Upon Making a New Start

CLARK L. BRODY

This editorial signifies my retirement from the staff of the Michigan Farm Bureau January 31, 1959.

Thirty-eight years have not dimmed my memory of my bewildered and uncertain beginnings on the farm. Apparently the ninety-two men in the old Cedar Street building were just as confused as I.

The office space was cramped by storing in the building 3,000 pounds of phosphate, for which there was no market since the government was supplying the mills with World War I surplus wool at whatever prices it would bring.

The Board of Directors had bought the building for $50,000. The first payment was $2,500, for which the Michigan Farm Bureau had given a note. Each of the Directors had personally endorsed the Farm Bureau's note.

The first item announced was a dividend paid by Farm Bureau at $78.5 a ton. The board was democratically elected on an equal basis with their Farm Bureau Companies providing a setting for these facilities, and realized the fact. we learned later that the net worth was minus dues, and business departments were running at a loss in the period of falling prices after the war.

At the close of my last day, Friday, January 31, 1959, I walked through the spacious Farm Bureau office building, through the offices of Michigan Farm Bureau, Farm Bureau Service, Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance, and Farm Bureau Life Insurance Companies. Nearly 300 people who had used the offices during the day left.

In 38 years, we certainly would expect great improvements, yet, for some, the same dingy 42 acre tract, that provided a setting for these facilities, and realized the fact that these are only a part of the Michigan Farm Bureau's and its subdivisions.

I thought of the fertilizer plants, warehouses, and elevators at Saginaw, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, Traverse City and elsewhere, and of the interests feed and seed plants at Hammond, Indiana, and Alliance, Ohio. The phosphate mine in Idaho in which Farm Bureau has an interest came to mind. Farm Bureau has over 900 employees today. Members of the organization did nearly $30,000,000 business with their Farm Bureau Companies in 1958.

It came to me that these things, important as they are, are not the real Farm Bureau. The soul of Farm Bureau lies in the hearts and minds of its members.

In the early days of its history, a few devoted farm people had a vision of a Farm Bureau organization working for the betterment of the world by improving the lot of the farmer. They had faith to work and to sacrifice to make it happen.

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The Mighty Mite

History was made several years ago when Bell Telephone Laboratories invented the TRANSISTOR. The transistor is a tiny, solid device that will amplify electrical signals and do many things a vacuum tube can do. And more recently, the Laboratories announced a new transistor, with even wider uses than previous types. It can amplify 2,500 telephone conversations, simultaneously, on a telephone line. It is expected to be extremely useful in the transmission of television programs and in equipment for National Defense.

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Their faces recalled many cherished memories of the helpful relations I had enjoyed with them: the famous Boards of Directors under whom I had worked, and the support they had accorded me. They recalled many persons on the staff with whom I had been associated.

Never before had I sensed so clearly that the lives of all members, employers, directors, and officers were being merged through the years to produce what is now the Michigan Farm Bureau of 1959. I closed my eyes for a moment to fix this picture in my mind; and now I knew. Many were type:
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Benzie County Farm Bureau Women's Committee. The committee activity included a meeting on February 17th at the Dorr Township Hall, with Mrs. Edith Voight, Rep., 33rd Dorr Township, Dorr Township, as speaker. Dorr Township, Dorr Township, as speaker. The meeting was attended by Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Voight. The meeting was well attended, with Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Voight speaking to the group.

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The Home Flower Garden
The Care of Easter Plants

H. L. S. CHAPMAN
Charles E. Sherman, Editor

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Women of Farm Bureau

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Late this month the Board of Directors of the State Women of Farm Bureau held its annual meeting in Traverse City. chairman was Mrs. Harold F. Haynes of Reed City. The meeting was held in the Traverse City Y.M.C.A. Bob Orton is Secretary of the Board. Board of Directors include Mrs. Gerald H. Guill, Mrs. Louis L. Johnson, Mrs. George W. Dingman, Mrs. Richard W. Baker, Mrs. H. J. Mitchell, Mrs. D. L. Wright, Mrs. H. F. Haynes, Mrs. Albert E. S. Smith, and Mrs. R. G. Shunk.

General Discussion

The general discussion centered around reports from the various counties. The most outstanding problems of late were winter sprays, which can almost be considered a major issue. Gen-spray and Chlorinated lactin were the most popular sprays used. There was a great deal of discussion about the effects of these sprays on the environment and the health of the ecosystem. The Women of Farm Bureau are working to find a more sustainable solution to this problem.


date with Mrs. L. E. Sundell, President of the Board of Directors, and Mrs. H. F. Haynes, Secretary of the Board of Directors.

The Women of Farm Bureau are working to promote sustainable agriculture practices and to protect the environment. They are also advocating for the rights of women in the agricultural industry.
Should Everybody Receive Government Aid?

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for March

Background Material for Program in March by Our 1,664 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

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Coordinator of Research and Education

The civilization of ancient Rome collapsed under the onset of the "barbarians" from eastern Asia. It was an easy conquest. Social, political and economic decay caused Rome to fall like a rotten apple.

Under Augustus Caesar and Diocletian, subsidies were laddied out right and left. The population was supplied by the government with "bread and circuses."

People who had property or money were taxed into hopeless despair. Very few people worked at producing goods and services. Such things were supposed to be free gifts from the Roman Empire.

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More, subsidies by government are the order of the day. "The national debt grows and grows."

Up to now, political programs in America are popular. "Our U. S. Constitution requires..."

But the Federal government... it does not say that..."

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What is a Subsidy? Many think that a subsidy exists only where someone receives a cash payment without returning full value for it. In the broader sense, subsidies also include the granting of special privileges, advantages or rights not equally granted to other people.

This advantage can often be converted into cash through pressure on other groups. If others do not pay for them in taxes, they may pay for them in prices or charges.

When Subsidies Get Popular

One subsidy program is the Sale of Bonds. Here is a proper function for government. "Mail advertising. The government regards these as informations of..."

Some industries picked them up... "Special privileges have been..."

During the war, the Federal government sought to stimulate... "Some of the goods for the..."

Government subsidies. The aim was to help open the wilderness... "Some of the goods for the..."

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