Benson Asks Advice from Farm Organizations

EDITORIAL

culture has invited the memberships of the Farm Bureau, Grange and Farmers Union to discuss and make recommendations to him this fall concerning five major problems in the national farm program.

We shall hear considerable about this survey of farm opinion under the name of the National Farm

Mr. Benson's request emphasizes what Farm Bureau members have known for some time,that 1953 is a year of decision.

Farm Bureau resolutions becomes more important and significant than at ordinary times.

possible participation in the discussions and decisions on the resolutions we shall consider.

Farm Bureau and state Farm Bureau resolutions in Michigan and 47 other states will be consolidated in the American Farm Bureau resolutions in December.

The Farm Bureau recommendations will be used by Secretary Benson and ourselves in advising Congress regarding any changes to be made in the price support and other features of the Agricultural

Farm Price Support

June 1 we published a summary supports of 75 to 90% of parity, reau and resolutions committees of the radio talk given May 15 with the Secretary of Agricul- will be held July 7 to 24. Mr. Sims is executive secretary

Sims and others on the program.

Three out of four of those farmers in Ohio believe that there should be a government farm price support program. Ten per cent of the farmers were undecided and 16% were opposed, said Mr. Sims in announcing the

91% said they should do all they can for themselves through cooperatives, research, advertising and orderly marketing before going to the government for help, according to the poll.

members taking part in the poll and 20% didn't vote. thought the government should support farm prices only at a 58.839 FB Members level which would prevent price

32% favored variable price 839 families.

Our Recommendations Are Asked

Secretary Benson of the U. S. Dep't of Agri-

Program Discussion Plan.

The writing of County Farm Bureau and State

We are challenged to stimulate the greatest

The recommendations we develop in the County

Marketing Act.

Ohio Farmers Want

over WJR and Ohio radio stations ture having authority to make by John Sims on "What Can We adjustments depending upon the Do About Falling Farm Prices?" need for production. of the Ohio Farm Bureau.

COMMUNITY Farm Bureau groups in Ohio heard the talk. They conducted a poll immediately upon the farm price support questions raised by Mr.

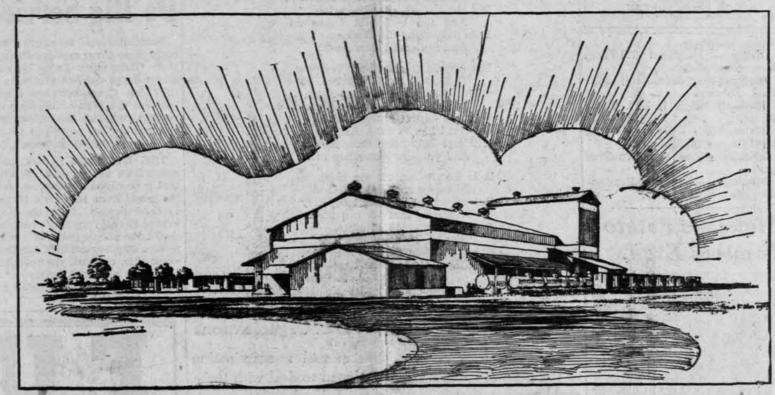
ishable farm products. BENSON. 56% of farmers in the Ohio County Farm Bureau's farm price poll said YES when munity Bldg. asked if they think Secretary of Agriculture Benson is doing a school. results of the poll. good job. 31% were uncertain, and 13% disapproved his actions.

FOREIGN TRADE. 59% said YES on this question, "Do you favor increased foreign trade if it means increased imports of school. farm products as well as in-28% of Ohio Farm Bureau creased exports?" 21% said NO

of parity guarantee to cover per-

June 15 the membership of the Michigan Farm Bureau was 58,-

FB Services Fertilizer Plant at Kalamazoo



This drawing shows how the Farm Bureau Services fertilizer plant, now under construction at Kalamazoo, will look when completed. It is designed to manufacture 40,000 tons of granulated, high analysis plant foods a year. It can be expanded to 60,000 tons capacity. The plant should be producing some fertilizer for the spring of 1954. The large building is the manufacturing plant, 151 by 288 feet. It will be highly mechanized with electrically powered equipment for the five manufacturing operations of unloading and storing dry and liquid raw materials, mixing and granulating, bulk storage for finished products, bagging, shipping by truck and railroad. Building in the foreground is for bag storage and for rail shipments. The office building at the left will also house the electrical controls room, repair shop, and cafeteria. The buildings will be steel framed on concrete foundations. Roof and siding will be sheets of galbestos.

Farm Bureau Committees Meet in July

The annual series of district support levels at harvest time. conferences for County Farm Buread executive committees, membership, Community Farm Buwill be held July 7 to 24.

reau program and CoFB com-17% believed that government These Michigan Farm Bureau MSC July 8 mittee problems will be discussed should continue to guarantee 90% staff members will meet with the committees: Executive commitof parity on basic commodities. tee, Keith Tanner; Community 15% thought the government Farm Bureaus, Wesley Hawley; should guarantee 100% of parity Resolutions, Dan Reed; Membership, Bill Eastman. Dates and places of meetings are:

> All Meetings at 8:15 p. m. July 7-District 4, at Caledonia

> July 8-Dist. 7, Fremont Com-

July 10-Dist. 10, Atlanta high

school. July 14-Dist. 2. Hillsdale high

July 15-Dist. 5, St. Johns high July 21-Dist. 8. Midland Com-

munity Bldg. July 23-Dist. 3, Plymouth high crops.

school. July 24-Dist. 1, Paw Paw high

Crop Storing Often Pays

A Michigan State College agri-cultural economist says there's a good chance that farmers will profit this year by storing their corn, oats, wheat, barley and rye. L. L. Boger says that prices for these crops likely will be below

At these meetings the Farm Bu- Field Day at

ricultural Experiment Station will have a Farm Crops Field Day

tours which will be conducted west of Hagadorn road-a mile tion of certain vitamins, minsouth of the main campus.

igan, surrounding states and of Agriculture. Canada, will be shown. Varieties include Craig oats and Genesee and Seneca wheat. Specialists July 22—Dist. 6, Marlette high mendations for control of the Michigan Department of Health pests in oats, corn and forage and Dr. Dena Cederquist, Mich-

> Michigan has 12 million acres harmful effects of an overly large in crops and non-woods pastures. intake of certain vitamins. They MSC July 16.

What May Be Added to Milk Is a Question

DAN E. REED Ass't Legislative Counsel

The Michigan Commission of Agriculture has scheduled a hearing on July 6 in the House of Bureau members have indicated Representatives at the state cap- their interest in this matter and itol to consider pros and cons of have urged caution in the issuthe proposed regulation covering ance of the proposed regulation. addition of vitamins and minerals

under fire by nutritionists and including the vitamins and minmedical authorities. It was con- erals under consideration. They Wednesday, July 8, at Michigan sidered at an earlier Commission say that inasmuch as no order has neeting. Under the rules it must be considered at a succeeding meeting and given final approval at farm crops research during the before it can become effective. from 1:30 to 4 p. m. The tours authority of the amendments to would be permissive and that unstart at the farm crops barn, on the milk laws made by the 1952 til an order is issued the inclusion Mt. Hope road, a half mile east session of the legislature. As pro- of these materials is not legal. July 9-Dist. 9, Buckley high of Farm Lane and a half mile posed, it would permit the addi-

> erals and non-fat milk solids to Latest developments in wheat, whole or skim milk under regoat and barley varieties in Mich- ulations approved by the Director inclusion of these agents would tend to "make milk will discuss weed control ex- a pharmaceutical instead of a periments and present recom- food." Dr. Alice Smith of the

say nutritionists might be placed in the position of having to warn against the use of too much milk Dr. Towsley of the University

of Michigan medical staff has raised an objection to the inclusion of iodine. He feels that Michigan's campaign to encourage the use of iodized salt has effectively taken care of Michigan's natural idoine shortage. He fears that the inclusion of iodine in milk might lead to ex cessive intake,

County Farm Bureaus and Farm

ONE OF the large milk distributors in the Detroit area has THE PROPOSAL has been been marketing a fortified milk lation.

has received an attorney general's The department is considering action to halt sale of the product.

37,000 Have Blue Cross

37,000 families have Blue Cross hospital - surgical - medical contracts through membership in the fortifying Michigan Farm Bureau.

Home Accidents

831 people died last year from accidents in their homes or igan State College nutritionist, said there may be danger of

Fifth annual Sheep Field Day

Invites Farmers To Discuss Issues

Says Rapidly Changing Conditions Making it Necessary to Reconsider the Entire National Farm Program

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson has invited the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Grange, and the National Farmers Union to conduct a survey of their memberships to tell him what they think should be done about five important phases of the national farm program.

The survey will be called the National Farm Program Discussion Plan.

"Rapidly changing conditions make it necessary for farmers to reappraise the entire field of public policy relating to their industry," said Mr. Benson in his invitation to Allan B. Kline, president of the American Farm Bureau.

"Many of the problem issues affecting farm families will be under critical review by the Congress during its 1954 session if not earlier.

"The United States Department of Agriculture has a responsibility in aiding Congress in developing legislation that will affect agriculture.

"The advice that we give will have greater substance and be more sound and secure if, during the period of our study and planning, we know the thinking of and secure ideas from the farm people of this nation.

"Since this is the major role of the general farm organizations and they have their experience in this field, we would appreciate your assistance in this

"We request that between July 1 and December 1, 1953, you ask each local unit in your organization to discuss paramount agricultural issues of the day. We ask that you arrange to give us the consensus of the ideas and suggestions resulting from these discussions.

"The broad problems which we are suggesting for your consideration and discussion because of their present emergency are:

1-Farm Income Stability and Improvement

2-Production and Market Adjustments

3—Conservation and Improvement of Farm Resources

4—Capital Needs of Agriculture

5-Trade or Aid-foreign markets

"We are confident that participation of farm people in this program of discussion will result in sounder, more workable legislation and in a more generally acceptable program for agriculture than could otherwise be accomplished."

President Kline of the American Farm Bureau accepted Secretary Benson's invitation for the Farm Bureau. Mr. Kline said to Mr. Benson:

"It is fortunate that your request came just as the local Farm Bureaus throughout the country are about to launch their annual examination of the problems (Continued on page 2)

300 Genesee FB Members Have Tornado "Debris Bee"



Genesee Farmers Take Truckloads of Debris from Wheat Field

When Michigan's worst tornado | 000 in rural damage. cut a 275-yard wide swath over an 18-mile path across Genesee ed in keeping with American neighbors. rural traditions.

As the terrifying cloud left in its wake 115 persons dead and some 900 injured in the urban

FARMERS sprang to the rescue

one's neighbor clean up.

areas, it did not spare farms in Genesee County Farm Bureau the path. Farm Home Admin- and R. C. Lott, county agriculturistration and other farm officials al agent, one of the most unusual set a tentative figure of \$2,250,- farmers bees was organized.

Genesee County Farm Bureau of the urban Beecher district, immediately, bringing food, cloth- and other farmers responded to county June 10, farmers respond- ing and equipment to their hurt a call for a "debris bee" held June 18 and 19. They brought with Then there was that bigger, them dozens of trucks, tractors through waist-high wheat while Still more crews used power Leslie Ames, Dr. J. T. Connell, less spectacular job of helping and power saws. Officers and crews filled each truck as it directors of the County Farm Bureau were foremen of crews. UNDER the leadership of the Mrs. Marvin Tiedeman, county secretary, assisted with the telephoning that was necessary.



Fences Left Standing were Torn and Laden with Junk

More than 300 members of the Johnson & Sons farm just east moved from this farm. perhaps the hardest hit of the big farms in the county.

picked out of the fields required

ELSEWHERE some men combed fields, others helped clear Dozens of trucks plowed had been levelled to the ground. saws, axes and saws to cut up huge trees felled by the storm.

In the first day's work all of several men to lift, and any of the Johnson farm was cleared it could have put a combine out as well as all of two other farms

sections of the county.

FARMS cleared included those out barnyards where the barns of Earl Johnson & Sons, Roy Miller, Norris Taylor, Jim Lucas, Chris Miller, Robert Wolcott, Jack Keith, Clarence Hannagier, Max Selleck.

"The Farm Bureau took the lead, but all farmers pitched in," of commission. More than 100 and part of another. On the sec- explained Mr. Lott. "A dozen of lending their equipment to re- ly over them. Now they can take WORK started on the Earl truck loads of debris were re-lond day, the workers split into the worst hit farms in the county place that knocked out by the care of them.

One Crew Uses Chain Saws and Axes to Clear Away Uprooted Trees

three crews and covered other | were put back into commission. | storm.

"The clean-up saved the crops it would have been impossible to have harvested them without the

"In addition to those who took part in the clean-up bee neighbors of dozens and dozens of smaller

"It was really an inspiring in a large number of fields where thing to watch those men-and women, too-leave their own jobs undone to help their neighbors," Mr. Lott commented.

lost many fields of which could farms pitched in to help. Many not be cultivated or harvested of them are helping rebuild because of metal, wood, cement homes, repair machinery and are and other debris scattered thick-

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Community Groups Total-1256.

date. This still leaves us short of the goal set for this year of

year with Berrien and Huron sec-

ond with 7 new groups organized.

Huron still has the largest num-

ber of Community Farm Bureaus

The winners of the Gold and

Silver Star Awards for the month



PURPOSE OF FARM
BUREAU
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SILVER STAR AWARDS Genesee-Southwest Davison.

June, 19 new Community Farm The winners of the Gold and Bureau groups were organized, Silver Star Awards for the month bringing us to a total of 1256 of May are listed below; Community Farm Bureaus to

GOLD STAR AWARDS Antrim-Ellsworth, Mrs. Ellen

Stevens, secretary. 1368 by 112 groups. Hillsdale is leading the state with a total Berrien - Niles, Mrs. Edna of 8 new groups organized this Sweeney, secretary. Livingston-Sand Hill, Mrs. Everett Toncray.

> ourg, Mrs. Joseph Rehkopf. SILVER STAR AWARDS Alpena - Leer, Mrs. Alma



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of April which had not previously been reported are as follows:

GOLD STAR AWARDS

Leonard Reed, secretary. MRS. MARJORIE GARDNER

George Schmeman.

During the months of May and Mrs. Leo Ulrich.

Northwest Michigan-Williams-



TOM BERGHOUSE is the new manager of the Michigan Potato Growers Exchange, cooperative organization potato marketing with headquarters at Cadillac. Berghouse's appointment was effective June 15.

He succeeded Harvey Housten veteran employe and certified public accountant for the Exchange. Mr. Housten expects to return to his former work as public accountant.

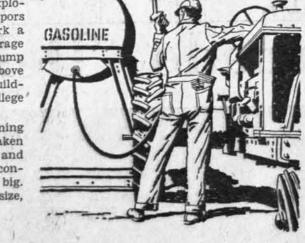
Mr. Berghouse was manager of Falmouth Cooperative Company for 31 years. In that time the volume of business has grown to \$610,000 a year. Falmouth operates branches at Merritt and

Mr. Berghouse has been secreary and a member of the Ex change board of directors. He has been a member of the board of directors of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., since it was incorporated in 1928.

A little care prevents gasoline accidents

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I have thought, and most sincerely, If the chance should ever rise I'll restore to him with interest Though it means some sacrifice; But the chance so seldom rises,

And the best that I can do Is to pass along the kindness And my credit thus renew.

Then again it sometimes happens That some word or act of mine Offers someone aid or comfort Somewhere down along the line. I do not expect repayment But I like to think that he

Will just help some other fellow

And perhaps remember me. It is fine, when we are able, To repay each debt in kind But we need not think too paltry Any coin that we can find. Any kindness, big or little, That we do along our way

Helps to balance, in the long run,

Favors that we can't repay. R. S. Clark 315 North Grinnell Street Jackson, Michigan

Benson Asks Advice from Farm Organizations

confronting farmers, and their annual re-examination of the policies and programs designed to deal with these

"I shall make certain that your request is called to the attention of our member State Farm Bureaus and urge them to request county and local leaders to cooperate in promoting discussion and getting the consensus of thinking of the more than 1,500,000 farm family members of the Farm Bureau on the five broad problems set forth in your letter.

"In addition to these issues, Farm Bureau members are almost certain to discuss and make recommendations with regard to problems such as:

- 1-How to create and maintain peace in the world. 2-How to develop and maintain a more stable general price level.
- 3-How to develop more sound labor-management policies.
- 4-How to protect and improve our "free choice" economic system.
- 5-How to deal with the threat of monopoly power, whether from industry, labor, agriculture or big government."

Preparations for the survey of Farm Bureau opinion

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have begun in Michigan. County Farm Bureau resolutions committees will begin consideration of Secretary American Farm Bureau after the series of membership Seed at Fair district meetings in July.

These questions will be resolved into recommendations at County Farm Bureau annual meetings early in cups to the six sweepstakes winthe fall, at the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting in November and the American Farm Bureau annual State Fair. meeting in December.

Blue Cross Secretaries Do Big Service

Farm Bureau members who for their efforts. carry Blue Cross services through their Community Farm Bureaus owe a large debt of gratitude to their Blue Cross Secretaries to the Blue Cross secretaries who chase them down for payments, perform the task of keeping the or to carry them and tide them records, making the collections, over on late payments. All of Michigan Hospital Service.

THE AVERAGE person little appreciates the amount of work that is involved in this task. And to note that a very small percent- to be responsible for it over a age of the people doing this work period of time. You can help by receive any recompense for their paying with check or money owe them a vote of thanks.

Some mistaken ideas often get

compense. Some members assume that the Blue Cross secretaries The service is a Farm Bureau matter and not a Blue Cross matter, and no concessions are

and sending in payments to the these irregularities work extra hardships on the folks who are doing a job for the good of others.

around on this matter of re- secretaries a pat on the back, and

get free Blue Cross contracts for phasize to farmers generally the their work. Nothing is farther from the truth. They pay the same rates as other subscribers. made to these folks by Blue Cross

IT IS unfair of members to ask beans.

Payments in cash also are a hazard for the secretaries. It is the job is done as a civic service dangerous for them to have so by these people. It is significant much cash around and to have work. So, at least, the members order that can be redeemed if stolen or lost.

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Cups will be awarded in the following classes: wheat, corn oats, barley, soybeans, and field

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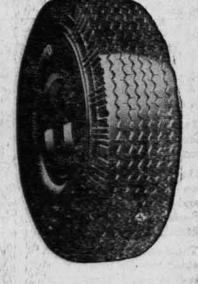
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associations, production credit duction credit associations.

corporations, banks for cooperatives, Federal intermediate credit banks, and the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation.

I. W. Duggan, governor of the governor of the Farm Credit Ad-During Mr. Duggan's term as Farm Credit Administration since ministration the 12 land banks 1944, has resigned to accept a became completely farmer owned position as vice-president of the and 281 of the 499 production credit associations also became The Farm Credit Administra- farmer owned. The Government tion system is made of Federal owns only a minor part of the land banks, national farm loan capital stock of the other pro-

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Government Wants Crop Testing To Cut Production

Will wheat growing farmers vote Yes or No by July In Michigan 24 in a national referendum on the acceptance of marketing quotas to reduce the wheat crop for 1954?

We have a bumper crop for 1953. It is 1,132,000,000 bushels, according to the final estimate by the U.S. Dep't of Agriculture.

With the big carry-over, we have in sight the greatest supply of wheat in our history.

The Secretary of Agriculture is required by the Agr'l Marketing Act to proclaim not later than July I a national marketing quota for wheat whenever the total supply exceeds the "normal supply" by more than

Normal supply in terms of the price support provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Act means the estimated domestic production (715 million bushels), plus exports (300 million bushels), plus a carry-over allowance (152 million bushels). These add up to 1,167 million bushels. This is the "normal supply" when looking forward to the 1954 wheat crop.

A national wheat marketing quota and acreage allotments are required by law when the supply exceeds the normal supply by 20%, or 1,400 million bushels

In June the 1953 crop of 1,132 million bushels and state of production. Stocked with the carry-over of 560 million bushels totaled 1,692 million bushels, or 145% of the normal supply.

The law requires that in a vote on a national wheat marketing quota, the Secretary of Agriculture shall complete these steps on or before the dates given below:

July 1-Proclaim marketing quota and call for referendum vote by the growers.

July 15-Announce acreage allotments for the 1954 crop of wheat.

July 24-Referendum election for all growers of wheat.

to vote for quotas. If a twothirds majority of those voting are favorable to quotas, then marketing quotas are effective for all farmers who plant more than allotment. 15 acres of wheat, or produce more than 200 bushels.

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ALL wheat growers are eligible fore Congress would raise the exemption from a marketing quota from 15 to 25 acres.

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If marketing quotas are adopted, price support at 90% of parity, or about \$2.20 a bushel, will be available only to those who stay within their acreage

IF you plant more than your acreage allotment, then you cannot qualify any of it for the guaranteed support price. In addition, you must pay a penalty to sell or even use the wheat grown on the extra acreage. This probably will be half the basic loan about \$1.10 a bushel. A bill is being readied for Congress to make sure that a penalty of 15 cents a bushel from the 1948 Agr'l Marketing Act does not ap-

No wheat may be sold from the allotted acreage until the penalty is paid on wheat grown on extra

IF LESS than two-thirds of the growers who vote approve the marketing quotas, they will not become effective for anyone.

However, the growers will still be subject to acreage allotments, which do not require approval from farmers.

BY LAW, a rejection of marketing quotas would require the Secretary of Agriculture to lower the support price to 50% of parity-or about \$1.20 to \$1.25 a bushel for those who stay within their allotted acreage.

Those who plant extra acres have no price support for any part of their crop. They must accept the market price for all they sell, but they can market or use the full crop without additional penalty.

ALLOTMENTS. The national allotment is to be divided among the states. The state allotments will be divided among the counties according to their share of the wheat acreage in the last ten years.

The county wheat allotment is apportioned among farms on the basis of (1) tillable acres (2) crop rotation practices, including acreage planted to wheat (3) type of soil (4) type of land. All farmers who wish to grow wheat in 1954 are entitled to an allotment. Not more than 3% of the county allotment shall be apportioned to farms on which wheat has not been planted during any one of the last three years.

Farm Records

Farm records are tools for better management, reminds Everett M. Elwood, Michigan State College farm economist. They are both financial and production

Widespread

Research and extension workers in farm crops at Michigan forces to provide Michigan farmcrop variety testing programs in

TESTS of varieties of 12 dif-Lansing plantings. There are short course in agriculture or plots, reports Kenyon T. Payne, M.S.C. farm crops head.

Small grain tests in wheat, oats and winter and spring barley and corn are going on. Forage year they are offering 234 scholexperiments include alfalfa, red clover and birdsfoot trefoil as well as sudangrass, sweet clover, adino clover and bromegrass tests at the college farm. Potato, ugar beet, pea bean, colored bean and soybean varieties are being tested in their appropriate areas, Payne reports.

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Farmers Petroleum Co-op Dividends

ance of earnings on stockholder-State College are combining patrons business for year ending August 31 to be distributed to ers with one of the most complete them on a patronage basis, probably in November.

Banks Offer MSC Scholarships

many additional observation home economics at Michigan State College this fall.

> bankers have donated money for the eight-weeks' course. This arships for the term which starts October 26



Farmers Petroleum Co-operative, Inc., board of directors on June 24 dcelared a 5% dividend on the Class A common stock, for the year ending August 31. It is payable September 1.

The directors ordered the bal-

Michigan banks again are offerent crops are being run at 51 fering \$100 scholarships to boys locations, in addition to East and girls who want to take a

This is the fourth year the



if this happens.

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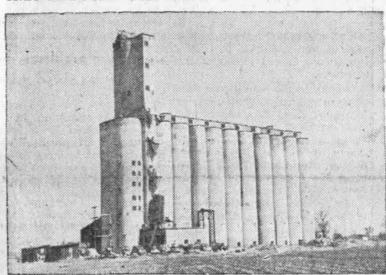
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Hunters and Farmers Have New Proposals

Representatives of farm and sportsmen's organizations met in Lansing June 12 to review recommendations made at recent conferences in Ingham, Kent and Oakland counties. They were attended by representatives c. Grange, Farm Bureau and sportsmen's organizations from 22 counties in southern Michigan.

The sessions resulted from resolutions adopted by both Michigan Farm Bureau and Michigan relations" will appear the names State Grange at the 1952 annual

of these two groups. While some son.

fertilizer.

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hay is the ideal time to apply.

ble legislation, many suggestions can be put into effect by the organizations themselves. Plans approved at the June 12

available to landowners through local conservation clubs. These signs would carry such messages 1. "Ask the farmer first-you cannot hunt on private lands without permission of the owner."

enter." 3. "Danger! be not shoot within 200 yards of this building." 4. "Farm Boundary" with an arrow pointing in the direction of the owner's home.

Under this statement "In interest of better farmer - sportsman of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Michigan Farm Bu-SUGGESTIONS made at these reau and Michigan State Grange. conferences indicated that much Further announcement of these could be done by both farm and signs and how they may be obsportsmen's organizations to help tained will be made prior to the reduce friction between members opening of the small-game sea-

recommendations involved possi- A series of radio and television

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Michigan 4th at Midwest Conference



Conference which was held in problems. Lincoln, Nebraska during the first week of June. The late the questions as to how to get

will emphasize good manners on

ers coming from urban areas do not recognize farm crops. Tele-

soy bean fields, clover seed

fields and other crops and possi-

ble damage to these crops are

Representatives agreed to make

two recommendations to their

hunting. It was felt that all Mich-

igan counties in the pheasant

belt should either be open for

hunting on Sunday or closed on

Sunday, but that the present

checkerboard pattern of regula-

tion is impractical. Each closed

county increases the pressure on

age to farm crops. This legis-

Sportsmen's Congress, Jim Mc-

Kenna, sports writer, Grand Rap-

ids Press and Dan E. Reed, Mich-

igan Farm Bureau.

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likely you know what it means. In case

some Farm Bureau members (new ones)

adjoining open counties.

proposed.

Michigan Farm Bureau had 82 | LEADERS from the twelve level. people, the fourth largest delega- states were given an opportunity

the farm and in the field. It has been suggested that many hunt-

vision programs to show typical Scholarships

form provision covering Sunday Scholarship Fund.

presentations is also planned. El. Exch. Group

1. That we work toward a uni- Michigan Cooperative Elevator

2. The present later opening igan Cooperative Elevator Scholar-

date for pheasant hunting season ship Fund will provide at least

has given some relief from dam- ten \$300 scholarships annually to

lation was secured through farm students to enroll in the Elevator

organization efforts in 1952. and Farm Supply Training Course

Spokesmen agreed to support this offered by Michigan State College.

Present at the meeting on June direction of Alvin E. Oliver, con-

12 were William J. Brake, master, sists of two 3-month terms of

Michigan State Grange, Charles class room study on the MSC

Roberts, Kent City, chairman of campus followed by three terms

the Farmer-Sportsmen Relations (9 months) of practical on-the-

Committee of Michigan United job placement training in country

Conservation Clubs, Frank Burch, elevators and completed by a final

executive secretary, Detroit one-term period back in the class-

rooms on campus.

tor Scholarship Fund.

elevators."

successfully assume managerial

Young men with farm back-

grounds who are interested in

seeking careers in agricultural in-

dustry will be offered an attrac-

tive incentive to enter the elevator

and farm supply business as a

result of the formation of the

The Michigan Elevator Ex-

change and a large group of local

cooperative elevators have estab-

lished the scholarship fund in co-

operation with the Department of

IT IS expected that the Mich-

encourage interested and qualified

The training course, under the

The people were also contion among 750 persons attend- to compare programs, and to cerned that the Farm Bureau ing the Midwest Farm Bureau think together regarding farm shall truly represent the viewpoints of the farmers through a Discussions centered around sound "grass roots" program.

The general attitude was that crop season cut the attendance more effective participation on the long-time interests of the na- relations, the women's program,

est must be served if our programs are to be sound.

DISCUSSION workshops were held in areas of policy development, legislative action, membership acquisition, commodity the part of people at the home tion rather than mere self-inter- and the rural youth program.

"As a result of this lag in the

FB Services Board

ing AAA preferred stock for the

Directors ordered balance of

patronage dividend. It will be

Cows in Dairy Herd Improve-

ment Ass'ns in Michigan averaged

3,000 more pounds of milk dur-

ing 1952 than the average Mich-

igan cow. They averaged 9,509

lbs. milk and 374 lbs. butterfat.

paid in Class B preferred stock.

DHIA RECORDS

rural residence service less than

raised about two cents a day. The company asked for no in-

HANS P. ANDREASEN, farm

phase of its operations by Michi- August 31 on shareholder-patrons

expenditure," he said, "we have added more than 97,000 rural telephones, reduced the number of lines with more than eight stations from 44 per cent to 7 per cent, reduced the number of rings heard by many rural users, converted 12,000 'crank-type' magneto instruments to dial or LOCAL cooperative elevator 'lift-the-receiver' type operation, managers will be encouraged to inaugurated extended-area servseek out interested young men in ice in about 200 exchanges, and their communities and encourage are now serving about 76 telethem to make application for en- phones per 100 rural homes and

to apply for a scholarship from "One of the most significant the Michigan Cooperative Eleva-"Good management is in large part the key to a successful cooperative elevator operation," according to James R. Bliss, general do not know why we use this phrase, we manager of the Michigan Elevator access to their trading centers." Exchange. "We look upon this Andreasen cited an increase of scholarship fund as the start of a

pany has asked for a general rate amounted to \$1.50 for every \$1 increase throughout its territory of rate increases in the same which would boost charges for period. price of our service behind the

In its application with the Pub- increased costs of providing it, lic Service Commission at Lans- our earnings are about a third of ing, the company also asked that the rate of earnings of outside rural business service rates be industry during a period when business activity has been at an all-time high."

telephone manager for Michigan Orders Dividends Short Courses, Michigan State Bell, termed the proposed rate Farm Bureau Services board of increase "essential if we are to directors on June 24 declared a continue to maintain a high- 2% dividend payable on outstand-

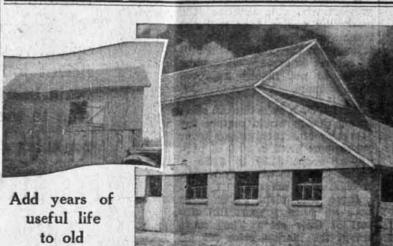
quality service." Pointing up the company's pro- year ending August 31, 1953. This gress in expanding and improv- is stock issued as patronage diviing rural telephone service, And- dends in other years. reasen said that more than \$20,-000,000 had been invested in this earnings for the year ending

"AS A RESULT of that large

financial assistance is required, proximately 60 in 1946." improvements in rural telephone service," Andreasen continued, "has been the introduction of extended-area service which eliminates artificial barriers between adjacent communities and provides rural users with toll-free

91 per cent in the overall cost of

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costs is our wage bill. General

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be added to the soil any time during the growing season, but there is no better time than shortly after the first cutting. This provides for the important August-September buildup.

This fertilizer application right after first cutting should increase next-year's yields more than nutrients put on in late summer, Start your August-September fall or early spring.

Do not try to place fertilizer soon as your first cutting is harvested, advises Edward D. Long- in the soil on established stands, necker, extension soil scientist at Mr. Longnecker said. Discs of the drill will injure plant crowns. He advises broadcasting the ONE principal cause of unsat- fertilizer over the surface.

isfactory alfalfa yields in Mich-On heavy clay soils, use 0-20-10 igan is lack of readily-available analysis fertilizer. For light or plant food in the soil. The 1950 sandy loams, 0-20-20, and 0-10-20 agricultural census showed the or 0-10-30 are better adapted to average Michigan alfalfa acre light sands. Plan on at least 200 yielded only a ton and a half of pounds per acre per year. hay. Yields of twice and three

Earnings of vegetable growers may decline from 1952. Demand is good but supplies and This necessary plant food can frozen food stocks are high.



Fertilizers

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build-up of alfalfa fields now, as

times that amount are not un-

common-where plant food is

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Lansing, Michigan

Final Report on 1953 Session of Legislature

Quite Successful From MFB View

Legislative Counsel for Michigan Farm Bureau

The 1953 session of the Michigan legislature is now rushed through the legislature largely history. Final sessions are scheduled for July 2 and 3 but it is questionable whether or not a quorum of the Senators and Representatives will return to Lansing on these days.

Major decisions of the session were pretty well com- 12 by the Senate committee on would be an unfair and inequit- and this bill died in committee. pleted on June 4 and 5, when the lawmakers returned to Lansing after an absence of two weeks and worked out the final details of the nearly a score of appropriation bills which, taken together, comprise a general gan a thorough study of it. fund budget of \$338,697,126 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1953.

Action on these appropriations had been deferred from May 22, the date originally set for winding up the main of the state organization should part of the session. The legislators had insisted they wanted to know what the Governor would do about the new tax bill before they agreed on budget items. fused either to sign or veto the

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AS you know, Governor, Wil- bill.

liams neither signed nor vetoed the new "Adjusted Receipts" tax. in the June issue of the Michi- he raised greatly disturbed Sen-He allowed it to become a law gan Farm News we explained in ator Higgins, chairman of that without taking definite action some detail the provisions of this committee. The Senator invited one way or the other. However, new tax, the developments lead- the Michigan Farm Bureau to he did make a radio speecch in ing up to its adoption by the legis- participate in sessions at which which he explained why he re-lature and the part which the the bill was substantially re-

criticisms is justifiable.

The Michigan Farm Bureau taxation. However, immediately reau staff members secured copes of this bill before it was

THE LEGISLATIVE committee of the Michigan Farm Bureau vas summoned to Lansing the following day to make the decision as to just what the position be regarding the bill. The legison their specific instructions Farm Bureau bulletins and mawhen he presented detailed testimony in opposition to the bill at the hearing held by the Senate committee on taxation the next In our report on these matters day, May 14. The points which

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Michigan Farm Bureau took re- drafted. Mr. Powell and Edwin for state officers and state sen- begins to accumulate in the Hog Market garding it during the time that F. Steffen, general counsel, rep- ators were opposed by the Mich- treasury. it was under consideration in the resented the Michigan Farm Bu- igan Farm Bureau. Senate Joint

HOWEVER, at least one leading weekly newspaper, through various editorials and news arvarious entoriais and news ar-ticles, has charged that the Michticles, has charged that the Michigan Farm Bureau was "asleep Michigan Farm Bureau relative Board of Education which would at the switch" while this tax was to the new tax proposal and enclosing a complete copy of Mr. tion to take the place of the presand then later sought to take Powell's testimony on this sub-

IN HIS letter, Mr. Brody rehad no part in drafting this ported that the legislative commeasure prior to its introduction mittee of the Michigan Farm Buin the Michigan Senate on May reau felt that the new proposal able tax and would be most burupon its introduction, Farm Bu- densome and oppressive to taxpayers because it would require separate accounting and records in our June and July legislative share of the total cost of governavailable in printed form and be- not normally maintained in the articles indicate that the session conduct of business.

material published in the June Michigan Farm News and also acted. lative counsel of the MFB acted other releases sent to County terial mailed to Minutemen and other local Farm Bureau leaders.

> our objections had been effective the attention of the legislature.

> ceipts tax will affect farmers and their organizations remains to erably on rules and regulations enue, which will administer it.

FARM Bureau officials and staff members are keeping in contact with those who are pretions and will strive to protect these important developments. Department of Revenue officials have promised to counsel with solvency.

MFB spokesmen regarding these As soon rules and regulations as soon as the first draft has been form-

In our legislative report in the June 1, 1953 issue of the Michigan Farm News we compared in considerable detail the position taken by the delegates at the MFB convention last November with what the legislature has actually done on these subjects.

There wasn't room to cover all the points. Here are some further developments of interest in this connection which we had to leave out of our article a month

TRAFFIC LAWS. The Farm Bureau delegates pointed out that because of the large number of tourists who visit Michigan, it is important that our traffic laws be uniform with those of the majority of other states. Because of this situation it was recommended that on-coming vehicles as well as those approaching from the rear should be compelled to stop before passing any school bus which might Can Bankrupt You be standing to load or unload passengers. Such a bill, S-1108, was approved by the Senate but was later bottled up in the House be standing to load or unload committee on public safety.

> ROADSIDE MARKETS. The Farm Bureau delegates had called attention to the traffic hazards frequently created by lack of adequate parking space around many roadside markets. They had advocated that adequate safety regulations should be enacted to prevent establishment of markets on the right-ofway except where no hazard ing with this subject, was defeated in the House.

BOUNTIES. The Michigan Farm Bureau has consistently control and eradicate predatory animals. During the current session H-87 was proposed which would have forbidden use of any of the funds of the Michigan Department of Conservation for payment of bounties for such predators. We appeared and offered testimony in opposition to this measure and it was killed in the House committee on con-

WELLS & TRUCKS. The Farm Bureau directors opposed S-1127, a bill for licensing and regulating water well construction and S-1137 barring trucks from certain highways on Saturday and Sunday. These bills both died

INSURANCE. The MFB directors favored S-1156, liberalizing restrictions of insurance companies so as to permit investment in real estate loans which are guaranteed as to principal by the United States government or any agency or instrumentality thereof.

POLITICS. Four-year terms

reau in these deliberations. Resolution N embodying such provisions was defeated in the Resolution N embodying such

> struction. SJR J providing this change died in committee.

FLOUR. The Farm Bureau opposed H-54 which would have required enrichment of flour

SUMMARY. Developments reported in the summary presented districts, so actually the state's During consideration of the Farm Bureau standpoint. Probbill in the Senate amendments ably, as is so often true, the were adopted which met many greatest accomplishments were of our objections. We so re- with regard to measures which on legislative developments at ported to our members through were defeated rather than with our State and National capitols. reference to those actually en-

for the first time in several there any statement indicating newly enacted taxes will bring dent Carl Buskirk. that we felt that this was a good in somewhere between \$340,500,the reduction of the state's gen- eral farm. How the new Adjusted Re- eral fund deficit. The state's \$65,000,000 on July 1, 1952.

now being formulated by the how much deeper the state sank navy. He michigan Department of Revended June 30, 1953.

FUTURE. It is true all through life that even more important than where we are is which way paring these rules and regula- we are going. If it turns out that during the state's new fiscal the interests of their members in year receipts substantially exceed expenses, we will feel that

As soon as the state's General Fund deficit has been retired some tax should be repealed or reduced. It is impossible to prevent waste and extravagance in state government when a surplus

TAX DOLLARS. Regardless of what method is employed in coleventually come from the pock- there was one-third less pork in Careful about climbing. ets of the average citizens to whom tax burdens are passed along and reflected in the cost

What is true regarding our state and local taxes is much more significant on the federal level because last year, of the total tax collections in Michigan, 85.46% went to the federal government, 8.20% to the state and 6.34% to local units.

Of the amount collected by the state, between % and ¾ is distributed to local units and school ment is relatively inconsequenwas fairly successful from the tial. Government, as a whole, is getting so complicated and expensive that each of us cannot afford to fail to keep close watch

Tom Hahn Chairman BUDGET. It looks as though, Of MFB Resolutions

Appointment of Tom Hahn of years, the work of the legislature Mecosta county as chairman of will result in a balanced budget. the 1953 MFB resolutions commit-IN NONE of this publicity was It is predicted that present and tee has been announced by Presi-

Mr. Hahn represents District 7 bill. We only pointed out that 000 and \$358,000,000. Thus we on the Committee and has been can expect between \$2,000,000 President of Mecosta County Farm in straightening out many of the and \$20,000,000 during the com- Bureau for four years. He oppoints which we had called to ing fiscal year to apply toward erates a 350-acre dairy and gen-

Mr. Hahn graduated from Big general fund was in the red over Rapids High School in 1935 and from Ferris Institute in 1938. He be seen. It will depend consid- It will be several weeks before taught school for two years and the state officials will know just then served three years in the how much deeper the state sank navy. He is married and has four

Mr. Hahn recently was one of the nine Farm Bureau leaders selected to represent Michigan at a series of conferences in Washington, D. C.

The 1953 Resolutions Committee is composed of one representative from each of the ten districts, the three members of the we are on the road back toward Legislative Committee of the MFB Board of Directors and this year, for the first time, three representatives of Michigan Farm Bureau Women. The committee will probably meet in August.

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The summer hog market looks farm economists point out. good. Slaughter probably will continue to run 10 to 15 per cent lecting state tax dollars, they all behind last year. In addition, are falls. Keep steps

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Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for July

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

> DONALD D. KINSEY Director of Research and Education

Township governments in 1956? Some say, "Yes" and some say "No"!

There are two sides to this question. On one side stand Michigan citizens who say that good, democratic, American government requires the preservation of township home rule. On the other are Michigan citizens who say that a sound, economical, efficient American government requires abolishing township systems for larger units.

A few years ago there was no question of this kind. Township government was accepted as a natural institution. Why has this conflict developed? Why the trend to establish larger and more centralized government units? Two main developments have played a part in this trend.

First, our population has changed. As population increased, people have concentrated in urban areas. A larger percent of these people rent their homes, as compared to rural folks. The "renters" have less actual stake in local government-or so they seem to think. City folks are more content to turn problems over to larger government systems. It is almost impossible to have segments of a city ruling themselves independently of the city as a whole.

Concentrating large numbers of people affects their theory of government. And Michigan has had many areas of high concentration developing in the last fifty years. So more people think of "efficient governments" in terms of large units.

Second, it is a historical fact that local townships abandoned the responsibility for taxing their people to support their own operations. To the degree that this is done, the power of the people to maintain and control their local government may begin to fail.

Michigan is now financing more of the costs of local government through state-collected taxes than any other state in the nation. And along with the power to tax may go increasing powers to govern! have gone to the county or state

FACT NO. 2-Some townships

counties and cities are more dependent than others. Why? Be-

as 100% in the amounts of state

Is there any wonder that some

Cities are the same. One city

FACT NO. 1-The 1266 townships of Michigan received 77% of all their tax monies in state-

The tax records show that 785 cause local tax levies as well as townships levied NO taxes for state-aid payments are far from general township purposes in equalized. Counties of similar 1951. Thirty-six more levied wealth show differences as great to 50% of their funds locally. They became "de- aid received. Some counties get pendent"-financially dependent, over seven times as much from You may have trouble maintain- the state as they collect locally. ing independence in government Others collect as much locally as under a system that makes you they get from the state. financially dependent.

The result has undermined are demanding an improved township governments and local state equalization formula? interest in them. Look at town- Some have difficulty meeting ship and school meetings! Are county needs within the 15 mill the people there? Almost every- tax limit, while others bask in body used to go. But few decis- the state's financial sun. ions are now left to be made. Most problems regarding wel- receives 90% of its total returns fare, school finance, roads, etc., in funds from the state. Thirty-

two others get only 10% to 20% ords on and deal with 1266 town- governments of every county. Townships would be blended into their funds this way. And it ships and 4800 school districts. It would establish county units. That they serve few people. That they serve few people. That they have large bank balances of their funds this way. And it ships and 4800 school districts. It would establish county units.

familiar with the viewpoints that are developing against it. The following statements are not necessarily the viewpoints of the writer nor of Farm Bureau. The

limited in tax resources, cannot under-value it. become vigorous units of government. Because of this handicap with assessments for which they Although it died in committee townships has been recom- and villages with 65% of the place the township assessor. get small returns in services.

makes it necessary to have num- movement. erous offices, salaries and in-

has no relation to local wealth. It would be far less expensive to boards of review to deal with

common problems of their inhab- bill does not affect city govern- proposes that townships be given

5. Township tax assessors of-1. Townships, being small and village property they tend to ervisors might be appointed, but

THE LANE BILL (S-1081) is taxpayers are burdened an example of this sort of thing.

creased overhead expense. There create the office of county tax states "foster the enlargement and the cities and villages. They seem are few services being performed assessor. It would function as consolidation of local govern- to forget that the rural people do by the townships that could not part of the county treasurer's ments." Some Michigan citizens their shopping in cities and vilbe done better and more eco- office. The powers of township have recommended, for example, lages—and pay their sales tax statement of the State-Aid Sur- ing responsibilities of officers, dinomically by a single county of- supervisors to fix tax assessmets that some of our more thinly there.

deal with 83 counties directly. problems of assessment, equalizathe point that cities and villages That they perform only limited 4. Townships do not represent tion, and to hear protests on as- bear 95% of the costs of local gov- services, such as tax-collections, and fuel oils throughout the mid-

ments. Deputy assessors would be ap- 95% of the funds. Cities and ten burden farmers with unfair pointed by the county treasurer. villages provide, they say, extra that township governments are returned to them in patronage taxes because they know farm They would have to take exam-services such as police and fire facing a powerful challenge! property values. Being less fa- inations on tax laws and real protection, street paving, lighting, miliar, at times, with values on estate valuation. Township sup- etc. would have to pass the examina-

get small returns in services. this time, it will reappear. Strong mended. In the Michigan State-population would get 95% of the organizations are behind this Aid Survey for 1953, the Com-funds. mittee of the Council for State | City folks often argue that The Lane Bill proposes to Governments recommends that most of the sales tax is paid in ment without financing local op-

only 5% and cities and villages

REDUCED STATE-AID to tain 2,275,000 people. So the cities of county assessor to re-

The State-Aid Survey makes from past state-aid payments. Silver Lining in FPC

There is the situation. You cannot close your eyes to the fact

our population. Townships con- (S-1081) which would create the

townships to keep self-govern- the market. erations from local taxes.

The state has to keep rec- would force the change upon the gether into single counties, ships do not need the money, share of state-aid monies?

The price increase in gasoline

GROWING VIEWPOINTS. To trade or community areas. They sessments. Township boards of those interested in keeping township government, it is well to be ship government, it is well to be holder-patrons of Farmers Petroleum Co-operative, Inc. The earnings on member business is dividends. They may get some or all of the price increase back that way.

FPC has increased gasoline 1 and villages contain 4,434,000 of or another—on the Lane Bill to 1.3c a gallon and fuel oil 8/10 the general price increase. It was charged to higher costs for crude oil. PFC produces about one-2. Give your views-one way fourth of its requirements of or another—on the ability of crude oil and buys the rest on

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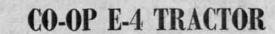
Bay County Farm Bureau has a model set of by-laws for statvey Committee that townships are rectors and committees. Mrs. would be abolished. The bill populated counties be merged to- The Survey holds that town- collecting more than their fair Russell Madison is secretary, Main & Henry Streets, Bay City.

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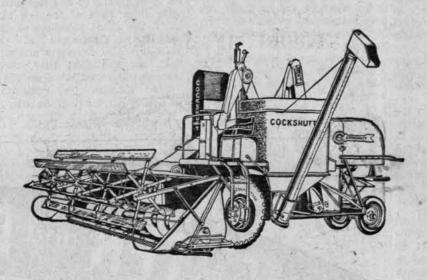
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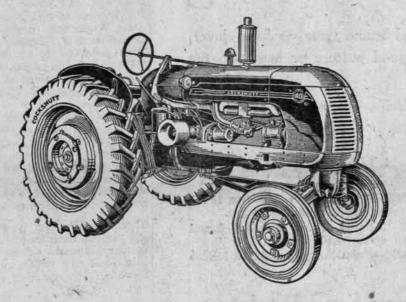
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