

## County Leaders Prepare Invitations for Roll Call

### Behind the Wheel

With J. F. Yaeger,  
Director of Membership  
Relations

**GOD GIVE US MEN**  
God give us men.  
The time demands strong minds, great hearts, true faith and willing hands; Men whom the lust of office does not kill; Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy! Men who possess opinions and a will; Men who have honor; men who will not lie; Men who can stand before a demagogue and damn his treacherous flatteries without winking; Tall men, sun crowned, who live above the mob  
In public duty and in private thinking.  
—Josiah Gilbert Holland

**AGREEMENT**  
My Farmer Union friends and I don't always agree. And yet we do agree more than most farmers think we do. Recently I read an editorial in The Farmers Union Herald of St. Paul, Minnesota, in which Editor A. W. Ricker discussed elections, farmer reactions, the future, rural attitudes and a number of other matters. In the latter part of the editorial Mr. Ricker says in part, "as we shift from under-employment to full-employment, the psychology of the people will change. During the period of 'prosperity' we will lose our zest for reform. We have always done that and we see no reason to doubt that we will do it again. Agriculture may go on a drunk again, as agriculture did from 1917 to 1920, and wake up with a headache, as it did in 1921. Intelligent farmers will stick to their organization and keep on building. We have capitalized the words 'intelligent farmers' so as to distinguish them from the other kind." In this Editor Ricker and I agree heartily.

Mr. H. E. Babcock, of the Grange League Federation of New York, puts it this way:  
"Three great groups are struggling today for the control of Agriculture in this country. These groups are (1) Capitalism, (2) Bureaucracy, (3) The farmer himself."

"The outcome of this struggle will depend on the united strength of the farmer in an organization which he himself controls."

**A WOMAN SPEAKS**  
In Lapeer county, Mrs. Pearl Myus, County Farm Bureau Roll Call chairman and member of the board of directors of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, uses a bit of "reverse English" in writing the membership workers.

"Let's base our membership campaign this year on these self evident facts:  
1. The American farmer is going to be the poorest paid man in America for the next few years. Why? Because his backbone is so weak that he allows labor and industry to take away his profits.

2. The American farmer is perfectly willing to work long hours to feed the nation at less than what it costs to produce the food. Why? Because he is mentally lazy. He will not put his brain to work to figure out a plan to market his produce at a profit.  
3. The American farmer enjoys driving an old model car. He enjoys depriving his family of necessities and pleasures of comfortable living. Why? Because if he made enough money to live like business men (who have no more invested in their business than he has in his farm) he would be deprived of the pleasure of continually talking about what the government or somebody else should do for him. He would have to do some thinking for himself.  
4. The American farmer would rather work for a landlord than be his own boss. Why? It relieves him of responsibility. All he will need to do is do the work and let the other fellow have the profits. (More than half of the farmers in the U. S. are tenant farmers).

"You have contributed loyally of your time and money and had other farmers done the same, we would have been able to do the things that he thinks should be done."  
The Farm Bureau has the respect of the entire nation. Only the uninformed farmer thinks that it is not worthwhile. In this membership campaign, we must see every farmer and tell him the story of the Farm Bureau so that he will want to join us in the fight for agricultural parity."

**THE LION AND THE LAMB**  
Some farmers think that all they (Continued on page 2.)

### TABLE SHOWS WHY FARM PROPERTY TAXES ARE LOWER

Farm Bureau Got Property Tax Relief on Schools And Highways

The adjoining table shows a typical Michigan farmer's experience with the Michigan property tax during the years 1920 through 1940. It might easily be the tax history of your farm.  
The table was prepared by Stanley Powell, legislative counsel for the Michigan State Farm Bureau, and Einar Ungren, editor of the Michigan Farm News. It was compiled from tax receipts in possession of a member of the Clinton County Farm Bureau. He paid those taxes on his 80 acre farm.

**Things to Observe**  
The second column from the right records the total tax paid each year on this eighty.

The high point was \$176.80 for 1923. The last column shows the SAVINGS in taxes for each year (compared to 1923) after the highway, school and other forms of tax legislation supported by the Farm Bureau began to take effect in 1930.

**The Table Proves**  
The table proves that the long time program of the Michigan State Farm Bureau membership for highway and school tax relief for farm property has provided this Farm Bureau member and all other farmers with:

1. A tremendous annual savings in taxes.
2. Improved, practical and equitable systems for spreading the cost of highways and schools over all citizens of Michigan. Farm and city taxpayers alike appear well satisfied with the new tax systems and the better highways and schools they have provided.

**Road Tax Relief**  
Ten years ago burden of building and maintaining 80,000 miles of county and township roads rested upon farm property. The gasoline tax was applied only to state trunk line obligations. The total highway tax column (3rd from the right) shows what this meant to our Clinton county Farm Bureau member in the 1920's and 1930 and 1931.

The Farm Bureau went after gas tax money for township and county roads in 1929. It supported the McNitt act of 1931 starting with \$500,000, and appropriating up to \$4,500,000 annually within 5 years to enable county road commissions to take over township roads. In 1932 the Farm Bureau supported the Horton Act providing that gasoline tax and license tax funds should thereafter build and maintain ALL highways. The Act provided that no new roads should be built until provisions were made from gasoline and weight tax funds for a retirement program of all road bonds, including Covert bonds.

**NOTE: Our Farm Bureau member's road tax disappeared after 1932.**

**School Tax Relief**  
In 1932 and 1933 the Farm Bureau supported the 15 mill tax limitation for real estate. Also a sales tax in lieu of a state property tax, providing that the sales tax should be a source for state aid for schools to reduce substantially the property tax for that purpose.

The Farm Bureau also supported the Thatcher-Sauer Act of 1933 which provided a method for distributing some \$40,000,000 annually to Michigan special districts. The method provided school help for rural districts, and extra funds for poorer districts, in an effort to make the cost of public school education about the same for all taxpayers. Included was a provision that the state should pay up to \$60 tuition per year for all high school students. This feature, sponsored by the Farm Bureau, is said to have doubled the number of rural students in high schools.

**NOTE: Our Clinton County Farm Bureau member's school tax dropped to a low of \$10.80 in 1935, and has been lower through the 1930's than throughout the 1920's.**

But the column at the far right is the real measure of the Farm Bureau membership's tax relief program for farm property. It is a program in which Farm Bureau has co-operated with other groups to make it fair and equitable for all taxpayers in light of the benefits they receive.

### Gratiot Members to Visit Legislature

Members of the Gratiot County Farm Bureau are planning a trip to the Michigan State Farm Bureau on Wednesday, Feb. 26. They will have a dinner at the Farm Bureau and a short program there. Then, President Harry Johnson tells us, they plan to spend the afternoon at the State Capitol and take in the sessions of the house of representatives and the state senate.

Steel rails sufficient to build 10,000 miles of track are normally used for replacements annually by the railroads of the United States.

### Started Roll Call



CLARENCE J. REID

President Reid and directors of the Michigan State Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Services, Inc., believe with County Farm Bureau leaders and members that a large increase can be made in Farm Bureau membership this spring. Mr. Reid proposed that the roll call honor Clark L. Brody for his work in building the Michigan State Farm Bureau.

### VAN BUREN ROLL CALL GOAL IS 400

Every Member in the County Will be Invited to Participate

Van Buren County Farm Bureau members have set their goal as 400 paid up members in the 1941 Roll Call for Farm Bureau membership in honor of C. L. Brody, executive secretary of the State Farm Bureau, who is completing 20 years of service with the organization. The Roll Call is to be completed before April 1.

Paw Paw Community Farm Bureau officers and their wives met at Lawrence January 21 to get their part of the county Roll Call under way. Jay Dodge, County Farm Bureau president, announced that a Roll Call organization has been completed for the entire county. The next step will be a school of instruction for volunteer workers. Every member in Van Buren county will receive an invitation to that meeting.

Present at the Paw Paw meeting were State Directors Waldo E. Phillips of Decatur and Carl E. Buskirk of Paw Paw, and George Schultz, district representative. Under Mr. Schultz's leadership Van Buren county won first place in the membership advance in 1940.

Branch County Farm Bureau has a full page of Farm Bureau roll call information in the Saturday, January 18 edition of the Coldwater Daily Reporter.

### OUR LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM AWAITS ACTION BY SOLONS

Bills to Carry Out Most of Our Resolutions Have Been Introduced

**By STANLEY M. POWELL**  
Farm Bureau's Legislative Counsel  
Bills to carry out many of the most important features of the Michigan State Farm Bureau's 1941 legislative program have already been introduced or are in the final stages of preparation.

**State Aid for Schools**  
A new measure to provide state aid for schools has been introduced by Representatives John B. Smith of Alma, Peter R. Legg of Escanaba, Ellis E. Faulkner of Delton and Joseph E. Warner of Ypsilanti. Prepared after consultation with Farm Bureau officials, this measure is known as House Bill 92. In general it carries out most of the recommendations on this subject which were embodied in the State Farm Bureau resolution at the annual meeting last November.

The bill is being opposed by schoolmen from Detroit and other large cities. They object to the distribution of aid on the basis of need by putting into effect a plan of dividing aid on the basis of the school census regardless of the many factors which the Farm Bureau feels should be taken into consideration in the allocation of state aid. It is expected that at least one or probably two more bills on this subject will be introduced by big city interests.

**New Milk Bill Being Drafted**  
Several conferences have already been held for drafting a new milk marketing act. One committee is composed of a producer selected from each of 10 milk marketing areas. They have already held two meetings. The state association of supervisors meeting in Lansing this week also selected a committee of their members to work with the producers' committee in drafting the new bill.

In shaping this legislation the recent decision of the state supreme court will be remembered. Every effort will be made to make the new law constitutional and to avoid objectionable features the former law may have brought to light. License fees will be reduced substantially. Possibly there may be no charges made in portions of the state not included in any milk marketing area established under the terms of the act. Small dealers catering to tourists and resorters for a limited period each year may be exempt from license fees. The new bill may cover sweet cream as well as milk. It will probably be introduced in the Senate by Senator Leonard J. Paterson of Sandusky.

**Dairy Products Advertising**  
A bill to advertise and promote the consumption of dairy products through an enforced levy of 1c per pound on butterfat produced during the first 15 days of June of each year is prepared and about ready for introduction. Its principal features have the endorsement— (continued on page three)

### Roll Call Honors Him



CLARK L. BRODY

Hundreds of County Farm Bureau leaders and members throughout the state are engaged in a roll call of farmers to interest them in the Farm Bureau program and Farm Bureau membership. The roll call is to be completed March 31. It is in honor of Clark L. Brody, executive secretary of the Farm Bureau for 20 years.

### FARM BUREAU CALLS LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Heads of Michigan Farm Groups to Consider Farm Legislation

The Michigan State Farm Bureau, through its president, Clarence J. Reid, has invited each of Michigan's farm organizations to send two or more of their administrative officers or directors to a legislative conference at the Michigan State Farm Bureau at 221 North Cedar Street, Lansing, Monday, February 10, at 1 p. m.

The purpose of the conference will be the consideration of important legislative issues pending in connection with the present session of the state legislature. These include such matters as state aid for schools, dairy legislation, dairy advertising, reorganization of the department of agriculture, appropriations for agricultural projects and other matters of importance as may be desired by the conference.

Invitations have been sent to the Michigan State Grange, Michigan Farmers Union, Michigan Farmers Guild, Michigan Milk Producers, the Live Stock Exchange, the Elevator Exchange, Michigan district of Mid-West Producers Creameries, Inc., Farmers & Manufacturers Beet Sugar Ass'n Michigan Co-operative Wool Marketing Ass'n, Farm Bureau Fruit Products Co., the Sugar Beet Growers Ass'n, and the Michigan Potato Growers Exchange.

Members make the Farm Bureau.

### Two of Every 3 Asked May Join Farm Bureau

Membership in Farm Bureau this Spring Will be by Invitation, Arising from One Family Proposing Another for Membership

Berrien County Farm Bureau has a membership of 709 families. It expects to have 900 or more with paid-up Farm Bureau memberships by March 31. That is the closing date for the state wide membership roll call now in progress in honor of C. L. Brody, who has been executive secretary of the Michigan State Farm Bureau since February of 1921.

Membership in the Farm Bureau through the roll call for spring of 1941 will be by invitation, and by one family proposing another for membership. Committeemen representing township and Community Farm Bureaus in more than 600 townships have submitted to their County Farm Bureau boards of directors the names of families whom they would like to invite into the organization. Later they will present their invitation to the family by letter and in person.

### Invitations Are Accepted

Farm Bureau members have observed that when one family invites another to membership, it is not uncommon for two of every three families invited to accept the invitation. In the roll call for spring of 1941, such invitations will be given in a great many communities and great results are expected.

Every person in the Farm Bureau has an invitation to take part in the roll call in honor of Mr. Brody. It was started by Clarence J. Reid, president of the State Farm Bureau. All State Farm Bureau directors and Farm Bureau Services, Inc., directors and Farm Bureau employes have volunteered to assist one or more County Farm Bureaus. All the workers are volunteers. That includes the county chairmen, county and community officers and directors, committee men and women, Junior Farm Bureaus, and the farmer members and employe members who will present the invitations to membership on county roll call days.

Van Buren County Farm Bureau has 300 families as members. Van Buren expects to make it 400 paid-up members. Allegan County Farm Bureau says 800 by March 31. Saginaw 875. Washtenaw 480. Barry 345. Oceana 350. Mason 305. The Northwestern Michigan Farm Bureau of Benzie, Grand Traverse and Leelanau counties 390 member families and so on.

The Michigan State Farm Bureau expects to have 12,000 paid-up memberships when the Roll Call for Spring, 1941 is completed March 31.

Lapeer County Farm Bureau had a full page of county, state and national Farm Bureau material in a recent edition of the Lapeer County Press.

### LIVINGSTON COUNTY OUT FOR 250

Livingston County Farm Bureau has set 250 paid up members as its mark in the Farm Bureau membership Roll Call to be completed before April 1, and which, this year, will honor C. L. Brody, executive secretary of the State Farm Bureau for the past 20 years.

The board of directors and 30 to 40 volunteer membership workers expect to meet at Howell Co-op Tuesday and Thursday evenings, February 11 and 13, and make their Roll Call the following week. The old and new members will meet at the annual meeting of the County Farm Bureau Wednesday, February 26. The place of program for the annual meeting will be announced later.

George McCalla of Ypsilanti, a charter member of the Washtenaw County Farm Bureau, and a State director for many years, represents the state board of directors in the Livingston county Roll Call. E. E. Ungren of the Michigan Farm News represents the State Farm Bureau employes.

### Brome Grass Adds Much to Pasture

Brome grass has everything to recommend it for use as a pasture and hay crop, says Roy Bennett of the Farm Bureau seed service. Farmers growing alfalfa and brome together are well pleased. There are no bloated cows in pasture or feeding of alfalfa-brome combination. Brome helps cure alfalfa hay. It holds it off the ground so the air gets through the windrows.

There are limited stocks of brome grass this year. To avoid possibility of getting some quack grass, insist on Michigan certified brome, Canadian certified brome, or Canadian No. 1 brome. Read your seed tag before buying brome grass seed.

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### A TYPICAL FARMER'S EXPERIENCE WITH THE MICHIGAN PROPERTY TAX DURING THE YEARS 1920 THRU 1940

This real estate tax reduction didnt just happen. The Farm Bureau's legislative program aimed at relieving the excessive property tax for roads and schools is responsible for a large proportion of the relief. These gains must be protected.

	PROPERTY TAX FOR HIGHWAYS										TOTAL HIGHWAY TAX		TOTAL TAX		AMOUNT LESS THAN FOR 1923		
	VALUATION	STATE	COUNTY	SCHOOL	DRAIN AT LARGE	MEMORIAL CEMETERY	TOWNSHIP AT LARGE	COUNTY ROAD	ROAD REPAIR	HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT	SPECIAL ROAD	BOND INTEREST	ROAD TAX AT LARGE	STATE ROAD	GRADER & SHED	TOTAL TAX	AMOUNT LESS THAN FOR 1923
1920	6.600	27.01	28.05	42.90			9.77	16.50	9.90							36.30	144.03
1921	6.600	27.73	35.98	39.28	3.17	1.92	7.04	13.13	9.83							33.25	148.37
1922	7.000	22.75	46.34	31.50			20.23	12.20	10.50							33.20	154.02
1923	6.300	19.78	39.00	25.20			13.92	15.12	6.62					11.47		39.83	137.73
1924	6.300	16.44	36.10	25.52			14.84	9.51	12.60	6.74				13.73		55.18	148.08
1925	6.300	18.90	28.41	18.90			21.23		9.45	9.45	16.07	14.24				49.21	136.65
1926	6.300	18.08	39.82	28.35			26.46		9.45	9.45	12.10	14.24				45.24	157.95
1927	6.000	22.86	35.70	30.00			19.44		9.00	9.00	19.44	12.84	8.04			58.32	166.32
1928	6.000	18.36	21.78	26.40	18.24		13.14	16.80	9.00	9.00	22.38	10.68	11.02			78.88	176.80
1929	6.000	25.50	23.40	39.84	36		15.90	18.06	8.34	8.34	9.48	4.08	8.04	13.92		70.26	175.26
1930	6.000	24.96	21.72	30.00	1.26		14.88	16.68	12.00	12.00	3.66	3.90	7.68			55.92	148.74
1931	6.000	26.76	24.60	27.00			19.68	8.64	7.50				7.44			31.08	129.12
1932	5.400	21.98	26.14	27.00			16.25		2.70							5.40	96.77
1933	5.400	3.46	24.41	21.60			11.88										61.35
1934	5.400	3.62	26.41	16.20													61.35
1935	5.400		31.81	10.80													46.23
1936	5.400		31.59	16.20													42.61
1937	5.400		28.46	27.00	.08												47.79
1938	5.400		34.13	32.40													55.54
1939	5.400		33.80	27.00													74.68
1940	5.400		34.67	21.60	.52												66.20
																	110.60
																	62.20
																	114.60

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## A Good Word for Mammoth

The price for mammoth clover being exceptionally low, we believe that this is the year to build up some down at the heels fields by planting and plowing under mammoth clover, said Roy Bennett, manager of the Farm Bureau Seed Service, recently.

There is nothing better for heavy, cloddy soil than the humus which can be had from a good growth of mammoth clover. Roll the mammoth when in the bud,—then look at the posy bed!

If you feel you must cut a seed crop, cut the heads the same way in which you rolled. Be sure to have a windrower on your cycle bar.

A good growth of mammoth, handled in this manner, gets rid of weeds. You get them down, and they are covered with clover and can't survive.

The soil conservation program will pay 75 cents per acre for sowing mammoth on depleted acre units in your allotment. It will cost about \$1.48 per acre to sow first class mammoth seed.

## Co-operation for Hospital Care

Three hundred and fifty thousand Michigan citizens have enrolled with the Michigan Hospital Service, a co-operative program for group financing of hospital care as required for individual members of the group. The plan was authorized by the Michigan legislature two years ago. It has the co-operation of 119 participating hospitals.

During the 21 months, 21,512 subscribers have had hospital care. The Service has paid hospitals more than \$1,000,000 for 181,431 days of hospital care, according to Mr. Walter S. Foster, trustee of Edward W. Sparrow hospital of Lansing, and a trustee of the hospital service.

No member has paid more than \$1.90 per month to guarantee a very considerable sum in hospital board and room and a number of other regular hospital services for himself and his wife and all children below the age of 18 in any one year. An individual who qualifies for membership may have the service for 60 cents per month; man and wife at 90 cents per month.

The service is limited to groups. Fifty per cent of a group must become members of the service in order to qualify. Employed groups such as teachers, store employees, factory workers authorize deduction of their monthly premiums from their pay checks.

Most employes of the Michigan State Farm Bureau at Lansing hold a hospital service membership. They qualified October 11, 1940. Since that time some of them have had hospital care, financed by the service.

The Michigan State Farm Bureau is studying this and other plans for a method whereby members of Community Farm Bureaus and other Farm Bureau groups may qualify for membership if they wish to do so. A satisfactory and inexpensive method must be developed for producing the monthly premiums required by the hospital service co-operative.

At the State Farm Bureau annual meeting in November of 1940, delegates instructed the organization to investigate co-operative hospital and medical care financing programs in behalf of our membership.



## The Car Won't Start

This is the age of gasoline. Our erstwhile hardy race has long become accustomed to be tolled every place. The natural motive power of man—his two good legs and feet, Don't get him places fast enough, nor on a cushioned seat. Far be it from your humble scribe to discount or deny The blessings of this privileged age. I shall not even try, But you will know just what I feel and how it breaks my heart When I press the starter button and the car won't start.

It's right that you should sympathize for you have been right there. You share my every thought in this unfortunate affair: You share my boundless ego as I slip beneath the wheel: You share the touch of dignity and empty pride I feel: You too are in a hurry to be snorting down the street With half a hundred horses pawing underneath your feet: We are sitting high and pretty. We are feeling mighty smart Till we work the little gadget and the car won't start.

We choke it just a bit too much—old habit has it so— We press the pedal harder with a firm imperious toe: We grind the surly starter and we snap the snappy switch While our temper seethes and spatters and our hackles start to itch: Intensely and deliberately we push the program through: We choke and snap and grind it just the way we always do. There isn't time to diagnose or take the works apart So we simply grind the starter—but the car won't start.

Reluctantly and wearily the harassed starter toils. The battery bravely bleeds to death. Our temper fiercely boils. Full balefully we sit and glare upon the gleaming panel. We scowl at people motoring past so commonplace and banal. Oh why must this occur today, and we in haste without? Why need it chance just here and now—and why to us at all? Dog-gone the thing! Sometimes I wish I had a horse and cart When I need some transportation and the car won't start.

Right heavy are the hearts of men in years of searing drought. And flood and fire and pestilence are hard to bear, no doubt. But the hour that really vexes us and wrings our throbbing heart Is when you want to travel—and the car won't start.

Constantine Co-operative Creamery Company.

At a meeting of co-operative managers recently, Gerald Brown, assistant to Clarence Brody, manager of the creamery, told of early debates along this line. "A few years ago," he said, "we started a hog feeding project that failed. We debated a long time as to whether we should tell our patrons but finally decided to do so. Since then we have held to the principle of 'telling 'em all'. We like to boast in a modest way when we do well, but also make a practice of telling the folks when we make a mistake. At the annual meeting each stockholder is given a balance sheet and operating statement. He also gets the secretary and treasurer's reports. We don't hide a thing. We tell the truth about all matters that concern the business."

Maybe that's one reason why the Constantine Creamery numbers its stockholders among the thousands and never has much trouble getting a quorum out to their annual meeting.

## 17,000 HAVE ATTENDED MSC SHORT COURSES

Since They Started in 1894; To Honor Group at Farmers Week

More than 17,000 men and women of various ages have studied in the Michigan State College short courses in agriculture since they were offered for the first time in 1894. This is the 47th year of the short courses. Some 300 students are enrolled this year. Ten members of four short course classes have been named to the Honor Roll for 1941. Special honors are to be conferred upon them at the annual short course alumni banquet program in the college Union ballroom, Wednesday evening, Feb. 5, of Farmers Week.

From the class of 1901 the Honor Roll selection is Ralph Hudson, at present superintendent of farm and horse work at the college. Three are named from the class of 1911. They are Clarence Cook, Lake-side, manager of the Chickaming Jersey farm. Another is Edward J. Edwards, Charlevoix, manager of the Belvedere resort and producer with his father of truck crops and flowers for tourist trade. The third is Carroll Mahrie, Marshall, R-2, livestock feeder.

Three from the class of 1921 include Howard Barton, Lansing, R-4, noted for purebred livestock. Lewis McLaughlin, ice cream company superintendent in Detroit, is another selection, as well as Ross Thayer, Freeland, noted for his work with improved alfalfa strains and for his accurate farm accounting. From the class of 1931 come three. They are Floyd Dale, Marlette, short course lightweight boxer who has transferred his energies to a large farm; Max Radseck, South Haven, who produces poultry and truck crops and fruit for roadside sales, and Donald Johnson, Battle Creek, R-2, an efficient dairyman working in partnership with his father.

## Hillsdale Co-op Has Annual Meeting

About 140 attended the annual stockholders meeting of the Hillsdale County Co-op Ass'n at Hillsdale, January 8. The Ass'n has doubled its volume of business since 1937. It reported \$80,000 for 1940. It is engaged in making all patrons member stockholders through the patronage dividend process. The business is building accordingly. The process is to issue old members \$5 in common stock and \$5 in preferred stock for their \$10 shares. New members are issued common stock from their patronage dividend up to \$5, and any balance this year in preferred stock. \$1 of common stock makes a member, who has one vote. The Co-op paid a 2% patronage dividend this year on

the total business and paid it in preferred stock.

Officers and directors for 1941 are: President, Henry Van Deusen, Hillsdale, R-1; vice pres, Clyde Pierce, Hillsdale, R-3; secretary, Wayne Nichols, Hillsdale, R-2; other directors W. C. Armstrong, S. A. Green, both of Hillsdale, R-2, and Ralph Bach, Hillsdale, R-3.

## M S C Short Course Leaders



These officers and directors of the Michigan State College short course alumni ass'n selected 10 graduates to be honored for their work in agriculture at the annual reunion and dinner during Farmers Week. Above, left to right are: Charles Dimmick, Three Rivers; Ray Bohnsack of Lapeer; Harry Wilt, East Lansing; Lawrence Stewart, Chesaning; R. W. Tenny, college short course director; Ed. Wright Farmington; Carl Haskins, Kalamazoo.

Charles Dimmick was president of the St. Joseph Junior County Farm Bureau in 1940. He is operating the home farm. Ray Bohnsack has been a leader of Farm Bureau activities and assistant manager of the Lapeer County Co-ops, Inc., at Lapeer. He will probably miss the reunion because he has reported for military training. Lawrence Stewart is a Farm Bureau leader and manager of the Farmers Elevator at Chesaning, Saginaw county. Ed. Wright was the first president of the Saginaw Junior Farm Bureau. He is farming at Farmington.

## Classified Ads

Classified advertisements are cash with order at the following rates: 4 cents per word for one edition. Ads to appear in two or more editions take the rate of 3 cents per word per edition.

**BABY CHICKS**  
INVESTIGATE! TOWN LINE U. S. approved white leghorn chicks or sexed pullets. All chicks bred by pedigree males from our own ROIP hens, hatched by 14 years of ROIP breeding. Triple inspected chicks from triple tested and triple inspected parent stock. Poultry tested for production and laying house livability. Price reductions up to \$4.00 per 100 if you order early. Write today for free catalog describing our 127 acre breeding farm and program. We also hatch Barred and White Rocks, White Wyandottes, and Rhode Island Reds. Member Michigan Farm Bureau, Town Line Poultry Farm, J. H. Geerlings, Owner and Breeder, Box F, Zeeland, Michigan. (1-27-1925)

**FARM MACHINERY**  
ONLY FARMERS CAN BUILD A farmer's program. Any farm tool you need can be bought from us. You get the finest equipment at competitive prices AND you help build a program that has only your interests at heart. Write us your needs. Farm Bureau Services, Inc., Machinery Dept., 728 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. (1-17-531)

**MILKING MACHINES**  
DON'T KEEP YOUR WIFE FOR A pet! Get a Co-op Milking Machine and have her milk the cows this busy season that's coming. All jolking aside, our milker—with low vacuum (12 lbs. pressure) protects udders—gets all the milk quickly and easily. Finest test inflations. Alternate action. Portable—\$127.00 for single unit. One for litter carrier truck, \$175.00. Pipe line for any size herd from 250.00 and up. Do milking easier, cheaper, quicker. See your Farm Bureau dealer, or write Farm Bureau Services, Inc., Electrical Dept., 728 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. (1-17-531)

**BEEKEEPER'S SUPPLIES**  
BEE HIVES, SECTIONS, COMB foundations, etc. Outfing for beginners. Send for catalog. GRAFTING WAX for orchardists. Both hand and brush wax. BERRY BASKETS AND CRATES. MAPLE SYRUP CANS. Send for prices. M. H. Hunt & Son, 511 North Cedar street, Lansing, Michigan. (2-21-421)

**FARM WORK WANTED**  
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## RECORD CROWD AT GRATIOT FARM BUREAU ANNUAL

Directors Prove that Active Program Makes Good Organization

A record crowd attended the fifth annual meeting of the Gratiot County Farm Bureau at Ithaca on January 14. The president's report explained the setup and growth of the State and County Farm Bureaus. The secretary reported on the activities during the year and said that the county board had held twelve regular meetings and three special meetings during the year. Four members of the county board attended all the meetings.

Mrs. Ray Neikirk gave a talk on the Associated Women of the Farm Bureau. A report by the membership chairman brought this morning meeting to a close.

During the potluck dinner accorded music was furnished by Patty Schlappl of Ithaca. At the table a short program dealt with the Community Farm Bureaus of the county. Mr. A. P. Shankel was presented with a blanket for obtaining the most members during the year.

Mr. R. H. Addy of the Farm Bureau Services gave an inspirational talk on some of the general principles and problems of farm organizations and also spoke of some of the accomplishments of the Farm Bureau Services, County Agricultural Agent. C. P. Milham gave a short talk and conducted a quiz program.

The resolutions committee headed by Clarence Muscott presented four resolutions. One asking recommending compulsory clean-up of corn fields for control of corn borer brought out a lively discussion. Three directors were elected.

The board of directors organized for 1941 by electing: Harry F. Johnson, president; Clarence Muscott, vice president; Mrs. A. Ballinger, secretary-treasurer. Department chairmen are: Clarence Muscott, legislation; Mrs. Arthur Ballinger, Community Farm Bureaus; Harry Salden, Farm Bureau Services; Mrs. Ray Neikirk, Farm Bureau women; Eugene Smaltz, Junior Farm Bureau; Harry F. Johnson, membership.

A committee from the Junior Farm Bureau met with the board to arrange for the Junior-Senior Banquet to be held February 20. Arrangements for a trip to the State Legislature, the annual membership school, and the membership campaign, were also made at this board meeting.

## State Mutual Fire Company Meets

The annual meeting of the State Mutual Fire Insurance Company was held in Flint, Michigan, on January 16, 1941. Mr. W. V. Burras, president, presided. Mr. E. R. Dingman was re-elected director.

Secretary H. K. Fisk reported an increase in members of 3,314, and nearly \$9,000,000 net increase in insurance in force. He also reported a gain in surplus and reserves of approximately \$50,000 over 1939.

President W. V. Burras, president, said the company began business June 15, 1908, with 46 members and no reserve or surplus. Today it has 39,965 members, \$11,401,530 of insurance and surplus and reserves of \$368,727. He reported the consolidation of the Tuscola County Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company with the State Mutual on January 8, 1941, which has added about 1,350 members and \$3,000,000 of insurance which does not show in the report for 1940.

Officers and directors are: W. V. Burras, Lowell, president; H. K. Fisk, Flint, secretary; Mr. Watterson, treasurer. Other directors: F. E. Jones, Flint; E. R. Dingman, Bellevue; John Moore, Kinde; Harry Day, Lowell.

## IONIA ENTERTAINS PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Howard Hile is roll call director for the Ionia County Farm Bureau. His assistants are Harold Curtis, Maurice Gierman, Mark Westbrook and William Bird. Thirty workers have pledged help with the roll call.

As a means of bringing information to prospective members, the workers personally invited them to attend one of the meetings being held. Better than 200 persons attended meetings at La Valley church, Lakeside Grange and Ronald Grange. Jack Yeager and Stanley Powell spoke.

The meetings are to be followed by a letter or two to each prospective member on the invitation list. The workers will meet Feb. 13. Some time thereafter they'll go out and call upon their invitation list, and ask them to join with neighbors now in the Farm Bureau.

## Services Announces Fertilizer Prices

Farm Bureau Services, Inc., has announced fertilizer prices for spring 1941 to Farm Bureau fertilizer dealers. They will enable farmers to save this spring too by using Farm Bureau fertilizers. Farm Bureau fertilizers will be supplied in cotton bags.

There are about 875 passenger trains in the United States which bear names, many of them world-famous.

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A—When the line construction averages 3/10 mile or less for each applicant.

**EXAMPLE:** Applicants A, B and C live on the same road. A lives 4/10 mile from nearest Bell Telephone line; B lives 2/10 mile farther on; and C lives 3/10 mile beyond B. How much would the construction of a line extension to their homes cost, these three applicants?

**SOLUTION:** The length of line required would be 4/10 mile for A; 2/10 for B and 3/10 for C, or a total of 9/10 mile. That is an average of 3/10 mile for each applicant. Inasmuch as the new plan allows an average of 3/10 mile of line construction for each applicant without construction charge, these three persons would not be charged for the construction of the line to their homes.

## Important Features of the New Plan

1. No charge for extension of existing telephone lines if number of applicants averages one for each 3/10 mile of extension.
2. Construction charge (divided equally among customers served by extension) of 45 cents a month for each 1/10 mile in excess of the non-chargeable allowance, payable over a five-year period.
3. No charge for wire connecting main line with house, up to 500 feet from center of highway.

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## Behind the Wheel

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need to do is to be on better terms with processors of their products. In order to get a parity price. Milk producers still turn to urban leaders and fruit growers to cinners for the solution of their problems. Some even think that joining the CIO or some other non-farm organization will do it. All this makes me think of the story that Clyde Robinson of Van-buren county told me.

It was about the circus man who was telling bystanders how the circus had been able to house the lion and the lamb in the same cage. "Of course" he said, "We have to renew the lamb once in a while."

**PRICES**  
Taken from the minutes of the West Jefferson Community Farm Bureau in Hillsdale county:

"Elvin Bell said that some years ago he took hogs to the town of Reading and received 19 1/2 cents per pound. On his way home he bought a riding plow for \$25. This past year he sold hogs for 4 1/2 cents per pound and paid \$75 for a plow."

**BANK DIRECTOR**  
Farm Bureau folks in Ionia county are a bit proud of the way members are stepping into the national spotlight. The latest information from

them has it that Farm Bureau member Henry Welch of that county has been appointed director on the Farm Credit Board of the St. Paul, Minnesota district. Mr. Welch recently received his certificate of appointment from Governor A. G. Black of the Farm Credit Administration at Washington, D. C. Congratulations, Henry!

**PROSPEROUS**  
If you want to see an outstandingly prosperous farm community in Michigan, travel to the Pigeon area in northwestern Huron county. Living on land that is capable of growing the finest of crops, the thrifty folks there make the most of it. I recently met there with the county Farm Bureau board at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Buchholz. I was impressed with the fine homes and the way the barns and other buildings are kept painted and in good repair. The homes are finer than the better city houses. The housewife has every convenience. Buildings alone must cost from \$20,000 to \$30,000 on most of those farms. The land grows crops almost in spite of one. Crop failures in that area are rare indeed. And the farm folks know how to get the most out of both the land and the livestock.

**TELL 'EM ALL**  
How much should the manager of a co-operative tell the stockholders and patrons (they ought to be the same) about the business.

There's no question about that in the minds of the management of the

# PAW PAW GROUP HAS AUTHORITY ON ASPARAGUS

Kermit V. Washburn, president of the Paw Paw Community Farm Bureau, was invited to speak on the "Growing and Marketing of Asparagus" at the annual meeting of the Ohio Vegetable Growers Association on January 30th, at Columbus, Mr. Washburn is recognized as an authority on the subject of asparagus, not only in Michigan but nationally. This is his second appearance before this association in the past three years. His advice and suggestions are sought by many asparagus growers. For two years he was president of the Michigan Vegetable Growers Association, and has since that time represented that body on the North Central Potato and Vegetable Growers Council. That group met at Columbus on January 31st. Mr. Washburn has also made several trips to Washington, D. C., in behalf of Michigan growers.

The past year Mr. Washburn packed about 8,000 crates of asparagus for himself and other growers and shipped about 5,000 crates of asparagus for others. Outlook is good and he anticipates even a busier season coming. On his return from Ohio he is scheduled on the program of the Michigan Vegetable Growers Association annual meeting at Lansing on February 5th.

Kermit was raised amid the vegetable fields of Decatur, Michigan. He is a graduate of the Decatur high school, the Michigan State College. He taught Vocational Agriculture at the Buchanan high school for two years. He was married to Leona Haefner, also a Decatur girl who studied music and drama. They were lured back to the farm through the influence of early training. They bought probably the most famous of Michigan's asparagus farms, the Buskirk & Bennett farm, two miles west of Paw Paw, on the Black river road.

# 1 1/3 CENTS PER DAY PROVIDES YOUR FAMILY WITH FARM BUREAU MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP SERVICE

1 1/3 cents won't buy a lead pencil. But that sum per day in Farm Bureau dues is responsible for a Farm Bureau rural electrification plan that has brought free electric lines and low cost electric service to 60,000 farm homes since Jan. 1, 1936.

1 1/3 cents won't buy two sticks of gum. But it has protected Farm Bureau members and all farmers from being swindled on winter killing, unadapted foreign clover and alfalfa seeds. Once such seeds were sold by the millions of pounds, The Farm Bureau got the federal seed staining act in 1926 to stop it.

1 1/3 cents won't buy a bowl of corn flakes. But it is the daily cost per member of building a Farm Bureau that was important in drafting the Soil Conservation Act and fitting it to Michigan. The Act brings compliance payments of nearly \$15,000,000 annually to Michigan farmers.

1 1/3 cents won't buy a half pint of motor oil. But 1 1/3 cents daily builds the Farm Bureau. Michigan is getting 1,500 miles of federal farm to market roads from the general road funds of the United States. The Farm Bureau worked for that in Congress.

1 1/3 cents won't buy a scoop full of good coal. But it sent the Farm Bureau into Congress in 1933 to reduce the interest rate on Federal Land Bank loans from 5 1/2% to 3 1/2%. Michigan farmers have been saving \$461,000 a year.

1 1/3 cents won't buy a cigar. But on that daily income per member the Farm Bureau has worked effectively to increase farm income from the depression low of 1932. The AAA, soil conservation and revaluation of the gold content of the dollar were supported by the Farm Bureau.

1 1/3 cents won't buy a newspaper. But in terms of daily Farm Bureau dues, that's why you no longer pay 3% sales tax on seeds, feeds, fertilizers, machinery and farm supplies for agricultural production. We convinced the courts and legislature such purchases are for resale and should be exempt.

1 1/3 cents won't pay the postage on a letter. But it does keep Farm Bureau members represented every day in the legislature and before Congress.

1 1/3 cents won't buy two cigars. But the only road tax you pay today is your gas tax and license plate. All users of all Michigan roads pay for them that way. Thank the Michigan State Farm Bureau membership for this program, started in 1921.

1 1/3 cents won't buy a child's school tablet. But for several years your local school taxes have been a third to a half less than they were. Why? Farm Bureau membership at 1 1/3 cents per day made a strong organization to back the Thatcher-Saur Act for \$22,000,000 of state aid for schools. It is paid from the sales tax.

1 1/3 cents won't buy a good razor blade. But you don't pay tuition any more for rural high school pupils. A Farm Bureau plank in the school act requires the State to pay rural high school tuition. It amounts to \$2,000,000 annually.

1 1/3 cents is important money just the same. It goes far toward buying the items pictured. As daily Farm Bureau dues it has built a Farm Bureau merchandising service that makes and saves money for members. Use Farm Bureau's guaranteed seeds, dairy and poultry feeds, high quality fertilizers, co-op tractors and machinery, sprays, oils and gasoline, long life fence, paint, roofing, and low cost insurance.

## Legislative Program Awaits Action

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ment of the Farm Bureau and most of the dairy groups. The levy would be paid by producers and collected through deductions made by processors or distributors. There will probably be some controversy regarding the proportion of farmers on the Board which will administer this program and also as to just how the board members will be chosen.

**Proposed Oleo Taxes**

Two bills relative to oleo are pending. Senator D. Hale Brake of Stanton has proposed a 5c per pound excise tax. In the house, Representative Audley Rawson of Cass City, A. P. Decker of Deckerville and Joseph E. Warner of Ypsilanti have a somewhat similar bill. Its provisions are more drastic in that the license rates for manufacturers and dealers are much higher and the tax is set at 10c per pound.

**Farm Trailer and Truck Licenses**

At least four bills are now pending which would reduce the cost of licenses on farm trailers. Some of these measures also involve other license reductions. The first to be introduced was by Senator D. Hale Brake of Stanton. It simply set the license rate for farm trailers at 50c per 100 pounds regardless of weight. At the present time the 50c rate applies to all farm trucks and to all trailers up to 1,000 pounds. Trailers weighing more than 1,000 pounds are subjected to a license rate of \$1 per 100.

Representatives Audley Rawson of Cass City, A. P. Decker of Deckerville and J. P. Smith of Alma introduced a bill fixing license rates on farm trucks and farm trailers at 35c per 100 weight. The bill would also cut the rate on hearses and ambulances to 35c but probably that was unintentional and would be changed in committee if the bill is given consideration.

Senator Leonard J. Paterson of Sandusky proposed to cut the total license charge for farm trucks and farm trailers to \$1 per year regardless of weight. Representative J. I. Post of Hillsdale would amend the motor vehicle license law by inserting these words, "For each 4-wheeled trailer owned by a farmer, used exclusively in connection with farming operations of such farmer and not used for hire, \$1." Just what may emerge from this tangle of proposed tax relief in connection with farm truck and trailer licenses charges remains to be seen.

principles of such legislation but will of course scrutinize the details closely.

Representative Walter G. Herlick of Hubbardston has introduced a bill prepared by the department of agriculture which makes several amendments to the present law relative to the testing, labeling and sale of agricultural and vegetable seeds. This measure is being studied carefully by Mr. Roy Bennett, seedsman with the Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

Outright repeal of the controversial Michigan apple advertising act is proposed by Representative Gail Handy of Eau Claire. This law was declared unconstitutional in circuit court but an appeal is now pending in the supreme court. An adverse decision in circuit court was based on the statement that the title of the law did not fully cover all of the provisions which it contained.

As yet no bill has been introduced to carry out Governor Van Wagener's recommendation that all persons entitled to vote at regular elections be permitted to vote at school elections. Letters and resolutions coming into

State Farm Bureau headquarters from Minute Men and Community Farm Bureau discussion groups indicate that Farm Bureau sentiment is strongly in favor of retaining the present qualifications for school elections.

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### Mason & Newaygo Win in Farm to Prosper

Sauble River Community Farm Bureau took first award of \$25 for community organizations in the five-county Farm to Prosper campaign. The organization has been active in reforestation, farm produce exhibits, sponsoring 4-H work and other extension clubs in church and parent-teacher co-operation.

Officers of the club are: President, Fred J. Benson; vice president, D. K. Smith; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Ella Smith.

The Brookside Community Farm Bureau won top honors for Newaygo county in the community organizations division of the Farm-to-Prosper contest and was awarded the \$25 cash prize at the dinner and program held in Mukegon today. The Garfield Community Farm Bureau and the Grant Township Community Club tied for second place in the same division in this county. Second place prize was \$10.

### The Times Call for a United Agriculture

**Income of Farmers Now, and In Future Depends On Our Choice**

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR

One whole month of the new year has gone into history, and what have we to show for it? One doesn't write much on the credit side when one's time is spent in bed, wielding a handkerchief and hoping that tomorrow will bring you more pep. Your brain is tired, too, and you don't give a care for anything.

But all of a sudden you realize that you are not alone in affliction, that all around you can be found others, many of whom are suffering far more than you are. The thought spurs you on to getting yourself together and facing life's problems as usual.

**Cease Party Bickering**

Right now, we're hoping that our lawmakers at Lansing will cease their party "bickering" and give us the legislation so badly needed. Dairy farmers want a milk bill that will protect their business and give them assurance that the month to month battle for fair play is a thing of the past. No fair minded dairyman wants more than his product is worth according to the times, but he does want his rightful share.

The right kind of a milk bill will grant his just that and bring stability to the business for all concerned.

**Department of Agriculture**

We want our state department of agriculture, made a departmental agency. We want it to care for the many interests of farmers and build up Michigan agriculture. We want that department free from party domination.

The thinking farmer has long since tired of the biennial political police force that this department has drifted into.

**Support for Schools**

When we get into school matters we want our country schools standing on the same footing with urban schools in sharing state aid. We hesitate to give all voting privileges to non-taxpayers until such time as the entire support of schools is a state responsibility. At no time do we feel that the property owner should be penalized even in a small way.

**Attention for Side Roads**

Some of us who live on side roads are hoping that we can be cared for before there's any radical reduction in the gas tax or gas tax aid. We've been most patient in watching roads built and re-built and widened and beautified and straightened while we dug ourselves out of the mud. We don't want to be the forgotten man when changes are talked about.

**A United America**

When it comes to national affairs, in my opinion, the most needed thing just now in our defense program is a united America.

As time moves on, the world's troubles are coming closer to our door. We can no longer close our eyes to the fact that the world is rapidly growing smaller, for the distance between continents certainly has diminished since the advent of radio

and airplane service.

Europe and Japan are no longer far away countries, and no matter how much we love peace and a care-free life, this world upheaval cannot help but have its effect on us. We must be ready if the blow should come. We should be ready as a united people.

**What For the Farmer?**

And what will be our lot when it's all over? How about the farmer? Will he be the one to take the blow as before? His group was the only one that kept plugging after the first World War and the only one who has never been granted a definite policy to rely upon thru thick and thin. When it comes to preparing for defense, the farmer is already way ahead of any other group, for he has food in storage to care for almost any emergency. He continues to plant and grow crops in plenty. But we are on dangerous footing if we have no governmental safeguards for him when it's all over.

**Basic Pay for Agriculture**

As a group we need a united agriculture just as we as a nation need a united people. Our farm organizations must get together. They should see to it that there is a minimum price established on farm production under certain qualifications just as there has been a minimum wage and hour system established for labor.

This is a grave responsibility facing our farm leadership, not only nationally but all the way down to our home communities.

**We Must Be Prepared**

We must be there at the hearing when national post-war adjustment is made. We must never be left helpless as we were before.

To safeguard ourselves, we must, every last one of us, get busy at once. We must have a policy so fair and so necessary that all farm groups can endorse it. Then we must see that it is given national governmental enactment. This is no time to quibble over party preference or organization prestige. We want farm security above all.

Now this wasn't what I had intended to say this month. I had planned to write a "small talk" article on some common place topic such as my choice house plants or the weather, but my heart is too full of more serious matters.

But I will say that I'm positive neither California nor Florida had anything over Michigan on Christmas Day. That was one of the most beautiful days I have ever seen even if I could not be out-of-doors. There was no greener pastures over the fence that day anyway. Michigan is indeed a beautiful state. We have diversified weather just as we have diversified industry and agriculture and even folk.

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Michigan farmers this spring will have a golden opportunity to get a new start in foundation seed potatoes at a price considerably under that of last year, according to H. C. Moore, potato specialist at Michigan State College.

Quality of the 1940 crop of certified seed is excellent. There is very little scab, type is very good, and there is little frost injury. Stocks are holding up well in storage despite the epidemic of blight which swept over the state last year.

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Manure does not supply enough potash. On sandy soils, in addition to manure, use such high-potash fertilizers as 2-8-16, 3-9-18 and 3-12-12. For muck soils use 0-8-24, 0-10-20 or similar ratios.

Ask your county agent or experiment station how much available potash your soil contains and how much to add to carry your crop through to more profit. Then make sure that your dealer sells you a fertilizer containing enough of this important plant food to supply what you need. You will be surprised how little extra it costs.

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### Then and Now

By E. W. Plopper

**Lawrence Community Farm Bureau Lawrence, Van Buren County**

The farmer's life has vastly changed. Since Pa taught me to work, for we really worked upon the farm. There was but little chance to shirk. And what one did or did not do was plainly to be seen—For all our work was done by hand, and not with a machine.

Pa had no tractors on his farm. No plow with an easy seat. Disk and harrows were unknown. As were drills for corn or wheat; No easy way to harvest grain, No loader for the hay. Nor any of the modern tools that are in use today.

Ma worked more hours than Father did. And never did complain. Pa would sometimes have a rest On days when it did rain. But the days were all alike for Ma. Hard work from morn to night. Ma had no electric things to use. Not even an electric light.

No radio, telephone no automobile; They lived in much more simple style. In fact the farmers of today. Have much to make them smile—To make them smile and be contented That they are their own boss; And that a rainy day to them Means a profit, not a loss.

And that their daily bread depends, Not on some other person's whim. But on their own good judgement—I really envy them!

# They Joined Farm Bureau in January

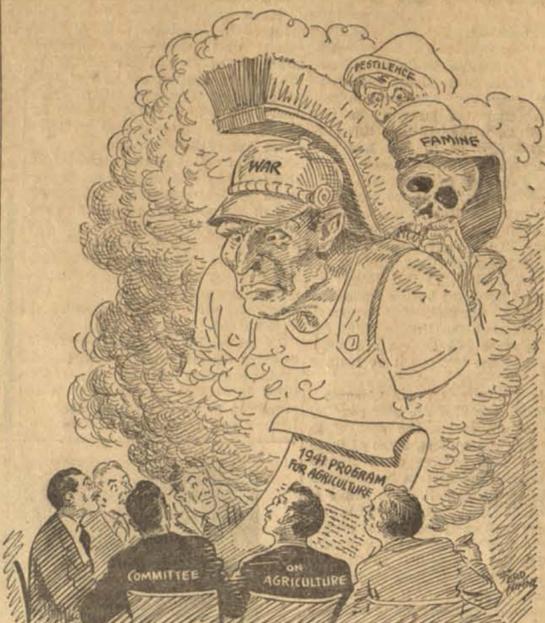
Fifty-nine families joined the Michigan State Farm Bureau during January and are hereby welcomed to membership by all members of the Farm Bureau.

During the year ending December 31, 1940, a total of 2,117 families became members of the Farm Bureau in Michigan.

We present the families who became members in January:

**BERRIEN COUNTY**  
**BERRIEN SPRINGS**  
 Christ Loeb  
**SODUS**  
 Henry Taylor  
**WATERLIET**  
 Francis C. Rogel Anton Yancich  
**BAY COUNTY**  
**BAY CITY**  
 Wm. Quintel  
**BARRY COUNTY**  
**DELTON**  
 Victor E. Jones  
**HASTINGS**  
 Harold Swanson  
**CALHOUN COUNTY**  
**MARSHALL**  
 Dr. Lorain Van Sickle  
**GENESEE COUNTY**  
**FLINT**  
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 W. B. Gilmore A. J. Covert  
 C. E. Markley & Son  
**GRAND BLANC**  
 Arthur Forbush  
**SWARTZ CREEK**  
 Norman Cousins Wm. R. Harris  
 O. C. Morey Frank Ackerman  
**HILLSDALE COUNTY**  
**JONESTOWN**  
 Andy Richards  
**HURON COUNTY**  
**ELKTON**  
 Erwin Schlabach

# These Can't Be Overlooked



# Community Farm Bureau Activities

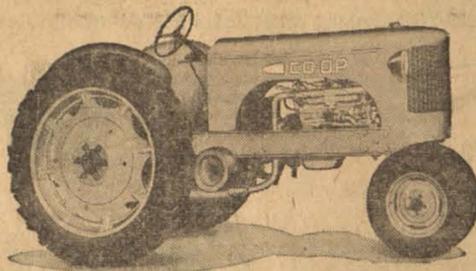
By KEITH A. TANNER  
 Membership Relations & Education

The Community Farm Bureau minutes have been coming through in grand shape. To the few groups who have not been too prompt in getting their reports through to Lansing, I should like to suggest that every effort be made to send us the views of your group on pending legislation as soon after your meeting as possible.

It is also pleasing to note the increased interest in discussion and the excellent quality of your meetings. A little more time and work on discussion at this period in your development should reap rewards.

**Archie Community Farm Bureau, Grand Traverse county.**  
 Mr. Waterman announced that our group was furnishing 15 cherry pies for the Northwest Michigan Annual Farm Bureau dinner.  
**Garfield, Newaygo county.**  
 We made plans for our display at Fremont Fair next fall, and also a plowing and corn husking contest for Farmers Day. We also discussed entertaining the Junior Farm Bureau in the spring.

# New Streamlined Co-op Tractor



This is a photograph of the streamlined Co-op tractor for 1941. It is being manufactured by the National Machinery Co-operative, Inc., at Shelbyville, Ind. Its rear tread is adjustable from 56 to 84 inches in steps of 4 inches. The tread of the front wheels may be changed from narrow to wide position by means of an auxiliary axle in 20 minutes time. The tractor is powered by a 6 cylinder Chrysler industrial motor. The fuel is gasoline. Lights, starter, battery, belt pulley and power take off are standard equipment.

club leaders in the short course at the University. At the yearly short course the leaders are taught the technique of the group discussion method, how to study and investigate a problem, and how to proceed to its solution.

Based on a self-help principle the movement would eliminate or subordinate state subsidization. By awakening a community to its potentialities, and by rebuilding the people's confidence in themselves to do for themselves, the need for state-help is done away with.

# CREDITS ON PURCHASES Help Pay Farm Bureau Dues!

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 Harold Hazel Earnest Gottsleben  
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 Louis Hanlin

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 Washtenaw Co. Jr. Farm Bureau  
 Amy Fee

# INSURANCE AGENTS HAVE ANNUAL CONVENTION

Farmer Group Has 56,401 Automobiles Insured in Michigan

The Michigan State Farm Bureau agency force of the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co., State Farm Life and State Farm Fire Companies held their annual two day meeting at Michigan State College, January 6 and 7. The agents and their wives made a party of nearly 400 persons.



**ALFRED BENTALL**

The Michigan agents are largely farmers. They have 56,401 automobile policies in force. Randall A. Weeks of Alma and Clinton E. Groos of Escanaba were the high producing agents for Michigan.

Officers of the State Farm Companies taking part in the program were: R. P. Mercherle, president of the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co.; Morris G. Fuller, vice-president of the State Farm Life, and J. H. Parsons, director of conserving business in force.

Alfred Bentall, director of the Michigan agency force since 1926, was unable to attend the convention because of illness. But the agents took care of that. They had the Bell Telephone Company make a special telephone connection from the convention hall at East Lansing to Mr. Bentall's bedside about 6 miles away. Radio amplification was provided at both ends of the circuit. So Mr. Bentall heard all of the proceedings both days. At the evening dinner program two way communication was provided and Mr. Bentall addressed the group.

Mr. Bentall is resuming his duties part time Feb. 3. He has been home for about 8 weeks.

**Sandford President of Farm Bureau Services**

Directors of the Farm Bureau Services, Inc., elected H. H. Sandford, president, Ray Allen vice-president, and Clark L. Brody executive secretary and treasurer at the close of the annual meeting at State College December 19, 1940.

Mr. Sandford is manager of the Battle Creek Farm Bureau. He has been a member of the State Farm Bureau and Services boards of directors for several years. He succeeded the late Alfred George as president of the Services. Mr. Allen is manager of the Oxford Co-operative Elevator Co.

Roy D. Ward, manager of the Dozwagiac Farmers Co-op Ass'n was elected to the board. Directors re-elected were Mr. Sandford, Mr. Allen, and Merle Crandall, manager of the Howell Co-op Co., and Thomas Berghouse, manager of the Falmouth Co-op Ass'n.

Four directors representing the Michigan State Farm Bureau were re-elected: C. J. Reid of Avoca; E. Phillips of Deatur; Paul Begick

**ELMWOOD, Leelanau county.**  
 Mr. H. Waterman, our local membership campaign manager, appointed John Witkop, Carl Antonio and Otto Lautner to act for our group in the membership drive.

**Augusta, Washtenaw county.**  
 We do not feel that the farmers marketing situation is affected by lack of foreign markets as much as lack of co-operation.

**Climax, Kalamazoo county.**  
 The new project of a Community Center, now being constructed, was discussed. Our president announced its dedication is planned sometime in February with all groups assisting. The agricultural building is 228 feet by 60 feet. There is a show room, club rooms for small groups and a kitchen. The show room is 10x80 feet and has bleachers and a balcony.

**East Caldwell, Branch county.**  
 It was felt that such marketing (co-operative) of all farm products would put the farmer on his feet without government subsidy.

**Sable River, Mason county.**  
 How may democracy meet the changing world conditions? Some opinions were: Britain owns many islands of advantage to us in our defense problems which might be taken over in exchange for materials. That military training is good for the 16 1/2 million boys both for the training and education they get as well as for the preparedness of our country. We do not favor the devaluation of the gold dollar.

**Bainbridge, Berrien county.**  
 Mr. Burton Richards, secretary of County Farm Bureau presented plans for the membership drive; 1,000 members is our goal for 1941. The plan includes a program whereby local groups may gain financial aid providing they reach their quota and fulfill certain requirements.

**North Branch and Burnside, Lapeer county.**  
 A few of the resolutions passed at the state convention were read and discussed. Three of the resolutions came from our own group which goes to show that if the farmers are to be heard from they must have an organization through which they can make their wants known.

**Leelanau, Northwest Michigan.**  
 The chairman appointed a committee to take charge of our radio program which our group will be asked to sponsor some time in the future over station WTCM at Traverse City.

**Victory, Washtenaw county.**  
 Attention was drawn to the new flag on display during the meeting.

**Brookside, Newaygo county.**  
 It was suggested that the secretary write a letter of commendation to the Fremont Chamber of Commerce regarding the rural Chamber of Commerce committee and also for the co-operation which they have given our organization.

**Capac, St. Clair county.**  
 Ten new members were added to our roll call.

**Bingham, Huron county.**  
 For the next time all members are to look up material on the care and history of the American flag. Also we are to find out how old the Farm Bureau is.

**Lincoln River, Mason county.**  
 As an introduction each one was asked their birth place and month of birth and a riddle. There was a quiz on true and false statements.

**Lawrence, Van Buren county.**  
 In giving a short account of the women's meeting, Mrs. Hagburg said the high point to her was the hospitalization plan, whereby if farmers adopted the plan, as many others are doing, they could benefit themselves financially. Mr. Alderman made a motion and seconded by Ralph Webster that the group purchase a flag, display it at each meeting and at each meeting give the flag salute, carried. Mr. and Mrs. Webster were asked to look after that.

**Mid-West Producers Annual Feb. 27-28**

Annual meeting of the Mid-west Producers Creameries, Inc., will be held Feb. 27-28 at the Oliver Hotel at South Bend, Ind. The Mid-West is a group of 27 co-operative creameries in Michigan, Indiana, Tennessee and Illinois. They make about 26,000,000 lbs. of butter a year and find their co-operative organization excellent for promoting sales and economies in buying and manufacturing.

# Co-ops Teach Self-Help in Nova Scotia

By CHARLES E. JOHNSON

A new program of adult education was described by Dr. O. L. Urey, MSC agricultural economist, to the State College Junior Farm Bureau, January 21.

Dr. Urey and Mrs. Urey drove to the Maritime Province of Nova Scotia last summer to study the accomplishments of extension workers of St. Francis Xavier university in bringing the new program to the region's farmer, miner, and lumber groups.

**Co-operation Has Paid**  
 Dr. Urey told of meeting energetic 72 years old, Dr. Tomkins at St. Francis's extension division. Dr. Tomkins started work in 1923 that has resulted in co-operative selling and buying organizations for lumbermen, farmers, and fishermen. The accrued cultural advantages of working together for a common cause have netted the townspeople and its county community a fine library, attractive homes and a wonderful unity of thought.

The secret of the cultural and economic advantages attained by the participating co-operators is a plan of adult education. It is a story of good organization and good execution. It is the story of various economic and social groups, fishermen, farmers, churchmen, and miners joined in working and thinking out their joint problems of wages, where to buy shoes and sheets and blankets, when and where to build a library, or civic recreation center, a story of self-help, not state-help.

**Community May Begin Anew**  
 Extension workers meet with representatives of a community to discuss local economic problems and determine the approach which will stimulate the community to action. When the approaches have been determined, the extension workers conduct mass meetings in the community by which they seek to break the "mind sets" of the people. By freeing people's minds of bias and opinion, it is possible to awaken the community to its neglected opportunities. It is the practical application of the St. Francis university philosophy—"Build the people, and the people will build the environment."

Members of the community organize into small study clubs of five to ten persons. Each study group chooses a discussion leader and such other officers as are needed. In the weekly meeting, all club members participate, offering the information obtained by personal experience and through personal research into book and bulletin material supplied by St. Francis Xavier and through open-shelf and traveling libraries.

Once a month representatives of each study club in a community meet in an associated group to discuss their successes, failure, techniques, and material sources. In this manner, the experiences of one group are shared by all the groups.

Conferences of study clubs and co-

operative enterprises within a region of like interests have proven valuable in co-ordinating the efforts of the movement. The regional conferences are called from time to time as the necessity arises.

The solidarity of the rebuilt society is greater, too, as the result of a yearly meeting at the University of the leaders of the local study groups, co-operative leaders, labor union leaders, churchmen and educators. About 1,000 persons usually gather to exchange information and experiences. Future programs for all groups are considered at the University meeting.

Perhaps the success of the movement that has meant new hope and a new and vital life to the people there is due for the most part to the able training received by the discussion

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The railroads are our neighbors. They operate in all but two counties in Michigan. Their employes live in nearly every community in the state.

The railroads are good citizens. They furnish us with an indispensable service. They are the state's largest taxpayers. Railroad taxes help make possible the schooling of hundreds of thousands of children in this state, because every dollar of railroad taxes goes into the Primary School Fund. The prosperity of the railroads and their employes helps make the business of all of us prosperous. Railroad employes spend their earnings with local merchants.

We urge our Legislature and Congress to be just and fair in considering any legislation intended to remove any inequality under which our railroads are forced to operate.

**W. G. Armstrong** Master  
 Michigan State Grange

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 Michigan State Farm Bureau

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# Over the State with the Junior Farm Bureau

By CHESTER CLARK of Howell, R-2, State Publicity Chairman for the JUNIOR FARM BUREAU

## FIRST COUNCIL OF YEAR HAS 100 PRESENT

Important Decisions Are Made Concerning State Projects

About 100 state officers, regional directors and county presidents of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau met at the State Farm Bureau Saturday, Jan. 4, to plan spring and summer activities. Forty counties were represented. President Dick Anthony presided. It was the first council meeting for the new state and county officers.

### Reports of Regional Directors

Kenneth McCurdy reported new groups in Allegan and Kent counties. Howard Hile reported a regional meeting Dec. 6, another on Jan. 24, and a new group to meet at Lowell. Robert Smith detailed Livingston Junior Farm Bureau's boat trip plan for 1941. Russell Vincent reported on Kalamazoo's junk collecting project, Calhoun's bingo party, recreational leaders meeting, and church services. Herbert Schmidt told about plans for the second winter sports festival for the Thumb district. Grand Traverse Juniors plan to build a club house.

Mr. Robbins of the Milwaukee railroad complimented the Junior Farm Bureau for its work. He advised members to seek permanency in their choice of occupation, and said to think carefully before taking up an occupation not as permanent as farming. A father and son partnership is an ideal approach to permanency in agriculture.

Harry S. Wilt of the MSC short course department discussed the Young Farmers' Day on Feb. 5 of Farmers Week.

Loren Black, state vice-president, offered his resignation as state vice-president. Mr. Black is now employed by the Michigan State Farm Bureau at Traverse City. He spoke highly of his experiences as a Junior Farm Bureau member.

### Christensen Is Vice President

Richard Christensen of Newaygo county, a senior student at Michigan State College, was elected state vice-president from a field of four candidates.

The council approved the request of Mr. Cecil Hess, Jackson school teacher, for permission to circulate among Junior Farm Bureau members a questionnaire of occupational problems.

A proposal for a state relationship committee for the State Junior Farm Bureau was voted down.

The council voted to continue the 6 day leadership training camps for 1941 instead of 3 day camps. A committee will meet with representatives of the Michigan State Farm Bureau to discuss a state sports festival.

The council voted to participate in the Young Farmers day during Farmers Week.

C. L. Brody, executive secretary of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, O. Ulrey of the State College Economics Dept., and Clinton Ballard, state leader of county agr'l agents, spoke to the council.

In the United States, there are 420,118 miles of railway track, enough to make 133 parallel tracks connecting New York and San Francisco.

The aggregate seating capacity of coaches and Pullman cars in operation on the railroads of the United States is nearly 1,800,000 people.

Hail to a many qualified new crop in Michigan—smooth brome grass! In 1940 brome grass doubled its acreage in Michigan.

## Junior Programs for 1941 Win Cups for Excellence



At the meeting of the state council of the Junior Farm Bureau at Lansing, January 4, cups were awarded to the Junior organizations submitting the best programs for 1941. Each group will report at the close of the year regarding its program. The work done will determine whether the group shall retain the cup, or whether it shall pass to another Junior group. These persons accepted the cups for their groups:

Front row, left to right: Edward Martius, director for district 7; Wilbur Gierman, president, Ionia Junior Farm Bureau; Robert Smith, president, Branch County Rural Youth Bureau; Richard Koenigsbaf, director for district 1; Clarice Baker, secretary, Calhoun Jr. Farm Bureau; Betty Mills, secretary State Junior Farm Bureau.

Back row, left to right: Robert Munsell, pres., Livingston Jr. Farm Bureau; Dick Anthony, president State Junior Farm Bureau; Howard Hile, director for district 5; William Fisher, president Allegan Jr. Farm Bureau; Russell Bower, president, Clinton Jr. Farm Bureau; Carl Hill, president, Oceana Jr. Farm Bureau; Norris Young, president Berrien Junior Farm Bureau; Clifford Swisher, president Cass Jr. Farm Bureau; Robert Bennett, president Hillsdale Jr. Farm Bureau; Warren Tony, Berrien county; Russell Vincent, president Calhoun Jr. Farm Bureau; Herbert Schmidt, director for District 10; Francis Bryde, chairman Eaton Jr. Farm Bureau.

## YOUNG FARMERS DAY PROGRAM FEBRUARY 5

We Present Program for a New Service from Farmers Week

Wednesday, February 5 the first young farmers program for young men and women will be presented in the little theatre of the home economics building. The chairman is H. S. Wilt of the short course dept. at MSC.

### The Program

- 9:30 A son's story of a father and son farm partnership. Discussion leader—L. H. Brown, farm management department. Resource persons: Dale Munson, Ithaca; Lawrence Seeger, Bath; Don Johnson, Battle Creek; Merle Byington, Corunna.
- 10:30 Successful family life on the farm. Discussion Leader—Mrs. Karl T. Wright. Resource Persons: Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ruesink, Adrian; Mr. and Mrs. William McCarty, Bad Axe; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lundberg, Dimondale; Miss Francis Hamilton, Battle Creek; Mr. Ray Owens, Battle Creek.
- 11:30 General Program—Auditorium, Little theater, home economics building. Chairman — D. H. Shepard, short course department.
- 3:00 Games and recreation for rural group gatherings—Mrs. M. L. Poersch, in charge. Demonstrations of outstanding recreation group activities of 1940—by Grange.
- 6:00 Banquets. Short course association banquet—Union ballroom.
- 8:00 Comedy, drama, and readings —Fairchild Theater. Music program—Music building auditorium.

Thursday, February 6  
The general program in the auditorium at 1:30 p. m. Thursday, February 6, will be of special interest to young farmers. O. E. Baker, senior social scientist, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. D. A., will speak on "Rural Youth in the Farm Picture."

## 60 Attend Ionia's Party

Ionia County Junior Farm Bureau members did themselves proud the evening of January 24th, when they sponsored a social get-together for the members of region number 5 in the hall of the Farm Bureau Building at Lansing. Sixty young men and women from the Junior Farm Bureaus in Eaton, Clinton, Ingham, and Ionia counties, including the M. S. C. Jr. Farm Bureau attended.

Games were led by Vera Gierman, general chairman. Card tables were set up and eleven rounds of progressive games were played at 14 tables with four persons per table. The games included dominoes, buncio, pick-up sticks, humberg, and chinese checkers. Winners were Rosemary Ward, Herbert Gettel and James Spencer.

A feature of the evening was guitar playing and singing by Norma Shoemaker of Lake Odessa. There was group singing, and circle games. Refreshments were furnished by the Ionia members. Announcements were made by Howard Hile, regional director and Raymond Runzel, president of the college Jr. Farm Bureau. Guests were present from Kent and Livingston counties.

There are now 1,226 separate passenger train runs daily on railroads of the United States and Canada, where an average speed of 60 miles per hour or higher is maintained.

There are now 96 passenger runs on railroads of the United States and Canada where an average speed of 70 miles and more per hour is maintained.

Since 1932, the railroads and the Pullman Company have spent more than \$78,000,000 for the air conditioning of passenger cars.

## JUNIOR GROUPS REPORT NEWS OF INTEREST

Most County Organizations Had a Busy Schedule For January

### BARRY COUNTY

A letter from Kenneth McCurdy tells of an interesting meeting of the Barry County Junior Farm Bureau held at Woodland the evening of January 22. Guest speaker was Walter Illsley, Michigan, State college student. He told of his experiences while traveling through Germany, Denmark, Sweden, and Finland. Illsley has been studying co-operatives in Europe. A very good discussion of Illsley's talk followed. The group was glad to have Keith Tanner of the Farm Bureau present. Mr. Vincent, Smith-Hughes teacher in Woodland, was also present. An attendance of 24 is reported. Refreshments were served.

### CLINTON COUNTY

Clinton County J.F.B. is now in the midst of a membership drive. Charles Avery and Neile Harte are captains of the two teams. The membership contest will end in March. The winning team will be given a party by the losers. Members are selling subscriptions to the Michigan Farm News as a part of the contest. At the January 9th meeting, Keith Tanner of the Farm Bureau presented to the group a talk "Farm Co-operatives and their place in Agriculture." Phyllis Blough, secretary, reported the January 4th state council meeting, revealing that the Clinton J.F.B. had won the silver plaque for having the largest attendance at the state convention. Visitors at this meeting were Charles Heller, Alfred Wickersham, Alma Bower, and Lewis Phillips, Jr. President Russell Bower has recently been elected to the Clinton county senior Farm Bureau board of directors and is secretary-treasurer of that group.

### GRATIOT COUNTY

Gratiot County Juniors held their regular meeting at Beebe Hall, the evening of January 10th. President Parks Allen called the meeting to order. Norma Wang read the secretary's minutes and called roll. Lester Hooper of Ithaca became a member of the J.F.B. Following the meeting a round table discussion was led by George Cox and Parks Allen.

### LIVINGSTON COUNTY

A county rural youth rally held at St. Joseph's Hall at Howell, January 18th drew a group of 75 from all parts of the county. Upon arrival, each guest was introduced over the public address system. Musical games, relays short talks, musical numbers, vespers and refreshments were events of the evening. Ray Smalley of Ypsilanti, district Farm Bureau director and Merle Crandall, Howell co-op manager were guests. Leaders were Horace Taylor, Virginia Jonckheere, Elnora Sharp, Chester Clark, Donald Garlock, Clayton Klein, Elizabeth Jonckheere, Marjorie Nash, Bob Munsell, Bob Smith, and Frances Sharp. At the regular meeting on January 20th S. B. Thomas county agr'l agent was the speaker. Azra Clark and Francis Paskeuric were leaders for the events of the evening.

### KALAMAZOO COUNTY

In addition to the junk collecting project of the Kalamazoo J.F.B., President Willard Frost reports that the new Kalamazoo building will probably be ready for use some time in February and that when the dedication is well planned he will send some pictures and detailed information for our page.

There are approximately 33,200 freight and passenger trains in operation daily on railroads of the United States.

## OCEANA JUNIORS SPONSOR FOUR GOOD MEETINGS

Group Considering Summer Camp and Junior Clubroom

By HARRYETTA SHAW

All camp sponsors were invited to "A Day at Camp" held at the Shelby Co-op Hall on Thursday night, December 12. Everyone was given a card designating the tribe to which he belonged. Games learned at camp were played and those who attended camp gave reports on the classes and other activities. Lunch was served in camp style.

On December 28, a Christmas party was held in the recreation room of the Methodist Church in Shelby, to honor all members and former members who were home from college for Christmas vacation.

Wesley Hawley, district director, had charge of the regular meeting held at the county agent's office at Hart on Thursday evening, January 2. Mr. Hawley led a discussion on the make-up, purpose, and function of the American Farm Bureau Federation, Farm Bureau Services, State, County, Community, and Jr. Farm Bureaus, and their relationship to each other.

Lawrence Gowell, vice president, entertained the Jr. Farm Bureau at his home in Shelby on Thursday night, January 16. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reed were elected as an advisory council, and Anna Heer was appointed chairman of a minute-man committee. Ruth Esther Kerr gave an interesting talk on co-operatives. A further study of co-operatives will be made at the next meeting.

Two projects are contemplated for the Oceana Junior Farm Bureau for 1941,—that of having a camp in Oceana County, and of having a clubroom.

## BLACKBURN SAYS FIRST DUTY IS LIFT FARM INCOME

Five Hundred Meeting of Saginaw Seniors and Jr. Farm Bureaus

By HELENE RUTHIG  
Publicity Chairman, Saginaw Jr. Farm Bureau

Saginaw Junior Farm Bureau cooperated with the senior Farm Bureau in sponsoring a joint meeting at Saginaw January 15, at which Mr. R. W. Blackburn, secretary of the American Farm Bureau, spoke. About 500 farm people attended the meeting.

"Agriculture is the greatest business in the country," said Mr. Blackburn. "As such it should have credit facilities equal to those enjoyed by any other industry. The major objective of the Farm Bureau, next to national defense, is the attainment of parity price and parity income for farmers."

The war and agriculture  
"The war and its effects can do nothing to change the fundamental position of agriculture in a national economy that has become primarily industrial. Therefore, it is the part of wisdom to maintain intact the farm program, to gear its machinery to produce 100 per cent of parity, and to provide for its permanent financial support. If the nation is to be made once more prosperous, and if our industrial economy is to be preserved as it is, then the first duty of the nation is to lift agriculture's income to parity."

Mr. Blackburn told how a resolution is passed by delegates to the American Farm Bureau at their annual meeting and then how finally the A. F. B. E. executive committee arranges these policies and presents them to the President of the United States and other proper authorities necessary to put a policy into effect.

## FUTURE OF DEPT OF AGRICULTURE REMAINS UNCERTAIN

Commission or Department, Partisan Struggle Will Decide

By STANLEY M. POWELL

Uncertainty shrouds the fate of legislation to provide a new method of selecting the Commissioner of Agriculture of Michigan. January 28 the house of representatives passed, 62 to 33, a bill by Representative Maurice E. Post of Rockford which provides that the state board of agriculture, the governing board of the Michigan State College, shall choose a commissioner of agriculture for a 4-year term.

Final vote in the house was largely on partisan lines. All but 2 of the republicans present voted for it. Possibly this is explained on the basis that 4 of the 6 members of the present state board of agriculture are republicans.

The Governor now has power to appoint the commissioner of agriculture. Governor Van Wagener selected Leo V. Card of Hillsdale and sent the nomination to the senate for confirmation. The Senate has taken no action and seems in no hurry to do so. Meanwhile, Elmer A. Beamer continues as head of the Department of Agriculture.

### The Walsh Bill

The house committee on agriculture has two bills on this same subject pigeonholed. One is by Representative Edward J. Walsh of Detroit, on behalf of Governor Van Wagener. It would provide a 5 man bi-partisan commission to be appointed by the governor.

To establish this commission the governor would appoint two commissioners for 2 years, two for 4 years and one for 6 years. As the term of each commissioner expired his successor would be chosen for a 6 year term.

It seems to be taken for granted that to set up the commission the governor would appoint members of his own party for the two 4-year terms and the 6-year term thus insuring political control of the commission for at least 4 years. This feature does not seem to appeal to the heavy republican majority in the senate and the house.

### The Post Bill

After being passed by the house, the Post bill was referred to senate committee on agriculture. Evidence is that this committee will take no sudden action but will wait awhile to secure an expression from rural people as to their desires in this connection. Even if the senate passes the post bill it is very probably that Governor Van Wagener will veto it. There seems small prospect that the bill would be passed over his veto in either the senate or the house. If no definite action is taken in this connection of course the governor will retain the power to appoint the Commissioner directly as has been done since establishment of the department 20 years ago.

It is expected that discussion of this whole situation will be one of the interesting features of a state-wide conference of representatives of all rural groups which has been called by President Reid of the Michigan State Farm Bureau to meet at Farm Bureau headquarters in Lansing Monday afternoon, February 10.

A third bill on the same subject was introduced by Representative Dora H. Stockman of East Lansing. It would make the office of commissioner of agriculture elective for a 4-year term. Candidates would be nominated at the political party conventions but would run on a non-partisan ballot the same as used for justices of the supreme court.

## Eyes Right! . . . . by Squier

The Golden Lamp of Athena

IN THE TEMPLE DEDICATED TO PALLAS ATHENA, GODDESS OF WISDOM, WHOM THE GREEKS HELD IN HIGHEST ESTEEM, A LIGHT BURNED PERPETUALLY IN A GOLDEN LAMP. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE WICK WAS MADE OF ASBESTOS, ONE OF THE EARLIEST KNOWN USES OF THIS FIBRE. GREEKS CALLED IT "AMIANTHUS," OR "INCORRUPTIBLE."

HOME LIGHTING AMONG THE NATIVES OF THE MALAY STATES IS ACHIEVED BY WRAPPING RESINOUS GUM IN PALM LEAVES FOR USE AS EITHER A TORCH OR LAMP.

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## Kalamazoo Junior Farm Bureau Collects Junk

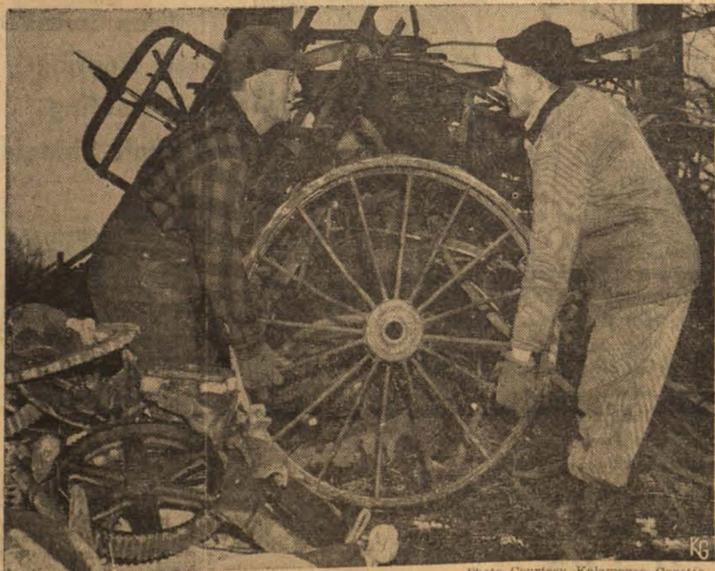


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A huge dual purpose project has been going on for sometime in Kalamazoo county. The Junior Farm Bureau in that county has undertaken the county-wide collection of scrap metals as their contribution to the National Defense program, and as means of financing their treasury.

to help in the dedication of the new agricultural building at Recreational park this spring. Pictured above are members Harold Perkins, left, and George Wise, right as they look over a pile of junk collected by the South-

east Community Farm Bureau near Scotts. Several tons of metals have already been collected. Members of the junk committee are Harold Perkins, chairman, Willard Frost, Willard Hayward, Robert Early, Fred Burger, Gerald Wager, Phil Hannes, and Bob Shook.

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# Study of Parity Price Concept

Background Material for Discussion in February  
by the 197 Community Farm Bureau Groups



Accent on the Second Syllable

By KEITH TANNER

**Membership Relations & Education**  
Foreword: So far during this year's discussion, we have held very close to the study of either democracy or co-operation. I think, that with the background we have obtained from discussing these subjects, we can see that a democracy cannot function best when we have one group all powerful, or another group with a limited economic status.

Equality of rights is fundamental in any representative democracy. It is essential that the economic, social, and political rights must be kept at an even par to insure the best welfare of the people.

The study of parity deals essentially with economic equality between classes of people. "Equality in purchasing power" is usually given as the definition of parity. Thus, parity prices permit the three groups making up the economic stage—agriculture, labor and industry—to exchange their products freely without any one of the groups being placed at a disadvantage by another group. There should be no "paying to boot" between groups when parity exists. Each has the same exchange value as the other.

**We Have Had Parity**

Some ask the question, "Is it possible to have parity?" Yes, it is possible, and we have had parity. We had parity during the period from 1909 to 1914. A period when the farmer's dollar could be exchanged for a dollar's worth of labor, and for equal value of a manufactured commodity. Agriculture, labor, and industry stood at 100% parity. We were dealing then, mostly, with individuals within the various occupational groups. Today we have the individuals organized in groups. It has become a matter of dealing with the groups and not with the individual. The group's voice is magnified by the number of members on its roll. Organization has become a large word and has an important part to play in the study of parity.

**We Don't Have It Now**

Today we find, instead of 100% parity for each of the groups, as based on the 1909-1914 period, that parity figure for industry and business is 125%; labor 212% and agriculture 77%. Thus, we find the farmer's purchasing power at a very low ebb.

Let's analyze this still further. How does the livestock feeder fare under this disparity? In 1913, the hog raiser could take a finished hog to market and exchange it for 10 kegs of nails. Today, he could purchase only 4 1/2 kegs of nails with the money from the sale of the hog.

Now the crop man's problem,—back in 1913 it only took 1 1/2 bushels of wheat to purchase an axe, but today he must exchange 2 1/4 bushels of wheat to secure the same axe.

The cotton farmer in the south has his problems too. During the parity period, he only found it necessary to grow 4 1/2 pounds of cotton to exchange for a work shirt; today he finds it necessary to exchange 7 1/2 pounds of cotton.

It is not only the exchange differential which bothers our farmers but most of them are paying off debts which were taken on when their exchange ratio was higher than what it is today.

The farmers share of the consumer dollar is one of the factors which does not help his parity situation.

**Farmer's Share of Consumer Dollar**

Year	Farm Value	Retail Value	Farmer's share of Food Dollar
1913-15	\$135	\$256	53%
1929	195	415	47%
1932	88	270	33%
1938	130	321	40%

Based on 58 foods consumed annual-

**How Abundant Production Works**

From the standpoint of production as compared to prices, the farmer's theory of abundance does not fall in line with the labor and industry's scarcity policy. In 1933, when industry cut production down to 20% of the 1929 figure, agriculture still maintained 94% production, but industry received 94% of the 1929 prices while agriculture only received 37% of those prices.

The results of this lack of parity in agriculture, has been evidenced in such things as: a 100% increase in farm tenancy and mortgaged farms in the last fifty years; a fifty percent decrease in farm land value in the past twenty years; a loss of farms and rural homes to at least 25% of farms owned ten years ago; an increase of corporation farming with farm land owned by banks, insurance companies and other loaning agencies; a gradual reduction of the price of all farm products resulting in a lower income and lower standard of living for farmers as compared with other classes.

**Farmers Must Save Themselves**

Farmers have reached an economic level where they must think in terms of, "To do or not to do". To do together for agriculture that which cannot be done individually, or to sacrifice those things which have been accomplished by labor and industry through organization.

It has not become a problem of whether I can afford to join an organization voicing the desires of farmers, but a problem of whether I can afford not to join with those who know that group action is more and more necessary as a means of protecting and furthering the best interests of the individual.

The farmer of the future who maintains he can live to himself will soon be eating the dust from the procession of organized groups. Agriculture must meet efficient, closely-organized, well directed industry and labor with like weapons—efficiency, leadership, organization.

If we consider the percentage of farmers to the total population, the farmer for the past 90% has only received about half his share of the national income.

**Others Are Organized Better**

Why have business and labor groups succeeded in getting so much more income proportionately than the farmer? Possibly organization has some bearing on this difference. We find that today business represents 11% of the population, they are 85% organized and secure 23% of the national income; labor represents 64% of the population, are 70% organized and obtain 66% of the national income; 25% of the population are farmers; only 25% of them are organized and they receive only 11% of the national income.

When you have signed up as a Farm Bureau member and paid your dues, you have taken an important step. By so doing you have helped provide an organization which is just as important to your operations as farm machinery. An organization must have both money and men. In paying your dues you have provided money power, and by enlisting your personal effort you are contributing man power.

**WKAR ROUNDTABLE FOR JANUARY**

Tune in WKAR Mondays 1:30 to 2:00 P. M.

Theme for month: Rural-Urban Relationships.

February 3rd—Parity prices for farmers.

10th—Rural and urban incomes.

17th—Economic goals of rural and labor organizations.

24th—Economic goals of rural and urban people.

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E. L. Anthony, dean of agriculture, in announcing approval by the college of the new course, reports there are no new courses involved in any of the college divisions and that no new instructors are required. Students selecting the theology major begin their optional training in their sophomore year.

Action of Michigan State College is similar to that being taken in several other leading agricultural colleges in the United States. E. B. Hill of the farm management department has laid out the course schedule and has participated in conferences with representatives of other schools.

In addition to the agricultural background the pre-theological major would study rural sociology, philosophy, psychology, history and political science, English, speech, agricultural economics and farm management.

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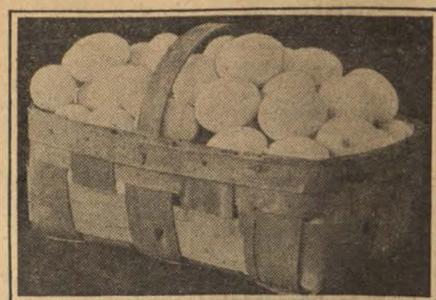
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