commending Congressman Gerald R. Ford, Jr. continued rise in cost per day of for preparing and presenting a flectors on the sides of all rail-

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ance rates are up 15% on a exceed income, then Blue Cross Dale Dunckel of Williamston, petition granted by the State must use reserves to make up Max Hood of Paw Paw, and Al-Commissioner of Insurance after deficits, and eventually the rate len Rush of Lake Orion were elected to the board of directors. J. F. Yaeger was re-elected secretary-treasurer, and reappointed

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Delta and Menominee countries are really in the Farm Bureau act. Legislative committees are appointed and in action. They have held meetings with their minutemen and have set up telephone grids for legislative action.

The Delta legislative commitevening of February 17 in Rapid- River and organized for action. They discussed the Farm legislation situation in Washington and Lansing and wrote many cards on the most important county is composed of the following couples: Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Bender, Jr., of Escanaba, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wick of Cornell

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and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Sundin of Isabella. Mr. Bender is the committee chairman and Mr. Sundin is the committee secretary. Their telephone grid is ready for action.

The Menominee legislative Bertil Gidlof of Stephenson heads following couples: Mr. and Mrs. Bertil Gidlof, Mr. and Mrs. Ed-mund Duca of Daggett and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Donaldson, Jr., of Daggett. At their meeting with February 18, they discussed the latest farm legislative developments and wrote several cards to legislators in Washington and tee and their Minutemen met the Lansing. They also completed would add to production costs their telephone grid.

The community groups are holding their regular monthly meetings. I have attended a few of these meetings and find them most interesting. Our group, the matters. The committee in Delta Boney Falls Community Farm Bureau held its February meeting at our home in Escanaba.

The chairman, Mrs. Muriel pay. Schire, conducted a very good meeting and Clayton Ford the discussion leader did a superb job. He divided us into three many marketings. groups for discussion, giving us each an assignment. Everyone participated and good discussion was enjoyed. After the meeting and the lunch we all enjoyed an Production old fashioned Valentine party. The exchange of Valentines brought back old times and we all had a most enjoyable evening.

### All Volunteers

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# Directors Talk to Washington

the committee composed of the suspend a general increase of 7% 400,000 tons of sugar and open-February 25.

Clark L. Brody, executive vicepresident of the Farm Bureau, the minutemen the evening of said its membership of 65,000 farm families would consider the increase serious in face of declining farm income

The board of directors said it and reduce marketing income. They estimated that it would add \$1 per ton to the cost of 600,000 tons of fertilizer used by Michigan farmers. They estimated the additional transportation cost on grain marketed would be 2 cents per bushel. This would add \$1,000,000 of rail transportation market. costs Michigan farmers would

MFB Favors

Credit Merger

The Michigan Farm Bureau

favors the proposed merger of

the Production Credit Corpor-

ation with the Federal Inter-

mediate Credit Banks, the MFB

board of directors told the

The rate increase would step up the cost of all supplies arriv- urged to resist without coming by rail. It would be felt in promise pressures for govern-

mission in early February to that the present carry-over of in railroad freight rates, effective ing the door to more imports of sugar is troubling Michigan sugar beet growers.

Congress was asked to amend of the domestic market as sugar

consumption increases.

C. L. Brody said that U.S. consumption of sugar rose to 8,383,000 tons in 1955. He said that the Farm Bureau is asking that the first 188,000 tons above 8,350,000 tons be allotted to the domestic market, and that thereafter 55% of the U.S. sugar market be assigned to the domestic sugar producers quota of the

PRICE SUPPORTS. Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Benson, was

board of directors called upon Bureau directors in another state in the production of hogs committee is ready for action. Mr. the Interstate Commerce Comstatement informed Congress and in finishing feeder cattle. We oppose government stimulation of excess production through price supports and subsidies on livestock. Government supports would increase production of pork for 1956 and result in more pending sugar legislation to give market declines next fall. There domestic producers of sugar more | are signs that the decline in hog prices may be ending and that demand will improve market

> SOIL BANK. The Farm Bureau urged Congress to adopt a soil bank plan designed to reduce production of crops in surplus. It favors the use of surpluses now in storage to pay farmers for participating in the soil bank. They would be paid in negotiable certificates valid for the purchase of government stocks of farm commodities at favorable prices. Or the certificates could be sold for cash.

The Farm Bureau directors, ment support of hogs and cattle. representing a membership of program.

The Michigan Farm Bureau | SUGAR BEETS. The Farm | "Michigan is an important | 65,000 farm families, said that a soil bank plan should contain these provisions: 1-Put an acreage of soil de-

pleting crop land in the soil bank as a condition for price supports 2-Allow farmers to voluntarily underplant acreage allotments in return for certificates valid for purchase of government stocks.

3-Encourage farmers to place other lands in soil bank for at least three years in return for negotiable certificates for surplus stocks or other payments.

4-Prohibit harvesting grazing of any soil bank land.

SOCIAL SECURITY. The Michigan Farm Bureau re-emphasized to Congress its opposition to the compulsory coverage of self-employed farm operators in the social security program. It urged that the present law be amended to provide a reasonable time in which a farmer could make his individual decision whether or not as a self-employed farmer he participates in the

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as executive secretary, treasurer and general manager

for 1956. Clark L. Brody was reappointed as executive

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the change will soon be before

stitutions, 2. To facilitate the retirement of government capital invested in such institutions,

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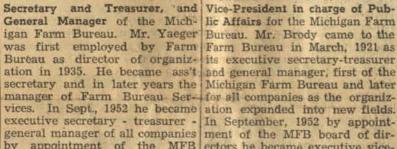
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# Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

District 1

Mrs. Byron Eley, Chairman Constantine R-1

Berrien county: Mrs. James mediately. Wire was in charge of the election of officers at the January

the program, introduced the ly departed, past county chairspeaker, Mrs. Lewis Krell of man. Niles, speaking on "The Need of Schools for Retarded Children". Mrs. Krell, believes these children have been forgotten but are coming into their own. Niles and

ed them they would be allowed Hombaker, building. Only one room is spring. now being used for the retarded children, thus it is very crowded.

St. Joseph County: The officers were hostess for the January Women's Committee meeting. 15 groups were represented. Mrs. Paul Davis, vice-chairman, presented the program for the coming year. It was ready to be submitted to the Board of Direcizenship; Resolutions and Legislative committees. Mrs. Donald Farm Bureau group is being organized in the county.

Reservations for the St. Mary's camp March 6th - 7th are to be sent to Mrs. Charles Knapp, R. 2, Marshall. - Mrs. Gerald Bohm,

District 2

Mrs. Duane Sanford, Chairman Allen R-1

There was a very good attendmeeting held in Hillsdale. Now 1956 programs arranged and have made booklets with a list of the year. These can be of much value to each woman in the coun-

The camp committee for our district met with committees from districts 1 and 5 and planned the annual spring camp. This will be held at St. Mary's Lake near Battle Creek, March 6-7. A very informative and interesting program is in store for those fortunate enough to attend. It

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Branch County: The women meeting. Mrs. John Walters was voted to participate in all the reelected as county chairman; 1956 State Projects. Miss Flor-Mrs. William Anderson, 1st vice- ence Sweet, from the State Home chairman, Mrs. James Wire, 2nd and Training School, spoke on vice-chairman; Mrs. Harold Wid- "Mentally Retarded Children" at dis, secretary; Mrs. Walter Well- a recent meeting. The Health

ington, treasurer, Mrs. William Committee is very active with Anderson and Mrs. Russell File, meetings and reports. The women voted to help with the mobile Mrs. Alma Foster, chairman of blood unit in memory of a recent-

Calhoun County: The women voted to participate in all the 1956 state projects. Four members of the women's committee Buchanan people have helped the school in Niles a great deal.

Buchanan people have helped institute. At a recent meeting, the assistant superintendent of Parents have also helped re- Battle Creek schools enlightened decorating and repairing the two the women on methods used in rooms which they occupied. Re- teaching children to read. Everycently the fire inspector inform- one is happy to know that Mrs. county women's to use only the first floor as the chairman, has been selected to be furnace being located in the a delegate to Washington this

Hillsdale County: The women They are very badly in need of voted to participate in all the a new building. Anything given 1956 state projects. Programs for towards that goal will be greatly the year have been presented and appreciated. More teachers and accepted. The women served other helpers are needed to assist luncheon at the county institute. the children. Mrs. Krell answer- L. Keith Cheney, county superined many questions asked by the tendent of schools, gave an engroup.—Mrs. Harold Widdis, seclightening talk on "Why Our county meeting. Kenneth Wirick, our county Roll Call manager some active work on membership men's Committee for a year. during the following two weeks.

Jackson County: The women received a letter from Council of tors for their approval. Reports Social Agencies about the Health were given by the Safety; Cit- Unit for Jackson county which the women are supporting. Mrs. lative committees. Mrs. Donald Day, county chairman gave an Pierce announced that a Junior inspirational talk on "Farm Bureau and Citizenship" and what they should mean to each person. Programs for the year were presented and adopted.

Lenawee County: 160 members of Lenawee Co. Farm Bureau families enjoyed a co-operative supper recently. After a program of musical numbers, Mr. and Mrs. George Mapstone showed pictures programs and meeting places for Switzerland's lack of labor saving which methods, and Italy's practice of made to the school last year. growing farm produce between rows of fruit trees and common

### District 3

Mrs. Walter Wolfgang, Chairman Chelsea R-2

The operating council of Livon and approved by both Wo-The election in September was conducted under these new rules. group. We assisted the Juniors with their annual chicken barbecue, was held at the Edward Fritch farm on Lake Chemung. October was the month of our in the city: Mrs. Kenneth Allen, a school teacher; Mrs. Robert Zizka, a hardware man's wife; Mrs. Gerald McCloskey, a dentist's wife. Mrs. Floy Devine, Marjorie Karker's mother, was

not only our guest of honor but

| may not be too late for you to get | wrote the greeting I used at the | entertainment.

We're happy, Friend, to meet To clasp your hand and greet you, To say, "Hi, Neighbor!" with a

And chat with you awhile. We hope that through our meeting here

We'll find some new friends, most sincere A better understanding, too,

Of things that puzzle me and you. The way we make our living, Is apt to be a giving

Some notions, not quite based on fact About the way some strangers

over, All rubes don't live in clover.

Don't roll in riches at their feet.

We prepared the annual county Farm Bureau dinner and the uniors helped with serving.

annual dinner of the board of furnishing it with necessities. directors.

At the December Christmas Money was given to Retarded Children's School at Brighton,

At County Institute in January School Taxes are Higher," at a a member of the Women's Committee was asked to serve on each of the County Board Comwas at the last meeting. After his mittees. The program Committalk the women made plans for tee set up a program for the Wo-On Mothers' March of Dimes

this year we collected donations through our Community Groups. We voted to follow through with our State Projects and we are now working on our collec- floor. tion for Pennies for Friendship for Associated Country Women

of the World. We are very proud in Livingreach both State and county membership goals. - Mrs. Henry Roggenkamp, Chairman.

### District 5 Mrs. Harold Nye, Chairman Olivet R-2

Eaton County Farm Bureau of their trip to Europe. Mr. Map- women are off to a good start this stone told of outstanding features year, under the capable leaderance at the last District Council of agricultural regions in the ship of their new county chaircountries visited: England's man, Mrs. Allen Lahr. Their the women are busy getting their hedges, Holland's ditches, flow- group gave games and books to ers, and Holstein cattle, Belgium's the Boys' Vocational School in tertaining Mr. and Mrs. Clark underway. At least two counties similarity to United States, the Lansing as Christmas gifts. This small size of German's farms, action was the result of a visit Port Huron and county Farm Bu-Eaton county women

ship drive dinner was served by the Women's Activity committee to the workers. The eight "high" township workers ate steak and the "low" eight ate beans.

The group is having a safety chairman, Mrs. Chester Coats. ingston County Farm Bureau The women are in two teams, Women's Committee spent a one headed by Mrs. Alfred Almy great deal of time making new and the other by Mrs. R. D.Twitcounty rules. These were voted chell. Original safety slogans will be presented by each group and men's Committee and the Board. the best one will be chosen to become the official slogan of the

At their February meeting the Eaton county women elected Mrs. Clair Dankenbring as their second vice-chairman. This is a Rural-Urban tea. This panel of new office recently voted upon urban ladies told of business life by the group. Regional Representative, Ray DeWitt was the Mrs. Martin Stockmeyer, Chmn. speaker and presented some very interesting facts about Farm Bureau. We should all feel proud to belong to such an organization which has done and is doing so much for the farmers.

> Genesee County Farm Bureau county chairmen. Women met at the home of their chairman, Mrs. Don McLain for their January meeting which began with a potluck dinner.

Their safety chairman, Mrs. Florence Plass had arranged for Restainer gave a safety report State Trooper Galbraith to show a safety movie. This proved very informative as well as most enter-

In February, the Genesee wo- January 10 for a ham dinner with men met at the home of Mr. and their husbands as guests. For Mrs. Leslie Ames, with the hus- entertainment two Phil Rich bands as special guests. The movies "Algona Country" and speaker for this meeting was Dr. Weekiwackee" were shown by Ronald Scott, district veterinar- Mr. Earl Evans of the Midland ian for S. E. Michigan who spoke Daily News staff. A reading on Bangs Disease and Bovine "Chicken Dinner" was given by

All District 5 Farm Bureau women are asked to keep in the state projects. They also sent mind the dates of March 6 and 7 \$5 to the Sister Kenny Polio when Farm Bureau Women's Foundation. Mrs. Pearl Mudd was Camp will be held at St. Mary's appointed Citizenship chairman. Lake with Districts 1 and 2 also The women decided that each able iron-on motifs in combinparticipating. The tentative pro- woman was to discuss questions ations of pink, lavender, green. gram sounds most interesting. Camp chairman is Mrs. Byron Eley from District No. 1; program chairman is Mrs. Howard Corbus, report their findings at their next District No. 1; recreation leader, meeting. Mrs. Fern Brandt, District No. 5 and planist is Mrs. Donald Pierce, Dist. No. 1. Reservations are to Shearer entertained the Women's be made with Mrs. Charles Committee at her home in Dec-Knapp, Dist. No. 2. We are plan-ember. The group decided to send 1st-class mailing. . Send an pleted high school with honors, nursing personnel we see that

District 6

Mrs. M. O. Hitchings, Chairman North Street

Huron. Mrs. Ed Oeschger of Bay Port is the new chairman West Side Huron women. They have been busy studying rural health programs. Should Huron have a county health unit in a tri-county health Program?

Huron women are interested in an intensified "Huron County Crusade for Safety" aimed at reducing the number of traffic accidents.

East Side Huron Women met at the Sebewaing High School for a Christmas Party and exchange of gifts. At a recent meeting, Mrs. Howard Nugent, chairman, You'll find when it's talked showed very interesting pictures of her trip to Europe last sum-

And city slickers dressed up Lapeer, Farm Bureau Women f Lapeer county are always raising money for some worthwhile project.

The Center Building at Lapeer has been one of their biggest in-The ladies also prepared the terests. They are equipping and

They have also kept up their state projects as well as county party we held a silent auction. interests, which includes hospital aid and helping rural youth. Mrs. Emily Dondineau is chair-

> Sanilac County Women's Committee is very busy raising money to equip the new Farm Bureau office in Sandusky.

> At a games party at the new office building February 14th they hoped to raise enough money to purchase draperies. They are grateful to Eldon

> Winters for the preparation of the windows for the new draperies and laying of the new tile Sanilac women have been ac-

tive on panels concerning the safety problems. Mrs. Felker, Mrs. Gough, Mrs. Klewitter, Mrs. ston county to be the first to Cargill and Mrs. McWilliams were among those who assisted on panels.

Our chairman, Mrs. Wesley Mahaffey, has been ill but is herself once again. Her work was done ably by her vice-chairman, Mrs. Williamson.

St. Clair County Women's Committee of Farm Bureau provided gifts at Christmas for the forgotten retarded children.

In January they joined with the county Farm Bureau in en-Brody. The Kiwanis Club of reau worked together to make this day a success.

January 5 the county member- Extension agent in St. Clair When Mr. Brody was County for this wonderful occasion.

Mrs. George Meharg is chairman of St. Clair Women's Com-

Tuscola county Farm Bureau Women have studied Michigan, worked on the Milk for Schools program, Civil Defense, Bookmobile project, and had several travel talks on foreign countries.

They have not neglected their membership drive and have carried on all state projects as well as contributing money to the 4-H Club's trip to Chicago. Mrs. Walter Moderow is chairman.

### District 8 Reese R-1

Arenac County Farm Bureau women had a husband's party for February 21. The ladies who were committee women last year were invited to this party as are past

April has been chosen as 100% attendance month with Mrs. Ernest Heim, state vice-chairman, as guest. At the January meeting the women voted to support all and Mrs. Wanda McTaggart reported on citizenship.

Midland County women met Mrs. Stanley Vinton.

At their February meeting the women voted to go along on all regarding the proposed Tricounty college with her local size. community group. They are to

Gladwin County. Mrs. John wo days of instruction and sant State Home and Training work catalog.

from anyone at Christmas. In January the women planned their program for the coming year.

Isabella County women, too, enjoyed a Christmas party in December with Mrs. Marrel as hostess. In January the women voted to give \$10 to the county polio fund. A committee headed by Mrs. Hugh Swindlehurst was chosen to buy a flag for the Keeler Union Building in Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Walter Chaffin is chairman in this county, Mrs. Dora Larsen is vice-chairman and Mrs. Helen Hartman is secre-

planning a potluck supper for Farm Bureau women and their husbands at their March meeting. The January meeting with Mrs. Florence Shankel, chairman, presiding had a very interesting program: Readings: "Ten Little Autos" by Mrs. Hull, followed by Mrs. Frank Huss with "Line's Busy" which disclosed some of the affairs of those present, Mrs. Green "Thank God for America" Mrs. Cumberworth "When I Get to be Chairman"; Mrs. Morris "The Cow", Mrs. Shankel and Mrs. Hearn sang a duet. Another duet was Mrs. Witter and Mrs. Smith in costume. Mrs. Studor was appointed Citizenship chair-

Saginaw County women enoyed a Christmas party at their December meeting.

Safety chairman.

Mrs. Harold Frahm was hostess January. This meeting was featured by 100% attendance. Reports were given by Mrs. Goodman, legislative chairman; Mrs. Lonsway, citizenship chairman and Mrs. Holly Hubbell, United Nations chairman.

Saginaw ladies voted to support the state projects. A collection of \$12 was turned over to the March of Dimes. The women planned a "white elephant" sale

at their February meeting.

Mrs. Harold Frahm showed slides of the trip she and Mr. Frahm took last summer in western United States and Canada. Mrs. B. H. Baker is chair-

### District 9

Mrs. Ernest Heim, Chairman Traverse City R-4

Wexford county. In November of 1954, the Wexford county Farm Bureau Women's Committee held a Rural-Urban meeting The Urban ladies were the guests of the Farm Bureau women.

Four Farm Bureau ladies who. county in the early years of Farm | with their husbands, operate dif- | need to outline what it is that Bureau he was also a member of ferent types of farms, formed the most people learn within a well Kiwanis Club, hence the reason panel of speakers. Mrs. Marjorie adjusted home. Karker, director of women's Activities of the Michigan Farm Bureau was moderator. Each lady used colored slides taken on her farm to illustrate her talk.

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### Iron-On Motifs





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Send 25 cents (in coins) for each pattern to Michigan Farm vice, P O Box 162, Old Chelsea ning on a capacity crowd for this cards and cookies to the Mt. Plea- additional 25 cents for Needle- had obtained a job as a clerk, but Mary was able to gradually ac- design patterns for the season

# School for Christmas since Mrs. Sam Nash reported that there are 61 boys there who do not hear

MISS EDITH G. MORGAN Associate Professor of Nursing | difficulty in working. University of Michigan

In order to understand Psychiatric nursing, we should first consider the psychiatric hospital and its purpose. The psychiatric hospital, like all hospitals is a place where sick people go for treat-

Within the psychiatric hospital, the entire corps of workers who assist the psychiatrist, for example, the nurse, the social worker, the psychologist, the occupational therapist, the recreational Gratiot County women are therapist and physical therapist have two tasks:

(1) To assist the psychiatrist to diagnose and to more specifically define the problems of the patient and

(2) To contribute to the treatment designed to help the patient become well. Each group has similar and at the same time different tasks to perform.

If we are to gain a clearer perspective of this treatment program, we will see that it includes a sampling of all those activities involved in daily living. These are not only the simple ones within a home setting, but also those away from the home. It is man and Mrs. Cumberworth, through observation of the patient as he interacts with other people during his hospital experience that his problems in living become clearer. These activities, also serve as a medium through for the group at her home in which the patient can be helped to live more effectively.

> Since we are chiefly concerned here with the part of psychiatric nursing in the treatment program, we will try to show you by example in the following paragraphs, the specific activities through which a patient is guided by nursing personnel. Nursing personnel may imply both the psychiatric nurse and the psy-

> The hospital ward to which a patient may be admitted is his home during the time he remains in the hospital. Here is where he will eat, sleep, bathe, dress and learn to live comfortably in a setting which is intended to provide the least amount of stress.

> As part of his treatment, he may also be involved in occupational therapy, recreational therapy, and physical therapy, but always it is to his "home" base (the ward) that he returns.

In order to understand the contribution of nursing personnel to a total plan of therapy, we would

Within most homes, people learn more than how to eat, bathe, dress or clean one's teeth. It is here that the more intangible skills needed in living may be learned such as how to accept responsibility for one's self, how to share with others, how to contribute with others, and

how to accept from others. These skills we learn through within the home such as the preprojects for the improvement of reject him. the home, and involvement in social activities within the home.

during the time when we are others.

nurses, provides for the physical tient's recovery. needs of the patient. However, the major portion of nursing time in psychiatry is spent in ponded best if not overwhelmed guiding the patient toward accepting responsibility, sharing, gradually regained interest in contributing and accepting from others as he eats, sleeps, bathes, and participates in the ward pro-

Many emotionally ill patients need to learn or to relearn some of the necessary skills of living tients. suggested above. If they are to accomplish this, the emotional tone of the ward must be such that the patient will feel free to learn. This type of program takes the time and patience of nursing personnel who are interested enough in other people to want them to learn to help themselves. Such a treatment program is not accomplished singly, but only through the cooperative effort of Pattern 873: Easy-sew pinafore. all of the nursing personnel working together.

The contribution of psychiatric nursing may be more clearly seen through the following ex-

Mary, a 19-year-old girl, was admitted to the hospital because volved in living until she was Farm News, 263, Needlecraft Ser- she was depressed and unable to neither eating nor sleeping proaccept responsibility for herself. perly. Station, New York 11, New York. We knew upon her admission to had been dismissed because of cept more responsibility for her- ahead.

in high school.

These periods of depression increased in intensity following ner dismissal from her job. At home she was not eating, sleeping at the point where the family is or caring adequately for herself. She remained in her room much of the day. Despite the genuine efforts of her family to help her, she did not respond. She was apparently overwhelmed their concern and attention. Her edge of psychiatry and psychiafamily then sought professional

Although the family was help-ful in giving information to the social worker, there was much more to be learned from Mary herself. It would be the task of the psychiatrist to learn through Mary why she was so depressed before he could guide the other people who would assist him.

As the nursing personnel became acquainted with Mary, they found that she remained alone in her room much of the time and attempted to avoid the patient group. We knew that although Mary had difficulty with eating, her physical examination was negative.

Mary asked the nurse if she could have a tray served in her room rather than go into the dining room. Understanding her discomfort in this new situation, the doctor felt it would be better for her to eat in her room until she became better acquainted with the personnel and the patients. The nurse, also, understanding

Mary's discomfort with new people, brought her tray, encouraged her to eat, and left her room so that she would not be embarrassed. This would allow her to eat without feeling pressured.

As the doctor learned more about Mary's problem and as we learned to know her through our observations in the ward, this information was exchanged and further plans for treatment were developed.

Through the social worker, we learned that Mary's mother had died when she was ten years of age and Mary and her oldest sister went to live with their grandmother. Through studies in psychiatry, we know that children often interpret the death of a parent as desertion or rejection.

During Mary's junior year in high school, her sister married and left the home. During her senior year the grandmother died and Mary went to live with her sister and brother-in-law. The psychiatrist informed us that he inches. believed that Mary was reacting to the death of her grandmother in Half Sizes whom she loved and re-experiencing the same feelings she had had with the death of her mother. Two important losses were more than Mary could tolerate.

If a patient has had experiences, such as Mary's, with a mother or mother substitute, the participation in the activities nurse needs to be made aware of these. The patient often expects paration or serving of food, the nurse who, also, represents a maintenance of clothing, joint mother figure to disappoint or

Upon admission the patients' initial attitude toward the nurse The attitudes which we develop is usually one of reserve in which feeling and response are restricted learning to participate with until he learns that she can be others may influence or hinder warm, accepting and kindly. our future ability to live with Nursing personnel need to become aware of the meaning of patient behavior if they are to The psychiatric nurse, like all help rather than hinder the pa-

It was noted that Mary rewith too much attention. She food, began eating and paid more attention to her personal appearance. She now seemed better able to accept attention and was encouraged to come into the dining room and eat with the other pa-

At first, Mary was tense with this group but, with the support of the nursing personnel who are assigned to eat with the patients, Mary became more comfortable with the group. This was an important step in Mary's recovery. You will remember that Mary had withdrawn more and more from groups of people as her depression progressed.

Since nursing is responsible for the place in which the patient lives, their activities will center about those usually found in a home. Because Mary found a size. Address Pattern Bureau, stress situation in life too over- Michigan Farm News, Box 42, whelming, she moved more and Old Chelsea Station, New York more away from the activities in-

self and then move back into the Her sister and brother-in-law group where she participated as with whom she had been living a member. Before treatment by were aware that she had periods the psychiatrist could be effecof depression, the first of which tive, this return to normal activwas noted during her senior year ity and participation was essen-

> In summary, psychiatric nurses are prepared to help patients with the essentials of daily living no longer able to handle the difficulties which the patients' illness presents.

The skills of a psychiatric nurse are based upon scientific knowltric nursing. They learn these skills as nursing students through their experiences with patients chiatric nursing affiliation under the guidance of psychiatric nursing instructors.

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# Annual Reports—Farm Bureau Insurance Co's Show Growth, Stability and Service in '55

# Mutual Company In Strong Position

Ass't Secretary-Treasurer and Manager From his Report to Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company at the 7th Annual Meeting at Lansing, February 29, 1956.

The operating results of Farm Bureau Mutual for 1955, are a demonstration of the success of Farm Bureau members in financing and controlling their own insurance program.

The past year was a period of spectacular growth. Moreover, the growth was sound and healthy. The financial strength of the enterprise remained strong. Service and benefits to members stayed at a high level.

There were 54,737 automobile policies in force December 31, 1955. Farm liability policies totalled 8,751.

The Company had \$45,000,000 of fire insurance and an additional \$33,500,000 in windstorm and extended coverage insurance in force at the close of the year.

While growth is a natural and healthy condition, the objectives of the insurance program have not been confined to growth alone. Consideration has been given to accomplishment of a stable growth which will provide every new policyholder with the same security and financial resources enjoyed by all persons using Farm Bureau Insurance Protection.

Charts and graphs on this page illustrate the steady increase of liquid assets and an equal rate of increase in select investments. Practically all of the assets of Farm Bureau Mutual are invested in approved, high grade securities-principally stocks and bonds. Premium income continues to increase each year as the number of members who turn to Farm Bureau Insurance for their security needs continues to mount higher and higher.

Operating on a principle of

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reau Mutual has not only com-

pelled a reduction of rates to

farmers, but also has returned

generous sums of money to

policyholders in the form of

These services have been ac-

complished through a growing

staff of workers who are proud

to promote the Farm Bureau

who make more contacts with the

other personnel in the vast Farm

The agents are rapidly be-

coming full time representatives

who earn their living exclusively

from promotion and sales of

In the past seven years over

These men make up a sales

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with the farmer's problems and

needs than any other class of in-

Backing up these front line agents is a staff of skilled em-

ployees who have brought wide

attention to the amazing success

of Farm Bureau Insurance in

Michigan. This staff is supported

One of the best examples of the

As pointed out earlier in this

report, practically all of the

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which both fills a need for the

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\$752,000 have been paid to the agents in the form of commissions

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Farm Bureau.

As the number of policyholders climbs and premium income higher reserves are required to protect the investment of these people. The real test of stability of the company lies in its net worth,-its financial ability to met catastrophes. Surplus funds in Farm Bureau Mutual are more than equal to its outstanding liabilities. Every obligation of the company is covered twice. The company's package. Chief among these are liquid assets are twice its current an army of 155 agents. . .men



BLAQUE KNIRK of Quincy, in turn by a Board of Direc-Branch county. President of the tors comprised of farmers who Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance are in an especially good posi-Company. Farms 372 acres. Beef tion to coordinate the insurance cattle, hogs, dairying and general program with the objectives of crops. Member of Farm Bureau

There is still another important | mutual benefit of the insurance consideration in the rapid suc- program to the membership at cess of Farm Bureau Insurance. large is the decision to invest Service is all important in an policyholders' funds in the coneffective insurance program. It struction of a modern new office must be given a place of import- building to house all affiliated ance if the program is to grow, activities in Lansing. This build-The steady growth of Farm Bu-reau Mutual is proof of satisfac-Farm Bureau Center at Lansing. tion with service.

Certainly the most important service to policyholders is the ed in American business. Since payment of claims. In the past an office building is required not seven years over \$6,000,000 of the only by the insurance companies premiums paid in by Farm Bu- but also by the other business reau members have been return- enterprises of Farm Bureau, it is ed in the form of claims. This is only natural that the insurance an average of 69 cents out of companies should invest a portion every premium dollar paid for of its reserve funds in a building fire and casualty protection.

Also important is the payment | members and adds greatly to the of a good rate of interest on the prestige of the organization. money invested by Farm Bureau | This home office building remembers. A total of \$236,000 was presents about 10% of the total invested by members to start investments of the two insurance automobile insurance. An addi- companies. It represents the first tional \$288,000 was added to adequate home for the Farm Bulaunch the fire and wind insur- reau family. ance program. The company has consistently paid a 6% dividend Complete Insurance on these investments.

Increasing amounts have been Company offers Farm Bureau paid to help various counties members defray the expenses of county insurance, farm liability, and fire offices. Your insurance company insurance, which includes fire, volunteered several years ago to lightning, wind and extended co-operate with County Farm coverage on farm property, Bureaus in setting up office dwellings, and commercial buildfacilities for the use of members. I ings.

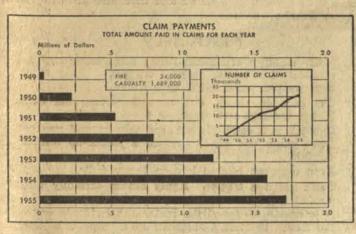
# \$1,713,000 Paid in Claims in 1955

Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Michigan paid \$1,713,000 in claims in behalf of its automobile, farm liability and fire insurance policyholders in 1955. A total of 20,321 claims were settled.

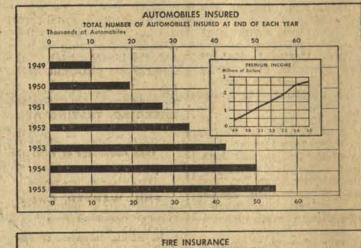
During the 82 months the Company has been operating, it has paid more than \$6,000,000 in claims for policyholders. A total of 76,699 claims had been presented at the close of business Dec. 31, 1955.

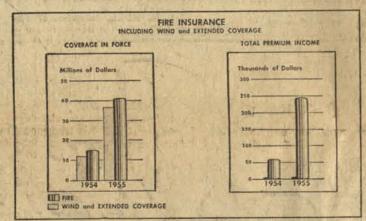
All policyholders in the Farm Bureau Mutual are Farm Bureau members. December 31 the Company had 54,737 automobile policyholders, 8,751 for farm liability, and 4,623 fire insurance policyholders.

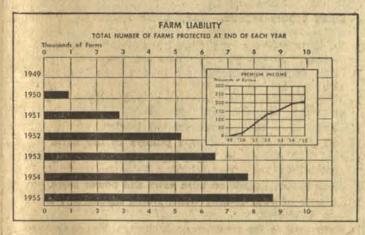
The claims service is handled through five regional claims offices working with the staff at the home office at Lansing. There are 17 full time travelling claims adjustors.

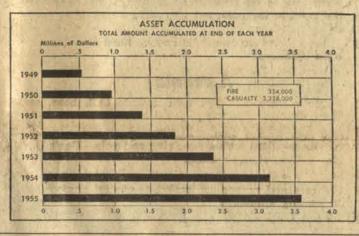


# Farm Bureau Mutual Growth

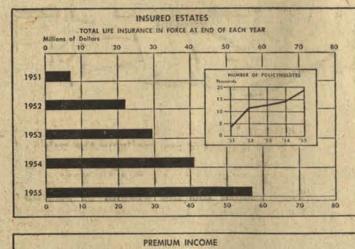


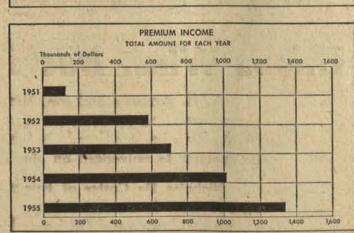


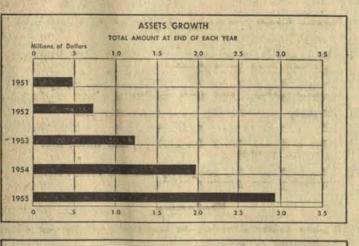


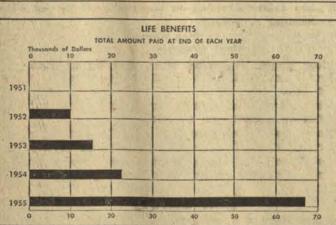


# Bureau Life Growth









# Life Insurance is Near \$60,000,000 Ass't Secretary-Treasurer and Manager

From his Report to Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company at the 5th Annual Meeting at Lansing, February 28, 1956.

Life insurance is one of the oldest cooperative business enterprises in America. Michigan farmers have finally recognized its usefulness in their financial plan-

Explanation and education by quickly trained agents has brought the modern story of life insurance into every farm home in Michigan.

Its acceptance is shown in the fact that a completely new Farm Bureau Life Insurance Campany has put in force nearly \$60 million of life insurance in rural Michigan during the short period of 41/2 years.

About \$25 million of this total has been the low cost Charter policy issued as an endowment at age 85. The rest is divided between the FIP investment plan with ,... high cash values, ordinary life, term, other endowments, miscellaneous rider benefits and group contracts.

We continue to reinsure all risks above \$10,000 total insurance on one individual life, and 50% on substandard risks up to a maximum of \$5,000.

This rapid growth of insurance in force has caused an equal rate of increase in assets and investments. Almost all of the assets are invested in approved high grade securities. Corporate and government bonds total \$21/4 million. Real estate (home office) is another \$1/4 mil-

About \$2 million af these assets are held as statutory reserves, on which we are required to earn interest at the rate of 21/2% compounded annually. Our actual experience has been 3% earnings on total investments of \$21/2 million. These investment earnings help pay dividends to policyholders.

The year 1956 got off to a slow start but ended as the most successful year in the Company's history. Premium income exceeded \$1 % million. From that income over \$100,000 was paid back in dividends. This might seem to be a very generous rate of dividends for a company so young, but it was accomplished with no impairment of financial

The board of directors at the beginnng of the year had approved a projection for the year that allowed for a reduction of capital and surplus without cessation of dividends.

What actually occurred during the year was an increase in cap ital and surplus of \$63,000 after dividends. This is an improvement of more than 300% over the projection. This is comfortably ahead of goal.

Of even greater significance is the fact that each policyholder is fully protected by adequate reserves, capital and surplus. Reserves alone equal about \$2 million. Capital and surplus add another 25% protection.

The only cloud over the year's operations was the poor showing made in the development of the member group life program in the counties. Michigan Farm Bureau has pioneered this benefit to farmers, although it is no more than every factory worker in the big cities has long enjoyed,

Our difficulty has been in getting the leaders to understand that group insurance can not work unless we get a fair cross section of members. The program can not succeed if it is participated in by only those advanced in age and of poor health. The low premium available assumes

# RUSSELL E. HAZEL of Rich-

land, Kalamazoo county. President of the Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company. Farms 285 acres. Beef cattle, hogs, general crops. Member of Farm Bureau 26 years.

a cooperative attitude by all

members, young and old. Each county having the program has been asked to improve the age distribution before we can move the program into additional counties or continue to operate it at all. Claim frequency on the member group has been about 4 times that of the individual policies. The premium on member groups on the other hand, is about one-third of that

on individual policies. That would make our experience about 12 times as bad on member group coverages. Because of this experience, we have been required to raise the member group premium from \$11 to \$13 until the average age is brought back down below 47 years.

In addition to its spectacular success in serving the members directly, Farm Bureau Life has also contributed substantial sums to counties maintaining offices. Also, it has through its decision to invest its funds in a modern new office building given to Farm Bureau and the other affiliates a proper home in which to

In many ways, the total insurance program has more than accomplished its purpose of bringing the Farm Bureau family closer together and giving it new strength. At the present time no rural resident of Michigan should suffer from lack of an adequate plan of insurance at a reasonable

the army of 150 agents who have! taken the story of Farm Bureau down every back road and into every village and hamlet. Their (Continued on Page 2)

Credit should go especially to

### Farm Bureau Insurance Companies' Management



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### STATE DISCUSSION TOPIC COMMITTEE SAYS:

# "We Need Action on Farm and Home Safety"

### Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for March

Background Material for Program in March by our 1525 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

DONALD D. KINSEY Coordinator of Education and Research, MFB

Here is a conundrum. Although safety means the difference between health, happiness and success as compared to suffering and loss, people too often turn their backs on the subject.

The State Discussion Topic Committee met in January. Their instructions were definite - "Give our people a farm safety check list that we can use as a yardstick for farm and home."

The machine age of agriculture is here. Yes, even the electrical, chemical and atomic age of agriculture is upon us. Failure to change our practices to meet these forms of modern living can be costly in lives and property. If our discussion of this month can serve to save one single life, it has been worth while. But to do this, farmers will have to work at it - not merely discuss it.

The farm safety record is a poor one. We have not kept pace with industries. Farming stands near the bottom of the list for its record of safety practices. Thousands are injured and killed annually.

Yet, look at the explosives industry. A hazardous occupation? Yes, but the industry has one of the best safety records in the country. It has used a carefully planned safety program. So can farmers, if they will,

Safety is merely a matter of good management. The following list is incomplete, no doubt. But if you use it, it will surely make your farm a safer place on which to live. Please use this check list to rate your farm and farm home, then do the things that will promote safety.

### Farm Fires

- Get rid of trash. Paper and oily rags-trash of any kind is tinder to start or boost a fire.
- Smoking. Farm buildings contain flammable materials. There are explosive fuels around. Watch that smoking in any dangerous location. Electricity on the farm. It is helpful, but-

Have all circuits checked for proper wiring.

- Do you overload circuits or put a penny in the fuse box? If so, you are asking for a fire. Keep fuses to the proper size.
- Don't leave a switch or junction box uncovered. Remove old open knife switches.
- Clear cobwebs away from all wiring and electrical
- Keep cords, plugs and sockets in good condition. Don't
- use rubber cords in heating appliances.
- ☐ Keep welders away from burnable materials. Never put cords or plugs under a rug. Don't hang a
- cord over a nail. If they "short," you are in trouble. Be sure that radio and TV antennae are well-ground-
- ed. Same for the phone.
- ☐ Lightning rods are good protection if well-grounded. Keep fire away from a charging battery. It contains
- hydrogen gas and may explode like a bomb. New 3-prong plugs serve to ground all electrical tools.
- May save a fatal shock. Children may poke fingers into old-type open sockets.
- Replace them. Keep guards on all work or "trouble lamps" and in-
- cubator lamps. Continuous circuit electric fencers have killed many
- children and livestock. Get a "make and break" fencer approved by Underwriters Laboratories. ☐ Keep matches away from children. Fascinating but
- Use no explosive cleaning fluids in buildings. Be careful with any cleaning fluid. The gases may be dangerous. Don't rub materials in explosive fluids.
- Store all fuels in safe places. Watch for leakage. Label containers clearly.
- Don't fill gas tanks of hot and running engines.
- The tractor exhaust may set fire to hay, straw or chaff -in the barn or out.
- Keep roofs covered with fire-resistant materials.

### Discussion Topics

March Through August, 1956

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

Mar. A More Intensive Safety Program on

- the Farm.
- Apr. How Should Schools and School Construction Be Financed?
- May Has the Small Farm a Profitable Future?
- Jun. Making Citizenship Work at Home.
- July Who is the Middleman What is His Take of the Consumer's Dollar?
- Aug. Farmer's Role in Selling Michigan Farm Products in Michigan.

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

- Inspect chimneys, stoves and furnaces regularly. Replace defective parts. Clean out soot.
- ☐ Keep fireplaces properly screened.
- Don't let children play around trash fires.
- Keep fire extinguishers in handy locations. ☐ Be sure of an adequate water supply and ladders at
- Some communities have formed rural fire companies.
- Regular farm inspections are made and roads to farms are charted for fire equipment. Never light fires with kerosene or other explosive
- Be sure your tank heater and incubator are safe and in good condition.

### Machinery

- ☐ Many children are killed riding farm machinery and tractors. Don't take chances on this. Tractors can upset quick as a wink-
- Use care on slopes, ditches, soft ground and holes. Watch for logs and stones in the wheelpath.
- ☐ If stuck and can't get out, get help to pull you out. Don't chain the wheel. Watch a jacked-up machine carefully.
- ☐ Keep drawbar hitches low on heavy pulls. Don't speed a tractor. Apply brakes carefully when pulling a load. You may "jack knife."
- ☐ It is unwise to speed the motor and suddenly engage the clutch to start a stubborn load. This is a killer. Be sure the tractor is out of gear before starting the
- ☐ Keep all shields, fenders and guards on your tractor and equipment.
- ☐ If unclogging a machine, shut off the power-take-off. Better yet stop the engine.
- Don't cobble repairs. They cause accidents. Put in sound parts.
- Don't wear loose and flapping clothing around machinery. It can pull you into the machine.
- Don't drink alcohol and try to run farm equipment. You are not on the ball.
- ☐ Many accidents happen from over-fatigue, Daydreaming, too, can cause trouble.
- ☐ Keep a fire extinguisher on the tractor.
- Put guards around all rope pulleys in the barn.
- ☐ For road driving at night light equipment properly. Scotch-Lite tape on machinery helps to mark it.
- ☐ Keep proper guards on buzz saws and power saws, etc. ☐ Be-sure of your footing when riding machinery. Don't
- ride drawbars, etc. ☐ Keep well to the roadside on highways. You may have the right to the road, but why have a funeral to prove
- □ Put all hand tools safely away. Keep handles free from splinters.

### Animals

- □ Never assume that you own a tame bull, boar, etc. They change. Be wary.
- ☐ Be sure to build your bull pen strong.
- Handle any bull with a nose ring and pole. Don't lead him with a rope or chain. ☐ Be sure that animals are securely fenced on pasture.
- Use care and proper equipment to control any vicious or kicking animal
- Do not keep a vicious dog. You are liable if he attacks others.

### Falls

- "Throw rugs" on slippery floors will throw somebody. Coat them with adhesive.
- Stairways should be free of objects, properly lighted and have a good handrail.
- Riding loads? Sit down. A pitch of the wagon may throw you.
- ☐ Repair all loose or defective steps and floor boards.
- ☐ Salt and sand icy pathways. ☐ Keep strong ladders and stepladders. Do not splice a
- broken ladder. And don't substitute a box or chair. Properly close all dug wells and other pits.
- ☐ Keep barnyards clean and free of slippery conditions. Have a rubber mat in the bathtub, and watch that bar
- of soap. It skids.
- ☐ Elderly people may see poorly and fall easily. Remove stumbling and slipping points.

### Poisons

- Follow safety direction on package carefully for all insecticides or poisons.
- Store poison in a safe place, properly labelled, and with treatment directions available.
- Wear proper respirators when spraying or dusting. Proper clothing too. Poisons may be absorbed through
- Wash all clothing promptly as directed. Keep out of reach of children and livestock.
- Know the recommended first aid. Have needed materials handy. Call a doctor if symptoms develop.
- Use insecticides, etc., only at proper times. Avoid
- leaving residues on the fruits and vegetables.

### **Gun Safety**

- ☐ Never leave a loaded gun. ☐ Never carry a gun without the "safety" on.
- ☐ Never leave a gun where children can play with it.
- ☐ Never point a gun at anyone, loaded or not, Carry your gun with the muzzle away from compan-
- Be familiar with the "trigger squeeze" of your gun.
- Don't pull a gun through a fence by the muzzle. Put a gun through a fence stock-first, muzzle away
- from you, and up the fence from where you will cross.
- Know your target before you squeeze the trigger. Don't leave shells or cartridges where children can get
- Don't leave blasting caps and explosives where anyone can get them but yourself.

### Miscellaneous

- Be cautious around stoves-
- ☐ Keep infants at a safe distance from stoves.
- ☐ Keep pan handles turned inward. ☐ Watch children around burner controls and hot liquids.
- ☐ Keep sharp instruments out of children's reach.
- If an emergency arises, "Keep Your Head." Don't get flighty or lose your temper.
- Don't try to lift too-heavy objects. You may be rup-Pile bales and all other materials safely. Restack them
- if needed. Watch crossroads and stop signs when driving. They

are danger points.

- 1. Review the list of safety tips as given in the article in the Michigan Farm News.
- 2. Have several persons give an account of "My closest
- 3. What other safety tips can the members of your group

### Activities Of Women

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The program was so enthusiastically received and the publicity so favorable the Wexford Soil Conservtion District directors asked if they would repeat the program for their 10th anniversary program in Janury, 1956 so that more farm people could

hear it.

and retail trade.

their beef cattle and irrigated Mrs. Charles Gotthard spoke of grassland farming and their

moderator. The first three women gave their talks and then showed slides. Mrs. Gotthard used her slides to illustrate as she spoke and as she showed the last picture of a beautiful sunset, she made a fitting summary of all the talks by quoting from an essay written by a school girl

"Men of the Soil we call them, but "men of the soul" would probably be a better name. For these men, instead of battling against Nature, work with her, Nature is unpredictable and often unmerci-

"Yet, the farmer gives in to

Approaches for Discussion

- call" on the farm, and why it happened.

### Nature, for it would do no good to protest, debate or plead, Instead he makes of himself a botanist, a carpenter, a mechanic, a

veterinarian, a weatherman, a psychologist, a philosopher and a scientist. These he uses after Nature throws a tantrum, combines the patience of Job with them and calls himself a farmer. "His days work is never done,

just interrupted by the setting January 18, 1956 the program sun. Even the modern day farmer was repeated at the SCD Annual makes the same weary and bent, meeting. The ladies participating yet satisfied figure, as he leaves were: Mrs. Arthur Nelson, who his last chores and as he silently with her husband, raises flowers gives thanks for his blessings. He and plants both for wholesale knows that tho' the earth is far from Heaven, he is close to God." Mrs. Frank Brehm spoke of Mrs. F. A. Dohms Harrietta R-1,

general farming, including beans | Chairman. as a cash crop, trees and other Mrs. Marion Evens, spoke of

dairy herd. Mrs. Karker was

about her father, a farmer:

### **Psychiatric**

### Nursing

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After the nurse develops ability to work with patients, she is then taught how to guide other psychiatric nursing personnel. Most psychiatric aides are prepared through an organized program of instruction by hospitals in which they are employed.

At the present time, the whole area of psychiatric nursing has become a prominent one since legislatures, administrators, professional groups and citizens are vitally concerned and actively involved in providing better care for the mentally ill.

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

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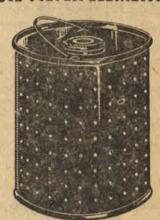
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