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EDITORIAL

A New Force to Reckon With

CLARK L. BRODY Counsel for Public Affairs for Michigan Farm Bureau

It seems important to call the attention of Michigan Farm Bureau members to a force that has been moving into some phases of agricultural production and distribution.

This new force is termed "integration."

Integration is consolidation under the control of one agency of the production, supply, processing and distribution services involved in producing and moving the product from producer to consumer.

The present status of the broiler industry well exemplifies this growing practice.

Integration was originated in agriculture largely by major feed companies as a means of expanding the market for their feeds. It has become common procedure for the feed manufacturer to furnish feed and chicks, and market the broilers under a contract which guarantees the producer a minimum price.

The producer owns the land, broiler house, and equipment. He has no money invested in feed and chicks, and has little or no control of the marketing of the finished product.

Combined with this, the volume of broilers of the large operator gives him a powerful bargaining advantage in selling the broilers to the dressing plant

In all of this the farmer does not want to become little more than a hired man employed by the operator.

In some cases the poultry processor is the operator. He finances the feed and chicks under a contract with the farmer producer. In such instances, control is concentrated in the dressing plant oper-

These concentrated operations have put many of the independent and small broiler producers out of business. The operator who finances and controls several operations, including hatcheries sometimes, has only to make a small margin on each segment of the business. The small or specialized producer must make his margin from more limited operations.

Ninety per cent of the broilers marketed are now produced under some type of integrated

The integration of the broiler industry is forcing some producers to start their own feed business and to extend their operations to include other steps in production and marketing in order to achieve a profit.

Some broiler producers are changing to other lines of production. I recently heard one of the largest poultrymen in the country say he expected to use some of his broiler houses to produce hogs on a factory basis. Integration is moving into turkey production, egg production, and even into dairying. Some herds of 400 or more cows are being handled on a factory basis.

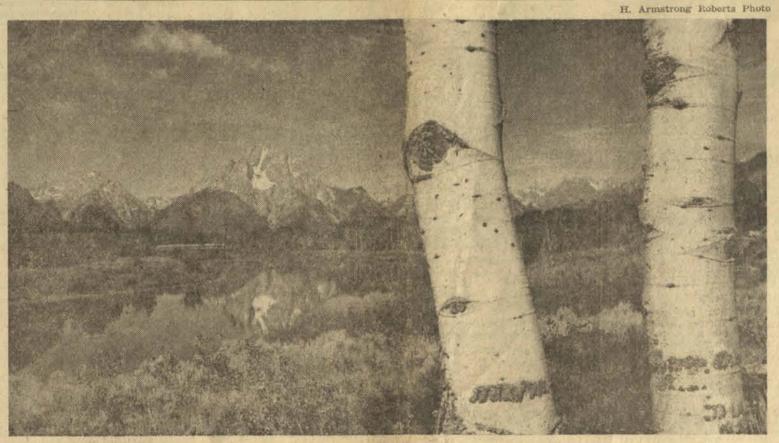
This will suffice to describe the nature of the new force that may have to be reckoned with in its relation to the family type farm.

The idea of integration is not confined to agriculture, and probably didn't start there. Big retail organizations in the food industry are moving toward the operation of their own meat packing plants, bakeries, and canneries. Integration is appearing in other lines of industry.

The extent that integration will eventually permeate agriculture cannot be accurately appraised at this time. We only know that it is on the increase in the types of production that most readily lend themselves to it.

It seems clear that farmers could well be giving attention to cooperative programs to preserve their independent operations and meet the competition of integration.

This principle was well expressed by Homer (Continued on Page 5)



Snake River and Mount Moran, Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming

Changes In Farm Bureau District Men

Three groups of County Farm Bureaus have new Regional Membership Representatives, following the transfer of Carl Ken-ter from the East Central Region to Farm Bureau Services for training in elevator management.

Charles Mumford, who has the past six years, returns to East Central to replace Mr. Kentner.

the Thumb Region for three years, has transferred to the

Walter Shields, former president of Saginaw County Farm

East Central Region



CHARLES MUMFORD Regional Membership Representa-tive for Arenac, Bay, Clare, Glad-win, Gratiot, Isabella, Midland, Saginaw countles.

South East Region



MARLIE DREW

Regional Membership Representa-tive for Branch, Calhoun, Hills-dale, Jackson, Lenawee, Monroe, Washtenaw, Wayne counties.

Thumb Region



WALTER SHIELDS Membership Representa-Huron, Lapeer, Macomb, Sanilse, St. Clair, Tus-

Farm Bureau Raps Action of Soil Bank

HOUSE IN CONGRESS KILLS ACREAGE RESERVE

Associate Legislative Counsel for Michigan Farm Bureau

The House of Congress on a close vote, killed the been in the Southeastern Region acreage reserve feature of the soil bank for 1958.

It is not expected that the Senate will concur in this Marlie Drew, who has been in action. Farm Bureau is continuing to support the soil bank program. Farm Bureau did recommend a reduc-South East Region to replace Mr. tion in the proposed budget item for the soil bank from \$1,254,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000.

AFBF President Charles Shuman said the House member Bureau, has been hired as Revigional Membership Representative for the Thumb area.

PFBF Fresident Charles Shuman said the House action is premature since the program has not yet had a fair trial. a fair trial.

> Mr. Shuman said the law differs from Farm Bureau's recommendations, and that its effectiveness has been re- goal and 49 have made an in- H. 251 to strengthen the Michiduced by the emphasis on one-year contracts and failure crease over 1956. to push the use of Commodity Credit Corporation grain | Community Group status stock, and H. 485 to legalize further increase in the deductible supplies as "payment in kind."

Farm Bureau position on other national farm legis-

Legislative Committeemen, Mich- Agriculture. igan Farm Bureau pointed out specific recommendations and

mending \$109 million. While difficult and less desirable. calling for a cut of \$3 million There is some reaching for a cut of \$3 million that the Interstate Commerce Bureau is supporting an increase of \$12 million, or about 12%.

House Committee on Education | Hearings were held by a Subposed five-year program of fed- the bill favorably to the Senate eral aid to school construction to Committee on Interstate Com-\$1 1/2 billion instead of the pro- merce. There is also a House the bill, H.R. I, apparently hope held. that this cut will help make the program more acceptable. The bill has been reported by the Committee and is now waiting for the Rules Committee to give it clearance. Farm Bureau is continuing its active opposition to this item in the proposed budget in accord with delegate

Feed Wheat. Bills have been rector of Extension, M.S.U. introduced by Senator Charles Potter and Representative Charles Chamberlain, of Michigan, and several other Senators and Representatives, to exempt from Michigan Farm Bureau was marketing quotas farmers feedthis objective is by attaching this partment of Agriculture, proposal as an amendment to another measure which is before equipment will be paid for in the Senate Agriculture Commit- part from funds accumulated

have probably received as much

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mail on this issue as on any other Federal Budget. Farm Bureau single piece of proposed federal s continuing efforts to reduce legislation. Farm Bureau has apspecific items in the budget, including a cut of nearly \$300 million in the appropriation for the Mercantile Exchange. Hearings Department of Agriculture. In a have been held by a Subcommitletter to County Farm Bureau tee of the House Committee on

I.C.C. Truck Registration. S. clarified the difference between 1490, introduced by Senator Maga reduction in the budget request nusson, of Washington, would reand a cut from the present appro- quire the registration with the I.C.C. of any truck crossing a In the case of the Soil Conser- state line, even once, during the camp will be held June 12-16 at vation Service, the current appro-piation was \$97 million. The fort on the part of the I.C.C. igan. Theme of the camp is "What budget request was for \$112 mil- and others to make private truck is Citizenship" lion. Farm Bureau is recom- ownership and operation more

There is some reason to feel camp. Commission is not happy about its defeat on the issue of trip leasing of trucks hauling agricul-School Construction. The tural commodities.

and Labor has reduced the pro- committee which has reported posed \$2 billion. Supporters of bill on which hearings have been

> Farm-City Week. The national Chairman of the Farm-City Week Committee for 1957 is Glen Sample, director of information and public relations, Indiana Farm Bureau. The dates are November 22-28, climaxing with Thanksgiving Day. Michigan's Farm-City Week Committee is headed by Dr. Paul Miller, Di-

Lay Cornerstone for **New Laboratory**

represented at Michigan State ing on their own farms all the University May 16 when the corwheat they produce. The Farm nerstone was laid for a new Bureau Washington staff feels home for the Chemical Controls that our best chance of securing Laboratories of the Michigan De-The \$1,400,000 building and

from feed, fertilizer, and pesticide registrations. It was named Trading in Onion Futures. We the Geagley Laboratory in honor of William Geagley, chief of the Chemical Laboratory Division for many years. The Farm Bu-This is the number of copies reau has recognized the need for of the Michigan Farm News a modern laboratory and supported the program.

Right Now In Farm Bureau

JERRY CORDREY Coordinator, Organization Dep't

Membership in Farm Bureau has wide variety of subjects, climbed to the all time high of 68,680. This is 97.8% of our goal of 70,242. We have over 6,760 new

Michigan is in second place in American Farm Bureau Federation goal and 1,702 for state goal.

Indications from counties are that many more new groups are ready to start.

Mid-Year District Series meetear. They are Executive, Memlic Relations, and Resolutions. ceive notice of details soon.

Women's State Program Planplans for the 1958 program.

Farm Bureau Young People igan. Theme of the camp is "What vice to motorists and is a just number of dollars in the school-

at least one boy and one girl to violation of the anti-diversion age factor benefits districts

Legislative Jam In Closing Days

50 Conference Committees Struggle for Agreement on Many Bills While Lobbyists Wring Hands

> STANLEY M. POWELL Legislative Counsel for Michigan Farm Bureau

Bedlam and bickering reign supreme in the legislative halls as this report is written. Hordes of lobbyists are making final frantic efforts to influence the reports which are being formulated by about 50 Conference Committees which are trying to draft final provisions of controversial bills.

When one branch of the Legislature amends a bill which has previously passed the other chamber and the house of origin refuses to concur in that amendment, and then when the second chamber insists on its amendment, the only hope for getting the bill passed is to refer it to a Conference Committee, consisting of three Senators and three Representatives.

If at least two of the members from each branch of the Legislature reach agreement on a Conference Committee report and that report is approved by a majority vote of the members-elect of both branches of the Legislature, the bill goes to the Governor for approval or veto. That is the sort of business to which the lawmakers devote their attention during the closing days of each legislative session.

Bills in conference as the lawmakers sought to wind up their The Michigan Farm Bureau

Measures of special interest to our objectives. farm folks that were being thrashed out by Conference Committees included S. 1048, to reguhe nation. We need only 320 for late roadside merchandising; S. 1138, to charge an admission for motor vehicles using state parks; ing year will be pegged at 2% H. 441, to regulate sale or distri- mills. A year ago we supported 24 counties have passed 1957 bution of obscene literature, and increasing the deductible millage gan law relative to safeguarding Last November, delegates at

not there is prospect for a bal- during any one year. anced budget for the State of ings are getting underway. Five Michigan for the fiscal year becounty committees will be in this ginning July 1, 1957. It looks as be confused with the item of rship, Community Group, Pub- budget will be balanced will the amount of tax which must be Committees involved will re- reached regarding use of high- district to share in state-aid. State Police Road Patrol.

Eaton Rapids. They will discuss thing over \$5,600,000 of highway to equalize educational opporfunds will be used to apply on tunity. the expense of the State Police.

charge against highway reven- aid fund. Every county is urged to send ues and would not constitute a Increasing the deductible millprovision in our State Constitu-

labors included most of the has actively supported efforts to major appropriation measures, secure a larger share of gas tax the school-aid formula for next and motor vehicle license reveyear, the program of re-distrib- nue for county roads, especially uting highway revenues between county local roads. The attitude the State Highway Department, of Governor Williams, and a County Road Commissions and series of complications which cities and villages, and a long arose in the Senate, made this an list of assorted bills covering a uphill battle. We do hope that when it is finally settled we will see some progress in line with

School Aid Formula, At present it appears probable that the item of doductible millage in the school-aid formula for the com-

shows we now have 1636 groups. stock, and in 105 to legative millage, suggesting 4 mills as a poultry and turkey sausage. It is too early to give any def- we had little expectation of inite figures as to whether or achieving that much progress

Deductible millage shouldn't though whether or not the millage to participate. That is depend on what decision is spread locally to entitle the way revenues to pay for the Deductible millage is an item which is used in the school-aid ning committee will meet June If the House goes along with able state-aid on such a basis 13 and 14 at the V.F.W. Home in the decision of the Senate, somethat it recognizes need and tends formula for distributing avail-

> The higher the deductible mill-The theory is that patrolling age factor, the higher the gross the highways is an essential ser- allowance can be with a given

> > (Continued on Page 3)



600 at Ogemaw's Rural-Urban Banquet

DR. PAUL MILLER of Michigan State University Extension Dep't as he told the Ogemaw County Farm Bureau's recent rural-urban banquet at West Branch high school that such gatherings do so much to promote farm and town friendships and understanding

Next to Mr. Miller are Eugene DeMatio (left), West Branch R-2, president of the County Farm Bureau, and Maurice Hennen, West Branch R-2, member of the Farm Bureau and excellent as toastmaster.

More than 600 attended the annual dinner and program given by the membership of the Farm Bureau for their urban neighbors. Most of the farmers were accompanied by

residents of Rose City, Lup-ton, Prescott, or West Branch.

Twenty-seven of 29 Community Farm Bureau groups were represented.

Don Winslow of West Branch R-1, program chairman, says Ogemaw's rural-uruban banquet grows every year: 450 came in 1956, and more than 600 in 1957.

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Community Farm

Bureaus

CLARE L. McGHAN

Coordinator of Community Farm Bureaus for MFB

Bureaus is to afford Farm Bureau members the opportunity for

policy and policy execution programs. They keep themselves in-

formed on what the organization is doing. They help make plans

One of the most important reasons for having Community Farm

Members who take part help the Farm Bureau in developing

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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,

participating in their organization.

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Charlevoix Presque Isle Manistee

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Newayko Macomb Kalamazoo

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Mecosta Hillsdale Wayne Muskegon

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FARM BUREAU.

POLICIES

The more Community Farm

Bureau Groups a county has in

proportion to its membership.

the more people are participating

How does your county rank as

to member participation? The

following information should be

In this article is a list of Coun-

ty Farm Bureaus with the pres-

ent number of Community

The counties are listed to show

how the counties rank in having

the most Community Farm Bu-

reaus in relation to their total

This ratio has a very close rela-

tion to the number of member

The counties range from Del-

ta which has one group for each

7 families, to VanBuren with 1

families participating in Com-

of interest to every member.

Groups in each of them.

munity Farm Bureaus.

group for each 88 families.

Chippewa

membership.

in the organization.

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DIRECTORS AT LARGE

FARM BUREAU YOUNG PEOPLE Richard ArnoldFlainwell, R-1



The Last Log House

The last log house that I recall as being occupied Was Uncle William Benson's place-before Aunt Sarah died. A mile away from Hicks Street, it was off the traveled way. There was no highway system in that very early day When Uncle William's Grandpa proved a homestead in the woods And hewed a snug log cabin for his family and his goods.

In later years another room was added to the place And three full generations of an honest hardy race Grew up and raised their families there. It settled quite a lot With age and downright weariness and musty timber rot, Till twenty years or so ago Aunt Sarah passed away And Uncle Will moved out, and left the house to slow decay.

And now a four-lane highway route is being bulldozed through. The right-of-way is cleared and bare. The grade looms

straight and true. The old log house was in the way and valueless and brown, And in an hour a diesel cat just shoved the structure down. A fire was kindled, and the flames devoured the ancient wood Till only fresh dug earth remains where once a home had stood.

It wasn't mine. I shouldn't care. It happens every day. New things and old must stand aside to clear the right-of-way. Trunk highways are a splendid thing, and I would not suggest That this should deviate a hair. I know it's for the best But still my heart admits a twinge that worthy things, and old, Should meet such violent ends to form a highway for the bold.

Log houses, to my notion, were a symbol tried and true Of sturdy pioneering strength by which our nation grew. There used to be a dozen such along our countryside, Which wistfully my heart recalls. The last log house has died.

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

Farm Bureau Peninsula

Except for some rather cool weather we have had a very

Most of the grain has been seeded and the farmers are now preparing and planting potatoes. We have had some needed ram lately that should help in starting growth of the new crops

Conditions have been about the Manistee County, Pleasant same in Baraga, Chippewa, Delta Plains Community Farm Bu- and Menominee counties. Mesame in Baraga, Chippewa, Delta nominee is probably a little ahead of the others in farm plant-

In Farm Bureau progress is being made in setting up commitwould like to see our government tees and preparing them for actake all restrictions off the small tivities this fall. Mrs. Karker is 10 to 150 acre farms, letting them giving us some help with the wosow whatever they can grow on men's committees. All counties their individual lands. That is have their Women's Committees their only hope to keep the small organized and are planning pro-

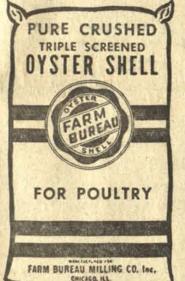
commercialized farms that have pleting membership, community,

Good progress should be made in Farm Bureau in the Upper Peninsula in 1957 and 58. The members and directors are getting into the swing of working together. Good programs and projects are coming. As a result of some previous marketing meetings the potato growers are about ready to vote on marketing agreements.

Our Insurance program is off to a fine start in Delta and Menominee counties. Agents Rapgood spring here in the Upper pette and Gay report much interest and acceptance. Chippewa county will soon have an agent and Baraga has one trying to muslify.

FOR SALE the year around. Registered Tamworth breeding stock, both sexes, all ages. Michigan's largest herd. Write your wants. Phil Hopkins, Homer, Michigan.

An advisory committee has



Tony Vylonis Dowagiac, R-4, Michigan the summer series of meetings.

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nothing like it to give you a lift. Who's at the other end of the line this time? Your brother who lives in Ohio? Or the friend you're planning to meet at the Fair this

After a long, hard day in the fields, there's summer? Your telephone is the quick and easy way to keep in touch-or plan a trip. Long Distance rates are low, even lower after 6 P.M. and on Sundays.

MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

been organized in Mackinac and Many Farm & Home Luce counties so this new work will soon be under way. It will make the 5th County Farm Bu-

reau in the U. P. Deer are after the tender grass during 1956. along the roads. Last evening Dr. F. S. Leeder of the Michi-Mrs. Hawley and I counted 19 on gan Dep't of Health says some inour return trip home from En- secticides and weed killers now

now but the Trailing Arbutus is treated as potential killers. By the first of June they will be and herbicides is enough to kill duplicate copies, wrong RFD, er-

The walleyed pike season opens and Big Bay-De-Noc.

SOLD BY \$1 ADS

Sold the International milk cooler advertised in May 1 Michigan Farm News, C. E. Altenburg, South Haven R-4.

Still selling kids and have pros-

pects for milking does. Parline Goat Dairy, Wyandotte.

Fresh Egg Signs Sold 15 Fresh Egg signs from

May 1 ad. Continue in June. Elmer Swanson, Starline Signs, **Buyer for Silos**

Two cement silos advertised in

your May 1 edition were sold to one buyer on May 6. Lester Houghten, Lansing.

up, St. Johns.

Plow Sold I sold the breaking plow advertised in the Farm News May 1 Had inquiries from all parts of lower Michigan. Lawrence Yall-

Chemicals Dangerous

Accidental poisonings took the

available commercially are ex-Spring flowers are blooming tremely poisonous and should be

an average-size adult. The same ror in name, etc. If member reholds true for some chemicals moves from RFD address in one next week. There will be hun- used for killing rodents and fun- county to RFD address in andreds of fishermen out on Little gi. Farmers should be especially other county, please advise if careful to follow directions be- change makes you a resident of cause they probably are exposed second county. Place of resito more potentially harmful ma- dence determines which County terials than any other major class Farm Bureau is your County of workers.

routinely in most homes which are not infallible. We need and can be deadly in amounts of one appreciate help.-Michigan Farm ounce or less include most disin- News. fectants, some dry cleaner sol-

or cleaners and indelible inks.

repellents, rust removers, radia-

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Regarding delivery of Michigan Farm News: We shall appeciate postcard or other notice that any member is not receiving his paper. Please report any ir-A taste of some insecticides regularity in delivery, such as Farm Bureau. We do our best Chemical preparations used to have everything right, but we

vents, some drain cleaners, moth | Avoid drafts on your livestock.



Trace-Mineral SALT

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ROGERS CORNERS COOK BOOK

of St. Johns E. & R. Church. Available at \$2.00 postpaid. Ideal gift for all occasions. Mrs. John Niehaus.

FARMS FOR SALE

148 ACRES, near Ellsworth, Antrim

ll occasions, Mrs. J helsea It-2, Michigan.

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POLLED SHORTHORN Foundation females with calves of Commander-in-Chief breeding. One yearling bull of herd heading quality, Walter Ball, Charlotte R-6, Michigan, 5 miles north of Charlotte. (5-2t-24p)

MILKING SHORTHORNS. Regis MILKING SHOKTHORNS, Regis-tered bull calves up to breeding age. Dehorned. We were premier exhibi-tor at 1956 Michigan State Fairs, Stanley M. Powell, Ingleside Fairs, Ionia R-1, Michigan. (4-tf-25b)

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 February 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) Carcass at the Farmers Week Show at Michigan State University in February 1957. Price \$75 and up. Spring pigs available at \$30 and up. Marten Garn & Sons, Charlotte R-5, Michigan. Phone 287J or 287WI. (5-tf-25&30b)

REGISTERED GUERNSEY calves. All ages. Best of breeding. C. W. King, Union City, Michigan or 1 mile west and ½ mile north of Girard. (6-3t-24p)

POLLED SHORTHORN Yearling bulls. We have the best bulls we ever bred. Come see them. Prices right. Fairfield Farms. Ray & Robert Peters. 3 miles South and East of Elsie. Michigan. (6-2t-29p)

REGISTERED BROWN SWISS bulls, also a few heifer calves for side.

bulls, also a few helfer calves for sale.
Ideal for project work. Sired by Avon
View Rosle's Tamarind. His dam has
records of over 1,000 lbs. butterfat and is classified excellent. Rosie is pic-tured in judging contest in Hoard's Dairyman. Stanley J. Pobanz, \$166 Canbora Road, Owendale, Mich. (Huron County.) Phone Ora'nge 8-3504.

FRENCH ALPINE Milk goats for sale. Also, two billy kids and one doe kid. Three months old. Pure bred, heavy milkers, with papers. Jesse S. Garlick, 35244 Benton Street, Mem-phis, Michigan, (6-1t-25p)

ABERDEEN ANGUS Registered Bull and four grade cows for sale. Bull is two years old, Sire, Alex of fair Lea. Dam, Hermel, Miss Black. Cows were bred to our outstanding full and have their calves. Stock in excellent condition. Bang's tested. Will sell singly or any number. W. C. Leist, Milford R-1, Michigun. (Oakland county). Phone MU 47068.

(5-tf-25&29p)

SEPTIC TANKS

SEPTIC TANKS, Cesspools, toilets leaned, deodorized without digging, umping, Circular free. Solvex, Mon-icello 11, Iowa. (5-41-14p)

PIANO

STEINWAY GRAND PIANO. Why ot have the best? In line condition nd right size for your living room. bargain at \$425. Mrs. G. C. Graham, A bargain at 3425. Mrs. G. C. Michigan. 153 S. Main Street, Adrian, Michigan. (6-11-25p)

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FARM BUREAU Companies at Lansing have job opportunities available from time to time. With 300 employes in the Lansing area, we're always glad to talk with people. Presently we are interested in stenographors, secretaries, typists. High school graduates with a good scholastic record may write: Personnel Dep't. Michigan Farm Bureau, P. O. Box 960, 4000 North Grand River Ave., Lansing, Michigan. Phone Ivanhoe 7-5911, Ext. 204. (5-tf-25&35b)

PULLETS

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Classified Ads

Put yourself in the reader's place. He wants an accurate and complete description of what you advertise. A description that makes him want it. Quote a price. Your price may be most attractive, and the one thing that stirs him to action. He has to know it sometime, so why not tell him now?

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JOHN DEERE 28 inch grain four bedrooms, four bedrooms, four bedrooms, reason for selling. J. M. 27, Mich. Longacre Street, Detroit 27, Mich. Longacre Street

INTERNATIONAL Power Washer Cream Separator, 750 lb. size. Used 3 years. Needs to be hand washed only every three months. \$165. La-Verne Jacobs, R-1, Manton, Michigan (Wexford County) (5-2t-25p) 160 ACRES. Good soil. Modern house, basement barn, 2 silos. Creek stream. Immediate possession. Wini-fred Ferris, 320 Marshall, Allegan, Michigan. Phone 696, Allegan. (6-1t-25p)

FOR SALE

ty, all in Alcona county:

188 acres, farm, pasture and high-way frontage—Mikado. Small stream, barn, \$9,500 with terms.

240 acres, pasture, hunting & fishing, two streams, fenced, old buildings. \$11,000 with terms.

40 acres, productive soil, good barn, fair house, good fences, Only \$7,225, with \$3,550 down, 360 acre lake, Good hunting & fishing, 30 acre lake, Good cabin, \$18,000, with \$8,000 down. Write Bill Kahn, Mikado, Michigan, (State-Wide of E. Tawas.)

(6-1t-25&60p) WHY PAY THE LONG PRICE?
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(2-5t-52p)

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All ages. Stud service. Special for Michigan residents only, 10 day old kids \$15. Parline Goat Dairy, 13075
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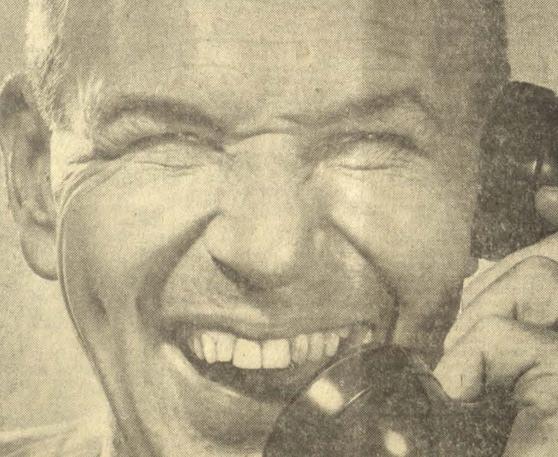
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FPC has divided the lower penwells have been completed on its | Eventually each district will have 7,000 acre lease in Roscommon its own manager, warehouse, and

Five district fieldmen serve the Mr. Huntley said Farmers Pe- districts at present. They are Wiltroleum Cooperative wants to liam Armstrong, William Rockey, own 75% or more of its daily re- Julius Rabe, John Jansen, Leslie quirements of crude oil. Pur- Sheridan. Oscar Hauch is sales



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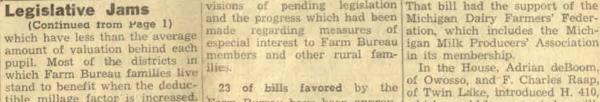
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DAIRY MONTH

visions of pending legislation That bill had the support of the and the progress which had been Michigan Dairy Farmers' Federmade regarding measures of ation, which includes the Michmembers and other rural fam- in its membership.

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siderable time reviewing the pro- rest were awaiting his decision. Share Bargaining Association,

Michigan Farm Bureau had been defeated in the Legislature, either in committee or on the

Bills We Lost. As is always the not to report out the bill. case, not all the bills favored by the Farm Bureau are enacted at any one session. Some 22 bills supported by the Farm Bureau failed at some stage during the legislative process. Most of them will be regarded as unfinished business and be included in our program for the coming year.

Bills We Opposed. One of the most gratifying features of the survey of the legislative situation made by the MFB Directors was their observation that no bill opposed by the Farm Bureau was enacted during the 1957 legislative session.

1957 session convened, it looked

S. 1067 was introduced by Sen- votes needed. ater Bert J. Storey, of Belding, and referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, of which futile gesture as, under the rules, Stop Fires! he was chairman. No hearing was held regarding it and the Committee took no action on it.

In the House, Adrian deBoom of Owosso, and F. Charles Raap, tible millage factor is increased. Farm Bureau have been approv- which would have created a milk The Board of Directors of ed by both branches of the Leg- commission authorized to fix Michigan Farm Bureau met at islature and sent to the Gover- prices, license distributors, estab-Farm Bureau Center at Lansing nor. Many of them had already lish marketing areas, etc. This on May 21-22. They spent con- been approved by him and the bill was sponsored by the Fair

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

Just a Gesture. About a week

He twice postponed the announced date and finally, on April 29, ten days after the deadline, he made the motion, Apparently these postponements were to permit the sponsors to Throw Things Away? drum up a crowd to take over the House gallery at the time Milk Price Control. Before the when the motion was made.

A large delegation of Fair as though milk price control Share Bargaining Association proposals might receive a large members were present, but only in handy some day? amount of attention from the 30 Representatives voted in favor

Farmers' Union and C.I.O. One it was too late to pass the bill hearing was held on it by the and send it to the Senate. The House Committee on Agricul- whole procedure smacked of ture, but the Committee decided being a grandstand performance sadly lacking in common sense and sincerity.

The good record made by the after the deadline for reporting Farm Bureau in legislative matbills from committee in the ters during the current session is house of origin, Representative the result of the active interest Raap announced that he was go- shown by the members regarding ing to move on a certain day to these bills. If more members take this bill away from the had been more active we would House Committee on Agricul- have had an even better record of accomplishment. We did well, but with more teamwork and earnest effort, we could have done even better.

Do You Hate to

Do you hate to throw things away? Are your closets, attic, and cellar catch-alls for a lot of old boxes, papers and discarded furniture you think might come

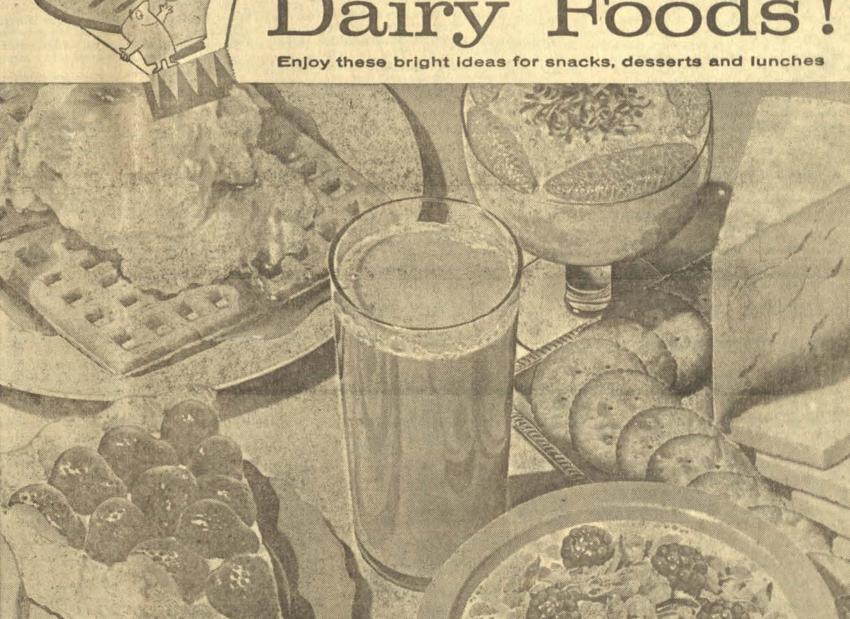
Right now, they're doing no lawmakers, but not as much of taking the bill from commit-happened as was anticipated. tee. This fell far short of the 56 der the heading of "combustible Even if the motion had suc- rubbish": one of fire's favorite ceeded, it would have been a fuels. Clean out those catch-alls.

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NEW CHEESE CAKE PIE, MADE WITH COTTAGE CHEESE AND BISQUICK SHORT PIE CRUST Whip together until stiff one 12-oz. carton creamed cottage cheese, 1/2 cup sugar, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. vanilla, 1 cup whipping cream. Fold in 9-oz. can drained, crushed pineapple. Freeze 2 hours in Bisquick Short Pie crust (Recipe on package). Top with berries.



NDIVIDUAL MEAT LOAF MADE WITH NONFAT DRY MILK

It's brown and beefy-yet moist and easy to slice because it's made with Nonfat Dry Milk. Use your favorite meat loaf recipe but with equal parts of Nonfat Dry Milk and water in place of other liquids. Try it this new way,

SOUP SHAKE MADE WITH MILK AND CAMPBELL'S SOUP

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WHEATIES AND FRESH RASPBERRIES WITH MILK

Breakfast time treat! Plump, sweet, red raspberries and cool, foaming milk on crisp flakes of whole wheat. Wheaties, milk and fruit make a hit with everyone. And you know Wheaties are great for energy, too. For variety, top with old-fashioned cinnamon sugar.



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Fresh tender asparagus at its finest-when topped with a generous pat of real Butter! Or with Drawn Butter Sauce: Just melt slowly 1/2 cup butter. Stir in 2 tablespoons flour, 1/2 cup water, 1 teaspoon lemon juice, seasonings.

DAFFY-DOWN-DILLY MADE WITH JELL-O INSTANT PUDDING

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> SERVE A CHEESE TRAY WITH RITZ CRACKERS

Great idea for late afternoon or TV snacks. -or a backyard party. Cheese appetizers are always popular-always easy. Serve richer, crisper Ritz Crackers with Cheese . . . or for a quick, easy meal serve snack sandwiches made with sliced Cheese and cold cuts.



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LANSING

Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

District 1

Mrs. Fred Foster, Chairman Niles R-3

Berrien County Women's Committee met April 16 with Mrs. John Walter, chairman, conducting the meeting. Cook book sale returned from Venezuela, will be reports were given. We had a letter from Tsuru Nakatani, the Michigan State University.

Burton Richards will work on the County Women will make the Nurse's Training Recruitment Civil Defense Tour at Percy program. Anyone knowing farm Jones Hospital in Battle Creek girl in Berrien county area in- on May 16 and May 20. Mrs. terested in nurse's training Zelda Wiley and Mrs. Willis Gray

State Trooper William Moss of Camp on June 5 and 6. the Niles Post showed a film on Mrs. Foster was in charge of the safety program.

Cass County. Fifteen groups Committee meeting on May 7 at the home of Mrs. Russell Lead.





A popular hobby, easy enough on huck toweling make gay designs for pillows, aprons, towels. Pattern 830: Charts, directions

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BARN EQUIPMENT

The next meeting is the June tea at the County Center Building. Mrs. Henrietta Funery, R.N. of the Kalamazoo Public Schools, will talk to the group. Mrs. Margaret Weiandt, a missionary just the main speaker.

Kalamazoo County. May 6 Japanese girl the Farm Bureau ladies from 29 groups toured the Women's Committee sponsored to Simplicity Pattern Company at Niles. Simplicity makes 100,000,-Mrs. Robert Burandt and Mrs. 000 patterns a year. Kalamazoo should contact the committee. | are delegates to Twin Lakes

Van Buren County. Chairman Reckless Driving and Accidents. Hoxie called the meeting to order with 24 groups represented. Mrs. Trenery, R.N. from the Kalama-zoo Public Schools, will meet were represented at our Women's with the ladies on July 2nd at the home of Mrs. Fred Stanley to explain the importance of nurses training. Mrs. Arthur Dowd will represent Kalamazoo county at the N. W. Michigan Camp in June.

District 2

Mrs. Leta Sanford, Chairman Allen R-1

District 2 held its spring meetng at Marshall Community Building with a good attendance. These officers were elected for he next 2 years: Chairman, Mrs. George Crisenberry, Jackson county; vice-chairman, Mrs. Roy Lord, Calhoun county; secretarytreasurer, Mrs. Blaque Knirk, Branch county.

Jack Bittner, marketing specialist for Michigan State University, said today a farmer receives only 3c for the wheat in a loaf of bread for which the consumer pays 21c. The farmer gets 7c for the quart of milk that sells for

Michigan is behind other states in changing packaging. We are changing some but do not keep up with other states. We should keep up or do better than our competitors. Packages do their own selling today.

Irving LeBlanc, by means of charts, pointed out to the women the growth of Farm Bureau Insurance during the past eight for a child to do! Simple stitches Safety Film. Traffic accidents are increasing because there are so many more trucks and cars on the roads. They are built to go faster. for 5 different huck designs. 75% of the deaths in car accidents occur on rural roads.

Send 25 cents in coins for this | Charles Mumford, our regional pattern-add 5 cents for each pat- man, announced his appointment cess of organizing a new Farm tern for first class mailing. Send to another region. We regret very Bureau group, to be known as the new regional man.



Fishing Fleet in Harbor at Monterey, California

dale District Health Department talked on rheumatic fever and answered questions. Strep throat, scarlet fever, and rheumatic fever are caused by the streptococcus germs. Rheumatic fever is a disease of children in early grade school. It occurs most often at or about age nine.

Calhoun County Women's Committee heard Mrs. Aldrich report on safety.

Probate Judge Mallison spoke on the problems of the court: (1) The increasing number of aged people and what to do for them; (2) mentally handicapped children; and (3) delinquents. He suggested we visit the Coldwater

Hillsdale County Women's meeting. Gay . Gardner of the tended from Oakland. Michigan Livestock Exchange showed colored slides taken in their sales exchanges in the state. Mrs. Ames announced that the Hillsdale Garden Club would meet in the Farm Bureau office in the near future. Garden soil samples will be tested.

Jackson County Women's Committee is offering two scholarships for nurse training. Five county girls have benefited by this scholarship.

Jackson county is in the pro-

SWAPS.

FOR SALE

Dr. Harris of the Branch-Hills- of the county group of Farm Bu- last summer. reau Young People.

Lenawee County women visited the Clinton Woolen Mills recently. Mrs. Loren Bretthauer, used a film at a recent meeting. former county chairman, sent a note of thanks for the gift our ladies had given her.

District 3

Mrs. Celestine Young, Chairman Mt. Clemens R-2

Oakland County Women's Committee had Mr. Sol Lomerson, a member of Oakland County Road Commission, speak on roads in our county and what proportion of state monies can be used on secondary roads.

We were guests of the Macomb County Women's Committee for the annual picnic. Twenty-two at-

Mrs. Paul Thams of the Oakland County Board of Education gave a report at our meeting on the progress of the special education program conducted in the public schools of our county for handicapped children.

We gave \$10 to Care and \$10 to Crop. Also \$35 to Sister Kenny Foundation at Farmington.

Oakland Farm Bureau Women served the dinner for the roll call workers on membership drive and served dinner for the annual Soil Conservation meeting.

March 25th we had a sort of a to Michigan Farm News, 263 much the loss of "Charlie," but Farm Bureau Young People, ages Pontiac for all Farm Bureau good will potluck dinner at Needlecraft dep't, P.O. Box 162, wish him success in his new terNeedlecraft dep't, P.O. Box 162, wish him success in his new terRureau group is to select a young Old Chelsea Station, New York ritory. We are looking forward to Bureau group is to select a young were guests. The meeting was Europe and is a distant cousin well attended and worth while. Mr. Suggit from Michigan State University spoke on planning our natural resources.

Sixteen Oakland women at-

with Dan Reed and represent- men will grow taller. atives from our District. We discussed bills coming before Legislature and saw the Legislature in session in the afternoon.

One of our members attended the meeting on mental health in Detroit and reported it to us. Two attended the Michigan Nursing League meeting. Several women are planning on attending the Northwest Michigan camp at Twin Lake in June.

District 4

Mrs. Rob't Weisgerber, Chairman Ionia R-2

District 4 meeting was held at LeValley church, Ionia county,

April 17 with 150 present. the State Reformatory at Ionia, sythia. Of all the species grown,

Mohr, Ottawa county, vice-chair- do some species. man; Mrs. Harold Funk, Ionia county, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Robert Weisgerber has been selected to represent Michigan Farm Bureau women at the Associated Country Women of the World meeting at Ceylon this

Allegan County women are sponsoring a cancer film again from every joint. under leadership of Mrs. Fred Billett.

Recently Mrs. Forest Burchfield of Plainwell spoke to us on spring flowering shrubs alone un-"Wills." Everyone should:

whom your property is to go. 2-Choose an attorney carefully. 3-Name an executor. 4 - Carefully describe and locate property. 5-Avoid eccentric requests, 6 - Have attorney make any changes. 7-File will with probate court.

Ottawa County with Mrs. Smallegan, chairman, have been interested in cancer detection and

Mrs. Rymer gave an excellent report on the proposed Boys Vocational School to be built near Ann Arbor.

District 5

Mrs. John Watling, Chairman Bath R-1

112 women from our five counties attended the spring meeting of District 5 May 3. We adopted a much better set of were judged the most original at work rules. Irving LeBlanc of the Farm Bureau Insurance At the April meeting Mrs. Walter Saginaw. Companies spoke on those ser- Krompetz led an interesting disvices. Roger Foerch, director of cussion on house plants. Many the MFB safety program, show- pointers on their care were Mrs. Oliver Tompkins, Chairman ed an amazing film to accent his shared. A plant exchange was talk on safety measures.

retarded at Fort Custer, and the Federal Civil Defense headquar-Clinton County women will visit the Dow Chemical plant at

Midland again.

workers are paid by the hour.

visited the hospital for mentally

a fine experience for us.

visors speak regarding property assessments. Shiawassee County Women's

Committee at its May tea honor-H. Sherman, their first county

District 8

Mrs. Martin Stockmeyer, Chmn. Reese R-1

Arenac County Women's Committee had Karl Kentner as guest speaker in April. He told them about Farm Bureau and its position on many bills before the Legislature.

In May, our legislative chairwould not look like a prison. \$5 was contributed to the March of Dimes and \$5 to the Cancer fund.

Clare County Farm Bureau Women's identification badges the District 8 meeting April 10. also held. \$10 was contributed to the Cancer fund.

ty Groups visited the Goodwill Dr. Sweet of the County Health on Highway 115, April 24. Industries of Flint. This is a non- Department at the April meet- There were about 75 in attendprofit organization for handicap- ing. He showed two films ance. The sessions were presided ped people. Repairs are made on entitled "Self - examination for over by Mrs. O. M. Tompkins, most anything. They have a Breast Cancer" and "Reproduc- chairman Coffee hour at 9:30. contract with Fisher Body to tion." Dr. Sweet answered many make cardboard in such a way questions.

that it can be used for packing . Mrs. Verna Shearer, our legis- address and was assisted by Mrs. material. Articles are appraised lative chairman, is keeping us Floyd Whaley as chairman of the for value, repaired and sold well informed with her timely hostess group.

through stores. Handicapped reports.

Gratiot County. "The Princi-They have one of the two Braille telephone switchboards in Michples and Purposes of Alcoholics Anonymous" were explained to safety program was presented by igan for the blind. This tour was the Gratiot County Women at their March meeting by a mem-Eaton County women have ber of A. A.

The principles of the twelve steps of A.A. are practiced in the daily lives of all alcoholics who wish to get help that way For their April meeting these women had a novel quiz program on a prepared list of questions on National and Local gov-Ingham County women heard ernment. The questions were in members of the board of super- these categories, General Questions on Citizenship, Congress, Michigan, and Presidents and Vice-Presidents.

Two ladies were chosen at a time; they could select their own ed the memory of Mrs. William category. Four groups were chosen and the minutes state that the ladies found that they were not very well informed on either Citizenship or Government.

> Isabella County Women had Mr. James Knapp talk to them on "Tax Allocations," at their April meeting. In March, Dr. Brinner of the County Health Department was guest speaker.

Saginaw County Women sponored a Rural-Urban Conference at their April 23 meeting. Every man, Mrs. Marsh, said the State lady present was presented with would like to build a Boys' Voca- a corsage. Dessert luncheon was tional School near Lansing that served. Citizenship was the theme for the day.

In March the collection for the day was turned over to Mrs. Manley Dorr who used it to make dresses for the "Dresses for Easter Project" which is sponsored by the Salvation Army in

District 9

Traverse City R-1

Farm Bureau Women's Com-Genesee County. 25 women from 15 Farm Bureau Communi- Gladwin County Women had ford county Community Church

The Home Flower Garden

Shrubs and Trees for Early Floral Effects

H. L. R. CHAPMAN Garden Clubs Lecturer

One of the earliest of the large shrubs or small trees to flower in the Michigan home garden is

Cornelian Cherry grown as a grant 3 inch flowers of snow shrub will have many stems white spreading petals is hardy growing from the main trunk at East Lansing and deserves a tended District 3 camp at Haven just above ground level and it place in every southern Michigan will reach a height of about 12 home garden. For best results Twenty-three of us went to feet. If grown as a tree with this species must have a little Lansing April 16 for luncheon only one main growth the speci-

> In many of our gardens Cornelian Cherry is the first plant to produce flowers in the spring.

The naked branches are clothed by clusters of minute sulphur yellow blossoms. After the flowering period is over lush green leaves appear. Later in the season an abundance of fruit is produced which in August turns a bright red

A delightful jelly can be made from the fruit when ripe if it can be protected from the birds who delight in taking them.

Forsythia. Another amazingly floriferous shrub loved by every-Dr. Garrett Heyns, warden of body is the Golden Bell, the Fordiscussed the main reasons why Forsythia spectabilis is the best 10,500 men and 350 women are in but the home gardener will be Michigan prisons. We as citizens well advised to visit the nursery must learn to take care of other and see some of the hybrids when people before they get in trouble. in flower. They have the com-District officers were elected: bined good qualities of the par-Mrs. Clare Barton of Allegan ents but do not appear to produce

> It is distressing indeed that more home gardeners do not know the growing requirements of Forsythia.

For if they did they would not cut off the heads of these lovely things just as they are about to produce bells of cheery yellow produce its normal growth for a

This happens quite often when the home gardener spring cleans his garden. Let these, and other til the flowering period has been 1 - Make a will to designate to passed, when pruning may be done as necessity dictates.

Magnolias. No group of spring if planted in a location protected nus florida rubra. Barry County Women's Com- from cold winds and grown in a Nature usually chooses to plant crab apples.

The most popular Magnolia because it is the most hardy is a hybrid known as Magnolia soulangeana.

This hybrid has many forms,

The charming Star Magnolia Magnolia stellata, with its fra-



MR. CHAPMAN

Red Bud Tree. One of the most picturesque small trees for the home garden is the Red Bud, county, chairman; Mrs. Cornelius a spasmodic rampant growth as Cercis canadensis. This is one of produces single white flowers our native plants and grows beau- one inch in diameter, and red tifully over much of North Amer- fruits later. It is the smallest of ica, It does, however, enjoy all crab apples, attaining a height growing in a protected position of about seven feet. in the garden.

Care should be taken not to break the roots when moving the considerable period.

The Red Bud always looks good when planted in front of an evergreen background. A bush type specimen looks especially well when planted at the corner of a dwelling.

flowering trees are more noble, the favorite of all of our lesser varieties as the Ely Crab apple or worthy of a place in the home trees is the Flowering Dogwood, may be used. It will grow as garden than the magnolias. Most Cornus florida. Some gardeners high as 30 feet and will be 20 of them are of Asiatic origin and may prefer its pink sister, Cor- feet through. It produces the P.O. Box 42, Old Chelsea Station,

mittee with Mrs. L. A. Day as well drained, very slightly acid the white species on the fringe July 1 this column will be: mailing. Please print plainly in chairman is working on their soil, will do well as a specimen of woodlands, where it benefits The History and Culture of the your order: Your name, complete fluoride program they sponsored plant in many parts of Michigan. from a little shade and its roots Rose.

are able to roam in a soil containing decomposed leaves. It will however grow in full sunshine if the soil is to its liking.

Interesting features of the plant are the somewhat horizonproducing purplish pink to rose tal branches, the pleasing whiteness when in flower, and the

> The Dogwood is a very worthwhile small tree and should be used in both the small and the large home

Shad Bush. Another woodside favorite suitable for planting in either the home garden or near to the dwelling is the Shad Bush, Amelanchier canadensis. It produces wreaths of pure white cherry-like flowers early in the season when the shad are running up stream, hence its common name.

As well as being valuable in the home garden when in flower this plant has an interesting - marked gray bark and birch-like leaves which in the fall turn brown and scarlet.

It is not advisable to plant the shad bush close to the juniper tree since in some localities it readily becomes host to the ju-

Crab Apple. Many home gardeners would like to grow the crab apple, Malus, in their garden but fear the plants would grow too large and tall for the space available.

There are two varieties of crab apple which may be suitable for home gardens and grounds:

Sargent Crab, Malus sargent Arnold Crab, Malus arnoldiana,

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EDITORIAL

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Brinkley, executive vice-president of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, when he said:

"Our co-operatives must work to gain efficiency to preserve the independence of the individual farmer by providing for co-operative concentration of financial power and diversification."

Some of the large farmer co-operatives are opposing integration, while others are trying to conform and get into it themselves. An opposing note has been expressed by the board of directors of the Grange League Federation of Ithaca, N. Y., in a statement addressed to its members:

"Contracts being offered in the name of integration take freedom of action from the farmer and make him, in effect, the hired man of the other party to the contract.

"Grange League Federation members make their own decisions from day to day whether they wish to use the services of their co-operative. The integration contract deprives the farmer of this freedom of choice.'

Integration in agriculture is with us. It will bear studying by cooperatives and by individual farmers for efficiencies which they can put to good use.

There's liable to be temptation to get the government into the integration problem. We shall do well to support the idea expressed recently by President Charles Shuman of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Mr. Shuman said that the solution for the broiler problem, for example, is largely a matter of education, organization, and industry cooperation, and

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Farm Bureau Women

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Mrs. Hendricks of Kalkaska county invited us there for the County explained the "Kalkaska fall District meeting. Mix" and a delicious lunch was served. Mrs. Emma Hagstrom of Cadillac sang two delightful num-

trict 9 for doing an outstanding camp. ob on the membership drive. Mrs. Karker gave a pleasing resume of a recent trip to Arkansas in the interests of Farm Bureau.

District 10-E Mrs. Vernon Kingsbury, Chmn. Alpena R-1

Our Spring District meeting was held in Alpena county. Mrs. Vernon Kingsbury was elected

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Alcona County women met at the Harrisville township hall, with husbands as guests. The Hoover report was given by Mrs. Peter Nash, farmer trainee Gladys MacKenzie, Miss Irene from Southern Rhodesia, was the McDougal and Mrs. Betty Burnspeaker: In spite of tornado ham. May 7 we visited the Dow warnings, hail and lightning, he Chemical Company and the handled his subject very capably. Kroger Company warehouse. Ward Cooper commended Dis- Four will attend Twin Lakes

> Alpena County's May meeting was at the home of Mrs. Alex Kennedy. The Martha Alfsen day program was a success. About 400 gathered at the Long Rapids hall to help Miss Alfsen, county nurse, celebrate the eve of her retirement. Memories of her entire life were reveled through a "This is Your Life" theme.

> Iosco County women's committee met at the home of Mrs. Irene Lorenz in May. Two ladies are going to Twin Lakes camp. We shall tour a Kroger store. Mrs. Lorenz reported on the History of

Montmorency County women met with Mrs. H May. Mrs. Thelma Hermanson, county nurse, discussed the fluoride program and its benefits to teeth of children and adults.

Ogemaw County women met at Comming Twp. hall. Mrs. De-Matio and Mrs. Kenyon will represent Ogemaw county at Twin Lakes camp. Mrs. Dorothy Lickfeldt, citizenship chairman, gave the purpose of the United Nations. A film on cancer, "The Other City," was shown Plans were completed for the Rural-Urban banquet.

District 11

Mrs. Ken Corey, Chairman

Chippewa County Women's Committee met May 6 in the Extension Service Agriculture Assembly Room at Sault Ste Marie. Mrs. Clifford Postma presided. Lunch was served by women of Brimly group.

Mr. Leslie Macordra, a member of board of education, gave a very informative talk on problems faced by every school district. Next meeting June 5 .--Mrs. Grant Patton.

Delta Women's Committee met April 22nd at the State Library at Escanaba. Four groups pres-

A tentative program was set up and will be considered further at our May 22nd meeting, when

Mrs. Karker will be present. We shall be represented at the Farm Bureau women's camp near

Traverse City June 4, 5, 6. Burnt Bluff group women were hostesses at a meeting and party April 22 attended by Isabella, Big Spring and Cooks

Circle your calendar. Delta county picnic July 22nd. Isabella Group hosts.-Mrs. John Olsen.

Menominee Women's Committee met May 15 at the home of Mrs. Larry Reid at Faithhorn. A dessert lunch was served by the hostess. Eight groups were repre-

Our state obligations were met. We shall aid women campers attending the Farm Bureau women's camp at Twin Lakes June 4, 5, 6, at the rate of \$12 for one camper, and \$6 for 2 or 3

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State and Local Equalization of Assessments

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for June

Background Material for Program in June by 1636 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

Decisions

It makes good sense for the people to try to preserve the powers of their local government. But sometimes the decisions that people have made have provided the key that shifted these powers away from them. Such a decision was made in the sales tax diversion amendment in 1946.

Why Attempt to Equalize?

DONALD D. KINSEY Coordinator of Education and Research

Why attempt to equalize assessments on property for per pupil in the school-aid formtaxing purposes, either at the county or state level?

The aim is to try to give fair and equal treatment schools. to all taxpayers in bearing the costs of public services. It seems clearly unfair that some individuals or some areas should be required to carry much more burden for schools. for public services than others - unless it is also clear that certain areas lack the wealth to provide necessary district could use a higher millage foot. programs for themselves.

The purpose of gaining a fair measure of equality in to be included in a full state-aid tax burdens on property is provided for in our Michigan payment for schools State Constitution.

Article X, Section 3, states that "The Legislature shall provide by law a uniform rule of taxation . . . and taxes shall be levied on such property as shall be prescribed by law."

Section 7 states further that, "all assessments hereafter authorized shall be on property at its true cash value."

If property had always been assessed at its true cash value in all areas, many of the present conflicts over assessing authority would have been avoided.

Disagreements arise over the inequalities. And, it must be pointed out that a true cash assessment would not necessarily mean high property taxes.

Powers to establish local millage rates or to vote higher millage still rest with local authorities and local people. No more property taxes need to be collected than are necessary for the support of local schools and local to accept. and county government operations. Local people still have the privilege of protesting too high a tax rate on property to their county and school board officials. became law in 1933, the state has

Wide Difference in Assessments

The history of property assesswide differences in property valtowns and townships. Where one county, for example, may assess its property values at only 25% of the state equalized figures, another may be assessing at 80% of these figures.

Some have asked, "Why worry 1946, the voters amended the about these differences?" They Constitution. Part of the sales point out that since the sales tax tax monies were to be passed counties equalized their valu-

local needs. Now the state collects and dis-

schools, and \$45 million a year for other local programs. Twothirds of the operating funds for our public schools comes from state distributed funds.

of Property

With this true, there were reasons to try to keep property valuations low. Low property valuations would do three things:

1. They would make it appear that local taxes were being kept down by the assessing practices.

2. If accepted at the state level, low valuations would mean that less millage would have to be deducted from the gross allowance ula. This would mean a higher return of state aid funds for

3. Again, if accepted at the state level, low valuations would make it easier to get full state-aid

rate without actually taxing too heavily. And the law requires the levy of a certain millage in order

Protests Against Inequality

Practices that kept assessments ow in numerous areas brought trong protests from counties and districts where assessing levels were higher. These areas complained that while they were doing more to support schools locally, they were being forced to surrender a part of their stateaid funds to areas setting lower assessment levels.

that no state equalization of as- of the state endlessly. sessments were done. And suppose that we took county equalzations only—as a basis for distributing state-aid funds.

Based on history, there would be a wide difference between counties in terms of the percentage of the total state valuation that each county would be willing the Golden Rule should apply to

We could find the average county within these differences. But—as many counties would be setting valuations above the avernot collected funds from property protest against unfair distribution of state-aid funds. They have pro-Before that time an equaliza- tested.

tion of county valuations by the On a reasonable basis, they state was important. Counties have the force of the argument on should contribute their equal their side. They also have as uations for different counties, share of taxes in proportion to the strong a voting power as the percentage of property wealth counties setting property valuthey hold in the state. But now? ations below the average,

If history could be stopped at The "under-assessing" counties would find it hard to force their demands to keep county equaliz-But other changes came. In ation as the final word.

In 1955, records show that 26

support schools, public welfare, state equalized figures. But some school districts that truly lack the old-age assistance, and other other counties equalized as high needed property values to supas 92% of these figures.

If there were no state equaliztributes \$250 million a year for ation in the picture, the higher vision, if established at the proper heavily penalized for doing a direction. good job of setting their vaulation

Case for Low Valuation cause all counties must deduct mills. 21/2 mills from their gross allowance for school-aid. If their values were high, they would have to subtract more-to be given to counties with lower valuations. The counties establishwould be getting more than was their part in some cases. fairly due to them.

So, protests are not surprising. And although the state does not collect property taxes, the State Board of Equalization became important again, and state equalization of assessments was declared necessary by the Michigan Supreme Court.

Shoe on Other Foot

Citizens in low-assessing counties fight aginst state-equalization. Suppose that you were a citizen in a high-assessing county. The Why? Because by doing so a shoe then would be on the other

> The thoughtful citizen would want to see as full a measure as possible of equal treatment. But, with state-aid programs in force, it becomes a serious question whether equal distribution of state funds (based on valuations) can be gained with a system where independent counties try to bring about "equalization" by using their individual figures.

In other words, it is doubtful that assessors from 83 counties could ever agree as to their fair portion of the total state property values. If an amendment were passed putting the equalization into the hands of county assessors only, protests against unfair Let's calculate a bit. Suppose treatment would load the courts

The Golden Rule

It surely is a natural thing for people to wish to avoid any more taxes than are necessary and reasonable. But that goes for everybody.

Most people would agree that taxation as to other relations in

Actually, the laws of the state ed with it.

back to local government units to ations at less than 50% of the try to provide some relief for What They Say About port good schools.

The deductible millage proequalizing counties would be level, would go far to help in this

The House of Representatives has passed a raise in the de-They penalized themselves be- ductible millage from 21/2 to 21/4

It is possible that the wealthier districts would be more willing to support a higher rate of deductible millage if the whole valuation program were more nearly -or more fairly - equalized, ing unusually low valuations There has been resentment on

> This is not to say, of course, that it is always the wealthier districts that have above criticism in setting and equalizing valuations as compared to the less wealthy counties. Real fairness would require that every county' position be examined closely.

Several Causes for **Higher Taxes**

It is not necessarily higher property valuations that may prompt higher taxes.

The real root of the matter may be the expanding programs that communities require. Mounting birth rates require new school rooms at a rapid rate. Communities are demanding extensive improvements. The dollar has a reduced purchasing power.

Increased valuations in property have not kept pace with the falling value of the dollar. With low valuations and the 15 mill limitation, the taxing limits have ften been set so that communities can not raise the revenues needed for local programs.

Under state equalized valuations, actual tax payments may rise in some counties and districts.

If valuations have been far beow the average state level, and receive full state-aid for its State University. schools, there may be increases.

Somebody will have to take ininto balance.

Other areas will find it possiline" where their levels of assess- how strict your diet should be. ed valuation have been relatively

Such an issue as this can no In fact, "equalization" is an longer be decided from a local afraid of a diet. Many of them attempt to apply this. If it is to be viewpoint. The people decided have a lot of variety, so dieting done between counties, it appears that the state should distribute need not be dull and uninterestage as below! The above-average that it must be done by a central tax funds. When this happened, counties would have a basis to arbitrating body at the state level, some of the power to decide shift- self down to a normal weight, eat

State Equalization

Those who oppose the practice of the state equalizing of property valuations do so on three points:

1. They protest that the state equalized figures will automatically mean higher taxes. In some areas this may be true-in others,

2. They point to the dwindling powers of local government which are being taken over by the state. To get a real change in this picture, we would have to restore the condition before the sales tax diversion amendment of

3. They contend that state equalization is not needed because the state does not collect property taxes. But we do have to face the fact that the state distributes funds to schools and local governments-and must have a basis for doing so that is as fair as possible to all.

Questions

1. If the state is to continue to distribute funds for school programs, what is a fair method of making this distribution fair and acceptable to all counties and school districts?

2. How can local people help to control the actual tax rates that are collected on property within their own counties and school

3. There are strong protests by some counties and school districts against inequalities of assessed valuations between these governmental bodies. Why should this

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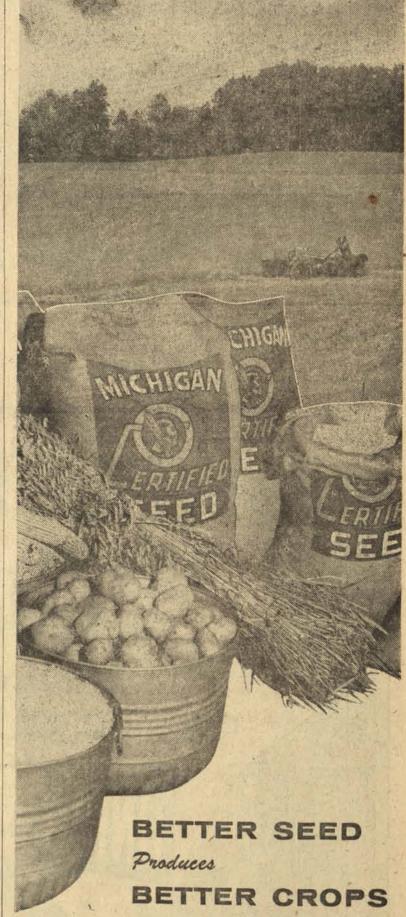
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