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### EDITORIAL

### Women of the Farm Bureau

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"The Farm Bureau organization that we build and everything that it accomplishes means something for our families and our homes. Farm Bureau Community Groups will never do their best until Farm Bureau women share the responsibility.

"We need the closest cooperation. . . of our men and women and even the youngsters to do our best-and nothing short of our best should be our aim."

This statement by Mrs. Edith Wagar at the eighth annual meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau in February, 1926, expressed the basic purpose of the women of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

"Nothing short of our best" has been the ideal of Farm Bureau women in their efforts to help build the Michigan Farm Bureau. In 1957 our Women's Department is one of the most effective and influential elements in the Farm Bureau program.

### Farm women began to take part in Michigan Farm Bureau affairs in 1921.

Mrs. Edith Wagar of Carleton of Monroe county was elected a director of the Michigan Farm Bureau at the annual meeting in February, 1921.

For more than thirty years, Mrs. Wagar rendered great service in arousing the interest of farm women in the Farm Bureau through meetings about the state and her articles in the Michigan Farm News.

It became evident in the mid-1920's if we were to build the organization and maintain an adequate membership program, the wives as well as the husbands must be encouraged to enlist in Farm Bureau work.

Women proved to be very effective Farm Bureau membership solicitors in 1925 and 1926.

They aided materially in establishing the use of voluntary teams of local people instead of hired membership solicitors as had been the practice since 1919.

Harold R. Lambert Photo

AUGUST 1, 1957

Portico over Plymouth Rock where Pilgrims Landed 337 Years Ago

PLYMOUTH ROCK is a big granite boulder and bears the inscription 1620. It marks the exact spot the Pilgrims landed from the Mayflower.

The rock has not been undisturbed in more than three centuries. 174 years after the landing, in 1774, the rock split in two as patriots in the period before the Revolutionary War attempted to raise it for a consecration to liberty. A part was removed to the town square in Plymouth.

Another 60 years passed. July 4, 1834, the section of rock was placed in Pilgrim Hall.

In 1880 the part of the rock was restored to its original position. The portico pictured was completed in 1920 by the Colonial Dames of America to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims.

# **Hodge** Names Resolutions

# NON-HOSPITAL BENEFITS TO BE EXPANDED TO CUT COSTS **Blue Cross Rates to Increase** in October

An over-all average increase of 12% in combined Blue\* Cross-Blue Shield rates to meet rising costs, and a broad extension of out-patient benefits have been approved as "fair and reasonable" by State Insurance Commissioner Seiler of Leonidas R-1 as general Joseph A. Navarre.

The Blue Cross-Blue Shield announced that the new rates and benefits will become effective in October, 1957.

William S. McNary, Blue Cross executive vice-president, said that at the end of May Blue Cross had paid out \$1,800,000 more than received in subscriber income for many years of honest, sincere, so far in 1957.

The new out-patient benefits are aimed at cutting down Farm Bureau membership organ expensive hospital bed-patient care for people able to visit the hospital for services. They will also cover the kinds of surgery that can be done in the hospital's outpatient department or the doctor's office.

Jay Ketchum, executive vice president of Blue Shield, said AT IONIA FAIR Blue Shield or doctor's services out-patient benefits have been extended to cover all surgery MIFB Youth performed in the hospital outpatient department or the doc-**To Operate** tor's office. Previously, coverage for out-patient surgery had been

35th Year

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# Legislature Has 46 Study Groups

To Investigate & Report on Many Matters of Interest to Michigan Farm Bureau Membership STANLEY M. POWELL

Legislative Counsel for the Michigan Farm Bureau Although the Michigan Legislature will not meet again until next January, unless called into special session by Governor Williams, the Senators and Representatives are busying themselves with public duties.

The Senators and Representatives have set up a total of 46 study committees to investigate and report on a wide variety of problems. Many of these investigations relate to matters of considerable direct interest to Michigan farm folks.

It is expected that Farm Bureau spokesmen will present testimony before many of these investigating committees.

There has been considerable publicity regarding the studies of tax conditions which are being carried on by the taxation committees of the Senate and House. There is also a committee delving into many phases of the public school system.

A continuing study of higher education in Michigan, including community colleges, has the attention of a group of Senators and Representatives. Others are developing the codification of all of Michigan's laws dealing with highways.

Problems of the dairy industry will be studied, and the various plans which have been proposed for improving conditions in this field. Three Representatives will consider the drainage laws and problems of water resources. We as the board of directors A joint committee of Senators and Representatives will prepare a recodification of the laws pertaining to town-

> Three Senators will consider the use of trading stamps by retail merchants and will investigate the operation of various trading stamp plans. Five Representatives have been assigned to review the laws relating to sex-motivat-

These are only a few of the 46 interim committees now at work. Legislators receive no extra pay for these wishes to you, that you may en- added duties. Their recommendations will be presented to the 1958 session of the Michigan Legislature and will probably result in bills which will be introduced at that time.

St. Joseph Board Praises Lyman Seiler

agent in St. Joseph county for the Farm Bureau Insurance Compan-

ies, the County Farm Bureau board of directors adopted this resolution July 3:

of St. Joseph County Farm Bu reau desire to express to Lyman prepa Seiler our grateful appreciation ships. and devoted service to our mem-

bership, and to the Michigan ization as a whole, as you conclude your work as General Agent

"We know you will always ed crimes. render the same service you have given so generously to our organ-

ization. "We extend our sincere best joy many years of member assocwith us and our organ ization.

Women's influence began to be manifest in the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meetings by an increasing number of women voting delegates. This led to their appointment to important committees. At the tenth annual meeting in 1928 President M. L. Noon appointed a Credentials Committee consisting entirely of women.

For the next sixteen years, under the leadership of three Home and Community Chairmen, Mrs. Pearl Myus of Lapeer county, Mrs. Ray Neikirk of Gratiot county, and Mrs. Belle Newell of Branch county, the participation of women was encouraged and continued to increase in Farm Bureau affairs.

This led to the organization of the Michigan Branch of the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau Federation February 12, 1944. The action was recognized by this action of the Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors:

It is hereby requested that the Michigan State Farm Bureau establish an Associated Women's Council composed of one representative from each membership district in the state to serve in an advisory capacity to the Michigan Associated Women.

Upon the recommendation of Assistant Secretary J. F. Yaeger, Mrs. Marjorie Karker of the Membership staff, was appointed Coordinator of Farm Bureau Women's Activities March 1, 1945. The Home & Community Dep't was changed to Farm Bureau Women.

Mrs. Karker came to the work well qualified. For some years she had worked with the County Farm Bureau secretaries keeping the membership records of the County and State Farm Bureaus in adjustment, and promoting understanding between county and state offices.

Having grown up on a farm, she has a first-hand knowledge of and adaptability to her work with Farm Bureau women. Her unfailing industry and devotion to the interests of farm women have been a most important factor in the progress of Farm Bureau Women and the advancement of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Since 1950 under the administration of State Chairmen Mrs. Marvel Whittaker of Lapeer county and, presently, Mrs. Carlton Ball of Calhoun coun-(Continued on Page 3)

### Committee

President Ward G. Hodge has appointed the resolutions committee for the 38th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau limited to accident treatment and at Michigan State University approximately 20 specific sur-November 12 and 13. gical procedures.

In August the committee will Mr. McNary said the new Blue begin work through such sub-Cross hospital out-patient departcommittees as National and Interment benefits include-on an outnational Affairs, State Affairs, patient basis—use of operating Education, Highways, Conserand other surgical treatment vation, By-Laws and Internal rooms; all medications, dressings, Affairs, etc. etc.; anesthesia services and sup-

County Farm Bureaus hold plies; all drugs and laboratory their annual meetings in October. examinations directly related to Their resolutions on county, state, the reason for care; physical and national matters are recom- therapy treatments and oxygen mendations to the State Reso- and other gas therapy. lutions committee. Members of He said the new out-patient the state Resolutions Committee benefits were developed after more than two years of careful

From Membership Districts:

1-Clarence Stover, Berrien a broad area of out-patient care Springs R-1. not previously covered by Blue 2-Max Parks, Bronson R-3. Cross-Blue Shield and represent 3-Miss Henrietta Burch, 43655 additional coverage our members Joy Road, Plymouth R-1. have clearly indicated they want.' 4-Ed Robinette, 3142 4-Mile Road, Grand Rapids R-4, N. E. McNary added that the addttion of out-patient benefits is an 5-Stanley Perkins, Swartz experiment. They are being add-Creek R-4 ed in the form of "liberalization 6-Fred Bach, Akron R-1. riders" to subscriber contracts 7-Austin Greenhoe, Crystal Rand will automatically cover all

8-Albert Adamski (Chairman), October Standish R-1. 9-Harold Vanderheide, Mcpatient coverage," McNary said, Brain R-1. 10-Frank Wilk, Posen R-1. 'we just don't know at this time 11-Whitford Armstrong, Dafhow much-if any-they will ter R-1. add to the total cost of care."

#### From Nominations by Farm Bureau Women

set by a decline in the use of Mrs. Kenneth Corey, Stephenexpensive hospital beds for amsen R-1. bulatory and minor surgical Mrs. Allen Lahr, Charlotte R-6. cases.' Third member to be announced

later.

#### At-Large From Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors

An injunction issued last week Dale Dunckel, Williamston R-3. by Judge Dale Souter in Kent Allen F. Rush, Lake Orion R-2. County restrains the Michigan Robert E. Smith, Fowlerville R-1, Vice-Chairman. Department of Agriculture from delaying the start of the "Grade

From Farm Bureau Young People

Richard Arnold, Plainwell R-1.

### 70,610 Membership Goal in 1958

Farm Bureau leaders in the 11 1958. membership districts set the state June and July.

The Michigan Farm Bureau and September, Resolutions comto have their annual cafeteria project at the Ionia Free Fair, August 5-10. Miss Sandra Murton, Clinton county, has been selected

Cafeteria

Mecosta county, as assistant manager. The cafeteria will be serving

full course meals at reasonable rates, and will try to have the best food on the fair grounds.

The proceeds from this project are for the education programs study and were in response to a for the Farm Bureau Young Peogrowing public demand. ple. Approximately 15 to 20 vol-

They will extend protection in unteer young people will work each day at the fair.

If you visit the Ionia Free Fair, Young People a visit and enjoy a good meal?

Mid West Camp. Many Michgan Farm Bureau Young People are planning to attend the Mid-West Farm Bureau Young People's camp August 30 through regular members beginning in September 1. The camp this year wil be held at the American Bap-

"With little previous experi- tist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisence in this new field of out- consin. Travel will be by bus. The theme of the camp will be

'Freedom." The camp is carried on as a discussion type program. Last year Michigan had almost 100 young people at Mid-West Camp. They expect to do at least

that well this year. Robert Van Wert, 2nd Vice President of Michigan Farm Bueau Young People, is Vice President of the Mid-West Farm Bu-

If You Should Get **Two Copies of News** 

"We believe that their addi-

tional cost will be more than off-

'Grade A' Sale Now

peninsula

### **County Committees** Meet Aug. & Sept.

County Farm Bureau Reso lutions committees and Commod ity committees will meet in a series of meetings during August

Young People are planning again mittees will exchange ideas and make recommendations as to what issues County Farm Bureaus may want to act on at their October annual meetings. Comas manager, and Dale Cramer of modity committees will discuss

the dairy situation. Dates for regional meetings:

Aug. 28th East Central; 29th Bureau August 1.

It is important that the committees be provided with proper information on which to base their recommendations.

ties

### Northwest; 30th Dist, 10-W; Sept. Young People 4th Central; 5th Dist. 10-E; 6th Farm Bureau Young People Thumb; 9th Southwest; 10th West now have a membership of 1,075

Central; 11th Dist. 2; 12th Dist. 3. in 45 groups in 39 organized coun-

This Issue 69,192

This the number of copies of the Michigan Farm News mailed There are now 1,646 Communito members of the Michigan Farm | ity Farm Bureau groups in Mich-

# Keith A. Tanner Was Loved Leader in Farm Bureau

The Michigan Farm Bureau lost why not pay the Farm Bureau a loved leader of great promise when Keith A. Tanner of Okemos died at Henry Ford Hospital at Detroit July 20 at the age of 46.

Mr. Tanner was manager of operations for Farm Bureau Services, Inc., the state-wide farm supplies service for Farm Bureau. He was a former manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau's membership work. He had been employed by Farm Bureau since

#### He was oustanding for his development of the Community Farm Bureau program.

Keith Tanner's first work after traduation from Michigan State University in 1932 was teaching vocational agriculture. He organzed the agricultural dep't at Ovid high school. Later he reorganized Farm Bureau program in Michithe agricultural dep't at Dundee high school. For a year and a half he was agricultural coordin-

gan Farm Bureau came in Febator for the Hartland Area Proruary, 1939 as a district member-Lapeer and Oakland counties.

In 1936 Keith visited Europe After a year and a half, Keith was to study farm cooperatives. He observed an educational and Spencer of Lapeer, R. 2, may or social program carried on by district representative for Eaton, munity, and his church A man

lower peninsula until January 1, should be receiving two copies was using those ideas as director of the paper, we'd appreciate a of Community Farm Bureau Farm Bureau, and later was ap- other activities, he was a tre-The Grocers Dairy Co. of postcard telling us the name and organization for the Michigan pointed director of field services mendously intense person. He membership goal for 1958 at Grand Rapids sued to declare the address we should use, and the Farm Bureau. He lived to see for all Farm Bureau companies. Was dedicated to his work; for January I, 1955 Keith was prodone at district meetings during did not apply equality to all parts Thank you. Michigan Farm News, Bureau groups in Michigan, and moted to manager of operations manded every bit of his strength for Farm Bureau Services, Inc. and talent."



First employment by the Michi-

transferred to Lansing as Director

He was in the army for 31/2

gan to other states.

Mr. Tanner was born on a farm in Eaton county. He attended the rural schools there and was graduated from Charlotte high school, and from the School of Agriculture at Michigan State University.

He was a member of Okemos Community church and the Masons. He had served on the board of directors of the Michigan Welfare League. In his youth he was an ardent member of the Future Farmers of America, and was their first state president. This interest continued throughout his life.

Surviving are his wife, Willie Belle, and one daughter, Lisbeth Ann. Also, Mr. Tanner's mother, Mrs. Amy Tanner of Charlotte, and one sister, Mrs. Vivian Lippott of Lansing.

Funeral services were held at Okemos Community church, Tuesday afternoon, July 23. Several hundred friends and associates attended. Burial was at ship representative for Genesee, Maple Hill cemetery at Charlotte. At the services, the Reverend David S. Evans spoke of Mr. Tanner as a man who devoted his of Community Farm Bureaus, and life to his fellowmen, his com-"He moved among them with years during World War II. He re- ease, and he had an ever-present turned as director of membership smile and cheery word of greetorganization for the Michigan ing. In his work as well as in

**Court Action Permits** eau Young People's Camp.

It happens sometimes. For example, James Spencer and J. C. A" milk program in the lower

the "Grade A" program in the ways that could happen. If you Several years later Mr. Tanner

The 1957 Legislature passed a may not be the same person. If farmers in community groups in Ingham, and Shiawassee counties. who loved to work with people. measure with immediate effect to they are we have a duplication. Denmark that made a great im-

postpone the effective date of It pains us to think of how many pression upon him.

ject in Livingston county.

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Einar E. Ungren ......Editor

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LETSTALK ITOVER

HELP GET BETTER

FARM BUREAU.

POLICIES

We have heard the question, +

"Are you willing to stand up for

and be counted for your con-

easier to say, "This is tough for

me, let someone else worry about

it; they know more about it

world have fallen, not because

can also be said about organiza-

Regional Citizenship Meetings

Searcy, Arkansas will be given.

August 5th, Southwest region;

7th Southeast; 8th Thumb; 19th

Central; 21st West Central; 22 and

23rd two meetings in Northeast;

**Regional Meetings** 

**On Citizenship** 

Legislature on

**Milk Dispensers** 

victions on what is right?"

words, "I don't care."

than I do."

tions also.

Dates are:

west.

UNDERSTANDING OF

TEL



what is right, etc.?

There are many problems to-viable position? There are those

day in which it would be much who would like to see Farm Bu-

It has been said that probably portant reasons why Farm Bu-

try today is apathy, or in other are the one who is going to cause secretary.

What is your answer?

reau in a lesser position.

Community Farm Bureaus can

be and are one of the most im-

your Farm Bureau to become

more influential and beneficial,

9 10 8 A. A. Brindley...W. Branch, R-3 Edmund Sager......Stephenson 6 5 DIRECTORS AT LARGE

**Community Farm** 

**Bureaus** 

CLARE L. McGHAN

Coordinator of Community Farm Bureau for MFB

answer to this question? Would it be in order to get some service

ganization more effective, an opportunity to express my opinion,

help form a policy that will put my organization on record for

program, get to know my neighbors, have a social time?

Farm Bureau is the largest and | about them?

Why have community groups in Farm Bureau? What is your

Or is it to learn about my organization, help to make my or-

most influential farm organiza- This is one of the opportunities

tion in the United States today, your Community Farm Bureau

12 Gleason E. Halliwill......Gladwin, R-4 Robert E. Smith......Fowlerville, R-2 Walter Wightman......Fennville, R-1

The purpose of this Associa-tion shall be the advancement of our members' interests edu-Mrs. Carlton Ball.....Albion, R-1 cationally, legislatively economically.

Representing FARM BUREAU YOUNG PEOPLE and Richard Arnold ......Plainwell, R-1

WOMEN OF FARM BUREAU

**Michigan Farm Bureau** 

President .......W. G. Hodge, Snover

V.-Pres. .....Blaque Knirk, Quincy

Exec. See'y .....J. F. Yaeger, Lansing

DIRECTORS BY DISTRICTS



### Dragon-fly

It's nice in the cool of the evening

To fish in your favorite spot When a little cool breeze makes a ripple And the air is no longer so hot.

With everything peaceful and quiet, And with quiet and peace in your soul

Till you feel not a shade of resentment When a dragon-fly lights on your pole.

The bark of a dog in the distance, The whoop of a bittern nearby;

The dusk creeping down from the wood-lot, The sun slipping down in the sky,

All add to the hour of enchantment. What more could a fisherman wish?

Though he knows, with that fly on his bobber He is not going to catch any fish.

Some fisherman fish for the quarry But many, I'm sure, are content

To bask in the soul-soothing quiet And call it an evening well spent.

The pace of our civilization Subsides to soft magic they find When a dragon-fly sits on the bobber

And nothing encumbers the mind.

With his sleek netted wings iridescent And his needle-like body all bright, How lightly, how brightly he perches,

How instantly flicks into flight. He may be a bird of ill omen;

He brings me no fishes to fry

But he's welcome to sit on my bobber In peace, between water and sky.

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

### Ammonia Fertilizer

Alpena County, Silver City Some farmers are not getting the crop response from anhydrous ammonia that they did when they Alpena County, Nicholson Hill

the biggest danger in our coun- reau has this lofty position. You No. 2 Group, Mrs. Felix LaBonte, first started using it.

My second classified ad sold

tility that has been building up Your price may be most attracover the years, but unless extra tive and the one thing that stirs phosphorus and potassium are him to action. He has to know it used with the extra nitrogen, re- sometime, so why not tell him



### Silo Sold

Results were excellent from ad- Buyer from Fremont came 165 vertising our Polled Shorthorn miles for the Martins silo I adyearling bulls in July 1 Michigan vertised in the July 1 Michigan Farm News. Ray and Robert Farm News. Good advertising and small cost! Brawn Sproul, 10684 Liss Road, Belleville.

Ad in your July 1 issue sold the Quick Sale four can milk cooler. Mrs. George | Saw filer and setter advertised

Parker, 4540 Geddes Road, Ann in July 1 edition was sold before we got our copy of the paper. I was surprised and pleased. Hersize and of the proper type for the kind of fire expected should 5. For field fires, he ready in all fire danger areas-the pump tanks or sprayers, fire barn, machine shed, and near storage tanks of gasoline and and water for them. kerosene.

The most reliable extinguishers are those approved by nationally And to Secretaries recognized testing laboratories. How would you combat fire on All extinguishers should be gan Farm News: your farm while waiting for the checked regularly and recharged as necessary in accordance with or other notice that any mem-

Francis Bust, Farm Bureau manufacturer's instruction. Mutual Insurance Co. fire pre-2. Teach everyone who works in delivery, such as duplicate vention engineer, says it depends and lives on your farm how to copies, wrong RFD, error in on how well you're equipped with use the extinguishers. first aid fire fighting tools, and

3. Water. Garden hose sprayers and water buckets are effective ins sometimes. We need and how well everyone on your farm Here are some of the "first aid" as fire extinguishers and should appreciate help.-Michigan Farm

considerations that could mean be spotted in handy places in and News. the difference between a well around buildings. protected farm and disaster: · 4. Ladders to reach the highest

1. Extinguishers of adequate roof tops and windows should be 2

5. For field fires, be ready with

swatters, brooms and burlap bags

Notice to Membership

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Please report any irregularity

name, etc. We do our best to

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OUT: HOLSTEINS MILK: Here has fail. Need a herd stre? A son of the great Nise Burke 1624-13219 hbs. Milk-666 has fail. Need a herd stre? A son of the great Nise Burke 1624-130 hos. Milk-640 has fail. Need a herd stre? A son of the great Nise Burke 1624-130 hos. Milk-640 has have a book of the stress of the stress of the stress problem of choice of the stress of the stress of the stress problem of the stress of the stress of the stress of the stress problem of the stress of the stress of the stress of the stress problem of the stress of the stress of the stress of the stress problem of the stress STONY ACRES YORKSHIRES for sale. Several fall boars and 30 head of gilts, bred for farrowing in July or August. They are similar breeding as the Grand Champion Pen of Barrows and the Reserve Grand Champion carcass at the Farmers Week Show at Michigan State University in Febru-ary 1957. Price \$75 and up. Spring pigs available at \$30 and up. Marten Garn & Sons, Charlotte R-5, Michigan. Phone 287J or 287W1. (5-tf-25&30b)

REGISTERED HEREFORD, year-ling Bulls and Helfers for sale. The result of 15 years' breeding. Prices reasonable. H. M. Randall, Tekonsha, Michigan. Telephone. 104. (Calboun County) (7-2t-20p)

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ONE ROAN POLLED SHORT HORN Bull for sale. Registered. Ser-viceable age. Lynnwood breeding Wendell Holden, Charlotte, Michigan (8-11-76).

FARM EQUIPMENT

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7 FOOT 1948 MASSEY-HARRIS Combine for sale. Used only 3 sea-sons. In good condition. Grain and beans. \$390. Bertha Vermeersch, Unionville R-3, Michigan (Tuscola County) Phone Orange 4-8726 or OR 4-2393. (8-1t-b) FOR SALE.—Molded Plywood 12 ft. 'Yellow Jacket' Speed Boat. "Mer-cury" Mark 20 motor. Steering wheel and all controls, Used two seasons. Complete \$450. Leslie Harris, Adrian R-4, Michigan. Phone 5-2332. (8-1t-25p)

### HUNTING and FISHING

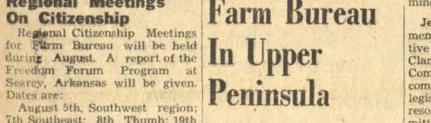
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WESLEY S. HAWLEY Coordinator for U.P.

28th East Central; 29th North-The Mackinac-Luce Farm Bureau Advisory committee will harvest is well under way in most hold its next meeting August 5 at areas.

the Robert Elsner home near The Upper Peninsula seems

Engadine. Mr. Elsner and Mrs. more beautiful this summer than Grand Piano

The great democracies of the or less so. Which will it be? Perhaps we they have been conquered by should all say a prayer. "May I Hollow Group, Mrs. Ethel Wadsome foreign enemy, but because have the courage to defend my enstorer, secretary. of the moral and economic decay convictions and be sure that I am within the country. This perhaps | right."

What are your convictions and Group, Mrs. Emory Mulholland, does your organization know secretary.

minee counties. Jerry Cordrey, coordinator of

membership, met with the executive and membership committees, Clare McGhan, coordinator of Community Groups, with those committees, Dan Reed, associate legislative counsel, met with the resolutions committees. The committees will probably meet again in August.

GOLD STAR AWARD

June

Group, Agnes Couls, secretary.

SILVER STAR AWARD

June

Oakland County, Pernambuco

Crops are pretty good so far this year here in the U.P. and the

Milk Cooler

Arbor.

any high rate of nitrogen fertilizer may not be as great as it **Needs Help for Job** was at first. **Classified Ads** 

Put yourself in the reader's J. F. Davis, soil scientist at place. He wants an accurate and Michigan State University, said complete description of what you crop yields may be high tempor- advertise. A description that arily because of the reserve fer- makes him want it. Quote a price

Washtenaw County, Townhall sponse to anhydrous ammonia or now?

tinned steel cans for servicing Lansing. bulk milk dispensers. The legislature adopted a resolution urging plans for organizing community the Michigan Dep't of Agriculture groups and the County Farm Buto approve hot dipped tinned steel cans "installed and maintained in start organizing the groups in late a sanitary manner." The Dep't August and in Sept. has permitted use of stainless steel cans only.

### Membership 69,192

The Michigan Farm Bureau vention in November. membership is 69,192 as of July The summer district meeting, 25, an increase of 2,038 families was held in a series of three over last year. 31 counties are meetings. One was held in Kinover goal, 53 counties are over ross, Chippewa county, one in quota (more members than in Pelkie in Baraga county and one 1956)

The Michigan Legislature on Bud Schaefer, chairman and ever to us. June 27 replied to the veto of a secretary, will report their trip to Farm Bureau is growing in the bill to permit use of hot-dipped the Farm Bureau neadquarters in Upper Peninsula. The committee will make final

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### EDITORIAL

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ty, the work and influence of the Farm Bureau Women has grown constantly to constitute a vital part of the whole Farm Bureau program.

Farm Bureau Women's program is guided by a State Advisory Council elected by Women's Committees in each Membership District.

In support of the State Advisory Council of the Farm Bureau Women, each of the 1,646 Community Farm Bureaus has a Women's Committee member. Some counties have as high as 40 women's committee members.

Recently I enjoyed the privilege of witnessing the semi-annual meeting of the Women's Advisory Council of the Michigan Farm Bureau. I was impressed with the competent and businesslike manner in which State Chairman Mrs. Ball conducted the proceedings.

Discussions were held to the subject in hand and disposed of by motions that clearly implemented the decisions reached.

The Farm Bureau Women's Advisory Council takes an active interest in such matters as school problems, programs for safety; Civilian Defense; child welfare, including help for retarded children; work of the United Nations; Michigan's water resources; farm marketing problems; legal matters, such as the need for wills, etc.; young people; health projects, including social hygiene, mental health, child guidance clinics, problems of the aging, and distribution of health cards.

Farm Bureau Women through their health program favor county nurses. They aid in building and furnishing hospitals. They are active in behalf of cancer clinics, polio prevention, and blood banks.

They have just completed a state-wide story of Michigan farming and farm life in color slides for the London office of the Associated Country Women of the World.

### The efforts of 69,000 Farm Bureau Women are directed to programs for better rural living.

Not the least of their many values is their influence on men's opinions and decisions!

They contribute a refinement that inspires the Michigan Farm Bureau to stand for the highest (Continued on page 5)

### Plan Ahead |Young People Going to For Using **Cooperative Institute** People, and the 4-H Clubs.

L A CHENEY

Lime The 29th anual summer confer-Ed Longnecker, extension speence of the American Institute of cialist in soil science at Michigan Cooperation will be held on the State University, says if you plan campus of the Colorado State on applying lime to some of your University, Fort Collins, Colofields, there are several things to rado, 1957.

The theme of the meeting is, Cooperatives in Our Big Business Economy." Approximately 3,000 cooperative leaders, includ-

First, since lime is rather slow ing 1,000 rural youth delegates icting, there is a distinct advan- from all parts of the country, are tage in getting it on well in ad- expected to attend. vance of a high lime requirement

Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives and local co-In the case of alfalfa or clover operatives throughout the state -which are both high lime will sponsor 20 youth delegates necessity crops, it might be aprepresenting the Future Farmers olied at least 1, 2, or even 3 years of America, Farm Bureau Young in advance of seedling.

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with the heavy liming trucks. This helps pasture in the fall, Don't wait until spring when the too. ground will be wet and soft.

It pays to determine the fertili-Longnecker says that the fedzer analysis you should use and eral government, through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the amount per acre through a soil test. subsidizes liming practices by

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L A Cheney, asseistant secretary of Michigan Association of and returns to Lansing August 28. Farmer Cooperatives, Lansing, will conduct one sectional meet-

ing on "How Cooperative Education Works."

pating in the program will be Anita Dietz from Williamston, representing Farm Bureau Young Inc., will be on the program to People, Arden Ford of Palmyra discuse transport deliveries of and Gary Fulmer of Yale, reprefuel from terminals to farms. senting Future Farmers of At Denver on the return trip

America Judy Balsam of Ottawa Lake tour the plant of the Western will be presented with \$50 from States Bean Cooperative. It packthe American Institute of Coages western varieties of beans operation for being the Michigan and peas that are sold under the 4-H award winner for outstanding brand name of Casserole. Michigan varieties of beans packwork in cooperative activities.

Other young people attending the conference are:

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Michigan young people partici-

Future Farmer representatives: **Dairy Springer Sale** Gary Wille, St. Charles; Larry Wednesday, August 7, 1 p. m. Darling, Owosso; Gary Shower WEST BRANCH man, Williamston; Richard Malson, Onsted; and John Scheurer, At Hereford Sale Yards

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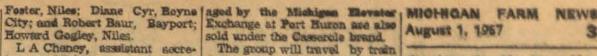
4-H representatives are Terry Healy, East Jordan; Don Aardema, Central Lake; Terry Hughes, Paw Paw; Joyce Orcutt, Millersburg; Harvey Miller, Atlanta; Gloria Wanke, Cheboygan; and Marlene Seiwert; Herron.

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### **Blanching Important Before Freezing**

Blanching certain vegetables are cooled quickly and packed Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Mrs. Maura Bean, a Michigan before freezing them is important. into suitable containers. They can State University instructor of be packed in pint or quart con foods and nutrition, explains that tainers. Any larger container i not recommended for home freez this is done to destroy enzymes ing since they would freeze too which would otherwise cause slowly in such large amounts. changes in texture, color and flavor. The time for blanching varies with different vegetables. For example: corn on the cob takes ten minutes for blanching;

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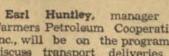
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# Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

### **District 1**

Mrs. Fred Foster, Chairman Niles, R-3

Appreciation Dinner given by the Farm Bureau Young People was men and representing .27 groups time at the Traverse City Camp. at the Youth Memorial Building, June 18.

Chairman of the evening, Edintroduced Mrs. John Walter, chairman of the Farm Bureau Women, and presented a menu blackboard to be used in posting menus when serving dinners at the Youth Memorial Building.

Mrs. Hixson, home economist of the St. Joseph District Dairy Council, spoke on "A Guide To Good Eating". Everyone should eat three good meals a day, especially good substantial breakfast.

Cass County Women's Committee met on June 2 at the home leum talk. Jackson County maps of Mrs. Lewis Playford with 11 were given as favors. groups represented. It was reported that a total of \$290 was collected for the elevator for the Foreign Wars Home at Eaton County Infirmary. The Fair booth was discussed in detail and it was provide a home for widows, sons decided to keep the booth open and daughters of deceased or disover Sunday.

Rev. George Stanford, pastor of the Vicksburg Methodist Church, Church". Rev. Stanford gave experiences in various churches as wel as other problems confronting the small church. It was agreed that the church is the most mon meeting ground for rural and urban people.

Van Buren. Twenty - four schools. Over 150 served in World groups were represented at the War II and the Korean War. Florhome of Mrs. Joe Stanley July 2 ence Choate, Reporter. for the monthly Women's meeting of the VanBuren County Women. All groups were invited to have a Culter from University Hospital booth at the VanBuren County Fair and it was decided to furnish \$50 for Fair premiums. Mrs. Vida Princess, told of her experience in Morehouse was appointed on the finance committee for the "New

Farm Bureau Building". The Women decided to sponsor a youth to "Leadership Training camp" and Mrs. John C. Watling, Chairman ber on the committee. each lady to submit a name. Mrs. Labodie, safety chairman, reminded the group of the warning which appears on every spray material package. Mrs. Dowd reported on the camp she attended

### **District 2**

Mrs. Leta Sanford, Chairman Allen R-1

work. Calhoun County Women's Committee held a picnic at Parkhurst Park, Coldwater. They men enjoyed a picnic dinner and visited the Coldwater State Home business meeting at the home of

us on "Taxes and Equalization" at our July meeting.

Hillsdale County, Mrs. Bach Berrien County. The Women's gave an interesting report from Michigan Blue Print for Rural Living. Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. enjoyed by 79 Farm Bureau Wo- Ames reported an interesting The Fair Committee reported that this year the Farm Bureau exhibit will be in the merchants

tent instead of an individual tent. wrd Sempert, FBYP member, We are planning to sell aprons and baked goods as in previous years.

Jackson County. Rural Urban Day, June 11, we entertained the Women of the Greater Jackson

Association. The meeting was held in new Northwest school, A delicious planned ham dinner was served to about 125 persons. Mrs. Ruth Ball, our state chairman, was a guest. Arlo Wasson of the Farmers Petroleum Company presented his Magic Barrel petro-

For our July meeting we had a picnic dinner at the Veterans of Rapids. It was founded in 1925 to abled V.F.W. members. It has

Kalamazoo County Women met at Pickerel Lake July 1st with 22 groups represented for a pot-50 units, including a modern hos-22 groups represented for a pot-luck dinner and meeting. The serv, guest lodge, Memory Chapel, sery, guest lodge, Memory Chapel, God. When a family works and spoke on "Problems of the Rural 600 acres of fertile farm, dairy and orchard land.

about 250 children. Each house send one representative to the important institution as a com- 32 years, more than 400 have graduated from high school. All children attend the Eaton Rapids

Committee heard Dr. speak on diseases of the eye. Miss Janice Munk, our County Dairy the county and state competition.

### District 5 Bath, R-1

Clinton County Farm Bureau women met at St. Johns city park July 2. Mr. Gerald Shepard, Bath township supervisor, spoke on the

Ingham County committee wo- men.

ities.

Genesee women heard a fine 23.

report by the four delegates sent to Twin Lakes camp in June. Mrs. Walter Mitchell reported on the talk on "Home" as based on four pillars, Love, Thrift, Truth and

clothing and grocery store. There plays and worships together it is a 50 acre campus, with nearly can be expected to stay together as a family unit. Mrs. Walter Mitchell was The 27 houses built by the chosen to represent Genesee several States, are the homes for county in the District contest to

has a house mother. During the AFBF convention held at Chicago in December. Eaton County. William Kim-

> agent, reported on the importance of the long range studies in the county to find the needs of rural

Lenawee County Women's people and the best ways of William giving assistance. A survey was made of 53 average families in the 4 townships surrounding the county seat. These families were between the ages of 40 and 60 and operated at least 100 acres of general type

farming. Farm Bureau women have been asked to have a memman of the event.

**District** 6 Mrs. M. O. Hitchings, Chairman North Street

duties of a township supervisor and as a member of the County 4-H Club Building in June, Mrs. Board of Supervisors. We have M. O. Hitchings, District 6 chairbeen having county officers as man, spoke on the Heritage of guest speakers to explain their the Farm Women of Michigan.

### **The Builders**

the organization structure of the Baptist camp at Lapeer Septem-women's committee and its activ-ber 17 and 18. Plans were made MICHIGAN FARM NEWS plants brought in from neighbor-ing countries. at the District 6 Advisory Coun- 4 cil Meeting in Marlette on July

Lapeer women have made a study of the Hoover Report and did a broadcast from their local station on it. They work closely with their local hospital and county convalescent hospital. Mrs. Ken Jenkins is chairman.

Sanilac County. Mrs. Nora Gordon of Croswell will be the new chairman of District 6. She will be assisted by Mrs. Bruce Ruggles of Tuscola county as vice-chairman.

Mrs. Gordon did a fine job for her county on the membership ball, assistant county agricultural drive and won honors for Sanilac county.

> St. Clair Women's Committee had a picnic in June. They visited the State Training School at Lapeer during the afternoon. Mrs. Howard McPherson, who is chairman of the St. Clair County Committee for Retarded Children, spoke. We are eager to

learn what is being done to aid retarded children. Mrs. George Meharg was chair-

Tuscola Women's Committee

Huron County Farm Bureau December. Women enjoyed a picnic at the

Bruce Crumback are co-chair- Golding is chairman. Lapeer County Farm Bureau

August 1, 1957 that a tent, cots and other cherrypicking equipment disappeared last night.

H. Armstrong Roberts Photo

Kalkaska County Women's Committee. Mrs. Boursaw and I spent a delightful evening July 9 program-planning.

August 17, the Farm Bureau will have its annual picnic in conjunction with the 4-H'ers. They plan to make an intensive study year. "Let's find out" seems to and sown. qualify as their theme.

Manistee County. Mr. Hahn filled in for Ward Cooper who grew and flowered. had injured his back. The Farm

Bureau story was reviewed with special emphasis on seed quality and the commodity program. Missaukee County women with

35 in attendance have recently toured the Dow Chemical plant at Midland.

Northwest Michigan, after completing a very successful camp and smorgasbord, discontinued meetings July and August.

I know the mailman, like the met at the 4-H Club Building rest of us, has more than he can June 28. They voted to send a do with this influx of resorters delegate to the National Farm and laborers, so I shall assume Bureau convention at Chicago in letters and papers sometimes get lost.

They also decided to pay \$2.50 But let's plan to maintain our to each woman who attends fall record of best attendance-Co. camp in Lapeer county. This chairmen, vice-chairmen and he Farm Women of Michigan. Mrs. Ed Oeschger and Mrs. Golding is chairman. Should be helpful in the data of the sector advisory council meeting. Where? Watch the mail! secretaries, August 22 at the Dis-

### **District 10-E**

and Training School for mentally their chairman, Mrs. Chellis Hall. Women will be very busy in Mrs. Martin Stockmeyer, Chmn. Mrs. Vernon Kingsbury, Chmn.

# The Home Flower Garden

### Some Old World Roses for our Gardens

#### H. L. R. CHAPMAN Garden Clubs Lecturer

In ancient times the rose was the Flower of Love and together warded by its masses of luxuriant with the lily formed the bridal fine foliage and early flowers of bouquet of the ancients. daffodil yellow.

The rose is also one of the flowers dedicated to the Virgin and gave its name to the Rosary.

Up to 600 B. C. the rose was known as the King of Flowers. It was Sappho, the Greek poetess, who in her writings at this period to grow. chose to call the rose The Queen of Flowers.

These ancient people knew nothing about the lovely rose hybrids we grow in our gardens today. They knew only the wild or rose species native to their particular land, and perhaps a few rose ing countries.

We should grow more of the old world rose species in our gardens today.

One in particular is the Hugo Rose, Rosa hugonis, native to the mountains of western China. It is named for Hugo Scallen, a Welch priest who sent a collection of at the home of Mrs. S. Ryckman, dried plants to the British Museum from China.

When the dried specimens were sorted a package of dried rose hips was noticed. These were forwarded to Kew Botanic Gardens of their community needs next where the seeds were removed

After a long period of waiting the seeds germinated, the plants

One of the loveliest of all roses, the Hugo Rose, had made its bow into Western Europe. It was introduced into the United States in 1908. The plants are available from rose nurseries everywhere. The Hugo Rose can often be seen in parks and large gardens but seldom in the small home garden. This plant produces strong growth about 6 ft. long,

> Flowers are produced in quantity along much of the many growths, transforming the whole plant into a mass of soft yellow.

Those who wish to grow this | and experience in storing and lovely thing should plant it in full sun in a well drained, but somewhat poor soil. They will be re-

Memorial Rose. Quite often the home gardener wants information

on plants suitable for trailing over the face of a wall or for planting on slopes where the soil washes away and nothing wants

For these situations the home gardener might plant The Memorial Rose, Rosa wichuraiana, which acts somewhat as a creeper with glossy, small, almost ever-

green foliage, and small white fragrant flowers. For those who like color, plant Rosa rygosa hugosa.

Max Graf. One very lovely thing is the hybrid Max Graf, which has large single shining pink flowers and handsome foliage.



MR. CHAPMAN

Cultivation of Roses. I want to say something about the cultivation of the rose plant. For those expecting to make rose plantings this fall it is important that the plants be obtained from a recognized reliable source.

Any nursery which grows its pruned to encourage proper own stock, and has the equipment growth and flowers.



When is the best time to plant roses? Roses can be planted in either fall or spring. The majority of rose plants are dug in the nursery during the fall months.

> I suggest that the plants be planted in home gardens as soon as possible after they are dug up in the nursery.

shipping plants properly packed

can be considered reliable.

Plants are never happy when their roots are out of soil. So many things can happen to them. Roses should be planted in a previously prepared location as soon as possible after arrival. Roses will grow in good garden loam providing it has sufficient drainage.

Roses like plenty of sunshine and detest being crowded in with other plants. Although the rose is a gross feeder and likes plenty of farm yard manure when established, it is advisable not to overdo this with newly planted plants.

#### When planting, dig the hole much wider and deeper than the root area.

At the bottom of the hole place a layer of old cow manure. Then cover with six inches of soil and make firm. This will be beneficial to the plant when it has developed a new root system, and made strong growth.

Place enough soil in the hole so that it supports the center root at the proper depth for planting. The other roots should be spread out in their normal position and soil added and worked in with the fingers. When the hole is twothirds filled tread the soil down firmly around the roots. Next fill the hole with water. When this has drained away the remaining soil should be placed in the hole.

Fall plantings, For roses planted in the fall it is advisable to mound soil up around the branches for winter protection. Do this at the time of planting. No pruning of the top branches will be necessary. This will have been done by the grower. The following spring the canes must be

the outer ones arching over to

form a graceful bush.

Alpena R-1

Mrs. John C. Watling District | Sep They are hosts for Senator Joe Smeekens talked to 5 chairman, gave a short talk on the District 6 fall camp at the

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#### Reese R-1

**District 8** 

The busy time of summer has Bay County Women's Comnot stopped the women of the mittee met at the home of Mrs. District from working on their George Whitney on Garfield Road programs. in May. Plans were completed for

the delivery of useful articles A 4-H recognition dinner for collected such as clothing, books, local leaders was also served by the ladies. Eighty 4-H leaders atmagazines, sewing materials, tended. The ladies have toured purses, hats, eye glass frames, etc. several of the local industries. for the patients at Traverse State Lieutenant Cosgrove of the Michigan State Police spoke to them

Clare County Women are plan- on Traffic Safety. ning a booklet containing the program calendar for next year and Iosco County women heard

giving one to each committee woman. Mrs. Katherine Freeman, Clare county nurse, gave a very informative talk on "Hepatitis" at the July meeting. Plans were made for a tour soon of station WWTV

Cadillac.

ust tour.

June 19 and 20.

Hospital,

Russel Rollins, commissioner of schools for Iosco county, speak on Goals in Education. We had a fine speaker on libraries.

A tour is planned for August to Alpena where the women will visit various parks.

Montmorency County. The Gratiot County Women's Com- Rev. Arthur Austin of Atlanta mittee recently purchased a dic- Full Gospel church spoke on civil tionary for use in the county defense. A report was given by the two women who attended Farm Bureau office. A committee was appointed to arrange the Twin Lakes camp. Women's Committee annual Aug-

Ogemaw County women sponored a young person to Young Isabella Women had a movie Peoples Camp at St. Marys Lake. on "Michigan" in honor of Mich-igan week. This was shown by the Tolfree Memorial Hospital, Rev. Tabor of Shepherd. The gave the women an outline of the work in the hospital. Dorothy June meeting was held at Cold-Lickfeldt and D. Nelson gave a water 4-H Camp. After their business meeting, the ladies cleaned report on new legislation and the the camp for District 8 camp on bills signed into law by Governor

Williams.

Presque Isle County. Roger Saginaw County Women voted Foerch gave some very interesting to have a historian. Mrs. Ruth statistics on accidents in rural Goodman was appointed. All the committee chairmen gave reports areas. A very interesting film was at the May and June meetings. also shown. Plans were made for the women's annual picnic in July and a tour

District 10-W

**District 9** 

Mrs. Oliver Tompkins, Chairman Traverse City R-1

Looks like 3 strikes and out for me. 1st, I didn't receive my July issue of the Farm News so I don't know how we're doing. 2nd, two be and I did want to announce it | for choosing you! in this issue.

soon with all the details.

Someone ought to promote a terest to 4th class school districts, course in optimism. The hired and other school matters conman just came in and announced fronting the county and state.

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of Dow Gardens in August. Mrs. Hiram Brock, Chairman East Jordan R-2 Highways throughout our part

of the state are humming with vacationers.

New officers for the District elected at the spring meeting at Otsego are: Chairman, Mrs. Vernon Vance, Antrim county; vicecounties did not report. 3rd, I chairman, Mrs. Albert Lenk, Chehaven't got it straight yet where the District advisory meeting is to and to the ladies of the District

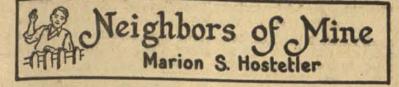
Antrim County. In May Dr. Keep August 22nd open and Fisher, county superintendent of there will be a letter in the mail schools, discussed matters of the 1955 school code that are of in-

### EDITORIAL

(Continued from Page 3)

standards in farm living.

"Next to God, we are indebted to women, first for life itself, and then for making it worth while,"-Bovee



One recent afternoon I lived | Later the same day, we noticed through twenty minutes that little wagon-wheel designs on couldn't have been better if I some pieces of crushed stone in had planned them myself. the driveway. I told them the de-

slices of an antediluvian reed.

haps 300,000,000 years ago.

ods. They are:

storage.

seed wheat.

Arthur Houston was playing a know whether they were crosshi-fi recording of bird songs for sections of a prehistoric worm or some children on the lawn of a country church. When he played One of the boys said, "I guess if the call of the cardinal, several we could ask a professor, he could redbirds answered from the tree- tell you what they were." tops across the road, and one of them even circled in the air above us, looking for the bird whose to the educational services of the voice he heard on the record.

Next, two sharp-eyed children to the Department of Paleonspied a tiny bird's nest in a lowgrowing evergreen. It contained a newly hatched baby bird, one dressed envelope. that was just coming out of its egg, and one egg as yet unhatch-

watcher myself, this was a new the miracle of life.

## **To Prevent Damage** to **Stored Wheat**

Harvest and store clean wheat. With the new federal grain standards in effect, this is the advice of Levton Nelson, extension specialist with the farm crops department at Michigan State Univer-

Nelson says the principal causes still be clean to be sold as a food of contamination in Michigan grain! wheat are:

**Young People** Animals, such as rats, mice and birds.

Weevils and other insects.

entire camp. Chemicals residues - that is harvested wheat treated with a Hazard poisonous seed treatment mater-

As a tractor's speed is increased Some Michigan wheat was confrom 3 to 6 miles per hour, the fiscated even before the new hazard of its tipping over is four federal regulations went into times as great.





youths attended the 6th annual

igan State University.

now using it instead of paper for over.

able the paint.

### **Invite Young Men To Elevator Career**

Michigan's feed and grain in-This reminded me that as a dustry was host to 45 interested citizen of Michigan, I am entitled young men with farm backgrounds on June 27th at Michigan state. So I mailed one of the rocks State University. Each year the Michigan elevator trade goes all tology of the University of Michout to attract talented farm youth igan, with a stamped self-adfor key positions in country elevators.

In a few days, I received a note Michigan State University has men presently enrolled. They are ferum Hall) preserved in Bayport thrill for me, and I think the chil- limestone of the Mississippian now working in country elevators dren also, sensed the marvel of period, which was laid down per- in an on-the-job phase of the course.

About 30 young men are ex- that a quick cure is a fresh paint effect. Tolerances were then pected to enroll for the 18 month job. quite liberal, except for mercury. short course September 26th. No mercury-treated grain at all Additional information can be semay be sold for food puposes. cured by writing to George Therefore, the only alternative is Greenleaf, Coordinator of the that all grain handlers must learn Elevator and Farm Supply Short to use good housekeeping meth-Course, Short Course Department, Michigan State University.

#### Store dry grain in rodent-proof **Turkey and Poultry**

**Sausage Legalized** Inspect it for insects regularly.

Manufacture and sale of turkey Do not mix it with treated sausage and poultry sausage in Michigan has been made legal by Before harvest, Michigan wheat

the Legislature. The bill was alis all clean. After harvest it must most adopted in the regular ses- a wise choice for such places as to be used. sion, but lost by a few votes in the kitchen, bathroom, laundry the Senate.

Farm Bureau spokesmen made are likely to get soiled. Soiled a full explanation of the bill to spots and grease can readily be Farm Bureau Farm Bureau Young Peoples individual Senators and why it is Camp is just completed. About so important to the poultry in- damp cloth and mild soaps. eighty were in attendance for dustry. June 27 when the Leg-

islature finished its business, the Senate reconsidered its vote and adopted the Sausage bill. Gover-

cupboard shelves and bureau nor Williams signed it. The law is drawers. But here's a word of effective Sept. 27. dry on a waxed surface. And counties. MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

since some furniture manufac-August 1, 1957

**Opportunity Beckons** RAY BOHNSACK, center, of Elevator Career Day presentation Farm Bureau Services, counsels at Michigan State University with high school graduates, June 27 by the Elevator and senior and junior students about Farm Supply Short Course Dep't. the job opportunities for TRAIN. Applications are being taken for tion. Labor can stop production. ED MEN in the farmers elevator the 2-year course opening in and farm supply store field. 45 September.

# There's a Right Paint a. Since I'm not much of a bird-saying that my speciman was a fossil coral (Lithostration prolifered in Baynort from this course and has 19 young men from this course and has 19 young

There's nothing like bright sun- | turpentine before painting. shine to highlight faded walls and For other rooms, you may want

Want 70% Production?

dingy corners. Most of us know to try a rubber base paint which s also washable and is easily

applied. This gives it a distinct But in our enthusiasm to start wielding a paint brush, we advantage over standard flat wall shouldn't buy just any paint. There's a right paint for almost paints which do not have a rough washable surface. any job you're planning, accord-

Rubber base paints have cer- however, on the willingness of ing to home economists at Mich-To begin with, there is no allpurpose paint. For example, paints vary greatly in their washability. Generally speaking, the service. higher the gloss, the more wash-

So before you stock up for painting, it's a good idea to con-Full gloss or semi-gloss paint is sider how and where the paint is

### and playroom where the walls **Right Now In** removed from gloss paint with a

District Midyear Meetings for Executive, Membership, Com-Because gloss paint can be munity Group, Resolution and scrubbed, many homemakers are Public Relation Committees are

Membership Committees are in processors not only fail to cothe process of selecting county operate with the bargaining ascaution before applying paint to Roll Call Managers. Prospect sociation, but actively work drawer interiors. Paint will not lists are being made in most

turers wax drawer interiors, be There's no use hurrying if you of confidence within their organ-

# **Making our Bargaining Associations Succeed**

### PETER J. SIKKEMA Coordinator of Commodity Relations for MFB

Farmers complain more about prices they receive for their products than any other topic, and well they might. However, they should realize that they are indicting them- ively is determined today by the selves for their lack of ability to bargain effectively.

Often farmers will compare their ability to bargain with that of a labor union or a large manufacturing through cooperation with other industry such as the automobile manufacturer.

Unfortunately, the very nature of agriculture does not lend itself to the techniques used by labor or industry. Automobile manufacturers can and do control produc- call him on the carpet

History has shown us that this | This is the time when they cannot work in agriculture. In should rally round the organspite of all the various quota sys- ization with confidence and suptems that the Government has port. initiated from time to time to In many industries, such as the curb production, it has constantly

in the future is secure.

I would like to suggest to our

members that as they become

more interested in this type of

cherry industry, there are not increased. enough farmer cooperatively-

Controlled production in ag- owned processing plants so that riculture does not work. We are production can be diverted to distinguished from labor in that them. This is a luxury farmers we have too much invested in our seldom have. production to be able to withhold It points out that voluntary

it from the market for any length efforts on the part of the proof time. It boils down to the fact ducer to follow suggestions of that farmers must develop their their own association are needed own types of bargaining proto establish the organization, so grams. the producers' bargaining position

Bargaining cooperatives are a roven technique. They depend,

ain limitations. While their use the producers to stick with their is often suggested for woodwork, organization during the period of you may find that enamels on trial and error. This is often the woodwork are more satisfactory time when the bargaining cooperand will always give the best atives are first organized and

> their problems are the greatest. If bargaining cooperatives were to have the support of the processor from the outset, their pro-

History has shown that, in general, the processor does not seem to realize the benefits that these associations hold, not only for producers, but for them. They stabilize the particular industry

During these periods when the against them, confusion reigns. Producers should realize that this is the very time when their lack

5 sure to wash these surfaces with are headed in the wrong direction. ization means defeat.

altimately realize that their future power to bargain effectsupport which they give their own organization.

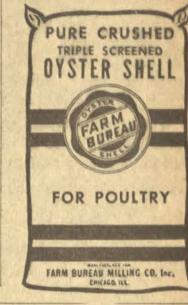
organization, they should take

very serious stock of what is in-

I would further hope that they

These are periods of trial, but success can be attained only producers

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blems would not be as great.

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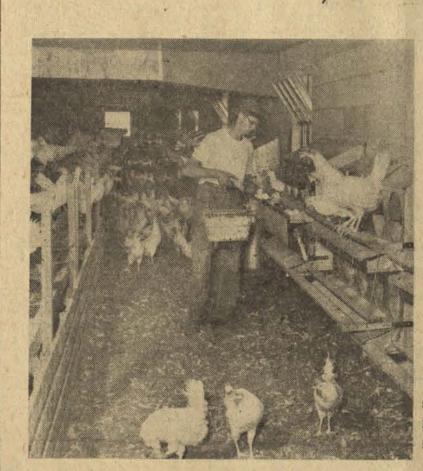
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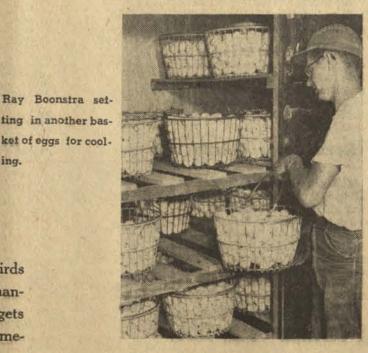
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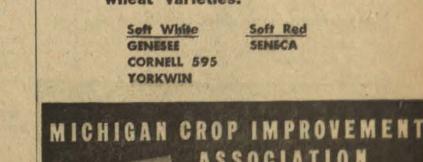
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## **Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for August**

Background Material for Program in August by Our 1646 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

### What About Local Rural Roads?

DONALD D. KINSEY Coordinator of Education and Research

Spring thaws came-and then rain, rain, rain! When these things happen many rural people who live on gravel or dirt roads wonder what can be done to improve them.

Such a question is fair. Generally speaking, local rural roads are not up to par. They are usually too narrow to be safe. They often lack drainage, and are obstructed by trees and brush. Blacktopping is often laid without a proper base, so that maintenance costs are high.

"Where does the money go?" rural citizens ask. "How does it happen that so much effort is put into trunkline highways and so little into rural local roads?"

Answers given to these questions by road authorities are usually practical but not very satisfying when the roads go out.

Policies that determine the use of highway funds have rate. been changing during the past ten or twelve years.



# Financing of Michigan Roads is a Problem

#### August 1, 1957 MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

In fact, as Michigan's highway traffic has been growing, the support of highways has trended more to increasing the money for roads that carry the heavier traffic loads. Some roads in Michigan carry less than 50 money to help out the situation. cars a day. Others carry over 100,000 cars a day.

Roads and highways are financed mainly out of taxes paid by the highway users. A heavily used road returns states have held in the past. a high rate of revenue in gasoline and weight taxes, and other fees. A lightly traveled road cannot pay for its own cost of upkeep in terms of these revenues.

This policy, based on the amount of use, has some sense to it. More heavily traveled roads need stronger surfaces. They must move large volumes of traffic quickly and safely. Without adequate roads, congestions and delays become frequent.

It is recognized, however, that if we allocated road funds strictly by traffic loads, some roads would be left without the means of support. Some adjustments must be made in the distribution of road funds, so that rural people have passable roads to town and market.

All Michigan road building pro- and 19% was given to cities and grams are behind schedule. Dur- villages

When the gasoline tax became ing World War II and Korean War the road program was neg- 6c in 1955, a new plan of sharing lected and fell far behind. Fol- developed. The added 11/2c was lowing these war periods traffic placed in a special fund-The loads increased at a tremendous Michigan Highway Construction Fund. From this fund the state took 75%; 16.5% went to counties, Attention often has to be given

and 8.5% to citles and villages. to critical and dangerous points in the road system where high The combined result of this accident rates develop. This may sharing meant that the state held mean some neglect of roads havabout 50% of all user taxes, the

counties got 33% and cities and villages were given 17%. Another "delaying" cause in the During the last two or three road problem is the matter of inyears, however, the Federal flated costs. Road construction government has been expanding and maintenance costs have skyits grants to states for highway rocketed so that they have outpurposes. Extra money expected run the money collected in taxes. from this source caused the 1957 The value of the road construc-Legislature to readjust the shares. tion dollar dropped from 61.3c in 1946 to 50.2c in 1954. Controls and

The new law calls for 47% of standards demanded by the Fedall funds to be kept by the state; eral highway support program 35% will go to counties, and 18% have affected these costs, as we to cities and villages.

> It takes only a little figuring to see that a bit less than 9% of the road funds in Michigan that come from these sources will go to support local county roads.

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gan, are not collecting enough money to build the highways needed to carry their growing funds on local roads. By law sevtraffic. With highway user taxes enty-five percent must go to the and fees short of these needs, highway engineers are saving county primary road system. that more money from local taxes

**Federal Aid for Highways** 

and local interests have been Federal apron strings. clamoring for more Federal People easily forget that this puts into the hands of the Federal government a reason for taking over the taxing powers which the

overnment trebled the amount of its highway budget. The view taken is that many roads handle interstate traffic and are arteries in the defense system. Highways should be of uniform high quality, as approved by the naional government, it is said.

out that the sources of taxable revenue should be left to the states and not taken away from them If the Federal gas tax of 2c

meet the costs, the Federal gov-

In the future, about 12% of the cost of owning and operating a car will be in Federal taxes.

When the Federal government makes a grant to the state, certain strings are also tied to it. The money must be matched, dollar for dollar. This puts pressure on

the state tax systems. Federal standards required of the states have raised the costs of oad construction. These standards require the fixing of all wage and hour rates on road construction. This adds to the cost of contracts made by the states. It takes away the state's right to control its own contracts and the free use of the state revenues for highways.

**Farm Bureau Position On Financing Roads** Farm Bureau delegates, in their resolutions, have asked that

road taxation and financing pro-This is so because the counties grams be left to the states and not may use only one-fourth of their be taken over by the Federal government. We would be better off to pay our own way on roads. A dollar sent to Washington

comes back only as a fraction of the dollar.

Today all roads lead to Wash-With the increasing "pinch" on ington. And almost every aspect local taxes for roads, many states of public life is getting tied to the

> igan in future years. But there is no promise that calling upon the Federal government will do the job as cheaply or as well as the

people of the state can do it them-From 1955 to 1956, the Federal selves.

### Questions

1. Road users pay the lion's share of the highway taxes. So a larger share of the money for roads goes to highways that carry heavy traffic loads. Would you agree with such a policy?

2. Traffic engineers say that more of the money for the support of local roads and streets will have to come from local taxation. What sources of revenue can local governments use to increase their funds for road purposes?

3. Would the people of Michigan gain or lose by calling for an increased program of highway support from the Federal government?

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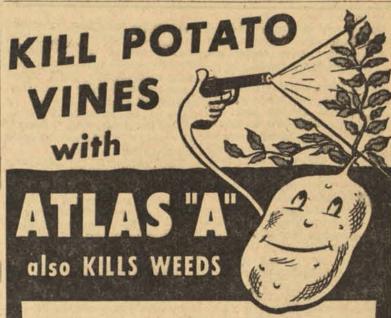
A man has no reason to claim he is self-made just because his mistakes are.

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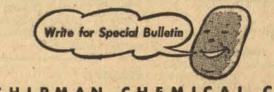
up springers have been consigned by producers in an eight county area. All are Holsteins with an



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Opponents of this view point

could be added by the state, Michigan would have an extra \$500 million for roads in 10 years. As it is now, the Federal government provides less than 10% of Michigan's road funds. To

ernment will raise taxes on fuels, tires, trucks, trailers and buses.

lating to the distribution of funds have had a bearing on this matter. Before 1951 little state money went to cities and villages, and a larger share was given for county and local roads.

will be needed for local roads. This sounds like the shade of the old road tax on real estate coming back to

Some changes in the law re-

ing light traffic.

shall show later.

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Support for Roads?

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The Legislature reclassified roads in 1951, taking into account the amount of use-the traffic loads. The result of this change meant that 75% of county funds had to be used on trunkline highways in rural areas, and 70% of the money for cities and villages must be used on "through streets."

Cities and villages came in for a share of the highway funds amounting to 19% of the state revenues.

This put the "squeeze" on local roads and streets. That is why the engineers say that some money from local taxes will be required if local roads and streets are to be kept in condition. The problem is made more acute by the fact that most local governments are levying beyond the 15 mill limit. The school program absorbs it all and more.

### **Road Costs Outrun** Revenues

Michigan highway engineers estimate that the state will have to spend over \$7.5 billion by 1975 to put her roads and highways into condition to handle traffic loads safely. They point to the fact that our losses from highway accidents now cost Michigan people \$270 million a year, plus the loss of life and injuries to people.

Taxes collected from Michigan highway users in 1954 amounted to \$144,892,000. Federal grants were \$14,168,000. Local taxes paid \$43,715,000 toward roads, and the state borrowed \$19,408,000. Yet Michigan spent \$242 million on roads in 1954-nearly \$22 million more than revenues and borrow-

The engineers point out that it would take a gasoline tax of 15.2 cents per gallon to pay for highways needed and planned by 1975. This was figured at the 1954 rate of Federal support for highways for Michigan.

### **How State Highway Funds Are Shared**

From 1951 to 1955 the state gasoline tax for highways was 4½c per gallon. At that time 44% of the funds remained with the state, 37% went to the counties, \* atask

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