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Picnic Story

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He grabs the handle of the trunk. "Who locked this trunk?" he yells But in his conscience he perceives the chime of tiny bells!

You guess the rest. Another car transports the writhing Jim Back home to get the second key. A weary day for him.

R. S. Clark (10-30-57)

Editor's Note: These verses were written some time ago by R. S. Clark and were among others of his unpublished poems.



LET'S TALK IT OVER HELP GET BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF FARM BUREAU POLICIES

Community Farm Bureaus

CLARE L. McGHAN Coordinator of Community Farm Bureaus for MFB

We are asked quite often, "Who selects the Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic? We should like to tell you in this edition how it's done."

Twice a year a Discussion Topic ballot for a list of proposed topics is sent to all Community Groups. This is done in November and again in May. The groups are asked to select topics they would like to discuss in the next six months.

Michigan Farm Bureau where they are summarized. The summary for each topic goes to the State Discussion Topic Committee. The State committee makes the final decision as to what topics will be used, the month for each topic, and makes suggestions as to how the topic shall be handled.

Who makes up the State Discussion Topic Committee? This committee is elected each year at the Midyear District meeting by members of the County Community Group Committees in attendance.

In this list of the State Discussion Topic Committee members serving for 1958-59, the first person named is the committee member, the second person is the alternate.

District 1-Mrs. Fred Griechen, Dowagiac R-3; Lawrence McGowan, Climax R-1.

2-Rolland Norton, Bronson R-1; Mrs. William Geisen, 909 Clinton St., Albion.

3-Mrs. Walter Wolfgang, 13031 Scio Church Road, Chelsea; Mrs. Viola Welle, 43855 Arsenal Road, Flat Rock.

4-Howard Bayley, Battle Creek R-3; Mrs. Kenneth Stewart, Rockford R-3.

5-Mrs. Leslie Adams, 6139 Bray Rd., Flint R-5; Mrs. John Watling, Bath R-1.

6-Art Terrill, Bay Port; Mrs. Nick Makedonsky, 870 Van Dyke Road, Imlay City.

7-Mrs. Elmer Slagle, Scottville R-1; Mrs. Francis Johnson, Grant R-2.

8-Elden Witkovsky, Coleman R-1; Mrs. George Davidson, Alma R-1.

9-George Scheppelman, Bear Lake R-1; Marion Nye, Beulah.

10-Mrs. Roscoe Williams, 414 Jackson Street, Petoskey; Mrs. Don Kilpatrick, Harrisville R-1.

11-Robert Goodell, Walton; Clarence Sundquist, Escanaba R-1.

The State committee meets the last Friday of July and January. It decides upon the topics for the following six months, beginning in September, and again in March.

Topics selected are from those favored by vote by the members of the Community Groups.

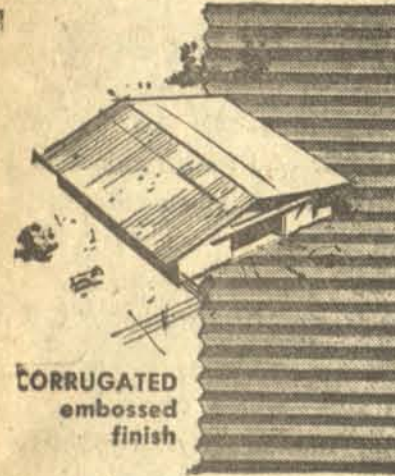
The only time a topic may not be selected in this manner is action by the Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors, or the delegates at a Farm Bureau annual meeting for discussion of a special problem. This happens rarely.

In case a special topic is proposed in place of one on the schedule, the State Discussion Topic Committee is contacted for its approval or rejection.

Your participation in a Community Farm Bureau Group can be very helpful in getting the kind of a discussion program you want. Topic titles on Page 8.



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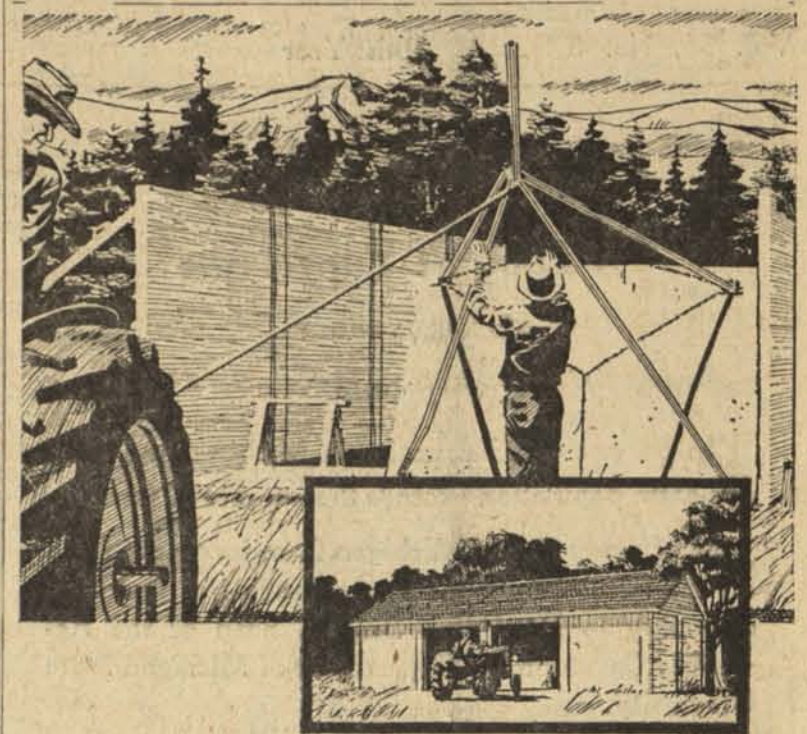
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Right Now in Farm Bureau . . .

JERRY CORDREY
Coordinator of Organization
 Membership is 71,331. This is an increase of 2,100 over 1957, and nearly 800 over state goal. Forty-five counties have surpassed goal, and 59 have increased over 1957. State goal for 1958 has been set at 72,387 by Membership Committee at the Mid-Year District Series. District recommendations were as follows:

District 1	71,750
District 2	71,288
District 3	72,550
District 4	72,560
District 5	72,376
District 6	72,779
District 7	72,589
District 8	72,525
District 9	72,675
District 10	72,704
District 11	72,466
STATE	72,387

This represents an increase of less than 1,000 for next year, and less than 5% of remaining potential. This is the kind of goal that could be achieved by January 15, 1959 if a good job of organizing is done and folks properly inspired.

Reports indicate that about one-half of the County Farm Bureaus have Roll Call Managers selected. All counties should have

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Farm Bur. Plan in Senate Bill

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 to muster more than 24 of the 96 Senate votes for their amendments. Their support gradually fell away to the 11 votes cast in opposition to the bill on the final ballot.

If the House Agriculture Committee reports the bill so action can be completed before adjournment, it is expected that President Eisenhower will sign it into law.

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FARMER CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF GROWING FOOD

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Mr. McCrory could be calling about the weather. Or he could be phoning to

get livestock prices, order a tractor part, or attending to a hundred other things a farmer must attend to.

Successful farmers find that their telephones save them the time and energy they need for the job of growing food. Your phone is the hired hand that never tires—high in value, low in cost.

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Managers by August 15.

A Training Conference for Roll Call Managers and Group Organizers will be held at Kellogg Center on September 11 and 12.

We expect to have such outstanding speakers as Tom Cowden, dean of agriculture, Michigan State University; O. R. Long, director of field services, American Farm Bureau Federation; and Jack Lynn, legislative director and associate director of Washington Office, American Farm Bureau Federation.

The 2-day Conference will aim at training Roll Call Managers and Group Organizers in the responsibilities of their jobs and techniques for carrying them out.

American Farm Bureau Federation membership as of June 30 was 1,237,880. This is 76.2% of goal and about 13,200 ahead of last year same date.

We have 1,686 County Farm Bureaus in the state, a gain of 41 over 1957.

The Farm Supply Tour is scheduled for August 7 and 8. This year's tour will take in many of the Farmers Petroleum Cooperative facilities.

The tour will start at the Farm Bureau Center with a tour of facilities at 9:30 on August 7. The trip will include stops at FPC's Headquarters Field in Ros-

common county, Bentley Fields in Gladwin county, Saginaw County Farm Bureau Company, FPC's Breckenridge Branch, Leonard Refinery at Alma, and will terminate at Farm Bureau Center in Lansing at 5 p.m. on August 8.

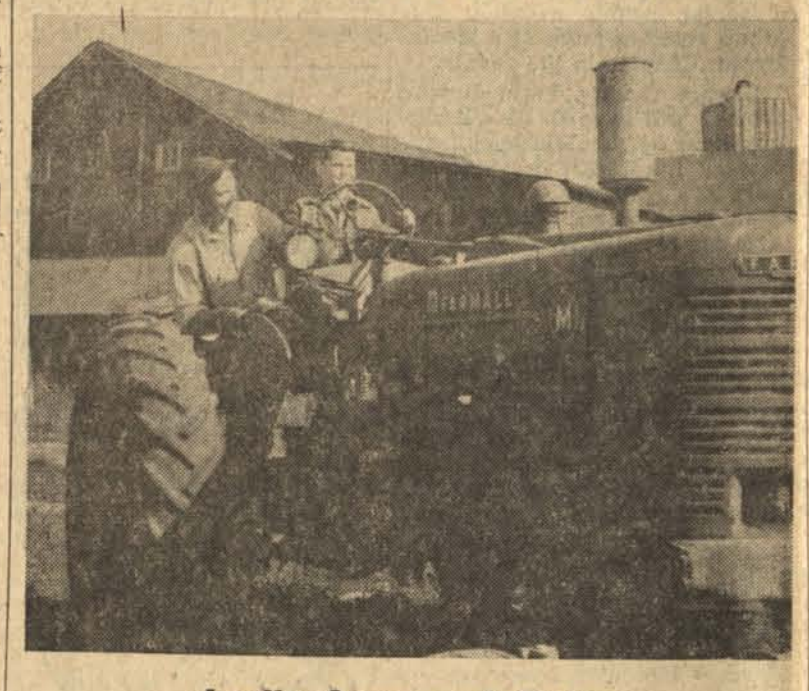
Farm Bureau Women's Committees are planning to sponsor a trip to the United Nations shortly. This will probably take place in September.

Farm Bureau Young People have a heavy schedule for the rest of the summer. It includes: Iowa Fair Cafeteria, August 4-10; State Fair Milk Bars, August 29 to September 7; District Council meetings starting September 7 and going through September 25, August 2 - 2 p.m. - final date to apply for absentee ballots.

Other dates and activities of interest are:

August 4 to 10—Ionia Fair.
 August 5—Primary Elections.
 August 7 and 8—Farm Supply Tour.
 August 11—1st meeting of State Resolutions Committee.
 August 13—County Republican Conventions.
 August 14—County Democrat Conventions.
 August 18 to 23—Upper Peninsula State Fair.
 August 23—State Democrat Convention.
 August 25 to 30—State 4-H Show.
 August 24 to 27—American Institute of Cooperative Conference at State College, Pennsylvania.
 August 30—State Republican Conventions.
 August 29—September 10—State Fair.
 September 11 to 12—Roll Call Managers and Group Organizers Conference.

City Boys Invited to Genesee Farm Homes



Leslie Ames and Ricky
 For the third year Genesee County Farm Bureau members and the Flint Youth Bureau have been cooperating in a program that might well be entitled "Have a Heart."

Genesee County Farm Bureau promotes among its members the idea of taking an underprivileged city child onto the farm for a week's vacation in the summer. The Youth Bureau has a waiting list of such youngsters anxious to be on the farm.

Last summer 15 farm homes were opened to these boys. The experience was refreshing to everyone concerned. In all 32 happy weeks of life in the country were enjoyed by the city boys.

Plans for this year are aimed at increasing the number of farm homes available to the youngsters. The boys range from 8 to 14 years of age.

Our picture shows a Youth Bureau boy who came to the farm

of Leslie Ames on Bray Road near Flint last summer. Ricky went to the Ames farm for the first time three years ago. He went to stay a week, but the Ames decided that he should stay all summer.

The Ames and Ricky took to each other so well that Ricky now spends every week end at their home during the winter and summer. Mr. and Mrs. Ames both say, "We just couldn't get along without Ricky!"

500 Locks Are World's Busiest
 The Sault Locks are the world's busiest, carrying more annual tonnage than the Suez, Panama and Kiel canals combined. Visitors can enjoy a summer-long parade of lake freighters or may ride through the locks on cruise ships.

A penny must be 95% copper.

Overlooked Potato
 The potato originated in the Andean part of South America. The importance of the potato was overlooked by early Spanish explorers who were concerned more with finding precious metals and stones. The potato was introduced into Ireland in 1583 and became an important food item there, hence the name Irish potato, a term still used today.

DALE DOUTHETT says:

"We need a fresh evaluation of farm price supports. I believe most successful farmers in Michigan favor a return to the law of supply and demand."



DALE I. DOUTHETT

FARMERS IN THE 4th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

Farm Bureau Members: Why should you be taxed to pay a high support on some products with no support on others? The law of supply and demand sets the price on cattle and hogs . . . and they are in top place today. Let us have this law, and not Government, set the price on all our products.

You can do something about wasteful Government farm policies by voting

for Dale Douthett for Congress in the August 5 Primary Election. Dale Douthett is a life-long farmer who knows farm problems first hand. He's been a Farm Bureau member for 20 years.

Your vote for Douthett is a vote for your interests in Washington . . . it's a vote for common sense in farm legislation.

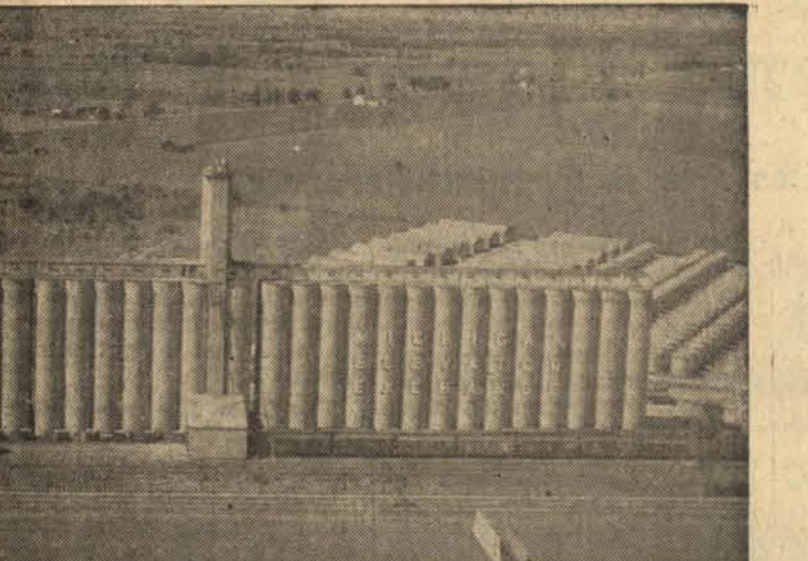
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- Hudsonville — Farmers Co-op Elevator Co.
- Montgomery—Tri-State Co-op Mount Clemens—Farmers Milling Co.
- Bangor Fruit Growers Exch.
- Elkton Co-op Elev. Exch.
- Lansing—Farm Bureau Services
- Mount Pleasant—Farm Bureau Services
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- Elkton Co-op Farm Produce Co.
- Lapeer County Co-ops, Inc.
- Nashville Co-op Elev. Assn.
- Battle Creek Farm Bureau
- Falmouth Co-op Co.
- Lapeer Co-ops, Inc.
- New Haven Farmers Elev.
- Bauer — Hudsonville Farmers Co-op.
- Fowler—Farmers Co-op Elev. Co. of Fowler
- Lebanon Co-op Elev. Assn.
- Ogdan—Blissfield Co-op Co.
- Bay City—Farm Bureau Service
- Fremont Co-op Produce Co.
- Lewistown—Farm Bureau Services
- Ottawa Lake Co-op Elev.
- Beulah—The Benzie Co-op.
- Grand Blanc Co-op Elev.
- Litchfield Dairy Assn.
- Oxford Co-op Elev.
- Blenheim—Salem Co-op Co.
- Grand Ledge Produce Co.
- Livonia—Farm Bureau Services
- Oxford Co-op Elev.
- Blissfield Co-op Co.
- Grand Rapids—Farm Bureau Services
- Litchfield Dairy Assn.
- Parsippany—Farm Bureau Services
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- Lucas County Farm Bureau, Berkey, Ohio

Farmer Owned . . . Cooperative . . . Farmer Controlled

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good results in the homes of the adjoining areas. The Cass City project is typical of the program being encouraged by the Michigan State University Resources Development Department in 15 counties, including the whole Upper Peninsula.

This type of program is being furthered nationally by Secretary Benson and co-operating federal departments. It was my privilege to attend a Na-

tional Conference on Rural Development at Memphis, Tennessee, in June.

Participants in this meeting included representatives of government departments, educational institutions, the American Farm Bureau Federation, U. S. Chamber of Commerce, American Medical Association, Federal Reserve System, church organizations, and several industrial, professional and civic groups.

The general chairman was True D. Morse, Under-Secretary of Agriculture. He was assisted by Dr. Harry J. Reed, Co-ordinator of the USDA program.

The major purpose was the advancement of constructive programs designed to supplement and encourage the efforts of rural residents to accomplish the adjustments necessitated by the changing conditions.

The tenor of the discussions was one of helping citizens and communities with their plans, —not planning for them.

Federal and state planning is not the answer. This was emphasized by President Charles Shuman of the American Farm Bureau. He called attention to the "danger that politicians will capture the initiative in community affairs. Above all, the choice between on-farm and off-farm employment should be the farmer's. He needs the knowledge and the opportunity it takes to decide whether to improve his farming operations or to select a practical alternative."

It seems probable that our communities will be confronted with more and greater changes in the future. In meeting them it is well to remember that it has been the incentive and resourcefulness of the individual citizen under freedom that has made possible the advance of agriculture and the high standard of living of farm people and their neighbors.

This philosophy has been exemplified by the remarkable growth and influence of the Michigan Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau Federation. The progress of the Farm Bureau has been inspired by faith in individual initiative expressed in voluntary farm and community organizations.

The Farm Bureau is imbued by the principle expressed by Dr. Samuel Shumaker in a radio sermon, "We must create freedom, not merely consume it."

Raglan

Our word raglan, meaning loose-fitting sleeves, comes from Lord Raglan of England. He made them popular.

Mayonnaise

Mayonnaise was first produced at Mahon, a city on the island of Minorca, off Spain. Mahon gave the dressing its name.

Yankus, One Man Battler, On Controls

Stanley Yankus, Jr., 39, of Dowagiac, R-4, and a member of Cass County Farm Bureau, is becoming known to newspaper and farm magazine readers throughout the nation for his one-man battle with the U. S. government for planting too much wheat.

When wheat farmers voted in 1954 for acreage allotments and penalties and the price support program, Mr. Yankus refused to restrict the acreage of wheat he plants for chicken feed.

Since he doesn't sell wheat, he said, efforts to support the market don't interest him.

The law says he must comply with his allotment. Mr. Yankus holds the law involves a surrender of personal freedom for price support, and it's unconstitutional.

Mr. Yankus has courage for his convictions. He has been planting the acreage of wheat he wants to plant each year, notwithstanding fines for overplanting.

The fines recently totaled \$3,848 since 1954. This year the government seized \$1,701 of his bank account at Dowagiac as partial payment.

Just recently Mr. Yankus was notified that his fine for 1958 is \$713.95 for growing an estimated 655 bushels over the wheat quota assigned to him.

Mr. Yankus was quoted as saying he won't pay any fines or make any deals. But the fines collected so far hurt.

Mr. Yankus is a long-time member of the Farm Bureau, which is working to reduce and eventually eliminate the controls the federal government has developed over farming operations over the past 25 years . . . first, at the request of farmers.

The Farm Bureau's approach is to present a program to Congress and get Congress to change the law.

The U. S. Senate has just adopted a farm bill that carries Farm Bureau recommendations that reduce some controls and eliminate other government controls over agriculture. The Senate bill is reported in this paper. We hope the House adopts the bill, too.

In 1860 the stagecoach fare from Kansas City to San Francisco was \$200 one way—many days of rough riding.

Corn Came from South America

Corn originated, it is believed, in the Andes Mountains in South America. This later was crossed with a corn of Central America to form a hybrid called "toesinte." Toesinte later was crossed with maize from which comes our American corn.

Sweet corn was not liked by the Indians and did not become important until the arrival of the white man in America. Little interest was developed in sweet corn until about 1849. Almost all of our present day sweet corn produced commercially is the hybrid type. It took scientists approximately 20 years to develop hybrid corn production on a profitable basis.

Congress Acts To Stop Onion Futures Trade

DAN E. REED

Trading in onion futures on commodity exchanges would be eliminated by H. 376, which passed the House on March 13, 1958. Farm Bureau supported the bill.

July 11, the Senate adopted the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau received the following wire from Senator Charles Potter:

"You will be pleased to know HR 376 prohibiting trading in onion futures in commodity exchanges passed Senate today with my vigorous support."

Differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill require that a Joint Conference Committee work out an agreement which must then be accepted by each house.

Unless this is done before Congress adjourns this month, there will be no legislation on this matter of importance to the nation's onion growers.

U. S. D. A. reports show that 69,966 carlots of onion futures were traded during the 12-month period of July 1, 1957 to June 30, 1958. All but 10 carlots were traded on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Trading was down more than 20% over the preceding year.

For years perishable onions have spelled trouble for farmers. Violent price swings brought on

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by a few speculators drove prices down long enough to line the pockets of a few "operators," then shot them up again. Onions simply do not lend themselves to futures trading and both houses of Congress recognized this in passing the legislation.

Home Hunting

Among migratory song birds, the males generally precede the female by several days, pick out the location and have things in readiness.

Rail Fences

Hundreds of miles of rail fences border the Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia. They are mostly chestnut wood from trees killed by the blight.

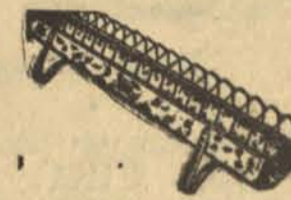
Piano

The piano was invented in 1711 and named pianoforte, Italian for soft and loud.



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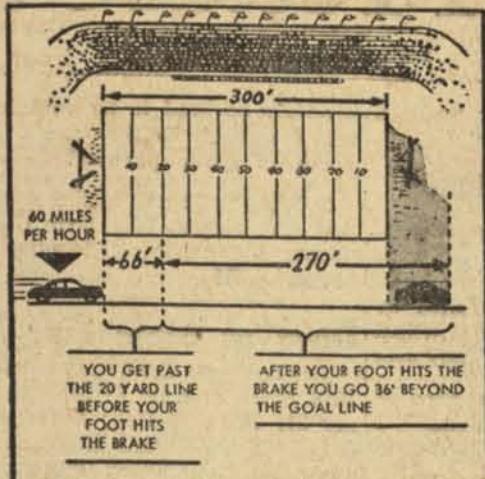
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From Michigan Driver Education Manual
Department of Public Instruction

\$3,500,000 for School Lunch Program
Congressman Alvin Bentley has informed his constituents in

the Eighth Congressional District that Michigan has been allocated \$3,500,000 in federal aid for the school lunch program for 1958-59.

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India is half the size of the United States, has twice the population, 29 states, and 14 languages.

Soil Bank Changes For 1959

Additional incentives are being offered to encourage farmers to place land in the conservation reserve of the soil bank in 1959.

The USDA announced last week that sign-up is planned to start about September 1. There will be no "acreage reserve" program in 1959.

Three major changes include:

- 1—An increase in the national average annual payment to \$13.50 per acre. The 1958 average was \$10.
- 2—Additional incentives for farmers placing all eligible land in the program for at least five years.
- 3—A priority system for accepting contract applications.

Agricultural Trade Development Act

Both the House and Senate in Congress have passed bills extending the life of Public Law 480, the Agricultural Trade Development Act. The Act authorizes sale of U. S. farm surpluses to foreign nations for their money. The U. S. uses the money in each country to make loans, to buy material and labor needed by the military and other branches of our government.

Sept. 5 Crops-Soils Field Day at MSU

Seventy acres of corn research plots covering nearly a dozen different projects is one of the feature attractions for the Crops-Soils Field Day, September 5, at Michigan State University farms, East Lansing. Tours of the various research projects will begin at 10 a.m.

At other plots, visitors will see weed control studies in forages and corn, breeding work that is attempting to develop new forage crops for Michigan, turf fertilization and management research and variety testing with sorghum, buckwheat and soybeans.

Another research study that should attract much interest is a project that is comparing two, three and four cutting treatments of alfalfa per season.

If You Should Get Two Copies of News

It happens sometimes. For example, James Spencer and J. C. Spencer of Lapeer, R. 2, may or may not be the same person. If they are we have a duplication. It pains us to think of how many ways that could happen. If you should be receiving two copies of the paper, we'd appreciate a postcard telling us the name and address we should use, and the one which should be discontinued. Thank you, Michigan Farm News, PO Box 960, Lansing, Mich.

Massachusetts Milk Control Used Little

The State of Massachusetts has had a milk marketing control act since the early 1930's.

Within the act there have been provisions for the fixing of wholesale and retail prices on fluid milk.

Over the years these provisions of the law have been used very little.

Price cutting wars in recent times have prompted some producers to call for the application of the law to stop these abuses of competition.

Massachusetts Farm Bureau has pointed out certain things which are important to this problem. It said:

"The power to fix the retail price of milk can work two ways. Having given to a political body the power to fix the price of milk in the hope that they will fix it high enough to reflect a profitable price for farmers, you also give them the right to fix it low enough to be harmful to farmers.

"This brings into play, as has been proved in years past in this and other states, an organized consumer resistance to the set-

Water Group Begins Study Of Situation

The 6-member Special Water Study Committee of the Legislature met at the Capitol in Lansing last week and selected Senator Edward Hutchinson, Fennville, as its chairman. Rep. Holly Hubbell, Saginaw, was named Vice-Chairman.

Other members of the committee include Senators Garland E. Lane, Flint, and Lloyd A. Stephens, Scottville, and Representatives George Dunn, Pigeon, and Paul J. Parker, Flint.

The special committee was authorized by the Legislature "to study water laws, water resources and waters uses, and to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature to the end that the most beneficial use can be made of water resources of the State of Michigan."

At its first meeting the committee heard Milton Adams and Norman Billings, of the Water Resources Commission, and Dan E. Reed of Farm Bureau outline the need for more information on water supplies and for legislation to clarify rights to the use of water.

Farm Bureau delegates in convention last fall pointed out that our "problem has been intensified by an enlarged economy which requires the use of water." They said that "a system of public regulations for water use is necessary. Such a system should include both surface and ground water resources."

Sen. Hutchinson's committee agreed to turn their attention first to surface water problems and were interested in the possibilities of increased use of farm ponds for storage of water during flood and runoff periods for use during dry spells.

The Committee will meet again in August.

Farm Bureau Says No On This One

DAN E. REED
Associate Legislative Counsel

Further increases in railroad retirement and unemployment benefits would necessarily mean higher rates on the supplies and production of agriculture, Farm Bureau told House and Senate leaders in late July.

A U. S. Senate Labor Subcommittee gave the green light to S. 1313, which it is estimated would add \$175 million annually to the cost of the program. At the present rate, railroads can look forward to only a profit of \$173 million for the year.

The Railroad Retirement Act is federal law and rates and payments are determined by Congress. It has been a usual practice for Congress to increase benefits of the program in election years.

Swine Day to Feature Sale, Talks

Integration and the swine industry, planning modern hog raising facilities and a sale of superior tested boars will highlight the third annual Michigan Swine Day, August 14, on the Michigan State University campus.

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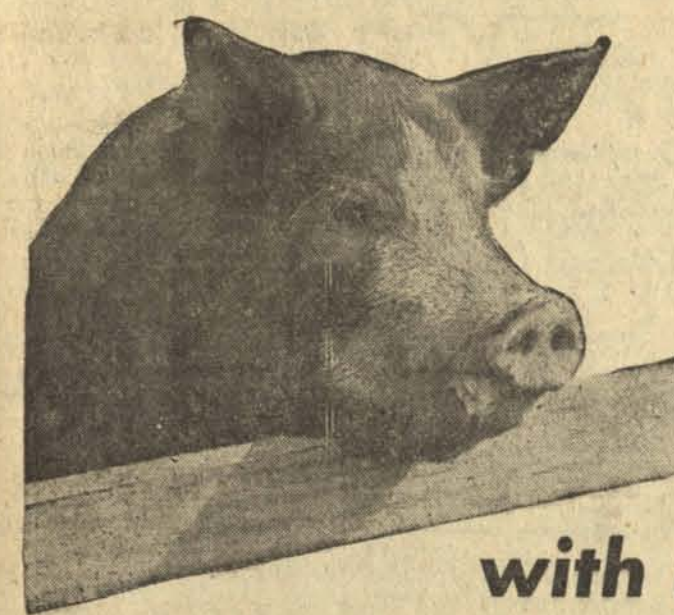
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Avoiding the Pitfalls of Farm Inheritance

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for August

Background Material for Program in August by Our 1,684 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

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You have heard of the "Centennial Farms" of Michigan—farms that have been in the same family for 100 years. One hundred years ago farm inheritance faced fewer problems than it does today.

Laws of inheritance have become more complicated as the years go by. New taxes on inherited estates have appeared on the books. Today a farm owner has to "mind his P's and Q's" to be able to pass his property along to his heirs in proper shape for farming.

Most owners are proud of their farm ownership. The farm is a monument to the family effort, skill and thrift. Perhaps parents and grandparents had a hand in its building.

But it is something else, also. In the farm, its equipment and livestock lie the backlog of the owner's resources. It is the source of the family income,—for now and the future.

To many farmers, the ownership of farm land is "the soundest investment in the world." One can always be sure of food from the good earth. You don't have to worry about "shut-downs" and "lay-offs."

The above views are good and natural. But are they enough to assure a clear and workable family ownership for the farm in the future? The answer is—"Not unless proper steps are taken to provide for a proper and economical descent to the family heirs."

The Need for Proper Protection

The pathways to the inheritance of property are sown with many a trap. The owner must be alert. He is wise to take action while living that will

avoid the pitfalls that often bring trouble.

If he is careless, the farm may be lost or put in serious predicaments for the heirs after his death.

Many a good farm has faced such hazards unnecessarily be-

cause proper action was not taken before the owner's death. Some farms have been split up and sold in parcels to satisfy claims of the various heirs or debts against the property.

Complications in Farm Inheritances

Sometimes an owner drafts no will—or writes a careless one of his own, which falls apart in court. Or he may fail to provide funds to cover debts, taxes, and the costs of transferring the estate.

He may be a partner in the farm ownership with no proper protective agreement drawn up about the disposal of his share. Hundreds of complications can develop in farm inheritance.

It is dangerous, in matters like this, to expect that the problems will "all come out in the wash." Leaving them to chance and the whims of the law is as risky as trying to ride a bicycle across Niagara Falls on a two-by-four!

Competent Legal Help Is Needed

Let's look for a minute at this common but dangerous practice of drafting a will without competent legal help. Any farm estate has its own special problems and circumstances. To do a proper job, a will must be carefully planned and fitted to the estate, the family relationships, personal resources, etc.

It is risky to rely on the advice of an unskilled friend in making the will. No article, such as this one, nor any pamphlet on the subject will cover the important features of your own estate.

Money and headaches will be saved for your heirs if your will is drawn up with the help of a competent lawyer.

Many a property owner trying to avoid this expense has been found "penny wise and pound foolish."

Some Questions To Consider

It will be interesting to check your inheritance program against

a number of questions that are vital to it:

1. Have you drafted a proper will with the counsel of a competent lawyer?

2. Has your will been kept up to date to cover changes in your estate and among your heirs?

3. Is your will properly signed, witnessed and notarized?

4. Are all changes in your will made in proper legal form? (You cannot cross out sections and rewrite new ones in. It may result in having the will rejected in court. Either a new will or properly prepared codicils are necessary.)

5. Have you informed your heirs where the will has been put for safe-keeping?

6. Have you made a list of your assets and liabilities, so that your heirs can deal with them readily? Is this list known and handy to them?

7. Have you named a capable and reliable executor for your estate?

8. If you have minor children, have you named a proper guardian—young enough and capable of caring for them till they "come of age"?

9. Have you provided a source of funds to cover costs, debts, taxes, etc.—so that your property will not be lost, split or burdened from this cause?

If your answer to any or all of these questions is "No," you may want to take some needed action to protect the inheritance of your family farm.

There Is Always Financial Loss

Various things happen to an estate when an owner dies. Its values can shrink seriously and suddenly—unless proper steps have been taken by the owner to prevent it.

If the farm and its operation are to go on unhampered, the heirs must be able to meet the financial and legal hurdles that are sure to come.

The average farmer may be hard hit by this kind of loss because small estates suffer a larger percentage of "shrink" than large ones. Some of the costs are rather fixed.

"Shrinkage losses" include:

1. Any debts against the estate automatically become due and payable when the owner dies.

2. Final medical and funeral expenses and the like must be met before the estate can be claimed by the heirs.

3. Expenses for administration and lawyer's fees involved in clearing the estate must be paid. Where there is no will the situation may be more complicated and more costly.

4. All State and Federal inheritance taxes must be settled from the estate before it is free and clear to the heirs. If not paid, they remain as a lien against the estate.

How Pay The Costs?

The cash with which to pay debts may come from a variety of sources:

A. It may be necessary to sell off livestock, equipment, etc. to raise the funds.

This could cripple the farm operation for some time to come.

It could even cause the heirs to decide to sell out the operation. The owner may not have planned that any such thing should happen.

B. The deceased owner may have left cash balances in banks. He may have had bonds. Some money might come from accounts receivable. But in most cases adequate cash of this kind is lacking.

C. The administrator of the estate might borrow money to settle the debts and expenses. It is clear, however, that this action will leave the heirs with a burden of debt. It might be fatal to future success on the farm.

D. The owner may, during his lifetime, provide a guaranteed source of money to cover these costs and expenses.

Planned Inheritance

The modern business approach to this problem uses a program of "planned inheritance." The owner can estimate the amount that will be needed to offset estate expenses.

He can then cover this amount with life insurance taken on himself and written to the benefit of his heirs.

The cash from such policies can put the family "in the clear" to continue with the farm as it was before the owner's passing.

If desired, such a program can be used to expand the farm operation for a son or daughter. Added coverages would permit this.

Partnership Problems

Planned inheritance can be used to solve the problems of a farm partnership, too.

When a partner dies, the partnership ceases to exist. An accounting of all the debts of the partnership must be made.

The major problem is that the surviving partner may lack the funds to buy out the share owned by the deceased. This share now is the property of the heirs of the deceased partner.

Such a situation is capable of

being met by foresight. If the partners draft a "buy-sell agreement," and each partner takes life insurance to cover the other's share of the business, and names his partner as beneficiary, the problem is solved.

If either partner dies, the insurance money will enable the other to buy the deceased partner's share. He may thus become sole owner of the farm.

This arrangement is very important even with father-son partnerships. Other members of the family have some claim to

parts of the estate which must be satisfied.

Bulletins Available

Whole libraries have been written about the matter of wills and inheritance. There are, however, two bulletins published by Michigan State University, which you may like to study. They are:

Bulletin S-398, "Inheritance of Farm Property in Michigan." I am enclosing a copy of this bulletin in the letter to your Discussion Leader.

Bulletin S-395, "How Michigan Inheritance Laws Affect Farm Ownership and Operation."

One thing is sure. You cannot do a good job of keeping the farm in the family without proper study and action.

Questions

1. Have the members of our group taken the proper and necessary steps to protect the family inheritance of the farm?

2. Are all farm partnerships

properly covered to prevent loss and confusion in the case of a death to either partner?

3. What are some of the things that can happen to a farm if an owner dies without leaving a proper will?

Days at State Fair

The complete list of days at the 1958 State Fair is: Friday, August 29, Opening Day; Saturday, August 30, Veterans Day; Sunday, August 31, Church Day; Monday, September 1, Labor Day; Tuesday, September 2, Children's Day.

Wednesday, September 3, Governor's Day and Agriculture Day; Thursday, September 4, Old Timers Day; Friday, September 5, Family Day; Saturday, September 6, Teachers Day; Sunday, September 7, International Day.

A husband under his wife's thumb may be underprivileged, but seldom under indictment.

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Discussion Topics

Fall and Winter Months

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

- Sep The Issues When We Vote on a Constitutional Convention.
- Oct Michigan Farm Bureau Program and Finance Problems.
- Nov What is This Thing Called Integration in Agriculture?
- Dec Where Does Michigan Get its Tax Money?
- Jan What is True About Property Taxes in Michigan?
- Feb Is a State Income Tax Desirable for Michigan?

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- 3. Educational Funds—guarantees money for college educations
- 4. Estate Planning—insurance provides money to meet tax demands against an estate
- 5. Partnership Insurance—provides cash for surviving partner to buy deceased partner's interest

SAVINGS (Retirement)

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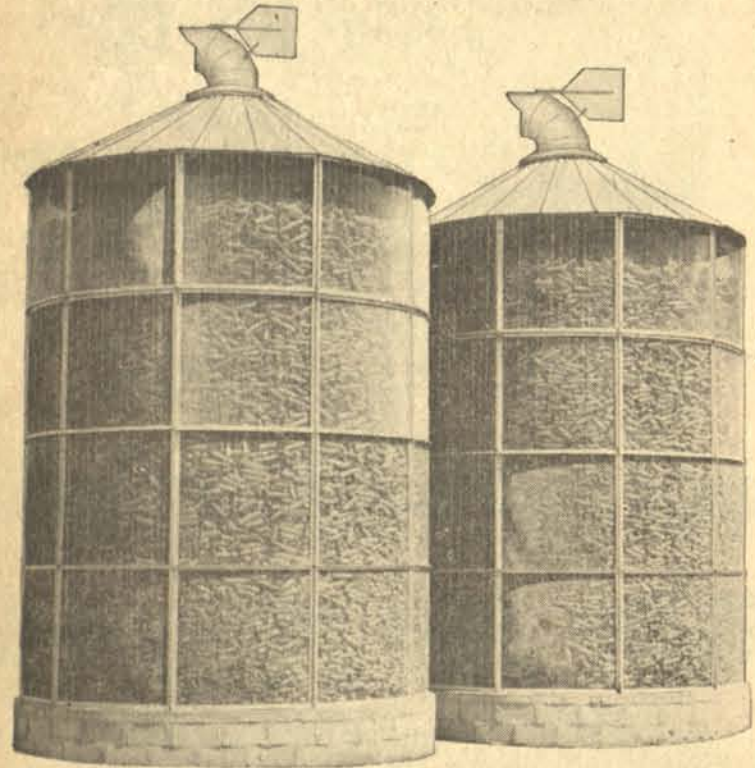
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