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EDITORIAL

Ike and Adlai at Kasson

In our September 1 edition we said that General Eisenhower and Governor Stevenson were question marks on the subject of farm price supports to the people who produce the nation's food.

They still are question marks. Notwithstanding the speeches they made before 100,000 farmers at the national plowing contest at Kasson, Minn., September 6.

Both Ike and Adlai in their bid for the farm vote leaned as far toward the opposing political camp as they could without falling off their party platforms.

They said positively that they favor the 90% of higher farm price supports for the next two years as set forth in the Agricultural Act of 1952. In Congress this was considered an election measure.

Come 1954 . . . when the Agricultural Act of 1952 expires, Ike and Adlai told farmers at Kasson that the whole farm situation should be re-examined to determine a long range solution.

The Farm Bureau has been saying right along that the Agricultural Act of 1948 with flexible price supports to balance production and demand was a long range program and not political. Furthermore, it was working all right.

Time Somebody Spoke Up

The Michigan Farm Bureau attracted national attention September 10 when its board of directors took General Eisenhower and Governor Stevenson to task for trying to outbid each other for the farm vote.

They did that in their speeches at Kasson, Minn., September 6 when they endorsed mandatory farm price supports at 90% of parity or more.

"Has federal paternalism become so infiltrated in the minds of political leaders that it is now good campaign strategy to advocate still more of it?" the Michigan Farm Bureau asked.

Newspapers and news magazines of national circulation published reports and favorable comment on the stand taken by the Michigan Farm Bureau.

The statement by the MFB board of directors appears on page 3 of this edition.

What We Get is up to Us

We shall have a reapportionment of seats in the legislature in 1953.

Our problem is what plan will be used. Three plans are before us:

1. The present provisions of our Constitution which call for reapportionment each year ending with the figure "3."
2. The proposed amendment No. 2 on the November 4 ballot. This is the CIO plan.
3. The proposed amendment No. 3 (Balanced Legislature) on the November 4 ballot. This is supported by Farm Bureau, Association of Supervisors, Grange and many civic and business groups.

The provisions of our present Constitution are unsatisfactory to each of the groups supporting Proposals 2 and 3. CIO doesn't like it because Wayne county, while receiving more seats, still would not have full population representation.

Supporters of Proposal No. 3 (Balanced Legislature) don't like the present provisions in the Constitution because they would again weaken area representation and lessen chances for a permanent solution.

Proposal No. 2 would divide both House and Senate on a population basis. This would place 51.6% of the seats in both houses in control of a bloc of four counties. This could give big labor dominant control of Michigan's entire government.

Proposal No. 3 would apportion the House seats by population with every county receiving the full number of seats to which it would be entitled under the latest census. The Senate seats would be distributed to districts fixed on the basis of area and population. This is similar to the plan used in Congress. There the House seats are distributed on a population basis, the Senate is composed of two members from each state regardless of population.

Both No. 2 and No. 3 would eliminate the so-called "bed sheet" ballot now used in Detroit, but

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MFB Honors Three Veteran Employees



THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS of the Michigan Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Services, Inc., on September 10 honored three veteran employees who were retired August 31 under the retirement plan for employees reaching the age of 65. The event was a dinner in their honor. Directors and division heads of all Farm Bureau companies attended. President Buskirk spoke the appreciation of the organization for long and faithful service and presented gifts. In the picture are, left to right: Mrs. Fred Dobbyn; Fred Dobbyn of Mancelona, 28 years a FBS district sales representative for northern Michigan; Miss Fern Davis, Lansing, 32 years with MFB public relations division; President Buskirk; Fred J. Harger, 26 years with FBS as a branch store manager, supervisor of stores, builder of fertilizer plant at Saginaw, and director of fertilizer manufacturing division; Mrs. Fred J. Harger; J. F. Yaeger, executive secretary of Michigan Farm Bureau and service companies.

Court Upholds Otsego Co-op

July 31, 1952, the United States Tax Court handed down its decision in the case involving the Otsego County Cooperative Association, Inc., of Gaylord, Michigan.

THE BUREAU of Internal Revenue has claimed that the Otsego County Cooperative had not paid sufficient income tax and declared value excess profits taxes for years 1946-47-48.

The Cooperative claimed that under Michigan cooperative law and articles of incorporation and by-laws it was entitled to exclude the bulk of the amounts in question from its gross income as patronage refunds.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue claimed that such patronage refunds could not be excluded from gross income on the grounds that the cooperative was not under an existing legal obligation to make such patronage refund prior to the receipt of income.

THE CASE was heard in Detroit before Judge Rice of the United States Tax Court on October 19, 1951. At the hearing the Judge granted leave to the Michigan Farm Bureau to file a

brief as friend of the court. It was the position of Michigan Farm Bureau that such a brief should be filed because of the importance of the question involved.

It appeared that the Bureau of Internal Revenue was challenging the distribution of patronage refunds under the cooperative law of Michigan where such refunds were being made in forms other than cash or stock certificates.

UNTIL the brief of the government was received it was not clear on what theory the Bureau of Internal Revenue was basing its claims. Because of this uncertainty the board of directors of Michigan Farm Bureau directed that the brief be filed for the purpose of more fully informing the court about the operations of cooperatives in the state of Michigan and current court decisions applying thereto.

Judge Rice's decision is concise and to the point. He examined the facts thoroughly and held that a cooperative is under a pre-existing legal obligation to distribute its patronage refunds to persons entitled thereto. Therefore, the cooperative was entitled to exclude from gross income all pat-

ronage refunds distributed in certificates of indebtedness and capital stock.

THIS CASE is extremely important to all farm co-operatives in Michigan. It is the first case decided by the federal tax court involving a cooperative tax liability growing out of the distribution of patronage refunds, stock, or certificates of indebtedness.

The decision enunciates principles that have become well established in the decision of other cases. In recognizing this principle the court felt it was unnecessary to recite a long list of decisions which were enumerated not only in the brief of Michigan Farm Bureau but also in the cooperative brief and government's brief.

THE COURT relied on three cases, two of which were decided shortly before the court gave its decision. One involved the United Cooperatives, Inc., of which Farm Bureau Services, Inc. is a member.

The Otsego case thus becomes the last case in a long line of decisions dating back to some of the earliest litigations involving

federal law regarding farm co-operatives.

ONE OF THE earliest cases dealing with the question decided in the Otsego case involved a bridge company which had built a bridge across the Ohio River. The members of that bridge company were railroads that had agreed to make payments to the bridge company for the use of the bridge.

It was agreed in the contract that any amount of money paid in excess of the cost of service was to be returned to the members.

THE COURT held that such excess payments over the cost of service did not constitute income to the bridge company but belonged to the members, because the bridge company was bound by contract to return such excess funds to the members. This basic principle is the foundation of all decisions which apply to non-exempt cooperatives.

The Otsego case has nothing to do whatsoever with the question of exemption from income taxation because the cooperative made no claim that it had any standing as an exempt cooperative.

Farm Bureau Testifies on Health Needs

DAN REED

UAW-CIO President Walter Reuther, member of the President's commission on the health needs of the nation, opened a three-state hearing in Detroit on September 23.

MRS. MARJORIE KARKER and Dan E. Reed represented Michigan Farm Bureau at the hearing and supplied testimony based on the resolutions adopted in recent MFB annual conventions.

A summary of this testimony showed that MFB members are aware of the health needs of Michigan and the nation. Recent resolutions cover the broad field of health: recommendations on polio, cancer, undulant fever; need for an improved tractor seat to prevent spinal injuries; sponsorship of Rural Health Conference; recognition of soil fertility as a health factor; concern for the problem of sex degeneracy; importance of local health problems such as sanitary garbage dump; need for county and community health councils.

CLEARLY shown also in MFB resolutions is the need for a solution of health problems as near the local level as possible. Federal assistance is only requested on problems that cross state lines and are beyond local control.

We believe in voluntary plans of prepaying hospitals and medical bills, such as Blue Cross, in preference to Compulsory Federal Insurance. We feel, however, that doctors are sometimes guilty

of abuse of these programs and are endangering the success of voluntary plans. Such abuse will lead to regimentation and the federalizing of our health services.

OTHERS presenting opinions included Dr. J. S. DeTar, president Michigan Health Council; Jerome Pollack, International Union UAW-CIO; Dr. William Wright, President Indiana State Medical Association; Dr. R. L. Novy, president Michigan Medical Service (Blue Shield); Dr. Albert Heustis, Michigan State Commissioner of Health; Anthony Tashnick, Business Agent, AFL Public Employees Union; Sam Rabinovitz, executive secretary, Michigan Youth Commission; George Dean, president Michigan Federation of Labor; Dr. F. R. Carter, chairman of the Governor's Commission on Chronic Illness, Indiana; Dr. Lee Stone, Illinois State Medical Society; H. T. McCreedy, Michigan CIO; Dr. Joseph Molver, Detroit Commissioner of Health; Ken Morris, UAW-CIO; Mrs. Mary

Kastead, Detroit Federation of Teachers, AFL.

TESTIMONY by the representatives of labor unions was largely in support of greater federal assistance with several urging federal insurance to cover all health needs.

Representatives of public and private agencies in the health field unanimously pointed to need for increased personnel and facilities in their fields. Medical schools pointed out that if we want more doctors, larger buildings must be built, staffed and serviced. \$3,300 per year is the cost per medical student at Wayne University. Wayne now graduates about 60 doctors per year and expects to increase this to 100 per year by 1955.

Dr. Heustis called attention to the fact that tuberculosis was Michigan's most expensive disease in 1951, causing 2 out of 3 deaths from communicable illness. He said this would still be true in 1952 in spite of the polio epidemic.

Reapportionment of the Legislature

NO



NOV. 4TH

YES



New Records Set In Health Services

Blue Cross hospital and medical-surgical plans paid hospitals and doctors \$2,175,000 in behalf of Farm Bureau members and their families in 1951.

This set a new record. Nearly 32,000 families in the Farm Bureau have Michigan Hospital Service and Michigan Medical Service insurance through the Community Farm Bureau groups. The number is growing constantly.

Austin L. Pino, rural enrollment manager for Blue Cross, said that in 1952 the Hospital Service paid hospitals about \$1,500,000 for the care of Farm Bureau family members.

Ninety-five out of every 100 Farm Bureau members hospitalized were in hospitals in their home counties or in counties next to the county of residence. This, said Mr. Pino, shows that Farm Bureau members are a part of their own community hospital program when they put aside payments quarterly through Farm Bureau to the Michigan Hospital Service.

For services to Farm Bureau families, Michigan Medical Service paid doctors about \$675,000 in 1951. Nine out of ten of the members who are hospitalized also have surgical or medical-surgical services.

Nearly all of the benefits paid return to the community to be paid to hospitals and doctors in the community in behalf of the insured.

There are many illnesses and surgery situations which require hospitalization at the University of Michigan hospital or some other specialized hospital and treatment by medical specialists. Blue Cross and Blue Shield medical-surgical cover those cases as well.

Altogether, family members of Farm Bureau subscribers had 93,079 days of hospital care in 1951. The average of charges was \$15.95 per day in the hospital. That was 13% higher than in 1950. Hospitalization costs continue to rise.

Latest figures show that 1052 of the 1152 Community Farm Bureau discussion groups now offer their members the complete Blue Cross-Blue Shield hospital and medical-surgical protection. As new Community Farm Bureau groups are organized, they make Blue Cross-Blue Shield protection available to their members.

"This record in Farm Bureau," said Austin Pino, "is a good illustration of the community at work on a common problem—that of providing the best in health care within our home communities in the American way."

Mr. Pino, as rural enrollment manager for Blue Cross, has assisted the Farm Bureau for most of the past ten years in developing the Blue Cross-Blue Shield enrollment program for its members.

\$400,000 Invested In Fertilizer Plant

B. P. PATTISON

Director of Farm Bureau Services Finance Promotion

Sale of Series A debentures of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., for the expanded fertilizer program has passed \$400,000 and continues satisfactorily.

FBS proposes to build a fertilizer plant in the Kalamazoo area to supplement the 65,000 ton plant now in operation at Saginaw.

Many prospective investors want to act during the fall and winter months. Series A debentures will be available until the total capital of \$2,000,000 has been subscribed.

Response to the campaign has been very encouraging. Our licensed salesmen, all employees of the Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Services, will be glad to accept investments any time. We have some 20 CoFB secretaries in southern Michigan who are licensed to sell the debentures.

We hope that you will come to look upon Series A debentures of Farm Bureau Services as an excellent place to put idle money to work.

The willingness of farmers to finance their off-farm cooperative enterprises assures the success of the fertilizer expansion program.

Mildew

Remove mildew spots as soon as they are discovered to prevent weakening or rotting of the material. First take off the surface growth with a brush, but do it out of doors to prevent scattering the spores in the house.

Reseed Bare Spots

October is the time to reseed those bare spots appearing in your lawn, Michigan State College specialists suggest.

Cows should be dry at least 6 to 8 weeks before calving.

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Jack-O-Lantern Days

There are memories of our childhood, if we spent it on the farm. That remain in recollection with a most peculiar charm. And I like sometimes to ponder, through a sentimental haze, On that period way back yonder known as jack-o-lantern days.

There would be some watermelons and some Hubbard squash as well. In the bottom by the cathole, but as far as I could tell. The big old yellow pumpkins were a dandy crop to raise. For they furnished all the high light of my jack-o-lantern days.

The vines were quite a nuisance in the growing corn no doubt. My father had to stop the team and train the ends about. But I think he knew their value and put up with these delays. For the sake of pies and cattle feed and jack-o-lantern days.

Father whittled out the very first when I was just a tad. His hand displayed a cunning that I hadn't known it had. And the grinning thing when lighted by a tallow candle's rays. Formed a model for the efforts of my jack-o-lantern days.

I would borrow Mother's paring knife and good stout mixing spoon. And sculpture many a gaping oaf and snaggle-toothed cartoon. But if I ruined some, so what? The cattle knew my ways. And munched the haggled failures of my jack-o-lantern days.

I tried to keep the best one once, I stored it high and dry. But in a week or two, alas, its smile went all awry. And I discovered with a shock how quickly wealth decays. A lesson oft repeated since my jack-o-lantern days.

The Fates spin out their lengthening thread. October comes again. Bringing its harvest and its dread to wintry-minded men. While in the sanctums of my soul the light of memory plays. Among fond recollections of my jack-o-lantern days.

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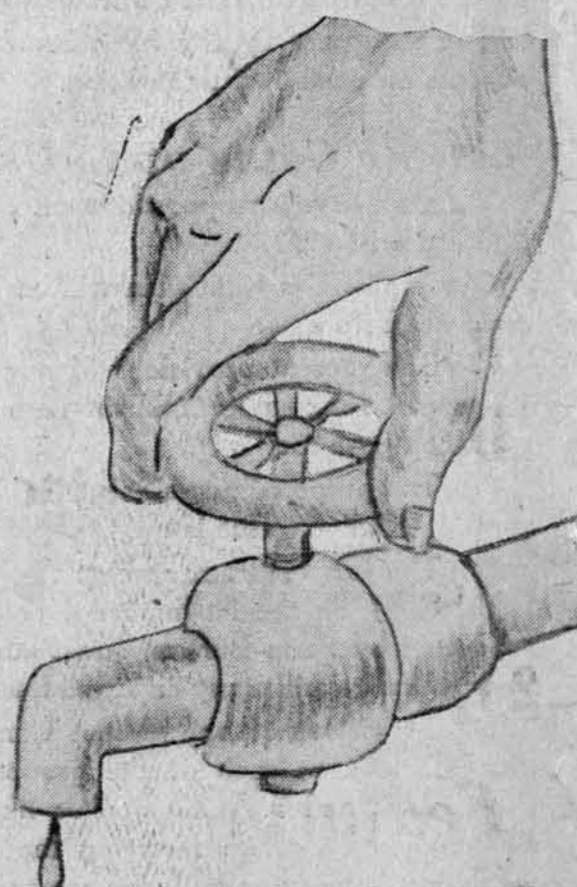
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Protect Sheep Against Dogs

Michigan sheep raisers have developed three methods of reducing losses from dogs, according to Graydon Blank, Michigan State College animal husbandman and sheep specialist.

Some sheep raisers put bells on several animals. Others run one or more goats with the flock. The third practice is running a cow and her calf with the sheep flock. Apparently a cow is more willing to stand her ground when a dog enters a pasture, Blank reports.

Dog losses are always a problem for sheep owners. Blank suggests calling this problem to the attention of dog owners, since keeping dogs at home should be the owner's responsibility. No practice can guarantee to keep dogs from killing sheep.

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STAR AWARDS

Gold Star—Knox Community Farm Bureau, Gladwin County, Frank Foster, sec'y.

Silver Star—Goodrich, Genesee, Mrs. Douglas Pierson, sec'y.

Dear Community Farm Bureau Members:

Listed below are the winners of the 100% Certificate of Merit for the past fiscal year. These groups met for 12 months of the year and reported conclusions each month on the topic assigned for that particular month by the state committee.

OUT OF a possible 1151 groups which were on record this year there are a total of 166 who have won this award. This is over 100% increase over the groups last year eligible for this type of an award which indicates that our program is continuing to improve not only in quantity but in quality of meetings.

LISTED above are the Star Award winners for the month of August. This will be the last Star Award of this nature that will be given. Beginning with the new fiscal year, September, 1952, a new type of award system has been set up. Watch this column next month for particulars.

CONGRATULATIONS to the officers and members of the following Community Farm Bureau groups who are ONE HUNDRED PERCENTERS!

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Curran—Mrs. Mildred LaForge, sec'y.; East Bay—Mrs. Hilda Carlson; Mount Joy—Mrs. Myrtle Young; Taits Road—Mrs. Emma Grush.

MFB Blasts Farm Pledges by Ike and Adlai

Support Policies Called Paternalism

The board of directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau at its meeting at Lansing September 10 charged that pledges given farmers by General Eisenhower and Governor Stevenson for farm price supports at 90% or more of parity is a policy of paternalism for agriculture.

"The pledges for mandatory 90% price supports were given at the National Plowing Contest September 6 at Kasson, Minnesota," said C. L. Brody, executive vice-president of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

"It is not the responsibility of government," said the Farm Bureau directors, "to provide farm price support at levels which represent profitable returns to farmers. This is the position taken by 1,500,000 farm families in the Farm Bureau.

"Rigid systems of high price supports for farm products can lead only to rigid systems for restricting production. These in the end can reduce a farmer's production so as to take away as much or more income as has been added through increased prices.

"The Farm Bureau favors a return to the Agricultural Act of 1949 which was designed to protect farmers against extreme price declines. Large portions of the Act become inoperative as the need for price support disappears. Farmers operate in a free market."

The MFB board said the 1950 Agricultural Act guaranteeing 90% of parity under all conditions for the basic crops of wheat, corn, cotton, tobacco, rice and peanuts is price fixing.

Following is the full statement made by the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors to General Eisenhower and Governor Stevenson at their national headquarters, to the Michigan headquarters of both parties, and to Michigan members of Congress:

The Board of directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau makes the following observation regarding the pledges given farmers by General Eisenhower and Governor Stevenson before an audience of more than 100,000 farmers at the National Plowing Contest at Kasson, Minnesota, September 6:

HAS FEDERAL paternalism become so infiltrated in the minds of political leaders that it is now good campaign strategy to advocate still more of it?

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Pictured above is a truckload of these beans in Bunker Hill bags arriving at a Mount of Olives warehouse in Palestine. Unloading of the beans was supervised by Daud Khoury, an Arab refugee who helps those less fortunate among the 800,000 refugees in Palestine.

in 47 states:

"IT IS NOT the responsibility of government to provide price support at levels which represent profitable returns to farmers. Farm price supports are an appropriate and necessary protection against unreasonable price declines."

"The Agricultural Act of 1949 is designed to provide protection against extreme price declines without going to the opposite extreme of government price fixing. It is consistent with maintenance of the incentive system in agriculture, under which farmers retain the opportunity to profit from their own productive efforts and their own efficiency. The Act has been wisely designed so that large portions of it become inoperative as the need disappears. The mandatory levels of price support provided therein are flexible; that is, related to the supply of the commodity. Action to raise the level of price support above that provided in the Agricultural Act of 1949 would not be in the long-run interest of farm people."

THE PRESIDENT'S Council of Economic Advisers in March, 1949, warned the nation of the destructive results of mandatory high support prices, as follows:

"Rigid systems of support...can only lead to rigid systems for restricting output that violate our tenets of economic freedom, that work against our objectives of maximum production, and that in the end take away from farmers' incomes through decreased volume as much as, or more than, they add through increased prices."

THE MICHIGAN Farm Bureau Board of Directors in behalf of 53,000 Farm Bureau member families urgently asks Governor Stevenson and General Eisenhower for the answers to these questions:

1. How far will the continuation of 90% supports through 1954 or longer carry the farmer

to complete and permanent dependence upon federal handouts for his income?

2. Will not the Act of 1950, with its government-guaranteed 90% income on basic commodities, become so firmly established that it will permanently shackle the farmer's initiative and interest in self help beyond the point of no return?

3. Can the "security and opportunity" for agriculture to which both candidates pointed in such glowing terms become a reality if the nation continues farther down the road toward the destruction of a free choice economy?

4. With the continuation of this deteriorating policy, how can the next President curtail or eliminate the political power of the Production Marketing Administration with its underground, pseudo-farmer's organization?

5. How can he work effectively with our support to restore the farmer's opportunity to obtain his income in the free marketplace instead of depending upon

subsidies and government guaranteed prices?

6. With the continuation of subsidies, crop controls, marketing quotas, and acreage allotments for the next two years, what chance is there for the next President to eliminate wasteful and unnecessary government expenditures?

The staunch interest which both candidates voiced in continuing, at least for some time to come, the high price guarantees in the 1950 Act does not indicate encouraging answers to the above questions.

THE CONTINUATION of guaranteed high support prices will more and more encourage and soon compel farmers to depend upon the Government for their income rather than on their own efforts in the competitive marketplace. Mandatory high support prices progressively cripple the initiative and opportunities of efficient farm producers upon whom the Nation depends for its food and fiber.

No other phase of our economic and political interests is of greater importance to the American people than policies dealing with

FB Services Promotes Ecklund and Sexon



JOHN C. SEXON, the new superintendent of the FBS fertilizer manufacturing plant at Saginaw, came to the plant in January 1948 while it was being built.

Mr. Sexon has been manufacturing foreman, shipping foreman, assistant superintendent.

John C. Sexon was raised on a farm in southern Indiana and active in the 4-H club. He graduated from the school of agriculture at Purdue University in 1942. Thereafter he served 4 years in the army, rising to the rank of captain.

AFTER the war Mr. Sexon served one year with the agricultural branch of the military government in Germany. He was concerned with the reorganization of German farm cooperatives and the establishment of an agricultural extension service.

Upon returning to the United States he was employed in seed certification for one year by the Indiana Corn Growers Association before coming to Saginaw.

In 1949 Mr. Sexon was married to Marilyn E. Lunning of Saginaw.

Buy Yellow Lemons

When buying lemons, avoid the green-tinged fruit, as generally it is not fully "cured", advise Michigan State College home economists. On the other hand, lemons should be green rather than deep yellow for green lemons contain more acid.



ADOLPH ECKLUND of Saginaw has been promoted by Farm Bureau Services to be manager of the FBS Fertilizer Manufacturing Division.

The promotion was effective September 1. Mr. Ecklund succeeded Fred J. Harger, who retired August 31 as head of the fertilizer manufacturing division. Mr. Ecklund became superintendent of the Saginaw fertilizer plant in 1947 while it was being built. Before that he spent 8 months working in large cooperative fertilizer plants throughout the midwest and at Baltimore. Under his direction the Saginaw plant began operations in March 1948 with an estimated capacity of 45,000 tons a year. The past year more than 60,000 tons were manufactured.

Adolph Ecklund was raised on a dairy farm near Charlevoix. He completed the two year course in agriculture and a course in dairying at MSC.

After working on the family farm for a year, Mr. Ecklund entered the employ of Farm Bureau Services at Lansing. He became assistant manager at Traverse City, and for three years was manager of the Greenville Cooperative Elevator.

Before starting work with the Farm Bureau, Mr. Ecklund helped organize the Junior Farm Bureau in Charlevoix county. He was active in 4-H club work.

In 1940, Mr. Ecklund was married to Iva Howe of Charlevoix.

agriculture. Government decisions pertaining to agriculture will determine whether the farmer can continue to meet the increasing needs for food for our country and other free nations.

The far-reaching effects of agricultural policies on the American people generally make the national farm program a vital factor in determining whether private enterprise and the freedom of the individual are to endure.

HONEST and intelligent farm people and other citizens desperately need the opportunity to rally their support behind a leader who has the courage to stand for what is right and best for the nation. At this critical time our country needs advocates in high places who fearlessly stand for and carry out policies that will be for the best interest of the nation. This is the type of President we need in the White House the next four years.

THE MICHIGAN Farm Bureau Board of Directors urges its membership, through their 1,151 Community Farm Bureau organizations, to urge a frank analysis and discussion of these issues by the candidates and their sponsors.

Only by so doing can large numbers of our citizens avoid basing their votes on confusion, guessing and prejudice rather than on intelligent appraisal.

Certainly the next national administration cannot continue to strengthen the existing throttle hold of federal bureaucracy on the lives of American citizens and at the same time restore the freedom and opportunity for individual initiative and local participation for determining our destiny.

CAN THIS be the correct interpretation of the statements made by General Eisenhower and Governor Stevenson to farmers at Kasson, Minnesota, September 6, 1952?

Brody Day Being Planned

A THREE-WAY observance of the birthday of the executive vice-president of the Michigan Farm Bureau will be held when the Farm Bureau Insurance Services celebrate their annual "Brody Day" on October 27th. Actually, the birthday of Clark

L. Brody, the Farm Bureau's executive vice-president, falls on September 20th, but the observance was arranged for October 27th to permit tabulating the results of a Brody Day contest among the Insurance Services' representatives.

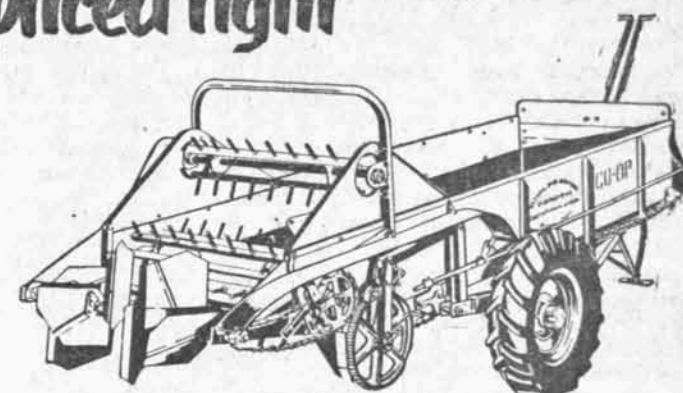
MR. BRODY will be guest of honor at the Brody Day dinner to be held at Michigan State College.

Joining in honoring Brody will be Michigan's Insurance Commissioner Joseph A. Navarre, Manager Nile L. Vermillion and other

officers of the Farm Bureau Insurance Services, and the Insurance Services agents who claim winning positions in the Brody Day contest.

In addition to Mr. Brody's birthday and completion of the contest, the meeting will commemorate the first anniversary of the Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company, which has broken all Michigan life insurance company records for growth during its first year. The Farm Bureau Life Company began operation on September 20 1951. They have two children.

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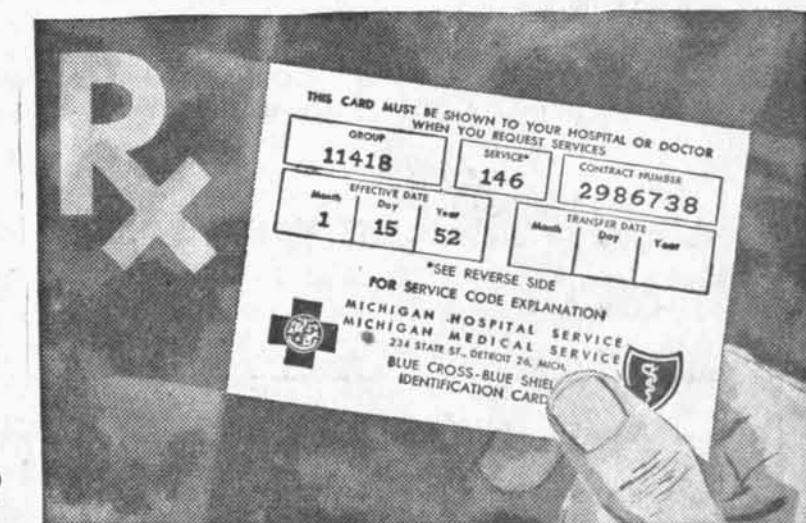
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Junior FB Annual Meeting at College Nov. 1

AFBF Charges Farm Review Is in Politics

The American Farm Bureau said in mid-September "that it is a significant thing that the U. S. Department of Agriculture's digest of the 'Family Farm Policy Review' has been held up eight months and released during the height of a political campaign."

"The fact that it was held up and released at this time strengthens our conviction that its purpose was primarily political. It was grounded in politics, and undoubtedly will be used in an attempt to influence farm thinking in the presidential campaign."

The Farm Bureau said several months before the "Family Farm Policy Review" meetings were held throughout the nation in the late summer of 1951 that such a survey conducted by people on the government payroll was loaded with dangers.

AFBF President Allan B. Kline, in a letter to Under Secretary McCormick said: "It would appear to us to be difficult, probably impossible, for the Department to propose a set of recommendations to local people all over the country without getting into a position where it would have cause to be charged with trying to develop support for its own recommendations on a political basis."

"USDA, through its Family Farm Policy Review, has identified itself as a part of a huge federal lobby. It is another chapter in the long history of efforts made by government bureaus and agencies to direct and control farmer thinking."

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Full Program for 17th Convention

The 17th annual convention of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau will be held in Fairchild Theatre at Michigan State College Saturday, November 1.

First Vice President Vern Thalmann, Berrien county, will call the convention to order at 10:00 a. m. President Richard Root, Gratiot county, will address the delegates.

An outstanding feature of the morning program will be a speech by Marjorie Karker, director of women's activities for the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Business of the convention will center around committee reports on state projects, a consideration of revisions in the constitution, and the election of new state officers. Other parts of the day's program will include the selection of the state Talk Meet winner and the announcement of the winner of the Skilled Driving contest.

The annual banquet will be held Saturday evening at the People's Church in East Lansing. The program will include installation of the new officers, presentation of the annual trophies, and entertainment by the Junior Farm Bureau Talent Find winners. Mr. T. C. Peterson, midwest organization director for the American Farm Bureau, has been invited to give the address of the evening.

THE DAY'S festivities will conclude with an evening party at Demonstration Hall. It will be under the direction of Bob and Sue Copland who have taught recreation in several Junior Farm Bureau Camps.

FARMER TRAINEE Exchange Program

The Michigan Junior Farm Bureau is cooperating with the American Farm Bureau Federation in sponsoring a program for the exchange of young farmers between the United States and friendly nations. Michigan Farm Bureau families may cooperate in this program by contacting the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau, 221 North Cedar, Lansing 4. Briefly the program is this:

YOUNG TRAINEES would be from 18-26 years of age. Both boys and girls may participate. The farm organization in the country cooperating would arrange all transportation from that country to the assigned farm in the United States and return. The trainee would pay for this from his earnings.

Trainees would remain in the United States for twelve months and would be rotated every six months to gain maximum experience on two different farms. The farmer would pay the trainee \$75 per month plus room and board. This is lower than prevailing farm wages, but is designed to give the boy maximum opportunity for learning new techniques, participate in local

activities, and attend Farm Bureau meetings.

These trainees would arrive on the farm on or about April 15, 1953. In most cases they would come from Western Europe but some might come from South America.

IF MICHIGAN farmers are to have any of these trainees we must notify the American Farm Bureau early in October, 1952. If you are interested, please notify the Junior Farm Bureau, 221 North Cedar, Lansing 4, immediately.

"WHO SHALL SPEAK FOR FARMERS?" is the topic of the 1952 National Rural Youth Talk Meet to be sponsored by the American Farm Bureau in Seattle, Washington, on December 8.

It is also the topic being discussed in local Junior Farm Bureau groups in Michigan during September and early October. Local winners will vie for district crowns at the October series of district meetings, and the district winners will compete for the state title on November 1 in East Lansing. The state winner will represent the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau in the national contest at Seattle.

THE PURPOSE of the Talk Meet is to develop rural youth leadership by stimulating original thinking and applying it to specific problems.

The objectives of the meet are (1) to prepare young people for active participation in Farm Bureau, (2) to develop leadership by providing leadership training activities, (3) to provide opportunity for study and discussion of broad economic and social issues as they pertain to agriculture, and (4) to provide opportunity for the fullest possible self-expression and individual development of rural young people.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS. The Michigan Junior Farm Bureau ended its membership year on August 31 with 1,104 members. Eight counties reached their 1951-52 membership goal. These counties will be given special recognition at the annual convention on November 1. They are: Berrien, Livingston, Monroe, Barry, Newaygo, Midland, Emmet, and Otsego.

In addition to the convention recognition, five trophies will be awarded for membership work. Berrien county will receive a trophy for having the highest number of Junior Farm Bureau members in 1951-52. This county had 176 members.

Otsego county will be awarded the trophy for having the highest percentage of its 1951-52 goal. They had 24% of goal. Livingston county has won a trophy for showing the highest percentage of increase in goal from 1950-51 to 1951-52 with 123%.

TROPHIES will also be awarded to the county with the most 1952-53 members by this year's convention, and to the county with the highest percentage of its 1952-53 goal by convention time, November 1. Winners of these trophies have not yet been decided.

STATE FAIR. Again this year the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau operated an apple juice stand in the north end of the agricultural building at the Michigan State Fair in Detroit. Apple juice and apples were served to more than 50,000 people. The Juniors dispensed 2,675 gallons of apple juice and passed out 96 bushels of apples at 5 cents per apple.

Invite Members to 10 District Meetings



GWYNN GARNETT



FRANK K. WOOLLEY

Gwynn Garnett and Frank K. Woolley of the American Farm Bureau will speak on "Issues Facing the Farm Bureau" at 10 MFB district meetings and 9 CoFB annual meetings in October. All Farm Bureau members are invited to attend and bring guests. Place of meeting will be announced locally.

Mr. Garnett is acting director of the Dep't of International Affairs of the AFBF. For five years after the war he was agricultural adviser to the U. S. High Commissioner in occupied Germany.

Mr. Woolley is legislative counsel of the AFBF at Washington. Before that he was nearly 20 years in various responsibilities for the U. S. Dep't of Agriculture.

Meetings at 8:00 p. m.
MR. GARNETT, Speaker
Oct. 13—Dist. 10, at Gaylord.
Oct. 14—Dist. 9, Buckley High School.

Oct. 15—Dist. 6, Marlette High School.
Oct. 16—Dist. 4, Caledonia
Oct. 17—Dist. 8, Midland.

MR. WOOLLEY, Speaker
Oct. 20—Dist. 7, Fremont Community Building.
Oct. 21—Dist. 1, Paw Paw High School.

Oct. 22—Dist. 5, St. Johns High School.
Oct. 23—Dist. 2, Hillsdale.
Oct. 24—Dist. 3, Plymouth.

Mr. Garnett will speak at these day time annual meetings: Newaygo County Farm Bureau Oct. 16, Gladwin County FB Oct. 17.

Mr. Woolley will speak at these day time annual meetings, Mason county, Oct. 20; Ingham county, Oct. 21; Calhoun county, Oct. 22; Barry county, Oct. 23; Lenawee county, Oct. 24; Eaton county, Oct. 25, and at Clinton county the evening of Oct. 25.

Vern Thalmann of Berrien managed the project. He was assisted by Dale Foster of Berrien and Darrell Coffey of Livingston. Day to day help was furnished by volunteers from the different Junior Farm Bureau groups around the state. Counties sending work delegations were: Saginaw, Sanilac, Livingston, Eaton, Lapeer, Tuscola, Berrien, Ingham, Clinton, Cass, Lenawee, Washtenaw, Barry and Huron.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS. Recently six German Exchange students arrived in Michigan to live for one year in American farm homes. These students are of high school age. They attend American high schools and learn all that they can about community life in a democratic government. Perhaps your local Farm Bureau group would like to invite one of these young people to speak sometime during the year. Their names and locations are as follows:

Gerda Dupree in the Ray DeWitt home, Buchanan;

Wolfgang Lenz in the James Reilly home, Brown City;

Eleanore Von der Bey in the William Howarth home, Gladwin;

Heinz Siekmann in the Carl Adams home, Hale;

Waltraud Frommert in the Rex Davenport home, Fenton; and Dietlinde Zuleger in the Daniel Balog home, Mt. Pleasant.

The program is sponsored by the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau in cooperation with the American Farm Bureau and the United States State Department.

HOME FROM EUROPE. Betty Jane Pidd, Barbara Foster, and Peggy Winn arrived home from Europe on September 19 following a tour through seven European countries. The tour was sponsored by the Rural Youth department of the American Farm Bureau.

These Junior Farm Bureau members visited farm homes in England, Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, and France. Each one will have an interesting story to tell and pictures to show.

Perhaps your local Farm Bureau group would like to contact one of these girls to hear the

Supports are Announced for 1953 Season

FARMERS throughout the county may be interested in knowing the minimum prices they can count on for some of the crops they grow next year—in 1953. The prices that are quoted are support prices for the 1953 crop year and not the crops harvested this year. The U. S. Department of Agriculture has set the support levels now, so that farmers can plan for next year's production.

MINIMUM SUPPORT levels have been established for wheat, flaxseed, oats, barley, rye, and

grain sorghums to be harvested in 1953. The 1953 wheat support price will be at least \$2.21 a bushel, which is up one cent from this year's support price. Wheat will be supported at 90 percent of parity.

The oat price will be up two cents for oats grading No. 3 or better. The price has been set at 80c per bushel. Barley will be supported at \$1.24 a bushel for Grade No. 2 or better. That's about 2 cents more than this year's price.

THE SUPPORT OF RYE has been set at \$1.43 a bushel for Grade No. 2 or better or Grade No. 3 on test weight factor only. Rye support prices are listed one cent higher than the current support price. Grain sorghums will be supported at \$2.43 a hundredweight for sorghums grading No. 2 or better. That is five cents a hundredweight above this year's price.

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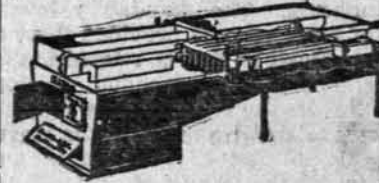
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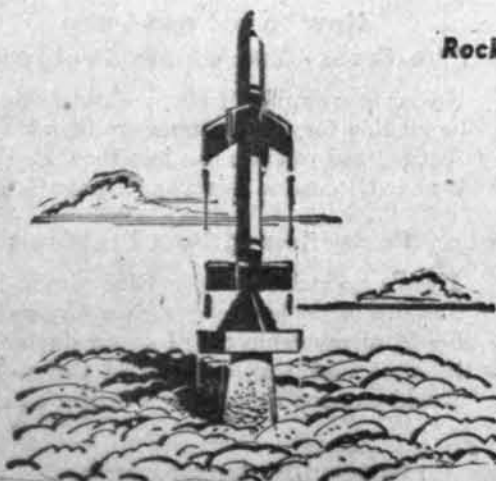
Sawdust found excellent for cattle bedding

Sawdust or shavings will make warm, absorbent bedding for dairy cattle, according to reports from Michigan State College's Upper Peninsula Experiment Station at Chatham. Folks there have found that, under controlled conditions, sawdust or shavings have no harmful effect on soil when the manure is later applied to fields. Bedding the herd on sawdust will also mean savings in liquid manure. Northern Michigan dairymen usually find shavings easy to obtain; in other sections, good supplies can be picked up from nearby sawmills. For more information, call your nearby County Agricultural Agent.



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103% of our goal. This is an all time high for Michigan. Forty-nine counties reached 100% of their goal or more, which is better than usual. All districts in the state but one had 100% or more of their goal. District Seven had 99% and lacked only twenty-nine of having its goal. With one exception all counties passed their 1951 membership. In fact, the state averaged 111% of the 1951 membership.

MICHIGAN WAS THE FIRST in the nation again to reach its goal, making it two years in succession.

Plans are well under way for the 1953 membership campaign. The goal for 1953 is 56,662. This includes Michigan's share of the 2,000,000 goal of the American Farm Bureau also.

The many county and community leaders and all who participated in the success for 1952 are to be congratulated on the fine work that they did.



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536 Delegates to Draft '53 Program

Farm Bureau people are getting things under way for the 33rd annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau at Michigan State College November 13 and 14.

Pre-convention meetings of associated Farm Bureau groups will be held at the college earlier that week.

The Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting will bring together some 536 voting delegates to consider the reports of officers and to approve a program for 1953. The delegates are elected at County Farm Bureau meetings. Each represents 100 member families. All members are invited to attend the annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

The state resolutions committee has been at work on resolutions of program and policy. These are being compiled from resolutions coming from County Farm Bureaus. Last date for County Farm Bureaus to file resolutions with the committee is November 1. The committee will report to convention November 13.

The MFB annual meeting will elect eight members of the state board of 15 directors. Directors are elected for two-year terms. The new board will elect a president and vice president for 1953.

Business to be considered by the convention will include recommendations from the state board of directors, the annual address of President Carl Buskirk, and the annual report of the Executive Secretary and Treasurer.

C. L. Brody, executive secretary and treasurer from February 1, 1921, to August 1, 1952, will make his final report as executive secretary and treasurer.

August 1, by action of the Farm Bureau board of directors, Mr. Brody was appointed executive vice president of the Michigan Farm Bureau in charge of its legislative and public affairs programs. Mr. J. F. Yaeger was promoted from ass't executive secretary to executive secretary and treasurer of the Michigan Farm Bureau and four Farm Bureau service companies.

At the 1952 annual meeting, Mr. Yaeger will report on the Farm Bureau farm supplies, petroleum, automobile and life insurance companies.

Pre-Convention Meetings and conferences to be held at the college in advance of the MFB annual meeting include:

- November 1—Michigan Junior Farm Bureau annual meeting.
- November 12—Women of the Farm Bureau annual meeting.
- November 12—Co-operative Commodity Conferences for dairy, fruit and vegetable, poultry, live stock and wool cooperatives.

Posters and Cards for Getting Out Vote

Many County Farm Bureau Legislative Committees are carrying out plans for campaigns to get out voters on November 4. Thousands of posters handout cards and mailing enclosures have been ordered by County Farm Bureaus. Kent County is planning to use 24,000 handout cards. This material is available through the Public Affairs Division of Michigan Farm Bureau at the following prices:

Posters 13 to 16 cents each; envelope enclosures or "stuffers" \$2.00 per thousand; handout cards \$2.50 per thousand.

County Farm Bureau secretar-

ies have been supplied with order blanks. This material may be ordered by all interested persons or organizations.

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(Continued from page 2)
ments and field trials indicate that soil exhaustion of the essential fertilizer substance is an important factor.

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Jerry Voorhis To Speak at MAFC Annual



JERRY VOORHIS

Jerry Voorhis, executive secretary of the Cooperative League of the U. S. A., will be the principal speaker at the 8th annual meeting of the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives, at the Kellogg Center, Michigan State College, October 16.

MR. VOORHIS completed 10 years of service as U. S. Congressman on January 1, 1947, serving as Democratic representative of the 12th California, District (part of Los Angeles county).

Mr. Voorhis is a teacher, author, and powerfully challenging speaker. A graduate of Yale, he has had first-hand knowledge as a laborer and as a skilled worker. He taught in private schools in Illinois and Wyoming and established with his father the Voorhis School for Boys, in California, in 1948. He is author of *The Moral of Democracy*, 1941; *Out of Debt*, 1944; *Out of Danger*, 1943; *Beyond Victory*, 1944; and *Confessions of a Congressman*, 1947.

For a long time Mr. Voorhis has been a friend, advocate, member and defender of cooperatives in all parts of the nation. His views on cooperatives as a vital force in world peace and understanding have been widely publicized in the press, on the radio and from the platform.

DONALD P. LLOYD, manager of Associated Food Stores, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mr. Lloyd will tell the managers and directors attending the noon luncheon on Thursday, October 16, the similarities between farmer-owned cooperatives and cooperatives which are owned by independent grocers and other merchants and manufacturers.

It is expected that 100 or more managers and directors will stay over for the second day to attend the State Co-op Clinic. The program for the day will include a discussion of the Michigan Co-op Financial Ratio Study made by Dr. Henry Larzelere of Michigan State College.

DR. JOSEPH KNAPP of the Farm Credit Administration, Washington, D. C., will follow Mr. Larzelere's presentation with a discussion of how cooperatives may attack their financial problems during a period of inflation.

Everett Young will present to the directors information collected from the Michigan Co-op Managers Salary Study. The results achieved from the MSC

Short Course training program for co-op personnel will be described by Alvin Oliver, director of the Elevator and Farm Supply Training Course. Appearing with him will be several recent graduates of the course who are now in key co-op positions. Edwin Steffen will discuss the co-op requirements under the 1951 Revenue Act.

THE MICHIGAN Association of Farmer Cooperatives, a division of the Michigan Farm Bureau, is a state cooperative council controlled and financed by nearly 140 local cooperatives and federated organizations. The latter include: Cherry Growers, Inc., Traverse City; Detroit Packing Company, Farm Bureau Services, Michigan Elevator Exchange, Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan Livestock Exchange, Michigan Milk Producers Association, Michigan Potato Growers Exchange, and the Michigan Wool Growers Association.

Present members of the Administrative Council are: Leonard Balgoven, Tri-County Rural Electric Cooperative; Tom Berg-house, Falmouth Co-op Company; George Brooks, St. Johns Cooperative; Carl E. Buskirk, Michigan Farm Bureau; G. S. Coffman, Coldwater Dairy Company; Harvey Houston, Michigan Potato Growers Exchange.

OTHER COUNCIL members are: William H. Hill, Detroit Packing Company; Arthur Ingold, Michigan Livestock Exchange; A. P. Kline, Stephenson Marketing Association; R. F. Koenigshof, Buchanan Co-ops; Lewis W. Morley, Michigan Milk Producers Association; Bruce Needham, Cherry Growers, Inc.; Waldo E. Phillips, Michigan Elevator Exchange; Alfred Roberts, Pigeon Co-op Elevator Company; Albert Shellenbarger, Farm Bureau Services; John VanderMolen, Zealand Farmers Co-op; J. F. Yaeger, Farm Bureau Services.

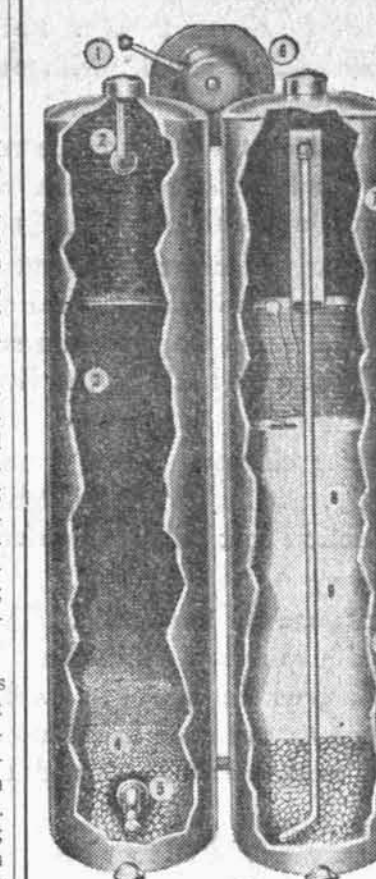
Officers of the Association include: Waldo E. Phillips, Michigan Elevator Exchange, chairman; Lewis W. Morley, Michigan

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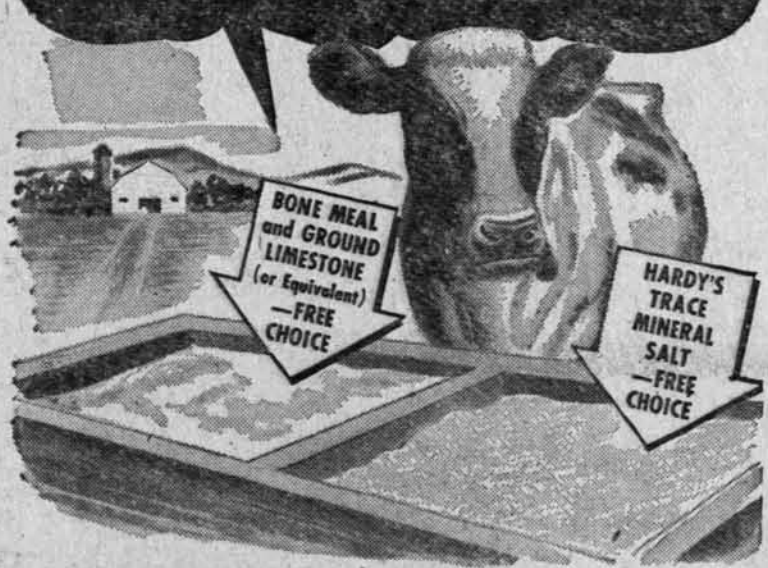
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Election Facts You Should Know:

Three proposals to amend our Michigan Constitution will be on the November 4 ballot:

- No. 1—Would permit use of new evidence in narcotics prosecutions.
- No. 2—Would give control of BOTH Houses of Michigan Legislature to a 4-county area, based on population only.
- No. 3—Would give a BALANCED distribution of seats in Michigan Legislature to all 83 counties:
 - House on population
 - Senate on area and population

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We Must Preserve a Balanced Legislature

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for October

Background Material for Program in September by Our Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

DONALD D. KINSEY
Director of Research and Education

It's the last half of the ninth inning. Folks in Outstate Michigan are up to bat. The pitch that is coming is a blazing fast ball. We need a home run to win. Let's not watch November 4 go by and be caught with our bat on our shoulders.

The vote from outstate cities, towns, and farms must be the strongest ever if a balance of representation is to be left to them in the future legislatures of Michigan.

A fine job was done in the early summer by outstate, and by many Detroit folks. They placed a proposal on the November ballot to achieve a sound reapportionment of Michigan's Legislature. That was back in the first inning.

But the game is now at its climax. Voting, and knowing how to vote correctly, getting every available voter to the polls is now the action that will spell defeat or victory.

Three proposed amendments are on the ballot. The first amendment deals with the question of making it lawful to seize narcotic drugs anywhere except in dwellings, and to present such drugs as evidence in criminal proceedings. A similar law exists now in regard to dangerous weapons.

Proposal No. 2, which was sponsored by labor groups, would place the representation in both the House and Senate of the Michigan Legislature on a strict population basis.

The Farm Bureau position on this matter is that the bicameral (2-house) legislature was established originally in order that both population interests and area-economic interests over the state would be represented.

If the House and the Senate are apportioned on the same basis, then the Senate becomes a useless and extravagant organ of government.

The basis of representation would be the same, since the proportion of representation would be from identical areas. The effect of Proposal 2, therefore, would be to destroy the usefulness of the Senate in our governmental system.

Proposal 2 would create a legislative monopoly. A small bloc of four counties would hold 51% or better of the representation in both houses. These four counties could be Wayne, Oakland, Genesee and Macomb, or some other neighboring combination.

IT IS QUESTIONABLE whether the representatives of such a small bloc of counties might be concerned to preserve or promote laws to the interests of the remaining 79 counties in the state.

What about the state aid program for schools — the basis for school equalization funds, for example? Would they concern themselves to continue such a program or to meet its future problems? Perhaps they might see to it that the lion's share was garnered to their own areas.

THE ARGUMENT pressed for this proposal is "majority rule." It has always been a good American principle that majority rule, without respect to the rights of minorities should not be absolute. Majorities could establish as bold a tyranny over the minorities as a dictator could over the people.

Rights of minorities should be provided for to the extent that they have a basis to promote compromise to protect their rights and interests against the aggression of a majority. It is dangerous when majorities are given the power to run rough-

and Senate on a different basis. Certainly all those states had a very good reason for doing that. One State, Nebraska, has a one-house system. But it has a highly uniform population with no distinct massing of peoples.

IN MICHIGAN the four-county bloc mentioned has people employed largely in factories. Outstate areas have interests that are based in agriculture, fishing, recreational enterprises, and smaller scale industries, to name a few.

Control of one over the other would create severe tensions and conflicts that could be very damaging to Michigan.

WHAT OTHER intent could there be in the move to undermine the outstate strength in the Senate than to gain legislative control over the rest of the state? With the voting power they would gain, the four counties could pass a legislative resolution calling for a convention to revise our state constitution.

DELEGATES to the convention would be based on number of Senators and Representatives from the districts of the state. By this means the "four county bloc" — Wayne, Oakland, Genesee and Macomb, or a neighboring combination, could rewrite the Constitution to suit their own tastes. The other 79 counties would lack the power to protect their rights under the law.

LET'S ROLL UP our sleeves. Getting out the vote is highly essential, but it is only one of the jobs that we face. We should get everyone registered, and take measures to get every vote to the polls. When they enter the voting booth, however, they must have no mental confusion over these proposals.

To preserve a Balanced Legislature we must make it clear that it is necessary to do two things:

VOTE "NO" ON PROPOSAL 2.
VOTE "YES" ON PROPOSAL 3.

Proposal 2 matches the two-letter word NO. Proposal 3 is best coupled with the 3-letter word YES.

Basis for Group Discussion

1. Go over the proposals thoroughly in your group. See that everyone has it clear just what each one means and which way he must mark his ballot to keep fair representation in the legislature.

2. Check every member to see that he is registered, and pledge to each other that all will vote.

3. Let every member of the group commit himself to explain the way to mark the ballot to as many voters as he can before election day and give the reasons for voting NO on 2, and YES on 3. Urge everyone to get to the polls on November 4th.

NOVEMBER 1—Last day for absent voters to apply for ballot.

Interest in AFBF Tour To Seattle

Many Michigan farmers are planning to take the western tour being offered by the Farm Bureau to the American Farm Bureau Convention at Seattle.

The choice of Seattle for the convention meeting place gives a perfect set-up for an extensive tour of our great country, November 29 — December 15.

TRAVELING in a special train, Farm Bureau members from eastern states will pause to enjoy such scenic and historic spots as Denver, Royal Gorge, Salt Lake City, Las Vegas, Death Valley, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Joaquin Valley, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Missoula, Butte, a dip into Yellowstone Park, and many other interesting spots.

The arrangements for this tour are in the hands of Mr. Nelson M. Jost of the Travel Service Bureau, Inc., who will serve as escort.

MICHIGAN Farm Bureau members interested in this trip are urged to get their reservations to Keith Tanner, Michigan Farm Bureau, P.O. Box 960, Lansing, not later than Nov. 10th. A care-free trip with lots of extras is assured. All farm folks and their friends are invited to come along and make the most of this travel opportunity.

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Farm Bureau Co-op Opens At Sterling



EDSEL BREWER

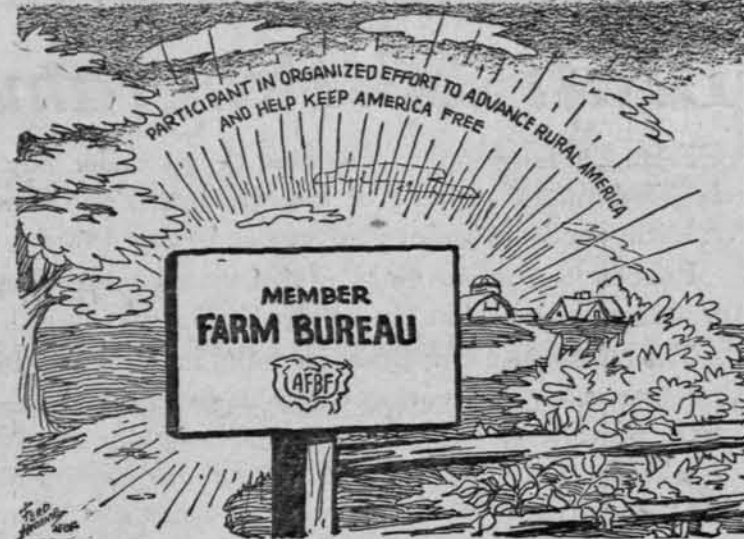
Arenac county farmers in the neighborhood of Sterling raised \$50,000 recently to establish a co-operative elevator and supply service. It is being operated as the Sterling Branch of Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

THE SERVICE was established through the activity of the Arenac County Farm Bureau farm supply committee. The committee learned that the Sterling Elevator was for sale and invited Farm Bureau Services to meet with it and consider the opportunity.

The property was purchased September 6. Farm Bureau Services assumed management responsibility September 8.

EDSEL BREWER, a man with considerable training and experience in the elevator and farm supply business is manager. Mr. Brewer was born and educated at West Branch and began work with the West Branch Farmers Elevator, Inc. He completed the Farmer Elevator Manager and Supply Course at Michigan State College. He worked at Grand

THE SIGN OF A GOOD FARMER and CITIZEN....



WESLEY S. HAWLEY

MFB Director of Membership Acquisition

There was a time when the sign of a good farmer was his ability to produce good crops and be successful in his production operation.

In our great country today, it is much more than just successful production of the good things of life. Farmers have to match wits with great groups of other segments of our society. We are in an era of time when we have government by group action and influence.

The sign of a good farmer and citizen today, besides being successful, is membership in a sound organization like Farm Bureau. The farmer in Farm Bureau is associated with 1,500,000 other farm families. He is in a very excellent position to exercise full citizenship.

The sign of a good farmer today is successful production, membership in a sound organization, and participation in that organization to help develop a good program and to exercise the rights of citizenship. We need Farm Bureau from the standpoint of citizenship, our way of life, and our profession.

Blanc Co-operative Elevator for one year, and was 2½ years at Caro Co-operative Elevator as assistant manager.

CREDIT for the hard work that has gone into setting up the co-operative at Sterling belongs to the Arenac CoFB supply committee: George Tullock, chairman, T. Frank Henderson, Owen Vater, Robert Christy, Lloyd Johnston, and Bruce Ireland. The CoFB board of directors, headed by President Wilford Pressler, gave full support to the supply committee.

Group nests near the henhouse door and let the hens do the walking.

MFB Directors Favor Blow At Narcotics

The Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors struck a blow at the narcotics evil at their meeting at Lansing, September 10.

THE DIRECTORS urged all citizens to vote YES November 4 on proposed Constitutional amendment No. 1. It is designed to help law enforcement officers

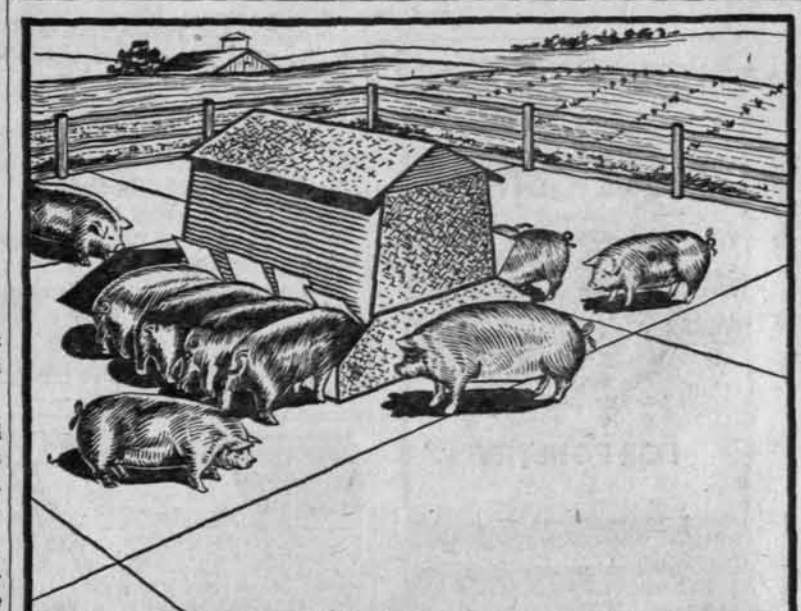
in catching and convicting those engaged in the illegal narcotic traffic.

The amendment would permit the introduction as evidence in court in criminal proceedings narcotic drugs seized anywhere except in dwellings, although obtained without a search warrant.

THIS PROVISION is the same as that in the law relating to the possession of dangerous weapons.

The Farm Bureau directors observed that the traffic in narcotic drugs continues to increase, especially among young people. Victims of the habit steal and eventually risk any crime to secure money to satisfy their craving for drugs.

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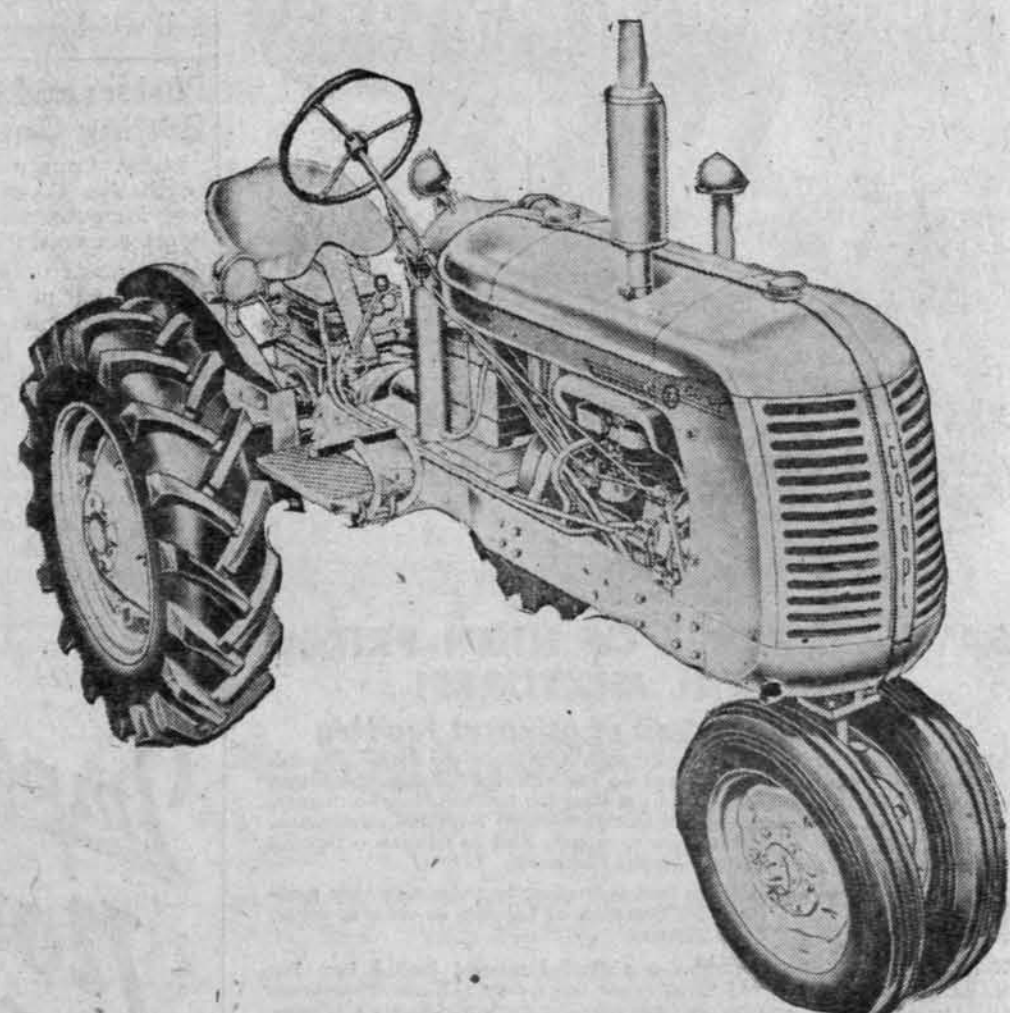
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Discussion Topics

They were chosen by your State Discussion Topic Committee from the results of the Questionnaires Returned by the Community Groups

- Oct. Shall Outstate Michigan Have No Voting Strength in the State Legislature?
- Nov. The Breadth and Reach of Farm Bureau—and What it is Reaching For?
- Dec. Can Farmers Lose the Right to Conduct Co-operative Forms of Business?
- Jan. State Fire Marshal Rulings and the Future of District Schools.
- Feb. Proposals for Licensing Farm Tractors; Who Should Act First?

Be sure to read your discussion topic articles on this Page of the Michigan Farm News each Month. Attend your Community Group meetings!