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Membership Goal for 1958 is 70,610 Families

Roll Call Starts Jan. 2 with 47,412 Enrolled

EDITORIAL

How Much Do We Want Freedom?

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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.

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."

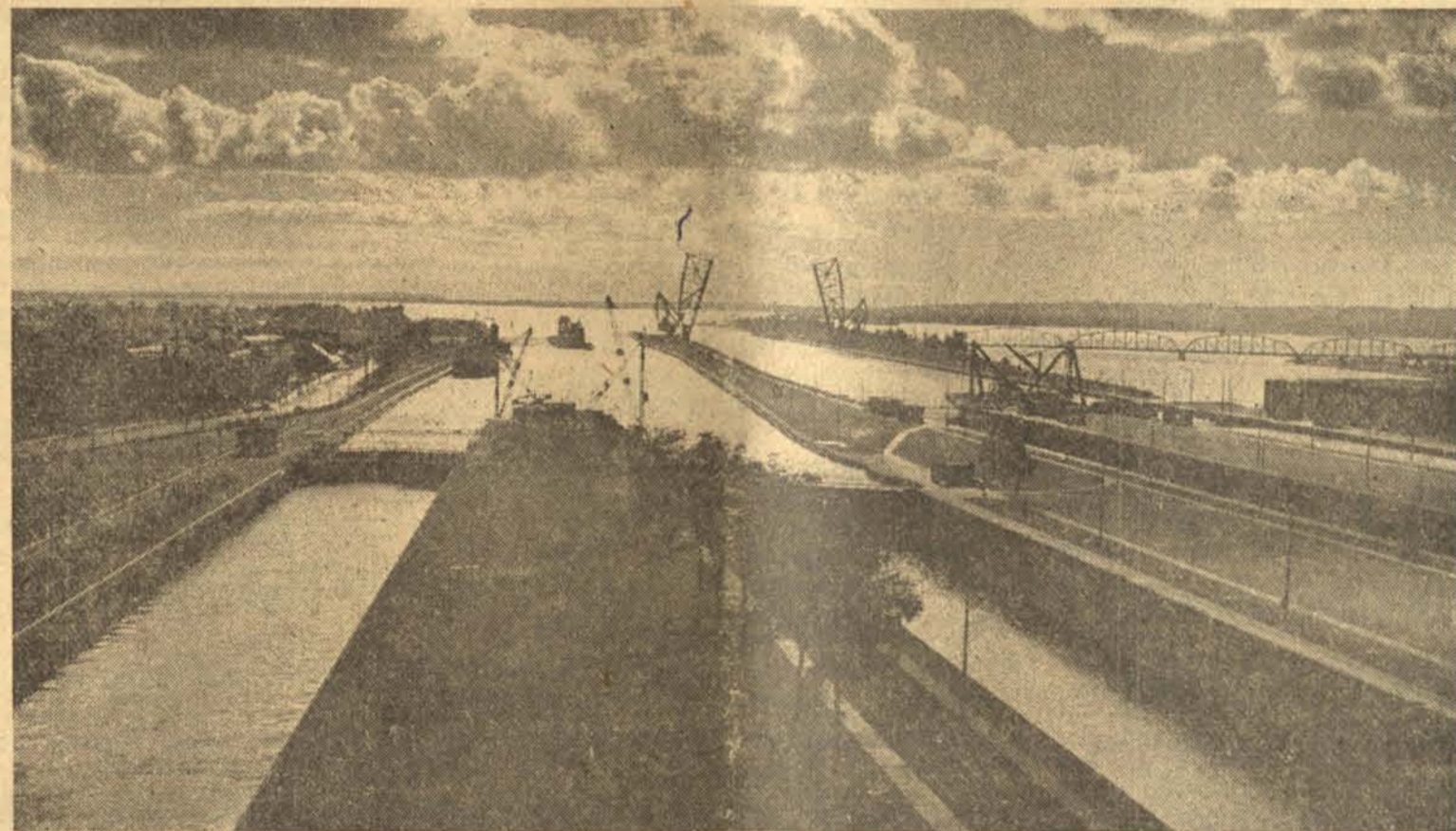
The conflict in dates with the Michigan State University Commencement prevented my attending the great Farm Bureau gathering in Chicago early in December.

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-

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

AGRI 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 on 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, to

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"Legislation should be enacted to gradually eliminate government regulation 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.

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 price-depressing.

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.

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H. Armstrong Roberts Photo

Teams Start with 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.

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:



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 a 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 campaigns.

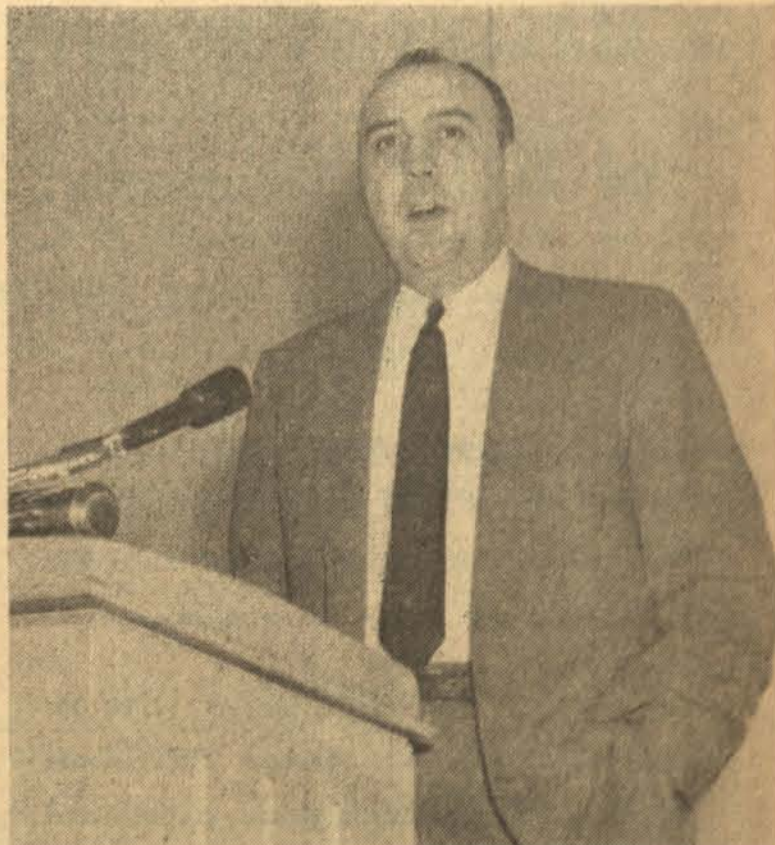
He served as a director of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., from 1952 until his retirement at the annual meeting in November, 1957. Ivan Parsons has been a long-time director and treasurer of the McDonald Co-op Creamery at Flint, and member of the Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n. He is a past president of the Michigan Crop Improvement Association.

Mr. Parsons has always lived on the farm where he makes his home. His grandfather homesteaded 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.

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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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Tropical Christmas
You just don't think of Christmas when it's eighty in the shade. With the sun, in blistering splendor, putting on its 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 foretold; 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.

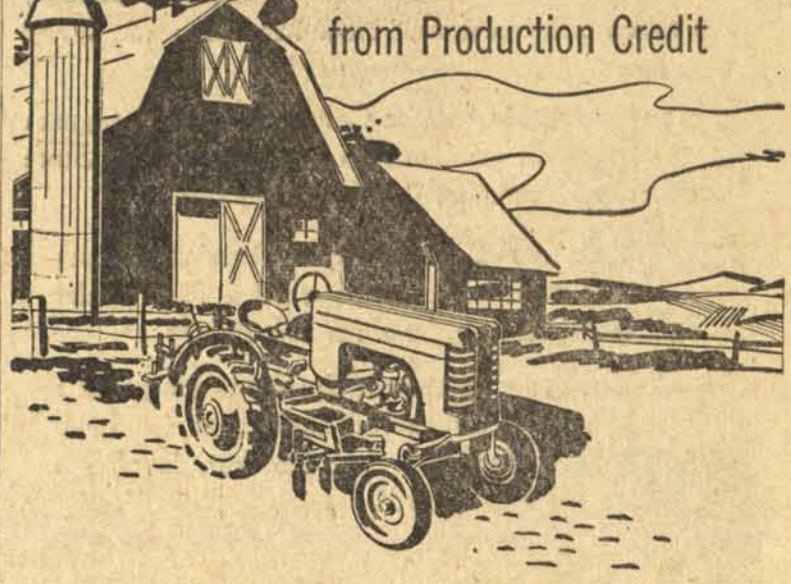
When He stooped to bless His children with that Babe of holy birth. Freely was His blessing broadcast; freely over all the earth! Freely for the high and lowly; is it any wonder then. That each year the birth of Jesus thrills the entire race of men. It is not to be expected that the throbbing Heart above.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

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



ROYAL CALL of Beulah is the new Michigan Farm Bureau Membership Representative for the Northwest Region, which includes Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, 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 Dept. and working out of Lansing.

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Community Farm Bureaus

CLARE L. McGHAN
Coordinator of Community Farm Bureau for MFB
Twelve lucky people attended the AFBF convention in Chicago, with expenses paid, as representatives of the three top community groups in Michigan. Representing the Pickeral Lake Group of Kalamazoo county were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wager, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hayward, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robinson; the Pioneer Group of Alpena county, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wirth, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wegmeyer; and the Pleasant View Group of Mecosta county, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Emmons. We are sure that these people gained a great deal from attending the AFBF convention and that their Farm Bureaus will benefit greatly from their experiences.

Notices have gone to all the County Farm Bureaus notifying 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.
I am sure that when we celebrate the birthday of the Prince of Peace that we are all thankful for this year of peace and hope 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 Group, Oakland county, Ernestine S. Smith, secretary.

SILVER STAR AWARD
October
Baroda Township Community Group, Berrien county, Mrs. Al-

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Looking For Outstanding Young Farmer

Michigan Farm Bureau members and groups are invited to nominate to the Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce the young farmer (21 to 35) whom they think is most outstanding.
He could become a candidate for state and national honors.

The outstanding young farmer will be judged on his progress and success in farming, his conservation practices in soil and natural resources, and his personal efforts toward community improvement.

Between now and February 15 nominations may be made to the county agricultural agent, or to the Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce, Civic Building, Lansing; or to Boyd Rice, Michigan Farm Bureau, P. O. Box 960, Lansing.

The JCC's state award to the most outstanding young farmer in Michigan will be made March 8 at Adrian. The award to the nation's outstanding young farmer in the JCC program will be made at Indianapolis in late March.
In the three years this program has been carried on in Michigan, two of the state award winners have been members of Farm Bureau. The majority of those placing second, third and fourth have been members of Farm Bureau. 21 of 22 candidates at the Michigan state level in 1956 were active in Farm Bureau.
Michigan Farm Bureau is one

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Take Government Regulation

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 is sponsored by the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce and the American Petroleum Institute's committee on agriculture.

Elevator Managers Clinic January 14-15

The third annual Elevator Managers Business Clinic will be held Jan. 14-15 at Kellogg Center, Michigan State University. Reservations should be sent to the Continuing Education Services, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

Direct Distribution in Montcalm County

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-from-the-refinery distribution system for 12 townships in that county. Service will be extended to Douglas, North Pine and Cato townships next. Montcalm County Farm Bureau board of directors is cooperating with FPC in this work. Lee Frisbie of Sidney is the FPC Direct Distribution agent.



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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-to-date 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 two-day conference was spent primarily discussing the job of a County Board, a director, and officer. Those present agreed that this type of training would be of considerable help to them in building stronger and more effective County Farm Bureaus.

The American Farm Bureau

convention at Chicago December 8-12 attracted 215 Michigan people. Nearly all were housed in the Hamilton Hotel which became the Michigan Farm Bureau headquarters.

Michigan Farm Bureau was honored several times during the convention. Honors were bestowed as a result of:

1. Exceeding the 1957 American Farm Bureau Federation membership quota.

2. Placing second in the Citizenship 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 reviewed 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 and techniques for getting them done.

January will see the opening of the 1958 session of the Legislature 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 will begin its annual series of district meetings in January.

Farm Bureau Young People will hold quarterly district meetings. Many will attend a National Training School at Gatlinburg, 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 Discussion Topic Committee meets. This Committee was elected in June, 1957 at the district meetings. A new Committee will be chosen next June at the Mid-year District Series.

A Mid-west Dairy Conference will be held at Madison, Wisconsin on January 6 and 7. Several members of the State Dairy Committee will attend. Following this, there will be a Michigan Dairy Conference. More information will be forthcoming soon.

Other events in January are:

Rural Health Conference, January 22 and 23 at Ann Arbor, University of Michigan. First day is Rural Day.

Farmers Week at Michigan State University—week of January 26. There surely are a great many things this time of year. Obviously, it's impossible for each of us to take part in all of these activities personally but, as you well know, Farm Bureau plays an important part in all, either by sponsoring the activity or participating. In any event, 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.

Let me take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Very Happy, Peaceful, and Prosperous New Year.

SECRETARY BENSON ANNOUNCES

Lower Dairy Price Supports

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."

Secretary Benson pointed out that dairy production continues to outrun the effective markets at current price levels.

The problem is complex and 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 Bureau is promoting District dairy meetings throughout the United States in an effort to find an answer to the problem. The first meeting is to be held January 6 and 7 in Madison, Wisconsin.

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 alternative programs that may be proposed.

Those attending from Michigan will include these Farm Bureau people: Clare Loew, Byron Center, Allegan county; Dean Priddy, Elton Smith, Caledonia, Kent; Thomas Hahn, Rodney, Mecosta; Gene Roberts, Lake City, Muskegon; Walter Frahm, Frankenthum, Saginaw; Ward G. Hodge, Novner, Sanilac; George Pardonnet, Corunna, Shiawassee; Harold Blaylock, Vassar, Tuscola 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 billion pounds of milk equivalent for this year. This will be about five per cent of all milk production, as compared with four per cent last year.

Up to mid-December in the current marketing year, CCC has been required to buy more butter and cheese than it did during the same period last year, and purchases of non-fat dry milk have fallen off only slightly.

There are record supplies of feed grains this year, and prices are lower. The feed situation could be a stimulus for continued or expanded milk production in the period ahead. All indications are that we will surely have the "adequate supply" Congress has set as a goal in the controlling legislation.

Considering first the law and second the production situation, the Secretary had no choice.

I think we can agree that the basic problem is that our production is in excess of consumption. For the proper adjustment to be made, it is necessary that this price reduction be passed on to consumers.

If this is not done, farm organizations should do everything possible to bargain for a price equal to that received before the reduction.

CCC Wool Stocks Sold

All stocks of wool held by the Commodity Credit Corporation since 1955 have been sold. About 174,000,000 lbs. of wool were acquired by the CCC in the 1952, 1953 and 1954 price support programs. The last 2,500,000 lbs. were sold in early December.

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Farm Bureau In Upper Peninsula

WESLEY S. HAWLEY
Coordinator for UP

The Upper Peninsula 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. District Director; Delmar Gay, Stephenson; Fred Pershinski, Engadine; Osmond Sipard of L'Anse and Hugo Kivi, the U.P. regional membership representative.

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 seven county units in the U.P.

The past year has been an interesting one for Mrs. Hawley and for me. We enjoy living in the U.P. and enjoy our work in Farm Bureau. We sold our home at 1806 Ludington Street, Escanaba, and purchased another one at 1414 11th Avenue South.

Vernal is a good buy even with the increased cost, says Leyton Nelson, farm crops specialist at Michigan State University.

Nelson says tests show Vernal is a bargain even if it costs \$10 a bushel more than certified Ranger. Yield tests show Vernal can out-yield Ranger by one-half ton hay per acre a year.

Vernal is a leafy, dark green, fine-stemmed plant that is winter hardy and is more resistant to leaf spot than is Ranger.

Because Vernal is higher yielding and a little more expensive, Nelson recommends that farmers use it in hay fields which will be kept for at least three years.



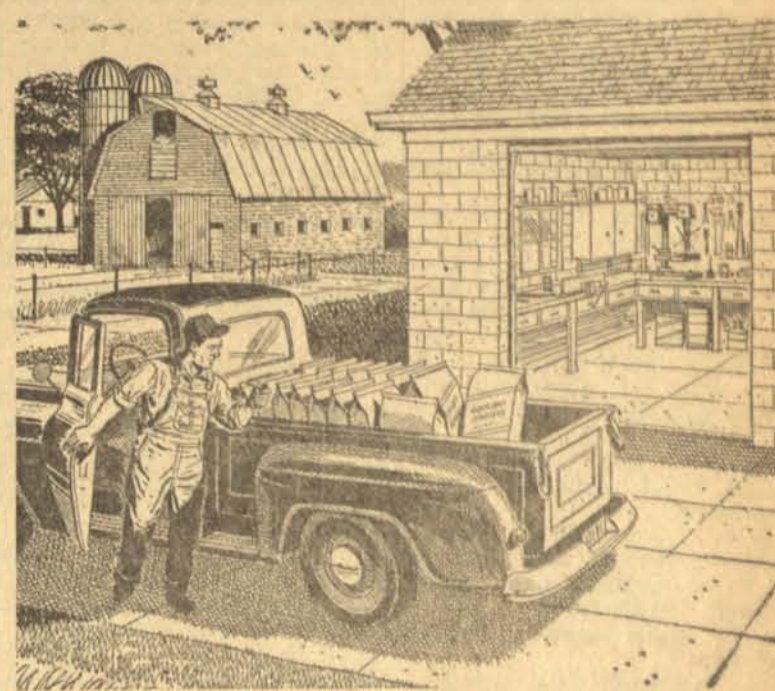
We are looking forward to a good year in the growth of Farm Bureau in the Upper Peninsula in 1958.

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