Michigan Farm News

Executive Vice-President of Michigan Farm Bureau In Charge of Public Affairs

EDITORIAL

We Can Learn Something from This

The recent action of the Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors on the constitutional amendments pertaining to the State Board of Equalization and State Board of Education has occasioned considerable criticism by individual Farm Bureau members and by several County and Community Farm Bureaus. This is indicated by letters and resolutions coming to the state Farm Bureau.

Also, it has shown that there is a widespread difference of opinion among Farm Bureau members on each of these two issues.

A full explanation of the State Farm Bureau Board's position was carried in the June 1 issue of the Michigan Farm News, so I shall not attempt to elaborate further on the amendments themselves.

Rather, it is my purpose to analyze the situation that has caused considerable unhappiness on the part of some Farm Bureau members. This is with a view to helping avoid similar situations and to facilitate united action in the future.

This disagreement over the policies supported by your state Farm Bureau Board was not caused by its arbitrary or unauthorized action. No board has ever worked more faithfully (1) to carry out the intent of the resolutions established by the annual meetings of County and Michigan Farm Bureau delegates, and (2) to best serve the interests of the Farm Bureau membership.

The Michigan Farm Bureau is second to no other organization in its efforts to have its policies originated and determined by the members them-

The present situation indicates the need of a more effective clarification and merging of member viewpoints on important issues.

Bringing this about is a responsibility of all units of the Farm Bureau. It starts with the member and runs through the Community and County Farm Bureau programs to the State Farm Bureau departments and administration. It culminates in the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting in No-

The details of community and county programs for this purpose cannot be outlined in this short statement. I can only suggest the general direction improvements need to take.

Regarding the annual meetings of delegates and members, it is clearly evident that the delegates should take time to thoroughly discuss important policies before laying down a blueprint of resolutions for Farm Bureau officials to follow.

This is particularly important concerning controversial issues or questions upon which marked differences of opinion are in evidence.

Through long experience I have observed that in cases where there is uncertainty regarding member sentiment, taking no action sometimes is preferable to action that is not reasonably certain of receiving united member support.

It is evident now that delegate action on the State Board of Education amendment is a painful example. The divergence of opinion and lack of matured thought on the matter was indicated when the Board of Delegates first tabled the resolution favoring the amendment. Then later in the afternoon of the same day it was taken from the table and passed.

Such was not the case concerning the amendment to abolish the State Board of Equalization. With this the Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors faced a dilemma for which there was no adequate or wholly satisfactory solution. No definite Farm Bureau policy had been established by the membership for equitably apportioning state school aid. Therefore, the Michigan Farm Bureau Board neither opposed nor supported the petition of the Township Association.

Now that the Michigan Farm Bureau Board has brought both questions clearly to the attention of the membership, may we hope for a final settlement of these issues in accordance with the prevailing sentiment of the Farm Bureau membership.

Remus Expands

Stockholders and directors of Many customers of the Pres- demned 'those farm organizaling of fluid milk.

Lower Rates

the Remus Co-op Creamery re- que Isle Electric Cooperative, tions, such as the Michigan Farm cently voted to amend the articles who use 700 kwh per month, will Bureau, which for years have of the association and to go ahead save as much as \$18.00 per year mouthed a 'hate labor' program with the planning for the hand- under the new rates put into ef- designed to divide urban work- the Michigan Farm News mailed fect May 1, 1956.



DAN REED, at right, ass't legislative counsel for the Michigan Farm Bureau, outlines some of his plans for the Adult Education Association of Michigan after his election as president at the annual conference at Michigan State University. He confers with Dr. John B. Holden of M. S. U., the outgoing president.

Tour to AFBF at Miami in December

Farm Bureau.

36th annual convention Dec. 9 portation en route, tips, baggage night through the 12th, Sunday through | handling, and sightseeing as listed.

The tour leaves Jackson, Michigan, by train Saturday, December l for Washington and the south. The Michigan people will be back in Jackson, Saturday, Dec. 15.

Full information regarding the tour, costs and reservation form may be had from Norwood D. Eastman, manager of the Member Service Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau, P.O. Box 960, Lansing, Michigan.

Cost of Tour: The tour will be night trip to Jacksonville, Florida. operated on an all-expense basis includes round trip rail trans- for night.

Bureaus of the Northeast and basis of two persons to a Pullman citrus packing plant near Haines Michigan join in a tour to the an-nual meeting of the American beginning with dinner Dec. 2 and turn to Orlando for night.

by farmers is the same as it was turn to Orlando for night. ending with breakfast Dec. 14. Hotel accommodations while tra-This year it's a two weeks tour veling on basis of two to a room by train and bus to Florida and (excepting as stated below), all

> Jackson, Michigan to Washington. pon Springs, This is \$45.33 coach, \$79.79 Pullman round trip, also meal service and other expenses en route to Washington. (2) Hotel, meals and expenses in Miami while attend- Ringing Circus winter quarters, ing the convention.

Dec. 1-Sat. Michigan group leaves Jackson for Washington.

Dec. 2-Sun. Special train for all states leaves Union station, Washington in evening for over-

from Washington, D.C. at \$198 Dec. 3-Mon. By chartered bus per person for coach and \$248 for to St. Augustine, Marineland, Day-Pullman accommodations. This tona, Deland, Sanford to Orlando fon Dec. 14, Jackson, Saturday,

Every few years the state Farm portation-coach or Pullman on | Dec. 4-Tues. Visit celery area.

Dec. 7-Fri. Leave St. Petersburg for experimental farms at Ruskin, lunch at Bradenton, visit

Dec. 8-Sat. Leave Sarasota. Visit potato industry at Fort Myers. Cross Everglades and arrive at Miami.

Dec. 9-10-11-12. AFBF convenon at Miami.

Dec. 13-Thurs. Leave Miami y daylight to arrive at Washing- function in the market place.

to see that these dollars earn But if we take the route I have

Farm Bureau Asks Ruling on

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau has filed a brief with the state supreme court urging reversal of 1903 decision permitting a land owner to pump unlimited a mounts of water from his pro-

neighbors. Farm Bureau appeared as friend of the court" in the suit (June 4) of the city of Fond du Lac and nearby Empire township The city is drilling wells in the farming area and proposes to

Farmers claim the water level will be lowered and their own

wells may run dry. Root of the matter, said Farm Bureau, is whether an owner can take unlimited water from his land. It asked reversal or modifi cation of a Washington county case 53 years ago in which a Ger mantown resident was charged with operating his well in a way that caused neighboring wells to

The supreme court at that time held that an owner could do as he pleased with water and other resources beneath his land Modern knowledge holds that ground water does not lie in small pools but moves through the soil. This flow makes it subect to the exercises of "reason able use," Farm Bureau told the

AFBF Conference On Ground Water

sponsored a meeting of the National Conference on Land and Water Use at Chicago, June 25-26. Ground water rights and related legislation were discussed. Michigan Farm Bureau was represented by Director Gleason Halliwill and Dan Reed of the Public Afrepresented by Rep. Holly Hub-

Farm Price **Drop Halted** By Flexibles

ation" of the flexible price support system the decline in farm prices has been brought to a halt, Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, said June 14.

Mr. Shuman told an Outagamie county, Wisconsin, farmer and businessmen's dinner that the United States Department of Agriculture's index of prices received by farmers on May 15, 1956 was 242-the same as on May 15, 1955.

"For the first time in five years the downward trend of farm prices has been halted. We can see this after one year's exper ience with flexible price supports. even though there has been only a modest application of the prin-

"Prices of some commodities, of course, are lower than they were a year ago, but others are higher. Milk, butterfat and eggs are among the products which have gone up, while wheat, hogs and beef cattle are down. But the average of all prices received

Mr. Shuman said that people Dec. 5-Wed. Visit Singing were misled into thinking that Tower at Lake Wales, Cypress government price supports Gardens for lunch and water caused the prosperity that at Miami,—the place of the AFBF's federal and state taxes, bus trans- show, Tampa to St. Petersburg for tended the war period. "Price supports had very little to do with it," he said. "It was the war de-Dec. 6-Thurs. Sightseeing at mand for food and fiber that Exceptions: (1) Train fare from St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Tar- raised farm price far above the support levels.

"There is no quick and easy solution to the farm price problem. If there were, it would have been discovered long ago. "Agriculture will make real progress largely by finding better vays of doing things. That is why we have progressed in the past. I have faith in that method for the future.

"We need more money for research in agriculture. We need to expand our markets. We need to let price perform its historic "We need a workable soil bank, which will store fertility in the soil rather than in government warehouses.

"If we choose the price-fixing outlined, the farmer will have into earn fair economic rewards."

Water Rights

perty even though it damages his

pipe the water to city users.

stop flowing.

The American Farm Bureau fairs Division. The Michigan Legislature's Interim Committee on Water Management was bell of Saginaw county, Chairceeding the speed limit is always man, and Rep. George Dunn of Huron county.

Dividend for First Fire Policyholders

Farm Bureau Mutual Declares 10% Dividend on Fire and Wind Policies Written During First Year

A 10% dividend on Farm Bureau Fire insurance has been announced by Niles L. Vermillion, manager of Farm Bureau Insurance Companies.

The dividend applies to all farm fire and wind policies written between July 23, 1954 and July 23, 1955. It was declared by the directors of Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company at their May 15 meeting.

Farm Bureau members who own farm fire and wind policies written during the first year of fire operations will receive the dividend as a 10% reduction of their third annual renewal premium.

Payment of the dividend will begin with all members renewing for the third time between July 23, 1956 and extending through July 23, 1957.

Declaration of this dividend after only two years of operations offers strong evidence of the ability of Farm Bureau members to successfully provide quality insurance coverages to themselves at the lowest possible cost.

The growth enjoyed by Farm Bureau fire insurance coupled with sound management practices have made this dividend possible after a relatively short span of operations.

The dividend declared illustrates the value of even greater participation of the entire Farm Bureau membership in their own insurance program. As more and more members obtain the broad fire and wind protection offered by Farm Bureau Mutual, it is believed that even greater savings to each policy holder will be assured.

In less than two years Farm Bureau Fire Insurance has grown to its present \$100,000,000 of fire, wind and extended coverage insurance in force on more than 7,000 farms.

MFB Expected route to prosperity, we will end up with a socialized agriculture. But if we take the route I have

Governor Has Before Him Farm Bureau's Request for Bonding Law to Protect Farmer Sellers of Livestock

STANLEY M. POWELL

Legislative Counsel for Michigan Farm Bureau Under date of June 5, 1956, the Michigan Farm

Bureau urged Governor G. Mennen Williams to allow the Michigan legislature in special session to protect sellers of livestock against worthless checks. The Farm Bureau regarded this as an emergency

situation. Recently, farmers in the Jackson area

and several banks throughout southern Michigan and in neighboring states have lost heavily through worthless checks that have been issued to farmers or deposited in bank accounts by certain livestock Apparently, in many cases, a considerably larger volume of checks was issued than would have been

necessary to pay for livestock actually bought and sold. It looks as though various dealers who were cooperating wrote checks to each other to establish fictitious credit.

When checks to farmers "bounced," the bubble burst and soon the magnitude of the situation began to assume rather startling proportions.

Farmers weren't alone in their losses. Banks were hit even harder. Checks which they had received and deposited to the credit of various livestock dealers and against which checks had been issued and paid, proved to be worthless.

The whole mess is being investigated by county, state, and federal officials. As yet, no one seems to have definite figures as to what the loss to all concerned will total. Estimates range between \$500,000 and \$750,000.

The Michigan Farm Bureau and some other agencies have been trying to promote legislation the past two years which would have gone far toward heading off such catastrophes. During the 1955 session of the legislature, the Farm Bureau sponsored House Bill 358 which passed the House by a vote of 92 to 3, but bogged down in the Senate Committee on Agriculture. This was largely because of the opposition of one Senator on that committee. Because the committee personnel was the (Continued on page 6)

Benson on the Meaning of the Soil Bank Secretary of Agriculture Ezra and give a lift to farm prices, and all of us as taxpayers deserve

T. Benson told a Farm-City Dairy This is true. sconsin. June 6, how he thinks measure to ture will operate in putting the generations. This is also true. soil bank into effect.

Payments will be made on the effect on farm income.

will be based on an appraisal of ing from the payments. the production eliminated and not on the normal yield.

Payments will not be made for up program. This is largely unreductions caused by drought, true. floods, hail, insects and other acts of nature and causes beyond

Speaking of the purpose and he meaning of the soil bank plan, Secretary Benson said:

"There are many ideas as to what the soil bank is and what it might accomplish.

Week meeting at Beaver Dam, "To others it is a conservation what they were paid for.

the U. S. Department of Agricul- and water resources for future

For 1956 farmers will be paid soil bank as a way to increase also load upon this program for what they do themselves to farm income through government responsibility for drought relief, reduce production of crops now payments. This has an element flood relief, and credit needs. of truth. It will have a helpful

normal yield of the crop on the But most of that effect will crop insurance program that a icres taken out of production. come through buoyancy in the farmer takes out after his crop A farmer may plow under a markets rather than through net poor crop. His soil bank payment additions to farm income result-

"The soil bank has been spoken of as drought relief, and a plow-

"To the degree that I am able I intend to see that the nation gets a dollar's worth of surplus reduction or a dollar's worth of conservation for every dollar paid out.

The nation may invest more

"The soil bank must not be misused. To reduce surpluses and conserve resources will be dif-"SOME PEOPLE look on the ficult enough. We should not "We should not make the soil

bank over into the kind of a

"FOR THE FUTURE our objective will be to make payments high enough to get the needed participation on a voluntary basis. And you can look for regulations tight enough to accomplish the objectives of the program.

"This is not a program to empty warehouses so they may be filled again. It is not a panacea, not a cure-all.

It is a temporary emergency than a billion dollars a year in program to get agriculture back this program for four years. Our into balance, to correct the over-"To some people the soil bank farmers deserve a program which supply brought about by unsound is a way to reduce our surpluses accomplishes what was intended programs of the past.

A REAL PROGRAM OF ABUNDANCE

Farmers Ahead of Population Growth

Assistant Legislative Counsel The number of U.S. farms reached its highest point in 1935,

with 6,800,000 units. Mechanization and the accompanying increase in farm size, plus the high incomes available in industry, reduced this number to 4,800,000 in 1955.

nearly one-third of the 1935 total, nearly one out of three

Hate Farm Bureau

More than 900 delegates at the

Michigan CIO Council Conven-

tion in Grand Rapids last week

adopted a "hate Farm Bureau"

resolution, it is reported in the

June 14, 1956 issue of the Mich-

According to the CIO News,

"soundly con-

ers and farmers and whose pri- to subscribers July 1.

CIO Continues

the resolution

ed the convention."

At the rate of 100,000 per year, farm families have found other means of livelihood. At the same

time, the American family farm has become larger and more efficient in production.

mary function seems to be to sel

farmers the economic and poli-

tical propaganda of the Chamber

Association of Manufacturers.'

Commerce and the National

have become part of larger farm. The same 25 year span saw our units or have become rural nation's population increase by 42 million people. Farmers boosted their total

> output by 22% per year, for a 50% total increase in the 25 years, thus exceeding the rate of population growth by 1/2 of 1% per year. This increase in rate of produc-

During the 25 year period of tivity with less manpower has 1930-1955, the number of farm made available an estimated 5-6 workers fell from over 10 million million workers to help increase In 20 years, 2 million farms, or to about 61/2 million or a drop of our standard of living, already the highest in the world

Poultry Co-op Has **New Equipment**

Michigan Cooperative Poultry Marketing Agency at Hemlock The same resolution pledged has installed \$30,000 worth of continued support to "the state's new processing equipment to Farmers Union and Fair Share Bargaining Association. The ac- produce better fresh-dressed poultry and to enable Michigan tion came after representatives producers to meet price compeof the two organizations addresstition. The plant expects to inrease its output from 50,000 to 150,000 pounds a week.

68,054 This Edition This is the number of copies of The man who insists on exon the verge of a smashup.

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Elnar E. Ungren Editor

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thing about Citizenship.

might be something like this:



DISTRICT OFFICERS 1—Max K. Hood......Paw Paw, R-1
2—Blaque Knirk.........Quincy, R-1
3—Allen F. Rush....Lake Orion, R-1
4—A. Shellenbarger..L. Odessa, R-1
5—Dale Dunckel....Williamston, R-1
6—Ward A. Hodge......Snover, R-1
7—Thomas Hahn..........Rodney, R-1
8—Kenneth Johnson...Freeland, R-2
9—Ren A. DeRuiter.......McBain, R-1
10—A. A. Brindley...W. Branch, R-3

DIRECTORS AT LARGE

WOMEN OF FARM BUREAU Mrs. Carlton Ball.....Albion, R-1

JUNIOR FARM BUREAU

munity Farm Bureau group fill-

or citizen are you?

counties:

groups this year. If your County

King, regional representative:

Berrien, 41 groups, gain 4.

Calhoun, 32 groups, gain 4.

regional representative:

regional representative:

Hillsdale, 31 groups, gain 1.

Lenawee, 39 groups, gain 3.

Central Region, Ray Dewitt,

Clinton County, 50 groups, gain

Genesee, 33 groups, gain 3.

Ingham, 30 groups, gain 3.

Livingston, 45 groups, gain 3.

Macomb, 34 groups, gain 4.

St. Clair, 22 groups, gain 3.

Mason, 12 groups, gain 2. Mecosta, 23 groups, gain 3.

Montcalm, 20 groups, gain 1. Newaygo, 19 groups, gain 2.

Osceola, 22 groups, gain 1.

East Central Region, Carl Kentner, regional representative:

Bay County, 21 groups, gain 2.

Gladwin, 15 groups, gain 1. Midland, 13 groups, gain 1.

Saginaw, 30 groups, gain 4.

Cooper, regional representative:

Northwestern Region, Ward

Manistee County, 16 groups,

N. W. Michigan, 36 groups, gain

Northeastern Region, Don Kil-

Ottawa, 41 groups, gain 6.

Sanilac, 33 groups, gain 3.

Tuscola, 44 groups, gain 3.

Shiawassee, 20 groups, gain 1

Community Farm Bureaus

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PURPOSE OF FARM

BUREAU

The purpose of this Associa-tion shall be the advancement of our members' interests edu-cationally, legislatively, and economically.

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CLARE L. McGHAN Coordinator of Community Farm Bureau for MFB

Dear Community Farm Bureau Leaders:

July 9th! This is the last day you can register to be eligible to vote at the August primary election. Has your community group made an effort to see that everyone in your neighborhood has registered?

We have been receiving some interesting comments on last month's discussion topic and the "Citizenship Barometer." It seems as though we are all not as well informed as we should be.

Citizenship is something that a lot of people talk about but very few do anything about. I do believe, though, that citizenship is not like the weather. We can do some- time to do all of these things?" | there another that should be done

Many people think of citizenformed. Each of us must select Let's all strive to be good citiship in terms of whether or not those things to do that are the zens in the future. Is your Com-

they vote at an election. Actual- most important. ly this is only one facet of citizen- I am afraid that in the making of this selection is where many It is helping to make your com-

A definition for citizenship of us fail. A few questions that we might to live? Will we lose our democonsider in helping us to decide cratic heritage by default? "Cifizenship is where any indias to what is important are:

vidual or individuals recognize a (1) Will this make my comproblem, become informed about munity a better place in which (2) Will this project be short-

As you can see by this defini- lived or will it have a good intion, to be a good citizen you need fluence on the future also?

to be informed and active in al- (3) Is it going to be beneficial in preserving our American way most everything that concerns to others or only yourself? of life. the community in which you live. (4) How well informed are If Farm Bureau is to continue You will probably ask the you on the merits of the project: in the past of preserving the question, "How can anyone find (5) Is the project timely or is in the past of preserving the "Free Enterprise" system, it will need the thinking and support TIRE SALE ENDS

JULY 10!

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Your Editor "discovered" R. S. Clark back in 1918 when I was editor of a school paper. Twelve years later in September, 1930, I met Mr. Clark again and invited him to contribute to the Michigan Farm News. He has been with

us ever since. Now we nave invited him to tell us about Hiram and Martha and other people in his poems, and who they really are. Also, to tell

Editor's Note-For 26 years the

poems and philosophy of Rodger

Sherman Clark have graced the

columns of the Michigan Farm

Farm Bureau Poet 26 Years

RAM and

An Open Letter

From both of us to all of you, our greetings we extend.

Marthy and I are glad and proud to call you each a friend.

The doings of those gentle folks who live along our street

And every month we dearly love to loose our thinning hair

Is one who glances at page two before he reads the leaders.

If such there be, and we are sure that such kind souls exist,

And spread upon the printed page the things that happen there.

We like to think that here and there among our teeming readers

And you who sit right down and write, and some folks really do,

To say you liked some certain verse, we stand in debt to you

May tend to sour our cutlook some, and enervate our rhymes.

That all the while the world moves on, with progress everywhere.

But we can use the things we learned when in our sturdy prime.

And we have lots of friends to love. No folks are really strangers

We are not of the Modern type. Nostalgia sometimes

Who seek the worthy things of life.

iliar Hiram and Marthy series.

ately enough, "Hard Times." The

next described The Ladies Aid

Hicks Street is an entirely

imaginary location and all the

characters are synthetic. How-

Society supper.

was Hicks, you know.

Hiram stuck to strictly farm

subjects for many years. It is

eventually got beyond my depth.

So subjects of a general nature

and I appear to be stuck. Other-

wise, the season, or the weather,

or a news item, or some vivid

recollection, or a trip, or some-

one's chance remark-Most any-

Some poems come easily.

are the ones that elicit one of the

infrequent fan letters I receive.

thing may trigger a poem.

What prompts the subject?

are more frequent recently

The good old days loom large to us yet we are well aware

There is not much that we can do to stay the march of time

Comprise a homely history that's rather hard to beat,

A pleasure, truly, it has been to be your Hicks Street scribe

We hope to meet you through the News as long as you subscribe.

us about himself. Here he is: My Life - Most of It R. S. CLARK

Michigan has always been my home. My grandfather came here in 1853. Besides his own farm he broke 800 acres for others. Six Accept herewith our grateful thanks. On such our hearts subsist. yoke of oxen, and a rugged task it must have been.

My father was born during For you have held a while the lamp that lights our faltering way: Civil War times and farmed in Have warmed our hearts to all mankind; have helped us day by day. that same Barry Co. neighborhood all his life,-marginal land; rath-



Participating in your Community Farm Bureau group is a good way to practice being a good er rough going some years; but the problem and then participate to live? County? State? Nation? citizen. By taking part with your always good corn. He had four thinking, voicing your opinion children. I was the eldest. It was and actively supporting your a good community, fine neighbors, Farm Bureau will go a long way a friendly, kindly wholesome situation. So I have always lived in

> I worked on the farm until I was grown, following the team as one of the last generation of walking farmers, and obtained an inof each and every Farm Bureau that still is strong inside me. grained love of farms and farmers member. What kind of a member

> Many things that Hiram says and does hark back to those years. In this issue we want to give My friends and relatives on farms credit to those counties that have today still bind me to the land. gained community Farm Bureau

> At 21 I was apprenticed to a doesn't appear here, you do not carpenter, and hence the "handy have a gain of groups this year. man, Ed Barnes" who has done Congratulations to the following several chores for Marthy on Hicks Street.

Southwestern Region, Clarence Two years later I entered Michigan Agricultural College in the last "Preparatory Class." Engin-Allegan County, 24 groups, not good to write about things eering seemed a good idea, and I you don't know about, but the chose Civil Engineering. mechanization of farming Kalamazoo, 39 groups, gain 1. St. Joseph, 26 groups, gain 2.

Here may I breathe my richest Van Buren, 25 groups, gain 8. cation. Over the entrance gate Southeastern Region, Charles should be inscribed "Through Mumford, regional representa- these portals pass the finest girls Very often my wife suggests one

in all creation!" Branch County, 18 groups, It was there I met and courted Iva Granger of the finest farmer stock of Berrien Springs. She, praise God, is still my light of

> My college course was interrupted by a two-year tour to Northern Russia with the Army Engineers, but I finally was graduated in 1920. Iva and I set up housekeeping in Dowagiac on Armistice Day of that year.

Thumb Region, Marlie Drew, For some years I followed highway and bridge engineering from that Dowagiac home, and Huron County, 68 groups, gain pleasant years they were, for the most part.

I liked engineering, and in 1926 moved to Jackson and took a job with Commonwealth Power Co. The work was the structural de-West Central Region, Ralph sign of steam power plants—the Olthouse, regional representative: same work that has occupied Kent County, 42 groups, gain 2. most of my time from that year

thirty years has not eradicated placed pretty strict limitations

the savor of the soil that I ac- upon all that I do. I still retain quired on the farm, and so it membership in the Veterans of was that farm life subjects were Foreign Wars, but have never

Einar and I found Hicks Street and arranged for the now-fam-Marthy's posies) and so was my Grandma Clark (hence Aunt The first poem was appropri- Polly).

ing Hiram and Marthy, and trust they will continue to be nice

ever, from long association, the Street and its people seem very FBS Soil Test real and familiar to me. It is my **Bags at Dealers** hope that for some at least of Farm News' great family, the

various episodes and folks some- of Farm Bureau Services soil times take on the semblance of test sample bags from any Farm

The paper bags are large I know Hiram almost as well enough to hold a generous sample as Marthy does, and his reaction of soil. There is a place to or comment upon a given situa- identify the soil sample with the tion needs no thought on my sample number, field, and other information. The Hicks Street neighbors also

New Manager

One branch of higher education consists in finding ways to

(Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Clark 315 North Grinnell Street Jackson, Michigan)

The Grangers.

Sincerely yours,

chosen in September 1930 when been a "joiner." Iva is a great gardener (hence

> I have greatly enjoyed knowpeople to know.

RODGER S. CLARK

Farmers can pick up a supply

Bureau Services dealer,

Fifty-two County Soil Testing are composite people; Clem and Laboratories stand ready to Cynthy Hicks are relatives on make soil tests for you. So does Marthy's side. Her maiden name the Soils Department of Michigan State University.

Ed Sandford is the new manager of the Battle Creek Farm Bureau Ass'n., replacing Bernard

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patrick, regional representative: Emmet County, 13 groups, gain Iosco, 16 groups, gain 3. Ogemaw, 24 groups, gain 1. Presque Isle, 19 groups, gain 1. Upper Peninsula, Wesley Haw-

ley, Coordinator: Delta County, 13 groups, gain Menominee, 13 groups, gain

125 new groups have been organized this year with a total gain of 108 groups. We now have a total of 1582 Community Farm Bureau Groups in Michigan.

They are members of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

MIKESELL CORRIEDALE Sheep Production Sale—Saturday, July 21, 1956. Twenty-six year-old ewes, 5 year-old rams. Ten ewes with lambs. George Mikesell, Charlotte R-4. Mich-igan. South of Charlotte on US-27 at Ripley's Garage. (7-1t-24p) RUN SPARE-TIME Greeting Card and Gift Shop at home, Show triends samples of our new 1958 Christmas and All-Occasion Greeting Cards and

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warm the cockles of my heart. Iva and I have two children, both new grown. Our Mary is a pharmaceutical researcher in the Lederle Laboratories at the Pearl River, N. Y. division of American Cyanamid. Richard is a mechanical engineer in the employ of Commonwealth Associates, Inc., here in Jackson. His four fine sons are our best hope for the more distant future. In more robust years I was I have always liked rhyming, active in the Methodist church So did my father and so does my and in Red Cross work but reason. The engineering work of sons of health have recently

Without bees to carry pellen from one flower to another, commercial fruit and vegetable growers, legume plant and flower producers could never meet public demand, says E. C. Martin, Michigan State University entomologist. Home gardens would pro-

Martin reports that the bumble bee population has been greatly reduced as the plow has ruined its nests and the mower has removed its pasture early in the season.

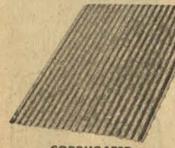
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We have 66,926 members.

66 groups in the "3 or More" club working for more members to reach our goal of 70,000 members in 1956.

70 people or more working on membership to earn a trip to Miami in December to the American Farm Bureau Federation convention. They must enroll 35 members, new or renewals. The contest is open to you. See your Michigan Farm Bureau regional representative for details.

21 counties over membership goal.

44 counties have increased membership over last

North East Region over membership goal.

All regions have increased membership over last

1,500 more members than last June.

96 Farm Bureau members are returning from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where they have been attending Midwest Conference.

County Farm Bureau Membership Committees are working on:

Prospect files.

Ordering materials.

Preparing to attend July district meetings. Selecting Roll Call managers.

Regional Representatives are just returning from Midwest Conference and Junior Farm Bureau camp at Clear Lake where they worked as instructors.

Notifying committee members of July district meetings to be held on the following dates:

26 16—Caledonia 20 Mariett 17—Fremont 11—Midland 13—Mesick 12—Atlanta

Committees involved are: Executive Committee, Membership, Community Group, Resolutions, and Citizenship.

Regional Representatives will ave details of the meetings and moval of wheat from human con-Junior Farm Bureau District ouncil and other meetings.

Representatives are getting o-operation meeting at Raleigh, North Carolina, July 29 to August

Checking on Miami trip work-

Meeting with County Farm Bueau Boards.

Explaining new double screen process for Farm Bureau fertili-

Meeting with liaison commit-Studying current issues.

COUNTIES MAKING HEADLINES

Montcalm-Holding a series of irst voter meetings.

Lenawee and Jackson-Leadng the "3 or more" club by each naving 8 groups qualified.

Ingham—Has 6 groups in the Berrien-5 groups in the club. grain. Monroe-4 groups in the club. Leaders on Operation Miami Montague—Tuscola, 11; B. Landskroener-Saginaw, 10; Ed Herman—Lenawee, 10; Joseph Fischer-Ogemaw; Gerrit Elzinga-Ottawa; Robert N. Fietch-Livingston, each with 6; George Beach -Berrien, 5.

That's it for another month. Watch next month's "Right Now In Farm Bureau." Someone you know may turn up.

Alfalfa

Alfalfa yields a third more and damage by rodents or insects. costs less per ton to produce than clover-timothy.

Rules After July 1

New and very strict regulations concerning wheat used for human consumption will become effective July 1, 1956, according to the Michigan Elevator Ex-

These regulations spell out in very definite terms the attitude of the federal Food and Drug Administration regarding grain sanitation.

On and after July 1, 1956 the basis for legal action and the resumption will be:

1 or more rodent pellets per delegates for American Institute pint sample of wheat (liquid

> 1 per cent or more of apparent or actual insect damaged kernels.

Can you meet these limits? The average pint sample of grain contains 12,000 kernels. This means that if a pint sample taken from a uniform sample of a carload of grain shows one rodent pellet, the car will be subject to seizure as unfit for human

consumption. 100 shows apparent or actual insect-damage, the car Keep it Clean! Grain is Food!" will be subject to seizure.

The presence of poison materials on food grains makes the grain subject to seizure when discovered in interstate commerce. An example is treated seed wheat mixed in with otherwise good

Because of these new and stricter regulations and the finand members enrolled are: Clark ancial penalties involved, it will pay everyone to be very careful about the quality control methods used in handling grain.

> A farmer will find it difficult or impossible to deliver grain rodent damage.

An elevatorman who handles ty agricultural agent. and ships such grain will be inviting serious financial loss. Most grain processors state in has made it impossible to store contaminating storage grain. their purchase contracts that they will not accept grain

It Pays to Producing, storing and mar-Alfalfa a Bargain for August Seeding

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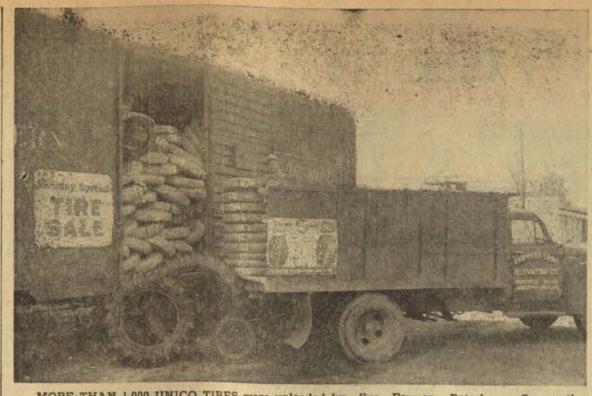
Michigan State University recommends late summer seedings of alfalfa - late August or September.

Right now we think alfalfa seed is selling at bargain prices. Later we can expect prices to go up because of demand for the soil bank program. We have good supplies of the popular varieties of alfalfa seeds.

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MORE THAN 1,000 UNICO TIRES were unloaded by five Farmers Petroleum Cooperative distributors in Allegan and Ottawa counties for the tire sale ending July 10. Sharing in the carload shipment were Hamilton Farm Bureau, Farmers Cooperative Elevator at Hudsonville, Unico Service Station at Allegan, and Zeeland Farmers Co-op, Inc.

Minnesota Idea Cuts Hog Killing Loss

A major improvement in hog slaughtering techniques is in practice less than a year after a University of Minnesota veterinary school-animal husbandry research team discovered shackling to be the cause of the cestly "cherry bruise" of ham.

Several eastern and midwest more for hogs. packers now are contemplating improvements made recently by firm now bleeds hogs, anesthetiz- yield, about 2,000,000 are serioused with carbon dioxide, on a pat- ly blighted and 8,000,000 mildly ented sloping carrier called the damaged by the "cherry bruise." "sticking conveyor."

This eliminates shackling -that is, suspending the hog by a hind leg during slaughter. The new method

at Michigan State University.

Grain Storage

Farmers should start now to

the harvest which is almost upon

Should be

reduces "cherry bruises" to almost zero.

Results of the packer improvenents will be higher quality hams for the housewife, less trimming time at the packer's grading table and lower costs. This may permit him to reduce his ham prices or possibly pay

Over 50,000,000 hogs are slaugh-

Loss in frimmed-away and down - graded hams is from 50c to \$2.50 each. Dr. Ralph L. Kitchell, head of the University of Minnesota's

Cold Sterilization of Milk A new method of killing bac- | the milk to sour if it's left stand-

teria in milk promises to revolu- ing. tionize milk handling methods of Sterilizing kills all the bacteria, bined staffs of the dairy and agri- would put an end to the need for cultural engineering departments expensive refrigeration equipment in milk handling.

Leon Newcomer, of the agri-The problem in the past has cultural engineering staff, says been that sterilization changed the that the new process uses elec- flavor of the milk because it had JOB OPPORTUNITIES trons traveling at high speeds to to be done at extremely high temkill the bacteria. A large ma- peratures. The cold sterilizing chine similar to an X-ray machine process would not involve even as at Lansing have office positions fires the electrons like bullets. much heat as pasteurization.

Newcomer points out that this. The process is still a long way is a sterilizing process and not from perfection, says Newcomer, just pasteurization. Pasteurizing but it may not be too many years Clerks. kills only the disease bacteria, before we'll be using electrons to leaving the organisms that cause kill milk bacteria.

be even more so in the future. tive insecticide. There's a lot of wisdom in the slogan: "Grain Grows Clean!

> plied, can control them. Sweep out the bins thoroughly, and then spray them with a 50% wettable powder of methoxychlor.

When the insects that may be left attempt to move around, they will come in contact with the methoxychlor. That will be their last move.

get their grain storage ready for Keep in mind that insects hatch rapidly and that a build-up of population takes place very New grain should not be placed quickly. So after a treatment has in bins unless they have been been applied to the grain bins it that shows evidence of insect or thoroughly cleaned and sprayed is well, in a couple of weeks or with an insecticide, states Kermit so, to sweep out the walls and V. Washburn, Van Buren coun- floors again to remove dead insects from the bin.

So many insects attack our Remains of insects, as well as grain supplies these days, that it dirt and live insects, are means of

Store Wheat If It's Clean

Storing wheat after harvest time pays off, if it's stored care-

From 1951 through 1954, average prices showed that the seasonal price rise after harvest time was usually more than enough to cover storage costs.

During that time, the average price in harvest season was \$1.85. By January it had risen to \$2.13 \$2.17. That means a difference of season prices.

month. Therefore, a farmer would have increased his profit 18 cents per bushel by holding it from July to January.

There's a possible catch, says Dale Butz of the agricultural tice of the U. S. Government. economics staff at Michigan State University. If your grain isn't stored under the proper conditions, your storage costs will be higher than average. You might ards for clean wheat are very new regulations,

Butz says the tolerances set up by the Food and Drug Administration have just been made even tighter. Any wheat that fails to meet the standards is seized by the Bureau of Foods and Standards of the Michigan Department

Agriculture.

If your storage facilities are good enough, it will probably pay you to hold your wheat past

Cancer Warning

The Food and Drug Administration has issued a public warning that the Hoxsey treatment for internal cancer, distributed by the Hoxsey Cancer Clinics at Daland in Marsh, it rose to a high of las, Texas, and Portage, Pa., is worthless and may be dangerous 28 cents a bushel in January and to those who rely upon it instead 32 cents in March over harvest of obtaining competent medical treatment. All persons who may Average costs per bushel for be considering the Hoxsey treatstorage run about two cents per ment are advised to secure a copy of the warning notice.

Write to: Food and Drug Administration, Washington 25, D.

This warning is an official no-

Grain

Sanitation standards for stored grain become more strict July 1. even face the possibility of losing Inspection authorities will seize your whole crop, since the stand- market grain not meeting the

veterinary anatomy division, and Dr. Woodrow J. Aunan, animal husbandry professor and meat specialist, found about a year ago that shackling pulls the hog's leg out of its normal position.

The strain ruptures the hipjoint capsule, which contains the joint's lubricant, called synovial fluid. This fluid and blood from the tern ligaments then invades the ham meat and makes its way Hormel's of Austin, Minn., in tered in the U. S. each year and to the surface, where it appears their Fremont, Neb., plant. The of the 100,000,000 hams they as a small red spot.

Kitchell's research sprang from the curiosity of Douglas P. Mossberg, regional manager of Livestock Conservation, Inc., South St. Paul. On a visit to various meat packing plants, Mossberg was struck by the amount of meat trimmed away because of what the graders called the "cherry bruise." He took the problem to Kitchell and Aunan.

A Hormel research team designed the sticking - conveyor equipment and the firm holds a patent on it. Kitchell says that on the basis of its operations to so that the milk could be kept for date, Hormel's new equipment It is called cold sterilization, and weeks or even months at room will "pay for itself" before long is being developed by the com- temperature without spoiling. This in bruise-less hams and reduced grading and trimming time.

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MICHIGAN FARM NEWS NEWAYGO DAIRY

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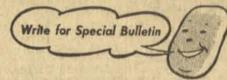
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4. Permits harvesting before freezing weather.

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Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

District 1

Mrs. Byron Eley, Chairman Constantine R-1

Cass County Women's Committee held its annual tea at the Geneva School June 5th, Guest a talk on her travels in southern until the coming fall election. European counties.

groups were represented. Tea, and Mrs. Nash. milk punch and cookies were served. Mrs. Norman Harvey, chairman announced the next meeting will be held on July 3rd, at the home of Mrs. L. Playford. friends from Michigan there, be-

Women held their May meeting thru the Dole pineapple cannery at Radio Station WHFB of Benton and watching the processing of Harbor and St. Joseph, Michigan. 85 to 100 pineapples per minute. After the business meeting, An- Visitors are treated to all the nouncer John Chase took the fresh fruit and juice they care women through the station and for. many other interesting facts.

After this interesting tour, the women made a tape recording which was used the following Tuesday on the Farm Hour.

Mrs. Walter took the walking microphone and interviewed the ladies. Mrs. Wm. Anderson, the 1st vice chairman, read the beliefs of Farm Bureau. Mrs. James the report on the dinners served at the Youth Memorial Building. Mrs. Wire is chairman of this project, Mrs. Walter Wellington reported as treasurer. Mrs. Henry Peters gave a very inspirational report on good citizenship. Mrs. Fred Foster gave some worth all rural women. while safety tips to vacationers, duced the others in our group.

Van Buren County, Mrs. Earl ments. Barrett presented the Women's Committee with a flag and stand-

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brief account of any noteworthy achievement during her reign of office. Chairmen present were Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Webster and Mrs.

Twenty-four members answerspeaker was Miss Louise Car- ed roll call. Safety report was penter, director of the Inter- given by Mrs. Clare Leedy and national Festival at Michigan the group decided to forego University, Miss Carpenter gave having a Citizenship Chairman

Discussion on the Youth Fair Miss Agnes Gregerck, home Booth and Youth Camp dinner economics agent of Cass county, was left in the very capable also gave a short talk. Eleven hands of Mrs. Sacha; Mrs. Boyer

Mrs. George Schultz, our guest speaker, told of her recent trip to Hawaii, and meeting several sides making many new friends. Berrien County Farm Bureau One very interesting trip was

ball games come in over tele- dolphin the first day out. Next phone wires, how news is re- meeting more about Hawaii and ceived, how programs are plan- reports from Northwest camp ned; sponsors are obtained, and from Mrs. McCubbin and Mrs. R. Dowd.

District 2

Mrs. Duane Sanford, Chairman Allen R-1

Calhoun County. The women are planning to have a milk dispenser at the Calhoun county fair in the Farm Bureau booth. They Wire; 2nd vice-chairman, gave are also suggesting that representatives of the Calhoun County Farm Bureau insurance agents be present at the fair booth during the fair.

We have subscribed to "The Country Women of the World." This is a magazine of interest to

A legislative report was given and Mrs. Emil Johnson an- by Mrs. Roy Lord. The women nounced the Junior Farm Bureau | were not in favor of equalization dance. Mrs. Walter than intro- of taxes at the state level. They felt the local supervisors are capable of making county assess-

Branch County. Nine members ard at the June meeting. The met in June at the home of Mrs. secretary is responsible for the Theo Mohn for a carry-in lunchflag and called the meeting to eon. The business meeting was order with the Pledge of Alleg- called to order by chairman Mrs. Elsworth Hard. The Salute to the Mrs. Charles Boyer presented Flag was given. Mrs. Henry Preseach past and the present chair- ton had charge of the devotions. man with a carnation corsage A committee was appointed to and asked each one to give a plan an auction for the July quarterly meeting. The money raised will be used for the state

A committee was appointed to work with the public relations committee to make plans for the Farm Bureau booth at the Branch County Fair at Coldwater in August. Mrs. Dickey reported that mental health is still being

studied and discussed. Lenawee County. Mrs. Loren Bretthauer, chairman, presided at the June meeting of the Women's Committee. There were 17 groups represented. Miss Pearl Haist of the Lenawee county health department, spoke in the interest of nurse recruitment.

She explained the various types of courses open in the nursing profession: the four year course leading to a Bachelor of Nursing degree, the three year course leading to Registered Nurse upon passing the state examination, and the practical nursing course of one year.

The group voted to try to help create an interest in nursing as a career. Posters will be placed in dairy manufacturing now and various public places.

The women were again reminded of the three-month survey on safety which began on June 1. Accidents involving a doctor's care, a loss of one-half day's work, or ten dollars in Year.' money loss are to be recorded. Hillsdale County. Mrs. Frank-

lin Bell, chairman of Hillsdale County Farm Bureau Women, called the regular office meeting to order June 11. There were 16 groups represented. In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Sanford was appointed secretary pro-



been members of Farm Bureau State Advisory Council, and the almost from its beginning. Others in the picture, left to Farm Bureau women.

Mr. Oswald, the new agency for important offices. manager for insurance spoke. He tling casulty claims to the settlement to the insured, Mr. Oswald also said that the first fire policy holders will have a ten per cent discount to be credited to their

annual renewal premium. There is a new coverage that may be added to a Farm Bureau fire policy. It covers the breakage of windows in dwellings or

storm windows in storage. Five dollars was voted to the cancer fund.

Report of the office committee was discussed and it was voted to buy some office equipment including a standard for our flag. The next county meeting will be at White Marble Springs on US-112, July 9.

District 7 Mrs. Dale Root, Chairman

Barryton, R-1

The camp committee for District 7 met recently at Stoney Lake near Shelby and completed plans for the camp to be held August 15 and 16.

The camp program is based on the theme, "Our Nation's

Relations." nvited to attend. The fee is \$6 help. and must be sent to Mrs. Guy Homan, New Era, R-1 by Aug. 8. Several counties in our district gave special attention to Dairy month during the month of June

Osceola County Women's Committee made a tour of milk processing plants in their area and ended with a visit to the WW-TV day. the Mrs." They helped in advertising dairy products by present- grading. ing the master of ceremonies with a gift basket of cheese, butter, milk and candy.

Monicalm County Women's Committee observed the occasion by inviting the manager of the Greenville Co-operative Creamery, Mr. H. W. Fleisher, to talk to the group on the difference in 40 years ago.

Muskegon County Women's Committee is conducting an interesting contest to choose a "Farm Bureau Mother of the

Mrs. Elizabeth Watten, director of the Muskegon County Museum, was guest speaker at our May meeting. Mrs. Watten gave a very interesting talk on the lumbering days in Muskegon county. She illustrated her talk with pictures and tools used. Some of the tools were full-sized and some were miniatures made to scale with movable parts the same as the originals. This talk was enjoyed very much.

Oceana, Mason, Newaygo, and Mecosta County Women's Committees invited the District Chairman, Mrs. Root, to give a report on the Farm Bureau Award Tour to Washington, Mrs. Root summed up the report by

"This tour was the most educational experience that I have had. We were proud and happy to learn the esteem in which our organization and its staff mem- matching doily underneath! bers is held, both in Washington and at Lansing.

"We learned that our individual opinions and our attention to Government affairs do affect bination, or 17-inch doily alone; legislation if we express them to quick crochet in heavy jiffy cotour representatives in Congress ton! Starch bowl for stiffness. and in the legislature.

"It is important that we take pattern to Michigan Farm News, our responsibilities as citizens P.O. Box '162, Old Chelsea Staseriously. Then the leadership in tion, New York 11, New York our government will improve still Add five cents for each pattern more as we select our candidates for 1st class mailing.

MRS. HENRY C. WOHLERT | right: Mrs. Oliver C. Tompkins of trict meeting held at Rust townof Lansing, R-4, was chosen Traverse City, new member of ship hall. The women of Montexplained the various phases of Mr. Schultz enjoyed the deep queen for a Day Wednesday at our State Advisory Council, Disradio work. He explained how sea fishing and caught an 18 lb. the Farm Bureau Women's Camp this year's camp; Mrs. Rex G. at Twin Lakes near Traverse Core of Traverse City, director of City, June 5-7. The selection was this year's camp; Mrs. William done on the order of "Queen for Hoolihan, Traverse City, former a Day," a national television pro- county chairman for Northwest gram. Mr. and Mrs. Wohlert have Michigan, former member of our

"We enjoyed meeting with our explained the new method of set- | Michigan Congressmen and to our opinions. They asked to hear from the folks back home.

lady who proposed a camp for

"We learned also that we must be more careful and more alert concerning national problems and must work harder to promote Farm Bureau and the great job it is doing to promote the interests of agriculture."

District 9

Mrs. Ernest Heim, Chairman Traverse City R-4

The Farm Bureau Women of Northwest Michigan had a very successful camp at Twin Lakes near Traverse City, June 5 to 7. There was a total of 113 fulltime campers. The average daily governor of Michigan. attendance was 150.

We had good speakers and enoyed them very much. Judge Ormand Danford of Traverse City gave the key note address on the camp theme "Adventures in Michigan." He described the life of a farm woman in 1859.

Detective Lieutenant Clarissa Young of the Lansing police department spoke of the problems All Farm Bureau Women are of youth and what we can do to

> igan College described the logging days of Michigan. Dr. Towne of the First Con-

gregational Church of Traverse City for vespers spoke on seeing God through the eyes of nature. Jack Bittner, extension station at Cadillac where they specialist from M. S. U., spoke appeared on the program, "Meet on marketing and the advantages at noon by the women of Montof using the best methods of morency county. Mrs. Andrew

> Ward Cooper, regional director, said we want the best of opportunity for our children. If we sell our freedom, we put them under the care of government.



Crochet a graceful bowl to hood fruit and flowers-lovely They're worked together-in gay contrast colors.

Pattern 594: Doily-bowl com-

Send 25 cents in coins for each

Mr. Jenks had eight couples were very interested to hear the camp at Twin Lakes. from his dance class dance for us, two boys tell about their life in then led the whole group in their native land and their stay in 4-H award dinner to be held at dancing.

Mrs. Edna Wohlert of Clinton county was named Queen for a Day, Wednesday by the camp judges-Mrs. Rex Core, Mrs. Walter Donner, and Mrs. Harvey Dobson. Mrs. Wohlert received her crown and cape from Mrs. William Hoolihan, founder and first director of the camp.

The success of this camp was due to the very capable guidance of our director, Mrs. Rex Core, and her committee. Mrs. O. M. Tompkins will succeed Mrs. Core as director.-Mrs. William Hooli-

District 10-E Mrs. Vernon Kingsbury

Alpena R-1

Approximately seventy - five women attended the spring dismorency county were very gracious hosts and served coffee and

cookies to early arrivers. The business meeting was called to order by the district chairman, Mrs. Vernon Kingsbury. The Salute to the Flag was led by our regional man, Don Kilpatrick. Devotions were given by Mrs. Don Kilpatrick of Alcona county. Mrs. Onalee Carey, county chairman of Montmorency,

welcomed everyone. Peter Sikkema, commodity coordinator for the Farm Bureau, described the efforts of this new learn that they are interested in service to help market farm pro-

ducts to advantage. Mrs. Ruth Ball, state chairman of the Associated Country

Women of the World. Jack Yaeger, executive secretary of the Michigan Farm Bureau, spoke appreciatively of the Forge, chairman. important part women take in

the organization. Rev. Father Kohler of St. science of getting along with my-

self, my neighbor and man. Mrs. J. H. Dugal reviewed the book, The Misunderstood Pat- Ohlrich of the Bolton group. riot, Stevens T. Mason, the first

Dr. John Ferguson of the Traverse City State Hospital pleased the group with his talk on the effect of new drugs in the treatment of mental diseases. He made suggestions as to what families and friends can do to help.

Horace Brewer of the Consumers Power Company at Jackson spoke on the progress that has been made in electric power in Michigan and what we may look forward to. Mrs. Marjorie Karker gave the

Dr. E. C. Beck of Central Mich- camp summary. Robert Sutton of Beulah was song leader

Elden Smith, coordinator of farm supply relations, was the speaker for the morning session. Wednesday was Farm Bureau informative talk on Farm Bureau Services.

A potluck luncheon was served Sanborn of Alpena county returned thanks at the luncheon.

The afternoon session started with some very fine accordion selections by Mrs. Clarence Milliard of Alpena county.

Plants were presented by Montmorency county women to the oldest mother and youngest mother present in observance of Mother's Day.

A very interesting panel was conducted by Marge Karker. It consisted of two trainees; Otto Stake of Norway, who is living at the Willis Wegmeyer farm in Alpena county, and Walter Beuttner of Germany, who is living with the Beeman Smiths in Montmorency county. The women



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American Cancer Society

A gift was presented to Mrs. Raymond Dickenson of Alpena county for having the most publicity on the district meeting. A very interesting report on UNgift was also presented to Mrs. ESCO. She told the women the Onalee Carey of Montmorency county for their county having ganization. The women voted to the largest percentage of attendance.

Alcona County. Seventeen women and three guests met at the home of Mrs. H. Knight of Lincoln for their May meeting. The meeting was opened with all giving Pledge of Allegiance to the

The cancer drive chairman. Mrs. R. Gilpin, reported that \$414.24 had been collected, but returns were not yet complete. The county cancer drive was put on by the Farm Bureau women's committee this year.

Guest speaker was Dr. Carpenter, who spoke on T. B. in cattle. His talk was very interesting and drew forth many ques-

Mrs. Harvey Elmer and Mrs. Stanley Streeter gave a very in-

A County Farm Bureau picnic will be held on August 14. Mr. Pete Peterson will be the guest speaker.

Plans were completed for 10 groups were represented when women to attend the women's the women of Ogemaw county camp at Twin Lakes on June 5 met at Kenyon's Lodge at Sage

represent the women at Mid- man with the group singing the of Women's Committees of the West Conference at Cedar Farm Bureau Song. Farm Bureau, spoke on the work Springs, Iowa on June 18 and 19. Mrs. Marjorie Karker will be present at the June meeting to help make plans for a rural- state office. \$5 was given to the urban meeting.-Mrs. Lee La- cancer fund.

women met at the home of Mrs. cussed and the women plan to Gail McDonald when the women help promote Junior Farm Bu-Francis church said Thursday of Alpena county held their May reau in the county. that religion in general is the meeting. The meeting was opened It was decided to send Mrs. with the group reciting the Minnie Clements to the Junior Pledge to the Flag led by the Farm Bureau camp. Plans were legislative chairman, Mrs. Roland made to tour the Dow Chemical

> Mrs. Adalore Rouleau and Mrs. Vernon Kingsbury were chosen delegates to attend the women's trict chairman, was guest speaker

formative talk on our \$10 dues Plans were completed for the the Long Rapids Hall on May the

Mrs. Vernon Kingsbury gave a purpose and the aims of this orpurchase a \$10 gift coupon to send to some needy country. A speaker and a film on mental Mrs. Blandford's health will be part of our June meeting.—Mrs. Emiel Krueger, chairman.

meeting was called to order by annual contest conducted by the the vice chairman Mrs. Sherman, public relations committee of due to the illness of the chairman Newaygo County Farm Bureau. Mrs. Pringle. Mrs. Robinson gave a very in- for custard pie calls for four eggs,

teresting safety report. It was well beaten; % cup sugar, 2 cups decided to have a card shower of milk, one teaspoon of vanilla

Farm Bureau of Lansing gave a been brushed with white of egg. very interesting talk on commod- The pie is baked at 450 degrees

Plans were completed for the Then the heat is reduced to 350 trip to Midland on August 2. Miss until a knife will come out clean teresting report on the District Dorothy Scott, county home dem- when testing the filling. meeting help at Rust Twp. Hall. onstration agent, will be the guest speaker at the June meeting at home of Mrs. Little.—Mrs. B. Week's Sew-Thrifty Pringle, chairman.

Ogemaw County. Eighteen Lake for their May meeting. The Mrs. Don Kilpatrick will meeting was opened by the chair-

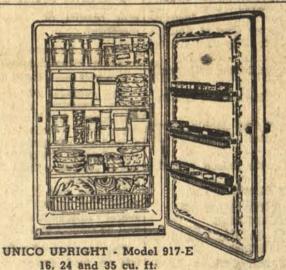
All state projects were approv-

Legislative, safety, and citizen-

ship reports were given. Alpena County. Twenty-two Junior Farm Bureau was dis-

plant in Midland on June 22.

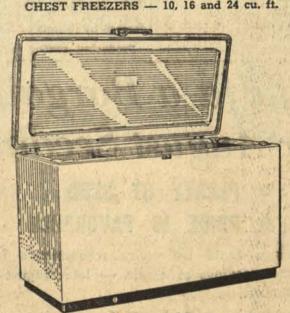
Mrs. Vernon Kingsbury, dis-



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Iosco County. The May meeting aygo county's custard pie bakwas held at the Reno hall. The ing champion, as the result of the Recipe: Mrs. Blandford's recipe

Mrs. Harry Blandford is New-

and gave the women a very in-

and what is done with the money

on a state and local level.-Mrs.

Presque Isle County. Women

met at the Posen township hall

for their May 28 meeting. The

meeting was opened by the chair-

man by the group giving the

(Continued on page 5)

Minnie Clements, chairman.

Pledge to the Flag.

Custard Pie

for Chairman Mrs. Pringle who is and cinnamon and nutmeg to taste. She pours the filling into an Peter Sikkema from Michigan unbaked pie shell which has

until the crust starts to brown.



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Farm Bureau,

Farmers Union

Meeting at Reese high school

in Tuscola county, Saturday eve-

ning, June 16, representatives of

Farm Bureau and Farmers Union

were scheduled to discuss the question, Can Farm Organ-

Reed, ass't Legislative counsel, speaking for Farm Bureau. Reed

pointed out that in 1948, all three

general farm organizations-

Grange, Farmers Union and

Farm Bureau - and both politi-

cal parties, agreed on the prin-

All favored abandonment of a

rigid price support program in

favor of one which was flexible

enough to help adjust production

Congress in 1948, enacted such

a program, Reed related, but

specified that it was to become

effective two years later, Presi-

dent Truman signed the bill, but expressed his disappointment

that it would not begin to operate

Farmers Union President James

Patton, testifying before the Sen-

ate Committee on Agriculture,

"Beyond a certain point I

said on April 15, 1948:

ciples of a farm program.

"They can and have," said Dan

1-Huron. West Huron.

-Manistee. Portage.

-Oceana, Shelby.

1-St. Clair, Senior.

In Debate

izations Agree?

to demand.

until 1950.

-Isabella. Coe.

More Club in June. Faithorn, North Stephenson. To qualify for the 3 or More Club, a Community Farm Bu- umbia, Pine Grove. reau enrolls 3 or more members. They may be new members or re-Dutchmen. newals. The Community Farm Bureau secretary registers the new club with the Michigan land. Farm Bureau.

Jackson and Lenawee counties Creek. each have 8 community groups qualified for the 3 or more Club. River. Here are the community groups which have qualified in all coun- & Country.

8—Jackson County. Blackman, Columbia, Grass Lake, Henrietta, Napoleon, Rives, Springport, Tompkins. ,

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6—Ingham. Dexter Trail, Doane Valley, East Alaiedon, Just-A-Mere, Vantown, Wheat-

Social Security and You

5—Berrien. Boyer, Chikasaw, Cribbs, Paw Paw Lake, Three W. SCOTT HAMLIN Manager, Lansing Dist. Office Social Security Administration

4-Monroe. Maybee Farmers, Now that farmers are covered Raisinville Center, Swan Creek, by social security, what does it mean to us? This question is be-3-Delta. Big Spring, Boney ing asked by 138,922 self-employalls, Danforth.

3—Mecosia. Hall's Corners, and their 64,081 farm workers.

> For most farmers nearing their sunset years, it means a newly found freedom from worry of replacing their income when they have to give up the farm.

For younger farmers, it gives type of survivors insurance protection to replace earnings in 2-Ionia. LaValley, Prairie case of death of the breadwinner. This survivors' insurance protec-2-Mason. Riverton, Sauble tion will strengthen existing insurance programs for the young-2-Ottowa. Hudsonville, Town er farmers and their families.

Most farm workers are covered 2-Wayne. Parkway, South by the law and can be entitled to the same retirement and survivors insurance benefits.

passed by Congress in 1954 will since April 1, 1956. have far-reaching and profound families in this country.

tory type of retirement benefits To support his claim for bene- John is still operating his farm putation.

month to develop plans to in-

crease contributions to the Na-

think the more flexibility you!

have in price relationships the

more effectively the program is going to work . . . If you use the

element of forward pricing and

pricing as a production guide

which is contemplated, certainly,

in this whole formula, then the

more flexibility you have above

a certain minimum certainly the

more effective it is going to be."

Farmers Union has since changed

its mind. Long before the rigid

price support program was final-

Union was urging that it be con-

be increased. This was in the face

of a falling farm income in each year after 1947, except for the

Korean War year of 1951, and in

the face of mounting surpluses in

presented by Michigan FU Presi-

dent John Spoelman. He agreed

which there had been cooper-

to cover farm program recom-

Spoelman said he did not be-

lieve there was such a thing as a

60 people to the fine new school

Grange was unable to atend.

tion as one of the outstanding in-

surance salesmen of the year. The

award was made by INSURANCE

SALESMAN, a magazine in the

life insurance field. For the first

four months of 1956, Mr. Steele is

top agent for Farm Bureau Life.

His sales totaled \$490,600 of life

government storage."

mendations.

ned by their parents. Other farmers may retire from earnings to date.

ments of the law. This will be true if the farmer less than \$400.

had net earnings of \$400 or more from his self-employed farming of reporting.

old-age benefits in the 21 dis- ship. The changes in the social secur- trict offices of the Social Security law affecting farm families ity Administration in the state being used today by those farm-

Besides providing a contribu- Social Security District Office.

LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS | Michigan Cattle Feeders Associ- | State University; Clayton Healey,

and their organizations met at ation; Oscar Oswalt, Vicksburg, East Jordan, livestock committee, the Farm Bureau at Lansing last livestock committee of Michigan Michigan Farm Bureau; George

tional Livestock and Meat Board Michigan Livestock Improvement Brenneman, animal husbandry

for promoting the sale of meats. | Association; Don Sturt, agricul- department, Michigan State Uni-

kema, commodity director of Michigan State University; Allen igan Livestock Improvement Michigan Farm Bureau; Warren Rush, Romeo, director, Michigan Association; William Finley, ex-Phillips, Blissfield, president, Farm Bureau; Mr. Riley, Mich-tension department, Michigan

"Farm organizations can abroad, including millions to Security benefits to disabled cit-

agree," Reed said, "but the communist Yugoslavia, but not izens of all ages. Disaster strikes

abandoned in 1955, Farmers er can no longer earn a living; breadwinner unable to keep or

no pension and suffer dire hard-

cannot be abandoned to a miser-

one cent to disabled American all age groups

Letters to the Editor

Our wealthy nation is giving nance Committee) to approve

The disabled farmer and work- be done as for veterans. Any

yet medical bills raise his cost secure work because of disability

I believe in free enterprise and enough for his family. Benefits

our capitalistic system which re- could increase, decrease, or ter-

wards workers according to their minate in relation to the health

achievements. However, those and earnings of the disabled cit-

away billions of tax dollars free medical care and Social

From left to right: P. J. Sik- tural economics department, Livestock and Meat Board.

Pensions for

The Disabled

tinued and that the support level of living. Those under 65 receive deserves full benefits.

Farmers Union viewpoint was who are crippled and disabled izen.

able fate.

(the program is entirely self-supporting and not subsidized by the government), social security and Schedule F for 1955 filed After cashing several milk may indirectly make it possible earlier in the year with the In- checks and selling part of his

gross receipts from self-employed | 1956.

fields, move to town, or continue amount to \$800 or more, the monthly benefits by filing their living in the farm home while farmer will sign a statement with applications on April 1, 1956, or receiving their monthly benefits. the Social Security District Office thereafter with their nearest disstating he operates on a cash trict office. Farmers now 65 or over can basis. He will agree to pay the Birth certificates or proofs will file for retirement benefits now. social security tax for 1956 when be needed along with the ev-They can start getting their his income tax report is due. He idence of John's 1955 and 1956 monthly old-age insurance pay- will use one of the optional meth- covered self-employment farm them and their families a new ments if they meet the require- ods of reporting if his actual income. His monthly benefit will farming net earnings in 1956 are be \$55

operations in 1955, and has \$400 farmer files a copy of his 1956 cessed. Since John is past age 72, or more in actual net earnings or Forms 1040 and Schedule F with the social security retirement test assumed net earnings in 1956 by the District Social Security office does not apply in his case. using one of the optional methods in addition to the one he mails If Mr. Oakes were between to the Director of Internal Rev- ages 65 and 72, he would not be Many Michigan farmers have enue. This procedure cannot be considered retired if he expected filed their claims for monthly used by members of a partner- to have a net earning of over

Let me show you the procedure ing operation.

for sons to take over the farm ternal Revenue Service, Detroit, last year's corn crop, he has much sooner than originally plan- Mich. Also, a listing of his 1956 gross receipts of \$847 early in

Based on this information, John active farming, rent out their If his 1956 gross receipts and Alice Oakes are eligible for

and Alice will receive \$27.50.

Their checks will be payable When 1956 is completed the as soon as their claims are pro-

\$1200 in 1956 from his own farm-

After John files his 1956 Forms ers who are filing for their 1040 and Schedule F, he and You may do the same at any monthly social security benefits: Alice may be entitled to an ineffects on about four million farm time. Your postmaster can tell EXAMPLE: John Oakes, 73, crease in their monthly benefits you the location of the nearest and his wife Alice, 69, have lived when his full 1956 net earnings for years on their 120 acre farm, are included in his benefit com-

Women of Farm Bureau (Continued from Page 4)

At a dance sponsored by the women May 11 at Belknap twp. hall, our treasury was replenished with \$72.07. The money for the State Projects was sent in to the State office.

Mrs. O. Mendrick gave a talk on the ACWW women of Greenland. The women who attended the district meeting gave a very interesting report.

Films of the Flint tornado were shown at the close of the meeting. Lunch was served by the women of the Krakow group.-Mrs. Otto Mendrick, chairman.

New Manager

Paul Reykopf is the new manager of Bronson Cooperative Ass'n, succeeding Ken Fowler who resigned after 30 years of Farm Bureau; Captain Hanson, versity; R. B. Elling, National service, to devote his time to

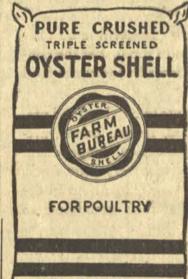
> Have faith in your effort or it s bound to be a failure.

ROBERT LUCAL, former igency manager for Farm Bureau Insurance Companies in Ingham county, has been promoted to training supervisor. In his new position Mr. Lucal will be responsible for development of

training materials and methods. He will conduct basic and advanced training courses for Farm Bureau insurance agents. Frank Nemer, 21/2 years an agent in Ingham county, succeeds Mr. Lucal as agency manager in Ing-

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that farm organizations could Since farmers especially have a Member. Shiawassee agree and cited state issues on chance of becoming disabled, may 'County Farm Bureau. ation. However, Spoelman very Make Most of quickly enlarged the discussion **Family Mealtime**

Make the most of family mealtime; often it's the only time a family is all together.

law of supply and demand. He Supper is an ideal time to dealso said that he was not aware velop a feeling of family unity, of Farmers Union testimony declares Mrs. Lennah Backus, ed to \$37,165.87. favoring a flexible price program. family life specialist at Michi-The Reese meeting drew about gan State University.

Table conversation can do a auditorium. It was well conduct- lot for this family unity. Let ed by the Vocational Agricultural children talk and feel free to exteacher and local Farmers Union press their opinions and ideas. Most important is to try to keep

August Scholle, president of the conversation of interest and known as the Southwestern the Michigan CIO, had agreed to concern to all: Mother, Father, Michigan Vegetable Marketing be present to speak on the farm Sis and Brother. As a rule, keep Company. The new co-op is exissue, but did not appear. William it light and jovial. Don't try to pected to operate about July 1st. Brake, Master of Michigan State solve the heaviest, most worri- It will pack, grade, and sell cu-

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The Middleman-His Take of the Food Dollar

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for July

Background Material for Program in July by our 1580 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

DONALD D. KINSEY

Coordinator of Education and Research, MFB

To some farmers, the "middleman" seems almost like a bogeyman. They would like to do away with him. This is a natural reaction in these times.

And yet it would be a calamity to the marketing system, as well as quite impossible. In a society like ours, the so-called middleman is a very important cog in the machine.

Certainly the farmer cannot be blamed for this viewpoint. He takes a look at food costs over the counter. He looks at his own falling income. He does not see food costs falling in the same way. He wonders why, -and it seems as though the middlemas is the answer.

Is the middleman to blame? Is he a blessing or a curse to the farmer? Let's take a look:

Actually, the "middleman" is a figment of the imagination. You ask, "How can this be true?" Well—there are thousands of middlemen rather than one. They are all working in the process of marketing the food that the farmer raises.

Marketing operations are no longer a mere matter of laying a bag of a raw farm product at the consumer's door. Modern standards in consumer food have changed.

The modern housewife wants to buy her food preprepared, washed and cleaned, frozen, boned, precooked, pre-mixed, canned, pre-baked, wrapped and sanitary-and ready to serve with very little work. The modern housewife spends only one hour in the kitchen to the four hours that their grandmothers used to spend.

All this costs money. And it shows up in the shrinking share of the consumer's dollar.

Let's think carefully, though. The farmer's share of the consumer's dollar is not too clear as a mark of the farmer's fair take of that dollar. Many things that enter into it are "beyond the farm" services. These services do not necessarily work to the disadvantage of the farmer. In fact, they may help sell more food to the consumer, and thus help the

chicken and puts it into a sanitary cellophane bag, or washes for packaging and preparing, and bunches carrots—or when a factory converts corn into cornchocolate into milk to make it sell better-it does not add to the farmer's cost of production.

It would be unreasonable to demand that part of the increased sales price that results be passed back to the farmer in such cases.

Yet, marketing costs do bother the farmer because they are inclined to be "sticky." They do times" as farm prices do.

The answer is that marketing costs in general are more than half of the total cost of food, and in some cases, more than that.

Let's take an example. We will change the figures just to make a point. They are not accurate for meat. But suppose lars' worth of meat. And suppose that the marketing costs are same amount of meat sold for dollar." \$900,000, and the marketing costs did not change—the farmer would get \$400,000. A ten percent drop in consumer price would mean a 20% drop in farm prices.

Many Items in Marketing Costs. The U. S. Department of (National figures). Agriculture points out that mar-

tributing food amounts to more peratives.

keting profits (a small proportion of the total marketing costs). Thus, we have a program that is

sharply, the farmer gets a smaller "cut"-but on the positive side, he gets a real "break" on a rising market. Marketing costs do patronage returns, not rise as rapidly in "good

not change with the speed and to Today, the farmer is getting tives, like any other marketing the extremes shown by farm only about 39c of the consumer's agency, are faced with processing prices. Sometimes the housewife dollar. In 1932 and 1933, it was expenses, advertising, transportawonders, too. She sees farm only about 32c. From 1940 to tion, rents, interest on investprices dropping, but no reduction 1945, however, the farmer's share ments, wages, fuel, taxes and costs so as to bring a greater in the cost of food over the count- rose from 42c to 53c-and the other operating costs. farmer was "riding high." Condithey do for other businesses.

have already hinted at them. the level which any individual MFB Expected processing and preparation, Food, if it is to sell on the present-day that consumers buy a million dol- market, must be ready for use advantage because they can sup- same in 1956 as in 1955, no legisand attractively packaged.

50%. The farmer then would get cessing before reaching the con- in a good position to bargain for \$500,000. But if the price to the sumer will return to the farmer price. But often the bargaining consumer dropped so that the a smaller share of the "counter process is a difficult one.

Freezing and refrigeration have marketing problems. keting costs include many FIXED done two things for the food pro-Labor in preparing, ducer. They have made it possible handling, transporting and dis- to ship to far-away markets, thus

Discussion Topics

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

July Who is the Middleman - What is His Take of the Consumer's Dollar?

Aug. Farmer's Role in Selling Michigan Farm Products in Michigan.

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



Week's Wolverine Frontiersman at St. Ignace, was made by Prentiss M. Brown thropist.

gaining price advantages. an overstocked market. The mar- market place. keting can be spread over a pervantage is gained.

Transportation and distribution costs are high. It costs about 5c just to deliver a loaf of bread to a neighborhood store. Yet, the transportation system is a farmer benefit. It has broadened the Michigan eggs show up in New shows up, too. Without it, the local prices only. And these may market price for an area.

Attractive packages on the shelves of stores sell more food. Machinery and equipment are necessary to do the jobs required to put farm products in shape for consumer use. They all cost money. You cannot market goods around a product market in a of \$31 in Ohio, \$26 in Indiana, today, in proper condition, without these costs.

Can the Farmer Become His dom of trade in America. Own Middleman? If the farmer

Many farmer groups have done this by forming marketing co- farmer. They have estab-When the grocer cuts up a than 50% of the marketing costs. lished "brand names" such as Hamilton Eggs, widely known to distribute products to market by pooling their resources.

> bulky, and does not change easily. in the marketing process several stage of development. So when farm prices drop steps closer to the consumer. Savings from the middleman's operations are channeled back to the

But let's not assume that it cuts out all marketing costs! Coopera-

Cooperatives do not eliminate Middleman's Services? We merely reduce the costs below ket today. The cooperative can operatives? farmer could achieve.

Farmer cooperatives have an Foods that require more pro- quantity to the market. They are duced this year.

we might take its problems as an to licensing and bonding certain severe financial Eggs, for example, require example. It is a highly perish- individuals and firms involved They can ill afford to suffer lossrather simple preparation, and able product. The volume of in dealing in livestock. return to the farmer 71c of the production changes extremely dollar, while white bread is high during different seasons. There in cost of preparation, and gains are periods of surplus production the farmer only 15c of the dollar above the fluid market demand. So, milk presents some special cation for a license.

> must go into manufactured prosible only if a farmer cooperative can maintain a highly active fluid milk market. And the limits of demand level that does not change too sharply.

If a high consumer price is facturers of milk products shift ers selling livestock. and put milk on the fluid market. Areas surrounding the high price region begin shipping in milk to get the "price break." Farmers not engaged in the dairy business begin putting on cows. Consumers look at the price and begin shifting to the use of dried milk as a substitute.

tive has a real job in bargaining by the applicant during the pre- sider any subject unless it has to keep the best possible price vious licensing year was greater been specifically presented to and still keep control of the mar- than \$15,000, the bond shall be them by the Governor.

CLARK L. BRODY of Lansing (right), chairman of the Mackinac s shown receiving Michigan Bridge Authority, at a ceremony May 26. Others award for his services to Mich- honored for their services to igan farmers the past 36 years as Michigan were K. T. Keller of a member of the State Board of Detroit, former president of Agriculture, governing body for Chrysler; Frederick C. Matthaei. Michigan State College, and for Detroit industrialist and philanhis leadership in the Michigan thropist; Charles Mott of Flint, Farm Bureau. The presentation automotive pioneer and philan-

ket volume. It is not easy. They have also made it possible Forces are always present that to avoid unloading products on can upset the best price in the

Farmers often blame the midiod of time, so another price ad- dleman for a loss of price in the market. Yet, we must remember that farmers are in competition with other farmers for that market. This competition is rough when we are dealing with a perishable product like fluid milk.

It is not merely the middleman farmer's market for his products. or the farmer cooperative that sets the price. It is supplies avail-York City, and a profit benefit able—available from other farmers at a lower price than those of eggs would have to depend on the local market—that breaks the

When farmers begin shipping in milk from a surrounding area, it produces a price-levelling effect on the market. It is almost impossible to avoid such competi- brackets, the average check is

It is not easy to build a fence and exchange exist. The only way to do it would be to kill free- national average.

If a good job is to be done by a should attempt to do this, he farmer cooperative in marketing must provide all the services de- a product, it must balance the manded by the market to the factors that operate within its same extent that other middle- total market area. Otherwise, it can lead to no advantage whatever as a middleman for the

Middlemen - Cooperatives or ally. otherwise—are a part of our modern marketing system. Their statement of purpose when the Sunkist Oranges, Calimyrna Figs, modern marketing system. Their operations should be clearly and consumers. These cooperatives fairly understood by farmers, ganized at Michigan State Colterest on investments and mar- enable farmers to prepare and Without good systems of processing and distribution, farmers

Questions

1. In your opinion, which has vious year." farmer, either in prices or in the greater effect on prices that farmers receive:

> (a) Services performed by the middlemen?

(b) Competition developed among farm producers? In your opinion, what could benefit to the farm producer?

pares his own products for mar- forming of farmer marketing co- in this article.

Bad Check Deal

(Continued from Page 1)

House Bill 358 in 1955 provid-penings in the future. ed numerous amendments to Milk is in the news today, so Michigan's present law relative families are today faced with

file a surety bond with his appli- expenses.

House Bill 358 would have rectly from farmers.

that market are rather set by a maximum amount of a dealer's Special Session, to be convened bond at \$15,000, regardless of the on June 13." volume of his business. In many It was suggested to the Gover cases, this is totally inadequate nor that if he or any of his staff demanded, things happen. Manu- to provide protection to the farm- desired further information re-

> amount equal to the amount of partment of Agriculture. gross business conducted during the average week of the previous

Legislature to Think About Lay-Off Pay

Ass't Legislative Counsel, MFB Under a motion requiring consent of 2/3 of the members of the House of Representatives, the

Michigan Legislature adjourned

to meet again on July 17. With 52 Democrats and 57 Republicans, consideration of the motion needed agreement of both

The politically hot issue was the Governor's proposal to increase unemployment compensation benefits. Representative George Van Peursem, chairman of the House Labor Committee, asked leave for his committee to give further study.

In a sharp exchange with Reminority leader, VanPeursem, who represents Ottawa county, said he still had not received information he had requested on the Governor's proposal.

Facts brought out during consideration of the bill include: 1. Michigan's unemployed list.

now totals over 200,000. 2. At periods of "full" employ-ment, about 50,000 to 60,000

usually are drawing unemployment benefit checks. 3. More than half of the pre-

sent recipients of unemployment benefits do not have dependents. 4. Over 7,600 checks are being mailed to people out of the state. 5. Michigan's present Unemployment Compensation Law

provides the most liberal plan in the nation. The maximum payment is \$54 per week. Because most of those currently unemployed have no dependents, little seniority, and

approximately \$34 per week. This compares with an average country where freedom of trade and \$25.50 in Illinois. The Michigan average is about \$7 above

are not in the higher wage

Purpose of Farm Bureau

"The purpose of this Association shall be the advancement of our members' interests educationally, legislatively, and economic-

Michigan Farm Bureau was orlege, February 4, 1919.

would find their markets to be increased above \$15,000, at the They carry the farmer's share back in the horse and buggy rate of \$1,000 for each \$5,000, or part thereof above \$15,000, on the average gross weekly business conducted during the pre-

When Governor Williams announced that he was calling the Michigan Legislature into special session on June 13, to consider certain emergency measures, the Farm Bureau, under date of June 5, wrote the Governor reminding which had been given to substantial losses incurred by farm-3. What problems do farmers ers in the Jackson area and by tions change for the farmer faster the costs of marketing. The indiv- face in attempting to become various banks, reviewing some of and to greater extremes than idual farmer has them if he pre-

The Farm Bureau communication went on to state:

"Obviously, enactment of legislation on this subject at the present time would be in the nature of locking the door after the ply farm products in a large lation on this subject was intro- horse has been stolen. However, it would tend to prevent a reoccurrence of such tragic hap-

> "As you so well know, farm es through receipt of worthless At present, only a dealer opera- checks from the sale of livestock. ting or conducting a livestock The returns are sorely needed to yard or livestock auction has to meet living and farm operating

"In view of these circumbroadened the coverage so that stances, it would seem as though Some of the milk production it would have applied to any live- such a bill would be exceedingly stock dealer regardless of whether popular. It occurs to us that you ducts-powder, cheese, and but- he operated a livestock yard or may feel that here is something ter. The best blend price is pos- auction market, or purchased di- opportune for inclusion within the scope of the measures to which you would direct the at-The present law fixes the tention of the Legislature for the

> garding this situation, it might The proposed bill would have Michigan Farm Bureau Headprovided that the amount of the quarters or Director George S. bond would have been "an McIntyre of the Michigan De-

Thus far, the Governor has not licensing year by the applicant, seen fit to submit this subject to but in no case less than \$1,500: the legislature for their conprovided, however, if the average sideration. During a special ses-Thus, a farmer dairy coopera- gross weekly business conducted sion, the lawmakers cannot con-



HAROLD R. WEINMAN, for 20 years an employe of the Farm Bureau, has joined the editorial and business staff of the Republican-Tribune at Charlotte. The Republican-Tribune prints the presentative Ed Carey, House Michigan Farm News. For the past three years Mr. Weinman had been sales manager for Farm Bureau Services, Inc. He began his employment with Farm Bureau in 1937 as an artist and machine operator in the printing and mailing dep't. In 1939 he became advertising manager and assistant to the editor of the Michigan Farm News. Returning from four years military service in 1946, Mr. Weinman became associate editor of the paper and advertising manager for Farm Bureau Services. He joined Farm Bureau Services in 1951 as sales promotion manager and became sales manager in May, 1953.

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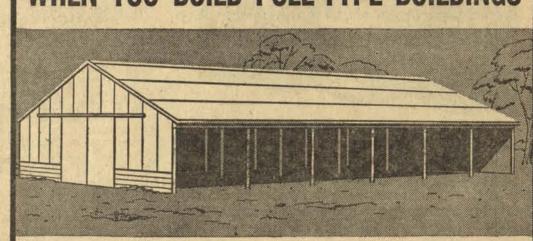
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