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Sign Our Petition for a Balanced Legislature

EDITORIAL

Act or Get Run Over

Military people say that in an emergency,—do something and fast!

We have an emergency on the reapportionment of the legislature scheduled for 1953.

We have an emergency in the month of June.

Your signature and the signature of all voters in your area is needed within the next few weeks on petitions for a reapportionment of the legislature on the plan proposed by the Michigan Committee for a Balanced Legislature.

If we don't get our proposal on the ballot for next November, we stand to be run over by the CIO. It is circulating petitions for a constitutional amendment for reapportionment. The CIO plan would give Wayne county and two or three other heavily populated counties control of the legislature.

The other fellows have refused to listen to "balance in the legislature" talk. They know what they're after. Power and control.

Farm Bureau leaders in a thousand Community Farm Bureau groups are seeking 125,000 signatures. The Grange, members of the boards of supervisors and others are circulating the Michigan Committee's petition.

Be sure they get your signature. Help them get others in your family and neighborhood.

This is an Election Year

For the past six months or more the American Farm Bureau has been urging Congress to cut more than \$200,000,000 of wasteful appropriations from the budget of the U. S. Dep't of Agriculture.

Early in May the House of Representatives refused to cut a penny from the \$724,003,699 recommendation by the House Appropriation Committee for the U. S. Dep't of Agriculture.

The Senate has been restoring House cuts in other appropriations, rather than upholding them.

This is an election year.

In the voting in the House an understanding between Democrats and Republicans was evident. Both sides refused to get into a position where they would be on record in a roll call vote, which would show how each member of the House voted on each question.

All votes were taken by standing vote or by teller. Announcement of how any member votes when the vote is taken by such means is forbidden.

The American Farm Bureau did plenty of investigating of bureaucratic spending in agriculture before it asked Congress to call a halt,—to the extent of at least \$200,000,000 a year. It cited examples of waste, duplication of effort, and spending for political purposes.

The Farm Bureau found that the Dep't of Agriculture has paid \$10,000,000 to farmers in the wheat belt for protecting their fallow land during the summer.

Elsewhere farmers were being paid millions more for fencing and protecting woodlots and pastures, and for clearing brush,—jobs every good farmer does without having to be paid off.

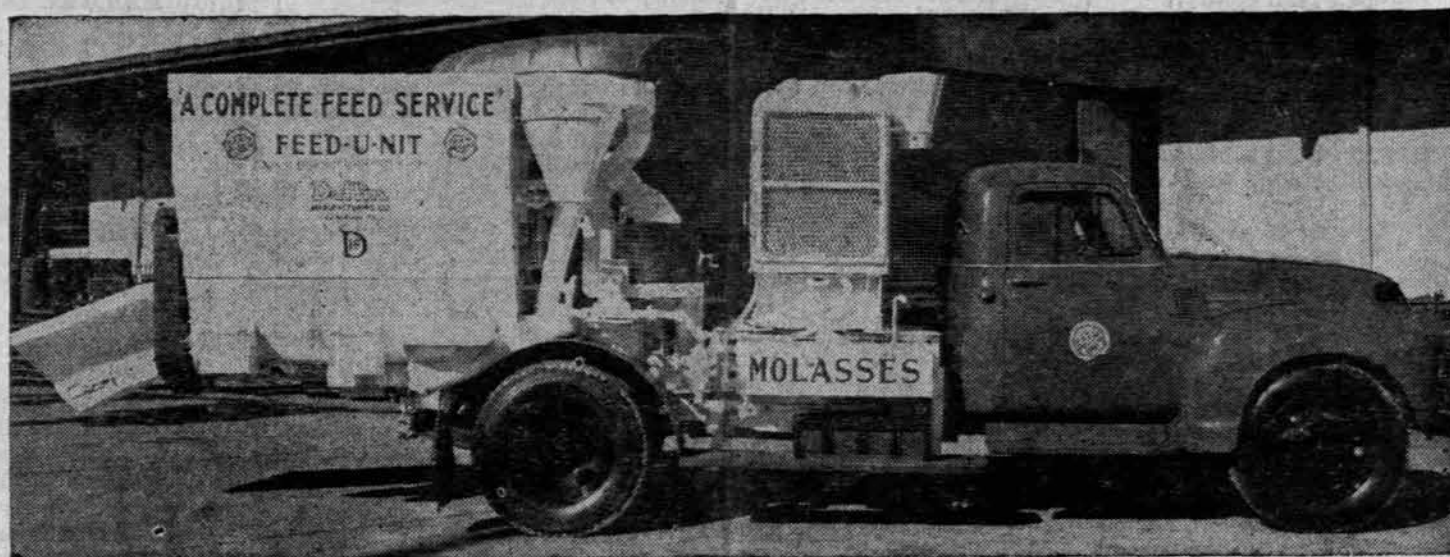
A hundred million dollars has been paid to farmers to help them pay for fertilizers they would buy themselves.

The American Farm Bureau charged that sound services such as soil conservation are plagued with bureaucratic waste.

Efforts to reduce the appropriation for the Agricultural Conservation Program from \$250,000,000 to \$200,000,000 a year were defeated. The Farm Bureau had recommended that the appropriation be cut to \$100,000,000 and be distributed on the basis of actual need.

The direct appropriation of \$724,003,699 made by the House represents less than half of the cost of the U.S. Dep't of Agriculture farm programs. They total about \$1,500,000,000 a year.

Kalamazoo FBS Offers New Feed Service



This is the new mobile feed mill Kalamazoo Farm Bureau Services is using to bring a complete feed service to the farmer's door. It will grind and mix feeds with molasses at the rate of four tons of feed an hour. It will blend up to 25% of molasses with the feed. It will grind hay in the grist, or separately.

New FBS Feed Service in Kalamazoo Co.

More and more farmers in the Kalamazoo area are taking advantage of a complete feed grinding and mixing service right on their own farms as provided by Farm Bureau Services' Kalamazoo branch. The unit is operated by Harold Christiansen.

THE MOBILE feed mill, the first in Michigan, provides on-the-farm feed manufacturing service that is convenient, efficient, and economical for the farmer. It operates in five general areas surrounding Kalamazoo, covering one route each day of the week.

The complete mill is mounted on a two-ton Chevrolet truck. It consists of a heavy duty hammer-mill, an adjustable traveling feed table, a multi-action feed mixer, and a molasses tank with a heating and metering arrangement.

The equipment is driven by a 110 HP Buda diesel motor. Under the motor is the molasses tank where molasses is heated by the water of the cooling system of the diesel motor.

For a formula containing molasses, the molasses is metered and sprayed on the feed hot. Each particle of feed is saturated with molasses which avoids the usual lumpiness of molasses mixtures.

Another feature of the unit is that augering the feed from the mill almost eliminates the dust problem in transferring the feed which may be delivered in bulk to the farmer's feed storage, or bagged with a double bagging device.

The mobile feed mixing unit enables the farmer to have feed manufactured on his farm from his home-grown grains and legumes, to his formula. It will grind and mix with molasses four tons of feed an hour and will blend up to 25% molasses with the feed. The mixer will handle 2,200 pounds at a time. The unit will grind hay separately or will mix it with the grist.

At present Mr. Christiansen is grinding and mixing an average of eight tons of feed daily. He could accept a few more customers on each of his regular routes.

Farm Bureau Has 52,790

During May the Michigan Farm Bureau membership rose from 52,525 to 52,790 families. The goal for 1952 was 51,500.

Nine Farm Bureau membership districts have exceeded their goals. District 7 in northwestern lower Michigan lacks about 65 and expects to have that shortly. District No. 1 in southwestern Michigan had a goal of 6,399. May 21 it reported 6,400 as follows: Berrien 1,692; Cass 763; St. Joseph 1,000; Kalamazoo 1,004; Van Buren 1,671.

Sandusky FFA Chapter Honors Merton Killey

The Sandusky FFA Chapter presented Merton Killey with an honorary degree at its annual banquet May 12th. The degree was awarded Mr. Killey because of his interest in the organization. Mr. Killey is manager of the Sanilac Co-operative, Inc., at Sandusky.

Exchange Terminal Faces Big Harvest

TOM KENNEDY
The new Michigan Elevator Exchange grain terminal elevator near Ottawa Lake in Monroe county, was visited May 15 by 1,000 visitors from all parts of Michigan for the dedication ceremonies.

THE TERMINAL is being made ready for the fast-approaching wheat harvest. If government crop forecasts are borne out, it may well be the heaviest since 1882.

The USDA has predicted a Michigan wheat crop of 37½ million bushels, 22 percent above a year ago and 52 percent above the 10-year average.

THE SPECTACULAR increase in Michigan wheat production in the past 10 years with the accompanying increase in the use of combines to speed up the harvest are the principal reasons for the construction of the new Michigan Elevator Exchange grain terminal. It will serve the 135 local cooperative elevators in Michigan which are members of the Exchange.

"TEN YEARS ago the wheat harvest in Michigan lasted from 30 to 60 days as the threshing rigs made the rounds," said James R. Bliss, Exchange general manager. "Now, with the fast-moving combines in general use, the wheat harvest in any one community can be completed in seven days of good weather."

"This speed-up in marketing and the increased volume puts an unprecedented strain on the local elevators and on the whole marketing system with a consequent depressing effect on the price."

"While we realize that an 800,000 bushel terminal will not entirely relieve this strain, we are confident that it will be a great help to our member elevators and

Roy Bennett Reports On Seed Situation

ROY BENNETT, Mgr. FBS Seed Department

What is a good emergency hay crop?

What can we use for permanent pasture?

What can we substitute for corn on muck soil?

These are some of the questions that are being asked now. Since early maturing corns are scarce, we have many questions about a substitute for muck soils.

ALFALFA is adapted to Michigan and has been doing well for the last thirty years. Every farm should have a field of alfalfa for permanent hay. A 40 acre farm should have 7 to 10 acres, 80 acre farm 20 to 25 acres and 120 acre farm 30 to 40 acres.

Adapted northern grown alfalfa seed for Michigan seems to be getting scarcer every year. We are suggesting the following for pasture: 6 lbs. of alfalfa, 1 lb. of Ladino clover, 2 lbs. trefoil and 2 lbs. of brome grass per acre will give you a good pasture for cows, or sheep.

If you wish it for hay only we suggest 10 lbs. of alfalfa and 2 to 3 lbs. of brome grass per acre.

Brome grass likes a lot of nitrogen. Alfalfa and Ladino clover will produce this nitrogen on which the brome grass can feed providing the alfalfa and

to the 75,000 farmers they serve," Mr. Bliss said.

MR. BLISS said that with the increased wheat acreage and the general use of combines, farmers and elevatormen have been having increasing trouble maintaining the quality of grain generally due to moisture conditions.

"With the new terminal, we hope to be able to reduce losses by conditioning and processing high-moisture and off-quality grain," Mr. Bliss declared. "The earnings of the terminal will of course be returned to the farmer in patronage savings through his local cooperative elevator."

THE ELEVATOR Exchange terminal will receive grain from country elevators shipped by rail or by truck, with two rail pits and two truck pits presently available to handle receiving.

Individual farmers who want to truck grain direct to the Exchange terminal may do so but it is suggested that farmers check with their local cooperative elevators before doing so to arrange for selling the grain.

Storage space in the terminal is allocated to member elevators on the basis of the investment that the elevator and member farmers have in the Exchange.

THE TERMINAL is now receiving grain on a limited basis by rail and by truck while making final adjustments in equipment. The operating personnel are familiarizing themselves with the plant in the few weeks remaining before the coming harvest season. The terminal will handle all grains grown in Michigan.

ALLEN A. GROTKE is the operating superintendent of the terminal and Joseph P. Loughney is grain superintendent.

Ladino seed are inoculated or cultured before planting.

THERE IS a limited supply of northwest variegated alfalfa, northwest grimm, certified Idaho Ladak, certified blue tag Michigan Hardigan and certified blue tag Idaho grimm. We suggest that you get in touch with your local dealer and get your wants covered at once. It may be harder to secure when you are ready to seed.

We advise using 2 lbs. of Trefoil per acre in the pasture mixture. This should also be cultured as it is a new type of forage for Michigan. There is no culture in the ground. Trefoil must be cultured if used.

For a catch hay crop about the only thing left is millet and Sudan grass. There is a fair supply at the present.

CORN in early varieties has all been sold and there is none to be had for muck soil. It is still not too late to put in Mars Barley. There is a limited quantity of certified that can be purchased through local dealers. Likewise with Flambeau soybeans. Flambeau soy beans did well on muck last year. It is the only bean adapted to muck soil.

If you are in need of any of

Ionia County Farmers Want An Elevator

Appreciating the need for better grain marketing facilities in Ionia county farmers are planning to do something about it.

The Ionia County Farm Bureau through its county supply committee has recommended the purchase of an elevator in Ionia.

IT IS PROPOSED that Farm Bureau Services Inc. purchase the Stout elevator in Ionia and operate it as a branch. Acting upon request of the farmers, Farm Bureau Services has secured a 90 day option from Mr. Stout. It plans extensive repairs to the elevator including a corn and grain drier. It is admitted by all concerned that a grain drier is a necessity for the best grain marketing program.

During May representatives of Farm Bureau Services were invited to discuss the advantages of a branch operation with the Community Farm Bureau groups in the county.

TO PURCHASE the elevator, make extensive repairs, install new machinery and add grain drying service will require a minimum of \$75,000 of new capital, according to estimates.

It is proposed to raise the necessary capital through sale of Farm Bureau Services debentures throughout the county. The investment to be in the overall operation of Services but the money raised will be used for developing marketing facilities in Ionia.

Farm Bureau Services will be directly responsible for the management assisted by an advisory committee chosen by the farmers. Arrangements can be made for patronage refund privileges.

IT IS PLANNED that licensed salesmen from Farm Bureau Services working through the community clubs of the county will contact all interested parties during the month of June.

MARKETING is just as important as production. Every farmer has a financial interest and should support his own marketing program.

Thunder Bay Oil Co-op Announced

Thunder Bay Co-operative, Inc., has been organized to establish a bulk plant and farmers tank wagon service for delivery of Farmers Petroleum Co-operative motor fuels and other products.

The Co-operative will serve Farm Bureau members and others in Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties. It is now raising capital.

Officers are: President, Archie Wirgan; vice-president, Herman Wegmeyer; secretary, Ed Couls; treasurer, Clifton Jacobs, all of Alpena.

The board of directors includes the officers and Raymond Wegmeyer of Alpena; John Gudding and Herman Cordes, both of Hillman.

Farm people now make up one-seventh of the total population of the United States.

These varieties of seed, we suggest that you get in touch with local dealers now. If it is alfalfa you want, better get it on hand and have it when the time comes.

MFB Could Supply 125,000 Signatures

The Michigan legislature must be reapportioned in 1953, according to the state constitution.

You and your wife and voting members of your family are asked to perform a most important public service this month.

Sign the petition to amend the state constitution for a reapportionment of the legislature on the plan offered by the Michigan Committee for a Balanced Legislature.

Ask your friends and neighbors to sign the petition. It is being circulated by county and community Farm Bureau and Grange leaders, members of the Michigan State Ass'n of Supervisors, and other citizen groups. They have helped draft the Michigan Committee's plan.

We must place a fair plan for reapportionment before the voters in November in order to protect the rights of out-state people in the makeup of the legislature.

The Michigan Farm Bureau membership of 52,790 families could supply upwards of 125,000 signatures to the petitions.

The CIO is circulating a petition to amend the constitution for a reapportionment of the legislature. It would compel apportionment of the Senators and Representatives strictly on the basis of population.

If the CIO proposal should be adopted at the November election, control of the legislature would go to Wayne and two or three other counties. The legislature and state government could come under the domination of one group.

The principles of the plan for reapportionment offered by the Michigan Committee for a Balanced Legislature were approved by the Michigan State Senate this spring. It lacked but eight votes of the necessary two-thirds majority in the House. Representatives from Detroit were opposed. The plan was then known as Senate Joint Resolution A.

The constitutional amendment proposed by the Michigan Committee follows the principles of Senate Joint Resolution A.

It would balance population and area in an apportionment of seats in the legislature. This principle is recognized in Congress. There are two Senators from each state. Representation in the House for each state is on the basis of population.

Thirty states have methods in their constitution for balancing population and geographical considerations in their legislatures.

Here is a summary of the provisions of the constitutional amendment on reapportionment proposed by the Michigan Committee for a Balanced Legislature:

1—Amendment provides that the Senate shall be composed of 34 members, elected from described and fixed districts, very similar to the present senatorial districts. This gives some consideration to area, as is done in the U. S. Senate.

2—Provides for a House of Representatives of not more than 110 members, apportioned on a basis of population.

3—Provides that each county or group of counties be entitled to a Representative when it has at least 50% of the ratio of representation. This continues the moiety provision now in the constitution. The CIO proposal omits the moiety provision.

4—Establishes districts within any city having more than five Representatives. Detroit is the only city affected now. This would eliminate the "bed sheet ballot" whereby citizens of Detroit endeavor to elect 27 Representatives at large from a field of 100 to 150 candidates.

5—Requires the State Board of Canvassers to carry out the reapportionment of the Representatives if the legislature does not do so within a limited time.

Co-op Meeting Lists Speakers

President J. K. Stern of the American Institute of Co-operation, has announced some of the speakers who will be at the meeting at Michigan State College Aug. 10-14. Several thousand leaders are expected from the United States and Canada.

The speakers include: Pres. J. A. Hannah, president, Michigan State College; Dr. K. T. Hutchinson, Asst. Sec'y of Agriculture; Dr. E. G. Nourse, former chairman of the board of economic

advisors to the President; Dr. Raymond Miller, noted public relations counsel; Donald Lloyd, manager of Associated Food Sales of Salt Lake City; Dr. J. K. Friesen of Winnipeg.

Leaders of nationally known farm co-operatives will speak. There will be special sessions this year for co-operatives on management, mutual insurance, and a meeting at which industrial suppliers to co-operatives will meet with them. The youth program is expected to draw 1,000 young people.

When weeds are not serious, drilled corn yields slightly more than checked corn.

Midwest Meeting At Purdue July 22-25

Michigan Farm Bureau and County Farm Bureaus will be represented at the annual Midwest Farm Bureau Conference at Purdue university, West Lafayette, Ind., July 22-25. The theme this year will be "Building Your County Farm Bureau."

Michigan farmers harvested 3,794,000 tons of hay from 2,735,000 acres in 1950, says Cappers Farmer.

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June Song

It's June again on Hicks Street, I admit I've wondered some
If wintertime would ever go—If June would ever come.
I shall not see a hundred Junes, but every one I see
Touches me deeper in my soul and means the more to me.

It's June, the lovely month of flowers. The month of Love-in-Bloom.
Of blushing brides, of bashful beaus, of bird songs and perfume.
The days wax long. The sun rides high. All life accelerates.
Summer will soon be in the sky and hammering at the gates.

The house wren from the lilac bush pours music on the air.
The cardinal from his lofty perch bids trespassers beware.
And I myself, as you can judge, feel somewhat soft and sappy
But what care I for dignity? It's June and I am happy.

It's shortcake month on Hicks Street too, for Marthy and for me.
Strawberry shortcake, drenched in cream, a gastronomic spree.
With rhubarb and asparagus and fresh green garden peas
Who does not like the month of June must just be hard to please.

R. S. Clark

315 North Grinnell Street
Jackson, Michigan

Community Farm Bureau Activities

STAR AWARDS

Gold Star—South Belknap
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Silver Star—Northwest Portage,
Kalamazoo, Mrs. Royce E. Eddy, sec'y.

Silver Star—Hodge-Sparling,
Northwest Michigan, Mrs. Ward Sparling, sec'y.

Dear Community Farm Bureau Members:

1146 Community Groups, 90 new Community Farm Bureaus have been organized. Ottawa leads the state with 10. These are as follows:

DISTRICT 1—Berrien—Faleplains, Mrs. Florence Gass; East Ains, Mrs. Arthur Baron; Kalamazoo—Hilltop, Mrs. Irene Wilson; River Valley, Mrs. Peter Schlap; Friendly You & I Group, Mrs. Charles Mason; St. Joseph—South Colon, Mrs. Ruth Egan; Klinger Lake, Mrs. Russell King; Young Neighbors, Mrs. Dorothy Major.

DISTRICT 2—Hillsdale—Friendly Neighbors, Mrs. Victor LeBeck; Sand Hill, Mrs. Frank Millman.

DISTRICT 3—Livingston—North Isoco, Mrs. Otto Komraus; Cohoeta, Mrs. Lloyd Drayton; Irene Strassers, Mrs. Clarence Masters; San-Hill, Mrs. William Slavin; South Putnam, Mrs. Jack Hird; Beach Creek, Mrs. Harold Smith; Macomb—Rhubarb Growers, Mrs. Frank Deneweth; Monroe—Swan Creek, Mrs. Earl Hoffman; Ostrander, Mrs. Lloyd Barsch; Oakland—West Bloomfield, Miss Florence Bingham; Avon, Mrs. Tom Cleary; Washtenaw—Northeast, Washtenaw, Mrs. Myron Whipple; Pre-Lo, Mrs. Simon Girback; Webster Selo, Mrs. Wesley Amsdill; Southeast Freedom, Mrs. Roy Blumeyer; Happy Farmers, Mrs. Harold Wright.

DISTRICT 4—Allegan—Miller, Mrs. Lois Ellinger; North Plainfield, Mrs. Gladys Brown; Cheshire, Mrs. Alyene Brindley; Trowbridge, Thomas Drozd; Ionia—Graham-Keefer, Mrs. Floyd Jones; Kent—Bostwick Lake, Mrs. Eldon Ladner; Walker Township, Mrs. Edwin Osterink; Brooklyn Corners, Mrs. Lewis Dewey; Chief Wabasis, Mrs. Ray Pessenden; Ottawa—Shackhuddie, Earl DeGood; Tallmadge 1, Mrs. Marion Songenecker; Pinery, Mrs. Abe VanFimmeran; Star, Ernest Stiff; Bauer, Mrs. Harold Robinson; Polkton 4, Howard Bush; Star-Mitchell, Mrs. Ernest Selvig; Tallmadge 2, Mrs. Alvin Koelman; Spring Grove, Mrs. Lewis VanRhee.

DISTRICT 5—Clinton—Eagle 15-Partlow, Mrs. Marvin Fisher; Genesee—Theford 1, Mrs. Walter Werth; Ingham—North Williamston; Shawas-

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HELP WANTED

SECRETARY or County Organization Director for Ottawa County Farm Bureau. Secretarial training and public relations ability required. Apply to Raymond Merton, St. Johns, R-1, Mich. Telephone St. Johns 12722. (5-21-52p)

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WOMEN

NEW FREE 24-Page Sewing Book, "1952 Pattern Service for Sewing with Cotton Bags" tells how to make smart clothes and household items from thirty cotton sacks. See how you save container costs when you buy products in cotton! Send postcard to National Cotton Council, Box 76, Memphis, Tennessee. (3-101-50b)

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field cultivator. The grass is the weakest right after it is cut and the weather is usually warm and dry.

By working the field first in with about a week between cultivations the roots and stems are brought to the surface. The heat and wind finally take the life from them after six to eight weeks.

DEAD MATERIAL should be one direction and then the other left in the field as organic matter and worked into the soil. About

August 15, fall rye, well fertilized with a commercial fertilizer, can be planted. It can be used as a fall and early spring pasture, then turned under for a green manure crop and the field is ready for crops the following summer.

"A half-hearted attitude lessens the chance of success," Clanan commented. "Quack grass is a tough character and must be given rough treatment if it is to be killed."

Buy Farm Bureau quality feeds.

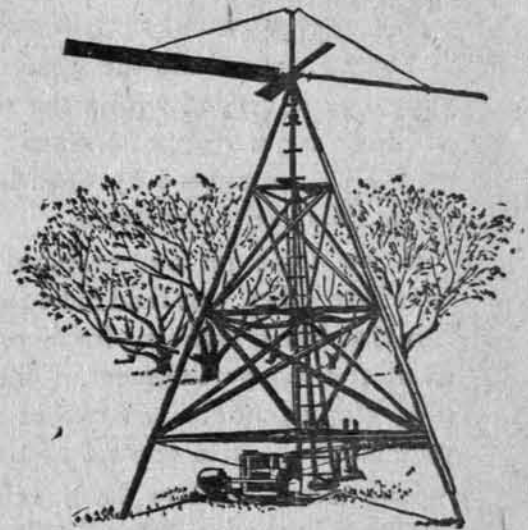
Hereford Field Day At Prescott July 19

The Northern Michigan Hereford Field Day will be held July 19 on the 6,500 acre Prescott Ranch near Prescott, Isoco county. The ranch is owned by Senator Charles Prescott and carries 1,200 Hereford cattle. Demonstrations will include handling feeder calves and yearlings, pasture improvement, parasite control and selection of beef breeding stock.

Get your fertilizer early.

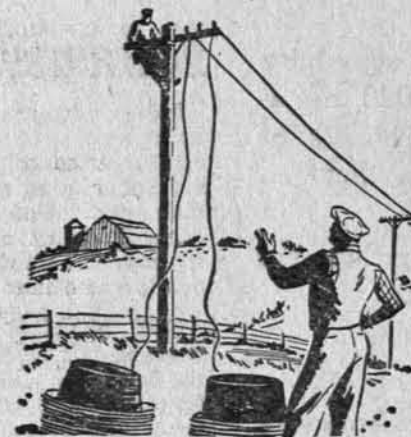
Helicopter rotor helps control orchard frost damage

This 22-foot helicopter rotor, spinning atop a 20-foot tower at a Michigan State College test installation at Beulah, Michigan, was found to reduce danger of frost damage under certain conditions. Night temperatures at 300 feet are sometimes 20 degrees warmer than those nearer the ground, and the helicopter rotor pulls down the warmer air and mixes it with the cooler ground air. In one test, the ground temperature 40 feet out from the machine rose from 26 to 35 degrees within a half hour after the rotor started. When orchard heaters were used with the wind machine in the same test, the temperature went from 26 to 38 degrees. For more information on this new weapon against frost damage in fruit orchards, write or telephone your County Agricultural Agent.



Efficiency speeds rural telephone service

In telephone work as in farm work, experience generally adds up to newer, better, faster ways of doing things. The linemen you see adding more telephone wire and cable in rural Michigan have plenty of telephone experience behind them. Last year alone they used that experience to increase by 9,000 the number of telephones in Michigan Bell rural areas. Today, 3 out of 4 establishments in Michigan Bell rural territory have telephones. And we're adding more just as fast as we can.



MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

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UNICO summer tire sale
ENDS July 15th.

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PREMIUM CUSHION TIRE

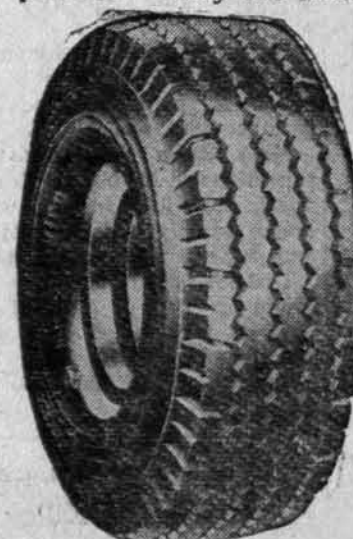
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SALE PRICES

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Other Side of Britain's Trade With Russia

Editor,
Michigan Farm News

Dear Sir:

I read with interest items in Michigan Farm News, as a member of Michigan Farm Bureau. However, on your editorial "Rubber for Russia" I feel you ought to say more. There is another side of the picture that American comment on our British and European friends usually omits—and it may lead us to

disastrous policies again. I debated in college (lo, those many years ago) on cancellation of war debts in the aftermath of World War I. My contention then was that America DID NOT WANT THE WAR DEBTS PAID, and had made the point clear in its TARIFF policy.

THE ONLY WAY international obligations can be paid is in GOODS, not currency and checks. European payments to us must be made in goods—and we had already declared by our Smoot-Hawley tariff (at that time) that we DID NOT WANT any great increase of European goods.

Therefore, why not get credit for being generous by cancelling the debts, and not force our debtors to default to their embarrassment and perhaps dis-

aster? We did not, and the great depression resulted!

TODAY our same inability to understand foreign trade curses us. England must buy 40% of its food or more, and must buy 40 to 60% of the raw materials it uses for manufacturing—or its factories cannot operate! The condition with some variations is similar in most of our European allied countries.

Before World War II England paid for its imports with RETURNS ON ITS FOREIGN INVESTMENTS, CHARGES FOR GOODS CARRIED IN BRITISH SHIPS, AND SALE OF ITS PRODUCTS ABROAD.

ITS FOREIGN investments were liquidated to pay for World War II, much of its ships were lost in the war also. Much of its foreign market was diverted to other sources of supply for the duration of the war at least, some countries such as India installing modern machinery to compete with England's obsolescent machinery.

Today, without foreign investment of any size, with a smaller merchant marine—and with an inflation in cost of raw materials greater than that in sale price of manufactured articles, England is in desperate economic situation, and we have little realization of it.

ITS COAL mines are antiquated, and even before World War II were headed for bankruptcy in private hands. Socialization of industry may not have been wise—but there were strong factors pulling in that direction within the industry in Britain, for it was used to operating in cartels or trusts, and not in free competition anyhow.

Today we have already begun repeating the folly of the 20's. We insisted that a high percentage of Marshall plan goods must be carried in American ships, taking some out of mothballs to do it, while English ships went idle.

We cut off imports of cheese from certain of our European friends, by putting them on a quota—and the trend is increasing—indicating that we DO NOT WANT THEM TO TRADE WITH US IN INCREASED AMOUNTS ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS.

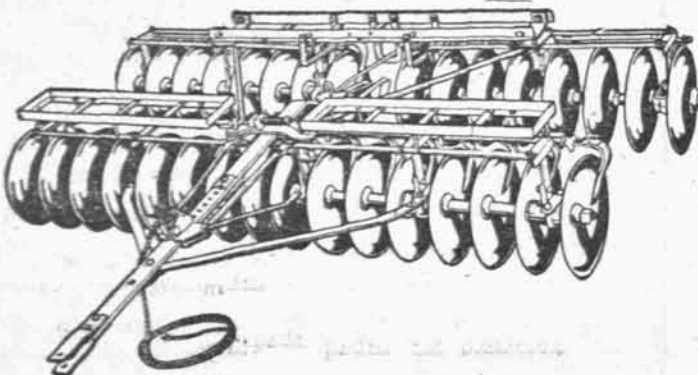
WE ARE pushing them to seek trade with Russia to pay for their imports by which they are fed, and to buy raw materials for their factories.

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Grassland Farming Explained

Grassland farming is not going "all out" to grass.

R. G. HILL, Michigan State College extension specialist in soil conservation, believes many people have the wrong conception of the aim of those advocating grassland farming.

Shifting more land to grasses and legumes or using more legumes in crop rotations as soil conservation measures will not result in over-all fewer bushels of grain or row crops in the future, Mr. Hill said.

INCREASED yields of cultivated crops following the grasses and legumes and with the application of other conservation practices will make up for the small decrease in total cultivated crop acreage.

Mr. Hill refers to results of experiments conducted by the

Michigan State College Soil Science Department at the Fend Farm near Chesaning.

IN 1951 on plots where alfalfa-brome had preceded corn, the average yield was 63 bushels an acre. Where no legume was used in the rotation, the average yield was less than 14 bushels an acre. All plots were fertilized alike.

Another consideration is the fact that there are thousands of acres of rolling land on which corn is being grown where the average yield is too low to justify its continued production.

THE SAME land would produce a greater tonnage of roughage and animal nutrients if converted to grass and legumes.

In addition, rolling land used for cultivated crops will continue to become less productive unless erosion control practices are applied.

"IF WE WOULD put more of our eroded fields that are yielding an average of 40 bushels of corn per acre per year or less into grass and legumes, and if legumes are used in regular crop rotations, our overall production could be increased without adding more acres in crops.

"At the same time, we would be conserving our soil for future use. There will be greater demands by people and industry from about the same number of acres as the years go by," Mr. Hill said.

Mrs. Heuchting Sends Letter to FB Women

Mrs. Heinrich Henningsen of Jackson R-7, a member of Jackson County Farm Bureau, has a letter from Mrs. Marie Heuchting of Bremen, Germany. Mrs. Heuchting is one of the two German women who visited in Michigan Farm Bureau homes in June, 1950.

Mrs. Henningsen translated the letter for the Michigan Farm News. Mrs. Heuchting wrote to express her gratitude for the gifts which have been sent to families in Germany by women of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Her letter:

Dear Farm Women of Michigan:

I am very much ashamed to come to you so late with my message, but nevertheless shall my thanks to you be no less heartfelt.

I have tried to write as many as possible who have sent gifts to me, but it is impossible for me to thank every one personally. Therefore I beg of you to please read in these lines the thanks of all whom you have made so very happy with your gifts. Above all my thanks also to you for having it made possible for me to give this help.

I believe that you can hardly measure and do not know what it means to be supported so kindly by fellowwomen in these hard times in which we have lost almost everything. Many letters

of thanks came to me which I have sent to Mrs. Whittaker in order to show you how great the joy was.

I am especially happy that a friendly correspondence has grown between the giver and the receiver. From many sources have I heard that this has built a stronger bridge from there to here which surely is a foundation towards a better understanding and working together.

Up to now have I again and again received packages with so many useful and needed things which have been divided and received with great joy. Therefore, I would like to ask you at the same time with my thanks if you have things that you do not need or care for any more, please think of us. I know that it takes time, work and money, but the thought of help, to relieve the need of so many people, is a good deed.

Please, dear Farm Women of Michigan, be not angry with me for my belated thanks. Time moves fast and there is always so much to do.

I gladly remember the wonderful time which I was allowed to spend with you and I thank you all for the lovely reception everywhere. I wish very much that I may see many women from there here in Germany.

With heartfelt greetings,
MRS. MARIE HEUCHTING,
Kattenech 35
Bremen, Germany

State Mutual Insurance Co. To Expand

State Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Michigan, at Flint, will operate as a general mutual company effective July 1, according to H. K. Fisk, secretary.

The 44-year-old company will be authorized to write windstorm and hail as well as fire insurance on both farm and urban properties.

THE COMPANY, at its annual meeting in January, amended its articles of association to comply with provisions of the state insurance code which govern general mutual companies.

The company will be authorized to write a combined policy, but members who prefer to carry only fire insurance on their farm buildings or city dwellings may do so. The windstorm and hail protection is an optional coverage.

MR. FISK said that as a general mutual the company would now be able to issue a non-assessable policy, a type of policy which operation under the farm mutual law does not permit. As State Mutual Fire Insurance Co. has several times the amount of required surplus to do this, all policies issued henceforth will be non-assessable, Mr. Fisk said.

Next Big Increase in Forage Crops

The next big increase in farm production—comparable to hybrid corn—must come in the forage crops.

Clifford C. Hardin, director of the MSC experiment station, made that statement to the Farm Council meeting of the United Co-operatives laboratory held at the college.

PLANT BREEDERS have developed some excellent improvements, but when put into general production they get crossed with other grasses and lose their value, Dr. Hardin said.

One remedy for that situation is for farmers co-operatives and others to induce all of the farmers of an area to agree on a particular variety of one of the improved forage crops.

Ladino Clover Fills Forage Crop Need

Ladino clover is increasing in popularity with Michigan farmers because it fills a real forage crop need. M. B. Tesar, MSC farm crops specialist, predicts that the acreage of ladino will continue to increase.

DAIRYMEN have a good word for ladino. Cows like it. Ladino has quick recovery after grazing, and high milk producing ability. Like many other crops, ladino does best on the type of soil it likes best.

Mr. Tesar recommends adding one-half pound of ladino clover seed per acre to a mixture of alfalfa-brome on fertile, moist soils. This mixture is good on rolling land because alfalfa will produce most on the well drained areas and ladino will do best on the lower areas.

LADINO has shown its value in ladino-brome mixture on low land areas too poorly drained for alfalfa. It will survive winter injury on the poorly drained areas much better than alfalfa because it has a shallow, fibrous root system instead of being deep rooted like alfalfa.

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The English pound gets its name because at the time of the Saxon invasion a pound of silver was the unit of trade.

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Iosco Group Asks Controls For Anthrax

Members of Vine Community Farm Bureau in Iosco county are alarmed by the appearance of foot and mouth disease in Canada, only 60 miles from the U. S. border. They "favor establishment of a foot and mouth research center in the U. S. for the purpose of study and research in the control of this highly contagious disease." The resolution was sent to Michigan Farm Bureau, and to our Congressmen.

A \$500,000 appropriation was made for an animal disease research laboratory by the 80th Congress. No action resulted because of objections to proposed locations. It is believed that a suitable location has now been found. The cost to the U. S. for the fight against foot and mouth disease in Mexico has been nearly \$123,000,000.

America's first outbreak of foot and mouth disease came from Canada in 1870. The next in 1914, started in Michigan and spread to the Chicago stock yards. California had a major infection in 1929. Canada had not known the disease for 80 years, but now some 30 to 50 farms are infected.

County resolutions committees may be glad to know of support for a laboratory such as is proposed.

Price Controls

"Come what may," says the News-Leader of Richmond, Virginia, "this newspaper has extended its support for the last time to any scheme of federal control over prices and wages. . . . This needless flood of Lilliputian regulations. . . . We have had a bellyful."

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Farm Cleanup Is Insurance

David Steinicke says that next to poor judgment, disorder is the largest single cause of injuries. Various forms of trash are responsible for hospitalizing one of every five farm accident victims.

MR. STEINICKE is extension specialist in health and safety organization at Michigan State College. He is pushing the annual farm cleanup not only to help prevent injuries and fires, but to make the farmstead a more attractive and pleasing place to work.

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Farm Bureau is Expanding Health Program



FARM BUREAU secretaries from District 6 learn that this electric billing machine at Detroit Blue Cross headquarters makes out billings covering nearly half a million Blue Cross-Blue Shield contract holders every month. Left to right are: Mrs. Beulah Burrows of Memphis; Mrs. Wesley Mahaffy, Marlette; Mrs. Rose Fisher, Bad Axe; Mrs. Belle Johns, Lapeer; Mrs. Jane Stiner, Caro; Elden Smith, MFB membership representative for District 6, and Merrill Greely, head of Blue Cross billing machine dept.

Leaders Prepare For Job Ahead

Leaders of the Michigan Hospital and Michigan Medical Services are highly impressed with the job the Farm Bureau is doing to provide a comprehensive health program for its many members.

So said Mr. W. S. McNary, executive vice president of Michigan Hospital Service, recently when he greeted 62 county and state Farm Bureau people who came to Detroit for a five-days' study of the operations and their relation to Farm Bureau members. Top men from both Blue Cross and Blue Shield hospital and medical services took part in the schools.

More than 80,000 members of Michigan Farm Bureau families have Blue Cross-Blue Shield protection against hospital and surgical expenses.

Upwards of \$1,500,000 per year is being paid in behalf of Farm Bureau members by Blue Cross-Blue Shield services for hospitalization, surgical and medical expenses within the hospitals.

Better service to members through better understanding was the objective of County Farm Bureau Blue Cross secretaries or alternates from 47 counties who attended the school. Ten MFB district representatives and five from the state office were there.

Austin Pino, Blue Cross rural enrollment manager, said the workshop contributed much in the wonderful relationship between Blue Cross and farm people.

Lawrence Drake, manager of research and press relations, delivered a stimulating talk on "The Rural Family and the Community Hospital."

Mr. Drake said, "What we lack and what we need is the knowledge and the understanding of what it is that makes the hospital tick."

"TO UNDERSTAND our complex modern hospital," Mr. Drake said, "we must turn back the pages in the history of medicine to 1896 when the distinguished British surgeon and pathologist, Sir James Paget, made the following statement: 'Surgery of the heart has probably reached the limit set by nature to all surgery; no new method, no new discovery, can overcome the natural difficulties that attend a wound of the heart.'"

"That is what Sir James said in 1896. Today, heart surgery is being performed in practically all of our major hospitals. Surgery on the lungs, on the blood vessels around the heart, on the chambers of the heart, is becoming commonplace. Moreover, we do not recognize today that nature has set any kind of a limit on any kind of surgery.

"HOW DID this happen? Paget was no old fogey. He was a very capable surgeon. He was, moreover, a first-class pathologist. The good surgeons in his day were as good as the good surgeons are today. What happened to change the picture since Paget's days?

"Let us glance at what Paget needed, at what he did not have in his days and we have now, to see what changed the picture so completely.

"THE FIRST thing Paget needed and did not have was the modern hospital's expertly staffed X-ray department. He needed

the second and critically important arm of today's positive diagnosis—a fully equipped and properly staffed laboratory. The third thing that Paget needed was the expert anesthesia department of the modern hospital.

"Paget needed the modern hospital's blood bank, and the facilities and personnel for intravenous therapy without which heart surgery would still be impossible. He needed the trained personnel to protect the patient during the dangerous post-operative period and he needed an institution that offered the combination of all the services we have mentioned to help with research and experimentation.

"THESE ARE the things that Paget needed. Add them up and we have the modern hospital. Take them away, and what you have taken away is the modern hospital. Surgery is then back where it was in 1896.

"However, this tremendously important role of the hospital in your health is by no means limited to surgery. To the contrary, the hospital is becoming more and more important in the treatment of medical cases.

"THE FIRST JOB of the hospital is to care for the sick, of course. But its whole job is very much bigger than that. The hospital must train doctors and nurses and must provide training for all the other professional and technical personnel necessary in today's hospital. Thirdly, the hospital supports medical re-



SECRETARIES from County Farm Bureaus in Districts 4 and 10 relax at dinner after a busy, interesting day at the workshop meeting and tour of Blue Cross-Blue Shield offices in Detroit. Austin L. Pino, Blue Cross rural enrollment manager, presided.

Some Gems of Mail Put in Milk Bottles

Whatever the reason, milkmen say that their morning "mail"—those scribbled notes stuffed in empty bottles—seems stranger than before. As witness:

"Dear Milkie, please lay a dozen eggs on my front porch."

"Are you the same milkman I saw the other night when I came home? If you are, would you be so kind as to forget what time it was? I've been trying to forget."

"Have you a dog? We always have a lot of meat bones left over. So I am leaving you some. You have done so many nice things for us."

"Please ring the bell this morning because my alarm clock is broken."

"Henry, leave Johnson a bottle of milk today. He may forget to put his bottle out. He will pay you tomorrow. He is still celebrating, but will have a thirst for milk tomorrow morning."

"Thank you so much for bringing me the coffee. I appreciate it so much I would like to have you in for a cup some time."

"You were sweet to take in my washing yesterday, Max."

"Dear Milkman: We don't want milk every day. We want milk like this. Today we want milk. Tomorrow we don't. And the next day will be just like the day before and the day after tomorrow."

"Plis let me hev a smol botel of creme and a glose of chese. Two milk bor van pon hupi krim. If Mes Roschen is ham lif de milk bie ir, ef no brung tomore de hef geln. Also I say one shoklade."

"If your legs are not broken please put milk upstairs, as mine are."

"You can stop bringing the milk, friend. We bought a goat for the baby."

—JACK ROTH, New York Times Magazine.

search. Fourthly, it works hand in hand with the community's general health program.

"We must learn to think realistically about our hospitals. If we do, we will learn to support our community hospitals with intelligent interest and a deeply satisfying pride."

ONE EVENING was devoted to a presentation of the development and philosophy that lies behind the Blue Cross movement. Peter E. Klein, community enrollment manager, narrated as the pictorial history flashed across the screen.

Another evening featured talks on the statistical department by Arthur Clements and the hospital case department by Victor G. DeKubinyi. Mr. Clements explained how rates are set and showed by means of statistical charts what affects the rate structure. Mr. DeKubinyi explained the participating and non-participating hospitals, the Inter-plan Bank system, which provides nationwide coverage, and the Inter-plan transfer system.

DURING the tours, the visitors were brought in touch with the various departments dealing with the rural subscribers. These included the rural billing unit, the hospital department, the IBM department, the statistical department and Michigan Medical Service (Blue Shield).

The rural billing unit, under the direction of George A. Sell and his assistant Joseph Munro, was recently set up as a separate system and now deals exclusively with Farm Bureau problems.

MR. SELL praised the secretaries for their work in the recent re-solicitation for Farm Bureau enrollment. Mr. Sell and Mr. Munro accompanied the groups during all the workshops along with Blue Cross hostess, Miss Kathryn Otterbein, and host, Milton Larsen, rural enrollment representative.

All the visitors made it clear they felt it is their responsibility as Farm Bureau members to understand Blue Cross, its rules and to see that the membership understands them also.

The group said that the tour had given them a real insight into the operation of Blue Cross, some of its problems, and they expressed the feeling that such an indoctrination might be very valuable to the community Farm Bureau secretaries also.

But even if this were not possible, since there are almost 1,000 group secretaries, the county personnel can take back their new understanding of the Blue Cross-

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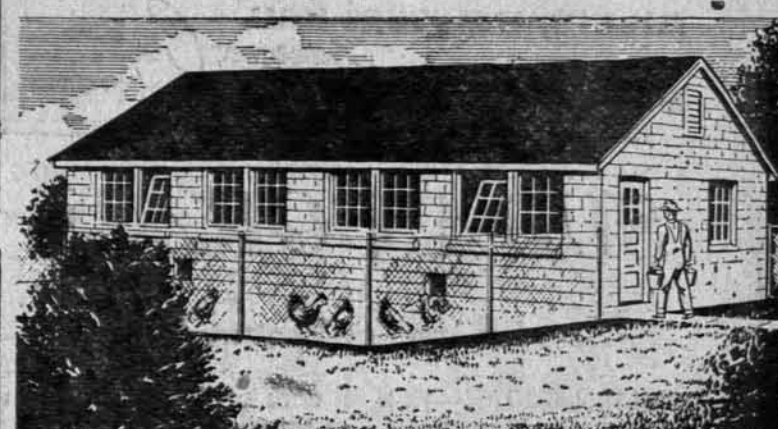
Charter Policy Ends June 30

After June 30 no more applications will be taken for charter policies in the Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company, according to Nile Vermillion, manager.

\$18,000,000 of charter policies have been written for 9,000 members of the Michigan Farm Bureau since Oct. 1, 1951. About \$16,000,000 of the charter policies have been delivered.

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STUDENTS in Elevator and Farm Supply Training Course judging grain under instruction of Professor H. R. Pettigrove of MSC Farm Crops dept. Left to right: Glen Morningstar of Farm Bureau Services, Saginaw branch; Albert Schmidt of Four County Co-operative Ass'n at Marcellus; Charles Crawford of Ashley Elevator, and Professor Pettigrove. Mr. Morningstar is inspecting the sample of grain. Mr. Crawford is leveling a volume cup sample preparatory to weighing it for making the test weight per bushel calculation.

MSC and Industry Offer Training

There is a strong and growing demand in the farm elevator and farm supplies business of Michigan for young men who will train themselves for those fields.

The industry needs people who can qualify for responsibilities leading to management. It needs key personnel in many fields. There are attractive opportunities for advancement.

The need is so great that six years ago Michigan State College and operators of farm elevators, farm supplies and related businesses developed an 18 months Elevator and Farm Supply Training Course for young men.

Farm Bureau Services, Inc., assisted in establishing the training course and recommends it to sincere and intelligent young men who would like to make elevator and farm supply store service their life work. The Services group of managers and other key employees includes some 30 persons who have taken the course.

Ralph W. Tenny, director of short courses at MSC, says that one of the key men in the business of the community is the elevator owner or manager. His business decisions are important to farmers and to all other residents of the area. He should be well trained and capable.

The MSC training program is based on the fact that a good manager should be a leader in promoting good farm practices. The course of study includes feeding and management of livestock and poultry, study of soils and fertilizers practices; grain grading, seed problems, accounting, financial statements, and agricultural marketing.

Coordinator



ALVIN E. OLIVER, ass't professor in the short course dept at MSC, and co-ordinator for the Elevator and Farm Supply Training Course has this to say of the program:

"The course has attracted students from private farm supply businesses in Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Georgia, New Jersey and North Carolina.

"The strongest support and enrollment has come from Farm Bureau Services, Inc., of Michigan and affiliated farm co-operatives.

"It's a long range program. The problem is to invest some money and manpower now to gain dividends later in the improvement of ability and knowledge. The business gains a better man, and the employee is worth more money and commands more pay.

"We want to interest local elevator and supply business to sponsor a key employee for this course."

Good Turn for Rural Mail Box

Comes summer the postoffice dept invites us to improve rural mail boxes to help the service, and for appearance.

How? Make sure posts stand solid. Bottom of box 42" above ground. Box should be securely fastened to arm extending away from post so box can be reached easily. Boxes which are unhandy or unsafe for mail should be replaced. Ruts should be filled with gravel.

PAINT post and box white. Letter name on box. A neat mail box adds to the neat appearance of a home. A few flowers planted behind the mail box adds to the picture.

These postoffice suggestions come to us through Phillip Davenport of Lowell, rural mail carrier and member of Kent County Farm Bureau.

Plastic Pipe

MSC agr'l engineers say that the new plastic pipe may save labor in getting water to field tanks. The pipe is light, flexible, easy to handle and not subject to rust and corrosion. It can be cut with a knife. A screw driver will secure the fittings.



HOWARD KING, 1946 graduate of MSC Elevator and Farm Supply Training Course, emphasizes open formula feature of Farm Bureau feeds to employees of FBS branch elevator at Hastings. Mr. King was manager at Hastings for four years and is now a Farm Bureau Services district representative to farm co-operatives in western Michigan.

Persons eligible for the course include (1) employees of elevators, farm supply stores and feed companies who desire training for advancement; (2) graduates of vocational agriculture in high school; (3) graduates of business courses who would train for elevator employment; (4) others interested in this work.

DESCRIPTIVE folder regarding the course and an application form may be had by writing to the Director of Short Courses, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan.

Maynard Brownlee, director of distribution for Farm Bureau Services, Inc., says that the growth

of Services in recent years has created an urgent need for employees qualified to become store managers and other key personnel in the FBS organization.

THIRTY-FIVE employees of Farm Bureau Services elevators and stores have taken the course. Eight are now managers of elevators, five are assistant managers, one is ass't manager of the FBS seed dept. Others are holding various key positions in the FBS farm supply business.

An increasing number of managers and ass't managers of other elevator-farm supplies businesses are graduates of the MSC Elevator and Farm Supply training

course.

ALVIN E. OLIVER is co-ordinator of the course at MSC. He visits on-the-job trainees once a month. Monthly reports of progress are made by the employer to the college. The graduate receives a certificate which states the progress he has made in the several courses in elevator and farm supply store operation.

Heifer Project in Good Will Continues

About six years ago Michigan farmers became interested in the inter-church movement called the Heifer Project. To date some 6,000 heifers, 6,000 goats and a few selected bulls have been shipped to 21 nations to needy families, institutions and agr'l stations. All animals were donated. The object has been international good will through a recovery program. The project continues. Thurl Metzger is executive secretary at New Windsor, Maryland.



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Should Political Body Have Control of Schools?

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for June

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

DONALD D. KINSEY
Director of Research and Education

Whoever controls the minds of today's youth can control the nation politically tomorrow. This principle has been recognized by every ambitious tyrant in human history.

But if we are considering a democratic nation, is it the task of education to drill our children in the propaganda of any party or person who seeks power?

This question may surprise you. But there have been many straws in the wind that show that party competition for control of the schools is real. In fact there is a large measure of party control possible in our American school system right now.

This does not refer, for the moment, to your local school. Most of the teachers in our schools have a realization of their obligations and a proper sense of ethics. Few of them would stoop to force their adult political views and party biases onto the children they teach.

But there are a few. I have watched them work. Intentionally or unintentionally, they violate the principles of a free and democratic educational system.

Once in a while some teacher who lacks a sense of ethics will practice political party pressuring even in the public eye.

But these are only small straws in the wind—"small potatoes" as some people say. Where the actual threats lie strongest are at the higher government levels where powers and practices of wholesale seizure are becoming common today.

Efforts to control the educational system have not been confined to any one political party. In one place or another the effort has been made by all of them. And it is just as wrong for one as it is for the other.

REPUBLICANS in New York state tried to pass laws that would put the state's educational policies into the hands of the state board of regents. This was all right while the state board was elected by a bi-partisan legislature. But a Republican legislator proposed to add seven more men to be appointed by the governor. The bill provided that no one party should have more than two-thirds of the board. With the political appointments making for control of this two-thirds majority, party control was almost assured. It would be a move against freedom of thought in the schools.

Still more dangerous are the party power grabs by agencies in Washington to bring America's educational system under party control. Every seizure of private enterprise, and every seizure of free public institutions is just another step toward totalitarian slavery. We must face this fact.

THE SEIZURE of the steel mills is a step in this direction. It takes another step to destroy the rights of private property. Other forms of business can be next in line for seizure.

The key step has already been taken by a government agency to seize control of the U. S. department of education. Actually it is a step in the direction of seizing the minds of America's children with the object of molding them into party purposes.

DR. STUDEBAKER pointed out that under Pres. Roosevelt and Harold Ickes the U. S. department of education was kept free from any political control or influence. No party censorship was

instrument just as they were in Nazi Germany or are today in Soviet Russia.

Dr. Studebaker points out that freedom of thought and action would have about as much chance to survive in the schools as an honest football team would have to win the game when the referee has bet on the opposition!

CONGRESS asked that the U. S. department of education publish materials favoring Democracy and opposing Communism. Mr. Ewing's staff censorship put a stop to this. When Dr. Studebaker denounced Communism in a speech at the University of California, he was criticized by the staff for "the bad reaction it would cause."

The damage to freedom, in the long run, would be great no matter what political party might seize our schools. The end result would be the twisting of the minds of the children to fit a political dogma. It could end, possibly, in the teaching of "how to be a political slave under the system as it is being run." And that is the way totalitarian states do it.

IF PEOPLE believe that the freedom of thought is the key-stone to all democratic freedoms, they will resist any and all efforts to capture the schools at any time and by any party or group.

Such despotism cannot survive in the face of a powerful popular demand to free the schools from partisan control. The demand and pressure should be continued until action is taken to restore

our federal department of education to its free, non-partisan status.

QUESTION FOR COMMUNITY GROUP CONCLUSIONS

1. How strongly should we as a people protest against partisan control of our school system?
2. If we are to keep party politics out of our schools what people should take an interest in our local school problems?
3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of the federal aid to education program?

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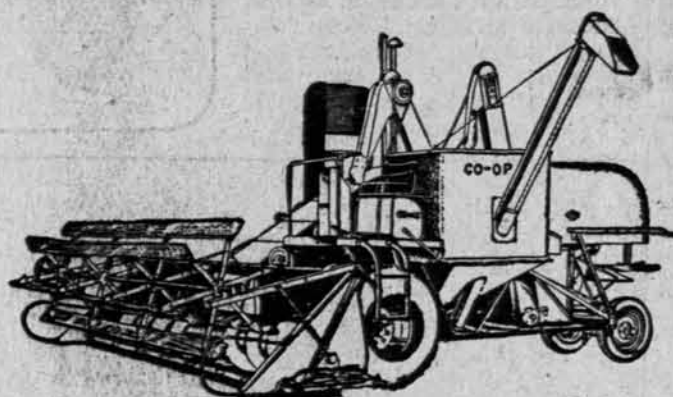
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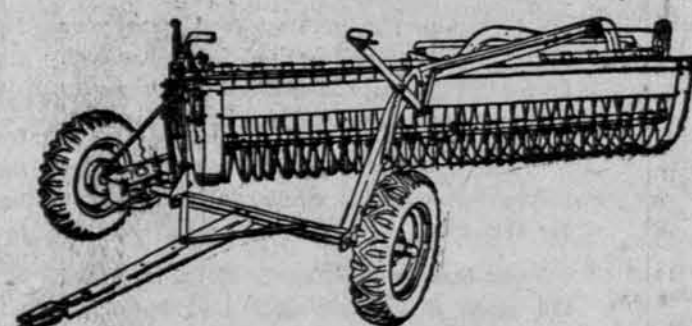


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Jun. Can We Keep the Schools Free from Political Control?

Jul. How Can We Improve Markets for Farm Commodities?

Aug. How Can Michigan Balance Its State Budget?

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