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Farmers Present Case for Farm Co-operatives to Michigan Members of Congress



Representatives of farm co-operatives throughout Michigan and officials of the Michigan Association of Farm Co-operatives are shown at a dinner meeting with Michigan members of Congress January 19 at Washington. They were presenting the case for farm co-operatives. The attack on farmer-owned business organizations has been before Congress for some time. Only the week before the MAFC group arrived, Michigan members of Congress were visited by business interests of the state who oppose co-operatives. Members of the Michigan delegation in Congress told farmers that Congress is not in sympathy with the attack on farm co-operatives.

EDITORIAL

A Little Cloud Out of the Sea

Every farmer should read the article under this heading on page 4. Clinton P. Anderson, Secretary of Agriculture, has given us one of the best expositions of the motives and the purpose of the attack on farm co-operatives. Secretary Anderson does not mention the National Tax Equality Ass'n by name, but the coat fits.

Just lately the National Association of Manufacturers shifted from a position of neutrality to take sides with those elements in business who want to get rid of farm co-operatives as competitors.

Thus it becomes plainer every day that farmers are in a fight to the finish for the business life of their co-operatives. Small and struggling co-operatives have been all right, but when they get big and powerful in the farmers' behalf, we learn that that's bad.

The propaganda campaign against farmer co-ops has been going on for four years. NTEA had to admit to a committee of Congress that it has had from carefully shielded contributors as much as \$400,000 a year to attack farm co-ops through speakers, by radio, and through advertisements and articles in the press. The farmer co-operator—some 3,000,000 of him—has been pictured as a tax dodger, a communist, a foe of private enterprise, and so on.

The attack has been conducted on a big scale with that amount of money. It has reached Congress where NTEA and co-operatives will fight it out.

NTEA's first objective is to make it impossible for a non-profit co-operative to pay its savings to the patrons. Congress will be asked to oblige by subjecting the co-operative's savings to the federal income tax on profit corporation earnings. If that is successful, NTEA is expected to ask Congress to reverse itself again and cripple or repeal the laws of the past 25 years which guarantee the rights of farmers to do business co-operatively.

The issue is an old one. It is the right of the farmer to co-operate with other farmers to process and market crops, and to purchase or manufacture farm supplies co-operatively in order to increase his income.

There are those who would deny the farmer that right. There are others who feel that farm co-operatives are an invasion of private business preserves. They should be in for a hard time when the anti-co-op legislation appears in Congress.

Hillsdale Farmers Day Feb. 27

The Hillsdale County Farm Bureau and the Hillsdale Granges are planning to sponsor jointly the county's first "Farmers' Day" to be held at the Hillsdale High School, February 27, according to Merle White of Pittsford and Otto Gilmore of Hillsdale, co-chairman of the event.

The program is expected to be entirely of an educational nature with the forenoon devoted to agricultural products, and in the afternoon to group relationships. Conditions of county roads and Bangs disease are the topics on the agenda in the forenoon with representatives from labor, industry and agriculture presenting the problems of their own individual groups.

Cheboygan Pledges Support to Program

Plans for forming a soil conservation district for Cheboygan county has received the unanimous approval and promises for supporting it by the Cheboygan County Farm Bureau.

Under the program a soil conservation planner would be assigned to the county as a resident leader by the federal civil service. His salary would be paid from state and federal appropriations and at no cost to the farmers.

50,437 Subscribers
Subscription list for this edition of the Michigan Farm News is 50,437.

MAY ENROLL FOR HOSPITAL SERVICE IN SPRING ONLY

With the opening of a Michigan Hospital Service Blue Cross re-enrollment period for Farm Bureau Discussion Groups, Austin L. Pino, Blue Cross rural enrollment manager, has announced that this will be the only Farm Bureau re-enrollment this year.

"Experience has shown," said Mr. Pino, "that most farmers are too busy in September to think about their future health and the cost of hospitalization or surgical operations."

For that reason, it has been decided to dispense with the September re-enrollment period and to limit resolicitation to once a year. Many farm families have become new Farm Bureau members since the last Blue Cross enrollment period, Mr. Pino pointed out. If they have been assigned to a Blue Cross enrolled Farm Bureau Discussion Group this may be their first opportunity to become Blue Cross members. Members now enrolled may, if they wish, change their type of service or add eligible family members to their contracts at this time.

Discussion group secretaries have been requested by the Farm Bureau to provide Blue Cross district offices with a membership list composed as follows: Of presently enrolled Blue Cross members, of members who do not belong to Blue Cross but who attended one or more discussion group meetings in 1947, and of new 1948 Farm Bureau members who have been assigned to the discussion group.

The eligibility of Farm Bureau members for this resolicitation will be determined from information given on the above list. The list should be in the Michigan Hospital Service district office not later than March 20. The enrollment period will close April 1, and the effective date for new applicants will be May 1.

CO-OP WOOL ASS'N MEETS FEB. 17

The Michigan Co-operative Wool Marketing Ass'n will hold its annual meeting at the Masonic temple at 314 MAC avenue, East Lansing, Feb. 17, starting at 10 a. m., according to Paul M. Finnegan, secretary-manager. All sheep men invited to attend. There will be a complimentary luncheon at noon. Officers will make their reports and six directors will be elected.

Roll Call Ad Wins In Nat'l Contest

Michigan Farm Bureau's Roll Call Campaign advertisement "It's Like Part of My Farm" was awarded first place honors in the membership promotion category for co-operative organizations at the National Council of Farmer Co-operatives annual meeting at Chicago recently. Michigan Farm News, official publication of the Michigan Farm Bureau, won a third place award in national competition for farm organization news papers.

Farmers Tell Co-op Facts to Congress

Tell Their Representatives Real Objective of NTEA to Make it Impossible for Co-ops to Pay Savings to Patrons

Thirty Michigan farmers and four officials of the Michigan Ass'n of Farmer Co-operatives and the Michigan Farm Bureau were in Washington January 19 and 20 to present the case of 250 Michigan farm co-operatives to Michigan members of Congress.

Their action has been recommended to farm co-operatives in all states by national farm leaders as a logical and effective action for preparing Congress for the legislative attacks to be made upon farmers' business organizations. Interests hostile to farm co-operatives have been busy in Congress for some time.

The Michigan delegation went to Washington for the purpose of taking the facts regarding farm co-operatives to Michigan members of Congress and for inviting full discussion of the subject. The MAFC invited co-operatives in all congressional districts to name a small committee to prepare for their Congressman information on the number of farm co-ops in the district, their importance to farmers, and the number of farmers interested in them.

The first day in Washington all committees had an appointment with their Congressman. Later they conferred as a group with Senator Vandenberg and with Senator Ferguson. In the evening Michigan members of Congress were guests at a dinner at which there was forthright discussion of farm co-operatives and the attack being waged against them.

The morning that the farm group arrived every Michigan member of Congress had a letter from Archie Millard, Grand Rapids insurance agent and president of the Michigan branch of the National Tax Equality Ass'n. Mr. Millard reminded Congressmen that 300 of his group had called upon them a year ago. Mr. Millard said that the difference between his group and the farm group about to arrive was that his group had paid their taxes before they left. That line of attack was exactly what the farmers wanted to talk about.

C. L. Brody, executive secretary of the Michigan Farm Bureau, summed up for co-operatives at the dinner by stating that the attack on farm co-operatives by some business interests is not the tax matter they present as a front. The real objective is legislation designed to prevent farm co-operatives from making refunds to farmer patrons. The long range objective is the repeal of the Capper-Volstead Act and other federal laws establishing the rights of farm co-operatives and co-operative credit institutions.

Interests opposed to farm co-operatives want to eliminate the farmer co-operative purchasing of supplies and co-operative marketing of farm production. Then, Mr. Brody said, they'll have the farmer right back where he was when he had no voice in these matters and was exploited until he could take it no longer.

The National Tax Equality Ass'n is the front for those elements in business who would destroy farm co-operatives, Mr. Brody said. The NTEA charges that farm co-operatives pay no taxes, that they are tax dodgers, they are communistic, and that they are not private enterprise. Upon such untruths NTEA is demanding that Congress reverse its policy on farm co-operatives and impose federal income tax on a farm co-operative's savings before they are returned to farmers in the form of patronage refunds. NTEA knows that by law farm co-operatives are non-profit in character, and that the savings returned to farmers as patronage refunds are subject to federal income tax paid by the farmer. NTEA knows that farm co-operatives pay federal income taxes unless they follow strictly the regulations for non-profit business organizations laid down in the law and Treasury and Bureau of Internal Revenue rulings.

William Hill described the work of the Detroit Packing Company for the Michigan Live Stock Exchange; Carl Buskirk for the Farm Bureau Fruit Products Co. canneries; Roy D. Ward for Farm Bureau Services, Inc.; Waldo Phillips for the Michigan Elevator Ex-

COUNTIES START ON LAST HALF OF MEMBERSHIP

First reports from 56 County Farm Bureaus in the 1948 membership campaign are very encouraging. They have passed the halfway mark with 25,361 families toward the goal of 43,680 or more this year.

Last year about half of the final membership was turned in at the first report meetings. Each county holds such meetings 3 or 4 days after the membership workers go out. At this time last year the state total was in the neighborhood of 24,000. In March the state total was 37,000, April 45,000, May 47,000, August 31 it reached the peak of 48,100.

All County Farm Bureaus are continuing with their campaigns. Six counties have made their state goals. Others are close. Some 5,500 members agreed to act as volunteer membership workers. Their experience so far, when compared to the membership campaigns of other years, indicates that the membership is going along on the expanded Farm Bureau program. About half of the membership comes in after the first report meetings. Forty-eight thousand people have to be called upon. Weather and snow have a way of interfering with campaign schedules in the months of December, January and February. Most counties find that they do well on the initial drive and have to reorganize their forces to complete it.

We present herewith first reports on the 1948 membership and the final standing of County Farm Bureaus in the 1947 membership campaign:

County	First Report 1948	Total Membership Aug. 31, 1947
Alcona	1,065	1,534
Alpena	143	132
Antrim	198	426
Barry	640	1,130
Bay	915	915
Benzie	127	229
Berrien	1,106	2,817
Bronck	550	1,468
Calhoun	829	1,341
Cass	507	888
Charlevoix	125	264
Cheboygan	84	92
Chippewa	850	1,472
Crawford	704	1,443
Emmet	155	147
Genesee	495	1,019
Gladwin	525	1,159
Hillsdale	530	1,087
Huron	635	1,192
Ingham	568	1,052
Ionia	450	1,104
Ishpeming	225	759
Jackson	400	619
Kalamazoo	2,200	1,212
Leelanau	600	1,087
Lapeer	447	1,104
Leawacoe	550	991
Livingston	422	778
Macomb	400	901
Manistee	225	328
Mason	201	579
Mecosta	257	462
Midland	200	295
Missaukee	111	269
Montcalm	225	649
Montmorency	256	591
Muskegon	140	498
Newaygo	281	447
North Branch	400	1,212
Oshtemo	640	705
Oakland	255	717
Oceana	230	630
Ontonagon	225	298
Oscoda	23	51
Otsego	165	1,504
Presque Isle	172	121
Saginaw	1,200	2,031
Sanilac	1,090	1,678
St. Clair	675	1,160
St. Joseph	705	1,054
Shiawassee	189	945
Tuscola	600	1,317
Van Buren	811	1,502
Washtenaw	960	1,265
Wayne	105	254
Westland	70	197
Winnebago	25,361	48,100

*Campaigns just started, or first reports not made, or members renewing by mail before Roll Call campaign.

Fertilizer Plant About Ready to Go

Will Help This Spring in One of the Worst Fertilizer Supply Situations Michigan Farmers Have Faced

Farm Bureau Services announces that it expects to start manufacturing fertilizer at its new plant at Saginaw around the middle of February. The plant will be brought into full production as rapidly as circumstances will permit.

Fertilizer is hard to get. Conditions that Farm Bureau Services foresaw long before the plant was started are making the fertilizer situation worse than ever. Three major fertilizer companies located in nearby states have discontinued sales in Michigan this year. They can sell all they make nearer home and make more money that way. A substantial increase in freight rates last fall had considerable to do with their decision. One of them was former supplier to Farm Bureau Services.

Farm Bureau Services has been doing its best to beat the clock and supply as much fertilizer as possible to its patrons for spring of 1948. It is building and equipping in 12 months time a mixed fertilizer manufacturing plant of 45,000 tons annual capacity and an acid phosphate manufacturing plant of 30,000 tons annual capacity.

That is a pretty good record for normal times. In this instance Services was handicapped by government restrictions on steel and other major materials in the early stages. Later it had to wait for deliveries of material, and to stand losses in labor time. Nevertheless, the plant is being completed about on schedule. Soon it will be demonstrating its worth to patrons of Farm Bureau Services. They own one of the most modern and complete fertilizer manufacturing plants in the nation. It is mechanized to the minute for speed and for low cost for labor.

Favorable factors for 1948. No one can say how much fertilizer the Farm Bureau plant can turn out for spring of 1948. But there are some favorable factors. First, the plant is highly mechanized. Materials and the finished product will move on belts. All processes are to be performed by machinery, and with the aid of mechanical loaders and elevators. Second, the plant is located within reasonable distance for most Farm Bureau Services dealers. That may be a matter of increasing importance as the season advances. Third, the plant has favorable contracts for important raw materials, and they have been moving into the plant for some time.

Distribution of fertilizer from the Farm Bureau Services plant to farmers will be through co-operative associations and other dealers who are the recognized distribution points for Farm Bureau Services supplies. No retail operations can be conducted at the plant, as it is entirely a manufacturing and wholesale distribution job. Farmers must see their FBS dealer, as they do for Farm Bureau seeds, feeds and other supplies.

196 farmers co-operatives and FBS dealers have the first call on Farm Bureau fertilizer for Farm Bureau members and other patrons. When the state-wide survey of FBS dealers was made, the 196 made tonnage guarantees which established the plant size at 40,000 (Continued on page two)

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SPECIAL COURSE IN MUCK FARMING PLANNED BY MSC

Michigan State college will offer a short course in muckland farming during January 1948. It will be the first time since 1940 that this course has been offered, according to Dr. Paul M. Harmer, muck soils specialist at the college.

Approximately one acre out of every eight acres of tillable land in Michigan is muck soil which requires special care and farming practices. Practically all of the celery, onions and mint produced in Michigan, as well as a large proportion of carrots, parsnips, cabbage and other vegetables are raised on this type of soil. Methods of production on muck land and the marketing of the crops are so different from upland crops that special training is highly desirable for the man who is starting this type of farming.

The short course will open January 5 and continue through January 20. Instruction in muck soil management will include courses in muck soil management and fertilizer needs, effects of minor elements on various crops, and prevention of wind and frost injury to crops. Other courses will include plant disease control, control of weeds with chemicals, insect control, horticulture, agricultural engineering and farm management.

Details concerning the course can be obtained from the director of short courses, Michigan State college, East Lansing, Michigan.

Notice to Secretaries And to Membership

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BUY SHARES IN BARRY COUNTY'S FUTURE

Farmers, factory workers, laborers, businessmen and all other Barry county residents have an opportunity to participate in a co-operative community effort to purchase a farm that may pay rich dividends.

The Barry Grassland Farms, Inc. recently launched a drive to sell \$25,000 worth of stock of the corporation. This non-profit organization is incorporated by a group of Barry County leaders from the community Farm Bureaus of the county, Granges, Soil Conservation District, and the Hastings Chamber of Commerce.

The purpose of the organization is to purchase a farm in Barry county that is typical of the rolling land in the area and to farm it without the use of cultivated crops to show the value of this type of farming. They expect to prove that grassland farming, properly done, can earn a good living for rural families on land considered unproductive and still prevent soil erosion.

The farm purchased will be operated by a manager selected by the board of directors and the methods used and the results obtained will be published for the use of all.

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Buy Farm Bureau Feeds.

\$3 Wheat Too High To Feed Livestock

Farmers can't afford to feed livestock \$3 a bushel wheat unless corn, oats, barley and rye have the same dollar feeding value as the cereal, according to Andrew Loman, manager of the Hamilton Farm Bureau. He said that there has been a sharp decrease since 1942 in the volume of wheat sold at retail, presumably for feed.

RUTH PARSONS HEADS AFBF YOUTH COMMITTEE

Miss Ruth Parsons of Fowlerville, past president of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau, was elected to the chairmanship of the American Farm Bureau rural youth committee at the convention in December. The committee is responsible for the rural youth work of the American Farm Bureau. During 1948, Miss Parsons will direct these activities:



- 1-Sponsorship of the youth section of the annual Midwest States Farm Bureau training school in midsummer.
- 2-Develop an international exchange program for young farmers between the United States and other nations. In 1947 France sent a group of young men to study American farming methods. Many of them were located on Michigan farms.
- 3-Organize the national speaking contest speaking contest for rural youth at the annual American Farm Bureau convention.
- 4-Organize the youth section of the American Farm Bureau convention at Atlantic City in December of 1948.

Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Nebraska, Iowa and Tennessee Farm Bureau youth organizations are represented on the committee. Miss Parsons will speak to the American Medical Ass'n annual meeting early in February on the topic "Rural Youth Looks at Health."

Bielinski Becomes Personnel Director

W. Victor Bielinski has resigned his affiliations with the Michigan Association of Farmer Co-operatives as field representative effective December 31 to accept the newly created position as manager of the personnel division of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Although he had been acting in this capacity for some time on a part time basis, he assumes the duties of his new job beginning January 1. Mr. Bielinski came to the Farm Bureau in 1937 having previously worked for the Lapeer County Co-operatives from the time he graduated from MSC in 1936.

SEED ALFALFA, BUT ORDER NOW BENNETT SAYS

This is a year to seed alfalfa. Farmers should get their orders placed at once with their local Farm Bureau or co-operative dealer while it is still possible to get most of what they want. Roy Bennett, manager of Farm Bureau Services seed department advises.



R. V. BENNETT

This year the Farm Bureau will have available the following varieties of Alfalfa, Idaho, Montana Grimm, Utah, Nebraska, Canadian Grimm or Variegated, Michigan Grimm or Variegated, Certified Michigan Grimm and Certified Michigan Hardigan. These will be in Farm Bureau brand bags. This is the first year in a long time, Mr. Bennett said, that the seed department has had all of these varieties available and the prices are lower than last year's.

There will not be enough red clover, Alsike, and sweet clover to go around this coming year and the prices will be higher. It will be cheaper to seed alfalfa for a green manure crop. For needed hay and pasture crops to offset the shortage of feeding grain, farmers should get alfalfa. Brome grass this coming year is more reasonable in price. It makes a good companion to seed with alfalfa. This combination provides a wonderful sod to turn under for corn or potatoes, according to Mr. Bennett.

If a farmer wants a short rotation crop, alfalfa will do the trick. Utah, Nebraska and Idaho alfalfa are the varieties to use, he suggests, while Montana, Michigan and Canadian alfalfas should be sown for long time hay and pasture stands.

Sudan Grass make a good pasture. Cows prefer sweet Sudan to common Sudan. However, sweet Sudan does not recover as quickly as common. One half acre of common Sudan Grass ten inches high will keep a cow until the Sudan is killed by frost.

Seed oats and barley will be in heavy demand, but prices will be in range with other feed grain prices. Michigan will have enough good grain seed to take care of the demand.

Farmers who think they will have more red clover than they will need should take it to their local Farm Bureau dealer and he will return it to Services' seed department for redistribution to farmers who are not fortunate to have any.

Mr. Bennett points out that the farmers of Michigan and elsewhere have helped with their dollars to build many plants and factories for other people. But the only money that helps build their own Farm Bureau plants are the dollars they spend for Farm Bureau products. The farmer helps himself and his neighbor when he buys Farm Bureau brand seed and other quality products. Farm Bureau seed has known origin, adaptability and carries the Farm Bureau guarantee.

Constantine Co-operative is one of the largest butter plants in Michigan and this year produced over 3,000,000 pounds, obtaining cream from over 2,000 member-producers. After the milk operation gets into full swing, the Co-operative is planning to serve approximately 3,000 member-producers.

The broad of directors of Constantine Co-operative Creamery Company has planned an open house for all member-producers, their families, friends and the general public, to be held in the near future.

The remodeling and plant expansion program was supervised by Paul Oster, secretary-treasurer and manager. Members of the Co-operative E. Lutz, president, White Pigeon, five's board of directors are: Troy B. J. Richard, vice-president, Edwardsburg; Frank Krull, Three Rivers; A. A. Borgert, Burr Oak; Wilbur Klett and John Mallo, both of Constantine.

Plant Farm Bureau Seeds.

A Good Time to Get Down to Business

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR
Brar Hill Farm, Carleton, Michigan

How easy it seems to say Happy New Year to everyone we meet the first days of the new year.

All too soon we find it's the same old world with the same leadership and the same problems. It means that we ourselves must delve deeper into the problems and find a way to solve them.

As I see it, we in America cannot expect peace in the world until we can have peace and understanding here at home.

Oh! How I wish some of our national problems might be solved on their merits and on what is best for the country rather than be used as an advantageous talking point for a political party or some candidate. What a price we pay for that!

My hope for this year is that we do get down to business and have a better understanding with other countries and that we find none of them so much opposed to us as we have been led to believe.

I hope that we as farmers can have a better understanding between farm organizations than we have had. We should work out our differences through conferences so that we speak for agriculture as one. The farmer has too much at stake in this period of readjustment to have his future jeopardized.

I hope that these days of higher prices will be no temptation to farmers to do things in a big way. We might far better move along in the conservation way until the bubble breaks and our farm dollar will buy what we think it should.

It is a good time to do sensible planning for the future. Plan on as much added comfort as you can have without too much unnecessary expense. It's hard to resist a new car at an inflated price. The farm sized plane offers speed and thrill. New furniture of questionable quality can be a temptation.

If we have to have these things to be real happy, I'd say get them

if you can see your way clear to do so, but I'd want to be certain. I'd take an inventory of my belongings and compare them with my longings and decide whether they were current whims or longtime necessities.

Another hope I cherish is that Michigan folks will concentrate on the problem of education until we secure a school system that is adequate and in keeping with the times. Some 50 years ago Australia sent a delegation to inspect school systems in the States. Michigan folks were delighted when they pronounced our schools far ahead of all others.

We have an old saying, "Resting on your laurels." We must have been doing that, for Michigan schools are now well down the list for high standards. We are still confining our districts to the same size and to almost the same standards laid out by our great grandfathers.

We just cannot continue as we are going and maintain our self-respect. My hope is that our farm folks will take the initiative themselves in making a change rather than have some political or promotional group come along and establish something out of line with good judgement.

It's our job to see to it that the children of our community have just as good educational advantages as the children have in other communities. Let's not be short-sighted in our educational thinking, for as it is now, we are paying mighty dear for a system that does not bring the results our children have a right to expect.

After we have shown our willingness to do our part, we can then demand better teachers, better curriculum, greater attention to agriculture, home making and vocational training. We can see to it that more thought is given to fundamentals and less to non-essentials.

Yes, there's much that can be done in 1948 to improve the everyday life of all of the peoples of the world if we but will it so. We must practice co-operation in its broadest sense; we must think of all humans as creatures of God. Our world is coming together into a compact unit through marvelous scientific developments,—so rapidly

that we fail to comprehend it until we are shocked into it.

We must adjust ourselves to the progress of the changing world and the tomorrows that will follow. Much as we may want to be left alone as the one country to be envied for our advantages, opportunities, surpluses and freedom, we can no longer sit static and watch the other peoples of the world dig themselves out of their dilemmas alone.

We cannot take part in a world war without assuming some responsibilities in the clean-up that follows.

Passengers on trains traveled an average of 81½ miles per trip in 1946, or a little more than twice the average in 1929.

Fruit Meeting At MSC, Jan. 13-15

A conference to be held at Michigan State college on January 13, 14, and 15, will be of interest to all Michigan fruit growers, says C. A. Langer, MSC horticulturist, who is in charge of the program.

College research men will explain work being done to aid the Michigan fruit industry and some of the state's leading growers will bring stories about the future in horticulture.

Information about the conference can be obtained by writing to the Director of Short Courses, Michigan State college, East Lansing.

Plant Farm Bureau Seeds.

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Frankfort—Frankfort Cooperative Creamery Co.
Grant—Grant Cooperative Creamery Co.
Nashville—Farmers Cooperative Creamery Assn.
Niles—Producers' Cooperative Dairy
St. Louis—St. Louis Cooperative Creamery Co.

INDIANA
Columbus—Farmers Marketing Association
Crawfordsville—Farmers Coop. Cr., Inc.
Middlebury—Middlebury Coop. Creamery Co.
Marion—Producers Creamery
Orleans—Producers Dairy Marketing Assn., Inc.
Portland—Producers Creamery

TENNESSEE
Gallatin—Sumner County Coop. Creamery Assn.
Murfreesboro—Rutherford Co. Coop. Cr., Inc.
Nolansville—Nolansville Coop. Cr. Assn., Inc.

OHIO
Dayton—Miami Valley Coop. Milk, Fr. Assn., Inc.
Greenville—Farmers Cooperative Dairy

ILLINOIS
Pana—Equity Union Creamery & Produce Co.
Pana—Equity Union Creamery & Produce Co.
Atwood—Atwood Cooperative Creamery, Inc.

I SPEAK FOR THE FARMER!

I want to protect farm income. I'm interested in better marketing. I want a square deal on taxes and all legislation dealing with farm business. What the legislature does on such matters is important to me—and to you.

FARM BUREAU IS THE LEGISLATIVE VOICE OF 48,000 MICHIGAN FARMERS

Here are a few of the bills important to you that the Michigan Farm Bureau helped enact in the 1947 legislature:

- Authorization to use unexpended township funds for highway purposes.
- Increase gasoline tax to aid county roads. Vetoed. For us, this remains unfinished business.
- \$151,000 appropriation for horticultural research by Michigan State College.
- \$100,000 appropriation for general marketing research by Michigan State College.
- Resubmit sales tax diversion amendment on the 1948 ballot.

LET'S LOOK AT THE RECORD

Michigan farmers must be organized to deal with problems before the legislature. In the 1947 session the Farm Bureau made this record:

Bills favored by Farm Bureau	32
Bills favored by Farm Bureau and passed by legislature	25
Bills opposed by Farm Bureau	22
Bills opposed by Farm Bureau and not passed by legislature	22

Speak for yourself through your own farm organization . . . the Michigan Farm Bureau. Join the Farm Bureau. Take an active part. Continue your membership. More than 48,000 members in 56 County Farm Bureaus in Michigan. More than 1,000,000 members in 46 states. Family membership is \$10 per year.

Make the Farm Bureau organization and service a part of your farm.

JOIN YOUR COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Roll Call for Membership Starts Soon

33 JUNIORS ON EDUCATIONAL TRIP INTO SOUTHEAST

Thirty-three young Michigan farmers, representing 3,000 members of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau, are taking a 4,000 mile bus trip through 15 states of the southeast to learn more about the agriculture and farmers co-operatives of that area. They left Lansing Jan. 1 and expect to be home again Feb. 15.

The Junior Farm Bureau expects each of the students to gather considerable program material that will appeal to farm and city audiences. In December, of 1946 a junior group made a similar trip to California to the AFBF convention.

The 1948 "Short Course on Wheels" will visit the states of Indiana, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida, Georgia, South and North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio, and Washington, D. C.

State Farm Bureaus, schools, arm co-operatives, and officials in government have invited the Michigan Juniors to visit them. In Alabama they visited the Tennessee Valley Authority power and fertilizer manufacturing development at Muscle Shoals. They spent two and a half days in Mississippi to become acquainted with the state's program for balancing agriculture and industry. They were guests at a dinner given by Governor Wright and Dr. Raymond M. Pritchard of the American Institute of Co-operation. At New Orleans they were guests of the Chamber of Com-

merce and Mr. Pate, governor for the Bank for Co-operatives. There they studied agricultural imports and exports. In Florida the Council of Farmer Co-operatives made them acquainted with the scope of the state's citrus fruits industry. Agricultural leaders in Georgia, South and North Carolina were hosts and instructors regarding the cotton and tobacco industries and the farm organizations of those states. In Virginia the Southern States Co-operatives were to be hosts for a one day study of one of the largest farm co-operative business services in the nation. The group was scheduled for three days in Washington, including a breakfast program with Michigan members of Congress February 7, an audience with Clinton Anderson, Secretary of Agriculture, and a visit with the American Farm Bureau Federation officials. At Pittsburgh they are to visit with executives of a company that manufactures fence and steel roofing for the Farm Bureau. The last stop is the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation headquarters at Columbus.

Juniors in the "Short Course on Wheels" tour:

Leona Algoe, Davison; Dorothy Brinkman, Caro; Barbara Colister, Perry; Lila McLachlan, Evart; Connie Dury, Reading; Carol Smith, Osseo; Virginia Bernstein, Jonesville; Charles Abrams, Decatur; Kenneth Daur, Fairgrove.

Robert Brown, Kalamazoo; Earl Dickerson, Fowlerville; Fred Dore, Kawkawlin; Ray Eisele, Fowlerville; Dale Foster, Niles; Robert Drury, Durand; Duane Gettel, Bay Port; Sam Conkey, Caseville; Verland McLeod, Lyons; John Olinstead, Saginaw.

Richard Paul, Hawks; Blaine Pingleton, Swartz Creek; Rellis Pleiness, Scottville; Joe Pajot, Charles Sprague; Dale Swisher, all of Dowagiac; Myron Bishop, Battle Creek; Ray Greuber, Saginaw.

William Nyblade, Casnovia; Leon Green, Sebewaing; James Williams, Bellaire; James Moore, Benzonia; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Garbo, Middleville, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Henrinn, East Lansing.

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Junior Caravan Gets Attention in South

At every stop in the southern states the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau educational tour by bus attracts attention. It is something new to have 33 traveling students in town or on one's place for a few hours to give and take of information.

The young people look around and they ask a lot of questions. At Jackson, Mississippi state officials, farm and industrial leaders attended the dinner at which the Mississippi agricultural-industrial program for development was discussed. After the question period one of the Mississippians was heard to remark, "I feel like I had been dealing with a buzz saw. Those young people know what they are after."

At that session, the southerners turned the tables and began asking about Michigan farm operations. The Juniors went around the table and stated briefly their farm operations at home. Mr. Pajot, secretary of the Mississippi Farm Bureau, asked "How much labor do you have in order to carry farm operations of that size? Or, how many of you folks come from a family unit size farm and carry on farm operations with only occasional outside help?" Thirty of the 33 Juniors raised a hand. The southerners could hardly believe it.

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Phillips Urges Urban Education on Co-ops

The education of the urban population to the interdependence of farmers co-operatives and the city dweller was urged by Waldo Phillips of Decatur, chairman of the Michigan Association of Farmer Co-operatives, recently in addressing members of the St. Joseph County Co-op Council and weekly daily editors of the county papers.

Mr. Phillips said that co-operatives enable the farmer to make his farm more productive. They put the farmer in a business category. Such developments benefit the ultimate consumer in the urban area.

He said that January had been proclaimed "Co-op Month" by Governor Sigler, and that co-operatives were to promoting a better understanding of their organization through advertisements in daily and weekly newspapers, radio programs, and meetings with city groups.

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By ALFRED BENTALL
Director Insurance Department

Life insurance is one of the country's biggest businesses. We have in force somewhat over 180 billions of life insurance on the lives of over 73 million people in this country. These figures are so large that they are almost beyond our comprehension, but it does mean that for more than half of our population, the protection is afforded to the family by life insurance.

While life insurance is such a large and far reaching institution, it is very poorly understood even by many people who are using this protection. It is certainly even more misunderstood by those who have not yet availed themselves of the benefits coming from the owning of life insurance.

There have been various life organizations, in existence for hundreds of years but not in the form with which we are familiar. Their existence and value in this country dates back about one hundred years. Since then from those small beginnings, we have come to the tremendous amount in force of 180 billions of dollars.

comes by the passing of the wage earner, there will be money for the last expenses and help for the family in getting itself readjusted.

Perhaps, one of the greatest illustrations of the tremendous value and security that can be had through a life insurance program exist in its application to the security of a home for the women and children left behind when death takes the husband and father. This is the day of home building on a tremendous scale, the like of which we have never seen before, and still we cannot catch up with the demand. Every one of these new homes you see going up all over the country means that some family wants a place in which they can carry out the program of love and affection which started when some young man and some young woman said the marriage vows.



ALFRED BENTALL

Certainly, the man would not want that home for himself, that is, if he had to be alone. He does not expect to be alone. He now has a partner in life. Pretty soon there will be other partners in their lives and they must have a home. So, full of loving ambition for the future of the family, this young couple buy a home.

Perhaps they are able to pay enough down so that a regular mortgage can be put into use. In many thousands of cases, the home must be bought on a contract which may run a number of years with monthly payments. Under such plans, all goes well so long as the wage earner or business man of the family lives and continues to earn. Every time a payment is made on the home, that much more of a family estate has been put into existence. But if the unexpected come along, if death takes the head

of the family, then what? Unless there have been some financial provisions made, those promises so sincerely and lovingly entered into at the wedding must fall of accomplishment.

Life insurance now steps into the picture. Among the best friends any married couple can have is that faithful man or woman that we call "the insurance agent." He comes to folks with a message about how they can make the future secure for themselves and their families, and how that home may be released from indebtedness in case of the death of the husband. This is done by relatively small payments for a life insurance policy contract. The proceeds of that policy may be applied to paying off the home contract, or mortgage, as the case may be.

If the home is secure, there are many things a woman can do, but if she has no home, no shelter for herself and children, then the outlook is dismal, indeed. These same folks would not think of buying a home without fire insurance and, indeed, those who lend money to build homes would not enter into the arrangement with them unless the fire insurance protection was certain.

Life insurance policy contracts can be made to do almost anything you wish done. There are a number of different kinds of these contracts, or as many people call them, policies. There are too many to enumerate in this short article. They can be arranged not only to take care of last expenses if father or husband is taken away, but also leave some money to get started in life again. It is of special interest to know how easily life insurance can be arranged so that if something happens, a home may be preserved fully paid to the widow and children.

The State Farm Life Insurance Company for which, as you probably know, the Michigan Farm Bureau is the state agent, will be very glad through one of its Michigan agents to give you any information you desire. There is no obligation on the part of those desiring such information.

Just drop a card to the Insurance Department, Michigan Farm Bureau, Box 960, Lansing, Michigan, saying that you wish to know how to arrange a life insurance program so as to make sure of the future of your home for your family. We will be glad to see that a qualified representative contacts you.

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Constantine Creamery Annual Feb. 11

Election of two directors, a "breakfast club" broadcast type of program and entertainers will feature the 33rd annual meeting on February 11 of Constantine Co-operative Creamery Co.

The meeting will be held in the Constantine high school auditorium following cafeteria-style lunch in the Grange hall.

Reports on 1947 business and comments on future prospects will be made by Paul Oster, secretary-manager and Troy Lutz, president. The firm produced over 2,760,000 pounds of butter during 1947.

Len Colby, Kalamazoo, will conduct his "breakfast club" program with presents for the ladies interviewed. Speakers will include Dr. Clifford Hardin, Michigan State College, and F. M. Skiver, chief of bureau of dairying of the Michigan Department of Agriculture. Stockholders will inspect the milk processing plant opened Jan. 6.

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