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Roll Call Starts Jan. 2 with 47,412 Enrolled

EDITORIAL

How Much Do We Want Freedom?

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

Dr. John A. Swanson, president of Alma College, has asked this question, "How Much Do We Want Freedom?"

He was speaking at the Commencement program of the fall term graduating class at Michigan State University, December 10, when he said:

"The wave of hysteria over Russian success . . . has resulted because until a few weeks ago we took our freedom too lightly.

"We have spent so much time talking about freedom as a God-given right that we have failed to understand that freedom is also a human responsibility."

As I listened to the admonition of President Swanson with reference to educational practices, it occurred to me that his warning applied equally well to the instigators and supporters of the politically inspired, subsidized, federally controlled national farm programs during the past decade.

These opportunists and socialistic planners with their misguided followers have shown little or no evidence of feeling responsibility for the preservation of human freedom.

They have capitalized on the distress caused by inevitable postwar economic adjustments to win the farm vote by promoting and legislating programs that have moved government far into farm affairs.

This trend toward the encroachment of government bureaucracy, if not reversed, will develop into a real threat to individual freedom.

Rigid 90% of parity price supports, acreage allotments, controls, subsidized government storage, penalties, and other paternalistic programs have not contributed to American freedom.



Locks at Sault Ste. Marie, Looking Upbound, Towards White Fish Bay

39th ANNUAL MEETING OF AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

"Take Government Regulation Out of Farming Operations"

Key Statements in AFBF Resolutions **On Farm Policy**

FARM PROSPERITY. A major objective of Farm Bureau policy is to create conditions which will make it possible for farmers to earn and get a high per family

"Legislation should be enacted to gradually eliminate governmencregulation of individual farming operations."

This statement was made by Charles B. Shuman in his President's Address to the 39th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation at Chicago December 9 to 11.

67 Percent of Goal They Aim to Invite Every Farm Family to Membership and Benefits in Farm Bureau January 2 to 13

Membership campaign managers from 67 County Farm Bureaus and the Michigan Farm Bureau staff met at Michigan State University December 30 for final preparations for the 1958 membership campaign.

The goal for 1958 is 70,610 families.

Roll Call managers reported a total of 47,412 memberships paid in advance for 1958. That is 67 per cent of goal!

Included are 1,841 new memberships and 45,571 renewals of membership by mail up to Dec. 30.

All County Farm Bureaus will hold kick-off meetings and dinners January 2. They will be attended by 5,000 volunteer workers who will work in membership teams January 2 to 13 to reach the membership goal of 70,610.

Roll call workers will devote themselves to two jobs in the campaign:

1-Secure a total of 7,000 or more new members. They want to give a personal invitation to Farm Bureau membership to every farm family.

2-Complete the renewal of the last of the old memberships.

January 15 is a most important date for all Farm Bureau members participating in Blue Cross-Blue Shield through the Farm Bureau, and Farm Bureau automobile, farm liability and fire insurance, and in the Direct Distribution plan of the Farmers Petroleum Cooperative.

Membership for 1958 must be paid by Jan. 15 to qualify the member for these services limited to Farm Bureau members.

Now with the communist threat to our national existence as a free people, we need more than ever the strongest possible agricultural economy based on the maximum of individual initiative and resourcefulness of enterprising farm people.

Every Farm Bureau member can be proud and encouraged that his organization has been in the forefront as one of the strongest and most effective influences for policies that protect and perpetuate a free America, as well as sponsoring programs that make for a prosperous agriculture and a satisfactory standard of living for the farm family.

It has constantly been the aim of the Michigan Farm Bureau and American Farm Bureau Federation to strengthen and improve the America we have in order to insure its freedom.

One year ago at the 38th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau at Miami, the convention said:

"Our unparalleled progress is founded on freedom, initiative, individual opportunity."

The basic objective of the American Farm Bureau Federation was prominently displayed over the stage in the great auditorium: "Building a Better America with Opportunities for All."

Again, this year the theme of the annual session of the American Farm Bureau Women was: "Freedom-Our Responsibility."

The conflict in dates with the Michigan State University Commencement prevented my attending the great Farm Bureau gathering in Chicago early in December.

I have been inspired by reviewing the resolutions adopted, dealing with almost all phases of farm interest.

What is most heartening is that the American Farm Bureau policies really constitute an encyclopedia of the principles of American freedom.

Furthermore, the program has the force and un-(Continued on Page 5) - Frank

real income in a manner which will preserve freedom and gradually eliminate government regulation of individual farming operations

AGR'L PROGRAM. National policies affecting farm production and marketing should promote a realistic balance between markets and productive capacity, with major emphasis on the expansion of markets

Any program which expands agricultural production in the absence of a comparable increase in effective market demand is contrary to the interests of producers and the economy generally Likewise, programs which encourage inefficient production render a disservice to agriculture by contributing to surplus accumulation, increasing average production costs, and limiting output per man.

SUPPORT PROGRAMS. Experiences of the past indicate that price support programs can be made to facilitate orderly marketing of farm commodities

It is equally apparent that programs to fix prices and control production have not assured satisfactory farm incomes. The output of agriculture cannot be effectively controlled by legislation.

Policies designed to improve real farm income must not draw excessive resources into agriculture, create unmanageable surpluses misdirect utilization and consumption of farm commodities, or cause artificial prices to be capitalized into land values

PRICE SUPPORT GUIDES. Where price support and production adjustment programs are used, they should be designed to facilitate orderly marketing rather than guarantee unrealistic prices. Price support levels should take account of competitive conditions, supply and demand, and market trends. They should not be based an arbitrary formulas, nor be left completely to the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture.

SURPLUS DISPOSAL. In order to improve farm income, we must expand markets at home and abroad, dispose of existing surpluses, take steps to avoid the creation of new surpluses in the future.

Every means should be used to eliminate the accumulation of surplus agricultural production, (Continued on Page 2)

The AFBF convention made the same recommendation.

Mr. Shuman said that a major cause of agriculture's trouble is an unsound idea of the proper role of government in the determination of farmers' decisions.

"This year of 1957," said Mr. Shuman, "has been one of abundant agricultural production and a continuation of the unfavorable income position that farmers have experienced since 1947, except for the Korean War.

Mr. Shuman suggested seven legislative steps that could be taken if farmers wish to return to a relatively free market price system:

1. Move at once to discontinue the use of price supports as a means of fixing prices of basic farm commodities. Return instead to the use of price supports as a safeguard against extremely wide fluctuations in prices.

"This would involve an entirely new concept of price supports. We should be able to devise some means of relating price supports to the realities of the market and with less emphasis on arbitrary formulas."

2. Government purchases for storage should be discontinued as quickly as possible. A government-held surplus of farm commodities is pricedepressing.

3. The price support program should be implemented by the use of recourse commodity loans and supplemented by purchases for immediate disposal for relief of disaster conditions at home and abroad.

'The feasibility of this type of approach has been demonstrated by the experience with soybeans and a few other crops that have had price supports without large accumulations of surplus supplies in government storage."

4. The flow of commodities into the Commodity Credit Corporation should be halted, and presently-held stocks of farm products should be withheld from the domestic market except in an emergency.

"This freezing action should be taken only after the elimination of price-fixing has been assured. (Continued on Page 2)



40 Years

IVAN E. PARSONS of 4197 East Cook Road, Grand Blanc, was honored by the board of directors of Grand Blanc Cooperative Elevator Nov. 25 at a testimonial dinner. It was in appreciation of Mr. Parsons' 40 years of service as a director, and 35 years as president of the organization

Mr. Parsons gave his personal check in 1917 for an option on what is now Grand Blanc Cooperative Elevator. He was member of the first board of directors and was elected secretary.

Charter member of Genesee County Farm Bureau, Mr. Parsons was elected secretary and served through 1929. He has been active in many membership cam-

He served as a director of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., from 1952 until his retirement at the annual meeting in November, 1957 Ivan Parsons has been a longtime director and treasurer of the McDonald Co-op Creamery at Flint, and member of the Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n. He is a past president of the Michigan Crop Improvement Association. Mr. Parsons has always lived on the farm where he makes his home. His grandfather home steaded 80 acres in 1837. When Mr. Parsons was married and took over in 1917, the farm was

127 acres, Ivan increased that to 245 acres and has worked another 40. His major has been dairying and breeding Jersey cattle in a general farm program.

This Issue 69,979

This is the number of copies of the Michigan Farm News mailed to members of the Michigan Farm Bureau, January 1.

Buy Farm Bureau feed.

Every Farm Bureau member is urged to cooperate by mailing his dues to his County Farm Bureau Secretary in response to the dues notice mailed to him in November.

This saves volunteer membership workers an enormous amount of time and no little expense. Eighty out of every 100 members renewed their memberships by mail in the 1957 membership campaign.

Why do people join Farm Bureau? Because they receive information on the Farm Bureau program, - and, most important, - they get a personal invitation from someone to join. Most members explain that they joined because someone invited them to join:



Roger Fleming at 1958 Roll Call Managers' Meeting

"Farm Bureau's job is to help create conditions that will make it possible for farmers to earn and get a real high income per family in a manner that will preserve their freedom in a world at peace.

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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 cationally, economically.



Tropical Christmas

You just don't think of Christmas when it's eighty in the shade, With the sun, in blistering splendor, putting on his scorch-parade. With no snow or ice on spruce trees; with no sleds or coasting hills It is hard to catch the spirit of the old north country thrills. So I thought, but, friends and neighbors, I can truly now declare It is Christmas in the Southland just the same as anywhere.

When you see the happy gatherings, when you hear the voices gay Singing old familiar carols in the old familiar way, When a thousand windows twinkle with a myriad lights aglow, When you hear again the Story of that Christmas long ago, How the Shepherds and the Wise Men came, to worship and adore You will know that Christmas covers north to south and shore to shore.

Yes, your heart will swell in worship and your soul will bend the knee

When you see two hundred children form a Living Christmas Tree Caroling like Heaven's Angels; chanting praises as of old To the Prince of Peace arriving, by the Prophets long forefold; When you hear them, when you see them you will glimpse a holy flame.

In the eyes of our Creator North and South are just the same.

When He stooped to bless His children with that Babe of holy birth Freely was His blessing broadcast; freely over all the earth! Freely for the high and lowly; is it any wonder then That each year the birth of Jesus thrills the entire race of men. It is not to be expected that the throbbing Heart above Moves all nations and all peoples with the fullness of His love!

> R. S. Clark Rivers Edge Tourist Park North Fort Myers, Florida

Take Government Regulation

(Continued from Page 1)

Domestic market sales of these surplus stocks should be permitted to prevent spoilage, and equal quantities should be purchased to replace any that move into the domestic market."

5. Public Law 480 should be continued as a temporary program until present stocks of the Commodity Credit Corporation are sold to foreign markets. Then the law should be discontinued.

6. No good purpose will be served by continuing unsuccessful attempts to allocate production. Acreage allotments and marketing quotas should be discontinued as rapidly as possible.

7. The soil bank program should be changed so that it will encourage adjustments in production rather than serving as a crop insurance plan."

of the sponsors of the Michigan program. The national program sponsored by the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce and the

In Montcalm County American Petroleum Institute's

agers Business Clinic will be held system for 12 townships in that



ROYAL CALL of Beulah Is the new Michigan Farm Bureau Membership Representatie for the Northwest Region, which includes Antrim, Benzie, Charleoix, Kalkaska, Manistee, Missaukee, Northwest Michigan and Wexford County Farm Bureaus.

Mr. Call is a former Roll Call worker, director and vice president of Charlevoix County Farm Bureau. He succeeds Ward Cooper, now with the Michigan Farm Bureau Commodity Relations Dep't and working out of Lansing.

Kalamazoo 1st For Its Public Relations

Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau

public relations work included:

At the Farm Bureau Public Relations Conference at Lansing in early December, first place honors were voted to Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau's Public Relations Committee. The award was for a most complete and effective program.

cellence in 4-H projects.

7. Participated in the overseas

Mr. Robert C. Brown of Kala-

Production Credit now offers longer term loans . . 1-2-3-4 . up to 5 years. Costs for improvements, machinery and equipment have climbed until it is no longer practical, or possible, to pay for them with short-term (1 year) credit. Use "intermediate term" loans to buy silos, tractors,

lic Relations Committee

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that meets farmers'

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implements, bulk milk tanks, irrigation equipment and other farm needs. See PCA today.



team contracts.

probably be published in Nation's in the JCC program will be made

Many Michigan dairy farms are has been carried on in Michigan, undergoing a revolution. Ten to two of the state award winners 12 cow dairy herds are rapidly have been members of Farm Bu- Jan. 14-15 at Kellogg Center, county. Service will be ex-



ty, Mrs. Felix LaBonte, secretary.

Key Statements in AFBF Resolutions

(Continued from Page 1) will be judged on his progress restore the farmer's freedom to and success in farming, his congrow the crops he chooses, to allow servation practises in soil and na-

prices to respond to supply and tural resources, and his personal demand, and to reduce the costs efforts toward community imof Peace that we are all thankful of these programs to the tax- provement. Between now and February 15

nominations may be made to the SOIL BANK. We recommend county agricultural agent, or to that emphasis be placed on the the Michigan Junior Chamber of conservation reserve approach. Commerce, Civic Building, Lan-This requires that conservation sing; or to Boyd Rice, Michigan reserve payment rates be in- Farm Bureau, P. O. Box 960, Lancreased sufficiently to encourage sing.

farmers to shift a much larger The JCC's state award to the acreage to soil conservation uses, most outstanding young farmer such as grass and trees under long in Michigan will be made March 8 at Adrian. The award to the na-(Complete AFBF resolutions will tion's outstanding young farmer

Elevator Managers at Indianapolis in late March. In the three years this program

The outstanding young farmer

committee on agriculture.

Clinic January 14-15

Direct Distribution

Farm Bureau members in Crystal township received on Nov. 11, 1956, the first load of gasoline distributed in Montcalm county by Farmers Petroleum Cooperative under its direct-The third annual Elevator Man- from - the - refinery distribution



Pleasant View Community Outstanding benefit greatly from their exper-Group, Mecosta county, Dorothy Emmons, secretary. Notices have gone to all the County Farm Bureaus notifying SILVER STAR AWARD

them of another Community Farm Bureau Contest. Perhaps your Community Farm Bureau can be one of the winners this year. Why not give it a try?

During this holiday season it gives us a chance to pause and think about some of those things that we have, or haven't done during the past year and perhaps make some resolutions for what we will attempt to do in the new year.

iences

I am sure that when we celebrate the birthday of the Prince for this year of peace and hope payers. that it continues, not only in America, but in all of the countries of the world. I'm sure that we all want to renew our strength in the Christian philosophy that Christmas represents. We must work even harder to keep the communist philosophy from infiltrating our way of life.

GOLD STAR AWARD October

Walled Lake Community Agriculture for January). Group, Oakland county, Ernes tine S. Smith, secretary.

SILVER STAR AWARD



4. The development of a program in which Farm Bureau members invited elementary classes from city schools to visit farms to see how things grow. 336 children participated in such 5. Established a speaker's bu-

reau to tell the sarm story to city groups. 6. Established awards for ex-

October ring, while more dairy reau. The majority of those plac- Michigan State University. Reser- tended to Douglas, North Pine farmers are milking herds of at ing second, third and fourth have vations should be sent to the and Cato townships next. Mont-

Baroda Township Community least 30 cows, says Michiagn State been members of Farm Bureau. Continuing Education Services, calm County Farm Bureau board Group, Berrien county, Mrs. Al- University, 21 of 22 candidates at the Michi- Michigan State University, East of directors is cooperating with



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That's something for every wage earner in Michigan to think about.



Right Now in Farm Bureau . . .

JERRY CORDREY Coordinator of Organization Department of MFB

The drive is on for 1958 members. Over 67% of the 1958 goal of 70,610 has been achieved with 45,571 renewals and 1,841 new members signed.

We got off to a good start at the state-wide kickoff for Roll Call managers and their wives at Kellogg Center at Michigan State University Dec. 30. Nearly all County Farm Bureau Roll Call managers were present at the meeting where an up-todate report was made.

Awards were presented to 1957 goal getters; awards for 1958 were announced; challenges issued; and an inspiring message was presented by Roger Fleming, secretary of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

County kick-offs are scheduled for January 2. A phone report on the Roll Call is due January 6, and report meetings are scheduled for January 13.

January 15 is the deadline date for members to be signed in order to be eligible for many of the service programs.

As you can see, the next two weeks may well determine Farm Bureau effectiveness in 1958.

The Michigan Farm Bureau Directors' Conference held December 2 and 3, was very successful. Over 200 County Farm Bureau directors attended. The twoday conference was spent primarily discussing the job of a Coun- | The American Farm Bureau

ty Board, a director, and officer. Those present agreed that this ype of training would be of coniderable help to them in building stronger and more effective County Farm Bureaus

for **High Yielding Excellent Quality** OATS this year ...

Plant

the MICHIGAN convention at Chicago December | SECRETARY BENSON ANNOUNCES 8-12 attracted 215 Michigan peo-Nearly all were housed in headquarters. Michigan Farm Bureau was

ed as a result of: 1. Exceeding the 1957 Ameri-ean Farm Bureau Federation

membership quota. 2. Placing second in the Citi-

zenship Contest. 3. Farm Bureau Young People won the citizenship award and community beautification award. Two counties were honored here -Allegan for community beautification, and Berrien for citizenship

4. Alpena county was 1st place county in the nation in the County Farm Bureau citizenship contest. For their outstanding job. they were awarded a "Library of Liberty." Oceana, Midland and Jackson County Farm Bureaus were given honorable mention for their excellent programs. In addition to winning the awards, Michigan was recognized for having more women than any other state at the convention. We have every right to be mighty proud of our organization's records and its representatives at the meeting.

Regional training meetings were held during December for Farm Supply, Legislative and Resolutions Committees to get started on their work for 1958. Farm Supply Committees re-

viewed duties and responsibilities, and discussed Farm Bureau Services and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative program and products with representatives of these companies Legislative and Resolutions

Committees discussed their jobs Bureau is promoting District dairy and techniques for getting them meetings throughout the United done

January will see the opening meeting is to be held January 6 of the 1958 session of the Legis- and 7 in Madison, Wisconsin. lature January 8. Congress will convene in early January.

Farmers Petroleum Cooperative will hold a series of "Power Farming" meetings around the state. These will demonstrate some of the advantages of farmers owning their own source of power.

Michigan Livestock Exchange district meetings in January.

Farm Bureau Young People will hold quarterly district meetings. Many will attend a National Training School at Gatlinberg, Snover, Sanilac; George Pardon-Tennessee

Community Farm Bureau committees will meet during January to review their goals and objectives, and receive some information and materials which will help to keep Michigan the most active Farm Bureau in the Nation.

Discussion topics for the next six months will be determined on January 31 when the State Dis-

the Hamilton Hotel which be-came the Michigan Farm Bureau Lower Dairy Michigan Farm Bureau was honored several times during the convention. Honors were bestow-

WARD G. HODGE President of Michigan Farm Bureau

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson announced December 18th that dairy price supports for the marketing year which begins April 1, 1958 will be at levels which reflect 75 percent of the parity price of manufacturing milk and butterfat at the beginning of the marketing year.

In making this announcement Secretary Benson reflects the mandate of Congress which says:

"The Secretary is authorized and directed to make available price support to producers for . . . milk, butterfat and the producers of milk and butterfat as follows:

"The price of whole milk, butterfat and products of such commodities, respectively, shall be supported at such levels not in excess of 90 percent and no less than 75 percent of the parity price, therefore, as the Secretary determines necessary in order to assure adequate supply."

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kept for at least three years.

eaf spot than is Ranger.

he increased cost, says Leyton

Nelson, farm crops specialist at

earlier expected.

Secretary Benson pointed out that dairy production continues to outrun the effective markets at

Vernal Alfalfa current price levels. The problem is complex and **Yield Makes** difficult and every effort must be made to secure a sound solution that offers a successful future for farmers, free from the whims of Congress. The American Farm It A Bargain

States in an effort to find an answer to the problem. The first Members of the Michigan State

Dairy Committee will participate in this meeting. Every effort will be made to evaluate the present dairy situation and various alter-Michigan State University. nate programs that may be pro-

posed Those attending from Michigan will include these Farm Bureau bushel more than certified people: Clare Loew, Byron Cen- Ranger. Yield tests show Vernal

ter, Allegan county; Dean Prid- can out-yield Ranger by one-half will begin its annual series of geon, Montgomery, Branch coun- ton hay per acre a year. ty; Elton Smith, Caledonia, Kent;

Chomas Hahn, Rodney, Mecosta; Gene Roberts, Lake City, Missaukee; Walter Frahm, Frankenmuth, Saginaw; Ward G. Hodge, net, Corunna, Shiawassee; Har- ing and a little more expensive, Blaylock, Vassar, Tuscola Nelson recommends that farmers old

county.

The first eight months of this marketing year, Commodity Credit Corporation purchases of dairy products for price support were about 800 million pounds, in milk equivalent, above the same period a year ago. This is an increase of 20 per cent.

It is estimated now that CCC will be forced to buy about six

Farm Bureau In Upper Peninsula

WESLEY S. HAWLEY Coordinator for UP

The Upper Penineula was represented at the American Farm Bureau annual meeting at Chicago December 9 to 11. Those attending with us were: Edmund Sager, Stephenson, the U.P. Dis-trict Director; Delmar Gay, Stephenson; Fred Pershinski; Engadine; Osmond Sigard of L'Anse and Hugo Kivi, the U.P. regional

All had a fine time and got much out of the meetings. These folks will help in their areas to build the Farm Bureau membership.

Choclay River Community Farm Bureau is the first in the Marquette-Alger area. It was organized December 5 at the Abram Hyer home near Skandia. Vilho Matson, Abram Hyer, Carl Heidtman, Jennie Matson, Genevieve Hyer and Jennie Heidtman are the officers. The next meeting is January 8 when several more members are expected. Several new Community Farm Bureau groups will be organized soon in the Marquette-Alger and Houghton areas. These two areas with Mackinac-Luce and the four organized counties will make

The past year has been an in-Michigan farmers can expect to write bigger checks for Vernal alfalfa seed. Certified seed sup-



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Education is one thing everyone gets on the installment plan.

Hugo Kivi is working with our | Most people are anxious to tell organized County Farm Bureaus you how, but few will help you and I am trying to organize the do it. new ones. Hugo is off to a good

start as MFB regional member- MICHIGAN FARM NEWS ship representative for Baraga, Chippewa, Delta and Menominee January 1, 1958 3



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billion pounds of milk equivalent This Committee was elected in June, 1957 at the district meetfor this year. This will be about ings. A new Committee will be five per cent of all milk production, as compared with four per chosen next June at the Midcent last year. year District Series.

Up to mid-December in the A Mid-west Dairy Conference will be held at Madison, Wisconcurrent marketing year, CCC has sin on January 6 and 7. Several been required to buy more butter and cheese than it did during the members of the State Dairy Comsame period last year, and purmittee will attend. Following chases of non-fat dry milk have this, there will be a Michigan fallen off only slightly. Dairy Conference, More informa-There are record supplies of feed

expanded milk production in the

that we will surely have the

"adequate supply" Congress has

Considering first the law and

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equal to that received before the

CCC Wool Stocks Sold

since 1955 have been sold. About

All stocks of wool held by the Commodity Credit Corporation

tion will be forthcoming 'soon. grains this year, and prices are Other events in January are: lower. The feed situation could be a stimulus for continued or

Rural Health Conference, January 22 and 23 at Ann Arbor, University of Michigan. First day is period ahead. All indications are Rural Day.

Farmers Week at Michigan set as a goal in the controlling State University-week of Janu- legislation, ary 26. There surely are a great many things this time of year. second the production situation, Obviously, it's impossible for the Secretary had no choice. each of us to take part in all of I think we can agree that the these activities personally but, as basic problem is that our producyou well know, Farm Bureau tion is in excess of consumption. plays an important part in all, For the proper adjustment to be either by sponsoring the activity made, it is necessary that this or participating. In any event, price reduction be passed on to you are there, because Farm Bureau will be and you are Farm Bureau.

Regional Representatives will be much like the proverbial "one armed painter with the itch" during January. They will be spending every available minute checking on Roll Call progress in addition to planning, scheduling and attending many of the above mentioned meetings.



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Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

District 1

Mrs. Fred Foster, Chairman Niles R-3

Berrien County Farm Bureau Women's Committee met Nov. 19 at the Youth Memorial Building for a Rural-Urban Guest day and regular meeting with 54 present. Chairman Mrs. William Anderson presided. Citizenship Chairman Mrs. Henry Peters said we must promote Christian relationships between ourselves and other nations.

Mrs. Anderson introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Thomas Runkel of the Juvenile court of Berrien county. He stated they have boys for whom they would like foster homes, preferably farm homes where they could share responsibility in the family and where they should be taken in as members of the family. He also remarked a mental health clinic would be an advantage in this starting with January meeting. department.

Mrs. Olive Colcord, cancer nurse for Berrien county, reported a movement has started held at the Community Building among organizations to get a at Centreville and featured the mental health clinic for Berrien Extension Chorus in singing sev-County.

Cass County Farm Bureau Women's Committee met December Sheane. First Vice-Chairman was voted by the group to buy hostess. Christmas gifts for people at the

county infirmary. Roger Foerch, Farm Bureau meeting on local government. safety co-ordinator, will speak at She urged members to attend our January 7 meeting.

Kalamazoo County Farm Bu-State Hospital December 2. Dr. extra lot. Brown and three assistants gave us most interesting facts concern- to help finance this purchase. ing the acceptance of patients, where articles made by the pa- tour. tients are for sale.

Chairman Louise Smith was attending Farm Bureau Institute Mrs. George 'Crisenbery, Chmn. acting chairman.

Kalamazoo County Women's Committee tied with Jackson will be held January 21, 1958 at the Flying Saucer Grill just East county for first place increase in attendance this year, receiving a complete.

St. Joseph County. Mrs. H. Mrs. Trenery discussed the regi- trip in the Mid-East, Northern stered practical nurse training Afric program offered at Kalamazoo tain. and pointed out that such training

is particularly suited to older mittee had a delightful Christwomen desiring employment af-mas party with 30 members and ter their children have grown and guests present.

es permit working outside the "The training course open to

women in the 18 to 50 year age group requires one year's time; our months spent in study five lays a week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The course includes such studies as physiology, nutrition, first aid, personal and community health, care of mothers and babies, children's care, nursing care of common diseases, as well as nursing procedure and bedside care of the sick. This study is followed by working experience in Borgess,

Fairmont or Bronson Methodist Hospital. Other detailed information may

be obtained through your county chairman. Mrs. Carl Lewis announced

committee appointments. The meeting date was changed to the first Monday of each month Our program for 1958 was approved.

The Christmas program was eral Christmas Carols. The next meeting will be January 8, 1958.

Van Buren County. A lovely 3 at the home of Mrs. Earl Christmas dinner preceded the December 10 meeting of the Van Mrs. Chester Ball presided. The Buren Farm Bureau Women's finance committee reported a Committee meeting at the balance of \$48 from a dinner. It home of Chairman Mrs. Wilwill be applied on purchases for liam Hoxie. Each member was the County Center Building. It presented with a gift by the

> Mrs. Bregger of Citizenship Committee reported on the supervisor's meeting in interest of County Library.

Mrs. Hoxie reported the Farm reau women met at the Occupa- Bureau has purchased the Quaktional Therapy Building in the enbush Building on US-12 and an Our group considered projects

Our January 7 meeting will be their care, and the benefits to tour day, visiting the Kroger patients from occupational thera- Warehouse at Grand Rapids with We were shown the new lunch at Y.M.C.A. Mrs. Theo building and the sales room Sallis will make final plans for the

District 2

Jackson R-8 Our District Council meeting

Calhoun County Farm Bureau Africa, and behind the Iron Cur-

We chose topics for these meet-Emil Nitschke for a dinner ings: January, Safety; February, meeting. Mrs Herbert Neumeyer, safety Health; March, Civilian Defense.

Recognition for Work Brings Smiles MICHIGAN Farm Bureau AFBF award and certificate Young People won honors at for the outstanding Young People's program on Citizenship. the 38th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau for Allegan County received the having outstanding county pro-AFBF award and certificate for grams on Citizenship and Comoutstanding work on Community Beautification. munity Beautification. These Michigan Farm Bureau Berrien County received the to the Fort Custer State Home. speaker. Genessee Women's Committee held its December meeting at the

International Institute in Flint. clothing and packed boxes for The group attended an English class which was very interesting. is working on the program books Adults are taking this course for 1958. to aid them in speaking while in

Isabella County. Pine Grove the United States. Eight counties were represented: Greece, Japan, Ladies were hostesses at the December meeting. Mrs. Edmund China, Hungary, Italy, France, Wonsey, our new secretary, in-Holland and Belgium. vited women's committee mem-After the class the ladies were bers in all groups to the monthly

served a German lunch prepared meetings. by German women.

Shiawassee County women disussed future program topics, gram and dinner meeting Desuch as: School problems (curri- cember 28, at Deerfield Center culum); Civil Defense; Citizen- Hall. ship (Naturalization); May Tea The campaign kick off dinner

(Rural-Urban Meeting); and the will be held at the Methodist organization of a Farm Bureau church January 3,. young people's group in the coun-Mrs. Bessie Forbes was appointed

citizenship chairman. The Women's Committee will take charge A tour of the Lapeer State Hosof the United Fund drive in the pital was suggested for later in the year. rural area. A food shower for the county

infirmary for their Easter dinner was also suggested. An article on "What are Christ-

Trenery of Kalamazoo spoke at the meeting of St. Joseph Coun-Smeekens at their December 10 Hier after which group singing ty Farm Bureau at Centreville. meeting. He told us about his of carols closed the meeting.

District 8

Mrs. Albert Schmiege, Chairman Chesaning R-2

Bay County Women's Committee met at the home of Mrs.

We voted to purchase material

Young People accepted the awards. Left to right: Keith Hahn, of Big Rapids, District 7 Director: Miss Bonnie Brown, of Berrien Springs; Miss Mary Ann Bamber of Howell, past state secretary; Hilbert Schulze,

of Pigeon, president.

Mrs. Osborn Thurlow's home. Mrs. Leroy Methner gave a Gladwin County women at report of the Farm Bureau

Health chairman Mrs. S. J. the needy families. A committee Murphy explained classes for nurse recruits. Scholarships are being offered by Dow Chemical and forearmed. Company. Anyone interested should contact the County Health

Department. Mrs. William Mainhood spoke on safety.

annual party to be held in Jan-We entertained husbands and uary. Husbands of the committee families with a Christmas promembers will be guests.

children who are wards of the candy.

Saginaw County. Fourteen groups partook of potluck dinner with all the Christmas trimmings at our December meeting.

U. N. and how a topic is brought say the same thing in these to the floor.

chairman, warned everyone of men.' the danger of driving while emotionally or physically upset. Mrs. Ruth Goodman gave a report of the progress with the history and scrap book of the Committee met at Gill's Pier.

Mrs. Oliver Tompkins, Chairman

Federation annual meeting in Chicago. Thanks again to the District for permitting me to go. baskets of fruit, and singing 4 So far I have given one report Christmas carols with the paof the convention. I heard so tients. many good speeches and entertainment, met such wonderful people, it was hard to know high school with Guy Vanderjogt where to begin or end.

And here are all your lettersall your parties and plans for from Peter Marshall's sermon: Christmas - these words come back to me:

Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

Benzie County Women's Committee-What a shame that your county president lost his barn by fire the morning after he returned from the convention.

Your program for the year sounds good. To study civil defense, schools, Farm Bureau, local government and mental health, is to be both forewarned

Kalkaska County Women's Committee have their program lined up. This group is very health-minded. Kalkaska has an up and coming health center.

Manistee County Farm Bureau women recently enjoyed a coun-Lake Legion Hall. They enjoyed movies from Alaska presented by court. We furnished them with Mr. Ford of the Brethren School clothing, Christmas toys and faculty. Mrs. Evens said: "Those.

not present missed a wonderful time." Ain't it the truth?

Missaukee County women operatives. braved one of the worst storms of the year and came, 41 no less, Members brought gifts for the to Mrs. Hoitenga's home for a

Bauer and Mrs. Warren Watson. men wouldn't." Mrs. Holly Hubbell, our United Do you know I heard Charles Nations committee chairman, ex- Shuman, president of the Amerplained the six committees of the ican Farm Bureau Federation, Michigan State University, will

words: "Women always accept Mrs. Albert Schmiege, safety responsibility more readily than The Merritt group and the Blodgett group assisted Mrs. Hoitenga at her party. Northwest Michigan Women's

women's committee.

District 9

meeting by Mrs. Eitzen, Mrs. 1958 fat cattle prices aren't ex-Traverse City R-1 A week ago today I returned from the American Farm Bureau Heim, Mrs. Jelnick and Mrs. Fromholz. Wexford County women have MICHIGAN FARM NEWS been visiting hospitals, bringing They have arranged for a county-wide meeting at Cadillac

as guest speaker. Have you read these words So we will not 'spend' Christ-

mas nor 'observe' Christmas. We will 'keep' Christmas-keep it as it is

> all the loveliness of its ancient traditions.

Father Voss gave a very inspira-

tional message after which re-

ports were given of the annual

May we keep it in our hearts, that we may be kept in its hope.'

vices, Inc.

above 1957.

Thomas F. Cowden, Dean of

the College of Agriculture at

peak at one of the general ses-

Michigan cattle feeders are go-

ing to have to squeeze production

costs if they hope to make much

profit this season, warn Michigan

State University beef specialists.

Feeder cattle prices were about 20

per cent above a year ago while

pected to be more than 10 per cent

Sew Thrifty

January 1, 1958

Feeders to Squeeze

Production Costs

Michigan Men **Fo** Attend

Nat'l Council 'Opportunities and Responsi-

bilities of Farmer Cooperatives in a Changing Economy" is the theme of the 29th annual meetty-wide get-together at the Bear ing of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives at Houston. Texas, January 6-9, 1958.

Among the representatives of Michigan farm cooperatives to attend are: L A Cheney, manager of the

Michigan Ass'n of Farmer Co-J. F. Yaeger, executive secre-

tary of Farm Bureau Services, Inc. Mr. Yaeger will be chairman of the Farm Supply meetings. Earl Huntley, manager of

printed pattern. See the diagram. Farmers Petroleum Cooperatives, It's the easiest. She'll love the Inc. Mr. Huntley will be chairman of the Petroleum section bow of contrast lining. style; cool scoop neckline, saucy meetings.

Bureaus. They held a meeting

every month and reported their

conclusions on the discussion top-

ic to the Michigan Farm Bureau

Others who will take part in Printed Pattern 4766. Cut the the conferences are Arthur In- entire dress at once. Children's gold, chairman of Michigan Ass'n sizes 2, 4, 6, 8. Size 6 requires 21/8 of Farmer Cooperatives and pres- yards 35 inch fabric. ident of the Michigan Livestock When the pot becomes filled grown in a south window. If it Exchange; Marten Garn, presi-

Send 35 cents in coms for this with roots, the plant will benefit can be placed some distance dent, E. F. Steffen, legal counsel, pattern. Add 5 cents for each by watering with very dilute away from the glass, neither chill Maynard Brownlee, manager of pattern for 1st class mailing. Send Another popular Christmas liquid manure water, once every nor direct sunlight will injure it. operations for Farm Bureau Ser- to Michigan Farm News, Pattern en't P O Box 42 Old

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For December we adopted six

Midland County women met at were delivered by Mrs. Martin said: "Women will drive where

The Home Flower Garden

their December meeting gave Women's state convention.

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homes during the Holiday Season.

ng of "A Trip To the Holy Land'

he December meeting.

Christmas carols and a show-

Eaton County reports an inter-

sting candle lighting service at

which the new officers were in-

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Beans, Lima	Watermel
Beets	Onions
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Cabbage	Peas
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District 5 Mrs. John C. Watling, Chairman for the cancer project, and to Bath, R-1

spend \$50 towards some gifts for After an explained absence a the county hospital. Mrs. Harold good New Year's resolution for Lisius is chairman and will be this chairman will be to get back assisted by Mrs. Clarence Walter on the ball with my news conand Mrs. Edgar Feinauer in buytribution about District 5 activiing the gifts.

We voted \$20 towards the Michigan Farm Bureau women Christmas Clearing Bureau and were well represented at the to buy dresses for children under A.F.B.F. convention at Chicago, years of age. with 52 answering roll call at Mrs. Walter Herbolsheimer

meting at Chicago.

the women's meeting. Indiana ranked second with 50 in attendcollected for the Traverse City ospital. Over 200 persons from Michi-

gan attended the Michigan breakfast. 82 of us traveled by charter-Christmas gifts were exchanged. ed bus from the Lansing office

and 42 came from the Central Clare County Women's Committee entertained their hu-With all the fine speeches, bands. Mrs. Karker, co-ordinator making of new friends, meeting of women's activities, was guest of old friends, sightseeing, Christ-



160 lbs. of clothing were taken

sical Greek name was given to the chairman reported on the safety "Father of Botany".

H. L. R. CHAPMAN

Garden Clubs Lecturer

plant is the Cyclamen. This clas- three weeks.

The plant so familiar to us is Cyclamen Persicum, often called the Florists Cyclamen.

grows less commonly in Syria. The Florists Cyclamen has been

variations of the species, and then ly in the home as the Gardenia breeding to produce certain char- It is not due entirely to the lack acteristics.

Much breeding has been done volunteered to deliver articles to increase the size of the flowers, so much so, that in some cases the flowers are so large and Plans were made for the kick- coarse that they have lost the off dinner to be held January 2nd. grace and daintiness of the original species.

> The chief requirement of the Cyclamen in the home is to keep cool and somewhat moist Never allow the soil to become dry or its floral beauty will be ruined.

Under good treatment unopened buds will develop and the, plant will be good looking for several weeks.

Water should never be poured onto the thick portion in the center of the plant.

When the plant ceases to produce flower buds and the leaves begin to turn yellow, gradually withhold water until all the folage has died down.

Watering should cease at this stage. Allow the plant to rest for three weeks.

The corm, (the thick bulbous great botanist. portion) should then be shaken three parts good fibrous loam, plant. one part thoroughly decayed leaf-soil or peat, and bone meal. Bone meal should be applied at the rate of one rounded teaspoon of bone meal to one six inch pot of soil, mixing the whole thoroughly.

Add enough coarse clean sand to the mixture to ensure good drainage.

Cyclamen plants enjoy a cool, moist atmosphere, and plenty of light, but not direct sunlight during bright weather.

plant by the great Swedish flowers, but they are usually growths leaning towards the botanist Carolus Linnaeus, the much smaller than those on light. plants which have been raised

Care of Christmas Plants

from seed.

The Gardenia. Another plant plant is to flourish. The soil in sometimes given as a gift at which the Gardenia plant is Christmas time is the Gardenia. growing must never become dry How often the home owner is neither must it remain soggy. It is native to Greece, but also disappointed because the plant Good drainage is necessary to the soil at all times. fails

No plant, except perhaps the produced by careful selection of African Violet, is prized so highof cultural effort on the part of the home gardener that the plant refuses to grow.



MR. CHAPMAN

Linnaeus named the plant in of Charleston, South Carolina, who was a correspondent of the

China has given to our homes free of soil, and repotted in new and gardens some lovely plants, soil, in the same size pot. The none more beautiful than Garcorm should be only half covered denia jasminoides which is the with soil, which should consist of correct name of the florist's

> First of all, the home owner should realize that Gardenia plant originally came from a tropical location in China, and should treat it accordingly. Provided, you have received a strong plant, and in healthy condition, it

may be possible to persuade it to remain so for quite a long time.

Even the professional gardener finds it impossible to revive weak, unhealthy plants.

The Gardenia plant likes lots of light, and should therefore be Azalea.

Old plants will produce more little occasionally to prevent the Correction

Soil, moisture, and temperature county should have been includare all important items if the ed in our Dec. 1 edition in the listing of 237 Community Farm

The plant should be turned a

No repotting will be necessary the first year but as soon as the container becomes filled with roots, the plant must be moved into a size larger pot, using a soil made up of 50% fibrous loam, and 50% sandy acid peat. To this add a small amount of old, well rotted cow manure, and mix thoroughly.

After repotting fill the pot with water and allow to drain naturally.

Should the plant at any time produce leaves of a very pale green color for a long period, this indicates that there is not enough acidity in the soil.

This condition can often be remedied by watering the plant with aluminum sulphate used at the rate of two teaspoons to one gallon of rain water, used once every two weeks.

Always remember, when caring for the Gardenia plant that it hates lime in any form.

The plant enjoys growing in the home in a temperature of 70honor of Dr. Alexander Garden 75 degrees, especially if there is humidity in the room.

As soon as the warm summer days arrive and there is no danger of cold weather returning the plant should be placed outside in a protected location.

The Gardenia appreciates being sprayed with clear water late each afternoon. It must be taken inside the home again before the arrival of cold nights.

During very cold nights the plant should be moved to the center of the room away from the cold window.

The Azalea plant likes growing conditions similar to those Needlecraft Dep't, Box 162, Old given for the Gardenia, although it prefers slightly lower temper- N. Y. atures.

Always use rain water when

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EDITORIAL

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derstanding in the 1,587,812 members in 48 states and Puerto Rico to give it the maximum impact on domestic and international problems and relationships.

Michigan Farm Bureau's 1958 goal of 70,610 members in the Roll Call for membership January 2 to 13 is our opportunity.

We can contribute additional strength toward the attainment of the ideals and objectives expressed in the code of service to agriculture and the nation as adopted by the American Farm Bureau at Chicago last month.

The December 1 issue of the Michigan Farm News carried an impressive list of the County Roll Call managers and their respective membership quotas for 1958.

They will be supported by 5,000 or more volunteer workers in teams of Farm Bureau members whose objective is to offer every farmer who is not now a member an opportunity to become a Farm Bureau member.

The great crisis which challenges our national existence as a free people constitutes an urgent incentive for all farmers to enlist their influence in strengthening the Farm Bureau program for an adequate farm income and the preservation of liberty.

Again quoting Dr. John A. Swanson:

"History is at the point of no return and we have now to decide how we are going to run the race for survival. Will it be as free men or not? How much do we want freedom?"

Illinois Farming Loses Half County a Year Michigan is not alone in the swing to industrialization of

ence of Midwest State Farm Bu-Cox, of Illinois, stated that his Interested We received seven inquiries on

state was losing about half a county each year to industrialresidential use. "At this rate," said Cox, "Ill-

in the November 1 Farm News inois could be one solid urban area in a few generations. Some E. Mikesell, Charlevoix. of the best agricultural land in the world is being lost to rood

production."

Resolutions on State Affairs

We regret that our newsprint situation calls for a six page paper instead of eight pages for January.

Therefore, the second section of Michigan Farm Bureau Resolutions on State Affairs, as adopted at the 38th annual meeting Nov.

Editor:

Some time ago there was an destroy it." article in the Michigan Farm To this I would say, "Obey News entitled "Agriculture and God's Golden Rule and bring Our Freedoms Under the Law." good will to all mankind." This statement was made:

"Man's struggle for freedom Kewadin under the law has been an up and down road. There have always been overly ambitious people who, by design or mistaken freedom. . .

Antrim County

great deal of trouble.

Letters to the Editor "If men cherish freedom under the law, they must guard against Conference Jan 22 Conference Jan. 22-23 any form of threat that would

lation to population, the Confer-The 11th annual Michigan Rural ence will give consideration to the Health Conference is geared to distribution of doctors in Michconsideration of "the Atom and igan. Health" as well as to the more Wednesday, January 22,

localized problems affecting the "Rural Health Day." Thursday, health of every community. The Conference will be held at Ann January 23, is scheduled as "Com-Arbor in the Michigan Union munity Health Day" and "Pro-Building of the University of fessional Day."

ple who, by design or mistaken People can be irresponsible, Michigan January 22-23, begin-principles, would take away his and still be responsible for a ning with registration at 9:00 a.m. Bureaus are urged to be repre-Recognizing that Michigan ranks sented at the Conference,

low among the states in the num

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Farm Bureau's Roll in Commodity Marketing

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for January

Background Material for Program in January by Our 1614 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

> DONALD D. KINSEY Coordinator of Education and Research

Today's road signs for agriculture may well read: "Dangerous Curves Ahead! Drive Thoughtfully! The Road May be Slippery!"

Cool heads and careful thought about today's problems are needed, or farmers may end up off the road and in a critical condition.

Farmers are a minority now. Suppose they splinter into conflicting groups, all pulling in opposite directions.

The questions on all issues - including commodity marketing problems --- will then be decided by other groups anxious to decide them.

Few of these other groups have the farmer's real interest at heart.

The Farm Bureau's role in commodity marketing is very important. It deserves careful thought rather than an emotional approach or a negligent. "cold shoulder."

Certain commodities in Michigan have numerous producers, other commodities have few. The answer may differ for such groups. We need to look across the whole landscape of production in considering our answers to this problem.

In the early decades of this century, the public doubted that the farmers could organize for united action. But farmers did rise to powerful unity from the 1930's onward. Farm Bureau was the heart of this unity. it. And any answer based merely

Minority can be **Strong if United**

In the middle 1950's movements | can serve to complicate the prohave been afoot to split the far- blem as time goes on. mers into conflicting groups. The The question has within it ity to unite has come again into if showed up on the floors of con- expand so as to purchase, process gress.

The Congressional warning was from the farm to the local store? clear. Farmers must work at solv- What then? Some think this way. ing their own problems-must close ranks. Conflicts within agriculture leave farmers weakened and vulnerable. They are now only 12% of the population. This fraction can be strong in unity but very weak in disunity.

Commodity Question

Some Say "No" broad-scale Farm Bureau pro- marketed.

1. Foremost among the objec- gram: tions would be a protest from existing farmer marketing groups getting so large under corporation does the work of caring for the who are now organized to carry

farmer what he will get for his on such work. They feel that they can do any such job needed. So why should

they merge with anybody? Why combat this trend. lose their idenity? 2. If the Farm Bureau were to will have to get big enough to field unless similar operations enter this field on such a scale, swim with the rest.

it would have to become a multimillion dollar operation. Marketing services would have companies in America now mar-be equal those by large national ket 70% of the red meat that type. Should Michigan also to equal those by large national ket 70% of the red meat that

corporations with pre-prepared consumers buy. foods of all sorts. Where could Farm Bureau get marketing programs that "go all. funds for operations on this scale? | the way" from farmer to con-

3. Any Farm Bureau market- sumer: ing organization of this size would

have to control enough raw pro- gins that the "middleman" enducts to overcome the threat of joys All farmers know that their price-cutting wars by competing share of the consumer's dollar These wars aim at putting co- 1957, the average dropped below

ure farmers with a small price Unless we get into direct markbonus, and have the power to

(Comment: Experts say that a and boost our incomes?

cooperative marketing program must control 35% to 40% of a means of controlling the price received. If the Farm Bureau had a complete marketing operation, the flow of products to market

tage of the farmer, price-wise. c. Many of our present cooperaprice advantage. This fact is well

Integration

cooperatives within this 25% compete against one another. A companies that are "in the driprogram to coordinate their ver's seat.'

favorable price level is lacking.) 4. To own processing plant and

Almost all food processing angle.

into the business to such a degree. on a pointing to the past, emotional bickering, narrow outlook, 5. Unless Farm Bureau marketor "sticking of heads in the sand" ing programs of this sort controlled products on an area-wide present gigantic corporations old question about farmers' abil- numerous other questions: What purchase supplies from all parts members should decide of the nation. No state-limited public prominence. In 1957 it that Farm Bureau ought to operation could control enough of the supply to keep farmer

and distribute farm products under a uniform brand name-right Some Say "Yes"

1. If marketing programs are the housing, the equipment, and to help sell farm products. control that they can tell the stock or poultry.

products, then farmers should is becoming so extensive that eral welfare of all agriculture and develop their own programs to farmer cooperatives, including the national well-being of our

Take livestock marketing, for example. Four large packing eration is already selling deben-

2. When farmers do not have

a. The farmers lose the mar-

again is shrinking. In many months of

operatives out of business. They 40c of the dollar

eting programs on a large scale, price. cut prices to the consumer to con- how are we going to save some of these margins for ourselves

b. The farmer needs a better irons in the fire" and would

product to affect price to the farmers. Marketing cooperatives in the United States handle about 25% of the products of the farm. could be controlled to the advan-Farmers often sidetrack their cooperatives for a temporary

tive marketing organizations known. It is also true that many have to be satified with a limited

marketing and to establish a These companies pay

distribution systems would require the hiring of labor on a large scale.

food companies.

trol the market.

plants are now unionized. Farm. Bureau would face all the problems of union relations, if it got

price in line locally.

The farmer simply provides

effort among different producer This new form of competition groups so as to further the gen-Farm Bureau, may have difficulty country, In an age of "big business," we in remaining in the farm supply

> are developed to meet it. The Ohio Farm Bureau fed-

branch out in this direction? Bargaining

for one commodity as compared to another. Farm Bureau might Should Farm Bureau become an organization to bargain for aid certain ones, expand in some price on farm products? There are special directions, yet not go "all out" across the board. What differences in viewpoints here do you suggest?

Some say that Farm Bureau should stay out of this field of action. They argue that separate producer organizations would do reau play: a better job and push for a better

They say that Farm Bureau, with many commodities to bargain for, would have "too many

spread its efforts. The opposition also points out that we already have farmer cooperative organizations to do the ob. They do not wish to lose their reason for being and have to close up shop.

Those who argue in favor of this proposal say that a large role of bargaining with powerful Farm Bureau bargaining organization could have more influence at the bargaining table than

the smaller organizations representfarmer as little as possible and ing less producers. Being larger, charge the consumer all the traf- the Farm Bureau might be able fic will bear. A large Farm Bur- to hire more expert men- to do eau system could benefit both the bargaining. Men beyond the prospectus for the Debentures farmer and consumer from this reach of smaller producer groups. may be secured from any of

the larger producer cooperatives

Let's look for a moment at one of the new trends in commodity marketing. Many private feed processors and distributors.

Under the contracts the feed companies or packers supply all They take care of disease control and veterinary problems. They legislative matters. supply all the feed. They market

Questions 1. What role should Farm Bu a. In the area of commodity marketing legislation? b. In the area of promotion for

extent.

needed

Function to bring unity of

Think About It

It is quite clear that whatever

role Farm Bureau takes, we must

start from where we are. The

answer might involve all four of

the above programs to some

Marketing programs may differ

commodity marketing programsadvertising and development of new marketing programs?

c. In the area of direct commodity marketing itself? 2. List the major farm products produced by the farmer in your area (If possible, in the order of the volumes produced-from the greater amounts to the lesser.)

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> > and Disaster Relief?

people say in favor of such a | a unit price per head for all units | commodity associations where lace, St. Louis; Larry Brinker, Buffet Meal Imlay City; Harold Gilbert, Utica; Jim Davis, Lapeer; Har-Work for promotional programs old Milett, Imlay City; Ed

Wightman, Saginaw; Joe Duley, Pinconning; Chet Moczulski, Sterling; Guy Hardy or Reuben

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Now - let's look at what some the product. They give the farmer

to do their own bargaining, but

give a hand to those too small to have the needed influence with

> No Change in Role? With this last point, we com-

lete the circle. Some folks think hat Farm Bureau should stick o its historic role, which includes Work with commodity organiztions as Farm Bureau does now

Help promote and organize new

Is an Old One

What role should Farm Bureau play in commodity marketing? The question is as old as Farm Bureau itself. The "infant years' of Michigan Farm Bureau saw various experiments in this direction which were tried out at the members request.

Marketing departments were set up in the early 1920's to handle fruits and vegetables, grain, beans and wool. More than experience was often lacking Many programs lacked adequate financing. Too little of the products were under the marketing department's control to have much effect on the market price. Some of these programs died on the vine.

Others grew and prospered. The Michigan Elevator Exchange originally a department of Farm Bureau, became a marketing pace-setter in Michigan.

Michigan Farm Bureau retired from the direct field of commodity marketing in the 1920's. It developed a new role to aid commodity programs. This role had three functions:

1. To help promote and organize commodity marketing associations:

2. To give aid in legislative matters-promotional and protective;

3. To coordinate the interests of the different commodity production and marketing groups into a united front for agriculture as a whole.

Now Where?

Times change. Marketing programs and farmers' prices are again in distress. Marketing corporations have grown to enormous size, sometimes to monopoly proportions, with vast powers over distribution and price.

Chain stores dominate at the retail level. Farm labor costs have skyrocketed.

Consummer demands call for more "built-in" food preparation services. The spread between the farmer price and the consumer price has widened.

Do these changes mean that Farm Bureau should expand into the field of large scale commodity marketing? Can independent farmer cooperative marketing groups survive in this new world of Big Business'

Just what is the answer? Whatever it is, farmers must decide

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