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EDITORIAL

Shall Agriculture be a Scapegoat?

Those who dislike the national farm parity price program are now advocating complete abolition of price supports for agriculture. There is a campaign in many city newspapers to make the farmer the scapegoat for the inflation.

The Washington Daily News said in September: "Our eventual goal should be the abolition of the price-support policy altogether, and we should move toward that objective as rapidly as conditions will permit." Other metropolitan newspapers have sounded the same note.

They want the government out of the farm program. They believe that would cause farm prices to fall—or be driven down. The happy result from their point of view would be cheap food, with business as usual everywhere else.

To be consistent the Washington Daily News and other newspapers should campaign to get government out of labor, industry and business. But not a word is said.

For example, the Daily News would be consistent in dealing with inflation if it took notice of labor and demand repeal of the minimum wage laws, the 40 hour week and time and a half for overtime. It would be consistent if it were to demand repeal of the fair trade price laws. Business has secured such laws in 46 states to protect the prices that many nationally known manufacturers and others set for their goods. And so on.

Farmers' share of the inflation isn't as great as a lot of people think. In September the U. S. Dep't of Agriculture noted that retail food prices had reached an all time high. The farmer's share of the food dollar was near the lowest point in five years. In contrast marketing costs and profits were bumping against their all-time high.

The American Farm Bureau, the National Grange, and the National Council of Farmer Co-operatives said in September: (1) average farm prices are not out of line with inflated wages and city income (2) government supports rise or fall only as costs of city made goods, interest and taxes rise or fall; (3) a steep farm price drop would reduce business markets and help create a depression.

Lower food prices are on the way due to farmers' magnificent production job this summer. This will take a little time, especially for live stock products.

Price Support for Beans

Michigan farmers should find it to their advantage to investigate the government's price support plans for beans, according to advices from the Michigan State College agricultural economics dep't and from the Michigan Elevator Exchange.

There is a large crop which exceeds the probable domestic needs. Army and export outlets are smaller. The farm paying price has fallen from \$13 per hundred weight in February to about \$7 now.

Beans are to have price support at 90 per cent of parity. Information regarding the current support price and participation in the program is to be had from the county AAA committee office.

Food Prices Reflect the Pressures

Farmers should feel flattered that they are being blamed for high food prices, in the opinion of Arthur Mauch, agr'l economist at Michigan State College. That would mean, said Mr. Mauch, that the farmer has the power to fix the prices the consumer pays.

But, recalling a little history and using a little arithmetic, Mr. Mauch shows that isn't so.

Farm prices always have been the first to drop in a business recession. The farmer takes for his product what the consumer is willing to pay after middlemen get out their costs of processing, transportation, distribution and selling, plus a profit.

The real reason for high food prices, Mr. Mauch believes, is that consumers have 2 to 2½ times as much money to spend as they had in 1939. That represents demand—the power to buy food. Farm production has increased about one third, and that is an outstanding performance since we have fewer farmers today. That production represents supply.

Economists have contended for years that the relation between supply and demand determines price. Using simple arithmetic, and dividing the goods into money available to buy, the price is twice as high.

There is too much money to spend in relation to

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Farm Bureau Insurance Committees Meet at Lansing



ABOVE — Nearly a thousand members of County Farm Bureau insurance committees, including representatives of Community Farm Bureau groups,

met with the special insurance committee of the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors at Lansing September 27 to consider further a Farm Bureau automobile insurance company

limited to members of the Michigan Farm Bureau. They are conducting surveys to determine if there is sufficient interest among the members to warrant the undertaking.

On stage — Several members of the MFB special committee and representatives of American Farm Bureau insurance department.



ABOVE — Members of special insurance committee of MFB board of directors and AFBF and MFB staff, left to right: Clyde Breining, Ypsilanti, MFB director; John Converse, Union City, co-chairman, president Calhoun County Farm Bureau; Blague Knirk, Quincy, co-chairman, president Branch County Farm Bureau; Vern Vaniman, Chicago, AFBF organization director for Midwest; J. F. Yaeger (at mike) ass't executive sec'y of MFB; John Casey, Chicago, AFBF insurance dep't director; Marten Gern, Charlotte, MFB director; C. L. Brody, executive secretary of MFB; E. Harry Norris, MFB director.

Do Members Want Insurance Company Serving Them Only?

TOUR TO FLORIDA INTERESTS MANY FB MEMBERS

More than 100 Farm Bureau members and wives have advised the Michigan Farm Bureau that they are interested in taking an 18 day tour in 14 southern and eastern states, Dec. 1-18, in connection with the annual convention of the American Farm Bureau at Atlantic City Dec. 12-16.

The Michigan Farm Bureau and nine eastern states Farm Bureaus are sponsoring the southern tour which will take 5,000 miles. It will include sight-seeing time at New Orleans and Mobile, give days in Florida, sight-seeing time at Washington, Philadelphia, and four days at Atlantic City.

The tour is to be an all expense tour as far as transportation, Pullman accommodations, overnight stops and meals are concerned, except for the four days at Atlantic City. Tour escorts will look after all accommodations en route so that the people get the most for their time and money. The rate per person for the tour, Detroit back to Detroit and not including the four day convention at Atlantic City is \$339.97.

Persons interested should write the Michigan Farm Bureau, Attn: J. F. Yaeger, ass't executive secretary, P. O. Box 960, Lansing, for the Farm Bureau Sunny South Tour circular and reservation blank. Ten dollars per person should accompany each reservation made. The balance must be paid in not later than Nov. 15. No reservations can be accepted for Michigan after the group has reached the limit assigned.

Points of interest will include an automobile tour of New Orleans, a conducted tour of Mobile and possibly a few hours at Biloxi, Miss. The five day bus tour of Florida will include the Silver Spring, stops in the vegetable and citrus fruit areas, Bok Tower, sponge fishing industry at Tarpon Springs, Tampa, Fort Meyers, across the Everglades to Miami and North along the east coast to St. Augustine and Jacksonville. At Washington the group will visit the capitol, the White House, Arlington, and Mt. Vernon. At Philadelphia the tour will include a stop at Independence Hall.

Farm Bureau Insurance Committees Start Surveys to Learn if Interest Will Warrant Proceeding

Members of insurance committees in all County Farm Bureaus are making two surveys. They want to determine if the Michigan Farm Bureau membership wants and will support a Farm Bureau automobile insurance company to serve Farm Bureau members only.

The first survey is to determine by October 15 if Michigan Farm Bureau members are willing to subscribe a sufficient amount of capital as the first requirement for organizing the proposed company.

The second survey is to determine by October 20 if Michigan Farm Bureau members will make substantial use of the proposed company.

The above actions were taken by County Farm Bureau insurance committees at a meeting at Lansing September 27. They met with the special insurance committee of the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors.

If the surveys of the membership indicate sufficient interest, the proposition will be placed before the board of delegates at the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting November 11-12 for its decision.

The time for completion of surveys may be extended briefly at the discretion of the special insurance committee of the Michigan Farm Bureau, but not later than November 1.

The proposed Farm Bureau insurance company would offer services available to Farm Bureau members only and not to others. Such programs have been reported by other state Farm Bureaus to be working satisfactorily and to the advantage of members.

Early in the year representatives of County Farm Bureaus and the state board of directors visited Illinois to become acquainted with the Farm Bureau insurance service there. March 2 President Buskirk of the Michigan Farm Bureau appointed a special insurance committee consisting of four directors and two representatives of County Farm Bureaus to investigate and report on the feasibility and advisability of an automobile insurance program for Farm Bureau members only.

The committee made investigations in a number of the states having Farm Bureau insurance companies. It made a complete report to the board of directors July 13. The committee said that the proposed automobile insurance

is feasible if the Farm Bureau membership will provide adequate finances and will assure substantial use of the service. The committee was instructed to continue its work and determine if the County Farm Bureaus and the membership will assume responsibility for financing the company adequately and for securing sufficient charter applications.

This brought about the formation in each county Farm Bureau of insurance committees including the Community Farm Bureaus. At the Sept. 27 meeting at Lansing the county committees decided to put the question of financial support and use of the proposed company to the Farm Bureau membership.

Type of Company. The proposed Farm Bureau automobile insurance company would be a mutual, organized under the laws of Michigan, and limiting its services to Farm Bureau members.

Insurance written would include full coverage policies on

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Fertilizer Plant Off to Good Start

Expect to Start Shipping December 1 for Spring Season; Nitrogen and Potash Supplies Control Volume

Farm Bureau Services is off to a good start for producing a very large volume of fertilizers at the new plant at Saginaw for the spring of 1949.

The management will devote itself to the manufacture and mixing of fertilizer until about December 1. After that date it will be shipping goods and manufacturing. It is to be hoped that the materials situation will permit capacity operations.

The Farm Bureau produced about 21,000 tons of fertilizers for spring and fall of 1948. The plant began making mixed fertilizers March 6 while construction men still had a great deal to do. About 13,000 tons were made for the spring season.

The fertilizer business has been plagued by a shortage of nitrogen and potash. This was aggravated in mid-summer by a six weeks strike in the potash industry.

Deliveries of potash ceased for that period, and the manufacturing time lost could not be regained. So the Farm Bureau was able to produce about 8,000 tons for the fall season. Analyses made were 3-18-9, 2-16-8, 0-20-20 and 0-20-10.

The general shortage of nitrogen and potash continues, but there are hopes for some improvement. There is plenty of phosphate and the Farm Bureau is in excellent position on that commodity. It has an acidulating plant for the manufacture of superphosphate, up to 30,000 tons annually.

In the closing days of the spring season the Farm Bureau plant was manufacturing, mixing and shipping fertilizers at the rate of 50,000 tons a year. It was operating two eight hour shifts per day. That production and the fact that only 35 men are required to work the two acre plant is some measure of the efficient mechanization of the operation. As fertilizer materials

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Michigan Farm Bureau RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding Proposals to Appear on Ballot at the Election Nov. 2

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

(This Proposal will be on a separate ballot)

YES NO
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Shall a convention be called for a general revision of the constitution? Farm Bureau sees no necessity since the Constitution of 1909 contains most liberal provisions for amendments, proposed by the legislature, or initiated by the people. Since 1910 it has been amended 44 times. 52 proposals have been rejected.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

(Six proposals listed below will be on same ballot)

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1—Order of Succession to Governor. Shall constitution be amended to make order of succession to office of governor in case of vacancy to be lieutenant governor, sec'y of state, attorney general, state treasurer, auditor general? Amendment is intended to prevent confusion if office of governor becomes vacant under circumstances not now provided for. Farm Bureau believes amendment is in public interest.

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2—Repeal of Sales Tax Diversion. Shall constitution be amended to repeal section providing for return of one cent of sales tax levy to be divided among the school districts, cities, townships and villages? Sales tax diversion has demoralized state finances, threatens deficits. Unless diversion amendment is repealed, prospects are that legislature must impose new and burdensome state taxes. Farm Bureau urges YES vote to restore to legislature power to allocate state funds to units of government for various purposes in proportion to current needs.

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3—Fix Compensation of State Officers by Law. Shall constitution be amended to provide for determining compensation of governor, sec'y of state, state treasurer, auditor general, and attorney general by act of legislature? It is conceded generally that salaries now specified in constitution are too low. Farm Bureau believes that it is logical that such salaries should be set and adjusted by legislature rather than frozen into constitution.

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4—Fix Compensation of Legislature by Law. Shall constitution be amended to provide for determining compensation and expenses of members of legislature by statute? Present wage of \$3 per day (set by constitutional amendment in 1928) is held not adequate to cover actual expenses. Discourages candidates and members of moderate means. Legislature elected for 2 years is not likely to set rate higher than would meet with public approval.

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5—Liberation of 15 Mill Tax Limitation. Shall constitution be amended to modify 15 mill limitation? This amendment would extend from 5 to 20 years the period for which millage might be raised above 15 mills up to 50 mills or 5% as result of single election. Decreases from ¾ majority to simple majority the vote for exceeding 15 mill limit. Amendment proposed by Michigan Education Ass'n does not safeguard in any way use of increase in millage. Not earmarked for capital improvements or debt retirement but could be voted for current operations or other purposes. Opposed by Farm Bureau, Grange, Michigan Farmer and some city groups.

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6—Referendum on Callahan Act which requires foreign agents to register with state for regulation. Enacted by 1947 legislature, approved by Gov. Sigler. Left wing elements filed petition for referendum. Farm Bureau favors YES vote to uphold law and make it operative.

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HARVEY and MARTHA
BY R. S. CLARK

Farewell to Summer

Farewell to summery things which make that season dear. The gay parade has ambled past, the show time of the year. The sun has smiled upon us all with his engendering rays Making the earth to bring forth fruit and lighting all our ways. The rains have been welcome for their very meagerness. For when we needed them they came, to moisten and to bless. The crops have prospered by and large because of sun and rain And God's kind hand was in it all, and we shall not complain.

Now comes the time of shortening days, the time of gathering in The riches that our work has won to rick and pit and bin; To cellar and to bulging barn. The first white frosts are due While hazy blue horizons say that summer time is through. The winter wheat is dusted in. The silo fillers hum And every night brings portent of the cold nights to come. This is the brisk and busy time that quickens each and all The autumn equinox is past. Summer gives way to Fall.

The County Fair was mighty fine. All Hicks Street went to see The best 4-H exhibits yet, or so it seemed to me. The running races always thrill my gentle Martha so For she was raised on horseback, some little time ago. The barkers barked, the fireworks worked, and when the Fair was through We vowed to go again next year, which doubtless we shall do. It seems too bad that County Fairs come only once a year— And many months must intervene, for now the Fall is here.

Where is that genial summer sun that greeted us at four? At six he now comes beaming up and through my stable door. Where are those lingering evening hours till dusk at eight p. m.? For six long months till Spring returns, we'll see no more of them. I am not wont to wring my hands or weep on some kind shoulder. But every summer I have known has left me one year older. So, with a true and fond regret, reluctantly to say To one more summertime, Farewell. Farewell, and Jack-a-day. R. S. Clark 315 North Grinnell Street Jackson, Michigan

FARM BUREAU RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

President Carl E. Buskirk of the Michigan Farm Bureau has appointed the resolutions committee for the 30th annual meeting of the Farm Bureau, Nov. 11-12 at Fairchild theatre, Michigan State college.

The committee met Aug. 19 and Sept. 30 and will meet again. It invites County and Community Farm Bureaus to send resolutions for consideration at the annual meeting to Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee P. O. Box 960, Lansing, Michigan. Members of the committee are:

District 1—Richard Butcher, Hartford, R-2.
District 2—Leslie M. Reed, Horton, R-1.
District 3—Clyde Breining, Ypsilanti, R-1.
District 4—Ralph Pennock, Nashville, R-2.
District 5—Mrs. Raymond Murton, St. Johns.
District 6—Bruce Crumback, Bad Axe.
District 7—Harry Norris, Cassiova, R-1.
District 8—Elmer Frahm, Frankenthum, R-1.
District 9—Robert Seaberg, Traverse City, R-1, Chairman.
District 10—Arthur Behning, Oshtemo, R-1.

The chairman of the committee has appointed sub-committees to make a special investigation and study of certain important and controversial issues, such as: School district reorganization, highway finance, soil conservation coordination, National and International affairs. State fair.

It was decided that in order to be considered by the Michigan Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee, all resolutions from County Farm Bureaus should be forwarded to State Farm Bureau headquarters to be received there by November 1. It was requested that each resolution be double spaced on a separate sheet of paper in order to facilitate the work of the committee.

Use This Card When Voting Nov. 2

Attend October Community Farm Bureau meetings where these cards with this information will be available. County Farm Bureau secretaries will have a supply. Or you can order some direct from Michigan Farm Bureau, P. O. Box 960, Lansing, Att: Stanley Powell.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS To Appear on Nov. 2 Ballot And Recommendations of Michigan Farm Bureau

YES NO

Calling a Constitutional Convention

Order of succession to governorship.

2. Repeal of sales tax diversion.

3. Fixing Compensation of state officials by act of legislature.

4. Fixing compensation of legislature by statute.

5. Drastic liberalization of 15-mill limitation.

6. Referendum on Callahan Act requiring registration and control of foreign agents.

TRESPASS ACT APPLIES TO DEER HUNTERS

When the southern Michigan hunter goes out for deer in the state's first buckshot season, Nov. 15-30, he must remember the Horton Trespass act.

Each farmer may decide for himself whether his lands will be open to deer hunting, the conservation department points out.

Each hunter must have written permission to hunt on privately-owned farms or adjacent woodlots, or enclosed hunting club lands, according to provisions of the Horton act. The law specifies a fine of not less than \$10 or more than \$50 or 30 days' confinement for a first offense and a fine of not more than \$100 plus a mandatory jail sentence of 30 days for subsequent offenses.

While the deer herd in southern Michigan is small compared to that in the north, the game division reports that there are now some white-tails in every county of this region. Concentrations of deer have been reported in Barry, Livingston, Tuscola, Washtenaw, Van Buren and St. Clair counties.

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goods to buy. Consumers have been willing to bid prices up. The farmer influences price by the effect of his production efforts on supply. Since the farmer has been doing his best to increase the supply he can hardly be held responsible for present high prices for food.

Food Patterns for the Future

Farmers have increased their capacity to produce to the highest levels in our history. Prospects are that they will produce even more in the future, according to the U. S. Dep't of Agriculture.

What will happen to the market for farm products is one of the important problems before us. If prices remain high, food production is likely to increase as much as population increases. Even if prices decline, production would not be reduced much, in the judgment of the Department. It says that on most farms a reduction in output would mean larger reductions in cash returns than would be saved in cash outlays. The production methods that have raised output per acre and per worker will continue to be profitable for individual farmers.

A higher level of food consumption than in pre-war years will be necessary to make full use of our expanded production capacity. That will call for some changes in the present production and consumption pattern for food.

One of those changes—and the most important—will be a shift to greater production of live stock and livestock products. That will do more than anything else to bring production into balance with consumption.

More efficient ways of producing and distributing food should be pushed forward as rapidly as possible. They will help make profitable a larger volume of production and will offset the effects of lower prices.

Right Diet Needed For Firm Egg Shells

Is your flock producing eggs with firm shells? Cracked or checked eggs bring less money, points out J. M. Moore, extension poultryman at Michigan State college.

The specialist advises that eggs shells can be improved by providing the birds with direct sunlight (not through glass). In the fall, the birds should have plenty of fish oil or other vitamin D supplement.

Calcium carbonate as found in oyster shells and limestone must be present with the vitamin D to make good egg shells. Moore believes poultrymen should encourage birds to eat plenty of this material.

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By MRS. MARJORIE GARDNER

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become available, the Farm Bureau should demonstrate its real powers as a manufacturer.

Several County Farm Bureau delegations are planning to visit the plant in October. This summer and early fall 21 County Farm Breaus conducted tours to Saginaw. The list includes these County Farm Bureaus: Barry, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Hillsdale, Huron, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Lapeer, Livingston, Kalamazoo, Mecosta, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Sanilac, Shiawassee, Van Buren, Washtenaw, Wayne and Osceola.

let Sales and Service; Leslie Merritt, publisher, Livingston County Press; and L. R. Stipe, manager, Howell office of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company. Candlelight installation of new officers followed the group discussion. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by the hostess. The October meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Kunde.

Huron-Elk, Riverside. Elk-Riverside Farm Bureau, meeting September 9th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Krohn, called on the County Farm Bureau to take some action to bring about a closer relationship between the price of beans and the cost of farm machinery. The opinion was that farmers cannot buy 2,000 tractors when beans are \$7 a cwt. The resolution was forwarded to the county board for action with the anticipation that it would be passed along to the State Farm Bureau for consideration at the annual meeting. Albert W. Bailey was elected discussion leader and Walter Schuette chairman.

Alpena-Spratt. This group favors sending an alternate to any meeting that their regular officer is not able to attend and delegate to this alternate the same voting powers as that of the director. A motion was made and passed to incorporate this matter in their by-laws. A motion was made and passed that Mr. William Nohl send a telegram to Stanley Powell, legislative counsel of the Michigan Farm Bureau, asking for information on the eligibility of candidates running for Governor in the coming election.

Classified Ads

Classified advertisements are cash with order at the following rates: 5 cents per word for one edition. Ads to appear in two or more editions take the rate of 4 cents per word per edition.

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ARMY TENTS, 16x16 new \$22.50; used, in perfect condition \$25.50; used and slightly damaged \$16.50. \$210 new, \$17.50. Used, in perfect condition \$12.50 and \$15.00. 17x20, \$14.00. Harry Marcus, Benton Harbor, Mich. (9-17-52b)

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LIVE STOCK

SHROPSHIRE RAMS—Good selection. Write or visit Ingleside Farm, Stanley M. Powell, Ionia, Route 1, Michigan. (5-17-55b)

CORRIEADLE DISPERSION on Saturday, Nov. 5 at Holland sale barn Kenton, Ohio 1:00 p. m. The entire Gould flock will be sold. This is one of the best flocks in the country and many tell us these ewes are the best they have in their flocks. Your last chance to get them. Catalog after October 15. H. Earl Wright, auctioneer, Mt. Gilead, Ohio. J. F. Walker, Mgr., Gambier, Ohio. (10-17-55b)

FOR SALE—Registered Corriedale and Suffolk rams, yearlings and lambs. Also 25 registered ewes, bred for March and April lambs. December delivery. Mikesell and May, Charlotte R2, Michigan. Farm located on US-27 south of city limits. (10-21-55b)

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WANTED: Foster homes for boys 14 to 16 years of age on farms or in small rural communities. Can be both Protestant and Catholic homes. Willing to pay for board, clothing, etc. Cannot use widows or parents over age 35. Reply giving details of family, religion, and directions for reaching home. Write to 218 Prairie Street, Charlotte, Michigan. (5-31-54b)

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

COUNTRY STORE with feed mill, gas station, coal yard and eight room modern home. Priced at \$12,500 with inventory of stock extra. For further details contact: Lane and Morlock, 45 N. Broad St., Hillsdale, Mich. (5-47-55p)

CO-OPERATIVES NOW OWN 18 OIL REFINERIES

The five oil refineries recently purchased by three mid-western co-operatives bring to a total of 18, the oil refineries now owned by co-operatives in the United States. The three co-operatives are the Midland Co-operative Wholesale, Farmers Union Central Exchange and the Illinois Farm Supply Co-operative.

The refineries have a replacement value of \$18,000,000, and a daily capacity of more than 18,000 barrels of crude oil. An extensive system of pipe lines serves the refineries.

The daily capacity of all co-op refineries in the United States runs close to 100,000 barrels. The total investment is reported to be in the neighborhood of \$75,000,000.

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(Continued from page 1.)

automobiles, farm trucks, farm tractors, also farmers general liability and personal liability coverages.

Finances. If and when the company is authorized by the Farm Bureau annual meeting and is authorized by government agencies having jurisdiction over insurance and issuance of securities, the company will be financed by the sale of securities. No one other than a member of the Farm Bureau would be eligible to purchase such securities, except for a limited amount to be taken by the Michigan Farm Bureau and by County Farm Bureaus. Minimum for any individual would be \$250, maximum \$1,000.

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NEW SYSTEM FOR HOSPITAL SEC'YS

From suggestions and advice of Farm Bureau Blue Cross secretaries, a standardized accounting system for the handling of Blue Cross details is being set up by Mrs. Marjorie Karker, director of women's activities for the Michigan Farm Bureau.

The new system is being developed as the result of requests from Farm Bureau County Blue Cross secretaries throughout the state.

These requests were considered at a conference of a committee composed of Mrs. Isabel Sawatzki of the Saginaw County Farm Bureau, Mrs. Belle Newell of the Branch County Farm Bureau, Mrs. Velma Wire of the Berrien County Farm Bureau, Herman Howelsen of the Washtenaw County Farm Bureau, and Fred Reiner, Farm Bureau service representative. Since then, Mrs. Karker has discussed the proposed system with every county Blue Cross secretary in a series of 10 meetings.

The new records will be more complete and will facilitate the handling of information from Michigan Medical Service to the local subscriber.

Exploration of various record-keeping systems used by County Farm Bureau Blue Cross secretaries was made and from this study has emerged a procedure that will be offered to all County Blue Cross secretaries for their use, according to Mrs. Karker.

Easier

Michigan State college poultry specialists say that it is easier to produce clean eggs than to have to spend lots of time cleaning up eggs that are dirty.

Rural Tele-news

"BLIFFY SNIFFER"—That's the nickname for a sort of "electrical bloodhound" used by telephone men. When work needs to be done on a certain pair of wires in a cable, an electric tone is placed on those wires at the central office. Out on the cable, the "Bliffy Sniffer," a pencil-like instrument, quickly picks out the wires by detecting the tone they carry.

GOOD NEIGHBORS—Everyone has good rural-line service when everyone helps make it so. This means spacing out calls, not interrupting when others are talking, giving up the line when a rural-line neighbor has an emergency call to make, and always making sure the receiver is in place when not being used.

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Prevention of Farm Fires

The tragedy of fire lies in the fact that if a few simple precautions were observed carefully, nine out of every ten fires would never happen.

Fire hazards are more numerous on farms than in town, and farm fires are frequently more serious because organized fire fighters are farther away. October 3 to 9 is Fire Prevention Week. It's a good time for every one of us to look around the premises and take steps to eliminate those conditions which might cause a fire.

It may interest you to know the leading causes for farm fire loss in Michigan as reported by the mutual farm fire insurance companies. They are: Lightning, sparks on roof, defective chimneys; defective wiring, spontaneous combustion, stoves and furnaces, oil stoves, brooder stoves, matches, tractors, trucks and automobiles.

The National Fire Prevention Ass'n quotes its records to say that nine farm safety measures will eliminate nearly all of the fires. They are:

- 1—Stop careless smoking habits.
- 2—Get rid of rubbish.
- 3—Store gasoline and kerosene in metal containers away from main buildings. Never bring gasoline or flammable cleaning fluids into the home.
- 4—Keep matches away from children.
- 5—Clean and keep clean heating plants and chimneys, engines and machinery, lamps and lanterns.
- 6—Replace flammable shingle roofs with fire resistant roofing.
- 7—Keep electrical equipment safe. Replace frayed cords.
- 8—Cure hay properly.
- 9—Lightning rod all main buildings. A properly installed system insures virtually complete protection.

Cost of Bread

If wheat prices were cut in half to the farmer, it would save the average family 10 or 15 cents a week. The farmer gets one-fourth of the money the consumer spends for a loaf of bread.

Woodlot

Winter plans on the farm should include some woods work. Handing the farm woodlot as a crop and cutting it correctly will pay off in income and better management.

Plant Farm Bureau seeds. Use Farm Bureau Feeds.

Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Nov. 11-12

The 30th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau will be held Thursday and Friday, Nov. 11-12 at Fairchild theatre, Michigan State College, East Lansing. Fifty-five County Farm Bureaus will seat 350 or more voting delegates on the basis of one delegate for each 100 paid up Farm Bureau memberships. The total membership was 34,343 families as of August 31, close of the Michigan Farm Bureau business year.

The Farm Bureau convention will have before it the results of the national and state elections. It precedes convening of the new Congress and state legislature in January. In addition to the resolutions on national and state affairs and farm policy, the convention will consider important internal affairs, which include a proposal for a Farm Bureau automobile insurance limited to members, the qualifications for Farm Bureau membership, and reports on the Farm Bureau's business services.

Program. The annual meeting program will include an address by President Carl E. Buskirk. Clark L. Brody, executive secretary and treasurer will report on what the organization has accomplished during the past year and upon current Farm Bureau operations. The state board of directors may make recommendations to the delegates for action. The county delegates, governing body of the Farm Bureau, will adopt resolutions to outline Farm Bureau policy and program for the coming year. Half of a state board of 15 directors will be elected. The new board will choose its officers.

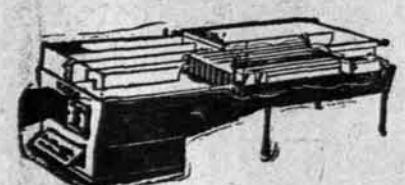
Roger Fleming, director of the Washington office of the American Farm Bureau Federation, will address the convention Thursday afternoon. A banquet and program of entertainment and dancing is scheduled for Thursday evening.

County Farm Bureau Secretaries will soon receive official notice for the annual meeting. They are asked to send the Michigan Farm Bureau credentials committee a list of the county delegates and alternate delegates as soon as possible in order to save time at the convention.

Resolutions. The Resolutions Committee of 10, one from each of the 10 membership districts, started its work Aug. 19 and met again September 30. County and Community Farm Bureaus should send their resolutions to the Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee, P.O. Box 960, Lansing, Michigan as soon as possible. The Committee will meet at Lansing just before the annual meeting for final organization of the resolutions into a preliminary report to be presented to the convention the morning of the first day.

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FEED RATIOS SAY IT'S TIME TO FEED

By BOB ADDY

Farm Bureau Services Feed Dept.

Many smart farmers saw last winter that the feeding year of 1948-49 was apt to be a profitable year for the man with stock to feed—whether it was poultry, hogs, cows, or beef cattle.

Some laid plans accordingly. They bought more baby chicks for (broilers or layers)—they planned on more pigs to be farrowed—they strengthened their dairy or beef position. Maybe that was gambling but it was practical, down-to-earth good judgment because the chances were 5 to 1 that livestock would be scarce and feed more plentiful. This was true because so many farm folks were staying out of the poultry game—neither were they planning on a pig crop—or even a strong dairy operation. Consequently we go into this feeding season with less poultry, hogs, and cows than we have had for quite a while. At the same time we have had more people to feed—more people earning wages and prospects for a continuation of such conditions for at least a year with probably adjustments downward in both costs to the feeder and prices for products he sells.

Strike while iron is hot! That is a down-to-earth statement that makes sense to those of us who have seen a blacksmith shoe a horse. It applies to those of us who have livestock to feed. For a couple of years the feeder has been at a disadvantage. Feedstuffs were high—too high—and scarce. Prices of our products from feeding, such as milk and eggs, were not high enough to make it very profitable for the risk assumed. Now it's changed—and, as far as feed costs are concerned, more favorable changes are in the offing. Read the following comparisons:

1.—EGGS? Last January good eggs were not selling for as much money as today. A good egg mash sold for \$1 per 100 lb. bag more than today (and this price should be some lower by the turn of the year). What does that mean to you folks with hens? Just this. A good hen, one that produces 180-200 eggs a year, eats about 100 lbs. of feed (50 lbs. mash—50 lbs. scratch). Since scratch has gone down over \$1 per 100 lbs., it means that it costs at least \$1 less to feed that good hen for a year than it did. This means that, with eggs at only the same price as a year ago, such hens make \$1.00 each more profit than a year ago. There will be adjustments as we get along into the coming year. Eggs will be lower in price—but feed also can be expected to fall to lower levels and in the overall picture a good hen can be expected to return between 75¢ and a \$1.00 more than they did last year.

2.—DAIRYING? The dairyman has been, and it looks as if he will be, in the driver's seat, with the exception of butter markets. Our increased population, with the accent on milk and cheese for food and butter for flavor and value, apparently assures fair markets for dairy products. The labor situation has been and is bad, but from the feed angle things look good.

Milk prices are fair and it looks as if they will be. Oats are down about \$1 per 100 lbs. Corn is down and will be down more when the impact of the big crop hits the markets. Dairy concentrates are down. Milkman 34¢ is down \$1.50 per hundred from his high point.

If you can figure the average cow eating 2000 lbs. of concentrates a year (corn, oats, barley and milk) and that these concentrates are down an average of \$1.25 per 100 lbs., that means \$25 will be saved on concentrate cost for every 2000 lbs. fed. This is just extra profit over last year. It will pay, as never before, to feed a supplement like Milkman (with its molasses, quality proteins, all the trace minerals and Vitamin D added) to balance up home-grown grains.

3.—HOG RAISING. Here we face the same cheerful future. Corn will be down \$1.50 to \$1.75 per 100 lbs. Pork should hold up pretty well. Get those pigs by feeding brood sows with a supplement like Porkman 35% (furnishes animal protein factor and vitamins) which promotes health and produces larger and stronger litters. Make a 20 to 22% protein ration (with Porkman 35%, middlings, and corn) and place it in a creep for the little fellows. After they get to about 75 lbs., cut the protein by increasing the corn—add some oats and feed to about 125-135 lbs. Then finish them with lots of corn, a few oats and Porkman.

Porkman is down better than \$1.00 per 100 lbs. from the high. Corn and oats are down as much or more. Your costs of producing 100 lbs of pork are down about \$4 to \$4.50 and will be lower yet.

To sum it up: Feed ratios (relative cost of grain and supplement to selling price of product) are the best in some years and improving. Strike while the iron is hot by feeding for maximum production and health. And remember, please, that your own Farm Bureau Feeds can do the best job for you because they are formulated for you—the formula is open so you can tell what it is—the prices are based on markets week by week and the savings go to the feeders in Michigan through their co-ops or patron agents.

Do Taxpayers Know What's Going On?

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR

Briar Hill Farm, Carleton, Mich.

Right now the Michigan taxpayer must be alert to what's going on. Don't let anyone convince you that there should be any change in the 15-mill limitation at the general election, November 2, when we vote on proposed constitutional amendments.

You know there are always plenty of people advocating building something, or bonding for something, or making changes here and there and everywhere, so long as the other fellow pays for it. And the taxpayer is usually the other fellow. There are plenty of folks who make no effort to own a home. They prefer to spend as they go, with the expectation of social security or old age or industrial or vocational pensions to carry them along when they no longer are employed. They are usually the ones who want every advantage possible for their families as they go along. This is especially true in times of high wages and easy money.

The public in general thinks the farmer has lots of money because he handles more than he did a few years ago and because almost every day one reads about the tremendous sums the farmers are receiving for their crops when compared with former times. No mention is ever made of the farmer's investment or the amount he pays out in order to keep in business, or of the tremendous losses he suffers from unfavorable weather.

It looks like history is on the verge of repeating itself. Following World War I prices and wages were up and folks seemed to go on a spending spree; many thought it never would change and there'd always be plenty of money so why not have the things we want until every municipality was bonded to its limit.

When payday came our country was in the worst depression of all time and the taxpayers not only had to pay the debts, but they had to support those who had nothing to be taxed.

We must be on guard. We must let no bars down that will affect the 15 mill limitation. It took a real battle to secure it in the first place. It was created as a safeguard to our homes and farms for all time.

I served on both the county welfare commission and the county farm debt committee during the time that farms and homes were being taken for mortgages or taxes. I never again want to witness such misery and poverty and heartache. I feel that it is up to each taxpayer to register his protest against any change in the 15-mill amendment. Let's see to it that the tax spending is kept normal even if the times are abnormal as at present.

To protect your interests on this proposition, vote NO on proposed constitutional amendment No. 5.

Under sales tax diversion (Proposal No. 2), some local units of government are receiving so much sales tax money that they must almost invent ways to use it. At the same time our state cannot do the things necessary to give proper care to the insane and afflicted on account of lack of money.

If we do not correct this error at once, we must certainly return to a state property tax, and again the property taxpayers will be the ones who must carry the added burden. There's money enough to do all of the necessary things required by our state if it is properly distributed and wisely used after distribution.

Our first step towards correction is to vote to repeal the diversion amendment. This will be proposal No. 2 and a YES vote will do the job.

There are other proposals to be voted upon but if these two are settled right it will be a most forward move for the taxpayer of Michigan. So do get out on November 2 and do cast an intelligent vote on the propositions that touch your home and family so vitally at this particular time.

Thumb Plowing Match
Set for October 7

The Thumb Plowing Match is all set to take place on the Wurzel Farm, Port Huron on Thursday, October 7. The merchants of Port Huron are planning to give away many prizes to the match visitors. The St. Clair County Farm Bureau will feature an educational display. Many farm machinery exhibitors have made reservations. This year a light horse class has been added to the Horse Show. Following the plowing match, a gala party will be held in the evening at the 4-H Building, Goodells.

Draft On Farmers
Not To Be Heavy

The draft boards will literally knock on farm doors again this fall, but present indications are that they will take relatively few men. Selective Service officials are planning to give farm labor needs due consideration. Exemption of farm workers will be granted on bases of standing military strength and number of men drafted from other industries.

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The public in general thinks the farmer has lots of money because he handles more than he did a few years ago and because almost every day one reads about the tremendous sums the farmers are receiving for their crops when compared with former times. No mention is ever made of the farmer's investment or the amount he pays out in order to keep in business, or of the tremendous losses he suffers from unfavorable weather.

It looks like history is on the verge of repeating itself. Following World War I prices and wages were up and folks seemed to go on a spending spree; many thought it never would change and there'd always be plenty of money so why not have the things we want until every municipality was bonded to its limit.

When payday came our country was in the worst depression of all time and the taxpayers not only had to pay the debts, but they had to support those who had nothing to be taxed.

We must be on guard. We must let no bars down that will affect the 15 mill limitation. It took a real battle to secure it in the first place. It was created as a safeguard to our homes and farms for all time.

I served on both the county welfare commission and the county farm debt committee during the time that farms and homes were being taken for mortgages or taxes. I never again want to witness such misery and poverty and heartache. I feel that it is up to each taxpayer to register his protest against any change in the 15-mill amendment. Let's see to it that the tax spending is kept normal even if the times are abnormal as at present.

To protect your interests on this proposition, vote NO on proposed constitutional amendment No. 5.

Under sales tax diversion (Proposal No. 2), some local units of government are receiving so much sales tax money that they must almost invent ways to use it. At the same time our state cannot do the things necessary to give proper care to the insane and afflicted on account of lack of money.

If we do not correct this error at once, we must certainly return to a state property tax, and again the property taxpayers will be the ones who must carry the added burden. There's money enough to do all of the necessary things required by our state if it is properly distributed and wisely used after distribution.

Our first step towards correction is to vote to repeal the diversion amendment. This will be proposal No. 2 and a YES vote will do the job.

There are other proposals to be voted upon but if these two are settled right it will be a most forward move for the taxpayer of Michigan. So do get out on November 2 and do cast an intelligent vote on the propositions that touch your home and family so vitally at this particular time.

Thumb Plowing Match
Set for October 7

The Thumb Plowing Match is all set to take place on the Wurzel Farm, Port Huron on Thursday, October 7. The merchants of Port Huron are planning to give away many prizes to the match visitors. The St. Clair County Farm Bureau will feature an educational display. Many farm machinery exhibitors have made reservations. This year a light horse class has been added to the Horse Show. Following the plowing match, a gala party will be held in the evening at the 4-H Building, Goodells.

Draft On Farmers
Not To Be Heavy

The draft boards will literally knock on farm doors again this fall, but present indications are that they will take relatively few men. Selective Service officials are planning to give farm labor needs due consideration. Exemption of farm workers will be granted on bases of standing military strength and number of men drafted from other industries.

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Room Rate Schedule

MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING

November 11 and 12, 1948

At Lansing Hotels and Private Residences

Hotel Rooms	Olds Hotel 125 W. Michigan 5-9155	Roosevelt Hotel 220 Seymour 2-1471	Porter Hotel 501 Townsend 2-1491	Wentworth Hotel 201 E. Michigan 4-3019	Strand Hotel 122 S. Grand 4-2218
Telephone					
Single Without Bath	None	\$1.75	None	\$2.50	\$2.25
Single With Bath	\$3.00	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$4.00	\$3.00
Double Without Bath (2 persons)	None	\$3.00	None	\$4.00	\$3.50
Double With Bath (2 persons)	\$4.50	\$3.50	4.00	\$6.00	\$4.00 up

Garages and all night parking lots are convenient to these hotels, which are all located in the center of downtown Lansing.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS
Make reservations as soon as possible. The hotels continue to do big business. Write direct to the hotel of your choice for reservations. When reserving room, indicate who is to occupy the room, and for what nights. For example, Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, or William Burns and Arthur Town. Give date of arrival. It is best to register at your hotel immediately on arrival and get your room. Rooms are not held after 6:00 p. m. unless hotel is notified you are coming late. Telephone hotel if delayed. Be sure to cancel reservations as early as possible if unable to come.

ROOMS IN PRIVATE RESIDENCES
The Michigan State Farm Bureau has a limited list of private residences in Lansing, and a few in East Lansing, where overnight lodgings can be had. The usual rate is \$1.50 per person per night where two persons occupy the room. (Single occupancy of a room is usually \$2.00 per night. Write Membership Relations Dept., Attn: Mrs. Gardner, regarding rooms in private residences. Do it before November 5.

FINAL INFORMATION SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10—For information regarding rooms, etc., call at Membership Relations Department, Michigan Farm Bureau, 221 North Cedar St., Lansing. Telephone 21-271.

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YOU CAN'T SWIM THE MISSISSIPPI WITH A MILLION HEAD OF CATTLE

The Mississippi River always has been the "continental divide" in the geography of the livestock-meat industry. In the old days the great herds of longhorns trailing north from Texas had many rivers to cross. The Red. The Canadian. The Big Blue. The Platte... but there was never a trail that ended east of the Father of Waters. The Mississippi was, and is, one river you couldn't swim with a million head of cattle.

It's a staggering job to get the nation's meat from producer to consumer. Two-thirds of the meat animals are produced west of the Mississippi... two-thirds of the meat is eaten east of it. On the average, meat has to be transported more than 1,000 miles. It's a big job—a huge job. Just consider: In 1947 alone, this job of getting the nation's meat from the farm and range to the cooking range involved 32,158,000 beef animals, 24,044,000 sheep and lambs, 82,579,000 hogs!

Harvesting any national crop—from wheat to meat—is a big job. Big machines are needed. Who uses binders when combines are more efficient? Similarly, in the processing and nationwide distribution of meat it takes large-scale, efficient "machinery." There's a need for all of us—producers and meat packers; shippers and marketing people; transportation lines; wholesalers and retailers. We all play a part—whether we are individuals or companies, whether we operate locally or on a nationwide basis.

Over the years, we at Swift have worked to perfect our nationwide system of marketing. We, and 26,000 other commercial slaughterers, provide a competitive cash market for your livestock. We buy your animals and dress them. We process and refrigerate them. Then, we distribute the meat to retail store men everywhere. (Our earnings for all these essential services are only a fraction of a cent a pound.) Because this big job is done efficiently, you producers are assured of markets... consumers everywhere are assured of meat. We at Swift & Company are proud of our part in building the "1,000-mile bridge"; the "bridge" which carries meat from the point of surplus production to the point of consumption. So long as all America wants meat it will take efficient nationwide organizations to bridge that 1,000-mile gap.

All That Glitters Isn't Profit

Government reports tell of farm and ranch income from livestock that totals more than 17 billion dollars. Many folks read those reports and say—"No wonder meat is so high. Livestock producers must be coining money."

That is a thoughtless comment, based on misunderstanding. That 17 billion dollars is not profit—it is gross income. Many expenses must come out of your gross livestock income before you can make any profit on it. There's the cost of breeding-stock and feeding-stock... of your hired labor... of feed, machinery, equipment. All these costs are at all-time high levels. Out of your gross income also must come property and income taxes, interest; insurance premiums; repairs; new buildings; fences; death losses, etc. After you've paid all those necessary business expenses, you're lucky if you end up with 10 or 15 per cent profit.

A lot of people are just as wrong about Swift's profit as they are about yours. They look at our total sales of 2½ billion dollars last year and say—"That's a barrel of money. No wonder meat is high!" But the fact is that competition in both buying and selling is so keen that from those 2½ billion sales dollars an average of 79¢ went to pay you for your livestock. 10¢ for pay to our employees. 6½¢ for supplies and other necessary business costs. 3¢ for taxes and transportation. All we had left as earnings was 1½¢.

Yes, in our business, as in yours, there's a big difference between gross income and net profit!

OUR CITY COUSIN

LOGAN PICKED AS NMFC ASST MANAGER

The National Farm Machinery Co-operative, Inc. has appointed Noble C. Logan as assistant general manager, according to an



announcement made recently by Daniel Seltzer, executive vice-president and general manager. Mr. Logan comes from the Indiana Farm Bureau Co-operative

Association where he was assistant to the general manager and director of field services. He has been associated with co-operatives in Indiana for 16 years.

The new post of assistant general manager, recently approved by the NMFC board of directors, is part of a general program of expansion now in progress for the farm machinery manufacturing association in both the Ohio Cultivator division at Bellevue, and its Shelbyville Division in Indiana.

OAKLAND TRACTOR DAY OCT. 20

East Orion Farm Bureau of Oakland county will hold its third annual tractor field day at the Russell Porritt farm, 3340 Silver Bell Road on Wednesday, October 20. There will be plenty of contests, prizes and entertainment.

Keith Middleton, president of the East Orion Farm Bureau, expects between 30 and 35 tractors to be entered. The competition will start at 10 a. m., and includes contests in: plowing, pulling, grading grain, backing a four-wheel wagon. Awards will be presented to the winners of the contests, and there will also be a door prize.

Luncheon prepared by the ladies of the East Orion Farm Bureau will be served at noon with enough table space to handle families bringing their own luncheon.

A complete exhibit and demonstration of the latest farm implements and equipment will supplement the day's activity.

Assisting Mr. Middleton with the field day arrangements are: Karl Bailey, Oakland county agricultural agent; and Earl Braid, Oakland township supervisor. The Porritt farm is 5 miles southeast of Lake Orion at the corner of Adams Road, or 2 miles east on M-24 on Silver Bell Road.

Venetian Blinds Cleaned
Use polishing wax on venetian blinds to aid in cleaning.

DAIRYLAND TO PROCESS AND PACKAGE MILK

Dairyland Co-operative Creamery at Carson City is processing inspected fluid milk and packaging it in disposable paper containers. The first sales were made Sept. 27.

For several years the board of directors and Fred Walker, the general manager, have reasoned that more and more Michigan milk will be going to the consumer as fluid milk and less in the form of butter and other manufactured dairy products. So early in July they started an addition to the plant.

Equipment and facilities have been installed to produce plain pasteurized milk, homogenized and pasteurized milk with vitamin D added, chocolate milk, coffee cream and cottage cheese. Each item will be sold only in disposable paper containers under the Valley Lea brand and direct to milk dealers in central Michigan communities.

The Dairyland plant will also be a receiving station for milk produced in central Michigan for shipment to Detroit.

Dairyland will continue with its large production of Valley Lea butter from separated cream in this field Dairyland had a slight increase in farmer shipments the past year as against a 20 per cent decline nationally.

Dairyland Co-operative Creamery has been operating 23 years and has several thousand member shipments served by truck routes throughout adjoining counties.

The St. Louis Co-operative Creamery, under Dairyland management, has installed equipment to produce and package dried whole milk for a substantial foreign demand. The dried milk will be packed in one and five pound air and moisture proof metal containers.

Ass'n of Farmer Co-ops Meet Oct. 28

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Carl F. Barnum

Carl F. Barnum, a former manager of the Farm Bureau Services seed department, died at Buffalo, New York, September 20. For the past 21 years he had been manager of the Eastern States Farmers Exchange seed process plant at Buffalo. Mr. Barnum was one of the first employees of the Michigan Farm Bureau. He took employment with our seed service. He was made manager in January of 1924 and continued in that capacity until late 1927 when he went with Eastern States to help establish its seed service and to manage the Buffalo plant.

Ogemaw Farm Leaders Visit Farm Bureau Installations



A group of farm leaders from Ogemaw county with Wesley Hawley, district representative of Michigan Farm Bureau, made a tour of Michigan Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Services, Inc. facilities at Lansing and Saginaw September 15. At Lansing, they visited Farm Bureau headquarters, Lansing warehouse and retail store, transportation service garage and the new, modern warehouse now nearing completion.

Pictured above, standing from left to right in front of new warehouse we see: Wesley

Hawley; John McLachlin, Mrs. Helen Coulter, Alden Mathews, Mrs. Marian Mathews, Mrs. Eleanor Mathews, Arnold Mathews, all of West Branch; Betty Tucker, Rose City; Minnie Clemens, West Branch; C. M. Clemens, Prescott; R. B. Coulter, West Branch and county agr'l agent of Ogemaw county; and W. Victor Bielinski, Farm Bureau personnel director, who conducted the tour at Lansing. This group also visited Farm Bureau Services' fertilizer plant, wholesale warehouse and retail store, grain and feed elevator, petroleum bulk plant at Saginaw.

Services' Managers Make Changes



Lawrence G. Stewart has been employed by the Michigan Elevator Exchange as general supervisor of the Port Huron plant and field contact man, effective September 8. For the past year, he has been manager of the Farm Bureau Services' warehouse and retail branch store at Saginaw, Michigan.

Waldo S. Anderson, former manager of the Farm Bureau Services' Grand Rapids warehouse and retail store and supervisor of the Farm Bureau Services' dust mixing plant, has replaced Mr. Stewart at Saginaw.

Both of these men spent their boyhoods on farms 4½ miles apart in Wexford county, and both attended the Cadillac High School.

FARM IMPLEMENT DEALERS HEAR YAEGER, WARD

"More and more farmers are seeing the necessity of serving themselves with the products they need to produce food and fiber. But in doing so, they must understand the problems that are involved in the operations of co-operatives just as they must understand the operations of running their own farms," Jack Yaeger, assistant executive secretary-manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau, told 200 Farm Bureau Services' farm implement dealers attending the Farm Equipment Conference at Portage Point Inn, Onkama, Michigan, September 12, 13 and 14.

"But more than just the procurement for farm supplies by farmers is needed," he said. "They must through their co-operatives have more to say about the manufacturing of these products in order to assure themselves of control of quality, price and service."

"They are having to go into the manufacturing business only because they are being forced to do so by former suppliers who sell to co-operatives only when they can not sell their products to someone else."

"Hundreds of Michigan farmers, through their Farm Bureau Services, now have an investment in a \$2,500,000 farm machinery program. They are owners, together with farmers of 11 other states of co-operative factories manufacturing farm equipment. They are no longer just customers."

Addressing the implement dealers at their annual banquet, Roy D. Ward, president of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., said that "world leadership has fallen into the lap of the United States whether we want it or not. It is up to us to make the most of it in not letting the good people of western Europe down."

Mr. Ward based his talk on a 14,000 mile tour of 6 European countries he made with 9 other farm leaders. The purpose of the tour was to make a study of general farming and living conditions, the effect of the Marshall Plan, and whether or not these millions of people were willing and determined to help themselves.

Mr. Ward said that everywhere they went they saw every attempt being made to utilize all their resources. But he said there was a definite need for concentrates for livestock, fertilizer for more and better foods and fibers, and machinery and equipment for which

tended the Cadillac High School.

Mr. Stewart has had 14 years of service with Farm Bureau Services, Inc. in Pinconning, Bay City, Lansing and Chesaning. Mr. Anderson became a Farm Bureau Services' employee at the Bay City retail branch store, where Lawrence Stewart was manager, on February 1, 1937. He was appointed manager of the Bay City branch, and held that position until February 1, 1946 when he was transferred to manager of the Grand Rapids branch.

Edmond Littlefield is the new manager at Grand Rapids. He was assistant manager of Traverse City retail branch store.

to do the job.

Other speakers at the Conference were: Merritt Crouch, general manager, United Co-operatives, Inc., Alliance, Ohio, who spoke on the testing and research program of the United Co-operatives; A. G. Rose, general manager, National Co-operatives, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, who explained the quality controls in the manufacture of Universal milkers and co-op water heaters; and Daniel Seltzer, vice-president and general manager of the National Farm Machinery Co-operatives, Inc., Bellevue, Ohio, who discussed engineering, testing and inspecting of Co-op farm machinery.

Implement dealers from District "A" won the annual softball tournament with District "E" as runner up. Mrs. Al Smith of Dorv won the women's shuffle board contest. Mrs. Earl McCoy was second.

F.B. Womei Aid Polio Victims

Oakland County Farm Bureau women recently sent comic books, jigsaw puzzles, and magazines and books to help brighten the lives of polio victims at the contagious hospital at Pontiac. The project was suggested by Mrs. Earl Braid.

Use Farm Bureau Feeds.

CO-OP LEADERS URGED TO CONFER WITH BUSINESS

Farm co-operative leaders from all parts of the nation attended the 20th annual meeting of the American Institute of Co-operation at the University of Massachusetts August 30 to Sept. 2.

Clark L. Brody, executive secretary of the Michigan Farm Bureau, told the Institute that the attacks by enemies of co-operatives must be met with powerful counter measures. He suggested that conferences be called for the nation's farm co-operative and industrial leaders as one of the best methods for strengthening the public relations position of the co-operatives. Other speakers emphasized the importance of informing the public and keeping its good will for farm co-operatives.

Congressman Clifford Hope, chairman of the House committee on agriculture said that farm co-operatives should be prepared in the next session of Congress to deal with legislation designed to handicap them.

Dr. William I. Myers of Cornell University and former governor of the Farm Credit Administration, said that the business outlook is uncertain and that it isn't possible to see very far ahead. Under such conditions, Dr. Myers said, conservative operations are to be recommended with respect to credit and expansion. Business plans should be made on the prospect of lower net margins.

Farm Credit Administration reported that farm co-operatives gained 400,000 members in the marketing year of 1946-47. The 10,125 farm co-operatives of the nation show a total of 5,436,000 memberships. Many farmers belong to several ass'ns. Co-operatives marketed over 7 billion dollars worth of farm products in 1946-47, a new high.

The Institute is an educational agency sponsored by leaders from the state agricultural colleges, farm co-operatives and general farm organizations. The Institute will meet again at the University of Wisconsin, the week of August 22, 1949.

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NORTH MICHIGAN PLANNING GROUP NAMES OFFICERS

Farm Bureau membership District No. 10, the northernmost counties of the lower peninsula, have in operation an over-all planning committee for the advancement of agriculture in northern Michigan.

Officers elected at the annual meeting at Gaylord, Sept. 7, are: Chairman, Mrs. Alex Kennedy, Posen, Alpena county; Vice-chairman, George Block, Charlevoix, Charlevoix county; Sec'y and Publicity Chairman, Mrs. George Stevens, Central Lake, Antrim county; District Representative and Co-ordinator, Wesley Hawley, Ludington R-1, Jack Brown, Presque Isle county agri. agent, is the extension service advisor to the officers.

The planning committee is known as the northern Michigan Agricultural Planning Committee. The NMAFC consists of the president, the chairman of women's work and another committeeman from each County Farm Bureau. The county agricultural agent co-operates as advisor to each committee. Active County Farm Bureau organizations are those of Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Otsego and Presque Isle. Montmorency and Ogemaw will be active when their County Farm Bureaus are organized.

Organized in 1947, the NMAFC has promoted more agr'l extension service for northern Michigan, and ways and means to extend telephone service to more rural residents of the area. It is working on an educational program to be known as Community College.

Last winter it held a conference at Gaylord for a better understanding of plans for developing of agriculture in northern Michigan. Those taking part in the program included members of the legislature, national and state Farm Bureau leaders, and representatives from Michigan State College. Later County Farm Bureau leaders in the district visited their legislators at Lansing, visited the College and the Farm Bureau at Lansing to promote the interests of their counties.

Other community projects in 1948 included co-sponsorship with other groups for sending Antrim County Agr'l Agent Walter Kirkpatrick to Europe for a study of conditions. About 600 Farm Bureau people attended a chicken barbecue at Gaylord in August.

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Dr. Karl D. Butler, president of the American Institute of Co-operation, will address the meeting October 28. At a panel discussion Dr. Paul McCracken, professor of business conditions, School of Business Administration, University of Michigan, will present "Economic Outlook for Farmers Co-operatives and Other Business." The panel, composed of representatives of farm co-ops and trade ass'n will present their views. Members of the panel are: C. L. Brody, executive sec'y Michigan Farm Bureau; John L. (Continued on page six)

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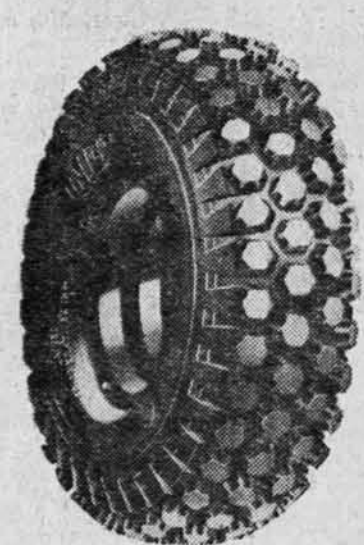
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Farm Co-ops in a Critical Period of Their Existence

MISS BECKER AIDS NEWAYGO, MUSKEGON CO'S

Muskegon and Newaygo County Farm Bureaus have appointed Miss Annie Laurie Becker, of Newaygo county, as their organization director, effective September 1.

Her duties with the County Farm Bureaus will be in furthering organization work in the two counties.

Miss Becker is a graduate of Michigan State College, having majored in physical education and psychology. She saw overseas war-time service with the American Red Cross. Prior to her entering the war-time Red Cross Service, Miss Becker was case supervisor for the FERA. She previously spent 5 years as state director of recreation under the WPA.

Immediately following her college days, she spent a year as part time director for the Lansing YWCA, and a year as a social worker and recreation director at the state's training school for girls at Adrian.

She is a graduate of Hesperia High School, and after finishing MSC, took post graduate work at New York University and the University of Michigan.

Oceana Votes Sunday Closing of Taverns

The big issue of the Oceana County primary election and the one that drew most of the voters was the proposed closing of all taverns on Sunday. The proponents of the issue swept every precinct except Pentwater. Final tabulation showed 1775 in favor of closing to 846 opposed. The campaign was first proposed by the Oceana Farm Bureau and received backing from church and temperance groups.

Their Success Has Aroused Old Enemies

By CLARK L. BRODY

Executive Secretary of the Michigan Farm Bureau
Address delivered before the American Institute of Co-operation at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass., Sept. 1, 1948

Events of the past few years indicate that farm co-operatives are now experiencing a critical period in their existence. They have attained a magnitude in numbers, size, volume of business—and a variety of operations—that has brought farm co-operatives opposition they have not been experiencing heretofore. This rapid growth and expansion is necessitating greatly increased effort on the part of farmers to fully comprehend their greater responsibilities and opportunities.

The present attack on farm co-operatives is with us at a time when people are being told that prices paid to farmers are the sole cause for high prices to consumers. Much is said about the high prices the farmer receives, but little is said about the unprecedented high costs of farm production and distribution.

The attacks and misrepresentations by enemies of farm co-operatives during the past four or five years have alarmed many businessmen. They tend also to confuse the public mind. The attack has been so skillful and aggressive that it confuses some farmers.

Our remedy lies along two main lines of procedure:

(1) The members, officers, employees and management of farm co-operatives must really understand the nature and purposes of our type of organization.

(2) We must bring business leaders and consumers to a sympathetic understanding and appreciation of their relationships to farmer-owned business organizations.

Efforts to accomplish these two objectives can and should be carried on simultaneously. In order to attain the greatest progress with people in walks of life other than farming it is important that the farmer thoroughly understand the type and objectives of the institutions he has brought into existence.

The realization of the full opportunities and the future of farm co-operatives will be in direct proportion to the degree in which the farmer succeeds in solving the internal and external problems and relationships involved. Let us start, then, by considering an analysis of the job of the farmer co-operative.

The primary objective of the farm co-operative is the advancement of the farmer's economic welfare. The farm co-operative is an essential, integral part of modern farm operations. It is not an institution separate and apart from the farm and farm family. It is a business service extension of the farm production and marketing processes. It serves as a balance wheel for agriculture.

The food and fiber demands of our industrial civilization have evolved the modern farm into a complex business enterprise. Farm operation is a major segment in our competitive, capitalistic, national economy. The farm, like industry, is operated for profit to enhance the welfare of the owner and operator. In fact, the individual farm unit is the most independent form of free, private enterprise in our national business structure. The historical background of agriculture and the industrial evolution of our nation have made it so. The mechanization of agriculture has been an important factor in changing farming from a way of life to a modern business institution.

Today, the farmer's capital in land, buildings, stock and equipment represents the largest single investment in the nation. Farmers buy more steel each year than do the railroads or the automobile industry. They buy more cement than do all the nation's highway systems. So what the farmer pays for the products of industry as well as what he realizes from his farm production, determines his ability to succeed and prosper. The 10,000 or more farm co-operatives in America have evolved directly out of the imperative needs of the farm itself.

It has been inevitable in the development of our modern business environment with its constantly changing relationships that farmers must extend their production, marketing and purchasing operations beyond the front gate of the farm. They have organized co-operatives in order to have an equality of opportunity and equality of bargaining power in dealing with other groups. The lasting and true function of the farm co-operative is to serve the economic needs of its membership by increasing the profit on their farming operations.

The more exacting standards for quality and uniformity now required in the marketing of farm products have caused the farmer to depend more and more upon his co-operative for processing his crops and controlling their movement nearer to the consumer. On the other hand, to assure himself of the quality and quantity of supplies needed by the farm, the farmer has been forced to extend his co-operative business activities further and further toward purchasing the raw materials and manufacturing them in his own organization.

The compulsory trend toward processing and manufacturing farm products and supplies under farm

tributed by a minority in business. They furnish the generals for the attack. Thousands of small businessmen on the main streets of the nation have been deceived into becoming their foot soldiers.

Their aggressive efforts to secure the taxation of the patronage refunds of co-operatives is but a smoke screen for the real objective. Namely, to render the farmer's co-operatives ineffective as competitors. The purpose of the enemies of farm co-operatives is to prevent the farmer from integrating the several phases of his business into a coordinated operation. In doing so they are trying to deny the farmer the opportunities commonly enjoyed by industrial and mercantile concerns.

Progress in dealing with the attack on farm co-operatives, and realizing the opportunities before us, will be determined by the degree in which members and management accept their responsibilities and frankly face the reality of our problems.

Fundamental to further progress is greater member responsibility. This can come only with a better understanding of the structure and operation of the co-operative. More intelligent attention on the part of officers and management needs to be given to the educational and member relations departments. We have been so busy building a large volume of business and expanding co-operative operations that we have neglected the human relations phase of our co-operative administration.

It is a far cry from the individual farm unit to large federated co-operative packing and processing plants, machinery and fertilizer factories, oil refineries, and pipe lines involving millions of dollars and hundreds of employees. This expansion has been forced upon us so rapidly that co-operative operations have out-distanced membership relations programs. Co-operative administrations have a huge task to give members complete and continuous information about the properties and operations they own through the stock of their co-operatives.

A detailed discussion of the various ways of accomplishing an intelligent appreciation on the part of the members is, of course, impractical in a 15-minute paper. Any method that shows the farmer the advantage of controlling the sale of his product as well as the production of it is important. Along with this it is highly important that we temper our efforts with a feeling of responsibility to the consumer.

Too much of the good information carried on in the publications of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, the National Association of Co-operatives, and the American Institute of Cooperation dies in the office of our co-operatives. It never reaches the member. The responsibility for this neglect lies right at the door of co-operative administration and management. In one co-operative I know, it is one man's responsibility to take timely extracts from bulletins and publications coming to the office and send the material out to the local co-operative and members. In this way, the information is localized and adapted to the needs of the territory. It keeps the rank and file of the membership in touch with the work of the state, regional and national co-operative organizations.

We should be vigilant to keep the by-laws of our co-operatives up to date and in accordance with state and federal statutes and recent court decisions.

We must bring about a greater unanimity among national co-operative leaders and organizations in regard to co-operative and public policies. We need to be more harmoniously aggressive with both defensive and offensive activities.

We must keep our own house in order and not expect unfair advantages in relation to other business groups. We must expect and voluntarily accede to the taxation of earnings either in the hands of the patron or the co-operative. If we do not want the savings to the farmer taxed as income to the co-operative, we must keep our by-laws and accounting in order in accordance with the laws and regulations.

I believe it is inevitable that farm co-operatives will meet more exacting conditions, legal and technical, in the future. Farm co-operative competition with the large proprietary business, together with the continuation of high corporation taxes and a misinformed public opinion, are bound to result in a more rigid attitude on farm co-operative operations.

It is true that the platforms of both major political parties contain favorable reference in regard to farm co-operatives, but certainly we cannot depend upon partisan political platforms for our protection. Every precaution should be taken by the administration and management of every co-operative to have its by-laws, articles, and operations strictly in accordance with present statutes, regulations and court decisions. Such compliance by co-operatives generally is a first essential to either a successful defense of the present status of farm co-operatives or an effective voice and influence in the determination of any changes they may be forced to accept.

We should also be prepared to face strict interpretations of present legal and regulatory re-

quirements. A close scrutiny of how patronage refunds are reinvested as capital in the co-operative can be expected. Every precaution should be taken to associate the voluntary consent and initiative of the patron for the utilization of patronage refunds as capital for co-operatives. Such precautions should include the advice of capable legal talent.



CLARK L. BRODY

In still another important respect we should be living up to our opportunities and responsibilities. Until recently we have not appreciated the relations of the farm co-operative to the public. Farm co-operative development has now attained a magnitude in numbers, size, and volume of business that makes it important to the public and the consumer.

One of the most potent factors in building a favorable public attitude is to emphasize our interest in further improving the quality of farm produce and lowering the cost of food distribution to the consumer. It is highly desirable that people in walks of life other than farming understand the true functions and purposes of farm co-operatives. Otherwise, our enemies will continue to build unfavorable public opinion which eventually will be reflected in harmful legislation.

Co-operative officers and managers must recognize that a friendly public opinion is one of the organization's greatest assets. Like other essential values, this comes only with intelligent effort and hard, skillful work.

Our most difficult time in rela-

tion to the public lies ahead, probably with the 81st Congress next winter. I believe it of the highest importance that national cooperative and farm organization leaders seek a conference this fall with a representative cross-section of American business leaders. Farm co-operative people should endeavor to get a better understanding of the viewpoint and interests of business in relation to farm economy.

In turn, such a meeting would give business and industry personnel an unusual opportunity to better understand the objectives of farm co-operatives. That certainly should serve to strengthen our relationship with leaders in business and strengthen our position before legislative bodies.

If the premise upon which I am basing my discussion is sound; namely, that farm co-operatives are a legitimate part of the capitalistic system, the farmer's interests will not be served by practices that are unfair or tend to weaken or discourage capitalistic free enterprise. Only by adhering to sound principles and practices of capital investment in co-operative enterprise can we expect to justify our position either with industry or the public. I have taken some pains to ascertain the thinking and plans of some of the critics of farm co-operatives.

I find that some one or a combination of the following will be advocated in connection with changes in our revenue laws:

(1) Repeal statutory tax exemption (101-12).

(2) Attempts will be made to have all patronage earnings taxed as earnings to the cooperative at the corporation rate.

(3) Tax patronage refunds not paid in cash at the corporation rate.

(4) Require co-operatives to withhold patron's tax on patronage refunds either at the corporate rate or the lower personal rate, but crediting the patron with the tax so withheld and paid.

(5) Enactment of an excise or license tax on farm co-operatives.

(6) Subject large or federated co-operatives to the corporation income tax on patronage margins while exempting small local co-operatives.

(7) Amendment of the federal statute so that all corporations, whether cooperative or proprietary, are taxed on the earnings or margins at the personal rate or higher.

(8) Render the Farm Credit Administration ineffective.

(9) Repeal or cripple the Capper-Volstead Act.

In the face of all this, what course should farm co-operative people pursue? I would suggest the following:

(1) Call an early conference of all national co-operative and farm organizations to plan a unified and aggressive course of action;

(2) Seek a joint conference with representatives of a cross-section of the progressive industrial and mercantile business leaders;

(3) Arrange a conference of national representatives of social and educational groups.

The object of such a program would be to get the leaders of all groups to better understand the true purpose of farm co-operatives and to unite co-operative leaders in becoming more active in safeguarding their interests.

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20%	20-21	24-30	
30%	21-22	25-31	
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Background Material for Discussion this Month by Our Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

EDITOR'S NOTE—Background material regarding the calling of a constitutional convention was presented in this column August 7. Proposed constitutional amendments No. 1, 2, and 3 were discussed September 4. We present now background material on proposals No. 4 and 5 and the referendum on the Callahan Act.

By NORMAN K. WAGGONER, Research and Discussion

What should our legislators be paid? Should the amendment which limits the tax rate on property to not more than 15 mills be liberalized? Should those persons or organizations which are operating in this state and being financed by foreign countries be required to register? These are some of the decisions which Michigan voters are being called upon to make at the November 2 general election.

It seems that the effects of these amendments are so far reaching that no voter can afford not to vote, nor can he afford to cast his ballot without first giving very serious thought to the meaning of these amendments. It may be difficult to say whether it is worse to have voted uninformed, or to never have voted at all. If there ever was a time when voters of Michigan could not afford to do either of these, it is at the November 2 general election.

Proposal No. 4. This amendment, if adopted, would remove from our state constitution the present limitation on salaries paid to members of the legislature. Twenty years ago a provision was written into the Michigan constitution that members of the state legislature would be paid \$3 a day for every day in the year regardless of the number of times the legislature met in regular or special session. In addition, the members of the legislature would be paid ten cents a mile for one round trip to each regular or special session of the legislature.

There are those who believe that this compensation may have been very adequate at the time it was written into the constitution, but economic conditions have changed considerably since then. Costs have risen to the point where \$3 a day does not begin to provide maintenance for the legislators at Lansing.

In recent years, the public has demanded more from the members of the legislature. In addition to actual law making, these members serve on numerous committees and frequently, during the year, they are called upon by their constituents to make various public appearances, all of which is demanding of their time. With increased responsibilities it is held that the present compensation is no longer adequate.

Furthermore, it is frequently felt that if the compensation were more adequate, farm people, who are capable and feel that they desire to be of public service, might also serve in the state legislature. Under the present levels of compensation, many times this becomes rather difficult from the financial standpoint.

On the other hand, there are those who are of the opinion that many capable persons will and do seek this office if they desire to be of public service, and that compensation does not necessarily attract the most capable.

This proposal would take the salary limitations out of the constitution, and allow the legislators to adjust compensation to changing economic conditions. It must be pointed out that the legislators would not be fixing their own salary, but rather any salary they may set would become effective with the next term.

A "yes" vote on this proposal removes the salary limitations from the constitution.

PROPOSAL NO. 5. This proposed amendment would make two major changes:

1. It would decrease the vote necessary for extending the 15-mill limitation from the present 2/3 majority.

2. It would extend the time for which the tax might be raised above 15 mills as a result of one election from the present 5 years to 20 years.

The Michigan Education Association sponsored this amendment. It says that frequently it is difficult to raise the necessary finances for building purposes and other expenses when limited to a five-year period. Therefore, they have felt that the passage of this amendment would make it possible to raise money over a longer period of time thereby making the process less painful to the tax payer and still produce adequate funds.

Those in opposition to Proposal No. 5 say:

1. There is no provision in the amendment regarding the use of this money. It may or may not be used for local improvements. In fact, it might be all used for current operating expenses.

2. If this proposal was accepted, tax rates could go as high as 50 mills as a result of one election, and could continue at this rate for 20 years. Fifty mills which is five per cent for 20 years is equal to 100% of the valuation of the property paid out in taxes.

3. Under this proposal, tax rates could be raised above 15 mills by simple majority of those voting regardless of whether they were property owners or not.

4. The original tax limitation

amendment was passed at a time when tax rates were high and farm income low. In fact, in 1932, fifty-eight percent of the tax rolls were delinquent. The present amendment was passed as a safeguard to property owners.

It should be pointed out that the state legislature has considered similar proposals twice in the past, and after giving them careful thought has voted it down both times.

A "No" vote sustains the present 15-mill tax limitation amendment.

PROPOSAL NO. 6. An Act, passed by the Legislature in 1947, requires that all persons or organizations operating in this state, who are in some way subsidized by foreign governments, to register with the attorney general.

Immediately after the passage of this act, its opponents got busy and obtained the necessary signatures on a petition to have it repealed on the basis that it interfered with the personal rights and liberties of individuals.

There are some who feel that this is a federal responsibility, and should be handled by the federal government; therefore, it is not a state responsibility.

There are others of the opinion that this is a step designed to limit any communistic movements in this state, and is something to be desired.

A "yes" vote on this proposal would uphold the act and make it become operative.

FB OPPOSES CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

The Michigan Farm Bureau believes that there is no real need for calling a constitutional convention for a general revision of the state constitution. Therefore, the proposal should be rejected by the voters in November.

We believe that the constitution of 1909 is still sound basic law. It is responsive to the will of the people and has served us well. In our opinion, no substantial showing of need has been made for a general revision.

We agree that particular situations may call for amendments to keep the constitution suited to new times and conditions.

The constitution of 1909 contains most liberal provisions for amendment. The legislature may propose amendments, or they may be initiated by the people. These privileges have been used often and effectively.

In nearly every general election since 1910, we have voted on amendments to the constitution. Forty-two amendments have been accepted. There is no reason to believe that a new constitution would not be subject to frequent proposals to amend, unless that privilege is restricted, as it is in some states.

Our constitution provides also that every 16 years the proposal for calling a constitutional convention shall be submitted at a general election. The people rejected such proposals in 1926, and again in 1942.

The experience with the constitution of 1909 amply demonstrates that it provides the people with a continuous opportunity to revise or to amend. Therefore, the Farm Bureau sees no need for a general revision of our state constitution.

Territory "A" Implement Dealers at Portage Point Conference



Here are the Farm Bureau Services farm implement dealers of territory A, the northwestern half of lower Michigan, who attended the farm implement dealers' conference at Portage Point Inn, Sept. 12, 13, 14.

From left to right in the back row are: Cliff Potter, Cedar Springs, Harry D. Shaw & Co.; Clem Knoop, Ewart Co-op Co.; Gerritt Bussis, Zeeland, Bussis Bros.; John Kleinheksel, McCords, Kleinheksel Feed Store; Jack Ewart, Hubbardston Hdwe.; Cliff Loesch, DeWitt Tractor & Implement Co.; Gerald Halversen, Stanwood Mktg. Ass'n; and Hugh Linkfield, Rockford Co-op Co.

From left to right in front row are: Earl McCoy, Cedar Springs, Harry D. Shaw & Co.; Ernest Schimke, Onkama, Schimke Farm Service; John DeRulter and Al Ferris of Falmouth Co-op Co.; Frank Walker, Farm Bureau Services Farm Equipment Department; Leo Russell, Clare, Farmers Ind. Produce Co.; Aud Whitall, Rockford Co-op Co.; Alfred Nixon, Merritt, and Robert Schepers, Falmouth, both with Falmouth Co-op Co.

This is the first of a series of pictures by territories of Farm Bureau Services' implement dealers. In the November edition of Michigan Farm News Territory "B" will be shown.

Farm Co-ops Are In Critical Period

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We certainly need to attain a much greater unanimity of opinion and more aggressive action among ourselves, and to develop a more intelligent mutual understanding between business and agriculture.

We cannot rely upon purely defensive measures based on existing legal and regulatory technicalities.

We must be prepared to show the logic of our position as a constructive force for a prosperous agriculture and a basic factor in our free enterprise, capitalistic economy.

In this discussion I have endeavored to show that farm co-operatives are an asset to society as well as to the farmer. They are an essential factor in enabling the farmer to best serve the general welfare. Farm co-operatives have social and community values, but the limitation of time has not permitted a discussion of those intangible values.

Throughout, I have emphasized the farm co-operative as an important segment in our capitalistic economy. For this I make no apology. Capitalistic, free enterprise America has twice saved civilization upon to save civilization from Communism. Let America perpetuate our freedom of initiative and enterprise, not by destroying our competitive economy nor replacing it with some dictatorial ideology, but rather by improving our capitalistic system. It has brought us blessings that the peoples of other nations have never enjoyed.

Farm co-operatives are a most important influence for the perpetuation of those values. They are based on the initiative and responsibility of the individual and service to the consumer. They uphold the dignity of the individual.

Since October 1942 MAFC has been conducting a program for its more than 150 member Cooperatives. The MAFC's purpose is to sponsor activities of the following material:

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3. Services to member associations (includes study of labor relations, organizational system and other similar services).

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Continue Tests For Cattle TB

A caution about cattle tuberculosis is given by Dr. B. J. Killham, extension veterinarian at Michigan State college. Continued testing and retesting is necessary, he states, even in herds apparently free of disease.

Outbreaks of tuberculosis have occurred in cattle herds in many sections of the country. In addition, there has been a dangerous decline in the number of cattle tested in the tuberculosis eradication project.

Killham urges every farmer to have his herd tested to be sure it is free of infection. Reactors should be slaughtered and government funds are available to pay for such losses. Only by eradicating every infected animal can we protect our herds as well as the human population.

Brody, Figy Accept WMFPCR Invitation

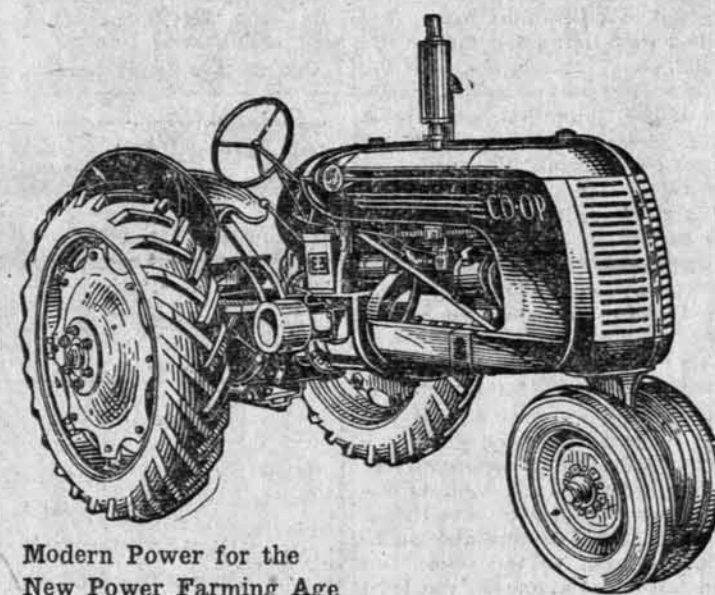
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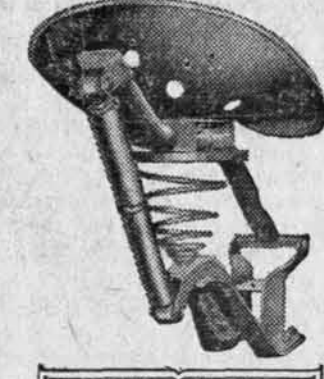
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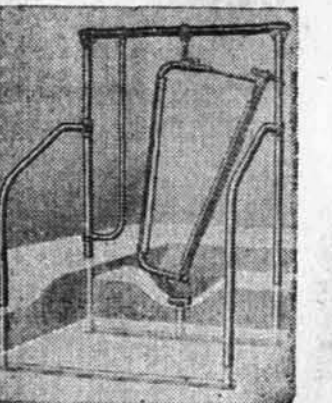


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Ann Arbor—Washtenaw Farm Bureau Store
Azalia—Yeck Sales and Service
Bad Axe—Nugent Farm Sales & Service
Batavia—Branch County Farm Bureau Oil Co.
Battle Creek Farm Bureau Ass'n
Breckenridge Oil Company
Brooklyn—G. Raynor Boyce
Buchanan Co-op Company
Caro Farmers Elevator Company
*Carson City Door—Salem Co-op Co.
Cassopolis—Cass Co-op, Inc.
Cathro—Morris Bros. Farm Bureau Store
Cedar Springs—Harry D. Shaw & Co.
Cheboygan Co-operative Company
Chesaning Farmers Elevator
Clare—Farmer Independent Produce Co.
Clinton—Robert Allen
Coopersville Co-op Co.
Deckerville—Messman Implement Company
DeWitt Tractor and Implement Co.
Dexter Co-op Co.

Dorr—Salem Co-op Co.
*Dowagiac Farmers Co-op Ass'n
Elkton—Farm Bureau Equipment Sales and Service
Elsie—Miller Hardware Co.
Emmett—Farm Bureau Services, Inc.
Ewart Co-op Co.
Falmouth Co-operative Co.
Fremont Co-op Produce Co.
Gaines—Marvin Tiedeman
Gladwin Farmers Elevator
Grand Blanc Co-operative Elevator Co.
Grand Rapids—Farm Bureau Services Inc.
Greenville Co-operative Co.
Hamilton Farm Bureau
Hanover—Farmer Folks Supply
Hastings—Farm Bureau Services, Inc.
Hemlock Co-operative Creamery
Hillsdale Co-op Company
Holland Co-op Co.
Holly—Frank Gromak
Howell Co-operative Company
Hubbardston Hardware

Imlay City—Lapeer County Co-ops, Inc.
Ionia—Ferris Farm Service
Kalamazoo—Farm Bureau Services, Inc.
Laingsburg—Hunter Hardware
Lansing—Farm Bureau Services, Inc.
Lapeer County Co-ops, Inc.
Marcellus—Four County Co-op, Inc.
*Marlette—Amil Olsen
Marshall—Marengo Farm Bureau Store
McCords—Kleinheksel's Feed Store
Moline Co-op Milling Co.
Mt. Pleasant Co-op Elevator
Munith—H & F Implement and Supply
Nashville Co-op Company
Niles Farmers, Inc.
Onkama—Schimke's Farm Service
Ottawa Lake Farm Implement and Supply
Pittsford Farm Bureau
Plainfield Farm Bureau Supply
Port Huron—H. L. Kimball
Portland—Alfred Ferris
Quincy Co-op Co.
Reed City—F. S. Voelker

Richmond—St. Clair-Macomb Cons. Co-op
Rockford Co-op Company
Rockwood—Smith Sales and Service
Romeo—Posey Bros.
Rosebush Elevator Company
Ruth Farmers Elevator
Saginaw—Farmers Bureau Services, Inc.
Sault Ste. Marie—Chippewa County Co-op
Scotts Farm Bureau Supply
Standish—Miscelin Bros.
Stanwood Marketing Ass'n
St. Johns Co-op Company
*St. Louis Co-op Creamery
Sunfield—Meachem and Hager Farm Store
Three Rivers Co-op Co.
Traverse City—Farm Bureau Services, Inc.
Utica—Wolverine Co-op Co.
Warren Co-op Co.
Watervliet Fruit Exchange
Yale—Farm Bureau Services, Inc.
Ypsilanti Farm Bureau
Zeeland—Bussis Brothers
*Electrical Equipment Only

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