

CROP Drive to Begin Dec. 26

75 Counties to Participate In a House-To-House Canvass for Gifts Of Food for European Relief

Christianity—in carload lots—will roll across Michigan in January as the Christian Rural Overseas Program trains converge on Durand for the dedication of the "Michigan Christmas Spirit", CROP train of foodstuffs to the needy people overseas, according to Dr. John Hannah, president of Michigan State College and chairman of the CROP drive.

As Christmas nears, the CROP campaign is getting into "high-gear" with 35 Michigan counties already organized and ready to go on the big canvass of every farm in the state during CROP Week, Dec. 26-Jan. 2. By the end of next week some 75 counties are expected to be ready for actual house-to-house solicitation according to Ben Hennink, state director of the CROP plan.

CROP is making possible this year in Michigan the giving of direct gifts-in-kind to the hungry kids, old people and orphans of Europe and Asia and the needy of the world who are helped by no other program.

American farmers are sending, through CROP, the greatest food gift in the history of the world—along with a message and hope for peace through the three sponsoring agencies—Catholic Rural Life, Lutheran World Relief and Church World Service.

Corn, wheat, beans, soybeans, lard, sugar, honey and dried milk are to be Michigan contributions to the CROP national effort.

These commodities, or any other bulk foodstuffs you may wish to give through arrangement with your own county drive, are to be collected during the week of December 26 to January 2, by some 4,000 canvassers for CROP in all townships of the state. The slogan for the Michigan campaign is, "Under Every Christmas Tree a Gift of Food for Europe."

Carl Buskirk, president of the Farm Bureau, and a member of Dr. Hannah's executive CROP board says, "A gift of some of your grain right out of your barn—and out of the goodness of your heart, will be more valuable to CROP than money. Those folks I saw in Europe will recognize it as a real symbol of American generosity and Christianity. Every bit of food given will carry something more than just nourishment—it carries the word to the world that the farmers of America recognize the plight of their brothers overseas and are doing something about it!"

The entire Michigan campaign is being built around the Christmas Spirit theme and the complete success of the CROP effort depends on every farmer in every township giving. Pledge books will be in the hands of all canvassing groups by the end of this week. Complete instructions will be given by the county chairman of the CROP drive at county meetings now being held in all counties.

In Michigan, the 34th state to inaugurate the CROP plan, the initial reports are beginning to come in from the county organization meetings. Counties now organized are: Berrien, Cass, VanBuren, Hillsdale, St. Joseph, Lenawee, Monroe, Jackson, Washtenaw, Oakland, Ingham, Eaton, Barry, Ionia, Shiawassee, Genesee, Isabella, Gladwin, Alpena, Montmorency, Otsego, Cheboygan, Emmet and a number of counties in the upper peninsula.

Sixty-nine state organizations are united in their efforts to make this CROP drive a Michigan success. Sixty representatives of the state civic and agricultural groups met last week in Lansing to "start the CROP train rolling." The Michigan Elevator Exchange, Farm Bureau Services, Inc., the Michigan Association of Farmer Co-operatives, the Michigan Bean Council and many other organizations have volunteered their services.

Fred Hibst of the Cadillac Potato Growers Exchange has instructed his potato graders and handlers to assist in the CROP drive. The American Dairy Association and the Michigan Milk Producers Association are working out the details for milk solicitation. Farm Bureau Services, Inc. is instructing its thirty-three retail branches and management contract points to release one man and a truck for the food drive for two days between Christmas and New Year's. Other organizations are sending out letters and special bulletins to all members urging 100% participation in this CROP effort to raise 135 carloads of commodities for the Michigan Spirit of Christmas train.

Vice-Chairmen of the CROP drive are: Fr. Bernard C. Beahan, Catholic Rural Life; Dr. J. Burt Bouwman, Church World Service; and Rev. C. C. Henkelmann, Lutheran World Relief, who testify to the desperate need for food according

EXPECT 1949 TO BE GOOD FOR STOCK RAISERS

Michigan livestock producers can look forward to 1949 as an other good year. This word comes from Michigan State college farm economists who say that high personal incomes will probably keep meat and livestock prices strong. They point out that at a time of high prices, short term operations are less likely to result in losses due to severe price declines. There's a caution, however. Seasonal prices for livestock are again approaching prewar patterns, the economists believe.

Last year cattlemen were faced with high-priced feed. Now, feed supplies have become more abundant and feeders are high-priced. Demand is keeping the price of stocker and feeder cattle high. Feeders should plan to make their profit on efficient feeding—it won't be safe to depend on the "spread."

Hog producers face a good year. Pork is expected to be the one meat that increases next year's red meat supply. A favorable hog-corn ratio is expected throughout 1949 but economists think it will pay to push hogs for early fall slaughter to avoid the expected big increase of marketing of spring pigs. Hogs will be supported at 99 per cent of parity until the end of 1949. Farmers who have plenty of corn and are tempted to feed hogs to heavy weights are cautioned to watch price differentials between weight classifications before adding those lost few pounds.

Sheep are at the lowest number since any time after the Civil War. The 1949 output of lamb and mutton is expected to be even smaller than 1948. Lamb feeding is expected to be profitable this year for those who have a good supply of grain and roughage. Only good-doing feeders should be fed, the economists conclude.

Bob Addy Making A Good Recovery

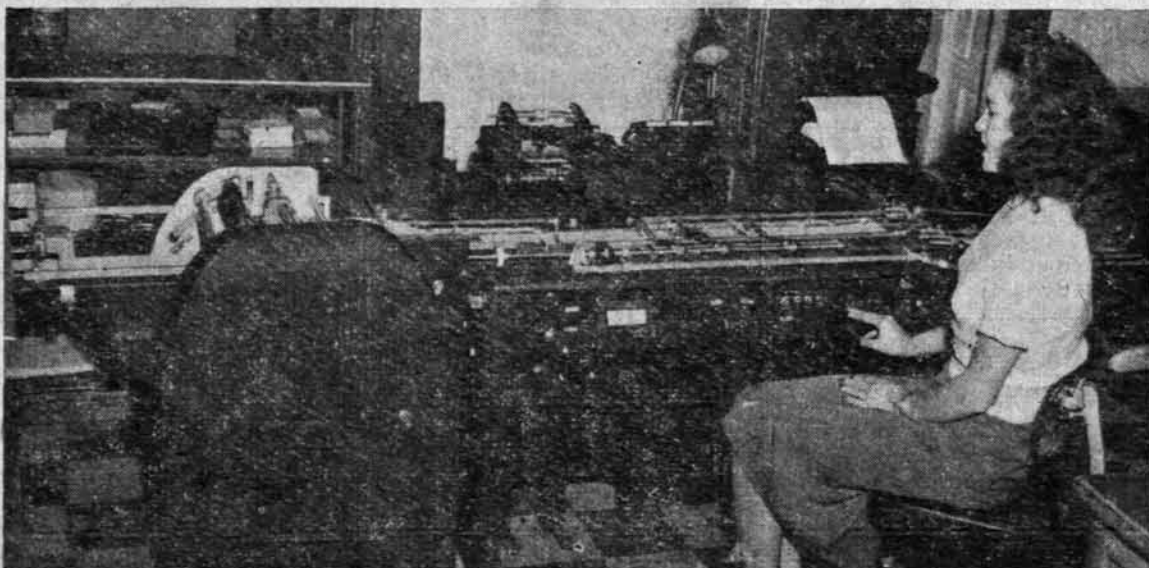
Robert H. Addy, manager of the Farm Bureau Services feed department, is in Community hospital at Mt. Pleasant. He is making a good recovery from serious injuries to both knees, sustained in an automobile accident near Mt. Pleasant the night of November 9th. Mr. Addy drove into the rear end of a truck loaded with scrap steel. He was driving home from a patrons relations conference at the Evert Co-operative. It was a stormy night, with rain and snow.

Bread is freedom and freedom is bread.

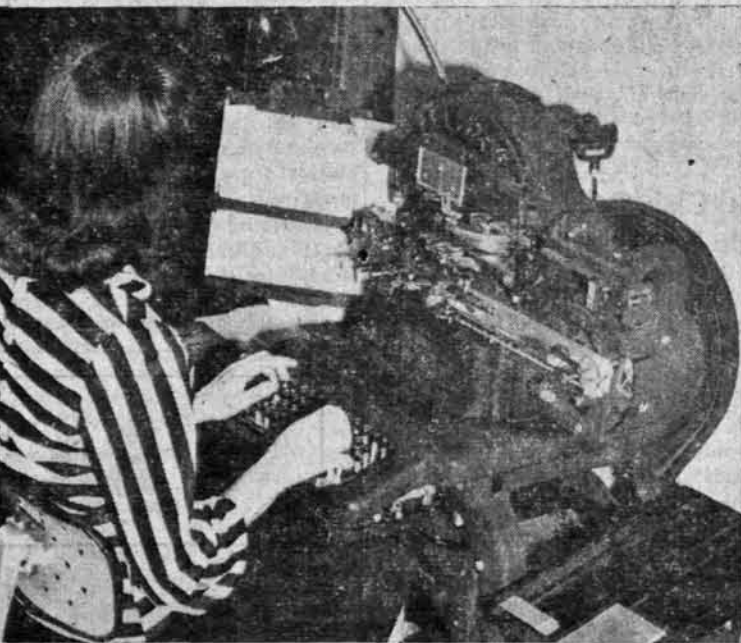
Mechanical Marvels Speed Production of FB Services Patrons' Checks



Modern accounting machinery recently put into operation by the patronage section of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., accounting department will enable the same staff to accomplish ten times the volume of work. In the upper left we see Eleanor Perkins posting a Farm Bureau dealer's patronage volume. Leonard Carter, supervisor of this department, is auditing one of the many patrons lists that are received by this office. Amelia Duraida, in the right foreground, is posting capital stock records.



At the left we see a new marvel, the adding addressograph machine at work. Dorothy Eggleston is watching the many operations that it performs automatically. This machine addresses the check, shows value of the stock involved, rate and amount of interest or dividend, signs, dates and numbers it, records and totals these figures. This piece of equipment is the combination of several machines synchronized to accomplish the various functions of work formerly done separately. It has a machine speed of 2,000 checks per hour.



This machine is a Graphotype which puts all of the information on a metal plate that is used in the printing of checks and addresses. The machine has a keyboard similar to that of a typewriter and operates by embossing the characters and numbers in a thin metal plate. The second operation to complete the plate is performed by an addressograph key punch. This machine records information as to dollar value of stock; amount of dividend, patrons account number, etc., in the form of spaced perforations. The plate is then filed by FBS dealers, alphabetically by name.

START ROLL CALLS FERTILIZER FOR FARM BUREAU PLANT IN FULL PRODUCTION

In early December and again in January thousands of Farm Bureau members will be out making in the neighborhood of 50,000 calls to enroll the Michigan Farm Bureau membership for 1949. Each County Farm Bureau has a campaign manager and a staff of township workers, operating under the direction of the county board of directors. Following are the dates the workers go out:

Dec. 2—Cass, Missaukee, Osceola.
Dec. 7—Antrim, Alpena, Barry, Charlevoix, Mecosta, Newaygo, Northwest Michigan, Saginaw, Wayne.
Dec. 8—Bay, Berrien, Benzie, Cheboygan, Emmet, Oceana.
Dec. 9—Muskegon, Otsego, Presque Isle.
Jan. 4—Branch, Washtenaw.
Jan. 5—Midland, Van Buren.
Jan. 11—Genesee, Huron, Isabella, Kent, Livingston, Sanilac.
Jan. 12—Clinton.
Jan. 18—Calhoun, Gratiot, Ionia, Lapeer, Lenawee, Monroe, Shiawassee, St. Joseph, Tuscola.
Jan. 19—Eaton, Jackson, Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair.
Jan. 25—Kalamazoo.

The Farm Bureau Fertilizer plant at Saginaw is now in full production helping to relieve the shortage of mixed fertilizers and normal superphosphate. The following analyses are being made: 3-18-9, 3-9-18, 3-24-12, 4-16-16, 0-20-20, 0-20-10, 0-19-0 and 0-45-0.

Arrangements have been made to have superphosphate available to growers in either 80 lb bags or bulk direct from the plant at a very substantial savings. This is limited to orders of five tons or more. All growers must order through their local Farm Bureau Services dealer and pay for that amount before pickup at the plant. Growers must present receipts at the plant to authorize delivery. The same rules for grower pick-up apply to other fertilizer analyses.

The ACP is again allowing payments on fertilizer. It ranges from 1/2 to 3/4 of the cost of the fertilizer when applied under practice agreement.

These counties have not announced roll call dates: Allegan, Ingham, Ottawa, Mason, Montcalm. Campaigns started in November: Manistee, Hillsdale, Wexford.

Machine Does 30,000 FBS Patrons' Checks

Addresses Check, Shows Value of Stock, Calculates Amount, Completes Check, And Prints Accounting Record

The job of writing, accounting and posting 30,000 patrons' checks is being accomplished in the space of ten days through the use of modern, new office equipment at Farm Bureau Services at Lansing. This is the story of how Farm Bureau Services' accounting department is able to efficiently handle the ever increasing volume of work brought about by the continuously expanding patrons relations program.

For many years all interest and dividend checks issued by Farm Bureau Services, Inc., have been prepared on typewriters. This entailed numerous hand operations to complete, the process requiring considerable time. As the result of demands for extended services to the patrons, new facilities to provide these services have been financed largely by the farmer patron through the purchase of debentures and stock.

Because this growth has been so tremendous it became obvious that the hand preparation of interest and dividend checks had become obsolete. A study of methods to do the job mechanically was made by Lee Monroe and Lee Trumble, FBS accounting division, including several visits to leading national co-operative organizations to inspect their methods handling similar work. Numerous trips were made to the manufacturers of such equipment and finally a mechanical system was worked out by our accounting division which combined the use of several pieces of machinery.

This system was installed by the Addressograph-Multi-graph company. They published an article about it for their sales organization all over the world. The method of mechanically handling the job was made possible by combining a new addressograph machine using the 9100 accounting machine and the new Burroughs class 7200 multiplier.

In the center picture above is the equipment that combines several machines and is considered a marvel in accounting history. It prints the name and address of the individual, the face value of that individual's securities, the rate of interest or dividend, the amount of interest or dividend the individual is to receive. At the same time the check is signed, dated and

numbered. However, the real outstanding feature of this piece of mechanical wizardry is the adding unit attached. While the checks are being written, this attachment records the figures or amounts printed on the check and the totals are added.

The key to keeping each individual patron's identity is in the time the check is signed, dated and

Approve Farm Bureau Insurance Company

Board of Delegates Shapes Michigan Farm Bureau Program for 1949 at the 29th Annual Meeting

The board of delegates at the 29th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau at State College Nov. 11-12 authorized the organization of The Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Michigan for automobile insurance limited to Farm Bureau members.

The action was taken on a recommendation made by the state board of directors, and followed studies and surveys conducted since last March by an insurance committee of the board, including representatives of County Farm Bureaus.

The convention was informed that the membership has pledged \$235,000 as initial financing for the proposed company, and is now engaged in securing a minimum of 4,000 charter policies for the new company. Further details are given in this article.

Carl E. Buskirk of Paw Paw, Van Buren county fruit grower, was re-elected president, and Jesse E. Treiber of Unionville, Tuscola county certified seed producer, was re-elected vice-president. Eight directors of a state board of 15 were elected for two year terms. The board of directors re-engaged Clark L. Brody of Lansing as executive secretary and treasurer for 1949.

About 800 delegates and visitors attended the meeting. They represented a membership of 35,000 in 58 County Farm Bureaus. Two new County Farm Bureaus were announced, Ogemaw and Montmorency County Farm Bureaus.

The County Farm Bureaus set their membership goal for 1948-49 as 43,680 farm families. Ninety per cent or more of the Farm Bureau membership will be persons directly engaged in agricultural production according to a new definition of eligibility for membership adopted by the convention. What the new sections of the state and county by-laws will have to say regarding full membership and associate membership in the Farm Bureau is reported in another article in this edition.

The resolutions adopted are the Michigan Farm Bureau program for 1949. They are summarized on page 4 of this edition. Here we quote in full what the convention said to Congress about the national farm program:

"National Farm Program. Continued abundant production is vitally necessary. The consuming public has an equal stake with agriculture in the conservation of our soils. In general, we approve of the purposes and provisions of the long-range farm program and price support bill enacted by Congress last June. We favor the following basic principles and objectives:

"1—Minimum government regulation. Maximum freedom of individual action.
"2—Government support of prices by purchase and loan on such a percentage of parity as will prevent disaster to farmers but will not encourage over-production.
"3—Greater local control of soil-conservation programs, and continued reward for soil conservation practices.
"4—Avoidance of duplication by all possible consolidations of government agencies.
"5—Enactment of legislation to provide more high analysis fertilizer.

"6—The Commodity Credit Corporation should be granted a permanent charter and should not be dependent for its existence upon annual appropriations. It should be given sufficient resources to carry out the loan, support and other programs authorized by law. It should be authorized to acquire storage facilities, thus enabling it to better support the market in periods of excessive offerings and to build stock piles against future needs.

"7—The support price on farm commodities should not be altered during the marketing season in which they are normally offered to the jobbers. In fact, wherever possible the support price should be announced before the crop involved is planted.

"8—Congress should give its prompt and sympathetic cooperation in the promotion of an International Wheat Agreement on the best obtainable basis.

"9—In all reciprocal trade agreements equitable treatment should be given agricultural products. This can become increasingly important during the transition from a war-time to a peacetime economy. A sound foreign trade policy must involve a reasonable balance between our exports and imports."

Eight directors of a board of 15 were elected for two-year terms. (Continued on page two)

DIVISION CHANGES ANNOUNCED BY FB SERVICES

The management of Farm Bureau Services, Inc. recently announced a number of changes in its division and departmental set-up. They were brought about by a continued growth and expansion of the organization as the result of extended services to patrons and an ever increasing volume of business. The changes amount to the establishment of four new divisions and the abolishment of two. The four new divisions are: Distribution, Procurement, Financial Promotion, and Patrons Relations. The two eliminated are wholesale and branches & management contracts divisions.



MAYNARD BROWNLEE

The Distribution division under the direction of Maynard Brownlee is responsible for all distribution including the supervision of the retail branch stores and management contract points as well as the seven commodity district representatives. Mr. Brownlee is assisted by Walter Harger, supervisor of the retail outlets associated with Farm Bureau Services, and Raymond Bohnsack, assistant supervisor.

The Procurement division is the new name designated for the previous wholesale division. Boyd A. Rainey continues as director of this (Continued on page two)

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HIRAM and MARTHA

Week Before Christmas

(Sort of a Parody)

'Twas the week before Christmas and all through the house
Had been great preparation by me and my spouse.
We had done a great deal that could brook no delay
For Saturday next would be festival day.
And Mabel and Ben with their numerous brood
Would be there to help with the presents and food.

While Marthy was knitting I just sat and planned;
As wakeful as any old owl in the land.
It may be I nodded a moment or two
Then was startled to life by a hallabaloo
That seemed to originate somewhere outside
As though numerous goblins were out for a ride.

I opened the door to the chill of the night,
Then beckoned to Marthy to witness the sight;
There were jolly St. Nick and a half dozen elves
All thrashing their mittens and warming themselves.
They chuckled with laughter; they choried in glee
As they rumpled inside around Marthy and me.

They paid no attention nor slackened their pace
But spread like the measles all over the place.
They scurried down cellar; they sped up the stair;
In bedroom, in kitchen, they looked everywhere.
They rummaged in closets; they searched the high shelves.
There was nothing concealed from those rampaging elves.

They rattled new sleds amid whistling and drumming.
They wound tiny tractors and set them to humming.
They sniffed at the candy and walnuts and pies.
They turned out the cupboards and checked our supplies.
They picked at the bundles piled back of the door
And put them all back where they had been before.

They raided the woodhouse; they sought in the shed
And all was confusion, though nothing was said,
Till presently quiet succeeded to din
While the little marauders trooped silently in
And stood in a row by the old davenport
And Santa Claus rumbled, "Well, what's the report?"

Then the little boss elf made respectful reply,
"We're satisfied, Santa, my helpers and I.
These folks are as ready as ready can be
So we better push on to the next place," said he.
And I heard a firm voice from where Marthy was at
"Wake up, Sleepy-head, while I put out the cat."

R. S. Clark,
315 North Grinnell St.,
Jackson, Michigan

P. Griswold supervises the finance and credit responsibilities for the organization.

All of division heads are directly responsible to J. P. Yaeger, assistant executive secretary of Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

Saginaw FB Services Warehouse Fire

Fire destroyed an old wooden warehouse and contents of straw, hay, shingles and other materials at Farm Bureau Services at Saginaw, Nov. 29. The loss was covered by insurance. The fire was so hot that tires blew out on cars parked across the street, upholstery caught fire, and windows were cracked when firemen turned water on the cars to save them. A second Farm Bureau warehouse nearby caught fire, too. Firemen were an hour getting the blaze under control and remained for four hours to protect adjacent buildings.

Rosebush Elevator Holds Home Freezer Show

The Rosebush Elevator company in cooperation with Farm Bureau Services, Inc. and the MSC Extension Service sponsored an informative meeting on the use of home freezers at the Isabella Town Hall, November 23. It was open to the public and designed to help them with any home freezing problems and to become better acquainted with the advantages of food preservation by freezing.

Division Changes FBS Announces

(Continued from page one)
division responsible for the procurement of all the commodities handled by Farm Bureau Services. These commodities are broken down into departments within the division such as steel and paint fertilizer, seed, feed, insecticides, petroleum farm equipment, and miscellaneous.

The Financial Promotion division is under the supervision of Ernest A. McCarty, formerly in charge of the discontinued retail management division. This division will be largely responsible for the raising of monies for Farm Bureau Services, Inc. and its subsidiary and affiliated companies through sales of stock and debentures. It will involve new co-operatives, reorganization of others, and the addition of new management contract organizations. The purpose of this division is to insure financial stability for all Farm Bureau Services activities.

Patrons relations has been set up as a division under the direction of Oscar Anderson. This department will deal with the expanded patrons relations program, organization of patrons committees, establishment of additional retail outlets on the patrons veterans program, and the arrangement of patrons commodity information meetings around the organizations now on the program.

Production and manufacturing division, Accounting division, and Finance divisions remain as they were. Fred Harger is in charge of production and manufacturing. L. S. Monroe directs the activities of the accounting departments, and G.

Adapted Alfalfa Seed Scarce—Get It Now

If you are planning on sowing alfalfa in 1949, be warned that seed adapted to Michigan is scarce. You will do well to buy adapted seed now while it is still available, says Roy W. Bennett, manager of Farm Bureau Services seed dept.
For 1949 most of the adapted seed will come from Canada. The 22 states producing alfalfa report a little over a half of a normal crop for 1948. Of these only 14 northern states produce alfalfa seed adapted to Michigan.
Beware of South American seed, principally from Argentina. The U. S. Dept. of Agriculture holds that it is not adapted to the climate of the northern United States. Ten per cent of such seeds will be stained red as a warning to prospective purchasers.

St. Clair Co. To Vote On Soil Conservation

Any man or woman owning or renting three acres of land or more in St. Clair Co. will have an opportunity to decide at the polls January 18 whether that county shall have a soil conservation district or not. Adoption of this plan would make available free expert assistance to farmers in improving the fertility of their land. All regular polling places will be open from 1-3 and 7-9 p. m.

Use Farm Bureau Feeds.

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.

MACHINERY

STEWART Shearing Machines for Sheep. Animal clippers for cows, horses, mules, dogs. Repair parts, sharpening service on all types of cutters and combs. Michigan Co-op Wool Marketing Ass'n, 506 North Mechanic Street, Jackson, Michigan. (4-17-34b)

SILAGE Thru Down Equipment, barn gutter cleaners. Dependably manufactured, sold and serviced. Co-manufacture silos and aluminum roofs. Write for additional information. Dwight A. Baylis, 2666 Packard, Ann Arbor, Michigan. (11-31-36p)

FOR SALE—One used No. 20 Blue Compressor - Magnetic Separator - Dust Collector and Crusher. Also, one used 10 ton wagon scale, 20 ft. platform. Freeland Bean and Coal Co., Freeland, Mich. (11-31-33b)

MAPLE SYRUP SUPPLIES

MAPLE SYRUP Producers: Place your order now for sap buckets, spouts, sap storage tanks, gathering tanks and syrup filtering tanks. All steel will be hard to get if you wait until tree tapping time. For complete information on all syrup making and marketing supplies, write Sugar Bush Supplies Company, Box 110, Lansing 4, Michigan. (8-51-55b)

FOR SALE

ARMY TENTS, 16x16 new \$32.50; used, in perfect condition \$28.50; and slightly damaged \$16.50. 8x16 new, \$17.50. Used, in perfect condition \$12.50 and \$15.00. 17x20, used, \$10.00. Harry Marcus, Benton Harbor, Mich. (9-17-32b)

FACTORY REJECTS—Sensational value. Some genuine imported Briar as our regular \$10 pipes. Have surface flaws not affecting superb smoking qualities. Outstanding buy, 2 for only \$1. Size and shapes while they last. Satisfaction is guaranteed. Gaylords Dept 450, Brockton, Mass. (10-31-46p)

BABY CHICKS
TWO WEEKS FEED supply given with Colonial Chicks. Pedigree Sired 97% live in official tests. Egg and meat type. Free Catalog. Colonial Poultry Farms, Route 10, Marion Ohio. (12-31-28p)

VETERINARY REMEDIES

MICHIGAN'S Largest Veterinary Stock available to stockmen. Cows, marketing SUL-MET, the miracle Sulfa, maintaining higher blood level longer with less toxicity. Treat cattle for Metritis, Septicemia, Enteritis, Mastitis, and Foot-rot. Calves treat for Infectious Scours, Coccidiosis, Septicemia. Swine treat for Enteritis, Pneumonia, Septicemia. Horses treat for Respiratory Infections, Pneumonia, Strangles, Septicemia, Enteritis and Navel Ill. Sheep treat for Mastitis or Blue Bag, Pneumonia, Coccidiosis, Enteritis, Foot-rot. Write for pamphlet on SUL-MET and Veticillin, the Veterinary Penicillin. The market's best Veterinary Syringe. 60cc capacity, complete with needles for vaccination or udder infusion, \$5.00. Pen-Six, Penicillin in wax stick for udder insertion, 25,000 units each, \$4.25 per dozen. H. F. Link, Pharmacist, 1456 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing 12, Mich. (9-17-114b)

LIVE STOCK

SHROPSHIRE RAMS—Good selection. Write or visit Ingleside Farm, Stanley M. Powell, Ionia, Route 1, Michigan. (9-17-15b)

HOLSTEIN HEIFERS—All ages, well marked, choice high grades, tested. Car lots. Ed Howey, South St. Paul, Minn. (11-7-18p)

FOR SALE—Registered Corriedale and Suffolk rams, yearlings and lambs. Also 25 registered ewes, bred for March and April lambs. December delivery. Mikseil and May, Charlotte 12, Michigan. Farm located on US-27 south of city limits. (10-41-36p)

WOOL GROWERS

ATTENTION: Wool Growers—send your wool to us and you are guaranteed the best price. We are purchasing wool for the government. Year around wool marketing service and prompt settlement made. Michigan Co-operative Wool Marketing Association, 506 N. Mechanic St., Jackson, Michigan. Phone 3-4246. (31-44b)

Community Farm Bureau Activities

By MRS. MARJORIE GARDNER

STAR AWARDS

Gold Star—Gaines Group, Genesee County, Mrs. Gatha Wykes, Sec.
Silver Star—Union Township, Branch County, Mrs. George Hubbard, Sec.
CONGRATULATIONS!

Berrien-Benton Center. Secretary Mrs. Gustaf Erikson reports that over 100 families attended a panel discussion on "Spray Materials and Their Results" sponsored by the group.

Kalamazoo-North Schoolcraft. Action was taken and a committee appointed to call on the Farm Bureau members who have not been attending their group meetings regularly. The committee consists of Pat Wiley, Randal Burson and Ord Edwards.

Kalamazoo-Schoolcraft. Members of this group are contacting one group each month and inviting a representative to attend their meeting, hoping that in return they will be invited to be guests at other group meetings. They feel this will keep them informed as to what the others are doing and give them an opportunity to meet more Farm Bureau members.

Van Buren-Bloomington-Columbia. An announcement was made by Mrs. Everett Kohl that the work of the Farm Bureau women at the County Fair had made it possible for them to give \$300 to the County Cancer Fund.

Branch-Bethel. Members voted to have their next meeting in the form of a Thanksgiving supper. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dowell, and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Byers are in charge of arrangements.

Calhoun-Marshall. Held their first meeting in October and used the time for informational and organizational purposes. Henry Parker was elected as chairman.

Oakland-Clarkston. Secretary Mrs. Ivah Miller reported that the group has sent seven boxes to their adopted family in Hungary.

Oakland-East Orion. This group held its annual Field Day at the Russell Porritt farm on October 20th. Prizes were donated by local merchants and about 30 tractors participated. It is estimated that approximately 1000 people attended.

Oakland-White Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Voorheis and Mr. and Mrs. Ruggles who just returned from a trip to Waterloo, Iowa, where they visited the "National Dairyman's Convention," gave a very interesting talk on their experiences at the October meeting.

Washtenaw - Sharon. Members voted to each send a communication to Radio Station WPAG in Ann Arbor expressing their appreciation for the fine farm program broadcasts.

Washtenaw - Webster. Members of this group invited prospective candidates in their area for the offices of Congressman, Judge of Probate Court and State Representative.

sentative to speak to them at the October meeting. After each had made a brief presentation of his views, the meeting was opened for a discussion period.

Barry-Beigh. Secretary Avah Swift reports that the group went on record as favoring a direct vote for President instead of through the electoral college at their October meeting.

Barry-North Hastings. This Community Farm Bureau group passed the following resolution: "We, the North Hastings Farm Bureau group, in accordance with our policy of the past several years, do resolve that the Michigan Farm Bureau work for a two cent increase in gasoline tax to be used to improve of Michigan's farm-to-market roads."

Genesee-Halsey. This group took action at their October meeting to formulate a constitution and by-laws. Chairman Embury appointed John Lemme and Earl Swift as a committee to work out the preliminary details.

Genesee-Mt. Morris-Townline. October marked the beginning of this new Community Farm Bureau. Mrs. Roger Partridge is acting as secretary.

Shiawassee-Burton-Carland. Barbara Collister, Junior Farm Bureau representative, was guest at the October meeting. She explained the Juniors' project of a clothes drive for the needy in Europe and also gave some of the basic reasons for Junior Farm Bureau.

Lapeer-Squaw Lake. The following resolution was passed at the October meeting: "Whereas, the Farm Bureau membership is composed of persons from all political parties, be it resolved that the Farm Bureau remain non-partisan."

Tuscola-Ellington. Dick Shantz manager of the Caro Co-op Elevator, and his wife were guests at the Ellington Group meeting. Mr. Shantz discussed Farm Bureau fertilizers and the proposed tour to the Farm Bureau fertilizer plant in Saginaw some time in December for Tuscola Farm Bureau members.

Oceana-West Grant. It was reported by Secretary Barbara Grasmeyer that the CARE package which the group had sponsored had been sent to Europe.

Gratiot-Bethany. Members of this group heard an interesting discussion of the history and activities of the Michigan Elevator Exchange by Stanley Sherman, guest speaker for the evening.

Gratiot-Seville. This group is planning to sponsor an Xmas party for Seville children. A committee made up of Lawrence Smith, George Stacey, Claude Britten, and Ray Neikirk was named to meet and carry the responsibility of arranging the affair.

Isabella-South Lincoln. Secretary Mrs. Willoughby reports that their group had received a \$10 check for the best group entertainment at the County picnic. The South Lincoln Community Farm Bureau also went on record as favoring the necessary measures to clear the roads in the county of brush and that the county supply machinery for this purpose and suggests that property owners pay operating expenses.

Saginaw-Birch Run. Members of this group followed their business meeting with a hard-times Halloween party. Mrs. Gilbert Berg received the prize for being the best dressed.

Saginaw-Thomas. Members of this group entertained a representative from one of their local stations who transcribed the discussion on the amendments to appear on the ballot. This the men took part in. A transcription was also made by the ladies which described their annual camp at Torch Lake.

Northwest Michigan-Keystone. Mrs. Jack Harvey reported on the Rural-Urban Conference held by the women at Traverse City to improve rural-urban understanding of each other's problems.

Alpena-Long Lake. This is a newly-organized group holding their first meeting in October. The time was spent in organization.

Alpena-Wellington. Members of this group voted 100% for an open season on bear in Alpena county.

Ingham-Onondaga. We shall have a Christmas party with potluck supper and exchange of gifts at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald December 30. A nice program is planned.

Kent-Kent City. Our next meeting will be held at the town hall, December 9. Oyster supper will be served at 7 o'clock. We are doing some work—the ladies will clean the hall and the men will make tables for our new recreation building.

Michigan Administrative agencies comprise 102 separate boards, bureaus, commissions and departments, directed by approximately 400 persons.

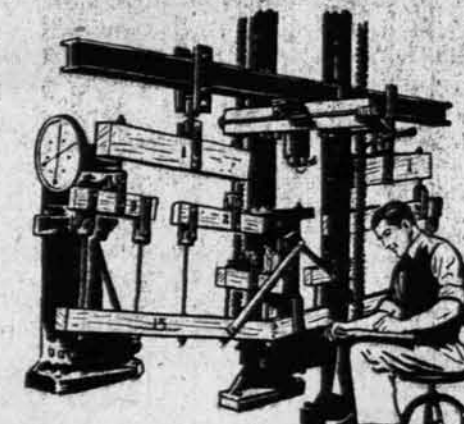
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The Insurance Department of the Michigan State Farm Bureau has many openings for agents to represent the State Farm Insurance Companies in Michigan. We would appreciate hearing from any of our Michigan Farm News readers if they are interested in talking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

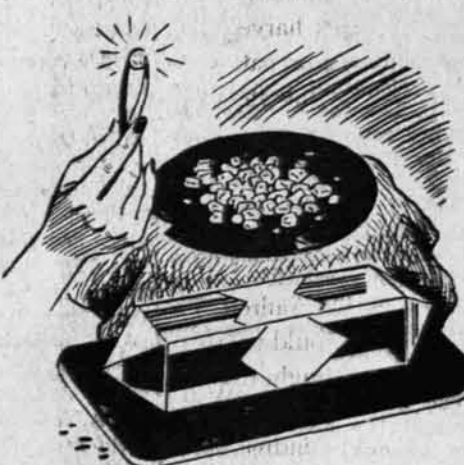
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Ground worms are very valuable to our Michigan farmers if they are the common earth worm. So are adapted clovers and brome grass.

Some seeds for the 1949 season will be higher in cost and some lower. Now is the time to get your seed for spring planting. Those who are looking ahead can get alfalfa, red and sweet clovers, or brome grass before the first of January if they will see their local dealers in December.

There is a small crop of the following items, and they will become hard to get: alfalfa, sweet clover, brome grass, red top, sudan grass, blue grass and timothy. There is plenty of red clover, both June and Mammoth, for Michigan; but many states in the country are short on red clover. Alsike seems to be plentiful; however, when the states short get into the market for red clover, the picture could change over night and Michigan might wake up with a shortage some morning.

The seed bed you prepare requires a lot of hard work and time, and the cost of good seed goes a long way in assuring a good crop. There is not an organization that can serve your needs for seed any better than the Farm Bureau you helped build. We suggest you bring your business where you are really a partner and make 1949 the best year yet.

Europe never produced more than half of its food needs.

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What's Going On Affects Farming

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR
Briar Hill Farm, Carleton, Mich.

Many things have happened since our edition of November 6, most of which will have their effects on our job of farming.

First came the annual meet of the Michigan Association of Farmer Co-operators with a Co-op Clinic the following day. I regret that the manager of every co-op and the board of directors of every co-op of Michigan do not attend these meetings. If the co-operative effort of farmers grows and strengthens as it must if we reach the goals we hope for, there must be no lukewarm officials attempting to operate a co-operative.

We need well informed aggressive leadership far more than we ever have before. The business world is beginning to feel the pressure of farmers doing their own business. In order to stand firm on the progress we have already made, we must have the united backing of each unit and we should expect it of every member.

It was my privilege to sit next to Dr. Karl Butler, president of the American Institute of Co-operation, at one of the luncheons. He expressed regret that there were so few women present. He mentioned some outstanding women high in the affairs of the co-operative movement in some other states.

I can think of several real business women connected with farm interests in our state. They would make great boosters for co-operative associations if given a bit of encouragement to do so.

We had a general election that seemed to surprise everyone, even the candidates. As I analyze the results it proves to me that there are a lot of common people in our country who enjoy in a measure this abundant life that the world says we have in America. And, it also proves to me that the people preferred to have their ballots counted after they were cast by themselves rather than by politicians weeks ahead of time.

The annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau followed close to election time. As one standing back looking on, I could not help but see many changes in both policies and personnel.

The women's meeting was what many would call a "humdinger". Their reports showed great progress along the lines that are lasting. I know their methods of organizing and straight thinking in planning is a great asset to the Farm Bureau. My great hope is that they may continue without interruption for all time to come. Is it too much to hope that in the near future all farm women will be enrolled, telling the farm story, building a plan for better and more secure living for all rural folks?

We heard much about the "New Look" in Farm Bureau activities, and in a few days I read that the "New Look" in styles for men would be holes in the toes of their shoes. I recall that that was just the reason the Farm Bureau came into existence. Not only the toes out, but the sole was so thin and the heels run down on the shoes of all farmers of America.

In Michigan we started out with a bluster until we had some 97,000 people enrolled with 97,000 different ideas as to what could and should be done. It did not take long to get down to earth. With our backs to the wall we began to work a way out to a conservative, smooth running organization. When I think back to the years of its infancy, I feel that only firm hands kept it going in the right direction.

Every farmer was so near the ragged edge with his home affairs that he knew he dared not make a mistake with a farm organization. He could only feel his way inch by inch. There could be no plunging for it would be doom if he did not land right side up. It took less to make us satisfied and happy those days both individually and in an organization. It still seems to me to have been the right setting for the birthing of the Farm Bureau.

I sent for an early copy of the new book written by O. M. Kile, "The Farm Bureau Through Three Decades". I hope the membership in general will aim to get one of these books and study the history of the organization from its beginning. It is not only good reading, but it is information that all should know.

I wish some energetic person would take the time to write the same kind of story about our Michigan Farm Bureau. Much information could still be secured first hand and be both accurate and entertaining.

I've just heard of another book or pamphlet, "Can Farmers Afford to Live Better?" I'd like to read it and I wonder if it can solve the problem for us. Everybody seems to feel that farmers can have anything these days, and if they don't have all modern things about their homes and farms it isn't because they do not have the money.

We do see much more money than ever before, but when one has to pay the current price to equip a bathroom or to put down a well or paint the buildings or put on new eavestroughs or buy a new car or a combine or cornpicker or any of many other things necessary for better living, it seems impossible to stretch the dollar to cover the bill. This is especially true when one knows wheat is down at least one-third of what it was a year ago, and corn is about the same and soybeans just about one-half of last year's price. Butter is way below cost of production. Well, I'm sure all farmers want comforts that others enjoy and they'll get them as soon as they can see their way clear to do so, but we must have a stable market even to plan on it.

Speaking of butter reminds me that I've seen a notice given out by one of the state officers of the Michigan Retail Grocers and Meat Dealers' Association that the question as to whether or not oleomargarine may be colored will appear on the spring ballot.

The question with me now is, "How can the dairy farmer best protect his business?"

Farm Leaders Urge Change in Fruit Mart

At a meeting sponsored by the Berrien County Farm Bureau, farm leaders of that county voiced the need of an objective study of the twin city fruit market to be made immediately and that changes be instituted in its operations before next season.

The instability of prices paid to farmers from day to day for their produce and goods is the chief concern of this group. It was felt that this condition was discouraging more and more growers from taking their fruits and vegetables there.

VERNON VANIMAN, AFBF LEADER, DIES SUDDENLY

Vernon Vaniman, director of organization for the midwest region of the American Farm Bureau Federation for the past 13 years, died suddenly of a heart attack at Lincoln, Nebraska, the night of November 30. He was waiting for a train to take him to Chicago after spending the day at the annual meeting of the Nebraska Farm Bureau.



VERNON VANIMAN

Mr. Vaniman was well known to many members of the Michigan Farm Bureau who have attended the annual Midwest Farm Bureau Training schools each summer. He was in Michigan several times the past year in connection with the development of a Farm Bureau insurance company. He spoke at the state wide meeting on insurance held at Lansing, September 27.

"Van's passing is a severe blow, not only to those of us who knew

him personally, but to every one of his co-workers in Farm Bureau throughout the country," said AF BF Secretary Wildred Shaw.

Mr. Vaniman's youth was spent on a farm in Macoupin county, Illinois. He was one of the early Farm Bureau leaders and helped organize 17 County Farm Bureaus in 1917. For five years he was with the agr'l extension dept of the University of Illinois. From 1923 to 1934 he was with the finance and insurance depts of the Illinois Agr'l Ass'n. April 1, 1935 he was appointed director of organization for the midwest states of the American Farm Bureau.

MICHIGAN AT AFBF CONVENTION

The Michigan Farm Bureau membership will be represented at the American Farm Bureau convention at Atlantic City, Dec. 14-16 by 38 members and staff from various parts of the state.

President Carl Buskirk is serving on the AFBF resolutions committee. Voting delegates for the Michigan membership are: Carl Buskirk, Paw Paw; Ward Hodge, Snover; and Albert Shellenbarger, Lake Odessa.

Women of the Michigan Farm Bureau are sending three delegates to the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau annual meeting. They are: Mrs. U. S. Newell, Coldwater; Mrs. Carlton Ball, Albion; Mrs. Marjorie Karker, Lansing.

Secretary of Agriculture Brannan will address the convention. Other speakers are Paul G. Hoffman of the ECA, Pres. Harold Stassen of the Univ. of Penna.; Hanson W. Baldwin of the New York Times, Senator George Aiken, senate sponsor of the long range farm program.

One-half of the children born in Europe since the war have died from malnutrition.

VERLAND MCLEOD HEADS JUNIOR FARM BUREAU

Verland McLeod of Ionia county was elected president of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau at the annual meeting of the organization at Michigan State College November 6.

He is the 14th president of the organization and the first from Ionia county. He has been active in Junior Farm Bureau work for several years, having served as vice president of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau, national committee representative, regional director and president of the Ionia Junior Farm Bureau. In addition, Mr. McLeod has served on numerous state committees. He will represent the Michigan group in December at Atlantic City when the rural youth of the Farm Bureau have their annual convention.

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Mecosta Co. Women Hold Rural-Urban Conference

Approximately 150 women attend a rural-urban conference sponsored by the women of St. Clair Co. Farm Bureau for the purpose of getting a better understanding of the problems faced by the two groups. A panel discussion highlighted the program.

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Scores of feeding trials prove that a balanced ration pays with steers and lambs, whether on the range or in the feedlot. In fact, the same basic principle applies to all livestock and poultry. Forage and other homegrown feeds, properly balanced with proteins and minerals, make more and better meat pounds at less cost.

Continuous research affords new and exciting means of using available materials in improved rations for livestock. At first, tankage alone was used to add protein to hog rations. It did a good job. Then research proved that a combination of proteins



is better than one kind alone. A mixture of tankage, soybean meal, linseed meal and, in some areas, cottonseed meal, produces better quality pork even faster. This improvement in rations makes for more efficient and economical use of proteins. But what about vitamins and minerals? Here, too, many advancements in techniques of supplying these nutrients have been made. Dehydrated alfalfa, milk solids, vitamin oils, and some synthetic sources provide essential vitamins and other factors. Mineral balance is necessary, too. Salt, the universal need, supplies sodium and chlorine. Steamed bone meal supplies calcium and phosphorus, and other major minerals. With these, alert research men now are combining other known essential elements, such as cobalt, manganese, iron, iodine, copper, and magnesium, to turn slow gainers into fast gainers.

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You can't make money last unless you make it first!
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Quotes of the Month

It's cheaper to warm water with fuel in the tank heater than with corn in a steer.

E. T. Robbins, University of Illinois

For proper nutrition of brood sows, feed good quality alfalfa hay liberally, ground or otherwise. Use at least 15% in mixed rations for sows, or self-feed the hay in a rack.

Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station

A flock of 300 hens will consume 17 tons of water annually. If possible to install, running water in a laying house will save a lot of walking, carrying and plain hard work.

M. A. Seaton, Kansas State College

A phosphorus supplement fed to ewes in amounts to satisfy their requirements would increase their vitality, help maintain their weight during the winter, and increase the percentage lamb crop.

Farm and Home Science, Utah

How good are you kids at knowing the names of the animals used to help you play games?



In baseball, what part of a steer do you wear? Why, the glove has a padding that's made from his hair!



In what game would you say the pig best fits in? Yes, football, that's right—the ball's called a "pigskin"!

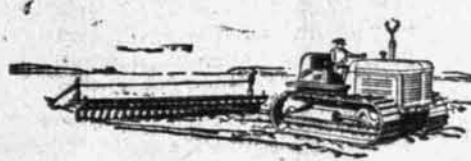
And the last time you walloped a tennis ball—wham! Did you know that the racket strings came from a—lamb?

By-products that meat packers save every day increase livestock values, make stockmen more pay.

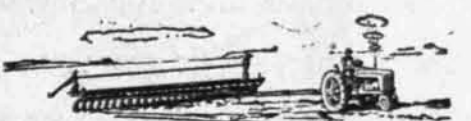
Martha Logan's Recipe for BAKED HAM SLICE

Cover a 2-inch-thick slice of ham with honey or orange marmalade. Add 1 cup water or fruit juice. Bake in a covered pan in a slow oven (325° F.) about 25 to 30 minutes per pound (about 2 hours).

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First Calves Forecast Production

by Marvin Koger,
Animal Husbandman
New Mexico A. & M. Experiment Station

Want to estimate efficiency of calf production in your cow herd? The cow's first calf tells more than her good looks. In a New Mexico study, we took the weaning weights of first calves weaned by three-year-old cows. These weights were compared with the weaning weights of calves raised by these same cows in the next four years. Cows and calves were placed in five groups (according to the weaning weight of first calves). Here's the 5-year record:

Groups	Average First Calf Weight From 3-Year-Old Cows	Average Calf Weights From Same Cows for Next 4 Years
Group 1	321 pounds	404 pounds
Group 2	349 pounds	417 pounds
Group 3	383 pounds	430 pounds
Group 4	409 pounds	443 pounds
Group 5	441 pounds	456 pounds

Considering only the two extremes, Group One and Group Five, it was shown that breeding stock picked from Group One could be expected to produce, for the next four years, calves that had a yearly average weaning weight of only 404 pounds. But those picked from Group Five should produce calves with a yearly average weaning weight of 456 pounds, 52 pounds more than Group One.

These figures show that later calves are apt to be a repeat performance of the cow's first calf. Cows doing poorly their first calving year continued to produce the lightest group of calves. They were poor risks. Culling cows with light, scrubby first calves would be well repaid in greater profit through more efficient production.

If you would like a full report on this experiment, write to New Mexico A. & M. Experiment Station, State College, N. M.

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At bottom, though, the fact that America is able to help the world with food—and with more than food—goes back to the system of individual enterprise and opportunity of which both the American farmer and the American railroads are vital parts.

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Summary of Resolutions Adopted by the Farm Bureau

Chart Organization's Program for 1949

Following is a summary of the Michigan Farm Bureau program for 1949 as set forth in the resolutions adopted by the board of delegates at the 29th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, Nov. 11-12, 1948. A printed copy of the resolutions may be had by writing the Michigan Farm Bureau, Attn: Stanley M. Powell, P. O. Box 960, Lansing, Michigan.

FOREWORD

There should be a general understanding as to the proportion of the price paid by the consumer for various food products which is actually received by the producer. The price of wheat has declined 30% during the past few months, but the price of bread has not been lowered.

We believe in an economy of abundance and are profoundly convinced that increased production is the surest way to conquer inflation and raise the real standard of living for our people. We deplore strikes, slow downs and all the various "feather bedding" tactics which raise costs and retard reconversion and post-war recovery.

OUR FARM BUREAU

Membership. 43,680 family memberships is our goal for 1948-49.

Community Farm Bureau groups. Vital in our organization, and provide the opportunity for members to become better informed. We should encourage more of such groups in addition to the 749 now in action.

Women's Activities. Through the Farm Bureau women's program, Farm Bureau is becoming more prominently recognized by other groups in educational, health and philanthropic fields.

Junior Farm Bureau. We reaffirm our support of this program and challenge our young people to find new and greater projects to strengthen Farm Bureau and agriculture.

Membership Eligibility. Only persons engaged in production of agricultural or horticultural products are eligible to Farm Bureau membership with voting rights.

Others interested in agriculture may have associate membership without voting rights, up to 10% of the county membership.

Christian Rural Overseas Program. Michigan Farm Bureau is joined with 34 other state organizations, church and lay groups, to achieve a food train for European relief. It is a thoroughly worthwhile project. We urge every part of the Farm Bureau organization to aid.

STATE AFFAIRS

15 Mill Limitation. We regret the adoption at the recent election of the amendment which sabotaged the 15 mill limitation. . . . Certainly what is left of the 15 mill limitation should be guarded zealously. In the coming Constitutional convention we shall use our utmost efforts in accordance with our well-established position on this question.

State Board of Education. We favor an increase in membership of this board to eight members, two to be appointed by the Governor each two years for eight-year terms. Not less than five should be laymen, rather than professional educators.

Schools. We demand recognition of the fact that one-room schools can be efficient and should be continued where desired on a reasonable membership basis and without confiscatory local taxation.

School District Organization. We favor repeal of the Township school law. Designed for the upper peninsula, it has proven to be financially unsound in many parts of

the state. . . . The Rural Agricultural Act has been used successfully as a means of centralizing school units. However, it would seem wiser to curtail long transportation hours for small children by setting up smaller units for the primary grades with a centrally-located Junior and Senior high school serving the entire district. Reorganization of school districts should be on a permissive basis and should never be compulsory. In view of the tangled conditions in our school situation throughout the state, we urge a new act replacing present statutes having to do with school district reorganization.

Transportation, Parochial Schools. At present a school district that owns and operates a bus may transport resident children attending parochial, denominational and private schools along its regular routes of travel. We favor an amendment to the law so that districts that must contract with other districts or private individuals for transportation may have the same legal privilege.

Highway Finance. The financial plight of our county roads grows worse. We believe the weight tax should be amended to provide more equitable distribution among the counties. We favor an increase of 2 cents a gallon on gasoline and Diesel fuel to be divided: 20% for city and village streets, 35% for the state highway dept., and 45% for county and McMillan roads. We oppose any property tax for highway purposes.

Stop Signs at Trunklines. Stop signs should be erected where any road intersects a trunkline.

Michigan State Fair. The present confused system of control is bad. We believe responsibility for control and care of fair property should be in a single authority. This might well be the Michigan Dept. of Agriculture or the present 20-member board of fair managers.

Tractor Seats. We ask MSC agricultural engineering dept., medical authorities and industrial experts to design a seat or recommend structural changes in tractors to prevent men from ruining their health on rough riding tractors.

Poultry Grades & Standards. We favor establishment of state grades and standards to match federal grades and standards for marketing live and dressed poultry in order to facilitate enforcement of state standards for quality, sanitation and health.

Poultry. We urge an education program regarding benefits from blood testing breeding flocks for pullorum. We compliment the Michigan Dept. of Agriculture for enforcement of the egg grading and marketing law. We approve the educational and advertising work of the Michigan Allied Poultry Industries, Inc., and the Poultry and Egg National board.

Dairy Inspections. We recommend that the legislature appropriate more funds for adequate dairy inspection and dairy law enforcement.

Dairy Promotion. We endorse the advertising, merchandising and research work of the American Dairy Ass'n.

Motorists' Financial Responsibility. We insist that a condition for issuance of an automobile license should be proof of adequate financial responsibility, up to \$11,000 in insurance or a bond.

Benton Harbor Fruit Market. Since prices here affect prices in Michigan and over a wide area, we invite the American Farm Bureau to make a study and recommendations.

Cattle Grub Control. We urge the legislature to match federal funds for a county demonstration for effective control.

State Owned Lands. State lands for recreational purposes often spread weeds, insect pests and plant disease to neighboring farms because of neglect. We urge the Conservation Dept. to correct the situation.

Automobile Speeds. We ask the

legislature should establish an agricultural experiment station for northern Michigan.

Soil Conservation. State appropriations for soil conservation districts should be increased for 1949.

Olco. We oppose manufacture or sale of oleo colored to resemble butter, but do not oppose removal of federal taxes on uncolored oleo.

Dairy Products Dealers. Should be required by state law to carry bonds or other evidence of financial responsibility to assure full payment for dairy products purchased.

Plumbing Code. We shall oppose any code that will prohibit farmers from making his own repairs or improvements except where it can be clearly shown that protection of health is involved.

Farm Liability. We favor an amendment to Michigan law to relieve owners and occupants of real estate from liability for accidents sustained by those who come onto property without invitation.

Deer, Crops and Fruit. Damage to fruit trees and crops indicates that the only solution is elimination of deer from farming areas. We urge that the legislature authorize the Conservation dept. to establish hunting rules to fit the needs of wild life and agriculture in each area.

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WOMEN OF THE FARM BUREAU RESOLUTIONS

Following as a summary of the resolutions adopted by the annual meeting of the Women of the Michigan Farm Bureau at Michigan State College, Nov. 10, 1948:

Dumping of Rubbish. We understand a bill will be proposed in the 1949 legislature to increase the penalty for dumping rubbish on the public highways. Every County Farm Bureau Women's Committee should urge their representatives in the legislature to support the bill.

Comic Books. We should join with other groups of people who are endeavoring to stop the publication and sale of offensive comic books.

Public Libraries. Every rural community should have library service, an aim often halted by lack of finances. We recommend that Farm Bureau Women's committees work on this problem and with the Michigan Library Ass'n.

County Fairs. We deplore the vulgar and often obscene types of shows at county fairs, and the gambling concessions. This is a problem to be solved by citizens of local communities. We urge that the County Farm Bureau join with others in putting an end to these conditions.

Rural Church. We accept the challenge of helping to keep the rural churches active.

Farm Bureau Education. People must understand the organization and objectives of the Farm Bureau to participate more actively. We urge the Women's Committee to study the history and program of the organization.

Schools. We should study the school situation in our county to see if the schools are adequately meeting present day demands for the training of children.

International Co-operation. We are part of the Associated Country Women of the World. We suggest that each county committee of Women of the Michigan Farm Bureau

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FLEMING URGES UNIFIED VOICE FOR FARMERS

"A unified independent voice for all farmers on state and national issues is one of the principal aims of the Farm Bureau organization," Roger Fleming, director of the AFBF Washington office, told some 800 delegates and visitors at the 29th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, November 11.

"Rural people should develop themselves into becoming leaders. In order to become leaders they must step in front and tell people something of agriculture's problems."

"The Farm Bureau must keep its programs sound and defensible, keeping agriculture on a non-political basis so that agricultural issues will receive and deserve bi-partisan support in Congress."

He urged that the Michigan Farm Bureau Federation is trying to carry on a three-phase program:

First—An interest in education and the extension of education to make farmers productive and to make them active citizens with the aim of helping to bring about a broader basis of understanding.

Second—The development of a voice for farmers. If farmers are to get preference, they need to develop a common interest within agriculture itself through a general farm program. Each and every



KORNER COMMENT ON

FEEDS and FEEDINGS

UNITED WE ARE STRONG — DIVIDED WE ARE WRONG!

It's Inventory Time...

In winding up a year of business, December is usually the month when we set down and figure out how well we performed our job. When the feed service department of the Farm Bureau was started back in the early twenties, the Farm Bureau members set down four essentials that they felt should be accomplished if they were to have such a service.

Here Are the Policies—Check Them!

1. Feeds that carry the quality proteins, vitamins and minerals that college research and practical experience demonstrate should be in better feeds.
2. Open formula feeds (or formulas available) so that the farmer patron could tell just what the feed carried and what he was paying for.
3. Prices based on the value and cost of the feed plus bag costs, freight and handling margin sufficient to prevent running in the red.
4. That the savings made over and above the cost of providing the service should belong to the farmers of Michigan.

LET'S LOOK AT THE RECORD!

MILKMAKER 34%

MILKMAKER 34% still leads the field in maintaining health and production. Here's proof: A 3-year-old Guernsey won in the show ring and made 565 lbs. fat. Freshened as a 4-year-old she produced 2010 lbs. of milk and 103.8 lbs. of fat in the first month. Production and continued health!

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PORKMAKER: At six months of age 33 mangy, stunted pigs averaging only 78 lbs. each were bought by a Farm Bureau feeder and gained 1.77 lbs. per day for 68 days on PORKMAKER, corn and oats. They were sold averaging 198 lbs. and the feeder cleared better than \$400.00.

MERMASH

MERMASH fed flocks average 210 to 230 eggs per year. In October, 1947, a Farm Bureau poultryman's flock of 272 pullets averaged 73% (22.5 eggs per hen) and netted \$162.68 over all feed costs.

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The above records are being duplicated all over the state where dairymen, poultrymen and hog raisers have realized the values of feeding Farm Bureau Open Formula feeds made by farmers for farmers. You can't buy better feeds at any price.

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YOUR FARM BUREAU SERVICES ORGANIZATION

In your hands, Farm Bureau Members, is the answer as to how much value your Farm Bureau Services can be to you. Your dollar can build earnings and factories for yourself and your neighbors or it can be spent elsewhere to build earnings and factories for others. Chose wisely as to where to buy.

When farmers manufacture and purchase products for themselves they want the best. Your Farm Bureau feeds, seeds, machinery parts, oils, greases, tires, etc., have no superiors. They are yours and work for you. So, why not buy co-operatively and buy the best. Continue to support your Farm Bureau program.

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DETROIT STOCK YARDS

Stage Is Being Set for Heavier Taxes for Farmers

Taxes on Property May Be Revived

By STANLEY M. POWELL
Legislative Counsel, Michigan Farm Bureau

For a year or more I have been trying to bring Michigan farmers to a realization of the fact that the more favorable tax conditions which we have been enjoying for the past several years aren't necessarily here to stay.

Since the November 2 election, I am more than ever convinced that I haven't been unduly alarmed in this connection. Frankly, I think there are several pretty serious trends developing to which we should devote our immediate attention.

Those of us who were farming in Michigan 20 years ago will remember how burdensome the general property tax became. It was the principal support of nearly all governmental activities. The state government depended largely for its financing on the general property tax. The same was true of the public school system and our highways. Although general property constituted only a minor fraction of the total wealth of Michigan, it was defraying the big end of the cost of government.

The tax burden on general property became increasingly oppressive. The situation went rapidly from bad to worse until by 1932 we had 58.4% of the general property in Michigan returned delinquent for non-payment of taxes. By then the people had decided something drastic had to be done about conditions. That was the year when they circulated petitions and adopted the 15-mill amendment to the state constitution.

Meanwhile the Michigan legislature had passed the McNitt Act, turning over responsibility for what had been the local roads to the county road commissions. The legislature also adopted the Horton Act to give the counties and municipalities the entire proceeds from the weight tax on motor vehicles.

Sales Tax Adopted to Finance State. When the legislature convened in 1933, it decided that the 15 mills should all be made available to the counties and local government units and that the state should be financed from the proceeds of the sales tax.

The sales tax proved to be so productive that the revenue which it brought in not only financed most of the cost of state government, but, it made possible an increasing program of state aid for public schools. This developed gradually until, at the time of the adoption of the sales tax diversion constitutional amendment in 1946, total state aid for schools amounted to \$60,000,000 annually.

As a result of the enactment of these various measures to which I have referred, property taxes paid by Michigan farmers since 1933 have been much less burdensome than those which were on our property prior to that date. I fear that we have come to take these more favorable conditions altogether too much for granted. We have grown accustomed to having the expenses of highway construction and maintenance paid out of motor vehicle revenues. We have felt secure in the protection which the 15-mill limitation has been giving us. We didn't worry much about the mounting cost of state government because we found none of these items on our tax receipts.

Developments within the past few months indicate that possibly we have been living in a sort of "fool's paradise" and that the old days of confiscatory tax levies on Michigan farm property may return in the not far distant future.

Take the matter of financing our highways for instance. As you probably know, the Highway Study Committee of the Michigan Good Roads Federation recently issued a report stating that the accumulated deficiencies of Michigan's roads and streets amount to nearly \$1,500,000,000. They suggest how these needs might be taken care of through the adoption of various schemes for bringing in more highway funds. One of their basic recommendations is that at least half the cost of local roads should be borne by the townships. Such a plan will inevitably lead to the old system of raising highway money through direct levies on general property. I suggest that you dig out some of your old tax receipts and see what you used to pay for highway levies from 1920 through 1932.

Consider the table on this page showing the state, school and highway taxes levied on a Clinton county 80 acre farm in the period 1920 thru 1936.

15-Mill Protection Fades. Adoption by the voters on November 2

of constitutional amendment No. 5 sadly mutilated the 15-mill limitation. In its new form it doesn't give us very dependable protection. In many districts the non-property taxpayers could vote to set aside the limitation despite unanimous opposition of those of us who would be footing the bill. This may not be fair but that's the way it works. The rate can be set anywhere up to 50 mills, which is 5%, for as long as 20 years as the result of one election, by a simple majority vote of those who participate regardless of whether or not they own any property. There is no restriction as to how this new revenue might be used.

We are threatened with the imposition of substantial new taxes to finance the state government. The sales tax was adopted as a method of raising revenue to finance the state and its programs. We now have the sales tax diversion amendment in effect. It siphons off over three-quarters of the revenue from this source and turns it over to schools and local units of government leaving the state in a desperate financial situation. There was of course, a substantial surplus in the state's general fund which cushioned somewhat the impact of the diversion. We have been passing through a period of unprecedented high revenue from the sales tax. However, the fact of the matter is that it looks as though state expenses for the current fiscal year will exceed its revenues by \$35,000,000 which will completely exhaust the state's general fund balance and result in a deficit by the end of the current fiscal year.

Thus, it looks as though the 1949 session of the legislature would be faced with the unpleasant task of devising some new methods for financing state government. Sales tax diversion may have solved some of the financial problems of the schools and local units of government, but did so by taking money from one pocket and putting it in another. It may have met one crisis by creating another.

It looks as though to balance the state's budget the legislature may have to: (1) recapture tax revenues now going to local units, (2) turn back to local units the financing of governmental services now provided by the state, or (3) impose substantial new taxes to replenish the depleted state treasury.

Farmers Can't Pass on Taxes. Can you suggest any form of tax which would bring in quite a little revenue but which wouldn't be burdensome to farmers? Personally, I can't think of any tax which would have those qualifications. Usually it works out that the farmers pay their own taxes and all or most of those of other folks. It is possible for many men in business or professions to pass on all or most of their tax burdens by raising prices or charges. Farmers aren't in a very good position to do that because they have so little to say regarding the prices which they receive for the products of their toll.

At this season I am sorry to bring you such a tale of woe, but I think we should all have the facts as to what is brewing in order that we may do our best to head off such undesirable developments. Certainly there was never a time when it was more necessary that we be alert to protect our interests and organize to make our influence effectively felt during this period of serious transition in our tax situation.

No Benefit
Research at Michigan State college and 13 other agr'l colleges has shown that farmers can't expect increased yields from using low level radioactive materials on crops. The Atomic Energy Commission requested the tests.

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700 ATTEND FB WOMEN'S ANNUAL MEET

"The need for constant care of the soil so that it will produce abundantly without destroying its fertility," was urged by Dr. George Scarseth, director of research of the American Farm Bureau Research Association in addressing the 4th annual convention of the Michigan Farm Bureau women, November 10, at East Lansing.

"If we don't handle soil properly," Dr. Scarseth warned, "farmers could possibly lose their independence."

He urged women to participate in decisions made by their community, church, Farm Bureau and other groups.

Over 700 women from 52 counties were present at the convention. Eaton county had the highest number of ladies present—56. Oceana county had the highest percentage of their members present—9%.

District 1 had the highest number of women present from their district—123; with District 5 having 122.

A chorus made up of the chairmen and vice-chairmen of the Farm Bureau Women's Committees in the state, under the direction of Mrs. Karl Oehmke of Sebewaing, was a surprise feature of the afternoon program. These women, had never sung together as a group until they practiced at noon.

Special entertainment features were solos by Mrs. Lawrence Dean of Shiawassee county and Mrs. Floyd Howard of Oakland county, and musical readings by Mrs. Paul Chamberlain of Homer, Michigan.

Delegates chosen to represent the Michigan Farm Bureau Women at the annual convention of the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau were Mrs. U. S. Newell, Coldwater; Mrs. Carleton Ball, Albion; and Mrs. Marjorie Karker, Alternate is Mrs. Harry Whittaker of Lapeer county.

BARRY LADY WINS WOMEN'S SPEECH CONTEST

Eight women representing district winners competed in the first public speaking contest, sponsored by the Advisory Council of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women. The topic for the contest was, "A Farm Woman Looks at Her Problems". The winner was Mrs. Lewis Spieldenner of Hickory Corners, Barry county. The second place winner was Mrs. Harold Green of St. Johns, Clinton county.

According to the rules set up by the Advisory Council, a winner was chosen from the contestants in each County Farm Bureau. The county contestants then competed in a district elimination contest, and the district winners participated in the state contest.

Women representing the various district in the state speaking contest were: Mrs. J. S. Joseph county, District 2; Mrs. Ralph Greenmeyer, Branch county, District 2; Mrs. Lewis Spieldenner, Barry county, District 4; Mrs. Harold Green, Clinton county, District 5; Mrs. Harry Whittaker, Lapeer county, District 6; Mrs. George Bender, Oceana county, District 7; Mrs. William Ulbricht, Bay county, District 8 and Mrs. Don Shreves, Manistee county, District 9.

The first prize offered by the Advisory Council was \$50, and the prize for the second place winner was \$25. The judges, on a state basis, were Mr. Harold Sponberg, Assistant Counselor of Men, Michigan State College; Mrs. William Pitkin of the Speech Department, Michigan State College and Mr. Harry Beaman.

It is thought that the contest will be a yearly event. A letter received from this year's winner states, "I hope the Farm Bureau will continue to sponsor the speaking contest, for I am confident that the other contestants feel as I do that we ourselves gained largely in the experience."

Dressed Turkey Show Scheduled Dec. 7-8
A dressed turkey show and festival is scheduled again this year for December 7 and 8 at Alma, Michigan. Last year's show was such a success that the turkey industry plans to make it an annual event.

Classes of birds will be open to anyone. No entry fee will be charged. Attractive trophies and ribbons will be offered in all classes.

Plans are being made to have buyers present to purchase birds at the show by bids or auction.

Charles Reed, extension poultry man at Michigan State College, urges all groups to select birds to be exhibited at the show.

ERP only helps about a million people; ten million receive no aid at all.

A hungry Europe is a dangerous Europe.

Machine Does 30,000 FBS Patron's Checks

(Continued from page one)
embossing of his name and address on a metal plate and assigning that individual a number. All stock and debentures are then issued using this plate which eliminates typographical and spelling errors. These plates are used for many purposes in connection with the operations of Farm Bureau Services, such as: writing dividend and interest checks, writing stock and debentures, imprinting information on the individual's earnings card, addressing annual meeting notices, printing of proxy notices, preparing lists for credentials committees, and use in other general mailings. These plates are made or embossed on the machine in the lower picture.

It has been felt that every patron should receive a statement as to his earnings of patronage dividends. This has always been an impossibility using hand operation methods because of such a large number of patrons. The new equipment now makes this possible with little or no additional cost to FBS because the statement is printed right in the process of posting individual's earnings card. Even with new machinery it is a big job and must be spread out over a six months period of time for reasons of economy.

The task of recording all the patrons records has been simplified by the use of Burroughs posting machine. One machine used automatically computes the patronage savings and prints this amount on both the patron's statement and his earnings card. These figures tell the amount of business done by the patron during the year and the amount of his earnings on his patronage.

The operations of posting and maintaining the records of the various securities outstanding are accomplished by the machines shown in the top picture.

Order Fertilizer Now; Take Early Delivery

Supplies of fertilizer are expected to be 5 to 10% larger for 1949 as a whole, but will fall considerably short of needs, according to Michigan State college. Farmers will do well to place orders now, accept early delivery and store fertilizer in a dry place until needed.

OPPORTUNITIES For Young Men...

Wanted—Young men 18 to 26 years old to learn co-operative elevator work. Good salary with excellent opportunities for advancement. Must be a high school graduate with farm background preferred.

Willingness for hard work and study assures advancement. A six-month training course in elevator, feed and farm supply business at MSC with pay awarded those showing managerial aptitudes.

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MULCHING CALLED GOOD PRACTICE FOR FRUIT TREES

It's timely right now to mulch orchards, say horticulturists at Michigan State college.

In the mulch system, a coating of straw, hay or similar plant material is applied in sufficient quantity to cover the ground well, or smother all weed growth. While not a new practice, mulching has given such good results that it may profitably be extended to many orchards which do not now employ it.

Tests have proven that almost no erosion takes place where complete mulching is practiced. Among other advantages, it improves soil structure and with prevents compacting of the soil, allowing more rapid penetration of water; and keeps the soil from getting too hot in summer and too cold in winter.

Mulching also decreases the evaporation of soil moisture and allows water that would otherwise run off to enter the soil, the specialists relate. It reduces the loss of fruit that may drop at picking time.

Of special interest to growers is the higher yield which results from improvements brought about by mulching. These improvements increase fruit bud formation, leaf area, and size of tree, the horticulturists conclude.

Additional information can be found in Michigan State college Circular Bulletin 199, entitled, "Soil Management Practices in the Orchard." It may be obtained from county extension offices or by writing to the Bulletin Office, Department of Public Relations, Michigan State college, East Lansing, Michigan.

Land Per Person

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture says that if American crop land were fenced into equal shares, each person's share would be about three acres. In 1920 it would have been about four acres.

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Pigs

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Tools and Supplies

Have a definite storage space for tools and supplies and keep everything in its place.

Government relief can never take the place of the crop program.

Only 16 of 60 needy nations receive aid from ERP.



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Should State Gov't Be Reorganized

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

By NORMAN K. WAGGONER, Research and Education

How would you like to operate a half billion dollar business? That is what our state government has become, and somebody must be responsible for it. The people in Michigan have felt that the Governor should be this responsible person. Governors have been willing to assume this responsibility. In recent years, the Governor has maintained that he should have the authority to select his assistants just as the President of the United States has authority to select his cabinet and just as the farmer, running his business, has authority of hiring and firing his helpers. The Governor, and many others interested in government, have maintained that in order to have efficiency and economy in government it is required that the Governor be given authority to select and appoint persons to responsible positions. Also, that these persons should be responsible to him directly, and that he should have the authority to discourage any who do not prove satisfactory.

What would reorganization mean in Michigan? If our state government were to be reorganized along the plan presently being advocated by the supporters of reorganization, it would probably result in:

(1) The 110 boards, commissions, and agencies now serving state government functions would probably be reorganized into a few major departments, possibly 18 to 20. These departments would be headed by one person appointed by the Governor and responsible to him.

(2) The term of office of the Governor would probably be extended from the present two years to four years.

(3) The Governor would probably be given authority to appoint the several state officials—Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Highway Commissioner.

Why is reorganization being proposed? State government is "big business". It handles over a billion dollars a year. Its functions are handled by well over 110 boards, commissions, and agencies which are directed by approximately 400 persons and right now, in this state, there are 34 state employees for every 10,000 people living in this state. State government has become "big business". If the voters are going to hold the Governor responsible for the deeds of all state agencies he, therefore, should have direct control over them. The same might be said for the several state officials.

Experiences in other states: Almost every state in the Union, in the past 25 years, has given serious thought to reorganization, and two-thirds have at least taken steps in this direction. Reorganization in Illinois resulted in abolishing over 100 officers, commissions, and agencies by coordinating their functions into eleven major departments. The state of Idaho condensed its 50 agencies into nine divisions. New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia have reorganized into 18 departments; Massachusetts, 16; Minnesota, 13. In all cases, however, some of the state officials, besides the Governor, are still elected by popular vote. Usually, the Auditor General is elected by the people and the rest of the state officials appointed by the Governor. Even though Maryland has reorganized, still over half of the divisions are headed by boards, most of which are beyond the control of the Governor.

Those who favor reorganization say:

(1) If the Governor is going to be held responsible for operating an efficient and economical state government, he must be given authority to name those persons to fill the positions of responsibility whom he feels will be capable, and discharge those persons who, for any reason, prove unsatisfactory.

(2) We have had some experience with inefficiencies in our state government. For example, Michigan has 16 agencies concerned with licensing, such as the licensing of Accountants, Chiropractors, Druggists, Physicians, and the like. Last year, it cost nearly 70¢ to collect a dollar license fees through these many agencies. If they were to be consolidated, the number of employees might easily be reduced by the use of more mechanical equipment and more efficient use of personnel.

(3) The last session of the legislature established a Department of Administration, which went into effect August 20, coordinating six governmental agencies. Thus far, this Department has proven very satisfactory.

(4) Thus far, we have had 34 Governors, only six of whom served more than two years. Lengthening the term of office of Gov., and adjusting the terms of other state officials to correspond with his term, would result in a more smoothly operating government.

(5) The rank and file of voters can not be expected to know all of the candidates for office sufficiently well to make an intelligent selection. Therefore, they might carefully select a Governor who would, in turn, select the other state officials after having carefully studied their qualifications.

WINTER FEEDING CAN START NOW

Pasture days for Michigan cows are about at an end so A. C. Baltzer, extension dairyman at Michigan State College, advises beginning the winter feeding program as soon as possible.

The silo should be opened to prevent spoilage of the top layer. Fresh chopped stalks can be fed to supplement the dairy feed. A balanced grain ration should be worked out and feeding begun. Once the milk flow has dropped, Baltzer points out, it is impossible to bring it back up. Good feedings will help to hold production at a profitable level.

The specialist gives a word of caution about the cows' water supply. Sudden freezing can cause broken pipes. A little protection will prevent a sudden stop in the water supply due to freezing weather.

You can save lives by giving through CROP.

Crop Drive To Begin Dec. 26th

(Continued from page 1.) to their church agencies in Europe and Asia. They say that the much-publicized Marshall Plan helps reach about a million people through government channels, but over ten million people receive no aid at all. They say we must choose between our Christian duty and obligation to these people or turning them over to Communism.

The secretary of the CROP campaign is Mrs. U. S. Newell, chairman of the Farm Bureau women; and the treasurer is W. G. Armstrong, master of the State Grange. Also on the executive CROP committee are Dr. Lee Thurston, department of Public Instruction; Carl Buskirk, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau; C. V. Ballard, extension service; and Roswell G. Carr, USDA council.

Committeemen who are heading this drive on a state-wide level are Patrick J. O'Malley, Catholic Rural Life; Everett J. Young, Church World Service; Rev. L. C. George Daschner, Lutheran World Relief; George Farley, Agricultural Council; W. E. Phillips, Michigan Ass'n of Farmer Co-operatives; Milton Grinnell, editor of Michigan Farmer; Leslie B. Merritt, Michigan Press Association; Mrs. Ed. Block, Grange Home Economics Committee; and Mrs. Lloyd Spencer, Home Demonstration Council.

Ben Hennink has been loaned to the national organization by the Farm Bureau for the duration of this CROP drive as state director.

He is assisted by Rev. Russell M. Hartzler of the Brethren Church group. He is in charge of district and county organization.

The 83 counties of the state are being organized under the initial leadership of the county agents. County committees are scheduled to complete township organization by December 15. Every minister and priest in the state is now being contacted as a potential community leader in this church-sponsored CROP program.

The last issue of the Michigan CROP Newsletter, released to all CROP campaign members emphasized that, "in normal times, Europe never produced more than half of its food needs. Today government statistics show that Europe's agriculture will not reach pre-war averages until 1952. This problem is further increased by the fact that the population of western Europe is now greater by SOME TWELVE million than pre-war time."

"Of this group, there are about two million displaced persons and from eight to ten million refugees, expellees, and others of various classifications who, by reason of the war, have been hurled out of their homes and forced into other countries such as Germany, Austria, Poland, etc."

The state publication contends that "one-half of the children born in Europe since the war have died from malnutrition . . . seventy per cent of the children left have TB."

The CROP program in no way

duplicates the CARE program, which is a gift from one person to another—CROP is a "carload commodity gift" idea from a township or community in Michigan to a similar township or community in one of the countries aided by the CROP food trains and food ships. The CROP program does not conflict, but supplements to a large degree the European Recovery Program.

According to Dr. Hannah, Carl Buskirk and others who have been to Europe, and who know the relief needs of Asia, the U. S. government is not planning, and has never planned on feeding all the hungry people in these countries. The purpose of the European Recovery Program (ERP) is to aid the governments of some 16 countries in restoring industry and agriculture to the point where those countries can help themselves.

Of the total ERP appropriations from the United States to each of the 16 ERP countries out of more than 60 needy nations, only a very small part represents food. This is a fact the man-in-the-street and the man-on-the-farm has never realized. Also, in no case is this food ever given to the overseas needy. It is sent from America to the government of the country under ERP, and that government sells the American food to the retailers who, in turn, sell it to the people WHO HAVE THE MONEY with which to buy the food and the necessary ration points.

The CROP gifts-in-kind are given to the people of all races and

creeds solely on the basis of need. The CROP program overseas is in charge of the church welfare groups of the various countries, and they operate with no danger of black-market or wholesale theft and misdirection of gifts.

Up to now, the U. S. government relief plan has fallen far short of its intended goal. For example, it promised enough food in the American occupied zone of Germany to average fifteen hundred calories per person, which is less than half of what the average American eats, but to date it has never been able to provide that much. CROP is a much needed aid in many areas of the world where similar conditions exist.

Government relief can never take the place of a program such as the church-sponsored CROP idea—for Government aid is lacking in the personal brother-to-brother feeling that is so necessary in the world of today. There is a Christian spirituality that distinguishes churches aid from any other type of relief.

Order Early Hatched Chicks

Highest egg prices are July to November. Early hatched chicks mean early producing pullets. January hatched chicks start producing in July when egg prices start up. May hatched chicks are ready to lay just as prices start down. Howard Zindel, poultry specialist at MSC, suggests ordering now for early hatched chicks.

KALAMAZOO HOLDS LARGEST ANNUAL MEETING

More than 500 persons attended the annual meeting and dinner of Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau at the County Center building, Recreation park, Kalamazoo, this fall. It was the largest gathering of Kalamazoo Farm Bureau people of record.

Mr. R. E. Hazel, Richland, Co. F. B. president presided over the business session. Four directors were elected for two-year terms each, Lee S. Cook, R-9, Kalamazoo, and George Rockeilein, R-1, Vicksburg, were re-elected. Arnold Murray, R-4 Kalamazoo, and Bradley Thomson, Scotts, replaced Wm. Leigh Tyler and Stanley Oswald who were not candidates for reelection.

Mrs. L. A. Shanley, R-3, Kalamazoo, was re-elected chairman of the Women's Activities Committee. She and Robert Pattison, president of the Junior Farm Bureau, will serve as regular members of the board of directors under the provisions of new by-laws which were adopted on September 4, when action was taken to incorporate the Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau.

Other members of the 1948-49 board are Mr. Hazel, C. W. Randol, R-3, Kalamazoo; Wilson Bennett,

Fulton; and J. A. VanderWeele, R-7 Kalamazoo. Mrs. Carl H. Bacon, R-5 Kalamazoo, will continue as secretary-treasurer. The other officers will be chosen at the organization meeting to be held on November 6th.

Several resolutions were adopted, including one favoring a 2¢ increase in gasoline taxes and additional weight taxes on commercial trucks, and one calling for legislation to require all feed sacks to be disinfected before they could be reused.

It was announced that Kalamazoo County had exceeded its goal in investments in the proposed Auto Insurance Company and that the charter-policy survey would begin as soon as material was received. Also that stock in the new Live Stock Co-operative is available.

Cow Clipping is Sanitary Measure

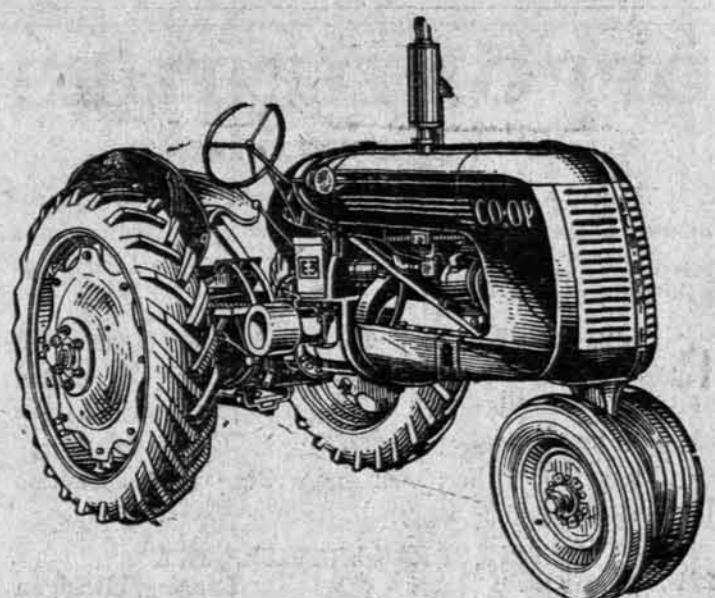
With cold weather approaching and pastures gone, dairy cows are time in the barns. Michigan State spending more and more of the college, dairy specialists say the when cows are stabled, a useful step in clean milk production is to clip the animals where dirt, chaff, and manure collect.

Regular clipping of the udder and hind quarters will prevent the accumulation of foreign material above the milk pail or teat cups. The clipping makes these parts easier to clean and will result in less sediment in milk.



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