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## EDITORIAL

### Farm Bureau Opposes Conscription

The Michigan Farm Bureau at its annual meeting, November 8-9, 1945, adopted a resolution opposing peacetime conscription of youth for compulsory military training. The Farm Bureau said:

"In view of present conditions and as a result of the experience of other nations, we disapprove of universal, compulsory military training. . . . We believe that military service should be made attractive enough to fill all postwar needs."

Present conditions, on one hand, include the program and views attributed to army and navy leaders: (1) To get veteran troops home from Europe and the Pacific as rapidly as possible and replace them with draftees, 18 years old and up, and enlisted personnel for occupation and other duties; (2) universal military training will tend to prevent attack; (3) we won't have time to prepare in the next war as the United States is the logical first foe of an aggressor. Therefore, we should have approximately 1,000,000 boys turning 18 in training for a year or more at all times.

Present conditions, on the other hand, include these facts as they appear in the newspapers and are credited to responsible sources: (1) statements of U. S. military commanders that 300,000 U. S. troops is sufficient to occupy the U. S. sector of Germany, and 200,000 will handle Japan; (2) indications that the period of occupation for Germany and Japan may be quite short rather than long; (3) published statistics to the effect that army and navy enlistments are now about one-third of enlistments and draft taken together, and that the rate of enlistments is rising.

Some months ago we heard Professor H. J. Wyngarden of Michigan State College give a talk on the subject of peace time military conscription. We recall that he cited historical facts that are contrary to arguments by those who favor conscription of youth for peace time military training. For example:

Napoleon introduced military conscription into Europe. Fighting in Europe has in general increased since 1800. The period 1900-41 saw 744 important European battles as against 562 for the century 1800 to 1900. Therefore, military conscription has not necessarily tended to prevent war.

Conscription in Europe has not reduced military casualty rates. Between the 17th and 20th centuries the per cent of casualties for armies has tended upward as weapons have become more deadly. Casualties in wars of the 20th century are more than twice those of armies which fought in the 19th century. The figures are 38.9% and 16.3% of the armies involved.

Peace time military conscription has not always prevented disastrous defeat. Twice in this century Germany, as the best prepared nation in the world, has been defeated seriously in war.

Dr. Wyngarden made the point that we might better devote our energies to removing the causes of war rather than help create conditions that may increase the probabilities for war.

### Only the Public Was Surprised

As one reads the newspapers these days, the longer grows his list of those in government at Washington who knew days, weeks and even months before Pearl Harbor that war with Japan was inevitable. They knew why it was inevitable.

In the later stages of our diplomatic relations with Japan, it appears that some of our people knew that we should soon be at war. They could come close to setting the probable time. They were in position to interpret correctly the significance of the statements being exchanged between the two nations.

But they kept quiet . . . and let it come. It appears that government was surprised mostly by where the attack came. The public was surprised by an attack any place.

Perhaps some of the most important reading we can be doing right now is the newspaper and magazine reports of the congressional inquiry into what happened at and before Pearl Harbor. The reports of this investigation are going to form a body of public opinion that will influence the policy that is developed for the future.

### The Lone Voice Gets Nowhere

The Farm Bureau is a representative organization. That is, one of its jobs as a farm organization is to provide ways and means whereby the members can express a majority opinion and set a policy on matters in which

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### New and Retiring Presidents



CARL E. BUSKIRK

Carl E. Buskirk newly elected president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, is a fruit grower and leader among farm co-operatives. He owns and operates a 213 acre farm near Paw Paw, Van Buren county. There he produces grapes, peaches, cherries, apples, and, besides, is quite a producer of potatoes. Mr. Buskirk was born there and is the fourth generation of his family to own and operate that farm. The Buskirks settled there in 1852. Mr. Buskirk attended the original organization meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau at Michigan Agricultural College, Feb. 2, 1919. He has been active in the organization ever since. He served as secretary for Van Buren County Farm Bureau for 21 years. For a number of years he has served as a director of the Michigan Farm Bureau, Farm Bureau Services, Inc., and the Farm Bureau Fruit Products Company. He has been vice-president of all three at one time. He helped organize the Fruit Products Company. He has been active in the development of the Coloma Co-operative Canning Co. He is a long-time director of the Lawrence Co-operative, Inc. Mr. Buskirk is a past president of the State Hort. Society. He is a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation's Fruit & Vegetable Committee, charged with presenting the growers' case to government, business, and the public. He has represented the Michigan Farm Bureau often on committees named by state and regional co-operatives. Mr. Buskirk spent his early life on the farm at Paw Paw, where he was graduated from school. He attended Ferris Institute and worked as a law office stenographer for a few years before making farming his permanent job. Mr. and Mrs. Buskirk have two sons. Robert farms near home. Maurice is a surgeon and served with the armed forces. Mr. Buskirk's father, the late Mulford D. Buskirk, was a director of the Michigan Farm Bureau for a number of years in the 1920's.

Clarence J. Reid, was president of the Farm Bureau during six years of remarkable advancement in membership and business activities. He saw the membership increase from 10,000 in 42 County Farm Bureaus to 38,000 in 51 county groups during his terms in office. All other activities of the organization have expanded accordingly. Mr. Reid gave capable service at a time when the organization was at its greatest growth. Mr. Reid has been a member since 1919. He served as president of St. Clair County Farm Bureau for 15 years and has been a member of its board for 23 years. He became a director of the Michigan Farm Bureau in 1934, vice-president in 1935 and president in 1939. Mr. Reid is a dairyman and producer of certified seed. He owns and operates a 220 acre farm near Avoca. He has been a life long resident of St. Clair county. Mr. and Mrs. Reid have one son, William, at home.



CLARENCE J. REID

### FARM BUREAU HAS 900,000 FAMILY MEMBERS

The American Farm Bureau Federation now has a membership of 900,000 families in 45 states and Puerto Rico. Twelve states in the midwest have a membership of 409,332, or 53.4% of the total. This group made a gain of 57,614 members in 1945.

Included in the midwest group are these state Farm Bureaus: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin.

The Michigan Farm Bureau organization includes:

- 38,081 farm family members
- 51 County Farm Bureaus
- 15 counties with 1,000 or more members
- 523 Community Farm Bureaus
- 39 counties with organizations of Women of the Michigan Farm Bureau
- 102 Junior Farm Bureaus
- 2,010 members of the Junior Farm Bureau.

Berrien County Farm Bureau has the largest membership—2,742. Barry has the greatest number of Community Farm Bureaus—35. The Michigan Farm Bureau made a net gain of 9,081 members in 1945. It's goal for the 1946 membership campaign, now under way in some counties, is 46,500.

### Notice to Roll Call Membership Workers

Be sure when signing new members to PRINT the name somewhere on the application. ALL membership records, county and state, and the Michigan Farm News address, are taken from what is written on that membership agreement. It's bad for the Farm Bureau for the new member to have his name come back to him misspelled because someone not familiar with the signature mistook an "l" for an "e" or an "a" for an "o". Furthermore, the postoffice regulations for publications distributed by mail require that newspapers and magazines carry complete street address or RFD number to insure delivery. Be sure to include the RFD number. Larger post-offices will not search directories in order to deliver newspapers or magazines without street or RFD address.

### SHOULD PLACE ORDERS FOR FERTILIZERS NOW

Michigan farmers who expect to get their share of fertilizer for the 1946 crop season should place their orders at once with their dealers, advises C. E. Millar, head of the soil science department at Michigan State college.

Supplies of fertilizers for 1946 will not be sufficient to meet the demand according to present indications.

Labor problems are causing manufacturers more concern than a year ago. Lack of shipping facilities is restricting production by limiting the shipments of potash from the mines in New Mexico and California to the fertilizer factories. Although termination of the war has reduced the requirements for sulfuric acid to make explosives, thus permitting the manufacture of more super-phosphate, the limitations in shipping are restricting production.

So, in general, Mr. Millar believes the prospects for plenty of fertilizer are not bright. By placing orders now, delivery can be made whenever the local dealer gets a supply. The fertilizer can be stored then for use when the spring planting season opens.

### Wexford Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Wexford County Farm Bureau will hold its first annual meeting at Silver Creek Grange hall, 5 1/2 miles west of Manton, Friday, December 7, starting at 10:00 a. m. and continuing through the day. To this new County Farm Bureau, 8 committees will report. It has 10 Community Farm Bureaus. After the potluck dinner at noon, there will be a program of entertainment and speaking. J. F. Yeager of the Michigan Farm Bureau will speak. The afternoon discussion hour will be devoted to the topic, "What do the people of Wexford county want from their Farm Bureau?"

Head knowledge is good, but heart knowledge is indispensable. The training of the hands and feet must be added to make a rounded education. We must all learn these days to become spiritual pioneers if we would save the world from chaos.—E. V. Hammond.

### ANNOUNCE 1946 MEMBER GOALS, ROLL CALL DATES

Fifty County Farm Bureau organizations have announced their membership goals for 1946 in the annual Roll Call for membership now getting under way. They have also announced the dates on which their membership workers will go out, and the names of their Roll Call manager and publicity director. Perhaps 5,000 Farm Bureau men and women volunteer membership workers will take part in the campaign. Their job will be to renew the 38,000 members we have and enroll another ten or twelve thousand to assure reaching the state goal of 46,500. Some campaigns are under way in northern Michigan.

Once more County Farm Bureaus are preceding their Roll Call week with two to three weeks of advertising in weekly and daily newspapers. The advertisements present the Farm Bureau program and invite farmers to become members. One of the advertisements appears in this edition. Others will follow in January and February. There are four advertisements in the series. Last year County Farm Bureaus published nearly 400 such advertisements. They renewed 26,000 out of 29,000 old memberships and enrolled 12,000 new memberships, for a new total of 38,081.

Following are the names of County Farm Bureaus, date their Roll Call workers go out, their goal for 1946, and name of the Roll Call manager and publicity director:

Allegan—Date not set; goal, 1,467; James Boyce, Holland R-1, Roll Call manager.

Antrim—Dec. 3; goal 355. Mrs. Bernice Schrader, Ellsworth R-1, manager; Carl Conant, Central Lake R-1, publicity.

Arenac—Not announced, goal 75.

Barry—Jan. 21; goal 1,159. Leo Barry, Hastings R-3, manager.

Bay—Feb. 13; goal 957. John Ziegler, Bay City R-4, manager.

Benzie—Dec. 26; goal 258. James Lawless, Buelah R-1, manager; Otto Fritz, Benzonia R-1, publicity.

Berrien—Feb. 12; goal 2,787. Alex Gale, Sodus, manager; J. Burton Richards, Berrien Center R-1, publicity.

Branch—Jan. 2; goal 1,400. Elmer Dobson, Quincy, manager; Mrs. Belle Newell, Coldwater R-3, publicity.

Calhoun—Jan. 15; goal, 1,244. Earl Anderson, Marshall R-4, manager; John Philo, Homer R-3, publicity.

Cass—Jan. 8; goal \$93. Virgil Rose, Dowagiac R-4, manager.

Charlevoix—Jan. 7; goal 214. Lee Sneathen, 204 Dickson Ave., Charlevoix, manager; John L. Boss, Charlevoix R-1, publicity.

Clinton—Jan. 22; goal 1,161. Dale Anderson, St. Johns R-1, manager and publicity.

Eaton—Date not announced; goal 1,274. Frank Pifer, Charlotte R-6, manager; Keith W. King, Charlotte R-4, publicity.

Genesee—Feb. 5; goal \$96. Joe Goodrich, Davison, manager.

Gladwin—Not announced; goal 75.

Otto Rabe, Rhodes R-1, publicity.

Gratiot—Jan. 16; goal 1,035. Lloyd Hearn, Wheeler R-2, manager; Harry Johnson, St. Louis R-1, publicity.

Hillsdale—Jan. 8; goal 906. Leon Kulow, Reading R-2, manager; Henry Van Dusen, Hillsdale R-1, publicity.

Huron—Jan. 23; goal 1,235. Art Terrill, Bay Port, manager; E. T. Leipprandt, Pigeon R-1, publicity.

Ingham—Jan. 15; goal 1,073. Kenneth Bibbins, Mason R-4, manager; Gerald Diamond, Mason R-2, publicity.

Ionia—Jan. 14; goal 1,186. Edwin R. Yeomans, Ionia R-3, manager and publicity.

Isabella—Jan. 16; goal 790.

Jackson—Feb. 5; goal 723. Don Jordan, Jackson R-3, manager and publicity.

Kalamazoo—Feb. 5; goal 987.

Wright Wiley, Richland R-1, manager.

Kent—Not announced; goal 890. Semour Hesche, Lowell R-2, manager.

Lapeer—Jan. 15; goal 1,238. Murray Phelps, Lapeer R-1, manager; Bob Myers, Lapeer, publicity.

Lenawee—Feb. 15; goal 715. Donald Gust, Ottawa Lake R-2, manager; Ivan Hunt, Tipton R-1, publicity.

Livingston—Jan. 17; goal 800. Gale Holmington, Fowlerville R-2, manager; Clayton Klein, Fowlerville R-1, publicity.

Macomb—Jan. 22; goal 1,048. Arthur Rowley, Richmond R-1, manager; Allen Rush, Romeo R-1, publicity.

Manistee—Dec. 18; goal 353.

George Short, Bear Lake R-1, manager; Mrs. Hilda Widgren, Bear Lake, publicity.

Mason—Dec. 11; goal 726. Walter Appleton, Scottville R-1, manager; Elmer Fredericks, Scottville, R-1, publicity.

Mecosta—Dec. 12; goal 503. Earl Corey, Hersey R-1, manager.

Midland—Jan. 30; goal 341. Eugene Brooks, Midland R-2, manager; Kenneth Johnson, Freeland R-3, publicity.

Missaukee—Jan. 2; goal 231. Frank Woods, Merritt, manager; Harold VanderHeide, McBain R-2, publicity.

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## Farm Bureau Starts '46 with New Team

### 26th Annual Meeting Elects Ten New Directors To State Board; Carl E. Buskirk of Van Buren County Elected President

Carl E. Buskirk of Paw Paw, Van Buren county fruit grower, was elected president, and Jesse E. Treiber, Tuscola county certified seed producer and dairyman, was elected vice president of the Michigan Farm Bureau at its 26th annual meeting at Michigan State College, November 8 and 9.

Ten new directors were elected when a new board of 15 state directors was elected in accordance with a re-organization plan for directorships adopted by the 1944 convention. The new plan provided for one director to be elected from each of 10 districts, three to be elected at large, and one each to be nominated by the Women of the Farm Bureau and the Junior Farm Bureau. The district plan was adopted to assure director representation for all County Farm Bureaus. The counties are grouped in districts having approximately the same relationship to each other in the matter of membership. A map showing the new director districts and a list of new directors appears elsewhere in this edition.

Farm Bureau resolutions set the state organization's attitude and program for 1946 by (1) opposing universal compulsory military training for youth (2) opposing as a matter of common safety any general increase in wages of labor and price levels for industry, and certainly not unless farm prices are increased accordingly to maintain the parity price relationship between agriculture, industry and labor (3) giving notice that the Farm Bureau expects government to observe the spirit and letter of the law which guarantees farmer price support at 90 per cent of parity for two years after peace is proclaimed for those commodities for which the government asked increased production. The delegates adopted some 70 resolutions dealing with national and state affairs of interest to agriculture. They are summarized in this edition.

The convention was attended by approximately 800 delegates and visitors. The 380 delegates represented 38,000 members in 51 counties. Indirectly they represented farmers co-operatives affiliated with the Farm Bureau whose stockholders and farmer patrons other than Farm Bureau members would represent another 40,000.

Actions taken at the pre-convention meetings, the Farm Bureau resolutions, the principal speeches and reports and other convention material are summarized in other articles in this paper.

### BATTLE BEGINS ON FUTURE FARM PRICES

The first battles are being fought in Congressional committees to determine really what is going to be done in the matter of postwar price support for agriculture.

Congressman Fred L. Crawford of Saginaw gave a realistic report on the situation when he spoke to the annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau November 8.

Farmers have the Steagall amendment to assure them price support at 90% of parity for two years after the President or Congress makes an official declaration of peace. But, said Mr. Crawford, so far no appropriation has been made.

The questions being pondered by committees in Congress said Mr. Crawford include: (1) The effect that declining federal revenues will have on getting price support for agriculture. The reduction of federal income taxes scheduled for 1946 is just a part of the general reduction in federal income. (2) The problems presented for price support in the present price level and rate of production of some commodities.

Mr. Crawford said that 25c cotton includes price support at 10 cents per pound. That can cost the federal treasury \$500,000,000 annually on the crop. If the rayon industry can replace cotton with rayon at 15c a pound, which appears likely, what is the future for 25c cotton?

Farm production is expected to be far in excess of domestic demand when the balance of the world is back in production. Farmers have been promised parity price support for a two year period of readjustment. Their champion for parity price support in the market place continues to be the Farm Bureau.

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### JUNIORS ELECT GUERDON FROST PRESIDENT

Guerdon Frost of Lansing was elected president of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau at the 10th annual meeting at Michigan State College, November 3. He will serve until November, 1946.

Other officers elected: First vice-president, Clayton Klein of Fowlerville; second vice-president, Herbert Gittel of Pigeon; secretary and treasurer, Rosemary Fierke, Saginaw R-7; publicity chairman, Doris Birch, Bay City R-2; camp chairman, Ruth Parsons, Fowlerville.



GUERDON FROST

Guerdon Frost is a student at Michigan State College. He is interested in vocational agriculture and education. Mr. Frost returned to college in the fall of 1944 after 19 months in the U. S. Marines, service terminating with a medical discharge. He was married to Arlene Britton of Ann Arbor in June, 1945. They make their

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# Remember! Neighbors, If you want a square deal in this world, you have to be ready to fight for it



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## Community Farm Bureau Activities

By MRS. MARJORIE KARKER  
Membership Relations and Education

**Almira, Benzie—12.** Secretary to contact county nurse to see what steps can be taken to have all children immunized for diphtheria.

**Solon, Leelanau—9.** Group feels that the farmer is being ignored as a buying group for surplus commodities offered by the war department. A farmer must pay a dealer a markup of 70% in order to secure these surplus supplies.

**Garfield, Newaygo—26.** Group will charter a bus and go to Detroit next year to see a good ball game. Resolution sent county board saying the group was in favor of a Farm Bureau chorus.

**Sand Creek, Lenawee.** New group organized during September.

**Gresham-Chester, Eaton—13.** Group concluded that one way the farmers could obtain more of the consumer's dollar is by taking their produce a little closer to the consumer by co-operative processing and marketing practices.

**Tri-Township, Kalamazoo—19.** Members of group favor support prices so that the farmer may have some basis to plan on. If support prices are continued, however, there should be a strict system for grading and inspection of products.

**Stockbridge, Ingham—14.** Elsie Bradshaw was instructed by the group to find out how they could be of assistance to the PTA in their project for a recreation center.

**Ronald, Ionia—20.** Resolution passed and sent to county board of directors that no one shall become president of the County Farm Bureau until he has served at least one year as director.

**Ogden, Lenawee—18.** After a talk by Frank Trull, district soil conservationist, the group went on record as favoring the soil conservation district for Lenawee county.

**Eastside Highland, Osceola—17.** Group is asking the County Farm Bureau to send a delegate to the next meeting of the county board of supervisors' meeting asking what could be done by that body about the county roads.

**Hoover, Kalamazoo—16.** New group organized in November.

**Paw Paw, Van Buren—21.** County librarian, Miss Farrington, talked to the group on the help the county library may be to community groups. She also asked for suggestions as to how the county library might be of more help.

**Blumfield-Buena Vista, Saginaw—35.** In discussing the problems of farmers in this group it was decided that drainage and soil conservation were the more important and that something should be done about each.

**Deerfield, Lapeer—17.** Group went on record as demanding an increase in the price of farm commodities equal to the raise in prices of manufactured commodities.

**Elba-Hadley, Lapeer—20.** Resolution passed by this group recommending to the county board of directors that each director of the county board be required to attend the state annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

**Shafter, Kalamazoo—31.** Suggestion made by group that local businessmen be invited to group meetings and have them present the problems they have, in their field. Through this medium it is hoped that there will be more co-operation between producer and retailer.

**Swan Creek & James, Saginaw—15.** Suggested by group that Farm Bureau have available material on market trends for use of Farm Bureau members.

**Chippewa-Union, Isabella—25.** Problems of interest to this local group were listed as follows: 1. Cutting brush along the roads. 2. Conditions in county jail. 3. Pollution of streams. 4. Hunting laws.

**Worden, Washtenaw—21.** Under the head of "new business" the members of this group made a list of prospective new members of the Farm Bureau in their community. This list will be used in the forthcoming Roll Call.

**Butterfield, Missaukee—7.** Following a discussion on Bangs Disease the group voted not in favor of a compulsory testing law.

**West Scbewa, Ionia—15.** New group organized in October.

**Sunnyside, Wexford—12.** The captain of the Roll Call for this group asked for volunteers to help in the forthcoming membership drive. Elmer Nelson, Harry Finstrom, Mrs. Frank Dahlberg and Mrs. Emil Schmuck will help with the drive.

**River Road, Benzie—9.** Group voted to give \$10 to the Benzie Hospital Association. This money will be raised by direct assessment of each member.

**Vantown, Ingham—24.** Discussion was opened with the question, "Why did you join the Michigan Farm Bureau?" Answers given were: Social, hospitalization, organization, prestige and some said it was worth the membership fee just to get to meet and get acquainted with one's community.

**N. W. Assyria, Barry—19.** For recreation an interesting game of "towns" was played; the last letter of one town to be the first letter in the name of another town.

**N. E. Roland, Isabella.** Group will have their herds tested for Bangs Disease at their own expense. The price for a group will be less than on an individual basis, however.

**Crystal Lake, Oceana—14.** After a discussion of the need for extended telephone lines in this community, a poll was taken and eight families signed up to take a telephone as soon as they were available. Carl Fuehring was appointed to look after this matter.

**Lowe-Grove, Clinton—20.** New group organized in October.

**North Grove, Tuscola—10.** After the formal meeting was over and after refreshments had been served, an orchestra consisting of Ernie Weiler at the piano and Mr. Pierce with a mouth organ, played and the group danced until three o'clock in the morning.

**Marion, Saginaw—32.** Group voted to pay the expenses of any of their members interested in taking a course in the Saginaw county adult education program.

**South Salem, Washtenaw—32.** A contest between the men and women of this group is being conducted in the form of a membership drive with points being given for members signed, contacts made, etc. (Editor's note: It will be interesting to know how many members were signed and who were the best solicitors—men or women.)

**North Carlton, Barry—19.** Voted by the group to send a committee of three to the county road commission with a petition asking that local road be black-topped. The committee is made up of Clyde Tooker, Neil Newton and Rex Frisby.

**East Leland, Leelanau—22.** Resolution passed by group as follows: "Be it resolved to permanently prohibit the sale of any potatoes for table use other than U. S. No. 1's and to have an inspection placed on the retailer as well as the producer."

**Watertown Center, Clinton—13.** New group organized in October.

**County Center, Kalamazoo—28.** Group voted to pay hospitalization chairman expenses involved in taking care of this insurance for the past three years.

**Scotts, Kalamazoo—19.** In discussing Community Farm Bureaus this group agreed that perhaps the most important aspect was the social one but that discussion must not be omitted as farm people receive a great deal of benefit from discussing their own local problems. They agreed that not only the discussion leader but that all members must come prepared to add something to the discussion on the topic chosen.

**Bloomington & Columbia, Van Buren—36.** The goal set by this group for this year is to hold their present membership and make their community 100% Farm Bureau.

**Gull Prairie, Kalamazoo—32.** Resolution passed by group which would limit the number of families on a rural telephone line to four.

## Mich. Farm Bureaus Womens Annual Meet

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Belle Newell of Coldwater.

The convention committees were made up of the following women:

Rules: Mrs. J. H. Birdsall, Oceana county, chairman; Mrs. Karl Oehmke, Huron county and Mrs. Paul Earl, Wexford county.

Registration: Mrs. Ford Goodemoot, Ionia county, chairman; Mrs. Arthur Magzig, Clinton county, and Mrs. Loren Ewald, Tuscola county.

Credentials: Mrs. H. E. Strohm, Ottawa county, chairman; Mrs. Lloyd Ruesink, Lenawee county, and Mrs. Carleton Ball, Calhoun county.

Nominating: Mrs. M. N. Stickney, Oakland county, chairman; Mrs. Jack Southern, Eaton county and Mrs. Howard Krick, Gratiot county.

Ticket: Mrs. Delford Henderson, Sanilac county, chairman; Mrs. Clyde Pippitt of St. Joseph county, and Mrs. Tom Berghouse, Missaukee county.

Hospitality: Mrs. Dell Mead, Ingham county, chairman; Mrs. Sam Thomson, Cass county, Mrs. Florence Fowler, Hillsdale county, Mrs. Claude Burkhardt, Livingston county, Mrs. Arvil Hellman, Kent county, Mrs. C. J. Reid, St. Clair county, Mrs. Gordon Christenson, Newaygo county, Mrs. Herbert Peppel, Bay county, Mrs. Claus Kahrs, Northwestern Michigan, and Mrs. Howard Brumm, Charlevoix county.

Resolutions: Mrs. Belle Newell, Branch county, Mrs. W. E. Hobbs, Barry county, Mrs. Edith Wagar, Monroe county, Mrs. Pearl Myers, Lapeer county and Mrs. Albert Emmons, Mecosta county.

The music was in charge of the ladies from Shiawassee county. Community singing was led by Mrs. Hoffman. The pianist was Mrs. George Pardonnet.

The invocation at lunch was given by Mrs. Thomas Ghering of Northwestern Michigan.

You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence.



## Sands of Sanibel

(Being the winter plan of an amateur shell collector)

When the summer's strength has wasted and its warmth has petered out; When I find I need my mittens as I chafe my way about; When by my rough calculations Indian summer's sands are run; And the six-months northern winter has inexorably begun, Then I pause in contemplation, and my Marthy pauses too, And in joint executive session we resolve what we will do As we call the stars to witness, and the sun and moon as well, That we'll meet them all this winter on the beach at Sanibel.

On the sands of Sanibel

Where the world is strewn with shell And the riches of old ocean teem in every heaving swell.

For the wind is soft and drowsy in the pantaletted palms And the pelicans are splashing in the Indian River calms And the winter sun is beaming on the fairest land on earth As we net the darting pectins in the shallows of Lake Worth. Think of us, my Gentle Reader, in the ocean to our knees Seeking conchs and whelks and tulips on the sandbars of the Keys; Think of us in shorts and sneakers, maybe sunburn; who can tell? Two Alldins in the Garden, on the shore at Sanibel.

On the sands of Sanibel

Where the rare Junonia dwell And the wealth of all the oceans teems in every heaving swell.

There are pink flamingoes wading the endless Everglade While the yellow-legged egrets stalk at tireless dress parade; There are orchids by the thousand—they are wild and they are free And the sand-pipers are dancing there beside the shining sea. Oh, I would not make you envious, but let me tell you now If the harness holds together we are going anyhow, And some balmy winter morning we shall smell the pungent smell Of a million moldering mollusks on the sands of Sanibel.

On the sands of Sanibel

Where the sea gives up its shell And the treasures of the Indies teem in every heaving swell.

R. S. Clark,

315 North Grinnell St., Jackson, Michigan.

## Announce 1946 Member Goals, Roll Call Dates

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**Montcalm—Dec. 13;** goal 754. Walter G. Herrick, Hubbardston, manager; Harold Taylor, Coral R-1, publicity.

**Monroe—Not announced,** goal 433. Muskegon—Jan. 29; goal 523. Harold Banta, 1,801 Peck St., Muskegon Heights, manager.

**Newaygo—Jan. 15;** goal 661. Koos Karnemaat, Fremont R-4, manager.

**Northwestern Michigan—Jan. 8;** goal 980. Clarence Lincoln, 301 N. Spruce St., Traverse City, manager and publicity.

**Oakland—Feb. 5;** goal 842. Howard Chantor, Davisburg R-1, manager; Mrs. Mallory Stickney, Clarkston R-2, publicity.

**Oceana—Jan. 30;** goal 664. Bert Draft, New Era R-1, manager.

**Osceola—Jan. 19;** goal 252. Arnold Parsons, Ewart R-1, manager, Mrs. R. N. McLaughlin, Ewart R-1, publicity.

**Ottawa—Jan. 21;** goal 1,531. Gerrit Elzinga, Hudsonville R-3, manager and publicity.

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**Bloomington & Columbia, Van Buren—36.** The goal set by this group for this year is to hold their present membership and make their community 100% Farm Bureau.

**Gull Prairie, Kalamazoo—32.** Resolution passed by group which would limit the number of families on a rural telephone line to four.

**Elba-Hadley, Lapeer—20.** Resolution passed by this group recommending to the county board of directors that each director of the county board be required to attend the state annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

**Shafter, Kalamazoo—31.** Suggestion made by group that local businessmen be invited to group meetings and have them present the problems they have, in their field. Through this medium it is hoped that there will be more co-operation between producer and retailer.

**Swan Creek & James, Saginaw—15.** Suggested by group that Farm Bureau have available material on market trends for use of Farm Bureau members.

**Chippewa-Union, Isabella—25.** Problems of interest to this local group were listed as follows: 1. Cutting brush along the roads. 2. Conditions in county jail. 3. Pollution of streams. 4. Hunting laws.

**Worden, Washtenaw—21.** Under the head of "new business" the members of this group made a list of prospective new members of the Farm Bureau in their community. This list will be used in the forthcoming Roll Call.

**Butterfield, Missaukee—7.** Following a discussion on Bangs Disease the group voted not in favor of a compulsory testing law.

**West Scbewa, Ionia—15.** New group organized in October.

**Sunnyside, Wexford—12.** The captain of the Roll Call for this group asked for volunteers to help in the forthcoming membership drive. Elmer Nelson, Harry Finstrom, Mrs. Frank Dahlberg and Mrs. Emil Schmuck will help with the drive.

**River Road, Benzie—9.** Group voted to give \$10 to the Benzie Hospital Association. This money will be raised by direct assessment of each member.

**Vantown, Ingham—24.** Discussion was opened with the question, "Why did you join the Michigan Farm Bureau?" Answers given were: Social, hospitalization, organization, prestige and some said it was worth the membership fee just to get to meet and get acquainted with one's community.

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## ALFALFA SEED SHORTAGE CALLS FOR MEASURES

By R. W. BENNETT,  
Farm Bureau Services Seedman  
We are facing another year of a short crop of alfalfa seed for Michigan. The Michigan crop is the smallest in years. The government reports a larger crop nationally, but all the increase is in sections producing seed not adapted to Michigan.



R. W. BENNETT

Michigan farmers are going to be offered unadapted alfalfa seed next spring. It will have the following origins: Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico, and last but not least, Argentina, South America. These seeds will be offered with the excuse that if planted with brome grass it may come through. Alfalfa seed is too expensive to take chances of that kind.

We thought seed from New Mexico, produced at an altitude of 5,000 feet and higher, might be OK for Michigan. Before buying we got information straight from the experimental records at Washington to the effect that New Mexico alfalfa is only 71% as hardy as Michigan grown hardigan alfalfa, produced under conditions comparable with New Mexico. The difference is that the high altitude of New Mexico provides the alfalfa a snow covering before it freezes.

The Farm Bureau Services expects to have as much adapted alfalfa seed as it had last year. It will be allocated to dealers to make it go around fairly. We ask farmers to sow less pounds of alfalfa seed per acre to make it go as far as you can. We also recommend wherever possible the substitution of sweet clover. There is a good crop of sweet clover. Sweet clover is a free producing nitrogen plant, providing good pasture and good humus. Be sure to use inoculation when seeding.

The Farm Bureau needs June clover. When you market your clover seed, try to get your dealer to market it to the Farm Bureau Service seed dept. We want adapted seed for Michigan farmers.

You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

World War II put more than 75 million persons under arms.

## NOTICE TO COMMUNITY FARM BUREAU SEC'YS

It has come to the attention of Mr. Waggoner of the Community Farm Bureau staff that many discussion leaders have not been receiving the material put out by the state office. The names of all discussion leaders have been put on the mailing lists and your discussion leader should be used in sending out this material getting his state material. If he does not receive it, will you kindly report to Mr. J. J. Waggoner, Michigan Farm Bureau, Lansing 4, Michigan. That will enable us to check and find out why the material is not getting to the persons to whom it is sent.

It has occurred to Mr. Waggoner and myself that perhaps the names of some discussion leaders have not been sent into this office and for this reason I am listing again the Community Farm Bureaus on our state lists who have not sent in their 1945-46 Set-up Sheets. Remember, that the names are put on the various mailing lists from these Set-up Sheets. If yours is not in this office no one from your Community Farm Bureau will receive communications from the state office.

Allegan County—Lake Shore.

Antrim—Pleasant Hill, White Valley.

Barry—Banfield, Carlton, Irving, Shores, Branch-Moore, N. E. Assyria, N. E. Dowling, Feighner.

Bay—Hampton, Gibson, Beaver.

Benzie—Betsie Valley, Benzonia, Thompsonville Lower Henry Lake.

Berrien—Bainbridge, Lake, Niles, Stickney.

Branch—Ghird, Union, Gilead, Bronson.

Calhoun—Eckford.

Cass—Marcellus, Howard, Mason.

Charlevoix—Phelps, Ironton, Barnard.

Clinton—DeWitt, Lansing.

Gratiot—Elba, Newark, S. Washington, S. W. Gratiot.

Hillsdale—Central, Northwest.

Huron—East Huron.

Ingham—Millsville.

Ionia—Easton, Otisco-Orleans, Boston-Berlin, Campbell, Ronald.

Isabella—County Center, So. Nottawa, Winn, Rolland, So. Broomfield.

Jackson—Grass Lake.

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## Notice to Secretaries And to Membership

Regarding delivery of Michigan Farm News: We shall appreciate postcard or other notice that any member is not receiving his paper. Please report any irregularity in delivery, such as duplicate copies, wrong RFD, error in name, etc. If member removes from RFD address in one county to RFD address in another county, please advise if change makes you a resident of second county. Place of residence determines which County Farm Bureau is your County Farm Bureau. We do our best to have everything right, but we are not infallible. We need and appreciate help.—Michigan Farm News.

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## MEET MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU BD. OF DIRECTORS

To acquaint the membership with the 15 state directors elected at the annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, Nov. 8-9, 1945, we present a short biographical sketch for each of them in this edition.

Names marked \* indicate that the director was elected to the state board for the first time.

**WALDO E. PHILLIPS, District No. 1**—Mr. Phillips operates a 200 acre general and dairy farm at Decatur R-2, Van Buren county. Mr. Phillips has always lived in the vicinity. His grandfather came to Michigan in the 1850's. Mr. Phillips father died when the boy was eleven. Waldo completed his high school education and had one year at the University of Michigan. He was married at 20 and Mr. and Mrs. Phillips began farming, renting the farm they have owned for many years.

Mr. Phillips is a charter member of the Farm Bureau. He has been a director of the Michigan Farm Bureau for 19 years, and served as its president in 1923-24 and again in 1935. He has been a director of the Michigan Elevator Exchange since its organization in 1920 and served as president for two years. He is a director of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., Farm Bureau Fruit Products Co., chairman of the Michigan Association of Farmer Co-operatives, and is a director of Lawrence Co-op, Inc., in Van Buren county.

**LOYD RUESINK, Dist. No. 2**—Dairy and poultry farmer at Adrian R-3, Lenawee county. Has always lived on home farm of 160 acres, which was operated on a father and son partnership for some years, later rented by Lloyd and finally purchased. He has a herd of 20 Reg. Holsteins, raises 1,200 pullets annually, keeps 800 laying hens. Graduate of 2 year short course at MSC, active as a youth in 4-H club work, FFA and Junior Farm Bureau. Married, has two children. Mr. Ruesink came up through the Junior Farm Bureau, came on Michigan Farm Bureau board as state president of Juniors. Re-elected to 3 two year terms as member of Senior Farm Bureau. Elected president of Lenawee Farm Bureau when it re-organized in 1939 and continues as president.

**\*GORDON GILL, Dist. No. 3**—Dairy and poultry farmer, at Ypsilanti R-3, Washtenaw county. Owns and operates 170 acres, rented another 100 acres this year. Born on the farm purchased by his grandfather in 1883. Graduate of Ypsilanti high school, attended Michigan State college 2 1/3 years. Married, has son, 20, and one, 12. Mr. Gill was a director of Washtenaw County Farm Bureau for 9 years and secretary 8 years. He is a stockholder of Ypsilanti Farm Bureau Association and Washtenaw Farmers Oil Co. co-operatives. He is secretary of the latter. Member of sales committee of Michigan Milk Producers Association one year, now president of its Cherry Hill local. Active in Community Farm Bureau work, AAA committeeman several years, treasurer of school district past 13 years, secretary of Cherry Hill Methodist church board.

**\*ALBERT SHELLENBARGER, Dist. No. 4**—General farmer at Lake Odessa, Barry county. Operates combining, corn husking and corn picking custom service with full line of equipment therefore. Born and raised on farm adjoining one he now owns. Grandparents homesteaded in that locality. Graduate of Woodland high school. Worked in shops two years. Married and began farming in partnership with father on 400 acres. Bought an 80 in 1937 and another in 1943. Has two sons. Mr. Shellenbarger was elected to Barry County Farm Bureau board in 1943, was Roll Call chairman in 1945 when membership rose from \$19 to 1,057, is Roll Call

## Need to Reconvert People as Well as Jobs

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR  
Brick Hill Farm, Carleton, Monroe Co.

Thanksgiving seemed more like the old time holiday this year with the tension of life less taut than for a few years back.

Everybody seemed to realize blessings had been poured upon them in many ways. Acute anxieties had lessened during the past year. Our service men were back or coming soon. War time conditions were fast fading away and all could hope for a normal life once more.

For myself I am thankful that America is my home, a country of opportunity, a country of surpluses, work for everyone if they want to work, a country where we can voice our approval or disapproval of things about us. I've never heard of another country that I would care to call home. I'd love to visit many other countries and to study their ways of living and to see their many attractions, but I know I'd always want to come back.

But much as we love our own country for what it is and what it has to offer, we must remember that America was about the only one out of many countries that escaped enemy invasion and devastation. While we enjoyed the Thanksgiving feast of turkey, flanked with the usual cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie, there are literally thousands of people across the seas wandering from place to place homeless, ragged and hungry. Their families are scattered to the four winds just because they took a part in this war. When I hear some of the stories about folks over there being given five minutes to leave their home and possessions, I wonder what I would have done had it happened to me. I also wonder how many generations it will take to heal the sores to the degree that the people of the world as a whole can live together as one. It's going to take more than an army of occupation to bring about harmony and understanding and good will. It is going to take first of all charity and tolerance and liberal sharing, and example, and patience, over and over again.

Not only am I thankful that I live in America but, I'm thankful that I live on a farm.

I spent my Thanksgiving in Detroit. All was quiet on the holiday, chairman for 1946, and vice-president. President of Woodland Festival Association since 1942.

**\*HAROLD E. SPINK, Dist. No. 5**—General farming and livestock on 240 acres at Mason R-3, Ingham county. Born in Toledo, Ohio, but has resided on present farm 43 years. Family among pioneer settlers of Delhi twp., Ingham county. Moved back to farm as a boy in 1903, attended Mason high school. Bought farm in 1919. Married, has one son, 16. Member of Ingham County Farm Bureau board 9 years, treasurer for 4, membership chairman 1939, chairman of business planning and budget committee of County Farm Bureau 3 years. School district treasurer, chairman twp. committee AAA, chairman Red Cross fund campaign, chairman community chest. Member North Aurelius Union church.

**JESSE E. TREIBER, Dist. No. 6**—Dairyman and producer of certified seeds on 120 acres at Unionville R-1, Tuscola county. See article "Vice-President" on page 3 of this edition.

**\*HARRY NORRIS, Dist. No. 7**—Livestock and dairyman, specializing in Reg. Holstein cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs on 375 acre farm at Casnovia in Muskegon county. Mr. Norris has always resided there. Attended high school, business college, and Michigan State College. Married, has two children in school. Mr. Norris has been president of Muskegon County Farm Bureau for 5 years, and took part in the first Farm Bureau membership campaign 26 years ago. Member of Muskegon Milk Producers Association, chairman of Agricultural Committee of Muskegon Co. Veterans' Council, member school board, director State Rural School Association, chairman of advisory committee of Muskegon County Community Chest. Vice-president Farmers Mutual Fire Ins. Co., of Kent county. Attends the M. E. church.

**\*HAROLD E. FRAHM, Dist. No. 8**—Livestock and grain farmer, specializing in grain, beans and sugar beets on 190 acres in Blumfield twp., at Frankamuth R-1, Saginaw county. Has operated his farm for 29 years. It has been in the family for 90 years. Attended Frankamuth township schools and Bliss-Alger business college at Saginaw. Married and has 10 children. Mr. Frahm is a charter member of the Farm Bureau, since 1919. He has served as community Farm Bureau president for two years, and five years as a county director. He is vice-president of the Vassar local of the Michi-

gan Milk Producers Association.

but the next morning picket lines were in evidence and many thousand workers were away from their jobs. One could hear mutterings against these interruptions taking place at tax time, holiday time, shortage of fuel, payments on the new home and the uncertainty of it all.

The very air seemed to be filled with unrest—one strike seemed to create more. Everybody seemed to want something different. The question in my mind was just how much would it take to satisfy the agitators. If they got what they asked for, how long would it be before they would ask for more, and further more were they willing to increase production along with an increase in pay?

We heard plans for soup kitchens and necessary relief agencies. I wondered if the American people had lost all appreciation of American ideals, opportunities and obligations!

We declare that wars such as we have waged during the past few years "must never happen again", that international policies and pacts must be so organized that all differences may be settled in some other way. Now why cannot we in America have the same controls put upon the affairs within our own country?

Why in a time of great need for all commodities can't we reconvert the people as well as the business and the jobs?

Indeed I'm thankful for the farm and the security it gives us, that we can come and go at will, and that there's opportunities for work without interference.

I'm thankful that the American farmers while fewer in number than ever before have brought forth the greatest production of all history and have been able to feed not only the home folks but millions in service scattered all over the universe and on top of that have supplied much to the needy people of the world.

I know farmers will continue to produce whenever called upon and that their policy will be to fulfill the needs of their country at all times. They may ask for more and usually do some grumbling, but they keep on working while they do it. They have never been known to let their country down. With sane leadership, they never will. Organized agriculture has gained much for its craft in the past and has always maintained the respect of all concerned while doing it. It's methods have never brought hardships to it's people but rather have poured blessings upon them time after time. I trust it will always be so.

Plant Farm Bureau Seeds.

**\*HARRY W. LAUTNER, Dist. No. 9**—General farmer specializing in potatoes and dairy farming on 200 acres in Leelanau county, Traverse City R-3. Born on the farm where his father was a pioneer settler. Educated in local schools and two year short course in agriculture at Michigan State College. 1914-15. Bought home farm in 1921. Married and has two daughters. Mr. Lautner has been a director of Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau since 1933, sec-y-treas., and on executive committee for 6 years, and past four years on executive committee. He has been a co-op director for 16 years, director and vice-chairman of Cherryland Rural Electric Co-op past 18 months, township AAA chairman 1936-41, member State Land Use Planning Committee, township clerk, 1922-27; board of review 1921-41, supervisor 1941-43, board of review at present.

**\*GEORGE BLOCK, Dist. No. 10**—Livestock farmer, specializing in grade Holsteins, purebred Hampshire hogs, Belgian horses, and sheep on 200 acre farm at Charlevoix R-1, Charlevoix county. Mr. Block was born in Allegan county. His father came from the Netherlands in 1866. The family moved to Charlevoix county in 1890, before the railroad. Mr. Block worked on his father's dairy farm until he was 21. For the next 10 years his experiences included carpenter work in Grand Rapids, raising sugar beets, and operating a creamery in Charlevoix for 6 years. He bought his present farm in 1920 and has operated it ever since. Mr. Block has been a member of the Farm Bureau from the start. He has been Community Farm Bureau director and chairman. He is a member of Charlevoix Co-op. AAA, Production Credit Association, school director and trustee of the Methodist church. Mrs. Block is an active worker in the Farm Bureau and the church.

**CARL E. BUSKIRK, Director-at-Large**—Fruit grower and potato producer on 213 acres at Paw Paw R-2, Van Buren county. See article "New and Retiring Presidents" on page 1 of this edition.

**CLARENCE J. REID, Director-at-Large**—Dairyman and producer of certified seed on 220 acres at Avoca R-1, St. Clair county. See "New and Retiring Presidents," page 1.

**\*HARRY F. JOHNSON, Director-at-Large**—General farmer, specializing (Continued on page five)

## Vice-President



Jesse E. Treiber

Jesse E. Treiber, elected vice-president of the Michigan Farm Bureau at the 26th annual meeting, is a charter member of the Farm Bureau. He has served as president of Tuscola County Farm Bureau for 9 years, and on the boards of the Michigan Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Fruit Products Co. since 1941.

Mr. Treiber owns and operates Fertile Valley Seed Farm of 120 acres near Unionville, Tuscola county. The farm has been in possession of the Treiber family since 1892. It is well adapted to the production of pedigreed seeds, a specialty with Mr. Treiber since 1926. He keeps a herd of fine Holstein cows.

Mr. Treiber is a director of the Michigan Crop Improvement Ass'n and has been president of the Fertile Valley Seed Growers Ass'n since 1926. He is active in community affairs. He has served on the school board since 1932. He is a veteran of World War I and in World War II served as assistant advisor on occupational deferments for the selective service appeal board.

Mr. Treiber was born near Tona-wanda, N. Y. He received his grade school training at Unionville, Michigan, attended Lutheran high school at St. Louis, Mo., and was graduated from business college in that city in 1917. He shouldered the responsibility of managing the home farm when 17. Mr. and Mrs. Treiber have two sons, Elmo and Berthold, at home, and attending school.

Lapeer County Farm Bureau, interested in group hospitalization, may join with Lapeer Rotary club in campaigning for a new hospital at Lapeer.

Plant Farm Bureau Seeds.

From 1941 to 1945, the government issued over 182,000 regulations and orders pertaining to business, over 45,000 a year or more than 150 per day. No wonder that business was, and still is, dizzy trying to keep abreast of such an avalanche of directives.

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## Here Are the Reasons DEMAND

- 1 Twenty-two per cent more turkeys are being raised than in 1944.
- 2 328,000,000 more chicks were produced from July 1 to Sept. 30 in 1945 than for the same period in 1944.
- 3 The 1945 pig crop is larger and farmers are feeding hogs to greater weights.
- 4 The subsidies paid on dairy products have encouraged the heavier feeding of a large number of dairy cows.

## SUPPLY

- 1 Livestock kill is only slightly greater. Meat scrap continues very scarce.
- 2 Fish meal supply limited by poor fishing season.
- 3 Short soybean crop. Illinois and Iowa farmers report crop two-thirds of 1944.
- 4 Hundreds of thousands of bushels of soybeans have been shipped south and abroad.
- 5 Soybeans in large quantity have been made into soya flour for export.
- 6 Cotton crop is smaller and cottonseed meal is being held in the south.
- 7 Linseed meal production about normal, but movement to market is slow.

These conditions add up to a shortage of protein concentrates until demand lessens. Watch every pound of protein concentrate. Balance rations carefully so as not to waste it.

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Applications must be in by December 15th. State references, experience and salary wanted. Send to: Board of Directors, % A. P. Kline, Secretary, Stephenson Marketing Association, Stephenson, Michigan.



## Pres. Reid's Address To the Farm Bureau

By CLARENCE J. REID  
Speech Opening Michigan Farm Bureau Convention at State College, November 8

A year has passed since we last met in annual convention. It has been, perhaps, the most eventful year in the history of our country and in the history of our Farm Bureau organization. The Michigan Farm Bureau today enjoys the largest active membership in its existence. The Insurance department, Farm Bureau Services, the Junior Farm Bureau and the Women of the Michigan Farm Bureau have all had a most successful and serviceable year. The Farm Bureau must continue to serve rural America even better in the future than we have in the past.

Success in the Farm Bureau depends on the leadership in the local communities, never forgetting that the most important person in the Farm Bureau is the individual member. Experience has demonstrated that farmers must have a strong farm organization and that they must direct their own organization in a most democratic way, work out their own policies and avoid joining ranks with any other organization controlled by dictators or tribunals.

Farmers can well be proud of their war record. The amazing record of agricultural production leaves no doubt of our ability. In this most vital period of reconversion, massive production by all groups is the only safeguard against dreaded inflation and deflation. The source of American economic power lies in the ability of agriculture, industry and labor to co-operate to their mutual advantage. Let all remember that teamwork beats tug-of-war.

Many great problems lie ahead for all. One of great importance is to practice the first commandment given in the Bible, and to replenish the soil. Virgin soil is gone and the fertility of our farms has been under great strain during these war years. If good soil is needed to produce good livestock, good soil is also needed to produce good people. Fertility of the soil is closely interwoven with adequate nutrition. Both are very essential to an enduring peace.

Then there are the problems of taxation, military training, labor costs in parity prices, loans and gifts to foreign nations, producer-consumer relationships, strikes and their effects on farm markets and farm production and purchasing costs, surplus property disposal, farm credit, rural school and rural health programs. These are

questions of vital interest to all farmers and can be answered only by and through co-operation.

Farm Bureau members have every right to be proud of the organization they have built and of their accomplishments thru it. Our legislative program is the envy of other groups, both in its achievement and in the technique used. Through this department, Agriculture's voice is heard with respect on all matters concerning the general welfare.

Our Junior Farm Bureau is to be highly complimented. Its success has been outstanding. We have forged ahead and are the most outstanding Junior Farm Bureau in the nation. We are delighted in the manner in which the Junior Farm Bureau members participate in the general program of the Farm Bureau. The leadership training being received by this group bids well for the future success of our organization and of our nation.

The Michigan Association of Farmer Co-operatives made its debut this year. In this movement, Michigan co-operatives are demonstrating that they can truly co-operate. This group, a new division of our Farm Bureau, has joined with the National Co-operative Council and the National Association of Co-operatives in the fight to protect co-operatives and farmers from unfair taxation and unscrupulous business practices.

The Women of the Michigan Farm Bureau bids fair to become one of the most important parts of our Farm Bureau program. One danger to be watched for in successful organization work is that of leaders organizing themselves away from their members. This danger will be removed by our women's group. They will see that the true fundamental principles of the Farm Bureau, the moral, social and educational phases will never be forgotten or neglected. Our women have proved their ability in membership drives, and in community, county state and national activities.

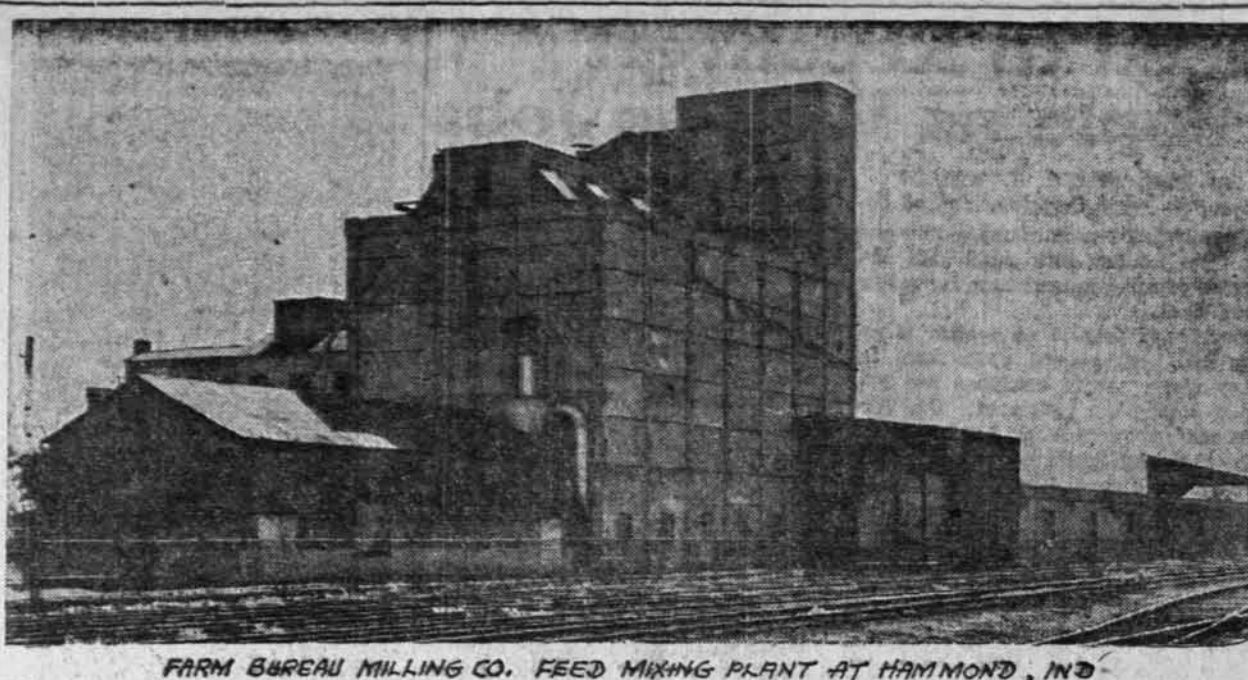
Our Insurance department again enjoyed a good year in spite of car, tire, and gas shortages. Once again they show a substantial margin.

Farm Bureau Services enjoyed one of its best years. Its financial position is not exceeded by any like business in the country. The continuing success of the Insurance department and Farm Bureau Services has raised the question of special benefits for members. This needs thoughtful consideration. We must be careful not to kill the goose that lays the golden egg. Would this lead to the closed shop theory in agriculture?

During the war years we have witnessed the development of new and powerful inventions. We only hope that our world statesmen are fully capable of controlling and using these for the betterment of all mankind. During the past year we trust we have seen the birth of a new era. As the doctrine of Christian Democracy spreads over the world our American democracy must assume its rightful leadership. We must and shall make Democracy work in America. Every economic group and every American citizen should and shall enjoy freedom of opportunity and accept rightful responsibilities and duties inherited by them to see that the sacred ideals of the Founding Fathers of America shall be firmly established throughout the world. Perhaps one of the most important groups that will make world co-operation work is the American Farm Bureau Federation, fast becoming recognized by all as a most influential, fair-minded national and world power. As we grow in number our responsibilities increase. May our slogan ever be "Hats off to the past. Coats off to the future."

Yes, the shooting is over. The boys are coming home. We have won. Armies are defeated on the field of battle, but enemies are conquered by the heaping of the proverbial coals of justice, kindness, understanding and peace-providing education. This will take many years. This time let us take time to finish the job.

The entire world marvels at the speed and efficiency with which Americans met and accepted the challenge of war. The manner in which all our citizens co-operated proved that we fought, not as a great machine, but as a spiritually inspired, home-loving, civilized people. We must never for-



FARM BUREAU MILLING CO. FEED MIXING PLANT AT HAMMOND, IND.

## Members Build Complete Stock Feed Program

By ROBERT H. ADDY  
Farm Bureau Services Feed Dept.

We now have nearly 40,000 Farm Bureau members, the largest and strongest membership in the history of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Every member is a vital part of the organization.

When we combine our power, tremendous good can be accomplished. The influence of the Farm Bureau is to be observed on state and national legislation of interest to farmers. We give an able account of ourselves in that field.

We have yet to develop fully our Farm Bureau co-operative services on farm supplies, feeds, seeds, fertilizers, farm machinery, barn equipment, paints, petroleum products, fence and roofing, and other supplies.

These projects need the wholehearted support of members of the Farm Bureau. They are well developed now and very serviceable. Your support can help your Farm Bureau commodity organization (Farm Bureau Services, Inc.) grow into a program of manufacturing farm supplies as well as distributing them. We have made a very good start in the manufacture of Farm Bureau feeds. These feeds are made for Farm Bureau members of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin by the Farm Bureau Milling Company at Hammond, Ind. We control the blending of Farm Bureau feeds. They are open formula so that you may know from the feed tag the number of pounds of each ingredient in the feed. They are quality feeds, built to get profitable results for the feeder.

If every Farm Bureau member will insist that his supplier furnish him with Farm Bureau feeds, when the present temporary shortage of feed stuffs is over, it won't be long before the savings from the milling operations are substantial. When members buy competitive feeds they are helping to build feed plants in which they own no part and do not share in the earnings or savings. Let's build a Farm Bureau organization program that is owned by farmers! Consider this information on Farm Bureau feeds:

Mermash 16% protein is a starter, grower and egg mash that has revolutionized poultry feeding. It is made with Farm Bureau Mermaker as a base. Mermaker supplies all the qualities that blended ocean fish meal bring to a feed.

Mermade Balancer 37% protein supplement carries 600 lbs. of Mermaker to each ton of Balancer. It contains also 500 lbs of meat scraps, 450 lbs. of dehydrated alfalfa. We add vitamins A-D-G and the B complex.

get, nor let our children or grandchildren forget the atrocities, the cruel, barbarian, unthinkable acts of the inhuman leaders of our late enemies. Nor will we ever forget the great valor and courage and fortitude of our brave American boys, living and dead, who fought so nobly and won on many battle fronts so far apart. They fought. They died. They won that you and I might live and freedom might prevail. Surely, all Americans can with Francis Scott Key truly pray, "That thus be it ever when free men shall stand between their loved homes and war's desolation, blessed with victory and peace, may this Heaven-rescued land ever praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a Nation!"

Coffee taste poor lately? Congressmen say OPA's price policy sends the best coffee to Europe while U. S. gets poor grades.

in quantities sufficient to furnish more than the amounts suggested by poultry authorities for each pound of mash.

Many Farm Bureau feed dealers make starters and egg mashes in which Mermade Balancer 37% is the base. These feeds are called Mermade feeds. Ask for them.

Farm Bureau Milkmaker 34% protein has everything necessary to get maximum milk production and leave you a healthy cow for another year. Five quality protein ingredients are used in Milkmaker. Molasses is added for its qualities. Of much importance is the fact that we add 8,000,000 units of vitamin D to each ton. Vitamin D enables cows and babies to assimilate lime and phosphorus. Cows need heavy concentrations of these minerals for milk and for the bones of the calf you hope to get. They need to utilize every bit of lime and phosphorus in their feed. Milkmaker helps them do that.

Milkmaker used as a concentrate instead of soybean meal, cottonseed meal or linseed meal adds only 9 or 10 cents to each 100 lbs. of the ration. For about \$1 per cow per year, you get the advantages mentioned above.

Porkmaker 35% protein is a hog concentrate. It's blended to meet the requirements for a high quality protein hog concentrate. It contains the essential minerals and vitamins A-D-G and B complex. Many colleges have demonstrated the value of what are called water soluble vitamins—riboflavin, choline, niacin, pantothenic acid, thiamin and others. They tend to increase the numbers in a litter, the livability of pigs farrowed, and aid in making cheaper gains in pigs and fattening hogs.

The foregoing vitamins are used liberally in Portmaker 35%. Blend Porkmaker 35% with home grains. Feed in self-feeders to growing and fattening hogs.

Let us remember that:

1. Only farmers can build a program that will be of the greatest value to farmers.
2. It's time farmers supported a program that will bring them into ownership of feed plants serving farmers who buy their feeds through their co-operatives and other Farm Bureau dealers.
3. Farm Bureau feeds represent the last word in animal nutrition. They are open formula and are built to get results, not to compete with cheaper feeds that are deficient in values necessary to make a profit for the feeder.
4. Farm Bureau members can get Farm Bureau feeds by asking for them.

Skunks Give Music Camp The Jitters

Skunks are a real problem with Dr. Joseph B. Maddy, director of the Interlochen music camp. He has appealed to the conservation department for advice concerning ways of controlling the skunks. Numbers of them have ensconced themselves beneath log buildings of the camp. During the past season skunks appeared in the aisles while concerts were in progress and occasionally appeared behind the footlights. Practice sessions also were enlivened by their visits, the harpists evidently holding greatest charm for them. Bassoon and brass sections were given a wide berth.

The department has advised intensive trapping during the coming season, November 1 to January 31.

Fire losses in the United States in 1944 amounted to about \$424,000,000.

## Classified Ads

Classified advertisements are cash with order at the following rates: 4 cents per word for one edition. Ads to appear in two or more editions take the rate of 3 cents per word per edition.

### GOVERNMENT SURPLUS

EXTRA HEAVY GALVANIZED SINKS with drain board. Original cost over \$100. Ideal for milk house, home use, processing, canning, etc. Overall measurements 22 1/2" wide by 24" long with 8" back and apron. Bowl size 18" by 24" and 30" deep, with 3/4" opening, strainer included. Price for quick sale \$29.50 f.o.b. Lansing. For further particulars call or write Schaberg-Dietrich Hardware Co., 230 North Washington Ave., Lansing, Mich. (12-11-886)

### ELECTRIC WATER HEATER

PREMIER PORTABLE TYPE ELECTRIC Water Heater. A dozen uses for dairy, wet mash, laundry, etc. With Chromolux heat unit. Hang wall on the unit. Automatic current shutoff prevents boiling dry. Exceptional value at \$17.95 plus excise tax, f.o.b. Lansing. Write or call Schaberg-Dietrich Hardware Co., 230 North Washington, Lansing, Mich. (12-11-834)

### MAPLE SYRUP SUPPLIES

MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCERS—Have just received a quantity of Soule and Grimm Sap Spouts. Send us your order now as supply for 1946 season will be limited. Sugar Bush Supplies Company, 217 North Cedar St., Lansing, Michigan. (12-11-853)

### ELECTRIC MOTORS

NEW ELECTRIC MOTORS FOR Farmers, 1/20th H. P. to 7 1/2 H. P. Mail orders to Gulf Service Station, Lawrence, Mich. (4-121-177)

### HOME FOR SALE

FOR SALE—TO BUSINESS MAN wishing to educate his family, a colonial home between Western Michigan college and Kalamazoo business district. Large yard, trees, shrubbery, six rooms for owner plus five separate apartments averaging for five years built \$2,500 income; mahogany and modern furniture, six baths, six General Electric stoves and six refrigerators; heavily insulated roof, walls, floors (golden oak); oil heat-thermostat chronotherm controls; humidifiers, Clarage fan, permanent air filters; year round tennis, professional people. \$8,000 cash, balance liberal terms. Shown by appointment. Private parties only. Write owner, P. O. Box 629, Kalamazoo, Mich. (11-21-946)

### WOOL GROWERS

ATTENTION—WOOL GROWERS, We handle wool for the C.C.C. and offer you other marketing services. All wool graded at our warehouse, 606 N. Mechanic St., Jackson, Michigan. Ceiling prices guaranteed. Michigan Co-operative Wool Marketing Association. (11-11-956)

## MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU WOMEN'S ANNUAL MEETING

By MRS. MARJORIE KARKER  
Director of Women's Activities

500 Michigan Farm Bureau women gathered in Fairchild Theatre on the Michigan State college campus, East Lansing, Wednesday, November 7th to attend the first annual meeting held since their program got under way on March 1, 1945. Luncheon was served at the People's church by the ladies of the church.

The Advisory Council, when planning the convention, commented that they thought the first requisite for a good meeting was that it start on time and end on time. Both objectives were accomplished.

Mrs. Ray Neikirk, of Gratiot County State Chairman for 1945, presided at the convention.

The morning session was given over to the business meeting, report of committees, and the report of progress given by Mrs. Marjorie Karker, state director of Women's Activities for the Michigan Farm Bureau. Mrs. Karker discussed some of the projects being carried on by the Farm Bureau women, such as the Clubmobile Project, the Farm Bureau Women's Camp by the Northwestern Michigan women, the hospital project of the Wexford county women, Junior Farm Bureau and hospitalization projects of the Sanilac county women, etc. Many projects were not mentioned for lack of time.

Resolutions passed by the Farm Bureau are the basis for the state program planned for the coming year. The following subjects were included: Rural Youth Recreation, Education on Farm Bureau Principles, Compulsory Military Training, Education, Rural Health, Junior Farm Bureau, Rural Library Service, Extension Service, Rural Church, Community Farm Bureaus, Co-operation with other Groups. These resolutions became a part of the resolutions passed by the delegates of the Michigan Farm Bureau who were in session on November 8th and 9th.

Mrs. Howard Paquin of Allegan county presided at the afternoon session. The Junior Farm Bureau members presented facts about their organization. This was done by Guerdon Frost, Ingham county, state president of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau, Miss Marjorie Palmer of Newaygo county, John Baker of Shiawassee county, and Miss Mary Wisner of Genesee county.

The highlight of the convention was of course, a very interesting talk by Mrs. Raymond Sayre of Ackworth, Iowa. She is vice president of the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Mrs. Sayre pointed out that there are many more things in doing a women's work just as important as dusting and washing dishes. Community house-keeping has to be done, now that the world is being made so much smaller, and rural women must do their share of this house-keeping. She said that women must face their responsibility as citizens of the world and must become "doers" and well as pushers. She told of her personal life as the wife of an Iowa farmer and the mother of several children and of her first experiences in Farm Bureau work. Her talk proved an inspiration of every person there.

Mrs. Belle Newell, executive secretary of the Branch County Farm Bureau, was elected state chairman of the Farm Bureau Women's Program. Mrs. Newell is a farm woman as well as a capable executive and is the mother of five children. Three of her sons served in the armed services. Mrs. Newell will prove a very capable leader and under her wise leadership the Michigan Farm Bureau women's program should go far. Mrs. Newell, as state chairman of the Farm Bureau women's program represents Michigan women on the board of directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

The State Advisory Council of the Michigan Farm Bureau women is made up of the following ladies:

Mrs. Belle Newell, Branch county chairman, Mrs. J. H. Birdsall, Oceana county, vice-chairman, Mrs. Ray Neikirk, Gratiot county, immediate past chairman, Mrs. C. E. Buskirk, Van Buren county, Mrs. Lloyd Ruesink, Lenawee county, Mrs. W. E. Hobbs, Barry county, Mrs. Jack Southern, Eaton county, Mrs. Floyd Wood, Mason county, Mrs. Ed. Block, Isabella county, Mrs. William Hoolihan, Northwestern Michigan, Mrs. B. F. Schradner, Antrim county.

Women who are to represent Michigan Farm Bureau women at the annual convention of the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau

Federation to be held in Chicago, City, Mrs. W. E. Hobbs, Delton, Mrs. Illinois on December 16th and 17th William Sherman, Vernon and Mrs. are: Mrs. William Hoolihan, Traverse (Continued on page two)

## YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Here is a gift that will outlast the holiday season. It has no wrappings of gaudy tinsel and gay colors — It is not expensive BUT it does carry a year 'round guarantee of peace of mind and security for every member of your family.

Give yourself the pleasure of State Mutual's protection this year. It's the most practical gift of all. Over 40 thousand of your friends and neighbors swear by it—that is your best assurance of State Mutual's superiority.

## A Very Merry Christmas to You

State Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

702 Church Street

W. V. BURRAS, President

Flint, Michigan

H. K. FISK, Secretary

## When Ready to Market Live Stock

Instruct your trucker to deliver your consignment to the Michigan Live Stock Exchange—a state organization of livestock producers, feeders, and shippers—farmer owned and controlled.

It has a membership of approximately 26,000 in Michigan—90% of whom produce other farm commodities, such as grain, vegetables, fruit, etc., of very high quality.

The Michigan Live Stock Exchange operates its own selling agency on the Detroit market—handling all kinds of live stock on a commission basis. It also handles feeder cattle, calves and lambs in any number on the Detroit market—and in carload lots direct from the range or western markets to any point in the state.

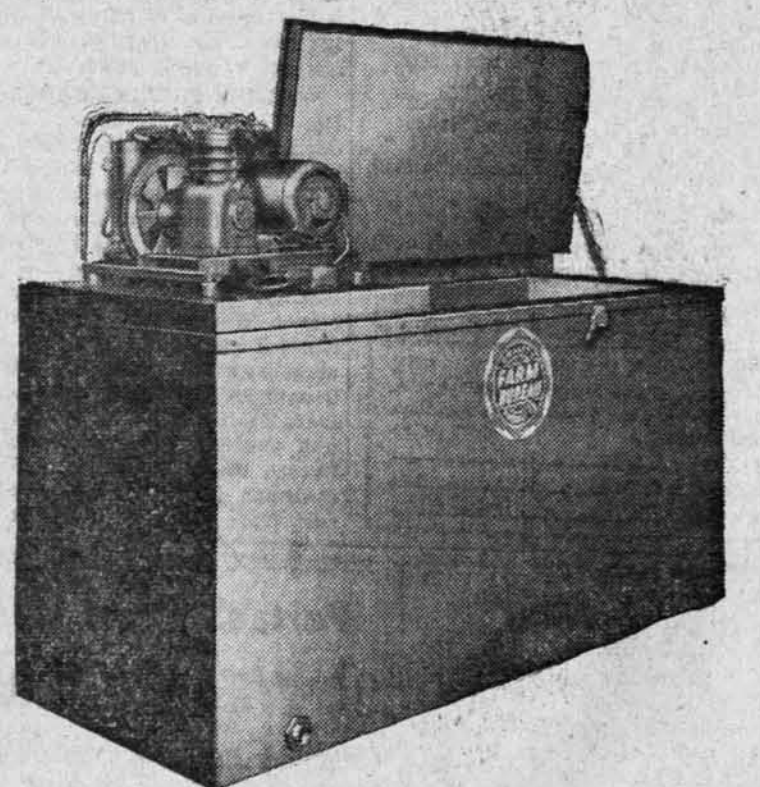
Reliable market information over the stations of the Michigan Radio Network at 12:15 p. m. EWT., Monday through Friday.

Michigan live stock is fed for market on a ration of grain grown on Michigan farms, which guarantees the consumer choice, quality meat at all times.

## Michigan Live Stock Exchange

George J. Boutell, Manager

SALESMEN: Cattle, Jim McCrum and Ted Barrett; Sheep and Calves, Charley Culver and "Jake" Bollman; Hogs, "Mac" McMillen.



FARM BUREAU

## Electric Milk Coolers

Labor Savers and Milk Savers. This milk cooler will meet the demand of Michigan farmers for economical and efficient cooling of milk. Also meet the demand of milk companies for the fast cooling of milk to check the growth of bacteria.

The Farm Bureau milk cooler combines the advantages of a standard type unit, use of a refrigerant with high efficiency, and easily handled, moisture resistant insulation. Also has our standard one year warranty on defective workmanship and for material.

These coolers are warranted to cool twice their holding capacity each 24 hours. We mean to say that our standard 4 can milk cooler will cool 8 ten gallon cans of milk each 24 hours.

Through co-operative buying with regional farmers co-operatives in other states, we can offer this well-built, outstanding Electric Cooler at a greatly reduced price. In fact, at the same price as an ordinary milk cooler.

The demand for spring delivery of milk coolers may exceed the supply. Place your order now with your local co-operative store or Farm Bureau dealer.

FARM BUREAU SERVICES, INC.

Machinery & Electrical Dept.

728 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing, Mich.

**YOU SAVE**  
from \$10 to \$50 in financing car!

•It's like finding money! Car owners report that through the new State Farm Mutual Service they are saving from \$10 to \$50 in financing their cars this modern way. As your local State Farm Mutual Agent, I'll be glad to help you arrange a loan through your home town bank at low interest rates—and show you how to get greater insurance protection at reasonable cost in the world's largest automobile casualty company. Phone or write today. No obligation.

SEE YOUR LOCAL AGENT  
Write Michigan Farm Bureau, State Agent, 221 N. Cedar, Lansing, Michigan.

State Farm Insurance Companies of Bloomington, Illinois

**PARENT STOCK**  
THE SEED CORN YOU PLANT can be no better than the parent stock used by the seed grower in his seed fields. Every precaution is taken to insure TRUE TYPE and PERFORMANCE of the PARENT STOCK USED BY GROWERS OF Michigan Certified Hybrids  
Inbreds are propagated and kept pure by hand pollination under the direct supervision of Professor J. W. Thayer, Plant Breeder at Michigan State College.  
SINGLE CROSS PARENT STOCK—the seed used to plant Certified Hybrid Seed Fields is grown under the direction and control of the  
FARM CROPS DEPARTMENT  
MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE  
This assures only highest quality FOUNDATION SEED used as PARENT MATERIAL



## CONVENTION HONORS TWELVE FOR LONG SERVICE

One of the features of the 1945 annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau was the expression of appreciation given 12 veteran members of the board of directors who ended their service in that capacity.

After a rising vote of thanks for their services, the presiding officer asked each one to rise and be recognized individually, and state his length of service as a state director. They were:

**Former Directors-at-Large**  
**Russell File, Niles R-3, Berrien county.** State director since 1941. Former president of Berrien County Farm Bureau, county director for 17 years. Director of Niles Co-op, Inc., president of Berrien County Farm Bureau Oil Co. General and livestock farmer, operating 320 acres.

**James Harris, Traverse City R-2, Grand Traverse county.** State director for many years. Membership worker in first Farm Bureau membership campaign, president of Traverse City Farmers' Co-op for 12 years. Many farm organization and community activities. Came to Grand Traverse county from England in 1888. Cleared land for present modern farm. Dairyman, pure bred Jersey cattle. Does retail milk business.

**John Houk, Ludington, R-1, Mason county.** State board member 8 years. President of Ludington Fruit Exchange, vice-president Oceana Fruit Growers, Inc. Director Mason Co. Farm Bureau Oil Co. Fruit grower stock man, maple syrup producer. Parents cleared farm in 1870. It has been in the Houk family continuously.

**Mrs. Ray Neikirk, St. Louis, R-1, Gratiot county.** State director for 6 years and chairman of Associated Women of the Farm Bureau. A leader in rebuilding Gratiot County Farm Bureau before that. Officer and director of County Farm Bureau.

**Mark Westbrook, Ionia, R-1, Ionia county.** State director ten years, in two periods. Former vice-president, Director and president of Ionia County Farm Bureau, in the lean days and helped build it to membership exceeding 1,000 families. General and livestock farmer.

**Herbert Fierke, Saginaw, R-7, Saginaw county.** State director one year, as president of Michigan Junior Farm Bureau.

**Former Commodity Directors**

**I. K. Maystead, Osseo, R-4, Hillsdale county.** State director 2 years, representing the Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n. Long an officer and director of Hillsdale County Farm Bureau. Now president of Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n.

**J. T. Bussey, Lake Leelanau, R-1, Leelanau county.** State director 10 years, representing Michigan Potato Growers Exchange. A veteran member of the Farm Bureau.

**G. S. Coffman, Coldwater, R-3, Branch county.** State Director 8 years, representing Michigan District of Mid-West Producers Creameries, Inc. Long a member of the Farm Bureau and active in its behalf with co-operative creamery groups.

**Forrest King, Charlotte, R-6, Eaton county.** State director 10 years representing Michigan Co-op Wool Marketing Ass'n Charter member of Farm Bureau. Life member. Membership worker. Director of live stock and wool co-operatives. Does general and dairy farming. Operates 655 acres. Family settled farm in 1854.

**George McCalla, Ypsilanti, R-1, Washtenaw county.** State director 20 years, representing the Michigan Elevator Exchange. Former officer and director of Washtenaw County Farm Bureau. Active in organizing farm and dairy co-operatives in Washtenaw county. Charter member of the Farm Bureau. General farmer.

**Frank Oberst, Breckenridge, Gratiot county.** State director 6 years representing Michigan Live Stock Exchange. Long a leader in co-operative live stock activities in Michigan.

## Juniors Elect Gordon Frost President

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Mr. Frost was born on a farm at Williamston R-1 which his father and grandfather had farmed for 50 years. Guerdon lived there 18 years, was graduated from Dausville high school, and attended the MSC short course in agriculture. He was a DHIA cow tester for 14 months. He entered military service after his first year in the 4 year course in agriculture at State College.

For the Junior Farm Bureau, Mr. Frost was state camp chairman 1942-43, regional director 1943-44. He was in 4-H work 9 years, one year as leader, and 4 years in FFA.

The convention adopted this 10 point program for 1946:

1. State Council Meeting of January 5 to decide the theme for the year, based on an analysis of the various programs of the county Junior Farm Bureaus.
2. Continue the development of deputization team work on a state-wide basis.
3. Print and issue recreation manuals for use in all counties.
4. Maintain present membership and rebuild weaker groups.
5. Establish exhibition teams as part of the state program.
6. Continue work being done with the National Youth Committee of the American Farm Bureau.
7. Select a state project and start work on it.
8. Hold a state winter camp, similar to the summer camps.
9. Begin work on organizing musical groups.
10. Promote the Community Junior Farm Bureau training schools.

## Summary of Farm Bureau Resolutions

Following is a summary of the actions recommended to Michigan Farm Bureau officials as the program of the organization for 1946, as set forth in the resolutions adopted by the members of the board of delegates at the 26th annual meeting at Michigan State College, November 8-9, 1945:

### GENERAL FARM BUREAU

\* \* \* We believe that this is a time when farmers should set an example of constructive action in the interest of the public welfare, and that we members through the Michigan Farm Bureau should use all the influence at our command to prevent the progressive, upward spiral of prices towards dangerous and destructive inflation.

**Membership**—46,500 family memberships goal for 1946 and 60,500 in 1950.

**Membership Policy**—Michigan Farm Bureau directors asked to recommend program to county and community leadership early in summer of 1946 for (1) adequate financing of Farm Bureau activities through membership dues (2) "differential" to members (3) use some of income to set up adequate financial reserves (4) full time organization and information director in paired counties.

**Community Farm Bureau**—Continue and expand program.

**Junior Farm Bureau**—After 10 years young leadership appearing in senior Farm Bureau urges increased emphasis for Junior organization.

**Women of Michigan Farm Bureau**—Program offers opportunity for rural women to participate and co-operate on phases of rural living in which they are especially interested as women and mothers.

### NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

**Farm Co-operatives**—Are an extension of farming in the fields of marketing and purchase of supplies used in production and the business of farming. Farm Bureau will do everything to protect present legislation helpful to farmer co-operatives and to oppose efforts by any group to weaken such legislation.

**Federal Farm Laws**—Farm Bureau pledges itself to defend 15 basic laws enacted by Congress with Farm Bureau support to safeguard and improve farm prices and income.

**Wages, Prices & Parity**—Farm Bureau opposes a general increase in wages of labor and price levels for industry as inflationary. Some adjustments undoubtedly are necessary. Any general increase calls for corresponding increase for farm prices to maintain the present parity balance.

**Full Employment Legislation**—We do not favor Senate Bill 380. We favor full employment but it is not the responsibility of government to assure everyone a full time job at competitive pay levels and provide unlimited expenditures to carry out such a commitment.

**National Fertilizer Program**—We commend American Farm Bureau for its program to make possible a greater use of fertilizer and to protect natural fertilizer resources from domination by monopolistic interests.

**Two Price System**—In face of prospective overproduction of farm crops soon, we recommend two price system for securing parity for agriculture without using funds from federal treasury. Domestic consumers to pay price that reflects parity, surplus to be sold on world market. Farmer would be free to determine how much he would produce for sale at world prices.

**National Tax Policy**—Business must be encouraged to invest capital and incur risks in productive operations. Taxes warranted by wartime profits should be removed for reconversion. Industry should be relieved of double taxation by exempting corporations from taxation on all earnings distributed to stockholders as dividends. Personal income tax should be principal source of revenue for federal government. Income tax base should be kept broad through low exemptions. All tax relief must be accompanied by major reduction from wartime government spending.

**Purebred Live Stock**—Sales of purebred livestock and progeny for breeding purposes should be regarded as sales of capital assets for income tax purposes. Legislative job for AFBB.

**Racketeers and Agriculture**—We endorse Hobbs Bill, HR 32m to amend federal antiracketeering act to remove exemption given labor unions. Hobbs bill would outlaw racketeering practices which interfere with movement of products to market by means of threats, intimidation, violence, boycotts, etc.

**Farm Credit Agencies**—All of them should be supervised by one independent national bi-partisan board.

**Rail Transportation**—Endorse Bulwinkle bill, HR 2536, which clarifies Interstate Commerce Commission as final authority on rate agreements among carriers in public interest.

**Drugs & Foods**—Labels should state percentage of each active ingredient to protect buyers. DDT sprays, for example.

**Clothing for Farm Families**—Government should take action to reduce shortage in farm work clothing, shirts, underwear, etc.

**Farm Labor**—Continue emergency help program in 1946.

**Live Stock Prices**—Discontinue un-economic and impractical price ceilings on live animals and subsidy payments on processed meats June 30, 1946. Best protection against inflation is ample production.

**Compulsory Military Training**—Opposed in view of present conditions and experience of other nations with it. Make military service attractive enough to draw sufficient enlistments.

**Agricultural Deferments**—End of war has not eased scarcity of farm

labor or national and world demand for U. S. produced food. Recommend that local selective service boards give each farm case thorough consideration in accordance with the Tydings amendment.

**Price Support Programs**—Letter and spirit of Steagall act, providing 90% of parity price support for farm prices for two years after peace is declared, should be carried out. Sec'y of Agriculture should state his conception of full production by agriculture and position of farmers at end of price support program.

**Farm Machinery**—Farm equipment manufacturers should encourage farmers to submit suggestions for improvements of farm machinery and pay rewards practical ideas.

**Beans**—Remove subsidy of Michigan beans for 1946, contingent upon price ceiling be increased correspondingly at same time. Bean producers should be offered trial insurance on the crop in 1946 under crop insurance act.

**Farm Workers**—Farm working conditions as to weather and season make impractical application of industry's wage and hour regulations to farm help.

**Fruits & Vegetables**—Ceiling prices should be removed now.

**Peppermint & Spearmint Oils**—War-time restrictions may be removed. Users of peppermint oil, for example, are ready to pay costs of production without raising their price.

**Sugar Beets**—Farm Bureau recommends larger production of sugar beets for 1946 and future years.

**Poultry**—OPA should suspend ceiling prices when poultry and poultry products surpluses appear in excess of consumer demands.

**Veterans**—We commend General Hershey for ruling that returned veterans are not required to join a union to obtain employment.

**Dairy Prices**—We support a program of permitting retail prices to rise in unison with removal of production subsidies. Every other day delivery of milk has permitted a lower retail selling price to consumers without loss of essential service. We favor continuance of this economy in the public interest.

**Red Points for Butter**—Eliminate at once.

**American Dairy Ass'n**—We endorse the producer supported advertising program to increase consumption of dairy products.

### STATE AFFAIRS

**Rural School Reorganization**—Any reorganization of school districts should be permissive not mandatory. Objective should be to afford rural children as good educational opportunities as those for urban children. Provisions for control and administration should retain interest of rural people.

**15 Mill Tax Limit**—We reaffirm our hearty support for the 15 mill tax limitation and oppose its repeal or hostile amendment.

**Conservation Land Purchases**—We view with deep concern the extensive purchases of land in southeastern Michigan by the state conservation dept for hunting and recreation. The conservation program does not go along with a good agricultural program. It lets the land go wild and does not favor drainage, which in many cases is important to adjoining private property. The land is removed from tax rolls except for 10c an acre, thus increasing the burden upon other property. We urge legislation to require such lands below Town Line 16 to pay same millage as other property with assessment at 50% of the average rate.

**Michigan State Fair**—We believe more farm people would attend the fair if it were located near the center of the lower peninsula.

**Agricultural Fairs**—We reaffirm our endorsement of agr'l exhibits at fairs, 4-H and FFA shows and ask the state legislature to make provision for state share of the premiums as in other years.

**Motorists Financial Responsibility**—We endorse the present responsibility law, making the requirement for license that the owner shall show bond or insurance protection of not less than \$10,000 against liability arising from an accident.

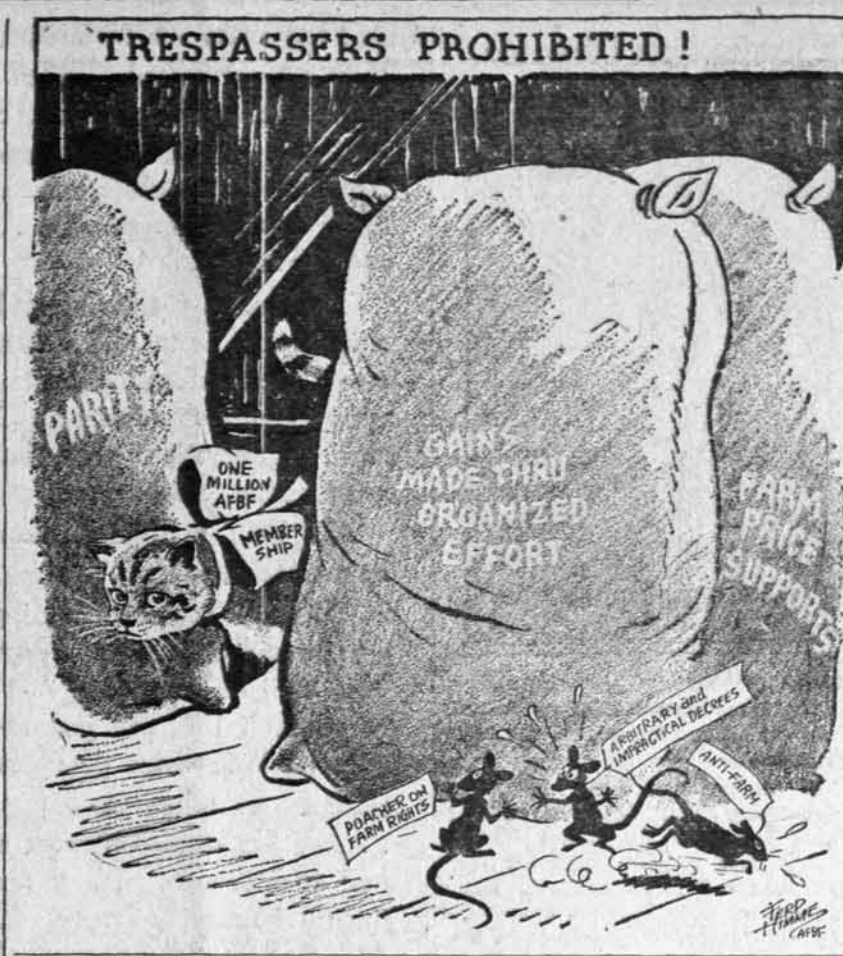
**Drainage**—By constitutional amendment the state can now become interested in drains and drainage proceedings. We lack enabling legislation so that the state may participate financially and otherwise. We ask the Governor to include this in his call to the special session of the legislature for 1946.

**Michigan Fence Laws**—Are very complicated and should be re-written into one modern law. Statutes regarding stray animals should be brought up to date. We ask the legislature to set up a commission to modernize and recodify these laws.

**Bangs Disease Control**—We urge the legislature to grant a substantial appropriation to finance Bangs disease research and control for early reduction of this disease. We ask the state dept of agriculture to establish rules and regulations regarding calf-hood vaccination and that it should issue appropriate certificates showing that cattle involved have been properly vaccinated by an approved veterinarian and that positive and negative reactions have occurred.

**Ice Cream**—The law should be re-written to raise the minimum butterfat content to 12 or 14 percent more per pound.

**Adult Education**—School code of 1943 restricts operation of adult ed-



ucation programs to boards of education. Farm Bureau asks Governor to include in call for special session of legislature for 1946 proposal to permit county school commissioner's office to operate an adult education program in rural areas.

**Labor & Management Contracts**—Legislation needed to give such contracts legal status.

**WKAR**—Michigan State College radio station makes a much greater contribution to rural people than any other station. We urge federal communications commission to increase power of WKAR to reach all rural families in state.

**Time**—Having at long last reached an agreement on one kind of time, we hope that in future any city wanting to change its time will do so by adjusting working hours rather than advancing the clock.

**Hospital Service**—Endorse voluntary plan of Michigan Hospital Service for medical, hospital and surgical service. Oppose government administered socialized medicine.

**Wool Grades**—Recommend all Michigan wool buyers and dealers be licensed. Also that state establish standard wool grades for Michigan and require buying and pricing on those grades.

**Feeder Service**—Michigan Live Stock Exchange asked to create a feeder buying service to furnish outlet for feeder stock.

**Marketing of Live Stock**—We favor the study of advantages and disadvantages of centralized and decentralized marketing and development of policies which will coordinate the two methods for the benefit of producers.

**Property Taxes**—We ask Governor to include in special session call provision that legislature shall clarify whether property tax shall be spread on assessed or equalized valuation.

**Poultry Marketing Program**—We urge more extensive use of federal-state egg grading program and use of federal grades for marketing poultry. Request Farm Bureau Services to aid in establishing and operating federal-state egg grading station and poultry dressing plants.

**Strikes & Labor Responsibility**—Legislature or committee appointed by Governor should make a study and recommendations.

**Unemployment Compensation**—We believe benefits should be only of such amounts and for such time as will meet essential living expenses and still encourage worker to seek a job.

**Retail Sales of Potatoes**—Retail stores should be forced to sell potat-

oes and other farm products according to same grades at which farmers must sell.

**Cherry Advertising**—We endorse a measure for advertising cherries, similar to that before last legislature, and recommend it include an escape clause.

**Celery Crates**—We endorse standards for crating celery recommended by Michigan Celery Industries, Inc.

**Federal Surplus Housing**—Transient labor must have approved housing. We urge Michigan Farm Bureau to set up proper facilities for buying and selling federal surplus housing and equipment.

**Bridges over Drains**—We recommend law be changed so that full cost of construction and maintenance of bridges over drains be borne by road commission and county at large.

**Minor Fertilizing Elements**—So-called minor elements are necessary for profitable muck crops. We urge Farm Bureau Services and other companies to stock these ingredients.

**State Dairy Laws**—State dept of agriculture is charged with enforcement of dairy laws. We urge legislature to appropriate sufficient funds.

**Resolutions Committee**—Richard Nelson, chairman, Kent county; Dale Kirklind, Kalamazoo; Frank McDermid, Calhoun; David Bushman, Shiawassee; Ed Swanson, Jr., Manistee; Carl Conant, Antrim; Clarence J. Reid, St. Clair; Lucius Lyon, Oakland.

## Meet Michigan Farm Bureau Bd. of Directors

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in Guernsey cattle and Duroc hogs on 105 acres at St. Louis R-2, Gratiot county. Graduate of Michigan State College. Married, has two sons. First president of Gratiot county and Michigan Junior Farm Bureaus. Served on

committee that reorganized and rebuilt Gratiot County Farm Bureau. President 8 years, membership chairman 6 years. Director, St. Louis Co-op Creamery Co., township treasurer for 10 years. Organizer, Lutheran church St. Louis; 15 year Sunday school superintendent and 7 years on church council.

\***MRS. BELLE S. NEWELL** (Mrs. U. S.), Women of the Michigan Farm Bureau—Mr. and Mrs. Newell operate a 160 acre farm at Coldwater R-3, Branch county. Mrs. Newell was born in Kalamazoo county where her family was among the early settlers. She attended Western Michigan college. The Newells became members of the Farm Bureau in 1919. Mrs. Newell has been executive secretary for Branch County Farm Bureau since 1943 and is the editor of its monthly paper. She was elected state chairman for the Women of the Michigan Farm Bureau in November, 1945. She is a past master of Coldwater Grange, served Branch and St. Joseph counties as AAA field woman for 3 years, is active in the Methodist church as superintendent of a Sunday school, and secretary of literature for the Women's Society of the Michigan Conference. The Newells have five children. Two daughters are nurses, two sons were lieutenants in the air force, and one son was an ensign in the navy.

\***GUERDON FROST**, Michigan Junior Farm Bureau—Student in agricultural course, Michigan State College. Born and raised on farm at Williamston R-1, Ingham county. See article "Juniors Elect Guerdon Frost" page 1 this edition.

A Home is no home unless it contains food and fire for the mind as well as for the body. For human beings are not so constituted that they can live without expansion. If they do not get it in one way, they must in another, or perish.—M. Fuller.

## AGENTS WANTED

The Insurance Department of the Michigan State Farm Bureau has many openings for agents to represent the State Farm Insurance Companies in Michigan. We would appreciate hearing from any of our Michigan Farm News readers if they are interested in talking the proposition over with one of our managers. It would be very helpful to us if any of our readers would suggest the names of likely agent prospects in their nearby cities and towns. The remuneration is good. This is a particularly good time to start. Address your inquiry to

INSURANCE DEPT. - MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU  
221 North Cedar St. Lansing, Michigan



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THE FARM BUREAU keeps its membership informed and organized to act on legislation and other proposals which will affect their business! Men of ability represent our membership to Congress, to the

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## YOUR COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Roll Call for Membership Starts Soon



# What Legislation Do Farmers Favor?

Background Material for Discussion This Month by Our Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

By NORMAN K. WAGGONER, Research and Education

All questions raised here are based upon resolutions submitted by Farm Bureaus and acted upon by the delegates to the State Annual Convention of the Michigan Farm Bureau in Lansing in November. These resolutions have been summarized in this article. All resolutions are summarized on page 5. The following questions are submitted for discussion:

## Taxation:

1. Do you feel that property tax should be levied on the assessed or equalized valuation?
2. Would it be desirable to liberalize the time limit on bonds as is now required of communities under the fifteen mill limitation?
3. Should the sale of pure bred livestock for breeding purposes be considered as sales of capital assets in figuring income tax and hence subject to taxation of not more than 50% of the gain?
4. What changes do you feel need to be made in the income tax scale?

## Prices:

1. How do ceiling and support prices affect the poultry and dairy business in your community?
2. What changes do you feel should be made in the price ceilings and price supports for such products as beans, mint, fresh fruits and vegetables?
3. Do you favor continuing the price control program?

## Dairy Business:

1. What changes do you feel need to be made in the present Bang's control program?
2. Would it be desirable to increase the butterfat content in ice cream as a means of enlarging the market for dairy products?

## Marketing:

1. What changes do you recommend in the operation of local livestock auctions?
2. What changes do you suggest in the present potato grading and retailing system?
3. What advances do you recommend in poultry and egg grading and marketing?
4. What advantages could be expected from establishing uniform grades of wool?
5. Do you feel all wool buyers and dealers should be licensed by the State Department of Agriculture?

**Taxation.** Often times the assessed valuation of a piece of property as determined by the assessor or supervisor is not the same as the equalized valuation as set up by the tax commission of the county board. This equalized valuation of a particular township is that figure which represents that township's share of the county's valuation. The equalized valuation of a piece of property is that individual's share of the township equalized valuation. Any unit which feels an unfairness can appeal to the State Tax Commission to have its valuation reconsidered.

The equalized valuation has been the legal basis for levying taxes in Michigan.

**Bonds.** When the fifteen mill tax limitation went into effect 11 years ago it carried a clause that allowed communities to raise funds thru bonds for center public improvements as schools and roads. The tax millage could be increased above fifteen by popular vote of the property owners to retire these bonds in a period not to exceed five years.

Some communities have found this to be a rather short term and have asked that it be increased to fifteen years. Would this be to the advantage of the farmers?

**Tax on Livestock.** There is a recommendation that the sale of purebred livestock for breeding purpose should be considered for income tax purposes as the sale of capital assets and therefore subject to taxation of not more than 50% of the gain, as is provided for in taxing income derived from the sale of other capital assets. Others believe that this would be subsidizing the purebred livestock business in a sense.

**Ceiling and Price Controls.** During the war the government has encouraged farmers to increase production of food products. Recognizing that agricultural production requires time for adjustment, the government has promised to support the price of certain basic agricultural products at 90% of parity for two years after January 1st following an official declaration of the end of hostilities by the President or Congress.

In an attempt to control inflation the OPA has placed certain ceiling prices on farm products.

How does this price control program affect agriculture in your community?

**Dairy.** People in the dairy business will recall the conditions of surpluses in the pre-war years. Statistics show we have 40,000 more milk cows on Michigan farms in 1944 than in 1934, also that the average production per cow was 470 pounds greater. If the butterfat content of ice cream were raised to 12 or 14%, would this be a desirable outlet for a few thousand pounds of fat?

Further it is estimated that at least 10% of the cows in Michigan counties not now being systematically tested for Bangs disease are so infected that

## Organization Director



Keith A. Tanner has returned to the Michigan Farm Bureau as director of organization. He was in the army 3 1/2 years.

Mr. Tanner was born and raised on an Eaton county farm. Upon graduation from Michigan State College, he organized a new vocational agr'l dept for the Ovid high school. Later he went to Dundee to reorganize the high school agr'l dept there. While teaching he became interested in co-operatives and spent one summer in Europe studying the co-operatives of Denmark, Sweden and England.

Upon his return to Michigan, he spent one year with the Hartland Area Project in Livingston county, a project designed for co-operative living.

Mr. Tanner came with the Farm Bureau in 1939 as district representative for Lapeer, Oakland and Genesee County Farm Bureaus. He worked on membership relations and with the four farm co-operatives in the district. He was transferred to the state office in 1940 to do membership relations and educational work. It was his responsibility to organize Community Farm Bureaus and to supply them with resource materials for their discussions.

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they are interested. From there on the County, State and National Farm Bureau officers and employees represent the organization viewpoint to Congress, to the legislature, to public officials, to business, industry, or labor as the case may be . . . and strive to get a satisfactory result.

The Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau, with membership in Leelanau and Grand Traverse counties, lies in two Congressional districts. The Northwest Michigan group has been asking its Congressmen to comment on farm organizations with that kind of a job, and as they see them at Washington.

ALBERT J. ENGEL, member of Congress, 9th Michigan district, said:

"When it comes to joining a farm organization, every rural resident knows today that he or she must help with the job of seeing that the farmer gets a fair deal in all laws that are passed—local, state, and national.

"The lone voice gets nowhere in today's scheme of things. It takes strong organization to be effective . . . farm residents must never fail to realize that the real effectiveness of any farm organization depends on the total numerical strength of membership and on the ACTIVE participation of these members . . .

"Farmers, too, have learned the great value of pooling their influence. As I have said time and again, if there ever was a period when every farm resident ought to lend his or her active support to some regular farm organization, that time is now."

FRED BRADLEY, member of Congress, 11th Michigan district, said:

"While I personally thoroughly disapprove of this pressure form of governing our people, nevertheless the fact remains it does exist and those who would seek to protect their own interest must, of necessity, organize. This is especially true of the farmer. Unless the farmer will get together with his neighbor and

organize in opposition to these other groups he can expect no alternative but to come off second best. In other words, your problem—it seems to me—is one best exemplified by that famous saying, "United we stand, Divided we fall."

## Merry Christmas

The old year's end draws nearer,  
The new moves on apace—  
The old year's friends grow dearer;  
We would recall each face  
Of those, who, sometime thru the years  
We've met, a warm hand pressed;  
We would that faith, replacing fears,  
Bring you this Season's best.

The old year is not yet gone. There is still time to do many of the things you plan for 1945. Let's not wait to do the things that need doing NOW. Among them we may list:

- 1—Have your cloverseed cleaned. December 15th is the deadline for accepting custom cleaning for this season.
- 2—Collect your incentive payments on 1945 seed. (Poundage payment applies only on seed sold into commercial channels prior to January 1st).
- 3—Let Farm Bureau Co-op Rat Baits, Rat Cocktail, Blue Death, and Rodent Destroyer help rid your premises of pests.
- 4—Resolve to use all the old and new Farm Bureau formulas for ridding that farm of noxious weeds in 1946.
- 5—If you can anytime justify going outside our own Farm Bureau organization for quality seeds, we urge you to do so. But be sure to insist on Farm Bureau guarantees of purity, germination and complete adaptability.
- 6—Remember, it takes volumes of quality stock to make quality in finished products. Help by marketing your surplus seeds through your own seed organization.
- 7—Plan now to make 1946 a year of maximum co-operation. It will be no better than we plan for, but just as surely as we determine to do our full part, we will make 1946 a

## Happy New Year

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By many a tragic example, history teaches us that when food supplies fail, nations fall. We of America must see to it that our agriculture becomes always a stronger, surer base for the economy of our nation. This is a task not only for you as producers but also for us who, by providing nationwide facilities and services, bridge the gap which separates farmers and ranchers from the distant consumers who must have their products.

And because our business is so closely linked with the land, we at Swift & Company are vitally interested in all developments that help agriculture. And so in these Swift pages we publish helpful information, knowing that a prosperous agriculture is essential to the livestock and meat industry—and to the prosperity of the nation as a whole.

*John Holmes*  
President, Swift & Company

## Soda Bill Sez:

... generally we should learn two things from life—what to do and what not to do.  
... if work is a pleasure, a man sure can have a lot of fun farming.

## OUR LIVESTOCK JUDGING METHODS

By R. G. JOHNSON  
Head, Department of Animal Husbandry, Oregon State College

Domestic animals are machines for converting plant material into meat, fiber, and other human needs. Competition forces the modern farmer to evaluate efficiency in terms of tons or bushels per acre, dairy production in pounds of butterfat per cow per year, and poultry results in number of eggs per year. Thus, since the basic resource is feed and not animals, shouldn't livestock producers evaluate breeding stock on the basis of meat or of wool their offspring produces per 100 pounds of feed consumed?

The show ring standards for judging animals by external appearance have given us advancement up to a certain point, but breeding for the show ring does not always lead to efficient feed utilization.

A step in the right direction is the increasing use of proved sires. Today, through use of artificial insemination, the purebred breeder is greatly assisted in the establishment and increase of efficient blood lines.

Tomorrow's "yardstick" will not only be bigger yields per acre but also more pounds of meat and fiber per ton of feed.

## WHAT DO YOU KNOW? How many of the amino acids essential to health are found in meat?

What governs the price of livestock?  
In what dessert is meat an important ingredient?



Answers to these questions may be found in the various articles which are printed elsewhere on this page.



## THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

A smart steer on range goes to where the forage is best. A smart livestock producer sells where the market is best. There are many sources of information to help him decide where that best market may be. Radio networks and nearby stations report daily on receipts and prices at central and local markets. Commission houses and their field men are ready to give personal advice on the best time and place to sell. Newspapers publish detailed descriptions of market conditions. Various timely reports are available from the U. S. D. A. and other impartial sources on trends and developments in the livestock-and-meat industry.

In making their bids, livestock buyers also use current market information. Acceptance of any price offered is entirely up to the producer or his sales agent. Meat packing plants and their buyers are located at so many widespread points that if a producer is not satisfied with prices offered by any one buyer, he has a choice of several others to which he may sell his animals.

Moreover, with 3,500 meat packing plants and 26,000 other concerns and individuals who slaughter livestock commercially, there is bound to be keen competitive bidding for your livestock. Barring meat rationing and price ceilings, livestock prices are governed by what the packer can get for the meat and by-products.

F. M. Simpson,  
Agricultural Research Department

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"AMINOS" ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU! From the nutrition research laboratories comes the story of amino acids, mysterious substances found in the proteins we eat. Aminos are used by our bodies to build and rebuild our tissues, organs, and blood. They also help fight off infections.

Of the 23 known aminos, ten are absolutely essential to health and even to life itself. Meat is rich in all ten of them. That's why doctors, working to rebuild the shattered bodies of wounded servicemen, order diets with large amounts of meat. That is also why everybody should eat meat for health as well as for its fine flavor and its "stick-to-the-ribs" food value.

Swift and other meat packers, through The American Meat Institute, are telling this vital story of meat and its health-building aminos in many millions of advertising messages. As people read this story, there will be wider markets for meat—and the livestock you produce.

## Martha Logan's Recipe for MINCEMEAT

Yield: 4 quarts  
1 pound cooked beef shank, chuck, or neck meat  
1 cup meat stock  
1/2 pound suet  
4 pounds apples  
1/2 pound currants  
1 pound seeded raisins  
1 1/2 pounds brown sugar  
1 quart cider  
2 teaspoons salt  
2 teaspoons nutmeg  
2 teaspoons cloves  
3 teaspoons cinnamon  
5 tablespoons lemon juice

Pare, core, and chop apples. Chop together currants and raisins. Add apples, sugar, cider, and meat stock. Cook about 5 minutes. Grind meat and suet. Add with seasonings to apple mixture. Simmer 1 hour, stirring frequently to prevent burning. Add lemon juice.

This mincemeat may be made ahead of time and canned for use throughout the holiday season.

## FREE COLORING BOOK!

Boys and girls, here's a swell coloring book for you. It's filled with funny farm animals—Cissy Calf, Biddy Hen, Junior Chick, and many others. And there are rhymes, too. If you'd like to have it, just write to Department 128, Swift & Company, Chicago 9, Ill.

## GESTATION FEEDING FOR SOWS

You don't need to feed the bred sow "vitamin pills" and "calcium tablets," according to J. W. Schwab, of Purdue University. Here's a proper, well-balanced diet to feed during gestation which will help her produce a healthy litter of spring pigs.

Make the mixture, using one bushel of whole or coarsely ground corn, one bushel of whole or coarsely ground oats, or 30 pounds of wheat middlings or bran, plus five pounds of meat and bone scraps or tankage, or two pounds of meat and bone scraps and four pounds of soybean oil meal.

A suitable mineral mixture, to be provided in a self-feeder, consists of 10 pounds of pulverized limestone, 10 pounds of steamed bone meal, and one pound of common salt.

Extra salt fed free choice also is recommended. And be sure to provide plenty of drinking water.

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