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EDITORIAL

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In assembling data for writing the history of the Michigan Farm Bureaus, I have been reviewing the records of the years 1944 and 1945. In those years many major long-standing policies were reviewed, and commodity relationships were modified that had been in effect since 1922.

Inasmuch as these changes involved basic principles of membership participation and control which are essential to the success and permanency of a general farm organization like the Michigan Farm Bureau, it seems worthwhile to bring them to the attention of the present Farm Bureau membership.

At the annual meeting of 1944, the government of the Michigan Farm Bureau was restored to full control by the membership.

Plans were authorized that made effective in 1945 the nomination of directors by the Farm Bureau members in the districts covering the Southern Peninsula, with provisions for the election of the district members at the state meeting when qualified with a Farm Bureau membership. Under the new policy only three directors are elected at large at the annual state convention.

This program replaced the long-standing policy of electing all Farm Bureau directors at large at the annual meeting of districts such as those of 1917 and 1919. It discontinued the selection of a portion of the Board of Directors by the seven farm commodity marketing associations in the state.

It finally settled the issue that was so vigorously debated in 1921.

At that time one faction stood for making the Michigan Farm Bureau a truly cooperative organization of the commodity marketing associations to be financed by a margin on the earnings of the cooperatives.

Thus, it was concluded, all members of the cooperative would automatically become Farm Bureau members without the expense and trouble of signing them up and collecting the dues individually.

That was the Commodity Plan of organization. Its proponents argued that the "mass type of organization" would be the only way to conduct the cooperative plan by counties, could not succeed permanently.

They argued that the first membership campaign in 1917 and 1919 was an emotional spurt that would soon die out.

The individual membership group, which had proceeded the first individual membership campaign in 1917 and 1919, fought for continuing the County Farm Bureau personal type of organization, to be financed mainly from Farm Bureau membership dues.

The confusion prevailing in 1921 threatened to bring the new Farm Bureau to an unhappy end. The policy of selecting 175 Board of Directors jointly by the marketing exchanges and the County Farm Bureaus was adopted as a compromise plan at the annual meeting of 1922.

Beginning in 1922 from five to seven state Farm Bureau directors were nominated by the farmers' cooperative business or commodity associations until that was discontinued by the annual meeting of 1944.

In the district plan adopted in 1944 and effective in 1945, the Michigan Farm Bureau provided the opportunity for every Farm Bureau member to vote on his views and participate to the fullest practical extent in forming the policies of the Michigan and American Farm Bureaus.

This opportunity had not been provided under the cooperative plan and adopted in 1917 and 1919. It concentrated several directors in some sections of the state while leaving many counties without direct representation on the Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

The new program is implemented through 1,625 (Continued on page 6)
**Community Farm Bureaus**

**CLARK L. MIČHAEL**

Coordinator of Community Farm Bureau for MFB

It has been said, "Five percent of the people, think, they think, and 95% would rather do that think." If this be true, it is a not unnatural to state that is not so, the truth lies to the contrary. If the farmer, which is the majority, could but see that the 5% is the minority and that mind that the 95% Community Farm Bureau, Michigan, has been largely due...are reasons why the farmer, which is the majority, has not been able to stay the course, that the purpose of this Association is to promote...The Michigan Farm Bureau recognizes that many people are outside the scope of its influence, service, and leadership is generated...The telephone takes you to the right place - quickly.**

**A Good Start for young people**

**WHY NOT give son or daughter a Farm Bureau membership as a wedding gift?**

As a birthday gift when they are 21? It's a good start in life, and qualifies them for their own Blue Cross and Farm Bureau automobile insurance protection.

Complete the Application for Membership and mail it to your County Farm Bureau Secretary, with the new member's dues.

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I hereby apply for membership in the County Farm Bureau, Michigan Farm Bureau, and the American Farm Bureau, and agree to pay the annual membership dues of $10.00.

It is agreed that 40% of this sum shall be for a year's subscription to the Michigan Farm News; that $1.00 is to be applied as a personal dues to the American Farm Bureau Federation of which 25 cents is for a year's subscription to the Nation's Agriculture.

**Thank you for your help!**

**Michigan Farm News**
Michigan Farm Bureau has explored the possibility of using soil tests, and most fertile farm lands could be prevented through land test and most fertile farm lands

Michigan Mutual Hail

£19,800,000.00

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THE GRAND

LAWN GRASS

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Bureau laboratory at Allendale

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4. To enable farmers to assist in determining policies.

5. To provide a closer linkage between the mem-

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Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

District 1
Mrs. Fred Feaster, Chairman

The Women's Committee met at the Blue Water Room of the St. Clair Inn, Marysville, March 10. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Ford. She explained that the committee had a list of some of the committee members who had not attended meetings. The committee was then called upon to discuss the invitation to attend the Women's Committee meeting in Bad Axe May 1-2. The committee decided to send the invitation.

District 2
Mrs. Charles B. Pugh, Chairman

The Women's Committee met at the St. Clair County Farm Bureau building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. B. A. Bowknot. She explained that the committee had a list of some of the committee members who had not attended meetings. The committee was then called upon to discuss the invitation to attend the Women's Committee meeting in Bad Axe May 1-2. The committee decided to send the invitation.

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Mrs. Charles W. B. Pearsall, Chairman

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Insurance Men District Meeting Speakers

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Plants and bulbs for Spring Beauty Next Year

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Daffodils. Yellow is a prominent color in the Spring. The flowers of the true daffodil, Narcissus officinalis, have a somewhat long trumpet in nature, but varieties have been developed in various colors. The color in the Spring is a re-creation of the true species. The flowers are usually seen in the Spring, but varieties are now 3.

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Right Now in Farm Bureau . . .

JERRY CORDEY
Commodate, Organization Department of MFB

Results of April 12 drive are still coming in. Total today is $68,421. Complete report on front page.

24 Counties have now passed their 1957 goals and 47 have increased over 1956.

Counties on the All Star Team in order of achievement are: Manistee (captain), Gladwin, Cheboygan, Iosco, Presque Isle, Osceola, Huron, Washtenaw, St. Joseph, Ionia, Mason, Shiawassee, Livingston, Sanilac, Delta, Tuscola.

The Executive Committee: Legislative activity is in full

The Unico Low Boy BULK MILK TANK

PROVIDES THE LATEST IN QUALITY, INSTALLATION, FILLING AND CLEANING

Quality has been carefully checked in the manufacture of the Unico Low Boy. All milk contact parts are stainless steel. Entire tank exceeds National 3-A Sanitary Standards. Tank is of bridge type construction.

The Low Boy is only 34 inches high from the floor to the tank flange. Through every inch of its size, you'll find quality that means more milk profits to you. See your local Farm Bureau dealer for more information.

Appliance & Dairy Dept
FARM BUREAU SERVICES LANSING

Special Offer to FARM BUREAU MEMBERS

Have You Something You'd Like to Sell?

$1 will present up to 25 words of classified advertising, including your name and address, in one issue of the Michigan Farm News. It is read by 68,287 members of the Michigan Farm Bureau. This bargain is less than 60 cents per word.

Please send your classified before May 21 for June 1 edition. Extra words over 25 cents each. Figures like $12.50 or $12.38, etc., count as one word. Some of our classes:

BARN EQUIPMENT
BARN & FARM EQUIPMENT
BARN FOR SALE
BARN DIRECTORY
BARN SUPPLIES
BARNYARDINESS

LIVESTOCK

LIVESTOCK & FIELD SEEDS
LIVESTOCK FOR SALE
LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

POULTRY

POULTRY SUPPLIES

SEED POTATOES

LIVESTOCK MACHINE & FARM EQUIPMENT

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS
P. O. Box 96
Lansing, Michigan

Send a copy of your ad now! Issue dated

Please publish my word ad for (8)

June 1 edition. I enclose $.

Classification:

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

Sold by $1 Ad

Sold Yorkshires

Cedar Post Sales

Good Job

Sold Seal Potatoes

For Our City Friends

We have sold a large quantity of certified Sebago seed potatoes through our Michigan Farm Bureau advertising.

April 10, 1957

LAWRENCE E. MCGILL

Michigan Farm Bureau

For Our City Friends

Spring display of farm equipment and machinery, plants, seeds and supplies at the Michigan Farm Bureau Center on US-112 west of Grand Rapids. Also the livestock and poultry show. Admission free. March 25-31.

For Our City Friends

Farm in center storied air and water, 30 ft. x 40 ft. long, 20 ft. x 22 ft. tall. Equipment, and other supplies at the Michigan Farm Bureau Center.

For Our City Friends


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Dairy equipment displays, apartments, and all dairy organizations in the Michigan Farm Bureau, with articles of interest to dairy farmers. The right kind of experience will get you into it.

For Our City Friends

Great Dairy Sales Program in June

For Our City Friends

Women of Farm Bureau, District 11

Amateur clippers, chairmen of the Women of Farm Bureau District 11, have put together the most impressive program for the month of June. Mrs. Clarence B. Smith, owner of the American Dairy Queen of the Michigan Farm Bureau, will talk with the American Dairy Queen of the nation.

Women of Farm Bureau, District 11

For Our City Friends

BABY PULLETS

For Our City Friends

Sensational attentiongetter! Put yourself on the reader's side. Make a complete description of what you are trying to sell. Be frank, honest, clear, quick and concise. Your word will make him want it. Quota, price is not important. Your word may be the key to a big sale. Don't ever forget that.

For Our City Friends

EASTERN FARMERS' MARKET

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TICKETS

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For $1.65 at the gate or $1.40 in advance, get your Garden Park tickets. Phone IVANHOE 9-01015.

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Agriculture & Our Freedoms Under the Law

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topics for May

Background Material for Program in May by
1625 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

DONALD D. KIRBY Coordinator of Education and Research
There is a Price for Freedom

Men's struggle for freedom under the law has been an up and down road. There have been overly ambitious laws which, by design or mistakes, would take away this freedom. We say here "FREEDOM UNDER THE LAW" because no real freedom can be enjoyed without a system of law and order. Proper law protects the rights of all. Without it there would be a tyranny of the strong. By long thought and effort men developed a government by the people in which the greatest amount of freedom within the law became possible. This has been our greatest American political achievement.

Achievements such as this are easily lost. All that is needed is for the people to become careless of it or to expect more of it than it can give without their own cooperative efforts.

Men in all history have lined up bind and girders, subordinating their wills to some idea of a better society. Such things are often done in the name of "the people." If men cherish freedom under the law, they must guard against forms of government that would destroy it. Business bosses, big labor bosses, Hurst Longs (big-gov't bosses)—or a powerful political party can gain a stranglehold on the economic and social life of a nation.

Men may enjoy freedom under the law only as long as they take full responsibility for their economic, social, and political lives.

The Modern Attack on Freedoms

The Modern Attack on Freedoms is a book that concerns itself with the question of how and why socialists and political groups used the means to their ends. The means is utilized by the people because the means is all they have to be rid of. It gains control over the use of law and order. Proper law protects the rights of all. Without it there would be a tyranny of the strong. By long thought and effort men developed a government by the people in which the greatest amount of freedom within the law became possible. This has been our greatest American political achievement.

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