Michigan Farm News
Farm Bureau's 1959 Goal is 72,387 Families

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E D I T O R I A L

Full Opportunity for Farm People

CLARK L. BRODY

Chief on Public Affairs for Michigan Farm Bureau

718 delegates from 70 County Farm Bureaus participated in the 39th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau November 12-13. It was an impressive scene.

We are presented with a strong sense of self-reliance when they said:

"We stand for full opportunity for farm people to apply their individual initiative and resourcefulness in meeting the rapid changes in agriculture and rural communities.

"Progress and a satisfactory standard of living cannot be realized by resisting inevitable changes in agriculture. Farm people must have freedom of choice in making their own decisions to take advantage of new opportunities. We speak as agricultural producers, but primarily as citizens."

My mind went back to our first meeting at Michigan Agricultural College February 4, 1919. About 170 farm-loving farmers from 14 independent County Farm Bureaus met while attending Farm Week to organize the Michigan Farm Bureau. We wanted to better our co-operative county relations and join our efforts to improve unsatisfactory conditions in agriculture.

In one key relationship active throughout the year, we adopted articles of association and by-laws federating the County Farm Bureaus into the Michigan Farm Bureau.

"Farm and home groups in 70 counties ... New highs in members: 1921, 24,092; 1930, 46,714; 1939, 71,454 ... There are 1,683 Community Farm Service Committees in 215 counties. . . ."

"The culmination of our endeavors is reflected in the report Executive Secretary Bingham reported that 97,264 had pledged $2,994 and reached an all-time high of $59,246.

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Today in Farm Bureau

JERRY CORDEY
Commission of Organizations for Michigan Farm Bureau

Membership paid for 1959 totals 23,351, of which 1,973 are new. This is approximately 10,000 above one year ago.

The American Farm Bureau Federation ends its 1958 membership year on November 30. It is about 8,000 above last year.

Plans for the 1959 Roll Call for Membership are rapidly materializing into action. Regional training meetings have been held in all but one Region. Nearly every county has Area Men and Captains selected. All counties should have workers selected by December 1, 1958. Worker training meetings will be held during December.

A reminder notice is scheduled to be sent to all unpaid about December 1. A state-wide kickoff meeting will be held on December 29 at Michigan State University Union Building. This meeting is for County Roll Call Managers and wife or husband.

The membership drive, for 1959 starts on January 1. Two reports are scheduled, the first on January 20th and the second on January 31st. With the emphasis that will be placed on the unpaid, it is important that these reports be submitted on time.

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In This Issue:

MILKMAKER MEANS... 

MONEYMAKER FOR YOU?

You use more of your home-grown grains in the rations you feed when you consider them with "Precision Formulated" MILKMAKER. Every 100 lbs. of MILKMAKER gives your cows 34 pounds, or more of quality protein. Have your Farm Bureau dealer show you rations using MILKMAKER... you'll like the way you can save money.

Feed Farm Bureau Way... It Pays!

All Farm Bureau Dairy Foods are PRECISION FORMULATED for your protection and profit!

MERRY... AND... SAFE

The trucking industry of Michigan is on good work

in hand in Santa Claus is an issue to encourage all Christmas drivers in their destination on 

Y'rs... Just one of ways of which trucks serve the people of Michigan. Transportation everywhere it seems, trucks play a vital role in the running of the home, the operation of business, the provision of food, public utilities, and facilities for national defense... Trucks not set a pattern for safety, too, and the States shows thousand of truck drivers, in working your days and years a Merry Christmas, pledge to do their part to make 1959 a safe and Happy New Year.

Michigan Trucking Association

MISS MILLER'S THERAPY

Apples

This time of the year, when apples are old and blinded on the tree,

I pull the sides of the skin and let them bare bowl.

He does it, a slick thing, unusually and up

I should encourage on the tree, and lets a wish.

But I am to a common saucer, so no rivalry to the wrong

food at that time when the apple is on the tree.

At any rate, I like to see it and sit to it and

Age of 20, and not see the last of it.

I am not thinking of all the persons other's eyes

The world is full of sin and chaste and gentleman, goodlaws,

We are in the midst of the apple season, and the trick's my family's about adding new from her.

But is in the value of all its ages, and it's not worth

and I am successful.

Forwarded this story every and to be lost.

My harvested nut finds itself. It is warm and safe beside the fire on the stove.

And with this trying season, we have all done, 

Dad can serve us a little make it in the kitchen.

And when the day come, we reach for number two.

Though weak and alremto bled out while

I am an apple by the fire on the stovry night.

R. S. Clark (Dec. 4-48)

EDITORIAL

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aggregating $25,000,000, with net earnings of 

$46,790; $443,430 was returned in patron

$232,000 in cash was returned during the year

to local cooperatives and farmer patron stockholders in exchange for securities issued to them as patronage.

"Farmers Petroleum Cooperative had a total sales of $7,100,000, with net earnings of $486,263. Of these earnings $209,000 have been distributed as patronage refunds to patron stockholders.

"This Farm Bureau Company either owns or has an interest in 300 producing wells in Michigan, Illi- nois and Indiana. They produce about 3,000 bar-

els per day, or about 75,000,000 gallons per year.

"Farmers Petroleum Cooperative liquid fuel sales were up 11% in 1958 to 40,500,000 gallons as compared with 36,600,000 gallons in 1957.

"Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company was organized in 1949 as a writer of fire insurance. It has expanded to include comprehensive farm and personal liability, theft, truck, cargo, all forms of fire and wind insurance, and miscellaneous extended coverages for the protection of property.

"The Company has 54,000 automobiles and trucks insured for members of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

"Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company was organized two years after the auto program was started. It is one of the latest growing life insurance companies in the world. It now has 7,500 agents in force provide approximately $85,000,000 of benefits.

"Growth in numbers of employees is one yardstick by which the success of American business is measured. The Farm Bureau Companies and their directly managed affiliated units had

Voorhees said:

Farmer Has To Protect Himself

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Every drayer and drink farmer knows the value of a silo. And there's no question about the building material for silo—its economical, durable concrete.

A cast-in-place concrete silo is water-tight, wind-proof, and fire-proof. It's built to stand for years, keeps ever dry and clean for the times you'll need it most. An economical one-in-place concrete silo can be built quickly using a variety of construction methods. When you build with Portland cement concrete, you're using a material which is indestructible—indestructible by rain, snow, sleet, or sleet.

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Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

District 1

Mrs. Alice Fisher, Chairman

Mrs. William W. Brown, Secretary

Women of Michigan Farm Bureau's Women's Committee met at the Primrose Club on November 28th. Mrs. William Anderson presided.

Mrs. Fisher reported that the 11th Annual Women's Christmas Program will be held at the Union R.C. Church on December 2nd. Mrs. Brown reported that the Women's Program Committee will meet on December 10th for the planning of the program.

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- Hi-Efficiency Turkey Balancer 36%
- Hi-Efficiency Turkey Brooder 41%
- Hi-Efficiency All Mash Turkey Brooder 17%

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Stop in and see us at Booth 19 of the 1958 Michigan Turkey Festival at Civic Center, December 2 to 4.

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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 71,904 members of the Michigan Farm Bureau. This special offer is less than half our regular classified advertising rate.

Please send your classified by December 27 for the January 5 edition. Extra words over 25 at 5 cents each. Figures like $12.50 or 1238, etc. count as one word. See Ads for classifications.

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From Where Does Michigan Get Its Revenue?

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for December

Background Material for Program in December by Our 1681 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

DONALD B. KINNEY
Co-ordinator of Education and Research

The State of Michigan is running in the red. Representative Rollo Conlin, chairman of the House Committee on General Taxation, filed the 1957 deficit as $57,000,000.

He states that unless business should take a sharp upturn in late 1958, the State can end the year near $80,000,000 in debt. The October report of sales tax receipts did not look promising. It was more than $5,200,000 below October 1957. Business activities taxes are about $5,000,000 below last year.

Another thing that complicates the picture for the State is that "earmarked" funds for state and local benefits have more than doubled since 1949. Everyone is watching the tax situation...and wondering. New sources of revenue are being examined to find a way to prevent State bankruptcy.

Three Months Tax Study. On Our Discussion Topic fallitas of last June the Community Farm Bureau heavily favored a three months discussion of our tax situation. The first approach is to take a look at "Where Michigan Gets Its Money."

We may leave out property taxes generally in such a question. We will discuss them in January. The State has not collected a general property tax since 1932. Those taxes go to local governments. Let's try to put some of the State revenues into proper perspective.

Sales and Use Taxes. The sales and use taxes represent the largest source of revenue collected by the State. The sales taxes now run in the 1936 area. and was discussed as a temporary tax at that time. The State now collects over 90% of retail sales taxes.

A retail sales tax is not a tax on the product, it is a tax on the consumer. It is a tax on the consumer's disposable income. It is based on the concept of taxing the consumption of goods and services.

The use tax is collected from the use of goods produced outside the State, and is a sales tax collected on purchases used within the State. It is usually called a tax on the consumer as well.

All of these taxes are levied on the state general fund. About 90% of the state taxes are paid by the State's share for schools and local government units. In 1957, this was 47% of all state taxes collected.

The Business Activities Tax. The second largest source of revenue available specifically for State General Fund purposes is the business activity tax. It is true that more money is available to the State's General Fund than to the General Fund itself. The State's General Fund is the main source of revenue for the State General Fund.

The business activities tax was designed to bring in new money to the State General Fund. The business activities tax was designed to bring in new money to the State General Fund. The business activities tax was designed to bring in new money to the State General Fund.

Leaders of 46 County Farm Bureau received a check from the Michigan Farm Bureau membership at the 1959 State Meeting. The Michigan Farm Bureau membership increased to 14,400 members. This was a 37% increase over the previous year.

There are many causes why the increase past a higher percentage of income in sales tax. The Michigan citizens pay a larger percentage than those of many other states on the sales taxes. This results in a higher percentage of the sales taxes paid by the Michigan citizens.

In 1957-58 there were $1,000,000,000 of sales tax collected by the State. All of this is earmarked for general purposes, however. Matching of funds by the State is a sound method of tax collection. It is hoped that this type of financing will be continued.

The Business Activities Tax. The Michigan State operate proportionately income distribution of options and it is not taxed by the State. It is actually one of the most important taxes that could be increased in Michigan to avoid business failures.

The Corporation Franchise Tax. The Michigan Corporation Franchise Tax is a flat tax, based on gross income. It is 30% of gross income. The tax is paid by the State General Fund. In 1957-58, it amounted to $5,720,000.

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