## Veto Opens Way to Try Again on Farm Bill

## EDITORIAL

## Good Idea Proves Its Value

This is the 36th anniversary of the founding of the Michigan Elevator Exchange. It began in 1920 as the grain marketing department of the Michigan State Farm Bureau. A few years later it was incorporated as the Michigan Elevator

Forty-five local cooperatives invested a total of \$16,000 to finance a central marketing agency for their grain and beans.

Today, the membership has grown to 102 locals operating 145 elevators. The Exchange owns a 4,000,000 bushel terminal grain elevator at Ottawa Lake. At Port Huron it operates one of the largest bean elevators and electric eye installations for picking beans in the nation.

Last month the Exchange said it will build a bean terminal in the Saginaw area for processing, packaging and storage. The Exchange said, there has been approval for the sale of \$1,500,000 in debentures to build the plant and provide operating capital.

The Exchange is the largest handler of grain and beans in Michigan. Its annual sales volume is about \$20,000,000. The organization's net worth is \$1,650,000. It has earned more than \$2,000,000 in patronage savings for its members.

## Dealing with a Problem

R. W. Brown, president of the Missouri Farm Bureau from 1925 to 1944, made this observation on how to deal with a problem:

"There are three ways to deal with a problem: First, to pretend that it doesn't exist; second, to wish for the old order of things; and third, to assemble and study the facts concerning it.

The first means that the problem is ignored and set aside. The second is old fogyish and indicates a defeatist attitude. The third is the hardest, but it is the triumphant way."

## Forty Million of Us Own E Bonds

A product that has become an indispensable part of the American way of life observes its fifteenth anniversary May 1.

It doesn't seem that long since the United States Treasury Department Series E savings bonds made their appearance on the American scene. But in those years this incentive for thrift has made a permanent place for itself in our country's family life.

From the beginning, the E bond has been a popular instrument for savings. Sales in the earlier years were influenced by patriotism. But after the war the E bond did not pass from the picture, as most people thought it would.

Instead many of us found that we liked this sure method of saving for future needs. So today 40 million American citizens own more than \$40 bilion worth of E and H savings bonds. About \$38 billion of that sum is in E bonds.

Bonds purchased in the war years and those following are now sending children through college. They are providing additional income for those in retirement. Farmers bought them to provide a growing fund for the replacement of tractors and other major farm equipment in future years. Above all, they have always provided a growing, always available, and steadily increasing reserve fund.

### **Farm Situation** Will Improve

Realistic appraisal, not blind that the farm situation will im- work," Mr. Duffy said. prove, a Ford Motor Company vice president told members of the Elevator Career Michigan Section of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers Day June 21

Ford's Tractor and Implement 21 for the 5th annual Elevator on two fundamentals: (1) "That ial Bldg. at Michigan State Unifood is indispensable and will be versity. Program starts at noon by James Gross, president of the needed in ever greater quantities," with luncheon and (2) " that greater efficiency

vate organizations are pouring technically trained manpower into natures will need to be in the agricultural research.

"The expansion of activity is by July 6. optimism, is the reason for the progressing as rapidly as qualified farm equipment industry's faith persons can be obtained for the Benson to Speak

All feed and grain trade people | Michigan State Plowing Contest I. A. Duffy, general manager of have been asked to reserve June and Soil Conservation Days at Division, said this faith is based Career Day at the Union Memor- Mr. Benson will speak August 28 The announcement was made

in food and fiber production will interested young men learn about enable farmers to ease the cost- the elevator trade and the career To provide the farmer with ates of the MSU Elevator and Th

## 111 Tuscola Farm Bureau Members at Lansing



the state capitol at Lansing March 27. They visited the legis- office employes of the Michigan

Bureau are shown on the steps of buildings in the state. Nearly 250

pers of Tuseola County Farm one of the most modern office ionville and Representative Allion Green of Kingston took were most interesting unch with the group. They

bills. The action and the debate ests of consumers."

introduced the Tuscola people to and Clark Montague, county lature and the new headquarters Farm Bureau and its four service the Senate and to the House organization director, for Tusbuilding of the Michigan Farm companies work in one big room when they appeared in the cola County Farm Bureau, nearly an acre in size.

## New State Aid for Schools Formula Provides Increases

## **CIO Planning** New Campaign For Senate?

DAN E. REED Assistant Legislative Counsel

Probability that a new effor: would soon be made to reappor tion the Michigan State Senate on a strictly population basis was discussed at the Michigan Farm Bureau. Resolutions Round up April 17-18.

This plan was defeated fou years ago by the Michigan Com mittee for a Balanced Legisla ture, of which Farm Bureau wa a leading member.

A fair system, apportioning th House of Representatives on population basis and the Senate on a population and area basis was overwhelmingly approved by the voters at that time

Recent issues of the Michigan CIO News, official organ of the CIO, have been carrying article. designed to build resentmen against Grange and Farm Bu

It is believed that CIO leaders realize much of their membership does not favor placing the power of absolute control of Michigan government in the hands of three or four counties in the metro politan area of the state.

The articles in the CIO News are intended to appeal emotion ally to union members, both in the Detroit area and outstate.

"Another reapportionment drive" has been one of the leading subjects at political action meetings of the CIO for many months.

If such a proposed constitutional amendment is to appear on the ballot in November, petitions bearing nearly 220,000 sighands of the Secretary of State

## At Constantine Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of

the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has accepted an invitation o speak at the third annual Constantine, Michigan, Aug 27-28.

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STANLEY M. POWELL

Legislative Counsel for Michigan Farm Bureau

April 6 had been fixed by the Legislature for winding up the main patt of the current session. Although they worked an extra day beyond that self-imposed deadline, the lawmakers gave up in despair and recessed, leaving 14 controversial measures still pending on their calendars.

Most of these bills were "in conference." That is, they had been referred to a special committee of three Senators and three Representatives, designated to attempt to reach a compromise agreement regarding contested provisions.

Included among the fourteen disputed bills were three major appropriation measures, those containing the grants for public health, mental health, and capital outlay, which is the new construction at state

The lawmakers will return to Lansing after a 33 day recess, May 10 and 11. They will attempt to wind up the business of the current session.

The Senators and Representatives reached agreement on the provisions of the important State Aid for Schools Formula just before their recess. The House had added some 35 amendments to the Senate version. Most of these brought the bill nearer into line with the recommendations of the Michigan Farm Bureau. The final version of the bill was naturally a compromise between recommendations of many influential groups.

For one room schools having 15 or fewer pupils, the gross allowance was set at \$2,850, which is \$350 higher than for the current year. For one room schools having over 15 pupils, the gross allowance will be \$4,370, up \$760 from the current level. For two room schools having over 35 pupils, the new figure will be \$8,940, which is \$1,520 more than at present.

The gross allowance for all pupils was fixed at \$190, compared with the present rate of \$166 for elementary and \$186 for high school pupils. To help make possible these boosts in gross allowances, the deductible millage item was increased from 2 to 21/2 mills, and the sending district will pay the first \$50 of tuition for pupils sent to a school outside the district. The state will defray the next \$50 and the sending district the next \$35, with the state taking care of any balance.

The minimum millage for par- Boards of Education was raised head of the agricultural econo ticipation in state aid remains from \$442,500 to \$650,000. Howfive mills on the state equal- ever, any expenditure for Counized valuation. However, a dis- ty Normals will have to come Purpose of the day is helping Howard Bucknell of Centerville, trict levying onry five mills out of this amount. For the cur- president of the Farm Bureau chairman of the St. Joseph would receive 10/13 of the maxi- rent year, there is a special grant Mr. Boger spoke on the changing County Soil Conservation Dis- mum amount of state aid. A dis- of \$75,000 for County Normals. agricultural picture. rict. trict levying six mills would re-This agricultural event has ceive 12/13 of full aid. A distools and techniques for greater Farm Supply Course, Elevator attracted up to 7,000 people in trict levying 6½ or more mills School District" was modified 67,478 This Edition

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## Hear School, Road and Farm Facts

Assistant Legislative Counsel

Representatives of Count Farm Bureau resolutions committees attended a two day "Resoluat Michigan State University.

needs of agriculture.

Jack Yaeger, executive secretary of the Michigan Farm Bureau, spoke of the importance of developing sound policies so that the Farm Bureau may represent the best long-range interests of

Stanley M. Powell, legislative counsel, listed issues on which that it is launching four programs farmers will be called upon to make decisions within the next farm income now." year or two. High on the list are school and school finance prob

Also on this list is legislation involving seasonar farm labor, highways, tax matters, minimum wage levels, seven hour day legislation, right-to-work laws, and the possibility of reapportionment of the legislature being raised

Workshop periods were led by Dan Sturt, agricultural economist M.S.U. He presented Dr. Raleigh Barlowe, M.S.C. agricultura economics department; Dr. Robert Hopper, department of ad ministrative & educational ser vices, M.S.U.; and Dr. Karl T. Wright, M.S.U. agricultural eco nomics department. They were resource specialists in problems of water rights, schools, and pro duction costs.

The closing session saw the fol lowing experts in state govern ment presenting information and answering questions: Frank M. Landers, director of the budge division of the Michigan depart ment of administration; Gerald Wm. Graves, executive director of the Michigan Good Roads Fed eration; and Dr. Albert J. Phil lips, executive secretary of the Michigan Education Association.

M. S. U. Dean of Agriculture Tom Cowden, and Larry Boger mics department, were introduc ed at the luncheon session b Clark L. Brody, executive vice

## New Soil Bank Bill in Congress

Would Permit Government to Make Advance Payment up to 50% of Contract On Proposed Soil Bank Work

President Eisenhower vetoed the Omnibus Farm Bill April 16. He said a return to wartime, rigid 90% of parity price supports and other provisions nullified the soil bank attack on surpluses. They made the bill selfdefeating.

The President said four main provisions of the bill were unacceptable to him: (1) return to 90% of parity supports for basic crops (2) dual parity for wheat, corn, cotton and peanuts (3) mandatory price supports for feed grains (4) multiple price plans for wheat and

In sending the bill back to Congress the President said these and other provisions "would do harm to every agricultural region of the country and also to the inter-

A motion in the House to over-ride the veto failed to command a majority and fell 74 votes short of the necessary two-thirds.

Senator Aiken (R) of Vermont introduced a new soil bank bill in the Senate April 18.

It was the President's original proposal plus a provision to authorize the government to begin making payments to farmers up to 50% of the contract as soon as the farmer agrees to take part in the acreage reserve or conservation reserve programs.

The balance of the first year's payment would be made when the farmer could show that he had fulfilled the terms of the contract. It is proposed that this section of the bill be effective July 1, 1956.

Senator Aiken's bill was spon-sored by 40 Republican and four Democrat Senators, including least 82½% of parity. Clinton Anderson, former U. S. Secretary of Agriculture.

Republican members of the House Committee on Agriculture offered the same measure in the

In the House, the Democrats tions Round-Up" April 17 and 18 are talking a soil bank and a for manufacturing milk will go proposal to provide direct subsidy up to \$3.25 per 100 lbs. The sup-The session opened with a payments to farmers up to 90% port price for butterfat will be rapid review of the changing of parity. This recalls the plan 58.6 cents a pound offered by former Secretary of Agriculture Brannan some years ago. It was rejected by Congress

> President Eisenhower's veto left the Agricultural Act of 1954 in full effect. It provides farm price supports at 75 to 90% of parity.

The administration announced under existing law " to improve

This, the President said, should provide minimum average price supports, as follows: Wheat at \$2 a bushel, corn at \$1.50 a bushel, rice at \$4.50

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3-President Eisenhower said the adminstration will use Department of Agriculture funds, where assistance will be constructive, to strengthen the prices or perishable farm commodities. We will have over \$400,000,000 or that purpose beginning July

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gress to enact his soil bank plan as promptly as possible pefore next fall's seedings for 1-For 1956 price supports for next year's crops."

## AFBF Says Ike's Action Was Sound

The American Farm Bureau Federation executive ommittee meeting in Chicago April 16 said:

"President Eisenhower's action in vetoing the farm bill today is based on sound economic principles, farmers recognize and resent obvious efforts to make arm program legislation a political football.

"Congress still has the opportunity and responsibility to adopt a workable farm bill that will carry out the objectives of adjusting production to market lemand, and of expanding markets at home and abroad.

"Farmers need a sound soil bank plan, free of counter-acting, production stimulating provisions,

"This farm bill would have marked a return to the price-fixing policies that have played a major part in creating price-depressing surpluses. It would have nade more difficult the expansion of markets for farm products in the U.S. and in foreign countries.

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"A principal objective of the soil bank plan is to shrink the "Instead of helping farmers to over-expanded agricultural plant. et a high net income for their In contrast this bill would have roducts, these provisions nulli- encouraged production of wastefied other parts of the bill that ful and market-breaking sur-

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CLARE L. MCGHAN

Coordinator of Community Farm Bureau ( )

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The Apron Grandma Wore

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But part and parcel of herself, distinctively her own.

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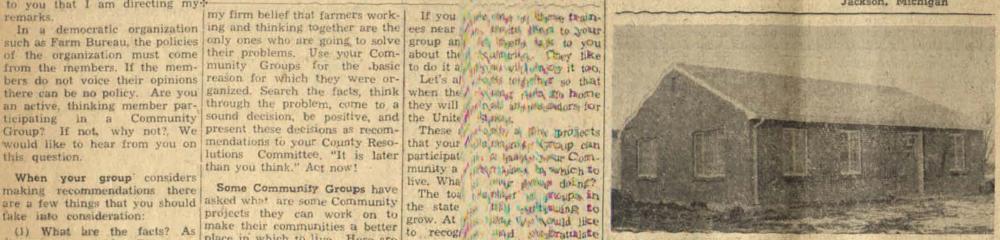
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I call to mind, among the rest, the apron Grandma wore.

She used it when she gathered eggs. Or from an early brood She brought a dozen peeping chicks for warming and for food. To shoo the chickens off the porch or clear the screen of flies She flipped a dexterous apron hem, and conquered by surprise. And in spring fever's early throes, when Grandma cut my hair. Her extra apron covered me, including feet and chair.

When early autumn threatened frost, and supper work was done. Grandma would cover up her flowers and on some favorite one The faithful apron she would drape, first brushing off a tear, And in a melancholy mood bewail the waning year. For many reasons when I think of those sweet years of yore There drifts into my memory's eye the apron Grandma wore.

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



MONROE COUNTY FARM, BUREAU'S new office building Flatta Bureau int the who have at 3300 Ida West Road at Ida. The building is also county head- price supports at 90% of parity for the basic crops. They includ-Quarters for the Farm Bureau Mutual and the Farm Bureau Life thought be men Insurance companies.



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### AFBF Says Ike's **New Haven Action Was Sound** To Build

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grains, as well as cattle, hogs,

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"The multiple price plans might have caused widespread

retaliation by other countries, loss

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"In addition to income-depress-

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MFB Approves

"The Michigan Farm Bureau

commends President Eisenhower

for his veto of a farm bill that

was unworkable because of so

many politically inspired amend-

ments," said Ward G. Hodge of

Snover, president of the Michi-

gan Farm Bureau, April 16 when

"The original farm bill of 1956

aimed to reduce crops in surplus

by transferring excess acres to a

soil bank. Payment to farmers

was to be made from surplus

crops held by the government.

Farm price supports were to be continued on a flexible basis at

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"Amendments added to the bill

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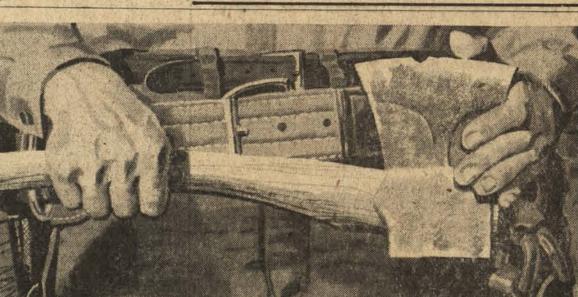
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## Development of Insurance Service

Coordinator of Education and Research, MFB

Lacking its own insurance services in the early days, the Michigan Farm Bureau contracted with the State Farm Mutual Insurance Company of Bloomington, Illinois to act as its state agent. This was in 1926.

Revenues from the agency operation served to provide funds to help finance the operations and programs of the Michigan Farm Bureau until 1949.

In 1946 the contract with the State Farm Mutual was renewed for 20 years. At that time some members were beginning to wonder if the Farm Bureau could develop an insurance program for members only.

Mounting interest resulted in a visit to the insurance companies of the Illinois Agricultural Ass'n by a delegation of Michigan Farm Bureau members in 1947. They returned convinced that farm insurance rates could be improved in Michigan, and that a Farm Bureau program for members was possible.

During the days of gas rationing in World War II, drivers had little gasoline and travel was down. The vices, Inc., a certificate for sota, Wisconsin, North Dakota tion system of banks for farmers speed limit was 35 miles an hour. The accident rate \$110,400 of "B" stock in the bank. and South Dakota. was low in the nation.

Insurance companies paid out less money for accidents. Yet commercial rates were lowered only slightly. The companies piled up huge surpluses at the expense of the drivers. The farmer was included in making this contribution.

Members of the Farm Bureau in Illinois, however, paid as low as \$5 each six months for a \$50 deductible collision coverage in those years. They owned the Illinois Agr'l Ass'n automobile insurance company and shared in its savings.

cial companies raised rates. The were not affected there. farmer was included.

September of 1948 there was a Bureau members at Lansing. On cash benefit in automobile insurthe basis of the presentations made the insurance committee and staff of the Farm Bureau, they determined to establish a Farm Bureau automobile insur- company. ance company.

In a few months some 3,600 charter applications were on total of \$104,000 in advance premiums to show that they meant They also invested

ompany of Michigan was incorporated. Nile L. Ver- and responsibilities. million came from the Nebraska to become manager. The Com-

ousiness March 7, 1949. ance Company were termed "sui- proposal was approved. cidal" by other insurance companies. Nevertheless, automobile nsurance companies in southern

rates to farmers. Since Farm Bureau did not

operate in the upper peninsula When the war ended, commer- at that time, rates to farmers

annual meetings.

Farm Bureau insurance is pro-

vided at cost to members. Rates

and its eventual retirement.

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icies were put in force that year.

Bureau insurance agents are sell-

There are 150 general and spe-

cial insurance agents. They oper-

Benefits in Claim Paid. The

reductions in insurance rates that came as a result of the Farm Bu

reau program were not the only

benefits gained by the members

Let's look at the actual protection

Over the years 65c of every

Payments of these claims to

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The membership grew to 65,845

Farm Bureau had brought mass meeting of Michigan Farm about a direct and immediate ance to Michigan Farmers. By 1955 more than 50,000 cars and trucks owned by Farm Bureau members were insured by their

Farm Liability. In May of 1950 the insurance company added farm liability insurance. By 1955 hand. The members had paid a over 7,000 farmers were protected by this service.

Life Insurance. The next de- Farm Bureau is plain. velopment was the Farm Bureau \$236,000 to provide operating funds.

The Farm Bureau Mutual Life Insurance Company. Farm-Insurance Company was started in 1949 there were 36,878 member families in the Michigan Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance compared to other peo-

The proposal for a life insur-Farm Bureau Insurance Company ance program for Farm Bureau in 1955. Auto coverages have members was taken to meetings supported this with a parallel pany was authorized to open for of Farm Bureau members in the counties, and to the annual meet-The rates established by the ing of the board of delegates of new Farm Bureau Mutual Insur- the Michigan Farm Bureau. The

By September of 1951 Farm ate in all Farm Bureau counties Bureau members had applied for and give active support to build-Michigan soon lowered their \$20,000,000 or charter life policies ing the membership. Many of in the new company. They had these agents are vigorous Farm subscribed \$310,000 as capital for Bureau workers of long standthe company. It was approved by ing. the state insurance commission and started business in the fall

> The Life Company has enjoyed a steady growth. December 31, 1955 it had more than \$50,000,000 of life insurance in force on the lives of Farm Bureau members and members of their families.

Fire Insurance. In July of 1954 the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company was re-organized to become a multiple-line com-This made it possible to counted as a benefit—an umbreladd fire and windstorm insur-

Again Farm Bureau members came to the support of a new program. They invested \$288,000 for capital and applied for \$75,-000,000 in charter policies. By the To help keep the program tied to close of 1954 some \$45,000,000 of member interests and to solve

dent of the St. Paul Bank for coming owners of the banks. Cooperatives, on March 28 de-

The St. Paul Bank for Cooperlivered to J. F. Yaeger, executive come the property of farmers ment. secretary of Farm Bureau Ser- cooperatives in Michigan, Minne-

This is the investment allotted adopted legislation to assist o Farm Bureau Services in a farmers and farmers cooperatives Credit Corporation, Production program whereby farmer coopwho are borrowers to become erative borrowers from the Banks | the owners of the banks in the for Cooperatives throughout the Farm Credit Administration. The

these applications were in force, problems that develop at the tinued use be made of it. Program Helps Membership, county level, County Farm Buthe wishes of the membership as formed in 1954. expressed in their resolutions at

To work with these committees from the state level a Coordinator Should the "yardstick" be lost Support for the insurance pro- of Insurance Relations was em- the old high rates would return. gram by the Farm Bureau mem- ployed. This "liaison man" works bership is necessary to bring under the direction of the memabout the desired rates and cov- bership organization and helps to tie the membership and insurance programs into a unified ser-

must be large enough to cover losses and claims. They must office services in the counties provide for interest on the capital would hold many advantages. Membership and insurance rec-The rates must also cover com- ords are inter-dependent. To pany operating costs and provide bring about this needed relationfor proper reserves. Any mar- ship the insurance companies and gin above that is savings to be the County Farm Bureaus drafted returned to the policyholders in a county office agreement.

Such dividends have been paid. costs of operating the County Aids Membership. That the automobile insurance as a ser- paid by the insurance companies, with paint for basement stairs, helped to promote and maintain done in the county. With this volume of insurance business reduces slipperiness. When the Farm Bureau Mutual help some counties have been

Summary. Farm Bureau insurance companies in the United States have saved their members millions of dollars. The actual growth to 55,000 policies. Farm figure is difficult to estimate, All farmers have benefitted in ing the membership idea along the general rate reductions by all companies across the board.

Farm Bureau companies originally established a good rate "yardstick" for farm drivers, But in order to maintain the advantages gained by such a "yardstick" it is necessary that con-

H. M. KNIPFEL, right, presi- nation are in the process of be- money they invest in the stock of the banks replaces the original capital and additional funds that were supplied by the govern-

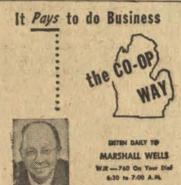
> The Farm Credit Administraand farm cooperatives includes: In recent years Congress has The Federal Land Banks, Farm Loan Associations, Production Credit Associations, Banks for Cooperatives, Intermediate Credit

This point is sometimes easily These programs have reflected reau Insurance Committees were forgotten as time goes on and competition meets the pace set by the Farm Bureau company

In the early stages of a Farm Bureau company the net costs may be no lower than in some other company. But over the years the savings mount, if the members make full use of the It was recognized that joint program. Savings do depend upon the strength of member sup-

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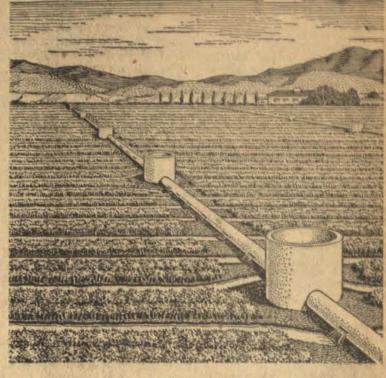
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## Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

### District 1

Mrs. Byron Eley, Chairman Constantine R-1

District spring meeting for Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren county Farm Bureau women was held in the Youth Memorial Building at Berrien Springs April 10th. Some 130 women attended the Bregger, Paw Paw was elected as promotion of farm products. the new district chairman. She will be installed in October.

Mrs. Byron Eley, chairman presided. Van Buren county had charge of the registration. Miss Barbara Foster, Junior Farm Bureau state president, gave the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. John Walter, Coloma, chairman of the host county, gave the welcome

Max Hood, district MFB director, showed colored slides and the business meeting. spoke on his recent trip to Washington D.C. while Congress was

Keith Tanner, manager of operations, -Farm Bureau Sersuch as seed, fertilizers, feeds, paint and machinery.

Marjorie Karker, co-ordinator of Women's Activities, and Clarence King, regional representative, also spoke to the women on important matters concerning Farm Bureau.

A delicious luncheon was served by the Women's Committee of Berrien county.

Berrien County. About 200 Berrien County Farm Bureau women were guests at an appreciation dinner on March 15 at the Youth Memorial Building, Berrien Springs.

Members of the Junior Farm Bureau were hosts to the women previous dinners sponsored by the Junior Farm Bureau.

The dinner was followed by a by the Empire Florists. The group was then entertained by a girl's Mill Stream group was given a trio from Berrien Springs.

Special guests for the evening were Mrs. Marjorie Karker, coordinator of the Women's activities, Michigan Farm Bureau;

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Any change in normal

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that may some day save your

life, phone the American Can-

cer Society office nearest you, or write to "Cancer"-in care

of your local Post Office.

your doctor.



Mrs. Karker stressed the importance of having faith in your church and Farm Bureau.

Kalamazoo County. The following groups were hostesses at the Scotts Grange Hall for the April meeting of the Farm Bureau Women: County Center, Scotts, Kopper Kettle, I Go You Go, and Farmers Dozen. Following the usual pot-luck, Mrs. Howard

gates to the District meeting in school teacher, told the women tract, are injured accidentally, fit schedule, up to \$15. Berrien Springs were voted to be the problems of the remaining you will be eligible for Blue paid by the county. Guest rural schools. speaker Mr. Carl Buskirk, of vices, Inc., discussed the products Paw Paw, past state president of available to members and showed our Michigan Farm Bureau. He tive Committee is very active in The films on the various commodities, spoke on Farm Bureau structure this county. The Citizenship and migrant labor in Michigan. Mr. Buskirk stated we should sell, keeps the county women choose our representatives aware of the rights and duties according to their ability and not of citizens. Mrs. Barbara Watts, by their location. We should de- from the Girls' Training School finitely keep our Farm Bureau in Adrian, was an afternoon out of politics. His experiences speaker at a recent county meetwith the migrant workers was ing. She told of the aims, probmost interesting. Delegates lems and accomplishments in the appointed to attend Twin Lakes care of the 282 girls now in the Camp in June were Mrs. Jesse Smith and Carmen Blake.

St. Joseph County. The Women's Committee on March 23, learned some very interesting when they came in. Only about community singing, which was facts on Retarded Children from 15% are beyond help and potenthe guest speaker, Mrs. Kenneth tially dangerous to themselves Kauzler, Three Rivers, and Mrs. Jordan Critchfield, RN, Centerville health department. The in appreciation of their work on film, "Tuesday's Child" was shown followed by Mrs. Kauzler telling of the mother and family's viewpoint of a retared child. floral arrangement demonstration | Mrs. Gail Covey of Leonidas, was

> Flag donated to the building. Mrs. Harry Ozender, reported on the dairy program. Plans were started for the meeting in May when "Dairy and Commodities will be the program.

vote of thanks for the American

Van Buren County. April meeting was held at the Geneva town hall. After a co-operative luncheon, Chairman, Mrs. James county board of directors and Burns, conducted the business their wives were guests. Mrs. meeting. It was voted to give Whittaker from Lapeer county \$300 to the Youth Camp. A film and Roger Foerch from the state on Cancer was shown by Mrs. office were speakers; Adam Art Drije. Some interesting find- Badran, a foreign exchange stuings on the Smoking Survey dent from Jordan, showed pictaken in 1950 were discussed. All tures of the Holy Land. tickets were sold for the Dairy We have checked the distri-Smorgasbord dinner April 14.

Cass County. Some 80 rural and urban folks attended the dinner held in the Velina Hall in March. Women's Committee invited their urban friends as guests, Mrs. Marjorie Karker, was the guest speaker. Her topic, "Peace For The World", was very interesting and gave much food for thought. Peace should start in our communities. Learn to know your neighbors and their problems. Try to understand them—all races—color or creed, then peace is not impossible,

## District 2

Mrs. Duane Sanford, Chairman Allen R-1

The counties of District 2 will hold their spring meeting in the

chairman; Mrs. Byron Eley, of 8, with Jackson county as hostess. Constantine who is district chair- The day will begin with coffee at man, and all past county chair- 9:30. At 10:00 the regular business meeting will be held. There Mrs. Ball spoke regarding the will be reports by the Washingbeginning of the Women's ton and AFBF delegates.

Activities and the work in which There will be entertained.

There will be entertainment members participate, such as, and a message from our state nurses recruitment, mental and chairman before the noon lunchall day meeting. Mrs. Louis rural health programs and the eon. For the luncheon, Calhoun will bring a hot vegetable, Lenawee-salad, Branch-dessert, and if you observe safety rules. Hillsdale-salad. In the afternoon Mr. Keith Tanner will show pictures and answer questions on Farm Bureau services.

> Jackson County. The women have been working hard on their nurse scholarship project.

Calhoun County. The women served a supper to the county board and their guests at a coun-Corbus, pur chairman, conducted ty meeting recently. At the last dent. county women's meeting Miss Luncheon tickets for the dele- Helen Hagerman, a visiting rural one else covered by your con-

Lenawee County. The Legisla-Committee chairman, Mrs. Good-Delegates lems and accomplishments in the

The girls are committed by probate courts from all parts of in in Lapeer at 10 a.m., April 17. Michigan. Of course, one aim is and society.

Hillsdale County. Mr. Rasmussen, administrator of the Health Center, was a guest of the county women at their last meeting. He showed slides and talked on the blood bank program as it is carin charge of the program. The ried out in the Lansing area of tables were beautifully arranged

### District 3

Mrs. Walter Wolfgang, Chairman Chelsea R-2

Oakland County Women's Committee sponsored a Rural Urban Luncheon in October. 112 persons were present including 25 urban guests. Members of the

continue this program another year. The Women's committee prepared and served the soil conservation dinner, and also the county institute dinner.

We voted and approved the State Projects, and are now working on the Pennies for Friendship for the Associated County Women of the World.

ton, and a gift was sent to Lois Welberry, a student at Inter- Flower Quilt national Christian University, in Japan. Lois is a local Farm Bu-

At the April meeting, we revised the Women's Committee operating rules with the help of Mrs. Karker and Marlie Drew. They will be ready for final approval at the May meeting.

The program planning committee has planned the programs through September. We have twelve meetings a year.

We are sending a delegate to the Tri-County-Nurse Associ-

Oakland county women were hostesses to the District 3 meeting, April 12th at the Walled Lake Methodist Church. We had 107 guests.

The meeting was opened at 10 a.m. with registrations and coffee hour. Reverend Oliver led in devotions and Mrs. Wilson conducted group singing. The Triple Trio group from the Walled Lake

High School sang four numbers. The District 3 camp will not be held this year as a suitable date was not found. It will be held in March, 1957.

District Chairman, Mrs. Wolfgang conducted the business meeting. The following were elected as our officers: Mrs Clestin Young, Chairman; Mrs. Leonard Engel, 2nd vice-chairman, and Miss Pearl Spencer,

Robert Smith, Michigan Farm Bureau director at large, gave a brief talk on membership. We missed Mrs. Karker, who was ill. In her place our regional

man, Marlie Drew, spoke on

Farm Bureau. Keith Tanner, manager of operations for Farm Bureau Services, Inc., gave an informative

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## District 6

Mrs. M. O. Hitchings, Chairman North Street

Farm Bureau Women of District 6 met at the Center Build-Coffee Klatch at 10 a.m. folto send the girls out better than lowed by the business session and 15% are beyond help and poten- led by Mrs. Taeck of Imlay City. A representative from Farm Bureau Services gave a talk on the progress which Farm Bureau has made in recent years.

Pot luck lunch at noon served by the Lapeer County Women. At each place on the table a tulip bulb was wrapped in different pastel shades of tissue paper. The which Hillsdale county is a part. with red carnations in low bowls.

Mrs. Hal Conkey, of Caseville who attended the White House Conference in Washington last year gave an interesting talk. She told us that there were six topics discussed in group meetings. These topics included such subjects as:

1. What should schools accomplish? 2. What are the needs of our schools today?

3. How can we keep good teachers in the profession? 4. How can finances be better

Vice President Nixon in his in the county schools and hope to States by the number of 26,000. 000 people and the natural result being need for more facilities.

> Lovely prizes were donated by merchants of Port Huron, one for the lady coming the greatest distance of 75 miles and the other

Miss Alice Anderson, women's editor of Port Huron Times-Herald, talked on Good Grooming \$52 was given to the Sister and fashions. She illustrated her Kenny Polio Center at Farming- talk with fashions from a Port



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She was assisted by a high

present from the five counties of farming. the Thumb Area.

Mrs. M. O. Hitchings, district chairman, was assisted by Mr. debate team put on a spirited Allyn Gordon, Crosswell, vicechairman, and Mrs. George Pohl, Yaie, who is secretary.

The chairman for Lapeer coun-St. Clair County, Mrs. George told us: Meharg; Huron County, east and "Educ west, Mrs. Bruce Greeneback and Mrs. Edward Oeschger; Tuscola Mrs. Walter Moderoro; and Mrs. Wesley Mahaffey of Sanilac

ing with their committees. Mrs. Marvel Whittaker spoke of her trip to Europe, and Mrs. Karker summarized the meeting.

District 7 Mrs. Dale Root, Chairman Barryton R-1

The Farm Bureau women of District 7 held their spring dis-Community building April 4th.

Ninety members attended from county women's committee won following questions: a gavel for having the largest, attendance.

The district camp will be held at Stony Lake in Oceana county our schools more efficiently? key speech spoke of the increase in the population of the United Aug. 8 and 9th. All Farm Bu"What are our school building reau women are invited to attend. needs? The following district officers

were elected for a term of two keep them? years: Mrs. Dale Root, Barryton, Chairman; Mrs. Arlon Hatzman, Holton, Vice-chairman; Mrs. Stuart Oehrli, Hersey, Sec.-Treas.

Thomas Hahn of Rodney, member of the State board of directors, spoke to the group on important issues of the day regarding farm problems. Keith Tan- pect and appreciation of human ner of Lansing showed slides and values. They also have to learn reported on the many services effective work habits and dis-Farm Bureau provides for farm cipline. families.

Mrs. Marjorie Karker, state coordinator of Farm Bureau Women's Activities, stressed the importance of using our time to the best advantage.

Ralph Olthouse, regional representive, urged the women of District 7 to continue working on the roll-call drive and stressed the importance of farmers working together for their own welfare as well as for the good of the nation.

A very interesting debate was presented by members of the Fremont High School debating team on the question of "Federal Aid to Students for Higher Educa-An octette from the Fremont

High School sang several numbers which were enjoyed very

The fall district meeting will be held Oct. 3 with Oceana County Farm Bureau women acting as hostesses.

Mason County Women's committee reports a large gain in attendance at their April meeting. Mr. Beotrum, county superintendent of schools, explained the two proposed school district reorganizations, either one large district offering facilities and a wide choice of subjects or two smaller districts with a limited choice of subjects.

Oceana County. Miss Sands, director of social welfare, was the speaker at the April meeting of the Oceana County Women's Committee. Miss Sands explained the various departments of welfare, which included those of "outdoor" relief, hospital papattern to Michigan Farm News, tients, aid to dependent children county welfare.

The committee women were also pleased to have the regional present at this meeting. Ralph

stressed the importance of every- their annual family night supper | womens committee met in Milone working on the membership March 27 with 70 people present. lersburg for their March meeting.

Reese R-1

men were hostesses.

opened the meeting with de-

July 1.

City customers pay 90 billion dollars for produce for which farmers are getting 30 billion

Agriculture is a businessdon't be just a producer—farmers scholarship. Reservatons for 6

dinner the Gladwin High School attended in Ogemaw County. Aid to Education."

County. All attended the meetmatter of survival.

can't read' may be overrated but leaders should be chosen at elec-

trist meeting at the Fremont delinquency is due to the fact on May 24, at Long Rapids hall. community needs to evaluate its the seven counties. Newaygo school system by asking the Township Hall, May 3.

"What should our schools accomplish?

"In what way can we operate

"How to get good teachers and "How can we finance our

"How can we achieve a con-

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drive and urged the ladies to They enjoyed an interesting pro-help. A dance is being planned for gram, Mrs. Guy Ware, a teacher May. Chairman, Mrs. O. Menin the Alma schools, gave them drick, reported on the 3 or more an educational insight on the club and urged the women to comic books that are sold to our help in this drive. young people on all news stands today. A good deal of talk and 165 women gathered at the and some research is taking Clare city hall for the spring displace but not much is being done trict meeting. Clare county wo- about curbing the publication and sale of comic books, said

I would like to remind the votions. We had a short business women of District 8 to make boneau of Cheboyan county plans to attend our district camp March 28. All five counties in on June 20 and 21 at Coldwater the district were represented. Keith Tanner told us that the Lake near Mt. Pleasant. More Our District meeting was plan-

## District 10-E

Alpena R-1

Alcona. Dr. Burns gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the new school code when the women's committee of Alcona county met for their March meet-

Mrs. Thomas Hart resigned as 1st vice-chairman and was replaced by Mrs. Stanley Streeter of Mikado. Mrs. Herman Knight of Lincoln was elected 2nd vicechairman.

A committee was appointed to take care of the 3-year Nurse's complete report on the district After the usual fine pot-luck advisory council meeting she had

Alpena, Mrs. Esley VanWagoner, vice-chairman, called the March meeting to order due to The Rev. R. C. Puffer of Gray- the illness of chairman, Mrs. ling who attended the White Emiel Kreuger. Guest speaker county is Mrs. Emily Dondineau: House Conference last November, was Mr. Roland D. McNeill, county superintendent of schools. He "Education is a sound and gave a very interesting and in-

Legislative reports were given must have good schools as a ported in 1955 legislature also those opposed. Safety chairman, "We need 64,000 additional Mrs. A. Rouleau, gave a very in-Citizenship chairman, Mrs. R. Dickinson, read an article re-"The statement that Johnny minding the ladies that all good The 4-H award dinner being

> put on by the women will be held morency county at the Rust

Mrs. Kreueger and Mrs. Snyder. this smart frock for around-the-All state projects were ap- house activities! Especially deproved and ordered paid. Mrs. signed to flatter the larger figure Vernon Kingsbury was asked to -in sizes up to 50! Sew-veryreport on UNESCO pamphlet at easy; you're sure to wa the next meeting.

Mrs. E. O. Diomond was elected 2nd vice chairman and Mrs. R. Dickinson as secretary. More 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50. Size "Danny Duzits" and "Kwick 36 takes 41/4 yards, 35 inch fabric. Kuts" were ordered to use as money making projects.

Iosco. Farm Bureau Women of Iosco met at the home of Mrs. Herman Drengberg for their March meeting. Mrs. Little, legislative chairman, reported on important bills pending. Mrs. Alverson, citizenship chairman, also gave a very interesting report. Plans were made to attend the spring district meeting in Montmorency county May 3. A trip to Midland is being planned for August.

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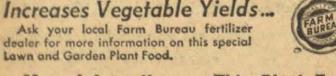
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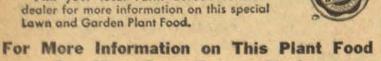
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### District 8

Mrs. Martin Stockmeyer, Chmn.

Mrs. Vanderveen of Clare Mrs. Ware.

term "Farm Bureau Services" about this next time. means different things to different people. Farmers of Michigan have invested \$5,500,000 in Farm Mrs. Veron Kingsbury, Chairman Bureau in Michigan. Among other things they have built two Farm Bureau Services fertilizer plants so they can have high analysis fertilizer. They manufacture both granulated and pulverized fertilizers. Farm Bureau Services will have the most modern seed processing regular fee for the service as plant in the midwest ready by

must get into business for them- ladies are being sent in to Woselves to beat the cost-price men's Camp at Twin Lakes. Reschool senior, Sandra Foster, who squeeze. Every individual eats ports were given by the legislahis weight in food every few tive and safety chairman. Chair-There were nearly 165 women months so there is a future in man, Mrs. LeForge, gave a very

debate on the subject "Federal

necessary investment in the forming talk on the revised future well-being of our nation. school code. Education makes a boy or girl a more productive individual. We by Mrs. R. Ohlrich on bills sup-

school rooms annually in the U.S. teresting report on safe driving. just to keep up with population

it is my conviction that 'Johnny tions. can't read very well'. "One of the causes of juvenile that the child does not get satis- Plans were made to attend the faction from his reading. Every spring district meeting in Mont-

schools? tinuing public interest in edu-

program of guidance and counselling. Children need to learn res-"We must provide our young

education is time. Schools belong to the people and every citizen has the responsibility of serving on citizens' committees if asked



District 10-W

Mrs. Hiram Brock, Chairman

East Jordan R-2

The Advisory Council Meeting

of District 10-West was held at

the home of Mrs. Richard Char-

ned. This meeting to be held in

Bellaire at the American Legion

Antrim County. Officers of

Antrim County Farm Bureau

Women's Committee are: Chair-

man, Mrs. Carl Conant; vice-

chairman, Mrs. Mae Fitzpatrick;

(Continued on Page 6)

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YOUNG TURKISH FARMER WORKS IN HATCHERY. Bahattin Toker, 28, center, assists Mr. and Mrs. Carl Abel fold shipping boxes for baby chicks at their farm and hatchery near Cedar Springs.

Bahattin Toker is one of 27 | world. young farmer trainees from other nations who are spending 10 months with Michigan farm February unable to speak a word ramules in a program to promote international good will and understanding. They want to wanted to come to the United know the American people and States so much that he couldn't to learn American methods of farming by working at it. In turn we become acquainted with their people and nation through them.

This program is promoted by the American Farm Bureau, It is in its third year in 1956 with 170 young men in the United where a missionary from Turkey States from all parts of the

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English, but Bahattin arrived in let the opportunity go by.

It was difficult for both the Abels and Bahattin. The situation improved when they took him to a family night dinner at Park church in Grand Rapids was guest speaker.

After the meeting the missionry acted as interpreter and enabled the Abels and Bahattin lear up many heretofore unanswered questions, and to understand each other better.

taken to enroll Bahattin in the seed. Bahattin hopes to try

Officers of

Junior Farm

**Bureau Meet** 

14. Twenty-three counties were

course for those seeking citizen-All of the young trainees speak | ship. He is taking the course and making good progress.

Bahattin Toker is from a large plied under the Marshall plan. Bahattin wants to apply his American farming experiences when he returns to his homeland. He hopes to acquire more of modern farm equipment.

His experience on the Abels' 380 aere farm and hatchery should prove most valuable. The farm has 2,500 laying hens. The hatchery has an egg capacity of

An excellent irrigation system helps the Abels to produce Michigan certified seed corn, Balboa At the same meeting steps were rye seed, and Pennscott clover basic English course given by the raising seed corn and possibly University of Michigan extension other seed crops at home.

emphasis was placed on membership acquisition.

A membership drive is scheduled for the last two weeks in September.

Margaret Linebaugh, state camp chairman, reported that the State JrFB Camp will be held at Clear Lake Camp near Hastings, June 20-24. Rural young people be-Junior Farm Bureau officers tween the ages of 16-28 from any met at the Michigan State Uni- county in Michigan may attend. versity Union Building on April Total cost for camp is \$18.

Mr. George H. Axinn, assistant represented by nearly 100 officers. Purpose of the meeting was to to the director of extension serveview the JrFB program and ice, M.S.U., addressed the officers year. on the topic "Member Responsibility." Mr. Axinn reviewed the Activities began with registra- make-up of a group and the memtion and get acquainted mixers. ber's place in that group. He the hospital services you need Ronald Voorheis of Oakland county opened the program with invocation and pledge to the American the value of planning ahead.

the hospital services you more important than ever.

The average contract cha

Official Junior Farm Bureau Barbara Foster, president of colors and emblems were dis-Michigan Junior Farm Bureau cussed. The majority of the offrom Berrien County stated the ficers present favored green and purpose of the meeting and re- gold as the colors with a torch viewed action taken by the state signifying "freedom" as the state emblem. Official adoption is ex-JrFB board. pected at the Junior Farm Bureau reported to the assembly plans convention, October 27. Junior Farm Bureau jackets with the ple think. projects and activities. Major emblems will be available to

> Another major item of discussion was the JrFB educational ideas for the use of the \$13,500 and \$5,000 and at least two in the cussion groups strong and the strong st cussion groups suggested college scholarships or a possible expansion of the JrFB camping program. Mr. Roger Foerch, coordinator of insurance relations, MFB, summarized the day's activities.

members this summer.

34 Years Service

At the 28th annual state FFA convention, last March, Mr. Reynold G. Oas, vo-ag teacher in the Paw Paw high school, was honor-ed and presented with a desk clock bearing a gold FFA emblem, and a certificate, for 34 against the rising cost of care and years of continuous and meritor- the "big bill" that can hit any

dairy cows is Increasing at a re-2693 New Members cord pace. 2,693 new members In Breeders Co-op with a total of 31,403 cows were

Robert Currey, secretary, of enrolled in the association during the Michigan Artificial Breeders 1955. Total number of cows ser-Co-op, says artificial breeding of viced, 171,515.

Clark L. Brody, executive vice-president of the Michigan Farm collected revenue from the Sales Farm Bureau will not support a proposed amendment to the state "It is evident that any equitable constitution which would elimin-

MFB Won't Support This One

formula for distribution of this ate the functions of the state aid in such a way as to insure equality of educational opportun-In regard to petitions being circulated by the Michigan Townships Association, Mr. Brody said the board of directors approximately 3,695 school dis- fore. of the Michigan Farm Bureau tricts in Michigan.

board of equalization.

made this statement:

"Members of the Michigan

Farm Bureau believe in home

rule and the preservation of the

also deeply concerned about pro-

opportunities for our boys and

"We recognize that at the pre-

IN THE NEXT 20 YEARS

market survey by the United

States Department of Agricul-

The report said that an esti-

mated twenty-four billion dollars

will be spent by farmers for

these conveniences during the

1956 to 1975 period. This is an

Within five years, purchases

are expected to total \$5,300,000.00.

Expenditures for these conven-

iences for the following ten years

average of \$5,300 per farm.

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and medical bills for more members than ever before. Latest

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Hospital costs are continuing to

rise and that makes the Blue

The average contract charges

per case to Blue Cross rose last

year from \$169 in January to

That's just the average, and

averages don't tell the whole

story. It's the above-average hos-

pital bill that really counts and

it hits more often than most peo-

Every 30 minutes, every work-

ing day of the year, Blue Cross

pays a bill for hospital care for

some member of \$1,000 or over

It's the "big bill" that can spell financial disaster for the average

family if they had to pay it out

of their own pocket.

The fact that Blue Cross-Blue

Shield now covers more than half

the people in Michigan and is

continuing to grow at the rate

one thing clear:

about \$183 by December.

"Unless the state should assume complete financial responsibility for our public schools, or unless some new maximum degree of local control basis of support for these of government. However, we are schools is provided, it appears to us that we must, of necessity, visions for adequate educational continue to have a considerable degree of state supervision of equalization of valuations in order to promote uniformity and to provide an equitable sent time, approximately 2/3 of measure of the degree of local the operating budget of our

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systems will nearly double by

1965 and triple in the following

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and prices, and that the number

of farms based on census def-

initions will decline by 15% in

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are estimated to reach \$11.3 are estimated in this study. throughout Michigan under billion dollars. The average ex- Lights and house-wiring will be Unico and Co-op brand labels.

the next twenty years.

decided change in the income 000 of purchases expected by

are estimated in this study. throughout Michigan under the

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ten years.

twenty years, according to a rural \$1,300, the report continued.

ments and in equalizing them at | in the State of Michigan. proper levels. We fail to see how.

uniform valuations can be achieved by the various Boards of Supervisors as provided in the proposed amendment. We would call attention to the fact that this objective has not been attained uniform assessments in the through that procedure hereto-"A serious feature of the pend-

edly clog circuit court calendars and involve Supreme Court

"The proposed amendment would transfer responsibility for the equalization of assessments from the State Board of Equalization to the several County public schools is provided participation in the support of Boards of Supervisors. There are

estimated purchases of \$535,000,-

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ion receivers are third with

\$472,000,000 of purchases. Wash-

ing machines are fourth with

\$435,000,000 of purchases. Home

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freezers are sixth with \$363,000,-

president of the Michigan Farm collected revenue from the Sales Bureau, said April 13 that the Tax and the Primary School wide variation in local assess-cities, a total of 2,110 supervisors

"It would obviously be impossible for this large number of officials, operating through boards of supervisors in the 83 counties, to achieve an equitable equalization which would subject the real and personal property throughout the state to a uniform level of valuation.

"We would also point out that ing proposal is that it would the proposed amendment inplace our circuit court judges in cludes equalization of assessa difficult position of responsi- ments of public utilities, which bility relative to assessment and equalization. It would undoubt- of Article X of the State Con-

"In view of these considerations, we feel that the proposal now being promoted by the Michigan Townships Association does not solve the prob-

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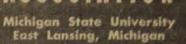
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Vic and Verna were chosen for pital. this honor from 22 candidates who had previously been nominated by their counties. They will reign for a year and will have the responsibility of representing the organization at various state functions of Junior Farm Bureau.

Each candidate had previously submitted an essay giving information on his home life, organiza-tional activity, and "What Jr. Farm Bureau means to me." A Michigan Farm Bureau; L A Bureau. Cheney, ass't secretary to the Michigan Association of Farmer

## Women of Mich. Farm Bureau

(Continued from Page 4) sec'y-treas., Mrs. Peter Vander-

At the February meeting of the Antrim County Farm Bureau Women's committee meeting the speaker was Mr. Omar Curtiss of the public relations Dep't of Traverse City State Hospital. Mr. Curtiss explained the ABC's of Mental Health, the cost of running the hospital, number of patients, employees, doctors, etc., as well as new ways that are



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being used to help patients.
As a result of Mr. Curtiss' talk the ladies voted to adopt a ward of patients. They are the second organization to take

Their duties are to provide a birthday card, a simple birthday party of cupcakes and juice each

Mrs. Robert Hubbel is chairman Lansing. mittee visited the ward for the first party the latter part of March. They had previously Michigan State University April 14. toured a large part of the hos-

The ladies are also collecting clothing and other articles for the swap shop for the patients. They have contributed a collection of jewelry, ties and cosmetics. A local editor donated some type and other items to be used in the hospital print shop.

March 1 a group of ladies from the Farm Bureau Women's Committee prepared a plate luncheon for 200 hovs and resource people and delivered at the site all for an Agricultural Opportunities panel of three judges interviewed bay put on by the county agent. each candidate and made the The cost of the dinner was selection. The judges were Dan shared by the Soil Conservation Reed, ass't legislative counsel, District and the County Farm

The speaker at the April meet- apiece. ing was Mr. Gelespie of the Child Cooperatives, and Clare L. Mc-Ghan, coordinator of Community showed a film "Angry Boy" Groups and Junior Farm Bureau which is an excellent illustration heavy. a problem child and the procedure used in finding the cause

of his trouble, also the counsel-

ling that helped the parents as well as the child. The officers of the Charlevoix County Women's committee this year are: Chairman-Mrs. Ole vice-chairman, Mrs. Carl McBride; sec'y-treas., Mrs.

Tom Wieland. At the March meeting Mrs. Bellenger, publicity chairman of Charlevoix County Cancer Crusade, was the speaker. The Cancer Crusade program has three parts: medical education, Research. and service.

There are many varieties of cancer and it attacks persons of all ages. April was Cancer month. The theme was "Fight Cancer with a Checkup and a Check."

Mrs. Ruth Hunsberger from the Consumers' Marketing Service at Traverse City was guest speaker at the April Meeting of the Charlevoix Farm Bureau Women's Committee. The pur- 183 tons of various types of seeds pose of the marketing program at one time. is to give the consumer information so she can get the most be a least 30 heavy machines to for her food dollar, also to help operate conveyors, cleaners, etc. the farmer produce the product the consumer wants. Time has pletion late in May, will house been made available on radio and one of the most modern seed protelevision to bring this news to cessing plants in the country. the public. The farmer should produce the best product possible. Quality products command high-

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of Lapeer, R. 2, may of may not be the same person. If they are we have a duplication. stitute of Cooperation summer It pains us to think of how many ways that could happen. If you Carolina State College, Raleigh, should be receiving two copies July 29-August 2, 1956. of the paper, we'd appreciate a It is expected to draw some postcard telling us the name and 3,000 farm, business, and governone which should be discontinued. Thank you. Michigan Farm News, PO Box 960, Lansing, Mich.

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Sixty feet high, the 61 by 41 foot building has only two floors. lower story measures 25 feet from slab to ceiling; upstairs is a cavern 35 feet high.

But to get lower fire insurance rates, the framework of the building was to be of reinforced concrete, instead of the steel that ordinarily might be used for such

To dispense with shoring, the architect, Edmund J. Meles of Lansing, decided to use prefabricated concrete members, which could be cast in a flat position ready to raise into position.

Even then, the job wasn't easy. The 36 main columns weigh upwards of four tons each, and two of these, 25 feet long by 18 inches square, ran seven tons

The somewhat smaller girders and joists, also of reinforced conwere correspondingly

To get the uppermost units into place, Granger Brothers, the general contractors, had to rent a crane with a 70-foot boom.

The concrete parts were made by Precast Industries of Kalamazoo, and were trucked to the job site. Two columns made up a full load for a semi-trailer rig.

By use of this technique, the shoring job was limited to building a temporary wooden subfloor between the joists. When a threeinch floor of reinforced concrete poured over this surface has been cured, the lumber panels can be removed by snipping their supporting wires, then moved up for pouring of the roof.

Heavy loads. Because of heavy loads to be supported, Mr. Meles explained, the building will need unusual structural strength, as well as its vast open areas. For example, the roof must support equipment including 48 steel

On the second floor there will The building, due for com-

## Institute of Cooperation ample, James Spencer and J. C. In N. Carolina Spencer of Lapeer R 2 may or

The annual American Insession will be held at North

United States.

ation with local cooperatives, will sponsor a busload of youth organizations, FFA, FHA, 4-H. Grange, and Junior Farm Bureau, to the convention.

The theme of the Institute will be: "Cooperatives: Key To Farm April issue of the Michigan Farm were H.89, to control roadside Progress.

Sectional meetings will appeal to directors and managers of farmer cooperatives, to youth leaders, and to those responsible for membership and public re-

These meetings feature such topics as: dairy processing, marketing, insurance, cooperative law, cooperative directors, farm transportation, rural supply, electric cooperatives, managers, merchandising, fertilizer production, member relations, and public relations.

Youth programs, will include the participation of outstanding Michigan rural youth representatives. Entertainment and educational tours, have been planned by the Institute.

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SKELETON-Part of the reinforced concrete framework of the Michigan Farm Bureau seed processing plant remains visible through open areas not enclosed by concrete block walls. Heavy equipment will be suspended from the pre-cast concrete joists, which will support a concrete poured roof. (State Journal, Lansing, photo).

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(Continued from Page 1) and placed on a sliding scale.

and clearly all of the details of bulk milk tank trucks, encounaddress we should use, and the ment leaders, including 1,000 the State Aid Formula in a report tered unexpected opposition in youth, from all parts of the like this. However, it is obvious the Senate, and was shunted off that the new bill will provide to a committee for burial. The Michigan Association of before, and will considerably inmore "equalization" than ever Farmer Cooperatives, in cooper- crease the assistance to districts which have been forced to levy excessively high property taxes because of the low valuation per pupil.

News, we listed numerous bills which the Michigan Farm Bureau had supported which had been passed, and an even longer list which we had opposed which had been defeated. We called attention to several which were still pending. Here are the final

Veterinary Medicine. S.1015, to the practice of veterinary med- thought out program, and having veterinary profession.

Milk. S.1175, to allow the use ing measures. of the term "Grade A" with reference to milk produced and han-

## dled under certain conditions

was approved by both branches of the legislature. H.238, to establish standards for the installation and operation It is impossible to outline fully of bulk milk tanks, and to control

> Farm Trucks. H.255, to allow farm trucks having farm commercial license plates to be used for passenger car purposes, was approved by both houses.

Hunting. Other measures which In our legislative report in the were enacted late in the session hunting, and H.97, prevent further importation of San Juan Rabbits into Michigan.

When the legislative session has been completed and we summarize what was and wasn't done, the report should be gratifying from the Farm Bureau standpoint.

This is the result of having a establish a state board to control carefully prepared and well icine, was enacted after much a forceful procedure for keeping bickering among factions in the the Senators and Representatives currently informed as to the Farm Bureau position on pend-

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Don Miller, poultryman at Michigan State University, says to take time to watch and, yes,

Miller says a decline in feed J. F. Yaeger, executive secretary. consumption indicates trouble even though you may not have ager for the past four years under detected trouble in the birds up to that time.

medicated feed. The medication the Bank of Lansing where he can be discontinued just as quick-

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Senate committees which are considering the bill, supporting and

been introduced by Senator Bar-

Mr. Dean was ass't credit manthe direction of G. F. Griswold, assistant treasurer. Mr. Dean Have on hand antibiotic or came to the Farm Bureau from was employed for four years. Before that he was with the Bank of America in California. He was born at Carsonville, Sanilac county, and educated there. After graduation he was employed by the War Ordnance Dep't at Detroit. He served three years in the navy in World War II.

> Words without action are the assassins of idealism. — Herbert

### Chicago Meeting On Use of Water

The American Farm Bureau Federation board of directors has. selected June 25-26 for the Land and Water Use Conference to be held at the Hotel Sherman,

The first day will be devoted Jack Lynn, AFBF legislative to ground water problems and director, says that bills now be- state legislation relating to ground fore Congress may prove to be the water. The second day will inmost important legislative pro- clude various subjects relating to posals in the field of water re- state and national water policies.

The Michigan Farm Bureau will Lynn says the legislation is de- be represented at the meeting. signed to prevent continued fed- State and national authorities on eral encroachment on states rights land and water use will speak to the conference. Known as "The Water Right

## Settlement Act of 1956," S. 863 has Sam H. Thompson rett. It would provide that the Was AFBF Leader

federal government should have Sam H. Thompson, 92, president the same right, but no greater of the American Farm Bureau right, than such as provided under Federation from 1926 through 1930, state law for any other landowner. died at his home in Quincy, Illi-Along with other identical bills nois, in late April. Mr. Thompson introduced in the House, S. 863 left the AFBF presidency to acwould prevent the federal govern- cept appointment by President ment from seizing water rights Hoover to the Federal Farm Board, the first effort by the gov-AFBF has presented strong ernment to deal with farm surstatements to both House and pluses,

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3-Berrien County - Boyer Community Farm Bureau.

3-Berrien-Cribbs Community 3-Berrien - Chickasaw Com-

munity Farm Bureau. 3-Clinton - Jolly Dutchmen Community Farm Bureau.

5-Delta-Dansforth Community Farm Bureau.

3-Delta-Boney Falls Community Farm Bureau. 5-Delta - Big Spring Com-

3-Emmet-Sunny Ridge Community Farm Bureau. 3—Genesee—North Community Saturday

munity Farm Bureau.

Farm Bureau. 3-Hillsdale - Reading Community Farm Bureau.

3-Ingham - Doane Valley Community Farm Bureau. 3-Ingham - East Alaiedon

Community Farm Bureau. 3-Ingham-Just-A-Mere Community Farm Bureau. 3-Ionia - LeValley Commun-

ity Farm Bureau. 5-Jackson - Blackman Community Farm Bureau.

3-Jackson - Columbia Community Farm Bureau. 3-Jackson-Grass Lake Community Farm Bureau.

3-Jackson - Henrietta Community Farm Bureau.

5-Jackson - Napoleon Community Farm Bureau. 3-Jackson-Rives Community Farm Bureau

3-Lenawee - Gorman Community Farm Bureau. 3-Lenawee-Rollin Commun-

ity Farm Bureau.

Community Farm Bureau. 3-Manistee - Portage Community Farm Bureau.

3-Mason-Riverton Community Farm Bureau.

3-Mason-Sauble River Community Farm Bureau.

3-Mecosta - Pleasant View Community Farm Bureau. 4-Mecosta-Higbee Commun-

ity Farm Bureau. 3-Menominee - East Daggett

Community Farm Bureau. 3-Menominee-Faithorn Community Farm Bureau.

3-Monroe - Maybee Farmers Community Farm Bureau.

3-Monroe-Raisinville Center Community Farm Bureau.

3-Monroe-Swan Creek Com-

munity Farm Bureau. 3-Monroe - Whiteford Community Farm Bureau. 3-Montcalm - Maple Valley

3-Muskegon - Cedar Creek Community Farm Bureau.

3-N. W. Michigan - Archie Community Farm Bureau.

3-Oceana-Shelby Community

3-Shiawassee - New Haven Community Farm Bureau. 4-St. Clair-Senior Commun-

ity Farm Bureau. 3-Van Buren-Arlington Com-

munity Farm Bureau. 3-Van Buren - Pine Grove

Community Farm Bureau. 3-Wayne-Parkway Community Farm Bureau.

6-Wayne-South Huron Community Farm Bureau.

# Co-op Program In Upper

"How Farmer Cooperatives
Help You and Your Farming
Business" is the title of a series of weekly radio programs which began Saturday, April 7, at 7:00 a.m. over WKAR.

The Program will continue each in the Upper Peninsula! Saturday morning through Late in March 1955 we made August 11, 1956, according to L our first contact in Delta county A Cheney, assistant secretary of Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives.

The series has been arranged in cooperation with Art Boroughs, WKAR farm radio editor, who conducts the program.

The programs will point out the ways of doing business in country and how cooperatives are a part of those ways. They will tell why cooperatives were organized in Michigan, how they are financed, and what services and benefits they offer.

Farmer-owned cooperatives to-5-Lenawee-Seneca Hustlers day are an important part of get off to a good start. most every farm business. In fact, many Michigan farmers belong to three, four, five and even six farmer cooperatives.

Cooperatives not only help keep our business system competitive, but they also are a way camp at Twin Lakes near Trapetitive, but they also are a way Farmers' growing interest and participation in marketing, pur-

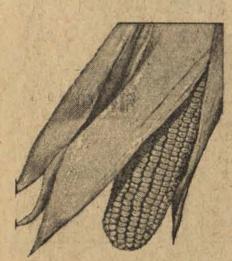
chasing, and service co-ops indicate of the accomplishments first one in the U.P. It got off to of this form of business.

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OGEMAW COUNTY FARM BUREAUS annual Farmers-Urban banquet at Prescott was attended by 375 farmers and their guests. Dr. Harold Spongberg, ass't director of continuing education at Michigan State University, is shown as he described the work of 76 young people in Europe recently as representatives of the United States in a Farm Youth Exchange program. Ogemaw Farm Bureau has passed its goal of 417 to a membership of 435 families for 1956.

# Farm Bureau

WESLEY S. HAWLEY Co-ordinator, U. P.

The first year of Farm Bureau

to lay the ground work for organizing the Farm Bureau. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ford agreed to state board of education. be the key sponsoring couple to organize the county. With their help other key farm families were found and on April 16 the Delta County Farm Bureau Advisory Committee was organized. From here on things moved along well.

We started at a busy time of year but the committee never hesitated to hold the necessary meetings to become familiar with the Farm Bureau so they could

A carload of committee members made a trip to Lansing April statement: 26 to learn more about the organization. Three women from in Michigan who is chosen at a Michigan Farm Bureau." Delta and one from Menominee

Boney Falls Community Farm Boney Falls Community Farm
Bureau was organized May 18 the
In Telling a good start and is now the largest in the Upper Peninsula. This There is nothing new under the set the pace for the organizing summer and fall in Delta county. These groups are holding regular meetings and doing right well.

directors was elected. The board into another depression." soon had plans made for building tion at the state annual meeting prepared for use in groups across lation.

The business people have been in- Menominee. terested and pleased at the progress made to date. Too much cannot be said about the fine cooperation of the Escanaba Daily Press and WDBC radio.

Menominee County. The experience in Menominee County has been equally good. The Menominee committee was organized with the help of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Corey of Stephenson. This committee was officially organized June 15, 1955.

They have organized 16 groups These groups are having good meetings and a lot of fun. Mrs. Corey was the representative at the women's meeting at Traverse City. Menominee county was represented at the state annual meeting by Mr. and Mrs. Corey.

Menominee County Farm Bureau was organized December 28. 1955. They have moved along well in their planning and activities since then. One of their groups is considering enrolling in Blue Cross and others are requesting meetings to hear the Blue Cross story. They are making a survey now regarding the feasibility of starting the insurance programs in the county.

Both counties have had representation at several of the important meetings at Lansing and elsewhere. They know that the need to get the whole picture of the Farm Bureau in order to get the most out of it.

We can look forward to good progress in the future of the Farm Bureau in these counties and expect them to really use Farm Bureau. Farm Bureau will be the real Voice of Agriculture in the Upper Peninsula.

Plans are now under way to organize the Farm Bureau in

## MFB Favors Change in State Bd. of Education

The Michigan Farm Bureau an- | public election is the state supernounced its support April 19 for a intendent of public instruction.

The amendment provides that the state superintendent of public

change in the state constitution tion. have been prepared and placed in cation Association.

Brody, has long been in favor of for staggered terms of eight years the change in Michigan's educa- each. tional authority proposed by the amendment. It is participating in the campaign to place the proposal on the ballot.

proposed constitutional amend- "The only board of education in ment for an enlarged, non-parti- Michigan, dealing with elementary can, state board of education, said and secondary education, which is Clark L. Brody, executive vice- partisan in character and elected on a partisan basis is the state board of education.

"We renew our support for an instruction, presently an elected enlarged state board of education, official, shall be appointed by the among whose duties would be the Petitions providing for such a superintendent of public instruc-

"We recommend that the board 30-40 or 40-50 year-old groups. door floors and carpets clean. circulation by the Michigan Edu- consist of eight members from specified geographical districts, to The Farm Bureau, said Mr. be elected on a non-partisan basis

"Such a proposal was first advocated 59 years ago and has been proposed frequently during the intervening years. It has been The board of directors of the supported vigorously by many Michigan Farm Bureau made this educational and citizens groups. We have endorsed such a plan at "The only school superintendent three annual conventions of the

# Farm Story

DAN E. REED Assistant Legislative Counsel

"Some city folks think farmers There are over 22 million peo-Delta County Farm Bureau was their expense. Others believe all shows only about 8 million, or organized October 17. By-laws farmers are going broke. Some about 2 million families, depend were adopted and a good board of hold that agriculture will lead us on agriculture to provide an ad-

Committees have been appoint- improve agriculture's public relations. Every farm person can ed and will be planning for organizing more groups and build- be an ambassador, helping our

ing the membership next year. Baraga and Chippewa counties.

city cousins to know us better. Pointing out that farmers spent about \$36 billion last year to run our farms and care for our families, the AFBF discussion folder also lists agriculture's contribution to well-trained young people, who each year provide the nation's employers with good workers who want to give an honest day's work for a good day's pay.

and ranchers are getting rich at ple on U.S. farms. The folder equate income on a full-time amployment basis. Full - time Thus is posed the need for the farmer - families represent only a county program. Delta County
Farm Bureau had representaFarm Bureau discussion sheet about 5.4% of the nation's popu-

in November. Two groups are now enrolled in Blue Cross-Blue Shield. A survey is being made Shield. A survey is being made Friends," AFBF staff members to corn, cotton, peanuts, wheat, rice, which represent have prepared suggestions to and tobacco—which represent only about 24% of our farm income (only about 11% in Mich-

"We are producing more than The interest and co-operation We feel sure that the experiences you will buy - at profitable of the urban people and the press in these counties will be as good prices," say farmers, "We need to and radio has been wonderful as that enjoyed in Delta and adjust the size of our total farm plant to produce what the market



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## Banding Reveals Much About Bird Migration

Labrador.

Bird banding, an important banded in California was shot tool in management of waterfowl three months later on a Pacific and other game birds, has been island 4,500 miles away; still anused widely in North America other was killed in England just since the first banding program 21 days after being banded in was started in 1899.

Some 7,000,000 birds-repre- The Arctic tern has the longest senting more than 600 species- recorded migration, extending have been banded in that time in from the Arctic to the Anarctic the United States and Canada. This long-distance migrant trav-All banding records are kept on els 25,000 miles a year as it folfile at the federal Fish and lows the sun from north to south Wildlife Service research labor- and back again, atory at Laurel, Maryland.

Banding reports give an indi- banding is only part of the job cation of bird migration routes, in management studies. The cyhow long birds live in the wild cle is not complete unless the state and other information.

A bird banded in Michigan holds the longevity record among recovered wild birds. The bird, a Caspian tern, was banded near workers urge that banded birds St. James, Beaver Island, and be reported by anyone finding was killed 26 years later in Ohio. them. If the bird is dead, the

Long-distance migrations also place and date of recovery should are revealed by recovery of band- be mailed to the Fish and Wilded birds. One pintail duck banded life Service, Washington 25, D. C. in North Dakota was killed in or the Conservation Department, South America; another pintail Lansing.

wants. Our surpluses prove that Handy Notebook

the government is not a market!" A household notebook can be All members of County Farm Bureau Resolutions Committees in Michigan will receive this folder, and other discussion and information materials, to help them in drafting their reports for presentation at County Farm Bureau annual meetings in October.

Dangerous Never permit your child to ride with you on the tractor or other front and back doors for family selection and supervision of the farm machinery. More children members and visitors to wipe under 10 are killed by farm trac- their feet before entering. The tors than people in the 20-30, mats will help to keep your in-

just as helpful as a favorite cook book. In it you can keep such facts as a record of curtain sizes the amount of paint or wallpaper needed to redecorate each room, . . even the washing and cleaning directions that come with curtains or furniture.

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If your sow milks well - has a normal sized family, common sense tells you to wait until the pigs grow big enough to need more food than the milk flow supplies. By that time Farm Bureau Creep-Ettes is an 18% pelleted feed to use when the litter needs extra nourishment until they are weaned-or reach a 35 or 40 lb. weight. Thats' common sense.

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job and use your own grain.

needs special feeds.

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## Have the Small Farms a Profitable Future?

## Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for May

Background Material for Program in May by our 1,567 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

Coordinator of Education and Research, MFB

A small farm is not easy to define. If we mean "small in acres," we may find that some small plots produce a good income by raising certain special crops intensively, like berries, for instance.

Some farms of large acreage may yield poor income because land, management, and "know how" are not

Still again, a farm of fair acreage may be "small" in that a resident may plan to make little or no use of the land. Most economists talk about farms with small acre- Schmidt, Niles; Robert Van Wert, Homer. age, however, when referring to small farms.

The answer to the future of the small farm seems to be in actual trends in the record, and not in a mere their children. matter of opinion.

For the question is not "Shall we leave the small work off the farm. They may live in the city? farmer on the farm?" but rather "Can the small farmer continue to make a living income for his family from and go "outside" to make this the land?"

The Family Farm. There has been much discussion the family-other than the farm will add but little to their inabout "family farms." And, again definitions are confusing. Is a tract of land a family farm simply because Many urban people today have the family may live in the farmhouse? Suppose they let the land lie idle? Such farms are included in the of living. census figures, however, if they are 3 acres or more.

Is it a family farm if the family only grows a few things for its own use, and gets most of its income from jobs off the farm? Many "hobbyists" do this.

Most agricultural economists define a family farm as because of this. one on which (a) the family does the managing; (b) the family does more than half the work; and (c) the farm itself provides most of the income for the family. Many of our small acreage farms would be left out under this definition.

The fact is that over the years the family farm has been one which the family managed, worked, and on which they earned their living. Most farms are still of this sort. We surely cannot say that the family farm is disappearing just because farms are getting larger.

around.

certain point.

easy to do.

living on the small tract of land.

Looking at the matter in a

Of course, some farmers do buy too much land-more than

share of the income from a small

share of the land, and it is not

Off-the-Farm Employment. We

must remember that many farm-

ers today are getting part of their income from jobs off the

Many people live on smail

to live in the country". Some do

Farmers who work the farm as small operator is working against a business and get their family a severe handicap. income from the land have been adding acres. They are just being

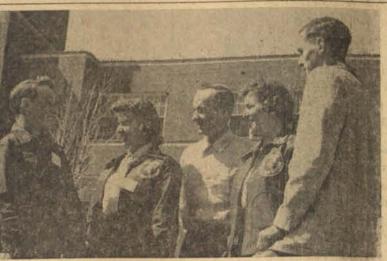
come out in the black." large or small. utility services, family expenses, equipment to buy, etc.

Production of farm crops has to be large enough so that you have enough units to sell to overcome the costs and leave you a balance for a net income-

But, by and large, the small farmer has too little land to do different way, we may point out this. His earnings are eaten up that if we divide the land among by his costs. He just cannot pro- a lot of workers, the share that duce enough to make the farm each worker gets from the land pay off under present conditions. is bound to be smaller up to a Even the farmer with enough land has to use expert management to overcome the cost

with farm labor short and may get "land poor". But the hurdle. expensive, the work must be small farmer must try to get his done with improved machinery. This demands increased investment. The small operator cannot afford it. So, his work is done, as a rule, by older methods which require more man-hours in the

Agricultural economists mea- farm. So are some of our larger sure "efficiency" by figuring the farmers. amount that can be sold at the going price in relation to each farms today because they "like man-hour of work on the farm. Efficiency increases as we in- not work the land. Some are recrease our production while tired. Some work it as a sideline reducing the man-hours of work and do not expect the farm to necessary to raise the crops. yield much income. These folks Since his production is small in often think of the farm as some



MICHIGAN JUNIOR FARM BUREAU sent 16 student dele gates to the American Farm Bureau Federation young people's national leadership training school at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, in March. 260 young people came from 22 states. In the picture are five from Michigan: Edwin Estelle, left, Gaylord; Elizabeth Wittke, Lapeer; Ronald Voorheis, Davisburg; Lois And only 4.5% of the farm land

thing to fall back on when factories close down. Or they subsidize the small-income farm, like the rural environment for how is it to be done? And if we

buyers of larger farms, top, who need money to pay for the farm, add land, machinery or livestock,

operator-may help with off-thefarm work. This is not unusual. both husband and wife employed

Even with other jobs, it is hard in farm itself pay off. He is often too much away and farm work falls behind. Time and energy are divided between the farm and "the job". Losses occur

and small farms in Michigan are turning to off-the-farm work. The 1954 census for Michigan shows 54,705 farm operators who worked more than 100 days off the farm. This number is constantly increasing. It raised the 1950 figure by 13.2%.

way is opened, Michigan will see new industries all along its lake shores. And more farmers will turn to some form of offthe-farm jobs. That is certain. relation to the work put in, the

Census figures show fewer and fewer small acreage farms in Michigan. Some are being joined Should the Small Farm Opera- to larger farms, and others are practical. They have to do it to tor Stay in Farming? This is being platted out into suburban America. No one with an eye to lots. Michigan had 9.795 farms in our system of choosing for our- the 1954 census with gross incertain fixed costs. There are selves would try to force people comes under \$1,200. This is a buildings to maintain, taxes, off the farms by law, nor try to rather small percentage of the total of 138,922 census farms for persuade them to leave the farm. We are dealing with people, and the state.

we should not try to push people The southern states have a more serious problem with the If people on small farms do go "marginal" farmer. In the U.S. there are 1,500,000 farms with a into other forms of employment, cash annual income less than a simple financial fact will be their reason. They cannot earn a \$1,000 per year.

What to Do About the Small-Income Farm? Agricultural economists point out that the small farm cannot pay off unless it is highly specialized in its production and has a good market But if, as some say, we should

should do this for the small farmer because he likes to live There are many owners or there, isn't it sensible to do it versity economists. Families will also for city folks who like to Certainly, price supports of any

kind are going to help the small Farmer. If there are farmers with farmer very little, if any. Price Sometimes another member of supports for small crop acreage comes. The benefits will go to tribute very little to the nation's larger farmers with enough supply of goods and services. If acreage to take advantage of the we help them, they could better so-called basic crop supports. to help raise the family standard There are very few big "cor-of living." in the U.S., but they enjoyed the biggest rake-off government price support for the small farmer to make the checks during the past few years.

Should some program actually encourage the small farmer to They pay few, if any taxes. If stay in agriculture and get along they turned to profitable em-"on a shoestring"? Is it the ployment, they could help to obligation of the public to help carry their share of the load. him stay put if he cannot "make Yes, both operators of large out" on his farm?

> If so, should he qualify for such supports by acres or by average income? If we give him supports because he has small who is specializing and making a good income from his small holdings. If it should be by income, some could cut their production back a bit, sit down, and let the public make up the difference. It does present some meaty pro-

We cannot make light of this low-income farmer by: matter. The "low income" farmer

have to go south to find them in ing them. larger numbers. And most of them cannot take advantage of outside jobs to help solve the where employment opportunities problem

Are Big Farms a Danger? Some folks are worried that we may lose our "family farms" if they get larger. But if a family farm is one managed and worked by a family, and from which the family gets the main share of its income, is that so? Maybe the him to a new employment area, family farm has to get bigger to if necessary. do that job.

Is a farm a "family farm" merely by being small? What about "corporation farms"? Well, 72% of the land in

the United States is privatelyowned. The rest is government Ninety-two percent of the privately-owned land is in farms.

is in corporation farms.

land in family farms. The outlook is that most of the farms will stay as family farms, according to Michigan State Unilive on them, manage them, and get their incomes from the farms primarily.

Real Help for the Low-Income holdings too small to make a living, we may have a real obligation to them. They actually contheir own conditions and contribute more to our national wealth.

As it is, many of these people are a serious problem to themselves as well as to the public. They are often a tax burden, depending on government welfare.

Many of our farm programs are designed to try to solve a welfare problem rather than to support a strong and productive agriculture. A doctor diagnoses and prescribes a different treatacreage he might be a farmer ment for each condition. Broken bones and diphtheria are not treated alike.

The small, low-income farmer's problem is not a measure of the needs of agriculture in general. What is needed for one may not fit the other.

Perhaps we should help the

is a serious problem in America I. Providing opportunity for



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- 3. Encourage more industries to move into rural areas.
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- 5. Provide means of moving
- 6. See to it that proper educational opportunities are available for his family.

### Questions

There is little chance to get the problem of the small farm operator into focus without first studying the facts. Read your Michigan Farm News article.

1. What do you believe is the That leaves 95.5% of the farm chance for the small farm operator in Michigan to stay in agriculture?

> 2. If small farms are not providing a living income for their families, what might be done about their problem?

(a) What might be done to help them locate in better-paying

(b) If they cannot "make a go be given public aid, so as to stay policies. where they are? How?

ow-income farmer expect from and collision coverage policies. government price support pro-

today. We, in Michigan, see few him to learn new trades and | 4. Where does "off-the-farm" | vision are to give further recogemployment fit into the picture

## Save \$70,000 On New Rates

The new rate revision is another step in a continuing effort by Farm Bureau Mutual to improve its coverage and rates. It is effective May 1. The announcement was made by Marvin Metzger, assistant manager.

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ily cars operated by female drivers under age 25. 2. Reduces premium for mar-

ried men under age 25 carrying full liability, medical, compreof it" on the farm, should they hensive, and collision coverage

3. What help can the small, bility, medical, comprehensive,

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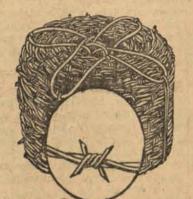
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Jun. Making Citizenship Work at Home.

Who is the Middleman - What is His Take of the Consumer's Dollar? Aug. Farmer's Role in Selling Michigan

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