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HIRAM and MARTHA
SEEDS IN HIS POCKET
I have a neighbor down the Street; a gardener of repute. He has that love of growing things which brooks no substitute.

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participation of government in controlling the farmer's operations over the past decade has brought confusion and decline in farm returns instead of prosperity.

These Groups Met Every Month in '55-56

We wish to extend our congratulations to the Community Farm Bureaus and discussion leaders listed here. This recognition is given to these groups and leaders for the outstanding contribution they have made to the Community Farm Bureau program this year.

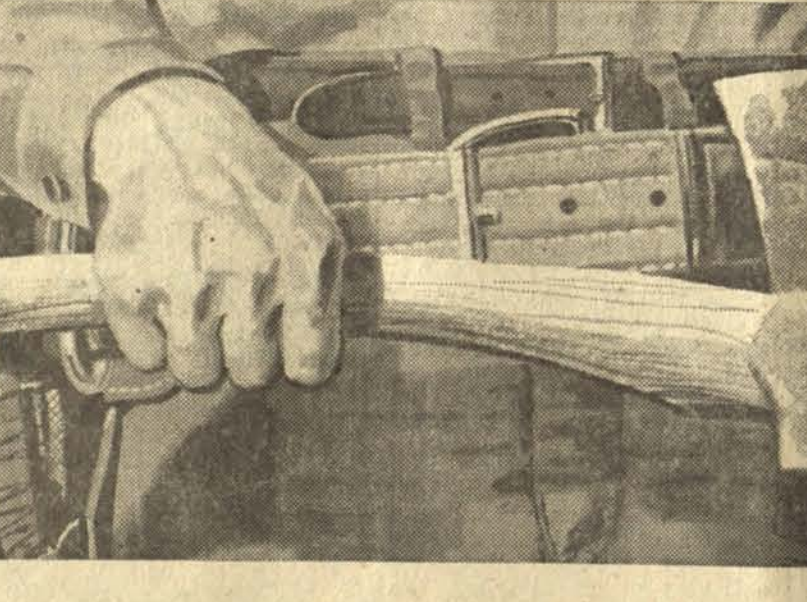
These groups held a meeting every month. They discussed and came to a conclusion on each of the 12 monthly discussion topics. This list proves that it can be done. We hope to see more groups listed here next year. Here are the 100% participation Community Farm Bureau groups and their discussion leaders:

- Alpena County: Alpena Community Farm Bureau group, Mrs. Roland Ohlrich, discussion leader, Alpena.
Barley County: Barley Community Farm Bureau group, Mrs. E. A. Pentecost, discussion leader, Barley.
Bay County: Bay County Community Farm Bureau group, Mrs. J. H. Hart, discussion leader, Bay City.

- Honkman, St. Charles: Honkman, St. Charles Community Farm Bureau group, Mrs. E. J. Honkman, discussion leader, Honkman.
Sanilac County: Sanilac Community Farm Bureau group, Mrs. E. J. Honkman, discussion leader, Honkman.

Paying Dues By Mail A Big Help

For the third year there will be a uniform mail collection of dues by all County Farm Bureaus. The notices will go out during the first two weeks in November.



What would you do with an axe like this?

Michigan Bell cuts expenses with it. Tools which have become worn, dull or damaged—such as this axe—are collected and sent to the Detroit repair shops of Western Electric, manufacturing and supply unit of the Bell System.

Group Asks State Milk Marketing Act

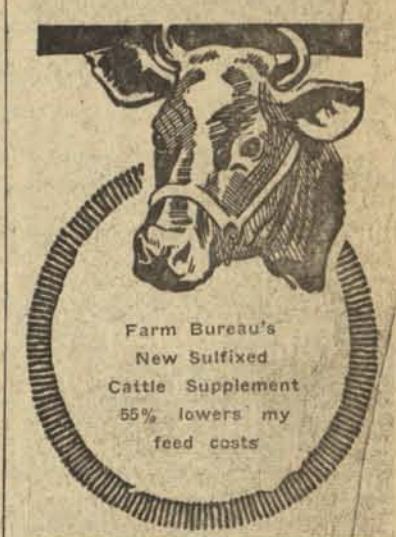
The Michigan Dairy Farmers Federation of Lansing has instructed its officers and directors to urge the legislature to enact a state milk marketing act.

Schools For Community Group Leaders

So that County Community Group Committee leaders may have the opportunity to learn more about the organization of new Community Groups, meetings are being planned for late October.

Safety Rules For Farm Chemicals

Farmers are being urged by National Safety Council to adopt a four-point program to assure the safe use and handling of agricultural chemicals. Here are the points:



LIVESTOCK
REGISTERED SWISS COWS: Helmi (due soon), Also choice Bull and Heifer Calves. Tested Dams. Records to 700 lbs. Edward Bush, 1055 Briggs Road, Reese, Michigan. (11-11-25p)

FOR SALE
HAVE CUSTOMERS for good used, modern maple syrup evaporators. Write us complete description of the evaporator you wish to sell. Sugar Bush Supplies Company, P.O. Box 1107, Lansing, Michigan. (10-21-25p)

INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR: Four Bottom Hydraulic International Plow, Four Roll International Corn Husker, Three Surge Milker Units, Sylvester Shoner, 717 Grand River, Brighton, Michigan. (11-11-22p)

FOR SALE—10 H.P. 26 inch ME-Rotator \$250, 14 inch Case silo filler \$100, two 6 H.P. Wisconsin gasoline engines, like new \$50 each. L. Sharick, Ludington R-1, Michigan. Phone 7145-7. (11-11-22p)

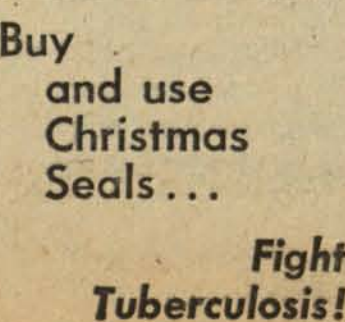
FOR SALE—78 acre stock farm, lined and manured each year. All buildings of recent construction, and woven wire fence all around. Price \$17,500. Can be financed. Am retiring. W. C. Allen, Gallien, Michigan. (11-11-25p)

FOR SALE—Fruit farm in production. Basement barn, 40 x 46, 8 room modern house, large beautiful yard, 5/8 mile from Lake Michigan. In good fishing and hunting area. Arthur Sharick, Phone 7145, Ludington R-1, Michigan. (11-11-33p)

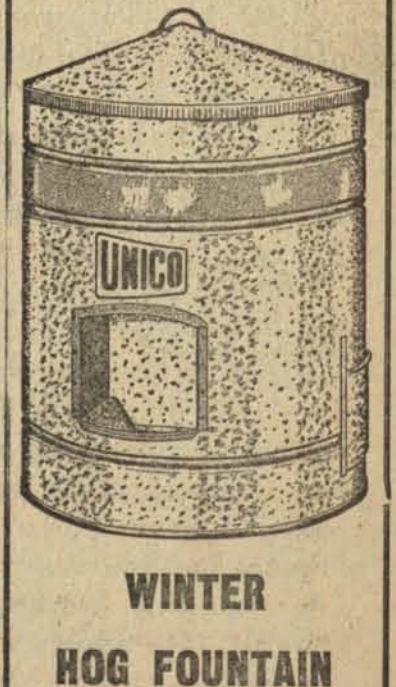
DUCKS
ROLEN DUCKS: Pure bred. Good breeding stock \$5.00 each, cash and carry. Extra charge by express. John Wuestwiler, 37171 26 Mile Road, New Baltimore, Mich. (11-11-25p)

BARN & POULTRY EQUIPMENT
ACORN BARN CLEANER—6-ply, self-reversing, quickly cleans one, two, three gutters. Easily installed. Folder free.

WANTED TO BUY
WANTED TO BUY—Sleigh bells and cutter bells. Please state kind and price. Address Leand Stoll, 37E Chase Lake Road, Howell R-4, Michigan. (11-11-20p)



Your Hogs Need Sanitary Water ALL WINTER!



This fountain is equipped with either the DOUBLE-LIFE 2-oz. "Seal of Quality" galvanized steel bottom or cast iron cups for extra years of service. It can be heated with either two single unit burners or the Automatic type electric heater.

SALESMAN—Start part-time business. Sell new type barn cleaners. Write, Ottawa-Hitch, Box 321, Holland, Mich. (9-31-11p-12b)

WOMEN
UNION LOOMS for profitable weaving. Weave rugs at home for neighbors on \$69.50 Union Loom. Thousands of jobs. Booklet free. Carcraft Co., Mark St., Boonville, New York. (11-11-23b)

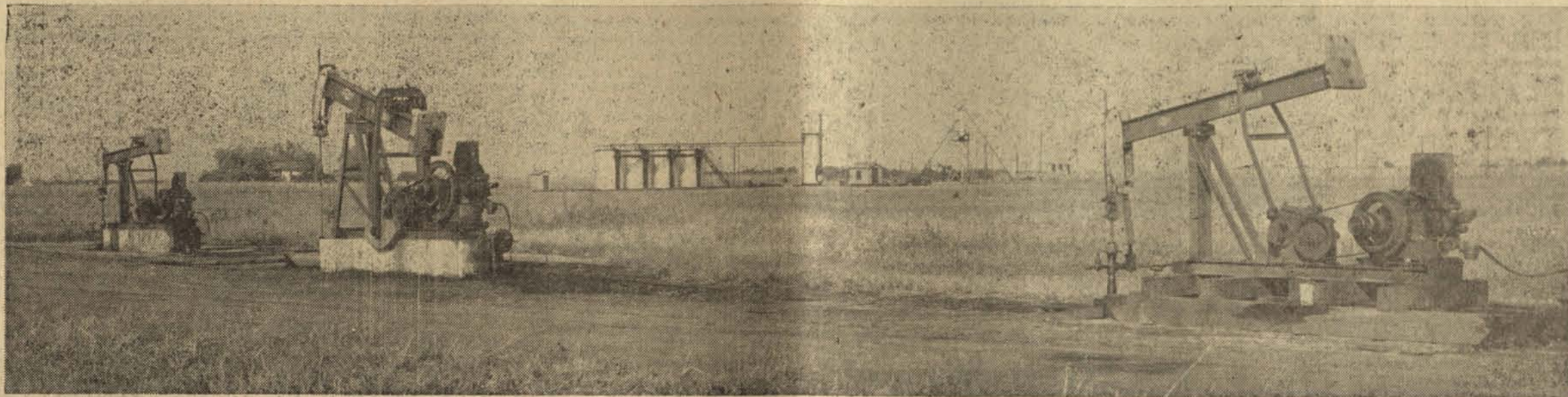
Michigan Bell Telephone Company

THIS PROPOSITION MAKES GOOD SENSE!

You can do better for yourself by buying CO-OP gasolines, heating fuel, tractor fuel, and UNICO motor oils, greases, anti-freeze and tires from Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc. Buy through your local cooperative bulk plant tank wagon serviceman, or the FPC County Distribution Agent (Direct Distribution System described below). Farmers bought 33,000,000 gallons of liquid fuels from us this past year!

\$800,000 in cash has been paid by Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., in the past seven years to stockholders and patrons. This money was patronage refunds and dividends on capital stock. Farmers have more than \$1,000,000 invested in the production and distribution facilities of this Company. Use the coupon below to get information on how to participate in this business.

FPC Wells Provide 1,500 Barrels of Crude Oil Daily



FARMERS PETROLEUM Cooperative owns or has interest in 190 producing oil wells in Michigan, Illinois and Indiana.

We control oil production of about 1,500 barrels a day. This contributes to an assured supply of petroleum products from re-

fineries at all times. It also lowers our cost of doing business. Our objective is 75% of our daily crude oil needs. We have 7,000

acres under lease in the Head-quarters oil field in Roscommon county. We are drilling there and got eight good wells this

year, averaging 35 barrels daily. Our fields are completely equipped with storage tanks, treaters for field processing of oil, pipe

line connections to refineries, and other equipment. Photo above is a section of our 136 well field at Assumption, Illinois.

Farmers in FPC are Building a Petroleum Plan; You Should be Part of It



10,000 GALLONS. This Farmers Petroleum Cooperative tank train and 6 others ranging from 8,000

to 10,000 gallons capacity are the connections between refineries and 55 bulk stations and tank wagon services operated by farm-ers cooperative members of FPC. There are times when the tank trucks operate around-the clock.



DIRECT DISTRIBUTION. Lloyd Hill of Grand Rapids, R-2, well comes the Farmer's Petroleum

Co-operative Direct Distribution tank truck driver as connection is made to his underground stor- age tank. It will be some time before Mr. Hill needs gasoline again. He says his savings have been 12 cents on the dollar.

Bulk Stations Big Factor In 33,000,000 Gal. Volume

Fifty-five farmers cooperatives and their petroleum bulk stations and tank wagon services account for most of the 33,000,000 gallons of liquid fuels supplied Michigan farmers by Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., in 1956.

This bulk station-tank wagon service program by local cooperative ass'n members of FPC extends back 25 years.

From 1931 to 1949 what is now Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., was the Petroleum Department of Farm Bureau Services, Inc. The FBS Petroleum Dept had built up a big business in gasoline and tractor fuels, motor oils and greases, anti-freeze and tires. The business owned petroleum transport trucks and other equipment.

The Petroleum Dept had as distributors a growing list of farmers cooperatives which installed bulk stations and tank wagon services.

In 1949 it was decided to incorporate the FBS Petroleum Dept as a separate company — The Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc. This was done to permit raising additional capital to expand the petroleum service to farmers, and to deal with a short supply of crude oil by purchasing producing oil wells, and be able to drill for oil.

Every year since 1949 the volume of business has increased for Farmers Petroleum Cooperative and the bulk stations. The number of bulk stations has increased.

About three years ago the direct distribution system was started in areas without service from FPC. Direct distribution has contributed substantially to total gallons of liquid fuels and other petroleum products sold.

Farmers have invested \$1,000,000 in Farmer Petroleum Cooperative, Inc. Farmers and their cooperative have a large investment in 55 bulk plants and their tank wagon services.

FPC transport trucks for liquid fuels cost up to \$25,000. To drill and complete an oil well 5,200 feet deep costs about \$70,000.

Farmers Petroleum Cooperative has returned to its stockholders \$800,000 in seven years as dividends on FPC capital stock and in patronage refunds. The program pays well.

We have as our purpose the distribution of high quality petroleum products "at cost" through control of adequate sources of crude petroleum.

Farmers Like FPC Dir. Dis. Equipment

Over 40% of the present patrons on the direct distribution

program have found the equipment plan offered by Farmers Petroleum Cooperative to be advantageous if additional storage is required.

Many patrons have applied their patronage refund to their equipment contract so that they now own their own storage. Farmers Petroleum Cooperative offers this equipment at cost.

Underground tanks predominate. Patrons eliminate the overhead tank in the yard and this also protects the product from weather conditions.

Tanks of all sizes are available and pumps either hand or electric help modernize the farm.

Counties Lead in Direct Distribution

Farmers in 12 counties were added to the FPC direct distribution of liquid fuels from refinery to farmer program the past year. The counties are: Antrim, Arenac, Barry, Emmet, Genesee, Hillsdale, Iosco, Isabella, Monroe, Newaygo, Leelanau and Grand Traverse, and Wayne.

Jackson county leads with 118 farmers on direct distribution. Ogemaw county added 52 patrons for direct distribution this year, next came Jackson with 51. Sanilac has 99 farmers in the program.

Top Quality and Important Savings

By belonging to my farm organization, Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, I am not only getting top quality gasoline and fuel oil and lubricants, but I have realized a cash saving of over 12 cents on every dollar of my petroleum costs, through the Direct Distribution Plan. — Lloyd Hill, Grand Rapids, R-2.

Buy Unico gas and oils.

Convenience and Patronage Dividends

No longer do I have to bother with gas delivery every week or so. Direct distribution by Farmers Petroleum Cooperative fills my storage every eight weeks. On top of that I have received a patronage on my purchases. — Mike Feinanet, Bay City R-1.

We'll need 81,000 new oil wells every year by 1975.

Direct Distribution Plan Saves \$42,000 on 900 Farms

Less than three years ago Farmers Petroleum Cooperative ventured into a new program for farmers called Direct Distribution.

Under this program farmers in a group are equipped with tanks and pumps to accept large deliveries from a Farmers Petroleum Cooperative 7,000 gallon delivery truck, which works direct from the refinery to the farmer. The savings to the farmer are considerable.

At the close of the second complete year of operation, the record shows over \$350,000 of sales with savings to exceed \$42,000.

Dir. Distr. Fleet Has 4 New Transports

Four new transports were added to the Direct Distribution fleet of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative this past year bringing the total to five now in operation.

These units are of the newest design for delivering gasoline and fuel oil to the farmers of Michigan. They have a capacity of 7,000 gallons and are equipped with dual metering systems for your protection. The units cost \$25,000 each.

For the 900 patrons. Sales show a 300% increase over last year's volume. The 12.1% savings on petroleum purchases by direct distribution system to patrons is being returned as a cash patronage refund.

Farmers who had the foresight to see the advantages of direct distribution have received over \$54,000 in patronage refunds in 28 months.

Savings are also available on lubricating oils and greases delivered to patrons on direct distribution. Twice a year deliveries are made through a booking program.

Cuts Farm Costs

A farmer owned and farmer controlled organization, such as is Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, appears to be a means for cutting farm petroleum costs. All products are designed for today's farm machinery. Their products give me peak performance in my trucks and car. — Arthur Roth, Bay City R-1.

Farm Tractors consume about 73 million gallons of lubricants annually.

Recent expansions by Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., now enables it to offer its petroleum services either through local cooperative's bulk plants or through direct distribution to 85% of Michigan farm families as compared to less than 50% a year ago.

More families now have the opportunity to purchase their petroleum supplies cooperatively. This enables them not only to share in the earnings of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, but they may also have ownership in the largest farmer owned and controlled petroleum organization in Michigan.

Change to This All-Season Oil!

UNICO 10W-30 motor oil flows as readily as 10W grade oil at low temperatures for quick starting.

READY FOR YOU in quart, and 5 gallon cans, and drums. See your local Farmers Petroleum Co-op Distributor, or County Distribution Agent.

Mail This Coupon

Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc.
P. O. Box 960
4000 North Grand River Ave.
Lansing 4, Michigan

I am interested in learning more about the service that Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., is now offering.

NAME
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POST OFFICE
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