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THEY WROTE TO CONGRESS ABOUT PRICE CONTROL

Nov. 13 and 14 the Michigan State Farm Bureau at its annual meeting adopted a resolution suggesting that members advise their Congressmen and United States Senators: (1) that farmers oppose price ceilings on agricultural commodities at less than 110% of parity; (2) that any price control measure enacted must include control of all factors in the economic structure including wage levels.

We present excerpts from a few of the letters written since that time by Farm Bureau members, as taken from copies mailed to Clark L. Brody, executive secretary of the Farm Bureau:

To Congressman Paul W. Shafer: "I wish to express to you the seriousness of placing a ceiling on farm products prices without proper consideration of labor and industry. A price control measure enacted should include control for all factors, including wage levels."

To Congressman W. W. Blackney: "If the farmer is to do his bit toward national defense, the price ceiling for agricultural commodities must not be less than 110% of parity, and whatever measure is enacted must include all, including wage levels."

To Congressman Roy C. Woodruff: "May we urge you to use your influence to oppose legislation establishing price ceilings on agricultural commodities at less than 110% of parity. Any price control measure to be fair and successful must include control of all factors, including wages of laboring people."

To Senators Brown, Vandenberg and Congressman Earl C. Michener: "This is to advise you that the Jackson County Farm Bureau, consisting of 225 families, will support a price control bill, providing that it places a ceiling upon all economic elements involved, including wages of labor."

To Congressman Fred L. Crawford: "To place ceiling on agriculture without applying the same principle to industry and labor would not only be unjust to agriculture but would fail to accomplish the purpose for which such price regulations were established."

To Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg: "My wife and I are utterly opposed to a farm price ceiling at less than 110% parity for farm prices unless ceilings are placed also on wages and industrial profits."

To Senators Vandenberg and Brown Congressman Hoffman: "Berrien County Farm Bureau opposes placing price ceiling on farm products unless ceilings are placed on wages and industrial goods. Represent 1,050 families."

To Congressman Earl C. Michener: "We feel we are justified in demanding that no price ceiling be established on agricultural commodities or any products of these commodities at a price of less than 110% of parity, and also that any price control legislation must include all factors concerned, including wages."

To Congressman Jesse P. Wolcott: "I believe that it is essential that a constructive price control measure be enacted which will really check inflation and prevent a serious reaction in the future. I would consider it folly to enact such a measure unless labor and all economic factors were included. I would oppose any price ceiling on agricultural commodities which would call for less than 110% of parity."

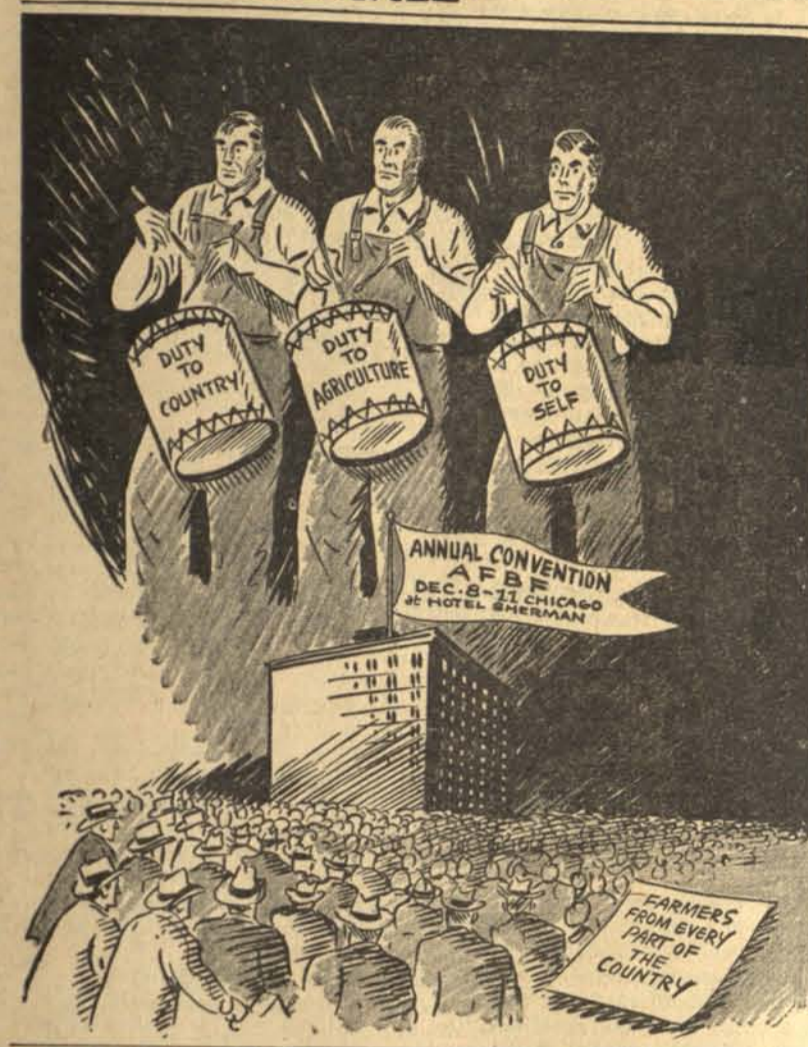
To Senator Brown and Congressman Albert Engle: "Any price control to be effective must, I believe, contain a sufficient measure of wage control to eliminate unjustifiable wage increases. Farmers are producing food to win the war and feel very strongly about present labor policies."

Others who wrote their Senators and Congressmen expressing similar views were:

Clair L. Brown, Kalamazoo, R-9 Harold Michelson, Milan Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Heer, Hart Miss Anna Heer, Hart Mrs. Mabel Rainey, Mt. Pleasant Ralph Davenport, Lapeer Mrs. Ivan Hunt, Saginaw R-1 Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Phelps, Dowagiac Mrs. Harry Sandbrook, Woodland Forrest D. King, Charlotte Thor Hagberg, Lawrence R-1 Jay L. Dodge, Paw Paw Edwin S. Rector, Dowagiac

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THE CALL



FARMER, LABOR INDUSTRY REVEAL POINTS AT ISSUE

O'Neal says Only Government Is Strong Enough to Stop Inflation

President Edward A. O'Neal of the American Farm Bureau informed delegates to the 22nd annual meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau at State College Nov. 13 that "strides industry and labor are taking will sweep the nation into inflation."

The three speakers agreed that a common problem was the danger of inflation, but they disagreed on how to prevent it.

Mr. O'Neal declared that only the United States government is powerful enough to establish controls to prevent a disastrous inflation. The Farm Bureau, said Mr. O'Neal, will support price controls, providing fair and equitable controls are established for agriculture, industry and labor, including wages. No ceiling shall be established for farm prices at less than 110% of parity. The principle of parity prices balance between agriculture, labor and industry should be continued.

Mr. O'Neal told John Lovett that "big industry actually has charge of the defense production program and is benefiting from enormous expenditures by the government."

To Mr. Wischert, O'Neal said that the unions must yield some of their rights. "Why not be patriotic and call off these strikes everywhere?" he asked.

The labor union, said Mr. Wischert seeks the same objective for its members as does the Farm Bureau—economic security. He defended the right to strike as an essential part of the democratic system. He said that the American worker is not lacking in patriotism, but that the loss of the right to strike might cause the worker to wonder how much better off he would be than the workman in Nazi Germany.

Wages and Prices

Mr. Wischert said the unions would accept a law controlling prices, but not wages. He argued that more efficient machinery and methods have increased factory production much more than the wage gains made by factory employees in recent years. He said that of the higher prices for goods, only about 2% of the increase could be charged to increases in wages. John Lovett replied that about 50% for increased cost of materials and 50% for increased wages would be more like it.

Mr. Wischert praised the closed shop, declaring that it was the one method to compel all workers to join the union and pay their share of the dues that bring about wage increases and other benefits the union seeks. His audience gasped when he revealed that the closed shop at the Ford Motor Car Company brings the union an income of about \$500,000 monthly from 100,000 workmen.

O'Neal and Lovett braced the closed shop.

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OUR AMERICA IS THEME OF 23RD AFBF CONVENTION

Government Sends Best Men To Discuss Defense with Farm Bureau

The supreme importance of agriculture in the national defense program is emphasized by the speaking program for the 23rd annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation at Hotel Sherman at Chicago, December 9-11-13.

The United States government is sending such men as Claude Wickard, sec'y of agriculture, Donald Nelson, head of the office of production management, Breckinridge Long, ass't sec'y of state, Robert Patterson, under secretary of war, Leon Henderson, administrator for price control, Thurman Arnold, ass't attorney general, John H. Bankhead, majority leader in the United States Senate, and Clarence Cannon, congressman from Missouri and leader in the House for agriculture.

Viscount Halifax, British ambassador to the United States has accepted an invitation to address the annual dinner of the American Farm Bureau Wednesday evening, December 10.

The convention theme is "Our America". Deliberations of the convention will center on how to meet new conditions that have been created by the war. Sec'y Wickard will discuss the farmer's responsibilities for production. Donald Nelson will advise concerning the situation on priorities and allocation of materials needed for farm supplies. Leon Henderson will talk on the need for price controls and the problems involved. Robert Patterson will report on the military preparedness of this country. Mr. Long will discuss the international situation. Senator Bankhead and Congressman Cannon will speak as leaders for agriculture in Congress. Thurman Arnold is charged with enforcement of the anti-trust laws. He will discuss the effects of monopoly and other restraints of trade on the farmer.

Viscount Halifax is expected to tell how the people of England are meeting their great crisis.

Pre-convention Meetings

Pre-convention meetings start Sunday, December 7 with the annual meeting of the Associated Women of the Farm Bureau. Monday, pre-convention commodity conferences will be held to shape resolutions of policy for the resolutions committee.

Michigan Delegation

Michigan will be well represented in the gathering of 3,500 or more delegates from 40 State Farm Bureaus. President Clarence J. Reid and Vice-President Carl Buskirk are voting delegates to represent the Michigan State Farm Bureau membership. President Reid is one of the AFBF resolutions committee.

Mrs. Pearl Myus of Lapeer, leader of the Associated Women of the Farm Bureau in Michigan, heads the Michigan delegation for that convention. Others at the AFBF convention from the Michigan State Farm Bureau are: Clark L. Brody, executive secretary; J. F. Yaeger, director of membership relations; Benjamin Hennink, Junior Farm Bureau; Keith Tanner, membership relations; Einar Ungren, editor, Michigan Farm News, Mrs. Edwin Bremer of Suttons Bay, Michigan's representative in the speaking contest for the Associated Women. Also, Farm Bureau membership district representatives: W. S. Hawley, C. F. Openlander, Fred Reimer, Anthony Kreiner, George Schultz, Everett Young and Ray Smalley.

Quite a number of folks will be there from Michigan County and Community Farm Bureaus.

Hospital Service Aids Five Mason Members

November 1st 124 families in the Mason County Farm Bureau enrolled in the Michigan Hospital Service, made available to County Farm Bureaus through the Michigan State Farm Bureau. Mason County Farm Bureau is the first.

Within two weeks, according to Wesley Hawley, five families had occasion to use the service. One person had a heart attack and was in the hospital 21 days. The hospital bill would have been \$73. Another had a major operation and was at the hospital 18 days. The usual hospital statement would have been over \$70. A young man suffered a broken leg and had three days hospital care. Two persons underwent tonsil operations at the hospital and were there for a short time. All cases were at the Paulina Stearns hospital at Ludington, except one, which was at Mercy hospital at Manistee.

The service starts with 21 days of hospital care per year in a semi-private or ward room, including meals, general nursing service, and payment of certain other hospital services.

Oceana County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

C. L. Brody, secretary of the State Farm Bureau, described Washington from the farm viewpoint at the annual meeting of the Oceana County Farm Bureau at Shelby Nov. 23. The well-trained chorus of the Associated Women sang, and presented a playlet, "Farm Bureau Tonic." Delegates to the State Farm Bureau annual meeting spoke. President O. R. Gale presided.

New Mixer at Bellevue

To better serve their patrons, the Bellevue Co-operative Company has installed a new feed mixer. They can now give complete grinding and mixing service. Farm Bureau Mermaid Balancer 37% will be used to build their poultry feeds.

90 percent of all the grape fruit in the world is grown in the United States.

President



CLARENCE J. REID

Directors of the Michigan State Farm Bureau re-elected Clarence J. Reid as president for the year ending November 13, 1942 at the 22nd annual meeting at State College, Nov. 14-15. Mr. Reid has served two terms as president, 1940 and 1941. He is a dairyman and general farmer, and producer of certified seeds at Avoca, St. Clair county. He farms 220 acres. Mr. Reid joined the Farm Bureau in 1919. He served as County Farm Bureau president for 17 years and came on the State board of directors in 1934.

"Today the United States faces the great task of proving to the world that the American conception of democracy can and will work," said President Reid in his address to the convention. "We as farmers face the great task of proving to all economic groups that greed has no place in America. If all groups are given their fair share and will live within the bounds of the Golden Rule the fear of inflation and depression can be replaced by faith and confidence."

TIME TO THINK ABOUT BEING REAL AMERICANS

We Need to Think Less of Ourselves and More About Others

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR
Carleton, Mich.

We who live in America are outstanding among the people of this world for the abundance of all necessities we find on every side of us—for the liberty and protection we so freely enjoy, for our undivided homes and our opportunities to labor and to produce.

The present world crisis with its many hardships and sacrifices has done much to show us how really blessed we are not only for a special day or two, but for every day and for every hour. If we are truly grateful for all of these blessings, no one will have to urge us to protect them from the forces of evil running at large throughout the world. If we could only feel that we wanted to share with others less fortunate than ourselves, my sure we'd all be happier, for everyone of us have something that we could divide if we but thought so.

Many, many more of us could enroll with the Red Cross with our yearly dollar for we spend some money every year that does nobody good, not even ourselves.

How selfish so many are during the Christmas period! So many times we see children and even grown-ups showered with all sorts of toys and gifts to the extent that none are truly appreciated. It is my hope that during this coming Yuletide there be more equal division of Christ-like spirit throughout this unsettled, disrupted world. We all know that there will be thousands and thousands of innocent children who will be suffering the agony of disrupted family ties on Christmas morning. We also know it is not possible for us to reach them with material help, but we can create within ourselves a willingness to help if at all possible, not only at the holiday season but for all time.

Thinking Straight on Defense Some papers and many people appear to refuse to think straight on the home defense program. Farmers are being asked to increase production along certain lines so that our country may be able to send to countries needing those things. Now we all know none of us have been asked to grow more wheat or more cotton, for these countries do not need all that we have, but they do want other farm products in order to keep up some sort of a balanced ration and a more healthy people.

Huron County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Huron County Farm Bureau had an excellent annual meeting, Tuesday evening, Nov. 25, starting with dinner. Edward Oeschger, Frank Irion, Mrs. W. Yackle, Mrs. Ray English, Allen Gwinn and Mrs. Howard Nugent took part in an interesting symposium on our individual responsibilities in strengthening democracy. Emmett B. Raven presided. The address of the evening was given by J. F. Yaeger of the State Farm Bureau. These directors were re-elected: Ralph Brown, Mrs. Hal Conkey, Alfred Sturm, Frank Irion.

Ottawa Bureau Honors 9 Life Members

Nine life members of the Farm Bureau were presented with pins by George Schultz, district representative, at the annual meeting of the Ottawa County Farm Bureau Oct. 29. 250 members attended the dinner meeting. Speakers were President Reid of the State Farm Bureau, Andrew Lohman of Hamilton Farm Bureau, and Sam Rymer. Directors Sam Rymer, Gerret Potzger, and John W. Lang were re-elected.

Allagan, Lenawee and Ottawa are Michigan's best poultry counties.

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Farm Bureau Speaks on Labor and Prices

22nd Annual Convention Was One of Best in Organization's History; Board Re-elects President Clarence J. Reid

The Michigan State Farm Bureau announced its policy upon price controls and its policy for a proper relationship between organized agriculture and organized labor at its 22nd annual meeting at Michigan State College Nov. 13 and 14.

President Clarence J. Reid was re-elected. Carl Buskirk of Paw Paw was elected vice president. Clark L. Brody was re-elected as executive secretary and treasurer and enters his 21st year in that office. These officers were named by the new board of directors. The annual meeting re-elected directors James Harris, Lloyd Ruesink, William Bristow, George McCalla, J. T. Bussey and Forrest King. Two newcomers to the State Farm Bureau board are veteran Farm Bureau workers, R. C. File of Niles, Berrien county, and Jesse Treiber of Unionville, Tuscola county.

Nearly 600 delegates from County Farm Bureaus and farmers elevators and other Farm Bureau members attended the two day session. Prominent among the 55 resolutions of policy adopted and entrusted to the State Farm Bureau board of directors and administration for action were these ideas:

Price Controls

—To check inflationary forces, we favor Congressional action and federal authority to establish maximum prices including wages for labor to the extent necessary to prevent inflationary price increases. Price control legislation should recognize the parity principle as between labor, agriculture and industry. We demand that the parity principle be accepted by all groups and applied to all commodities and wage scales.

Labor Relations

—We call upon labor to recognize and deal fairly with farmers organized co-operatively under officers of their own selection, and to recognize those working in farmer's marketing, supply, or processing co-operatives as organized workers, and to cease attempts to impose the requirement that organized farmers and, or their employees must become members of labor dominated organizations.

We demand freedom of the highways and freedom for deliveries at markets for agriculture and its co-operatives... Labor unions should be required to incorporate and thus become financially responsible for their actions and agreements.

Selective Service

—Agricultural production cannot be maintained and most certainly cannot be increased unless a considerable number of trained and skilled young men are left on the farm. Deferment is not asked for agricultural labor as a class but it is asked that draft boards be provided with competent farm advisors to help the boards recognize the situation.

Highway Finance

—We fear that any reduction farmers might secure through reducing automobile or truck licenses may be far overbalanced by consequent imposition of property taxes for highways.

Legislative Reapportionment

—Both area and population should be considered in any sound reapportionment. There should be a definite maximum as to the number of senators or representatives from any one county or city. Other states have that. We suggest "freezing" our representative districts as they are, and apportioning the senatorial districts upon a population basis.

State Dep't of Agriculture

—We instruct our directors to bring farmers co-operatives together before the next session of the legislature to outline a program providing for a commission form or some other satisfactory plan to remove the state department of agriculture from the field of partisan politics.

Sugar Beets

—We favor the renewal of the sugar act of 1937 with certain improvements including higher federal payments to the grower.

Local Stock Yards

—We endorse a program for a standard grading system, licensed and bonded weighmasters, enforcement of sanitary regulations and other needed improvements to protect farmer's interests at local live stock yards.

Farm Bureau Membership

—The 1942 goal for paid-up members should be set at 14,500. Each County Farm Bureau should assume responsibility and set up a sound "Roll Call" procedure for securing its portion of the goal by April 1, 1942.

Copy of State Farm Bureau Resolutions

A postcard will bring any Farm Bureau member a copy of the resolutions adopted at the 22nd annual meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau.

Groups: Fruits, vegetables and potato co-ops; grain, sugar beets and beans, live stock and wool, milk and creameries, poultry and eggs.

The annual report of Clark L. Brody, executive secretary and treasurer, appears on page 4. A copy of the report may be had by writing Mr. Brody. The report includes considerable additional material concerning the Farm Bureau and its operations.

Elsewhere in this edition we sum up the symposium on the relationship of agriculture, industry and labor to each other and toward rising prices and the danger of inflation.

Five hundred or more came to the Fairchild theatre Wednesday evening to hear President O'Neal of the American Farm Bureau, John L. Lovett and J. A. Wischert of Detroit. Mr. Lovett, general manager of the Michigan Manufacturers' Ass'n, spoke for industry.

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New Storm Sash

The weather man is hard to beat. His sign was on the moon a week ago, and I could feel cold weather coming soon.

Of late years Marthy feels the cold worse than she used to do. A good sharp wind that shakes the sash just rattles Marthy too. While I may just as well admit that my once ruffled frame Don't take much sitting in a draft to make me good and lame.

So we decided, she and I, that now the time was come For something definite to be done to warm our happy home. She put the yardstick in my hand, and with her kind advice I measured every window frame (and some I measured twice).

We listed all the sizes out, and then I hustled down And bought us eighteen storm sash from the lumberyard in town. I found Ed Barnes, the handy man, and he came out next day; He hung a sash in every frame and fitted it to stay.

He screwed some small iron buttons on to hold each one in place, While I put paint on sash and glass (and on my hands and face); And now tonight they're dry, and up, and here we sit at ease; We hear the wind at work outside but feel no drafty breeze. I had to shut the chunk stove off and move my chair away Seems like it throws out twice the heat it threw out yesterday.

As mittens are to chilly hands; felt boots to tingling toes; As ear-laps on a frosty day; as mufflers when it snows; As good, red flannel next the hide beyond the slightest doubt; As pancakes packed away inside to keep cold weather out, So storm sash are to chilly rooms when winds with snow are thick, We wouldn't be without them now, because they do the trick.

An extra belt outside your coat; dry paper in your shoes; Oh, these have proved throughout the years to be the things to use. And storm sash on a drafty house are comfort most complete. They really fool the weatherman—and he is hard to beat.

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Education in the Home For Civic Responsibility

This Address Won First Place In Farm Bureau Women's Speaking Contest

By MRS. EDWIN BREMER Sutton's Bay, R. 1, Leelanau County

Editor's Note—Mrs. Bremer won first place in the Farm Bureau women's public speaking contest in the finals which were a part of the program of the annual meeting of the Associated Women of the Farm Bureau at State College, November 13. The topic for all contestants was Education in the Home for Civic Responsibility. Mrs. Bremer will represent Michigan when the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau hear the state winners at their annual meeting at Chicago, December 8. Mrs. Bremer delivered her address to the annual dinner of the State Farm Bureau. She is a good speaker. A few years ago Mrs. Howard Paquin of South Haven won first place in the national contest at Nashville, Tenn.

There is an old saying, that "as the twig is bent so the tree will grow", and it probably proves as nearly true in the rearing of children as in any other case.

For if our young hopefuls are to become the efficient citizens we would have them be and that society has a right to expect them to be, then it is up to us to start training them towards that goal, while they are still in the cradle.

Although heredity does play an important role in a child's life, we cannot always blame our ancestors when Junior starts throwing things, for it is believed that through care and training the average child can practically be molded to fit our own design.

Home life in which the environment is wholesome is one of the greatest character building agencies that civilization has ever produced. There should be an attitude of friendliness, affection, and confidence in family relations. Our treatment of children must at all times be sincere and fair.

If we must punish, let us make sure that it is just, for a child appreciates justice as much as anyone, and if he can see that he deserves his punishment he is not likely to hold resentment. We cannot afford to punish the innocent lest we cause him to lose respect for the law. So important is the value of the wholesome environment that juvenile court officials testify to the fact that stealing is often due to a feeling of inferiority caused by a lack of love and understanding in the home.

Regular Duties One of the biggest problems of the present day is that of child idleness. The normal healthy child should be kept active. He should have regular duties to perform and must work physically and mentally, according to his age if his body, mind and will are to develop in the right way. The chores of a few years ago are gone and our modern life does not provide the daily tasks. This of course is not as true on the farm as in the city. But in the city idleness is considered largely responsible for developing the child into tough or hoodlum. This is one reason that the teaching of music is being stressed so much in our schools. It offers the child with a pleasant pastime, even though it may be hard on the ears of the listener, and it gives an outlet to his emotion as few other subjects can do.

Self-Control and Responsibility If we would have efficient citizens then let us teach our children self-control and responsibility. Self-control can probably best be taught by practicing it ourselves, even though there are times when it may be hard to do. A child will learn responsibility if he is entrusted with tasks which fail or succeed because of him. It is also considered good psychology to give a youngster pocket money, increasing the amount as he grows older and holding him responsible for certain expenses. There are certain things which a child legitimately desires in order to maintain the respect of his associates. This allowance develops in him a sense of obligation and morale.

Education Although knowledge alone does not always produce a law-abiding citizen still we should have it. Education develops the mind; it strengthens the character and it widens the boundaries of our enjoyment. It is a permanent

Music in the Farm Bureau

Gratiot County Farm Bureau and Van Buren County Farm Bureau have developed orchestras that play beautifully. They came to the 22nd annual meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau and captivated those who heard them.

Folks went home thinking what a fine thing it would be if our County Farm Bureau or Community Farm Bureau could have music like that. We can. In every community there are experienced musicians, and musicians who are coming along. Among them is someone who can direct and teach. Bringing them together into a Farm Bureau orchestra, a chorus, or a glee club, as the case may be, may take a bit of doing. But once we have them together, we have the beginning of a group that can fill our hearts with joy and pride.

Mrs. Ray Neikirk of St. Louis thought Gratiot County Farm Bureau could have an orchestra. In much less than a year a few players have grown into a group of 18 or 20 which plays very well, indeed. They have attractive uniforms of their own making, and they have good times. So does the County Farm Bureau.

Van Buren County Farm Bureau presented a delightful group of young musicians to the annual meeting the afternoon of November 13. The orchestra is directed by Mrs. Ilene Bennett of Lawrence. She is the daughter of the late Mulford D. Buskirk, for many years a director of the State Farm Bureau. The pianist is Mrs. Jay Dodge, wife of the secretary of the County Farm Bureau. The young people from two rural schools, include the children of Farm Bureau members. They averaged perhaps 15 years of age. For the Farm Bureau they played a half hour program of classical selections, and performed with the confidence and ability of professionals. The girls wore party gowns in pastel shades. They were beautiful.

Talent is present in every community. We recall that last March the Bay County Junior Farm Bureau and 4-H clubs of Bay county produced a 2 1/2 hour musical show. Fifty-two players took part.

A lot of work is involved. Yes,—but some kinds of work are more fun to do than other kinds. We do love to make entertainment and to be entertained.

An Industrialist on Agriculture

Joined in discussion with leaders of the American Farm Bureau and the UAW-CIO, John L. Lovett, general manager of the Michigan Manufacturers' Ass'n, said to the members of the Farm Bureau:

"Agriculture and industry have very much in common. You plant your seed in the spring. It is a constant gamble for you until you finally have the money in your pocket for the crop. And what you expect in the spring may not be what you get in the fall.

"We in industry invent or make something to sell. We spend all winter designing it and engineering it and tooling up for it, and we bring it out in the spring. If the public does not want it, the effect is just as bad as if we had an all summer's drought. In other words the production of anything is a gamble.

"Surrounded with vast uncertainties, you in agriculture must face weather twelve months of the year. I think possibly we face a more perverse kind of weather—union trouble—365 days in the year. If we guess right we are successful. If we guess wrong, we are just common ordinary failures in the bankruptcy court.

"So it is with us. But agriculture requires initiative, imagination and hard work. So does industry. That is why we are in it. That is why you are in it. You might make more money living in the city, working for somebody else. But you would not have the independence and freedom that you have today in running your own farm. Many of us in industry might be working for somebody else, but we saved a little money and we had a little inventive genius and we started our own business."

Time to Think About Being Real Americans

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Yet we now see glaring headlines about "The government penalizing farmers last year for over-production and now asking farmers to produce more." We hear many folks repeat it and still expect people to consider them intelligent.

What would these same folks think if instead of making airplanes for defense now that everyone can see we will and already do need more and more of them, our production would all run to wheelbarrows?

If our country and other countries do not need more wheat or more cotton it seems to me the worst kind of stubbornness and disloyalty to insist on growing more and more of them.

History Repeats Itself They tell us history repeats itself. When we read the personal histories of Washington and of Lincoln, we find that all was not rosy during their administrations either and that they were handicapped and obstructed in doing what they felt should be done for the nation's good, to the same extent or even more so than our leaders are today.

The Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau

Mrs. Pearl E. Myus, Director for Michigan

ANNUAL MEETING AT COLLEGE NOV. 13

We had a splendid annual meeting at Michigan State College November 13. Mrs. Charles W. Sewell, administrative director of the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau, said the membership will approach 500,000 women this year. Farm Bureau membership is a family affair and automatically confers membership in the Associated Women upon the wife. Also upon women who hold membership in the Farm Bureau in their own right, Mrs. Sewell said the Associated Women helped a great deal in the gathering of 17 tons of garden seeds sent to the women of Great Britain last spring.

Winners in other Associated Women contests: Limericks to promote Michigan farm products, Mrs. Florence Shanke of Wheeler, Gratiot County; County Farm Bureau publicity scrapbooks: 1st, Mrs. Wesley Hawley, Mason County Farm Bureau; 2nd, Mrs. Victor Swanson, Newaygo County Farm Bureau; Mrs. Arthur Ballinger, Gratiot County Farm Bureau. Posters: Beulah Krick, Gratiot County Farm Bureau.

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investment which can be taken away only by the Power which gave it. It gives us respectability and it is the duty of every parent to see that his children have an opportunity to obtain it.

It is likewise our interest, not only as parents but as taxpayers as well, to see that our children do not fall in school. Failure is expensive because it increases our taxes. There are three big reasons attributed to failure. Chief among them is that of irregular attendance. Secondly, physical defects such as poor eyesight, defective hearing, diseased tonsils and adenoids, etc. And the third, inadequate diet. It's rather startling to know that there are 9,000,000 school children in our United States who are undernourished. We have ample opportunity to learn about nutrition; it would certainly be wise if we learned all that we could and put our findings into practice.

Christian Training The value of Christian training in a child's life cannot be doubted. The intimate relationship between the minister, the home and the children is a corrective force in the community. In many homes where the social and physical environment are conducive to delinquent children, church organizations have been responsible for bringing the families back into the relationship of worship, thereby rekindling idealism in their lives.

Summing up these points, then, we would say that if we are to have efficient citizens we must not only give the children food, clothing and shelter, but we must provide them with an education; we must teach them self-control and responsibility and we must provide them with work and play and love and worship.

Problem of the Migrant Children Granting ourselves that these factors are all important, it is with pity and concern that we view the life of the migrant child. Every year there are something like seven million migrants traveling the highways in the pursuit of work. They are without statehood and without the right to vote and due to settlement laws they are ineligible to the services of the health and community agencies.

One-third of this vast group are children, Americans whom we are expecting the same as we expect our own to uphold the principles of

democracy. Yet these families, comparable to the Joads in Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath" are living in rickety buildings, abandoned chicken coops; in fact, in most anything that affords a roof for them.

The children have very little schooling, practically no Christian training, they are subject to diseases of malnutrition, and they fall victims to typhoid, tuberculosis and pneumonia. Those who do escape are growing up without any idea what it is to live and share in a world with other people. Thievery, lying and cheating and sex offenses are found present in a large degree.

Although the government has put up a few camps for them, and in them there is strong evidence that they would become decent citizens if given the chance, still there are far too many uncared for.

When such conditions exist, it isn't much wonder that we spend \$400 per capita, for jails, hospitals and asylums, while we spend only \$8 per capita for education. How much better if we could turn those figures around. Teach the child civic responsibility and start him in the right direction and there would be less need to worry about the adult.

Being a parent is one of the biggest jobs on earth. The boys and girls today are to be men and women tomorrow, and whether or not they are efficient citizens largely depends upon the parent. This is our task; it involves heartaches and sacrifice as well as the pleasure in seeing a child grow. But what greater satisfaction and reward can we ask than to see a child emerge from his training, the joy and pride of all who know him?

They Wrote to Congress About Price Control

(Continued from Page 1.)

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The Community Farm Bureaus During November

Community Farm Bureau Activities

By KEITH A. TANNER

Membership Relations and Education
FOREWORD: The material presented in this column is taken directly from the reports of the Community Farm Bureau secretary in order to acquaint the reader with what groups are doing and thinking.

Most groups are planning Christmas parties for December. Many are asking their County Farm Bureau delegates to the annual state convention, to give a report at their December community meeting.

DAYTON COMMUNITY FARM BUREAU—Newaygo Co.

Dayton Farm Bureau has voted to sponsor a home economics group in the township. Mrs. Clifford Smith was selected as organizer. The secretary of the Junior Farm Bureau asked how many from our group may go to Chicago during the week of the Livestock Exposition so they might arrange transportation and engage rooms.

HERMAN DERKS gave a short report of the recent AAA meeting at Lansing. The coming fair at Fremont was discussed. Plans were made.

OREGON COMMUNITY FARM BUREAU—Lapeer

The ladies of the group decided to each bring a package of their favorite cookies to the next meeting to be taken to Raymond Bohnsack at Fort Worden, Washington.

HASTINGS COMMUNITY GROUP—Barry

The discussion programs for the year were passed out and filled in by the members. A resolution committee was appointed; Merritt Bryant, Mrs. Chas. Woodruff and Frank Farris. The discussion leader, Russell Whittemore, will work with them.

OSHTEMO GROUP—Kalamazoo

The discussion leader personally contacted members as to their stand on the Langer Bill as it arrived too late for our meeting. Our group attended the annual meeting October 31 at the recreation center. Clinton Buell and Harry McMurray were among the four life members of the Michigan State Farm Bureau honored with pins by the Michigan State Farm Bureau. The pins were presented by Everett Young, membership representative.

MAPLE GROVE—Barry

Mr. Young announced the meeting for discussion leaders at Battle Creek. Mrs. Hoffman gave a report of the WKAR Monday Farm Bureau radio program for last month.

ATTICA—Lapeer

The secretary was instructed to send cards to each of the Community Farm Bureaus in Lapeer county announcing that Attica is sponsoring the trip to the annual meeting at Lansing.

SHERIDAN—Calhoun

The Sheridan Farm Bureau group, joined by the Duck Lake and Albion township groups, met at the Maccabee hall. All who heard Stanley Powell will understand the amount of help the Michigan State Farm Bureau is giving the farmer.

WEST JEFFERSON—Hillsdale

There is misunderstanding between producers and consumers? Increases in retail prices are due to increased labor costs, increases in farmer's prices, repetition of hauling routes and city routes. Union men buy goods with union labels—farmers should buy their own products instead of substitutes from other industries.

Advertising should encourage the farmer to buy union made goods and the union men to buy products of concerns with fair trade agreements with farmers.

ARCHIE—Northwestern Michigan

Moved by Mr. Pettizzari and seconded by Mr. Heller: Each member here call on the absent members and report at next meeting. Moved by Mr. Heller and seconded by Braken Gilmore, that a member of our group be appointed to meet with the County Fruit and Vegetable Committee.

BURLINGTON-RICH—Lapeer

Motion made by Mr. McCready that the same authority that governs control of forest fires have control of muck fires. Motion made by Mr. Dwyer that farmers who practice farming with horses should be reimbursed through the AAA Program.

Mr. Clendenan, a member of the Lapeer county membership committee, spoke of the coming membership drive for new Farm Bureau members. A membership chairman for our group was to be chosen at the November meeting.

PINE RIVER—Grafton

Mrs. Johnson made a motion that Frank Riesz represent our group on the St. Louis Community Council. Mrs. Johnson gave a report on the Associated Women's meeting held in Lansing, October 16th.

MARATHON—Lapeer

Motion made that the secretary remind us of "Hunt Club" before the spring election so we could work on it to get some action on it. This group is in favor of farmers being equally represented on our conservation board.

AURELIUS-DELHI—Ingham

The WKAR Farm Bureau radio forum was discussed and regimentation and organization talked about. Inflation was the next topic. It was expressed by some members that the Farm Bureau fight the big men who oppose inflation—others were more anxious that parity for farmers be kept in its right phase.

GENESEE NUMBER 1—Genesee

Voted to draw a resolution to send to the county board meeting: "Resolved: That we protest the 'Use Tax' on automobiles as we believe the automobile is already taxed excessively."

SOUTH WHEELER—Grafton

Motion made and supported that the chair appoint a committee of two to visit the other Grafton groups in connection with a program at Breckenridge School Fair.

OAK RIDGE—Isabella

Conclusions arrived at: That we agreed that parity is a good thing. We agreed that the government should take action against inflation.

WOODLAND—Barry

We came to the following conclusions: It would be better to use our wheat in storage than to have wheat imported. Farmers are not unreasonable in asking for parity. Why shouldn't farmers have at least 100% parity if labor gets better than 200%? If there is to be a ceiling on farm prices, there should be one on labor.

ELBA-HADLEY—Lapeer

A paper was presented entitled, "Fighting Taxes with Facts". A resume of the Indiana tax plan was read by the secretary. Mr. Walter Broecker read various items from the Michigan Taxpayer. He also read an article from Babson on the amount we spend in taxes on each article we buy, such as \$35.00 out of every \$100.00 spent in rent goes for taxes. There are 52 different taxes on each \$100.00 spent on clothes, and one out of every four dollars the housewife spends goes for taxes of one kind or another.

The chairman introduced and discussed the subject of Hadley-Elba township herds being tested for Bangs by the federal and state veterinarians. Many examples were given on the merits of the test. Moved by Adolph Broecker that the chairman appoint a committee from each township to get petitions from county agent to have federal and state vaccination for Bangs disease in Hadley and Elba township. Resolved, That the secretary be instructed to write the Lapeer Road Commission on the elimination of some of the dangerous curves on our highways such as the Baldwin-Broecker Road corner and the Hadley-Lippincott corner.

N. E. HILLSDALE—Hillsdale

Orville Duryea, president of the County Farm Bureau, was present and spoke on the value of groups and meeting and why it is important that

we keep in close touch with the State and National Farm Bureau. He announced the meeting of all groups to be held in the 4-H Club Building Friday evening, November 28th, and urged all to attend.

SAUBLE RIVER—Mason

Mr. Bagley gave an interesting account of his recent trip to Lansing where he was given the main facts on the 1942 farm program which he in turn related to us. He gave us the idea that it is necessary for us to produce more farm products as eggs, pork, milk and garden produce help in the defense program, aid to keep the state of health of our citizens as high as possible.

BAIMBRIDGE—Berrien

General discussion of news found in the State Farm News followed. The importances of the farmer's part in national defense was pointed out by Mr. Krieger. Parity goal has been accomplished until 1942. The Farm Bureau as an organization must stand firmly behind it after 1942.

N. W. OSHTEMO—Kalamazoo

The recreational leader introduced Mr. Cates who gave a very interesting talk on their vacation trip to all points East. When asked how much the trip cost Mr. Cates said he started out with \$100.00, his wife with \$50.00; when they returned he had \$20.00 and his wife \$100.00. Could this be a new kind of arithmetic?

HART—Oceana

Mr. Eggert, agricultural instructor at the high school, offered the Hart Community Farm Bureau an opportunity to present a program at the annual harvest festival at the school on November 14th. It was decided to do so.

PORTER—Grafton

Motion made by Clare Snyder that we appoint two people to help the Future Farmers of America with a community fair to be held in Breckenridge high school in January. . . . Talk by Harold Mouser on the Triple A program explaining how it works and the 1942 set-up.

ALBEE-SPAULDING—Saginaw

Everybody enjoyed looking over the grand display of "blue ribbon" farm produce, vegetables and canned fruit which were displayed at our meeting. Mr. Orrin Munson acted as auctioneer and our Big Little Fair netted \$6.60, things going for somewhat more than parity prices.

BETHEL—Branch

All agreed: That the AAA program is a program designed to improve and maintain fertility of soil. Thru restriction of acres planted it purposes to maintain prices at a parity level. The farmers who need program most are the least apt to co-operate. The program is for our good. It merits

the support of all of us. For with organizations in labor and industry, we must have organization or fall. Hitler has a plan, we must have one, too. So an increase of 8% or more increase in production is asked this year. This actually means in milk an increase of one glass of milk per cow per milking; 106 eggs where before you gathered 100; if you grew ten last year you should grow 11 this year; and every family should have a garden and can the surplus food.

CLARKSTON—Oakland

Fred Beckman suggested that we should take a stand on reapportionment. No motion was made, but the consensus of opinion was that we should oppose any plan whereby Detroit and other large cities could control the legislature.

PHELPS—Charlevoix

Motion made by Walter Henley and supported by Vern McChau that the group take out a membership in the Red Cross, the amount being made up by a collection. Carried.

S. W. CLINTON—Clinton

The discussion of the evening was ably directed by discussion leader, Earl Avery. Some of the general opinions expressed were: That the need for better understanding between producers and consumers was not so great since they have so much in common.

That most misunderstandings come from the false conceptions the public acquires from the advertising and publicity practices of the processor and distributor—the practice of depicting the farmer as being the sole beneficiary from the sale of certain food commodities.

Specific example—that of the sugar companies urging the public to buy beet sugar to help the Michigan farmer. Those who are familiar with sugar beet production and contracts know that only about one-fourth of the amount of sugar sold goes into the farmers' pockets when he realizes 8 tons of beets per acre. Out of this he gets paid for his own labor, realizes some returns on his land and machinery investment.

When a farmer buys a fifteen cent package of corn he buys back his corn at \$20 per bushel. Since the farmer at present gets only 51 per cent of the consumers dollar (a new high as of October 1941) we feel that in view of that fact and the conclusions reached from the foregoing examples, that we as farmers—producers are a benevolent people—giving employment to thousands and providing fortunes for many. The above mentioned practices of the processors, distributors, etc., should be modified to portray a true picture to

Parma Patronage Dividend

Another good reason for belonging to a co-operative: Mr. Alger Hicks, Manager of the Parma Co-operative Company, told the writer that during the month of October they paid \$2,365.00 in patronage dividends and 5% on their stock.

Proof That Supplement Pays

Here is the proof the feeding high protein hog supplement with farm grains is a paying proposition. Their Weights for 4 Months

| Lbs. | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. |
|-----------|------|------|--------|---------|------|
| *Charlie | 35 | 64 | 91 1/2 | 174 | 230 |
| *Mortimer | 40 | 47 | 71 | 101 1/2 | 142 |

PROFIT AND LOSS

| CHARLIE | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Nov. 21—weight | 230 lbs. |
| July 21—weight | 35 |
| Gain in 4 months | 195 lbs. |
| Value of Gain: | 195 lbs. at \$10.75 cwt. \$20.96 |
| Feed Consumed: | |
| 137 Gr. Wheat at \$1.92 | \$2.64 |
| 137 Gr. Corn at \$1.65 | 2.26 |
| 63 Gr. Oats at \$1.80 | 1.13 |
| 295 Sh. Corn at \$1.57 | 4.63 |
| 82 Hog Suppl. at \$2.70 | 2.21 |
| Cost of feed consumed | \$12.16 |
| SUMMARY | |
| Cost of feed consumed | \$12.16 |
| Value of 195 lbs. gain | 20.96 |
| NET PROFIT on feed | \$ 8.80 |
| Cost to produce one pound of pork | 63¢ |

MORTIMER

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Oct. 21—weight | 140 lbs. |
| Nov. 21—weight | 40 |
| Gain in 4 months | 100 lbs. |
| Value of Gain: | 100 lbs. at \$10.75 cwt. \$10.75 |
| Feed Consumed: | |
| 214 Gr. Wheat at \$1.92 | \$4.13 |
| 214 Gr. Corn at \$1.65 | 3.53 |
| 107 Gr. Oats at \$1.80 | 1.93 |
| 129 Sh. Corn at \$1.57 | 2.03 |
| Cost of feed consumed | \$11.47 |
| SUMMARY | |
| Cost of feed consumed | \$11.47 |
| Value of 100 lbs. gain | 10.75 |
| NET LOSS on feed | \$.72 |
| Cost to produce one pound of pork | 71 1/2¢ |

Charlie Beat Mortimer by 95 Pounds

MADE GAINS AT 6 3/4¢ LB. MORT'S COST 11 1/2¢ LB.

This is the fourth monthly report on the progress of Charlie and Mortimer Co-op, two pigs engaged in a feeding experiment at Coldwater Co-operative Company elevator. Purpose of the experiment was to determine the profits in any in (1) feeding grains and hog supplement in a self-feeder as against feeding the same grains by hand and without supplement.

July 21 Charlie (35 lbs.) and Mortimer (40 lbs.) were put in separate pens. Mortimer was hand fed by the sloop method twice daily. His grain ration was 100 lbs. ground corn, 100 lbs. ground wheat, 50 lbs. ground oats. Shelled corn was provided. Charlie's pen was equipped with a self-feeder and automatic waterer.

Charlie got the same grain ration plus 1 part of 40% protein hog supplement to 4 parts of ground grain. Shelled corn was provided in a separate compartment of the feeder.

November 21 ended the career of Charlie. He weighed 230 lbs. that day. Charlie consumed \$9.55 worth of grain and \$2.21 of hog supplement (\$12.16) to produce 195 lbs. of pork. Charlie was sold through the Producers Co-operative Ass'n at East Buffalo, N. Y., at \$10.75 per cwt. to return \$20.96 for his 195 lb. gain. He showed a net profit of \$8.80 over cost of feed, and produced pork at 6 3/4 cents a pound.

Mortimer Now on Supplement

Nov. 21, at the end of four months on straight grain ration, sloop fed, Mortimer had gone from 40 lbs. to 140 lbs. While Charlie was gaining 195 lbs. Mortimer gained 100. Mort consumed \$11.47 worth of grain. His

were provided by members of the Junior Farm Bureau.

The Resolutions Committee composed of Stanley M. Powell, Howard Hile, and A. Jay Chamberlain recommended four resolutions which were all approved by the members. These dealt with the necessity of agricultural organization in the present emergency, commendation of the legislature, highway finance, and legislative reapportionment. All four of these resolutions were later adopted by the delegates at the Michigan State Farm Bureau Convention and are a part of the Farm Bureau program for the coming year.

The principal speaker for the meeting was C. J. Reid of Avoca, Michigan president of the Michigan State Farm Bureau who delivered a splendid address on the necessity of organization and the part which Farm Bureau life and strengthening the foundations of the board of directors were re-elected. Musical and entertainment features

the consumer public. CENTRAL HURON—Huron Then he asked that each give his birth place for roll call. It was interesting to note that we went as far as Yugoslavia and as near as the home in which we met. The meeting was adjourned by repeating the Farm Bureau creed.

N. W. OAKLAND—Oakland

Some conclusions reached were: 1st, the need of organization and advertising by producers; 2nd, there is too great a variation in price received by producers and those paid by consumers which is causing great misunderstanding between the two.

NORTH FABIUS—St. Joseph

It was the general opinion of the group that the labor cost in getting food from producer to consumer is too high. Buying in very small quantities has much to do with the high price of foods.

Most city consumers do not realize the spread in price from producer to consumer and most producers do not realize just what the consumer pays for many things.

Co-op Trade Mark Upheld in Court

National Co-operatives, Inc., a national purchasing federation of farm co-operatives, has been notified by its copyright attorneys that its CO-OP trade mark has been upheld in court.

On August 2, Judge J. W. Clancy of the U. S. District Court, New York City, signed a decree enjoining Consumers Mail Order Co-operatives, Inc. from using the trade mark, CO-OP, National Co-operatives, Inc. had denied to that organization the right to use the trade mark. It is believed to be the first time the property rights to the trade mark have been tested in court.

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Ruesink Reports

Mr. Charles Ruesink, who is one of Lenawee County's better farmers, says Farm Bureau Merdash 16% has what it takes to make pullets lay and keep their laying. Mr. Ruesink has 150 Plymouth Rock pullets 4 1/2 months old that are laying from 120 to 122 eggs per day, which is 75% to 80% production.

Good Year at Ida

Mr. Fred Nickel, Manager of the Ida Farmers Co-op, Ida, Michigan, tells us another successful year has been completed. With patrons and stockholders receiving \$15,000.00 in patronage dividends and interest on stock, it pays to belong to a Co-operative.

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Michigan State Farm Bureau Looks Ahead To Problems and Opportunities of 1942

Annual Report by Secretary Brody to the State Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, Nov. 13, 1941

By CLARK L. BRODY
Executive Secretary and Treasurer

The extraordinary conditions under which this annual meeting is convening finds the farmer confronted with problems, relationships and duties of enormous magnitude and seriousness.

Agriculture is sailing an uncharted course. Experience and custom are largely inadequate as a guide because of the rapidity and unprecedented scale with which the situation has come upon us.

Lend lease requirements have replaced our dwindling export trade. This, with the defense needs of our country, is creating an emergency demand for live stock, poultry and dairy products, beans, fruits and vegetables. Markets are approaching war time levels. We are in the midst of major changes in our methods of production and marketing.

Agriculture On A New Course

During the emergency at least we shall be producing food according to specifications laid down by the government. These changes are affecting civilian consumer trade. The Consumers Council has been planted in the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The demands upon the farmer for vitamin rich food, and for new nutritional and health values under the stress of the world crisis are bringing about important adjustments in farm practice, economy and living. To a considerable degree, these may change our farm practices permanently.

We have changed almost overnight from a program of limited production to a program of increased production, excepting the crops for which we have surpluses. We have turned around on some commodities.

Problems of Supply and Relationships

During the war period defense materials wanted for the manufacture and distribution of farm supplies will be allotted to agriculture according to the degree they are to be used in growing, harvesting and marketing the particular crops wanted by the government.

Experience throughout the nation indicates that the farmer should understand his relations with organized labor and with industry. He should be prepared to insist upon a just relationship. The farmer must face the situation through his farm organizations. He must retain control of his own operations.

Position of Agriculture in Years Ahead

Keeping ourselves free from undue influence and domination by government bureaucracy and regaining our freedom of action and initiative following the world crisis will require the strongest farm influence and power we can build.

Foreign trade policies affect agriculture. The changing conditions being brought about by the war must have the serious attention of the Farm Bureau.

Taxation, state and national and hundreds of other adjustments to come will demand our attention as a farm organization.

Reapportionment policies suggested for Michigan may determine whether or not the farmer is to lose most of his voice in state government.

It is not improbable that many of our domestic policies including our highway and school tax programs, will be disrupted and confused, and that untold new relationships will be experienced by farm people.

This brief enumeration comprises only some of the important considerations that confront this convention with the most serious responsibilities in policy making. They make your deliberations and the content of this report of unusual significance.

The Michigan State Farm Bureau has been continually concerned with all the social, educational, economic and public relations of the farmer.

It is the purpose of my report to give you in the limited time available at this annual meeting a comprehensive cross section of the year's activities.

The work of the several departments of the Farm Bureau has been summarized in this annual report. I take this opportunity to call your attention to the capable manner in which the department heads and their help have carried out their responsibilities.

Farm Bureau's Work the Past Year

The Farm Bureau's annual report also constitutes a permanent record for reference purposes in succeeding years. It is a link in the recorded history of the Michigan State Farm Bureau.

The preparation of this report has suggested its presentation under two main divisions:

- (1) Our co-operative business activities.
- (2) Our general services not involving directly the actual transaction and management of business.

Co-operative Business Activities

Farm Bureau co-operative business activities are carried on through the Farm Bureau Services, Inc. and the Farm Bureau Fruit Products Company.

These subsidiary corporations are owned jointly by local retail supply and marketing or canning co-operatives and the Michigan State Farm Bureau. The Farm Bureau has a major interest. The Insurance Department of the Michigan State Farm Bureau is also one of our most serviceable co-operative business activities.

Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

No important changes have been made during the year in the type and kinds of farm supplies distributed. Practically all lines of commodities have shown an increase. Our wholesale volume increased \$409,378.64. Our financial report shows earnings considerably above the average.

Farm machinery and electrical equipment have made encouraging progress. During the year the machinery sales policies were changed so that our distribution efforts are now mainly directed to those localities which have been furnishing a large portion of our machinery business. It

will be our purpose to give them major attention and develop additional local agencies only as they can be established with reasonable chance of success and at minimum of promotional and organization costs.

Five years' experience has taught us that building a farmers' co-operative farm machinery service is a matter of many years or possibly a lifetime. It cannot be done overnight and is attended by setbacks, obstacles and disappointments. Years are required to discover and develop the personnel required at both the state and local ends of farm machinery distribution. Also, many of our co-operatives are not adapted to farm equipment merchandising from the standpoint of facilities or personnel.

For these and other reasons we have adopted the above policy of putting the emphasis on the most promising local points rather than attempting to build a state-wide system of distribution in a short time. This change of policy during the year has not only reduced sales expenses but has made the successful outcome of the farm machinery project look more promising.

We have established our own dust manufacturing plant at North Lansing. It appears to be meeting the growing needs for insecticides by growers of tomatoes, celery, sugar beets and cucumbers.

The petroleum volume has shown a marked increase the past year. Our seed, feed, fertilizer, insecticides and steel fencing and roofing, and miscellaneous items have shown good gains.

Services Branches and Management Contracts

Nearly all our 23 branches and retail points under management contracts have gained financially. On the whole they have reduced their accounts receivable and improved the service to farmers. So far as practical we are making every effort to supplement the business at the retail points under Farm Bureau supervision with our membership relations and co-operative organization program.

Farm Bureau Services at the Saginaw Branch has purchased nearly a city block of land in the city of Saginaw. The property is adjacent to our elevator property at 220 Bristol street, and is on the Saginaw River, with marine shipping possibilities. The land was bought with the proceeds from the sale of preferred stock in Farm Bureau Services, purchased by Saginaw county farmer patrons. As this is being written, plans are under consideration for the construction of a warehouse and eventually a bulk feed mixing plant on this site. The entire venture is being financed out of moneys raised from the people getting the service, and with the assistance of the St. Paul Bank for Co-operatives.

Farm Bureau Fruit Products Company

The Farm Bureau Fruit Products Company and its three subsidiary canning plants at Hart, Coloma, and Bay City have made progress towards greater stability and service to fruit and vegetable growers in processing and marketing their produce. Eleven thousand dollars of new capital stock was subscribed during the year by growers at Coloma.

The Michigan State Farm Bureau has made a considerable investment in the Farm Bureau Fruit Products Company. These funds have in turn been used to furnish capital requirements in the Fruit Co-operatives Canning Company at Coloma and the Bay Co-operative Canneries, Inc. at Bay City. Only through this investment could the canning enterprises at Coloma and Bay City be started and weather the difficulties experienced. A large temporary loan financed the Oceana Fruit Growers plant the first year.

All three plants have been making progress under difficult conditions. The showing for the year is encouraging in most respects. Our operations have been facilitated by recent contracts with the Federal Surplus Commodity Corporation to process peaches, apples, and potatoes for lend lease shipments to England.

Farm Bureau Insurance Department

Our Insurance Department has greatly exceeded all previous records for the production of automobile insurance. We now have 64,108 automobile policies in force, showing a net gain for the year of 9,139; also \$8,758,271 of life insurance showing a production of \$750,000 for the year. The premiums collected for the Fire Insurance Company approximated \$50,000. Twenty-four thousand automobile insurance claims were settled through State Farm Company claims offices in Lansing, Grand Rapids, Detroit and Traverse City, assisted by leading attorneys in 30 Michigan cities. A force of 434 local agents located in nearly every county in Michigan constitutes a real organization asset for the Michigan State Farm Bureau and affords a valuable means of contact with the membership.

In his report, Insurance Director Alfred Bentall states: "State Farm insurance agents are taught to accept it as a fundamental that their work



CLARK L. BRODY

is distinctly a branch of the service rendered by the Michigan State Farm Bureau. The rural agents are Farm Bureau members. They participate in the Farm Bureau community meetings, and the director and assistant director as well as the nine district managers take an active part in all phases of the Farm Bureau program. We are particularly interested in the Junior Farm Bureau and recognize it as a fruitful source of future agents. We are most anxious that everyone connected with our department shall recognize his or her obligations to the Michigan State Farm Bureau as the parent organization."

The Michigan State Farm Bureau as the state agent of the State Farm Companies has developed city agencies with an appreciable volume of life, auto and fire insurance in Detroit, Port Huron, Jackson, Flint, Lansing, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, Muskegon, and Saginaw.

Problems Before Farmers' Co-operative Businesses

The past twelve months have been the largest business year our organization has ever experienced. We must face the future with courage but not with over confidence. Many problems and obstacles never experienced before confront us in these unusual times. While some lines will undoubtedly be benefited by the defense emergency, others will be noticeably curtailed and changed. Notable examples of the latter are woven wire, steel sheets, paint, and electrical equipment.

Priorities for Farm Supplies

In conjunction with other co-operatives we have concerned ourselves regionally and nationally over the problem of priorities for farm production supplies. Your organization has been active in protecting and interpreting your interests with the National Defense Relations Office of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. We have joined with other State and regional co-operatives in establishing the National Committee for Farm Production Supplies, as follows:

General Farm Organizations
Louis J. Taber, Master of the National Grange.

Edward A. O'Neal, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

M. W. Thatcher, Chairman of the national legislative committee of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America.

Clark L. Brody, Member of the board of directors National Council of Farmer Co-operatives

Regional Purchasing Co-operatives

Quentin Reynolds, Eastern States Farmers Exchange Springfield, Massachusetts (Chairman of Committee).

W. G. Wysox, Southern States Co-operative, Inc., Richmond, Virginia.

H. W. Smoots, United Co-operatives, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana.

I. H. Hull, Indiana Farm Bureau Co-operative Association Indianapolis, Indiana.

J. L. Nolan, Farmers Union Central Exchange, St. Paul, Minnesota.

John Brandt, Land O'Lakes Creameries, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Fred E. Herndon, Illinois Farm Supply Company, Chicago, Illinois.

Howard A. Cowden, Consumers Co-operative Association, North Kansas City, Missouri.

Charles McNeill, Mississippi Federated Co-operatives, Jackson, Mississippi.

The policies of the National Committee for Farm Production Supplies are executed by the National Council of Farmer Co-operatives, under the supervision of Ezra T. Benson, executive secretary of the Council. He is assisted by a full time man supported by the National Council and farm supply co-operatives. The committee works closely with the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Defense Relations, and with the Office of Production Management. Our committee is receiving the most helpful cooperation from these government agencies.

At best, however, some of our lines of business will be curtailed seriously.

It is our purpose to put extra emphasis on our feed, seed, fertilizer, insecticides and petroleum and farm machinery lines.

Some of our other lines will be restricted through the emergency period. For them it will be largely a matter of distributing what we can get rather than promotion of sales. On this account we have taken advantage of limited opportunities to curtail personnel and certain operations be not filling a few vacancies and by shifting personnel as conditions have warranted.

New Taxes and Expenses

All types of business have been growing increasingly difficult to manage and to operate because of the multiplication of taxes and government regulation and interference developed even before the defense emergency came upon us. During the past year it has been necessary to spend thousands of dollars for counsel, weeks of clerical work and time of your regular personnel to satisfy the demands of government bureaus for complicated reports involving the payment of current and new taxes. These include reports on sales tax, capital stock and excess profits taxes, unemployment and social security taxes, income tax, wages and hours records, and other taxes and assessments not formerly levied.

These matters are complicated by regulations of bureaus and rules made by men in addition to the laws enacted by legislative bodies of our state and national governments. Some of these regulations seem to have little relationship to the laws upon which they are supposed to be based. It is difficult at times to know whether one is in compliance with them. It is often hard to get definite information and sometimes the instructions of one official are reversed by another months or years later.

Business management never knows today what hour some government representative will walk into his offices and create trouble and emergency on matters with which he thought he was in full compliance or had not found it possible to get the information necessary to know whether his organization was obeying the requirements or not. This danger alone is sufficient reason in itself for a much greater Farm Bureau membership and stronger organization if we are to enjoy the return of our privileges and opportunities when the war crisis is past.

Michigan State Farm Bureau General Service Activities

The general service activities of the Michigan State Farm Bureau include public relations, embracing legislation and government administration, tax and accounting counsel, membership relations and co-operative education, Junior Farm Bureau, publicity and advertising, and general administrative services of a wide variety.

State and National Public Relations

One year ago the annual meeting of this board of delegates established a legislative program. It was very comprehensive and far-reaching and included policies that were controversial and difficult to accomplish. Yet this convention finds most of that program enacted into law, and defeat accomplished for several measures that were undesirable from a farm viewpoint.

State Affairs

The Michigan State Farm Bureau was represented at each session of the legislature by its legislative counsel. A continuous effort was made by your board of directors, officers, and administrative offices to keep the Farm Bureau program constantly in the minds of the legislators. We made personal appearances before committees and gave testimony at public hearings. We supplemented these efforts by personal interviews.

The active support given by your State Farm Bureau board of directors and president and vice-president, by the membership, the Community and County Farm Bureaus, and the Farm Bureau Minute Men demonstrates the results possible when farm people really take their public relations seriously and actually unite in doing something about them.

The aggressive and intelligent support on the part of the membership and local Farm Bureau organizations and Minute Men is not only of the utmost importance to your State Farm Bureau administration but to every legislator who supports and works for constructive measures for agriculture.

This effective support registered by all groups comprising the Farm Bureau was facilitated by the timely information presented by the Michigan Farm News, by the Minute Men, by letters and at meetings. I am encouraged to feel that the experience gained each year will result in better understanding of public relations matters and greater support by our membership and Farm Bureau Minute Men. The experience of the past year has demonstrated that. Not only has member support been more aggressive but it has been well considered and timely. The increased Farm Bureau membership and educational work carried on by community and county leaders and the membership relations department to secure and maintain the membership was also an important factor in accomplishing your legislative program.

Some of the principal measures followed:

State Aid for Schools. This measure was of the broadest general interest to farm people of any issue on our program. The new law provides an improved and fair formula for distribution of funds to rural schools and smaller high schools. It increases substantially the state aid to one room schools and to smaller high schools, with resulting benefits to rural people.

Milk Marketing Act. A similar bill passed two years ago and declared unconstitutional is estimated to have meant over \$1,750,900 to the milk producers in the fifteen months of its operation. In the new measure every effort was made to correct the legal and other difficulties experienced in the first measure. From the experience with the first bill it would seem reasonable that the continuous and permanent functioning of the new measure should mean important benefits to the milk producers without raising unreasonably the cost to consumers.

Transportation. Reduction in the tax on farm trailers from 50c to 35c per cwt., and clarification of the law regarding agricultural implements, also a complete exemption from the provisions of the motor carrier act for trucks hauling farm produce except live stock, were important transportation accomplishments.

Weed Control Act. In accordance with last year's resolution we secured enactment of a weed control law along the lines suggested by the Farm Bureau.

Co-operative Law. A much-needed clarification of the Michigan co-operative law as requested by the Michigan co-operatives and your resolution last year was a real step forward.

Indemnities. Animal disease indemnities were provided to compensate the farmer for live stock lost through Bangs Disease and T. B. testing.

Log Rule. We have a better log rule for farmers.

Michigan State College. Our support for the appropriations granted to Michigan State College, constituted another important feature of the year's work.

The defeat of a plumbing amendment which would have prevented the farmer from making his own installation deserves mention. Harmful insurance and other measures detrimental to the farmer's interests threatened as usual but were not enacted.

Selective Service. Your secretary at the request of the State Selective Service officials assisted in the selection of the agricultural representatives on the appeal boards and the assistant occupational advisors of the estate. The responsibility of naming and getting the acceptance of the men to voice the viewpoint of agriculture in determining the status of selectees was given to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Elmer A. Beamer, and myself.

On account of the pressure of his official duties and the condition of his health, Mr. Beamer requested me to secure the acceptance of each man in our list of nominations. I have never witnessed greater loyalty and unselfishness anywhere than was exhibited by these men in accepting this important and difficult responsibility. This work constituted my last contact with my old friend Elmer before his death.

The State Selective Service office frequently has contacted the Farm Bureau with respect to the interest of agriculture in selective service matters. This is a working relationship that is appreciated deeply.

National Affairs

Agriculture today is one of the strongest and most influential groups in Washington and the nation. My personal and direct contacts in our national capital and elsewhere indicate unmistakably that the American Farm Bureau Federation under the leadership of President O'Neal is a foremost influence in our nation in the determination and administration of the broad agricultural policies.

This is evident throughout more than 20 years of history. It is indicated particularly by the enactment of the recent 85% loan and parity payment legislation. That was adopted in the face of combined opposition from other major and powerful group interests.

Yet this high position of your American Farm Bureau Federation has been attained and administered with a dignity and fairness that has retained the respect and admiration of constructive groups in walks of life outside of agriculture. This was evidenced recently by editorials in metropolitan papers in many of the large cities of the nation regarding President O'Neal's constructive position on inflationary price policies.

To register your interest and influence on national legislation largely devolves upon President Reid and the secretary's office in accordance with the advice and instructions of your State Farm Bureau board of directors. Your board of directors gave consideration throughout the year to national measures. Your State Farm

Bureau administration has been the most active in national affairs of any year in its history.

The principal national measures with which we were concerned include:

85% Parity Loans. May 26 President Roosevelt signed the Farm Bureau inspired bill adopted by Congress May 13 to guarantee farmers' loans of not less than 85% of parity prices on wheat, corn, cotton, rice and tobacco. Farm Bureau action in Congress to extend the 85% of parity guarantee to other crops was successful in July with the adoption of the Steagall amendment.

Now, for the first time in nearly 20 years, the price the farmer receives for his products is approximating the price he pays for the products of other groups.

Parity Guarantee in National Farm Program. The Farm Bureau was a major influence in the inclusion of a guarantee of not less than 85% of parity prices into the national farm program announced in September for the purpose of increasing production of live stock, dairy and poultry products, fruits and vegetables.

No Ceiling for Farm Prices at Less than 110% of Parity. The Michigan State Farm Bureau said with the American Farm Bureau on September 8 that no ceiling should be set for farm prices at less than 110% of parity, and that the parity principle should always prevail. October 21 Secretary Wickard of the U. S. Department of Agriculture said that would be his policy.

Commodity Credit Corporation. We supported legislation to continue this agency.

Philippine Sugar. We supported legislation to permit domestic producers of beet sugar to supply our market with sugar in lieu of sugar from the Philippines that couldn't be delivered for lack of shipping. Some concessions were gained from the State Department.

Wheat Penalty. We protested successfully any modification of the wheat penalty that would impair the 85% loan and parity payment program.

Guffey Coal Act. We supported an amendment to provide that wholesale farm co-operatives should receive the same jobbing discount as other wholesale jobbers of coal.

Minimum Farm Wages. We oppose the bill by Senator Langer, S-1435, which provides that the secretary of agriculture shall be required to fix minimum wages rates for farm labor. The bill provides further that payment of such wages by the farmer shall be a condition under which the farmer may receive any benefit payment, grant, loan, or any other advantage extended by federal law.

The matter of fixing a ceiling on farm prices in a manner that will compel the farmer to shoulder an undue proportion of the cost of the war emergency constitutes one of the most important and critical issues confronting the farmers of the nation.

Your State Farm Bureau has taken an active and prominent part with the other farm organizations of the country in opposing price ceilings on agricultural products unless corresponding limitations were placed upon all other prices and elements in our economic structure.

In addition to actively supporting the efforts of the American Farm Bureau to prevent the establishment of farm price ceilings below 110% of parity your State Farm Bureau administration had an active part in two national conferences called by the National Milk Producers Association. Our activities in regard to price legislation and with priorities on farm production supplies has brought the Michigan State Farm Bureau into greater national prominence and has enabled it to wield an influence far beyond the borders of our own state.

Membership Relations Department

Your influence, state and national, can only be made effective by sound and aggressive organization building at home. The fundamental source of all organization power rests in the community and county. More than 4,000 additional farm families have been enrolled as Farm Bureau members since the previous annual meeting, bringing the total membership to over 12,000 families, aggregating approximately 50,000 farm people. St. Joseph county secured 241% and Ottawa county 214% of their quotas. Berrien county led the state by bringing its enrollment to 1,028 members. Saginaw was second with 850. Thirty-seven of the 42 County Farm Bureaus secured 100% or more of their membership quotas.

The year has seen a marked revival in County Farm Bureau activity and the assumption of greater responsibility by the members and local organizations. The number of Community Farm Bureaus has grown to exceed 200 local active groups reporting their meetings to the State Farm Bureau office each month. The yearly programs of these community meetings are determined by committees chosen by the Community Farm Bureau.

Over the State with the Junior Farm Bureau

STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS NAMED FOR 1942

400 Young Men and Women Attend 6th Annual Convention

Some 400 members and guests attended the 6th annual convention of the Junior Farm Bureau at Fairchild theatre at Michigan State College, East Lansing, November 8.

Mrs. Marian Frost Williams of Fulton, Kalamazoo county, was elected president. Herbert Schmidt of Bay City R-4, and Robert E. Smith of Fowerville were elected vice-presidents; June Osborn of Scotts is the new secretary and treasurer. Harryetta Shaw of Shelby was elected state publicity chairman, and Guerdon Frost of Ann Arbor was elected state camp chairman.

Board of Directors for 1942 District

- 1—Richard Leach, College, E. Lansing
- 2—Mrs. Clarice Brand, Homer
- 3—Robert Gilbert, Gregory
- 4—Donald Anderson, Lowell
- 5—Russel Bower, Dewitt
- 6—Louis Selesky, Jr., Grand Blanc
- 7—Edward Martus, Brown City
- 8—Arthur Kaule, Muskegon
- 9—Earl Seybert, Mt. Pleasant
- 10—Herbert Schmidt, Bay City
- 11—Lauren Roller, Unionville

Convention Proceedings

Betty Benham, secretary and treasurer, reported the balance in our treasury at \$179.46. Retiring president, Dick Anthony, opened the convention. Ingham and Clinton counties had charge of the lunch at noon, held in the judging pavilion.

The following motions were supported and carried on the report of the committees:

State Junior Farm Bureau was empowered to print and distribute books to aid presidents in their work.

Junior Farm Bureau should support co-ops and various commodities. A winter camp was favored.

Junior Farm Bureau should have the power to make and distribute recreation books to recreation leaders.

The following amendments were adopted:

There shall be two vice presidents elected at the annual convention, one to be known as the first vice president, and the other as the second vice president.

It shall be the duty of the state publicity reporter to submit a report of the proceedings of the state council to the official news letter.

Each accredited Junior Farm Bureau shall be represented at the annual convention by two members. Any county having a properly certified accredited exceeding twenty, shall be represented by one additional delegate for each twenty members.

At the convenience of the state president and state director, a meeting shall be called to include all county councillors. At this time a program for the councillors shall be discussed and arranged.

Mr. McConnell of the American Youth Foundation gave scholarship checks of \$50 to Esther Brown of Kalamazoo county, attending Western State Teachers College, Clinton Stokes of Montcalm county, attending Michigan State College, and Margaret Haas of Washtenaw county attending the State Normal at Ypsilanti. Another \$50.00 will be awarded next semester.

Two resolutions were adopted:

- *Resolved, that the State Junior Farm Bureau request the Michigan State Farm Bureau to support the movement to have Congress take action to stop striking in factories and shipyards working on defense orders, and
- *Resolved, that counties collect and send their dues to the state secretary by Dec. 31, 1941.

Presidents of the Junior Farm Bureaus for 1942 are:

- Allegan—(Overised) Charles Kraker, Holland
- Allegan—(Fennville) Wm. Fischer, Fennville
- Bay—Delbert Anderson, Bay City
- Berrien—Harold Steinke, Sodus
- Branch—Robert Smith, Coldwater
- Calhoun—(East) Norvel Wiseloge, Albion
- Calhoun—(West) Myron Bishop, Battle Creek
- Cass—(Dowagiac) Dorothy Jones, Cassopolis
- Cass—(Marcellus) Roland Griner, Marcellus
- Charlevoix—Bryce Vance, East Jordan
- Clinton—Lawrence Seeger, Bath
- Eaton—Ivan Baker, Olivet
- Genesee—Louis Selesky, Gr., Grand Blanc
- Gr. Traverse—Ralph Bohrer, Traverse City
- Grand Blanc—(Lowell) Quiddort, Breckenridge
- Hillsdale—Wm. VanDusen, Hillsdale
- Huron—Wesley J. Murdock, Bayport
- Ingham—(East) Darwin Williams, Webberville

What They Did at the Junior Banquet

Robert E. Smith, newly elected Junior Farm Bureau second vice president acted as master of ceremonies at the banquet held in the Union Building, attended by 464 young people.

Margaret Frost, of Washtenaw county, receiving first place in a speaking contest held earlier in the day, gave a five-minute talk on "Democracy Begins With Us." Matt Ingler of Isabella County, winning second place, spoke on "Democracy" and Mary Heer of Oceana, receiving third place, spoke on "A Junior Farm Bureau Owned Camp."

The new officers were installed by Betty Benham. Trophies were awarded the different districts and counties for meritorious work.

Both around and square dancing was enjoyed by many couples attending the party held in Demonstration Hall in the evening. The west side of the State was winner over the east side in a subscription drive to see which side could get the most subscriptions to the Michigan Farm News. The winners were given crowns, and the losers, dunce caps.

A Letter From Chester Clark

Dear Members of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau:

It is difficult to know just what to say in this letter. Words cannot begin to express my appreciation, and it would take many more than one letter to tell you the thanks you deserve for the co-operation and consideration you have given me and the publicity department of the Junior Farm Bureau during the past year. I greatly appreciate having had the opportunity of being your state publicity chairman and hope I have fulfilled my duties to meet your approval.

As I sit on my bunk in our barracks up here in the bare mountains of southern California tonight, I can't help but be a bit lonesome, and have a longing to be back among you, but I know I have an important service to perform during the next year. I know the friendships and contacts or so, so I don't mind too much. And I've made during the past year with the county publicity chairman, the state board, state council, our page in the Farm News, Waldenwoods camp, and the state office and state officers, will give me plenty of courage to do my best on my new job.

I wish to extend my congratulations to the new publicity chairman and other state officers whom you elect at your convention. And the best of wishes to everyone of you during the coming year. You each have something to be proud of and you'll never regret any time you spend working and playing in the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau. I'll be glad to hear from any of you during your spare moments.

Very gratefully yours
Private Chester Clark
Company C
51st Infantry Training
Battalion
Camp Roberts, Calif.

Results of Farm News Subscription Contest

The contest for subscriptions to the Farm News from Juniors not subscribers ended at the convention, Nov. 8. The Farm News acknowledges with thanks 118 and in advance subscriptions, 77 through Russel Bower for the East side of the state, and 41 from Miss Amy Fee for the team representing the West side. The subscriptions start with the December 6 edition.

- Ingham—(College) Clinton Stokes, E. Lansing
- Ionia—Marie O'Mara, Lake Odessa
- Isabella—Norman Johnson, Rosebush
- Kalamazoo—Charles Pancake, Vicksburg
- Kent—(Lowell) Gerald Torga
- Kent—(Caledonia) Wayne Steeby, Caledonia
- Lapeer—(North) Leo Esper, Brown City
- Lapeer—(South) Ruth Davenport, Lapeer
- Lenaux—Donald Gust, Ottawa Lake
- Livingston—Donald Garlock, Howell
- Manistee—Donald Disting, Manistee
- Montcalm—Perry Roestman, Lakeview R-1
- Mason—Doris Eschels, Freesoil
- Midland—Laverne Bartlett, Freeland
- Muskegon—Don Friday, Montague
- Newaygo—Gladys Deters, Fremont
- Oakland—Donald Swazyce, Holly
- Oceana—Erwin Smith, Shelby
- St. Clair—Carol Walker, North Street
- St. Joseph—John Dickinson, White Pigeon
- Saginaw—Perry Dunham, Saginaw (Court House)
- Shiawassee—Clark Riley, Owosso
- Tuscola—Alfred Goodall, Cass City
- VanBuren—James McLeese, Decatur
- Washtenaw—Raymond McCalla, Ann Arbor
- Wexford—Willis Matthews, Manton



Mrs. MARIAN FROST WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT—JUNIOR FARM BUREAU

Marian Frost was married to Maynard Williams of Athens, November 20. They will live at Fulton where Marian teaches the primary grades. Mrs. Williams helped organize the Kalamazoo group in November, 1937. She attended Western Michigan College of Education for two years.



HERBERT SCHMIDT, VICE-PRES., JUNIOR FARM BUREAU

Herbert Schmidt helped organize the Bay County Junior Farm Bureau. He has been county president and regional director. He represented the Juniors in the State Sports Festival and was secretary of the Bay County Farm Bureau in 1941. Occupation—farming as a rule. At present he is working for a company that builds boats.

They Have Joined the Farm Bureau

The Michigan State Farm Bureau welcomes 35 families who have become members recently. 4,201 families have become members since January 1, 1941. We announce these new members:

- BARRY COUNTY**
Spray Jack Mr & Mrs.....Dawling
Boyes Earl R.....Hastings
Mater O O.....Nashville
- BERRIEN COUNTY**
Schaffer A H.....Three Oaks
- BRANCH COUNTY**
Crissenberry C O.....Coldwater
- CASS COUNTY**
Sears Arthur.....Elkhart Indiana
Billow Marjory M.....Jones
- CALHOUN COUNTY**
Radee Donald.....Albion
- GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY**
Durga Joe.....Kroupa Vern
- GRATIOT COUNTY**
Gay Bros.....Merrill
- HILLSDALE COUNTY**
Bowersox Walter M.....Jonesville
- OSSEO**
Adams Carl.....Peterson Emil
Crandall V G.....
- INGHAM COUNTY**
Smith Dale.....Webberville
- KENT COUNTY**
Pickett Jesse & Ward.....Caledonia
- LAKE COUNTY**
Abel Henry.....Barnett Bernard Fred
Bergston Oscar S.....
- MASON COUNTY**
Cable Roy.....Custer
- LUDINGTON**
Bradshaw H A.....Fugere Tellus
Kinney Welland.....Meishemer Maude
Underwood Lydia Mrs.....
- SCOTTVILLE**
Anderson Joe.....Bedell Glenn D
Langlett Emma Miss.....
Pellar Ben J.....Thurow Carl A
- MUSKEGON COUNTY**
Mark Hersey.....Casnovia
- OTTAWA COUNTY**
Hoeeze Peter.....Hudsonville
TenBrink Eugene.....Zeeland
- SAGINAW COUNTY**
Lehr Wilfred R.....Saginaw

New Coal Sheds for Fremont Produce Co.

The coal business seems to be so good at the Co-op Produce Company at Fremont, Newaygo county that they are building new coal sheds. George Meyers evidently wants to be prepared for any crash that may come after the war, for there is a nice sign in a conspicuous place in the office which says: "Cash for feeds, seeds, fertilizer and such items."

Co-op Clinics

The next series of Co-op Clinics for managers and directors of farm co-operatives will be held the week of Jan. 12, 1942. Farm Bureau Services, Inc., the Michigan Elevator Exchange, and the Michigan State College economists dept co-operate in presenting educational material.

Around State With Junior Farm Bureau

OCEANA COUNTY

Oceana County Junior Farm Bureau met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Weirich in Elbridge, Thursday evening, November 6. Plans were made for the state convention. Miss Dorothy Prill and Henry Fischer, who married November 22, were honored and given a gift by the group. Mrs. Emerson VanAelst assisted Mrs. Weirich with the recreation and refreshments.

Fourteen attended the convention at East Lansing November 8. Harryetta Shaw was elected state publicity chairman, Mary Heer, who entered the "Tall Talkers" contest in the morning, was one of three chosen to speak at the banquet in the evening. Her topic pertained to the camp site on Lake Michigan which is of interest to Junior Farm Bureau members all over the state. Those attending from this county were: Harold Hogston, George Hallack, Lawrence Gowell, Erwin and Emery Smith, Clinton Hallack, Archie Studer, John Dickenson and the Misses Mary and Anna Heer, Florence Briske, Selma Quist, Harryetta Shaw, Maxine Hill and Emma Jean Lewis. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hawley of Ludington and Mrs. Daniel E. Reed, who were invited as guests of the group, also attended.

Several members of the Junior and Senior Farm Bureaus presented a playlet, "United We Stand," at the eighth annual Harvest Festival given by the Hart F.F.A. in the Hart high school gym Friday evening, November 14. The cast included Ray Fox, George Hallack, Sidney Bender, Lawrence Gowell, George Bird, Jay Sikkenza, Floyd Woodland, Melvin Gale, Mrs. Chauncey Elliott and Miss Harryetta Shaw. The play was written and directed by Arthur Norton.

The second November meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jensen, Thursday evening, November 27, with about 25 members present. Reports on the convention which was held at East Lansing were given by George and Clinton Hallack and Lawrence Gowell and Erwin Smith gave a report on the Senior Farm Bureau convention which he attended. Discussion on various subjects followed and singing was led by Mrs. Neil Weirich. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

BERRIEN COUNTY

November 8, we met at the Berrien Center Town Hall with about 45 present. The meeting was called to order by President Harold Steinke. We discussed the convention and made arrangements for transportation for those who wished to attend. The committee for the district meeting (Dick Koeglnshoff, Raymond DeWitt, and Florence French) was announced.

November 15, we had our Thanksgiving party at the River School. We had a delicious potluck supper. We heard the reports from the convention which were given by Harold Benedict, Bob Tillstrom, Wesley Strong, Helen Preston, Raymond DeWitt and Mary Myers. The remainder of the evening was spent playing games led by Elsie Prillwitz, Linden Becker, Helen Preston and Don Field.

The first meeting in December will be in charge of Lucien Strong, Mrs. Lucien Strong and Leroy Hettler.

The Christmas party will be in charge of June Norris, Mary Myers, Warren Toney, Wesley Strong and Betty Young.

DISTRICT NO. 1

A good time is anticipated when Berrien County entertains Cass and Van Buren Counties at a Carnival and Dance on Saturday evening, December 13th.

The carnival will be started at 8:30 followed by round and square dancing until 12:30. The party will be held in the Eau Claire high school gymnasium, unless you are otherwise notified.

MASON COUNTY

The Jr. Farm Bureau met at the home of Paul Johnson Monday evening, Nov. 3, with 25 members and guests present. Games were enjoyed under the direction of Evelyn McKillop and John Wittbecker.

The initiation of the following new officers took place: Doris Eschels, president; Agnes Fredericks, vice-president and Ann Hamilton, secretary. Mike Riolo publicity chairman and Raymond Poppe, treasurer were not present.

SAGINAW COUNTY

Saginaw Junior Farm Bureau enjoyed a husking bee at the home of Edna and Armin Grueber near Frankemuth one evening in November. It took place on the second floor of a new hog house. The corn lay 2 feet deep over 40 square feet of floor space. 90 bushels of corn husked. Red ears found—three. Afterwards the group danced to accordion music played by Roy and Ed Grueber. Lunch was served by Joyce Krabbe and Edna Grueber. Alvin Johnson, publicity chairman.

WASHTENAW COUNTY

Washtenaw Junior Farm Bureau met at Ann Arbor on November 11 to hear reports on various phases of the state convention by the members who attended. Plans were made for raising funds for our treasury. Alvin Rettig, Amy Fee, and Norma Teach-out are members of the committee appointed to develop a project to raise funds.

November 25, members of the Senior Farm Bureau groups were our guests. The speaker of the evening was Mr. McGregor, assistant director of the American Youth Commission.



ROBERT SMITH, Vice-Pres., Junior Farm Bureau

Robert Smith joined Livingston Junior Farm Bureau in 1939, became president of the group and was state publicity chairman that year. In April, 1941, he represented the State Junior Farm Bureau at Minneapolis at a conference called by the Carnegie Foundation for International Peace. Robert and his father work a 225 acre farm.



HARRYETTA SHAW, PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN—JUNIOR FARM BUREAU

Harryetta Shaw joined the Oceana Junior Farm Bureau in 1939 and was county publicity chairman during 1940. She attended Cleary College at Ypsilanti and is now employed in an insurance and real estate office at Shelby.

no hunger in the midst of plenty. There will be no willful stoppage of production in the midst of need. There will be no graft in high places, no sweatshops, no ignorance, no illiterary.

"Under His reign a new era will be born where things will be done in a truly Christian way. But He cannot succeed. He cannot reign. His new era cannot be born unless you and I are ready to lay aside some of our individual and Hitler-like ideas. For His name is Love."

Today we miss friends who were with us last year. Among them we miss Alfred George, who was president of the Farm Bureau Services, Inc. and we miss Paul Begick, who was vice-president of the Michigan State Farm Bureau. We miss them but in their memory and in their spirit we have gone forward in the cause of farm co-operation, a cause to which they gave so much.

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"Then, one of those evenings when a fellow wants to go out but finds wife too tired, the Idea came to me like a flash. It was really our dinner that touched it off, I suppose. The meat was too rare, the vegetables cooked to nothing, and the cake a flat failure. Now the Missus is a good cook but she has unlucky days, and that was one of 'em.

"I wondered why and found the answer: good cook plus poor stove equals uncertain results. Well, you know now what I gave her for Christmas—and boy, is that electric range a marvel! Over a thousand meals this year have proved I picked a winner. But the funny part of it is, a modern electric range is what she really wanted all the time, but thought it was too much to ask for!"

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The Intangible Values of Life

Background Material for Discussion in December
By our 200 Community Farm Bureau Groups

By KEITH A. TANNER
Membership Relations & Education

— PROGRESS FOLLOWS ORGANIZATION —



FOREWORD: For eleven months of our discussion year we have been delving into economic topics and relationship problems. Possibly, we have been hewing so close to the dollar sign that we have not considered some of the intangible factors which have much to do with life's pattern; those values which cannot be measured in dollars and cents, but make life worth living.

Just what are some of those things which spur us on when the going is hard? Should we become so engrossed in our everyday work that we neglect to cultivate and realize the pleasures received from art, music or even a tramp through the woods?

Many of these unmeasurable factors which I present will undoubtedly come from life upon the farm, because that has been my environment. Life is full of intangible values and they vary just as much as does human nature. Experiences, home life and childhood responsibilities all play a definite part in our conception of both direct and indirect values. A definite line can not be drawn between the tangible and the intangible or can any measurable value be assigned to any of these intangible factors.

These are Intangibles
Spring with its invigorating atmosphere. The leafless tree pushing forth its multitude of green buds. Steam rising from a sap pan in the midst of a cluster of sugar maples each armed with galvanized pails glistening like silvery shields in the last rays of the evening sunlight may be some of the intangible values you and I feel makes life a very pleasant experience. But to others it may have no appeal at all.

They may get a great deal of pleasure out of seeing the first green grass pushing their spear-like blades through the newly burnt-over roadside. Many get a similar thrill when they witness the first kernels of corn pushing their sprouts through a well rolled seed bed or in seeing a field bean crowd aside a lump of dirt so as to make room for its bald head which it hangs in shame. Then over night, Mr. Bean has grown inches and we find our seed bed marked with rows of healthy striving plants. One glance across the field and Mr. Farmer proudly states, "That's a good stand."

In the Orchard
The fruit man with his pruning saw and shears goes about his job to shape the lives of the trees in his orchard. Sunlight, balance, pervailing winds and quality of fruit enters into each snip of the shears. Yes, he's the master of their destiny. He, too, takes pride in a job well done; in seeing the blossoms come and the petals fall. But too often, these thoughts and pleasures are overshadowed by the tasks to come. Early morning spraying, sprayer stuck in the sand, scarcity of labor all creep into the picture; but let's not go on, because we should be thinking in terms of the intangible.

I don't know what value there is, in this busy life of ours, in witnessing the sun seemingly settling down in your own back forty, its rays silhouetting your dairy herd grazing in the pasture back of the barn. It brings a satisfaction which cannot be easily expressed—words are meaningless in this case.

Among the Stock
What is there to a nudge of a horse's nose who wants recognition; or to raising a calf to a heifer and then seeing her grow to take her place in your dairy herd; yes, even to that troublesome pet lamb who eventually takes his place in the farm flock and instinctively marches along in single file with the rest of the flock—you thinking all the time that he couldn't be regimented.

Even the busy harvest season has its intangible values. If we could balance the intangible with the tangible, possibly, some of the drudgery of harvest could be done away with. The smell of the new mown hay seems to have its stimulating effect upon the farmer. Outwitting the weather-man has challenge for many a harvester. The farmer has been said to be the biggest gambler of all classes of people. But the hard work of the harvest season and the gamble the farmer must take in raising his crops is usually considered to be compensated for the freedom of being one's own boss; freedom from punching a clock; being dictated to by a shop foreman; and being regimented to one single operation or task.

Community Values
Harvest also brings golden fields of grain and the threshing gang which makes us conscious of our neighbors; how dependent we are upon others. We not only need neighbors for the exchange of work, but we should think of our community, our church and our rural schools. These are institutions which depend upon our neighbors and ourselves. We are the policy making body to design the destiny of these institutions. Our passiveness may destroy the foundation upon which these community builders rest. We may not detect their value now, but in five or ten years their intangible values may be reflected in the children, the attitudes and the spirit of that particular community. After our passiveness has

started to take its toll and it is too late, we look back and say, "It would never have happened, if we had only known"—"It may be later than we think."

The farm boy and his chores; the farm girl and her chickens, is there value in these duties besides the labor involved? Having a part to play in the scheme of the family life seems to do something for these young people. A regular job well done brings satisfaction. Working with nature is wholesome. 4-H and F.F.A. work gives them the feeling of ownership. But again, do we recognize these factors; are we too busy to sit down and counsel with these enthusiastic youngsters; do we count them as one of the cogs in the farm wheel; or do we treat them just as kids instead of little men and women craving experience—They are our future citizens and our future farmers.

At Home
The home can be one of the great educational institutions. Many of our American homes are not serving that purpose. Mothers working, the movies, recreation centers and night shifts have separated the family. The farm family and the farm home have not been disturbed quite as much as many other homes. Those talks around the breakfast table, planning the farm work together, discussing chores to be done, purchasing 4-H livestock, formulating displays for the county fair and selecting quality products to market all have hidden values. They create ties which bind the family together; they make the farm home a definite part of the farm business, just as important as a piece of farm machinery or even the soil itself.

Pride of Achievement
The good farmer takes a great deal of pride in seeing a well fitted seed bed, a newly cultivated field, the turn of a plow furrow and the feel of the soil under foot. He realizes that the soil, how it is fitted and the care he gives it, can either make or it can break him. He takes pride in his fertile fields, and even more pleasure, in knowing that he is preserving the fertility of this soil for the next generation. He takes pride in his crop rotation, because he has heard of the rich soil of Georgia which produced tobacco year after year and now is the "tobacco road" of America—"The soil can make the people or it can break the people."

There has been a tangible means devised to measure one's intelligence—the I. Q. test (Intelligence Quotient). This test has been given to those entering our armed forces and most school children have acquired I. Q.'s. The test has been able to group people into classes labeled as dull, others as bright and some few as geniuses.

Power of Enthusiasm
But there is an intangible factor which can not be measured by a test and that is enthusiasm or emotional drive. It can not be measured any more than can beauty be measured in a test tube or courage with a yardstick. Still we find big jobs being accomplished by little men, when measured in terms of I. Q. They seem to have been set on fire and their emotional drive and ambition has carried them over the obstacles of the Intelligence Quotient. Many a person with a low I. Q., but with lots of enthusiasm, has put to shame those classified as geniuses but lacking that emotional drive.

No matter how large a job or how small a job is tackled, the success of the accomplishment depends upon enthusiasm. Whether you tell the time of day with a platinum watch or know the mid-day by the ringing of a dinner bell, the quality of your work depends upon your emotional drive. It is one of those hidden factors—how to acquire it and how to transmit it to others is also intangible. But if you have that emotional drive, you will never know how much it has

been worth to you or to those you have been associated with.

Religion and Art
You and I have little conception what a good religious training means to an individual, or how much pleasure we might derive from a training in art or music appreciation. How much time should one devote to cultural participation or how much culture should be considered in respect to agriculture are problems motivated by some. We do know they have unestimable value, but many of us do not give them enough credit for their part in our pattern of life. We hope to discuss these factors more thoroughly during our radio programs on the five Mondays in December.

The fresh air and the closeness to nature in the country or anyone of the many intangible factors associated with life on the soil, must do something to the people on the farm. Statistics show that there is less crime per capita than there is in the city—male farmers constitute 18.6% of the occupational population, they constitute only 3.3% of all criminals. Suicide rates are lower in rural than in urban areas nearly everywhere in the world and are lower in agriculture than in other occupations. Urban areas have a conspicuously higher rate of divorce than the rural population—the same relationship applies to desertion and separation. The stability of the family life in rural areas seem to account for these differences.

Our democracy provides us with many things we take for granted. Freedom of speech or press, of religion and of assembly are factors associated with everyday life. We little realize how drab life would be if they were taken away from us. We forget that for everyone of these rights and privileges, we have a duty to perform.

Dr. M. M. Coady, Director of Extension of St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia, challenges us in the following excerpt taken from his book, "Masters of Their Own Destiny":
"The only hope of democracy is that enough noble, independent, energetic souls may be found who are prepared to work overtime, without pay. Such a sacrifice is not necessary in a dictatorship—it is not permitted. In a dictatorial system, all the directing energy comes from the top. In a democracy, it is the privileges of the people to work overtime in their own interests—the creation of a new society where all men are free."

In closing this article on the intangible values in life, I want to quote from an address made by Mr. Carl Taylor, head of the division of farm population and rural welfare:
"The American farmer, with all his faults, has been a peculiarly valuable citizen because of the characteristics he has developed out of his past way of doing things. He has been fundamentally a producer, not a money maker; fundamentally a creator, not a mere laborer; a keeper of the earth, not a juggler of markets and prices; a worker, not a speculator; an observer, not a calculator; fundamentally democratic in nature, not the rank individualist of which he has been accused, and certainly not a communist or fascist; a lover of life rather than a lover of things. Some of these characteristics and attitudes may be handicaps to him, but they are what three hundred years of pioneer life and nation-building have made him and it is from that we must develop our rural life of tomorrow."

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December
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8th—Development of the American Cultural Pattern.
15th—Building a Personal Philosophy.

22nd—Religion in the Troubled World.
29th—What are the Stabilizing Forces?

Michigan State Farm Bureau Looks Ahead

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eaus, and with the assistance of the membership relations office.

The resulting discussions enable farm families to crystallize and unify their opinions and demands. The Community Farm Bureau serves also as a means for your State and American Farm Bureaus to furnish timely information and secure for our members the facts needed for constructive and effective action. These member programs largely free your State Farm Bureau from conflicting personal demands so common in the early days of the organization.

The Community Farm Bureau constitutes one of the foremost and essential developments in the history of the Farm Bureau. It was one of the greatest factors in making the increased membership possible and enabling the Michigan State Farm Bureau to be the first in the mid-west region to achieve its quota for the year.

The aggressive leadership and initiative of President Reid and the response and support of the boards of directors of the State Farm Bureau, Farm Bureau Services, and Farm Bureau Fruit Products Company in accepting responsibility for the spring campaign in counties in their respective sections of the state generated co-operation and enthusiasm that inculcated all units of your organization. The efforts were supplemented by the enlistment of Farm Bureau employees of all departments. The ability demonstrated by the community and county Farm Bureau leaders in mastering the skill and technique of membership enrollment and maintenance has made the Farm Bureau a living and moving force in the lives of thousands of additional farm families. With such co-ordination of leadership and co-operation from one extremity of the organization to the other the increased membership was a natural development.

Junior Farm Bureau
The results of the Junior Farm Bureau program are evident in all phases of membership and organization work. This was evidenced particularly by the leadership the Junior Farm Bureau has trained during the past five years. Former Junior Farm Bureau members are now in the senior ranks. The present Junior membership was active throughout the membership campaign and deserves much credit for the results.

In the Junior Farm Bureau program during the year emphasis has been placed on the consolidation and development of the county organizations previously established rather than toward expansion in membership or number of organizations. The establishment of an adult counselor in each county selected by the Junior Farm Bureau organization concerned has been an important development of the year.

Four Junior Farm Bureau camps were sponsored by county Farm Bureaus, local co-operatives, Detroit Packing Company, Michigan Milk Producers Association, Farmers and Manufacturers Beet Sugar Association, Michigan Livestock Exchange, Michigan Elevator Exchange, Farm Bureau Services, Inc., and the Michigan State Farm Bureau. The camps were conducted at Kellogg's Camp in Barry county, Camp Eden in Manistee county and for two weeks at Waldenwoods in Livingston county. Over 400 young people spent a week in the camps and participated in the program.

The Junior Farm Bureau camps have been a leading influence in stimulating interest and initiative in potential Junior Farm Bureau leaders. The inspiration and information gained by these young people are carried back each year to most of the 42 County Farm Bureaus. The kindness of Mr. Kellogg, Mr. Taylor of Camp Eden, and Mr. Crouse of Waldenwoods in making the camp facilities available has rendered a very fine service indeed and deserves the appreciation of all Farm Bureau members.

Co-operative Clinics
Conferences of local co-operative organizations, known as Co-operative Clinics, started last year, were continued with increased participation and progress. The Michigan State College, Michigan Elevator Exchange and Farm Bureau Services, Inc., have joined in this project to bring together boards of directors, managers and employees of local co-operatives for the purpose of discussing co-operative fundamentals and new trends in the co-operative business world. Our Co-operative Clinic activities have brought together throughout the year approximately 1,100 directors and employees of local co-operatives at three months' intervals during the year.

This work has resulted in the re-organization of 20 or more local co-operatives on the legal co-operative basis required for income tax exemption and for eligibility with the Farm Credit Administration. This work has attracted the attention of national agricultural publications. Through the co-operation of the Farm Bureau Services and the membership relations department increased attention was given to employee education. Publications—Michigan Farm News—Advertising
The Department of Publications renders indispensable service in conveying information and maintaining continued contact with the membership. Our public relations, legislative, membership relations, co-operative organization and promotion, as well as our whole business merchandising program are dependent upon

this department to help make their work effective.

The Michigan Farm News is the only agency in the Farm Bureau organization having the facilities to contact 16,000 or more Farm Bureau members and co-operative stockholders each month. It constitutes a force in the Farm Bureau program not fully appreciated by those it serves. It carries a Junior Farm Bureau page. Other sections are devoted to Community Farm Bureau activities and to presenting material for their monthly meetings. There is a section for the Associated Women, and general coverage of the interests of the membership relations department and the county Farm Bureaus. The paper is an effective advertising medium for Farm Bureau Services.

This department directs the advertising for all Farm Bureau enterprises. It operates a rather large printing and mailing business in the service of all divisions of the Farm Bureau.

Credits and Finance
The Department of Credit and Finance is responsible for keeping operating capital available for the varied business and organization activities of the Farm Bureau and its subsidiaries. To handle the financial requirements for over \$4,000,000 of wholesale and retail business with our limited capital requires careful management in this department. The efficient handling of credit policies, which is demanded by present day operations, determines to a large degree the available capital in the bloodstream of your organization. Avoiding bad or uncollectible accounts is an important responsibility of this department.

Paying our obligations so as to receive the discounts affords a material contribution to the net showing of our business operations. The requirements for capital have been greatly increased by the farm machinery and branch and management contract operations and by our wholesale inventory requirements in these times of priorities and rising prices. The constantly increasing responsibilities have required additions to the personnel of our finance department.

The year's operations have netted over \$40,000 of increased operating capital compared to a year ago. Approximately \$19,000 has been paid on our fixed indebtedness. The consolidated net earnings for the year total \$94,339.98. The financial statement at the close of this report gives further details.

The co-operation of the Bank for Co-operatives at St. Paul, the Bank of Lansing, and the East Lansing State Bank is very helpful with our large-scale and varied operations.

Auditing and Tax Service
The demands on the auditing and tax counsel maintained by the Michigan State Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Services have continued to grow and become heavier than ever. During the year a number of co-operative organizations have been assisted with their capital stock tax, income tax, co-operative organization, social security and unemployment tax problems and numerous other services constantly requested. Also the department was consulted by the Securities Commission and legislative committees in regard to the improvements brought about in the Michigan co-operative law. In addition to these services for our stockholders and members, our auditing and tax counsel is responsible for the general supervision of the accounting records of your state organizations and branches.

Associated Women of the Farm Bureau
The Associated Women of the Farm Bureau under the leadership of Mrs. Pearl Myers are extending the scope of their activities in the interests of the Farm Bureau. They have just concluded another successful annual meeting. This year they have conducted another public speaking contest for Farm Bureau women. They have started poster and other publicity work to stimulate interest in Michigan farm products. They are helping to find an official song for the Michigan State Farm Bureau.

Their semi-annual conference or round table discussions have drawn increasing numbers of farm women from the community and county Farm Bureaus. These conferences are of great interest and value. The Associated Women are taking part in the membership campaigns. They are officers of Community and County Farm Bureaus.

Conclusion
In a time of emergency, priorities, regulations and price ceilings such as we are facing at present, there is clamor and confusion. The various organized groups represented by labor, industry, and agriculture are unusually active in protecting their interests and in securing every advantage possible.

Industry required that its tax and amortization interests be adequately safeguarded at the inception of manufacturing for defense. Labor has sought to protect its interests, as shown by the strikes. Agriculture has moved to protect itself by securing the enactment of the 85% loan and parity payments program, and in opposing price ceilings on agricultural products at less than 110% of parity.

The struggle for advantage and protection on the part of industry, labor, and agriculture and citizens generally is due to a large extent to the absence of appreciation of the critical danger that confronts us. We are in danger of losing privileges and opportunities that make life worthwhile to free people everywhere.

However, the real situation is being brought home to us with startling rapidity. This is going to make conflicting interests realize that we are all in the same boat and that co-operation and sacrifice are essential to the preservation of our liberties.

In this time of critical national emergency and danger to our democracy it is imperative that we consider well the policies of the Farm Bureau in relation to other groups and to demands on our government. We must use our influence to further the co-operation and mutual good will of all groups, and to eliminate strife.

Hundreds of thousands of our young men are training for the defense of their country and are on active duty at army camps, in the naval forces, and in the air forces. Certainly, those of us who are privileged to work in comparative comfort and safety at home should give every support to the young men who are doing the dangerous and the hard part of the job. We should show a corresponding loyalty.

The high prestige and influence of the Farm Bureau are needed to meet the uncertainties of the future. Our contribution should be constructive, wise, and courageous policies. Our first duty is complete loyalty to our nation.

Farmer, Labor Industry Reveal Points at Issue

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ed upon as coercion and declared that the union should sell its membership and services on merit as does the Farm Bureau and other organizations.

Mr. Lovett said that the United States is in a war which he thinks will be a long one. He declared that government is hoarding materials for defense to the extent that it is contributing more than any other group to unemployment and to the danger of inflation. Lovett declared against price controls until the law of supply and demand has been proved to be inadequate for the situation. Organized labor, said Lovett, is making the same mistakes that industry once made and is fostering public resentment because of the strikes in defense industries.

Orange Trees
There are enough orange trees in California and Florida alone to equal one tree for each family in the United States, according to the 1940 Census.

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