

EDITORIAL

Proposals and Constitutional Convention

Farm Bureau recommendations were rejected on the three most important constitutional proposals voted on November 2.

Time will tell how nearly right the Farm Bureau was in its considered recommendations.

We opposed calling of a constitutional convention, believing that it is better to amend the present constitution. It was noticeable that city voters gave strong majorities for calling a constitutional convention to consider a general revision of the constitution. Perhaps our defeat on this question is a good thing now, considering that we lost also on repeal of sales tax diversion and to prevent weakening of the 15 mill tax limitation amendment. We can try again in the convention on these matters.

The 5 or 6 to 1 majority against repeal of sales tax diversion reflects the tremendous effort made by city officials and organized school people to keep the amendment.

Finance officers of state government have said that under the sales tax diversion amendment cities, villages, townships and schools get 78% of the sales tax revenues, with the schools getting the lion's share. They say also that on the 22% remaining for state government purposes, the state is running \$35,000,000 behind this fiscal year having started out at the beginning of the year with \$30,000,000 surplus and indications are for a sizable deficit at the close of the year. Expenditures have exceeded receipts.

We shall not be surprised to see the new legislature propose new and substantial taxes for state government.

Adoption of Amendment No. 5 to liberalize the 15 mill tax limit as proposed by the Michigan Education Ass'n is another victory for the organized school teachers.

The amendment takes away much of the protection afforded property owners by the 15 mill tax limit. It does so by reducing from a two-thirds majority to a simple majority the vote required to raise the millage above .15 for ANY purpose. The school people sold the amendment as the way to provide new buildings and classroom facilities, but it is a wide open door.

The Importance of Voting

Before the election numerous Get Out the Vote campaigns stressed the importance of a single deciding vote on many questions that have turned the course of history.

In a talk with newspapermen after conceding the election to President Truman, Thomas E. Dewey said that a change of one-half of one per cent in three or four states would have brought different results.

This was an election that brought out the vote. Even so, in our own voting precinct, and perhaps in yours, the total number voting was short of the total number of voters registered,—and by quite a few.

Agriculture is Big Business

At its annual meeting in October, the Kent County Farm Bureau invited a number of representatives of urban industry to hear a discussion on measures for bringing better working relations between farming and industry.

Speaker H. A. Lyon, director of the Detroit Agricultural Industrial Foundation, made some very interesting comments which we feel bear repeating. Mr. Lyon pointed out that agriculture is a big industry. It has a real estate investment of nearly \$60,000,000,000. It pays a tax bill of more than \$600,000,000 a year.

It employed 10,157,000 persons in 1947 including 2,227,000 hired workers and had a hired labor bill of \$2,500,000,000.

It spends about \$800,000,000 a year for new farm machinery, and last year had an inventory of nearly \$7,000,000,000 worth of machinery and motor vehicles.

Agriculture employs more than twice as many hired workers as does the giant automobile industry, and has a bigger payroll for hired labor.

Mr. Lyon emphasized the fact that farm losses pyramid through the whole industrial fabric. He said a \$20,000,000 frost damage in Michigan may cost 7 times that amount in its impact on urban industry through shorter food supplies and high

Farm Bureau Calls 29th Annual Meeting

NATION'S TOP SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS AFBF

Director Paul G. Hoffman of the Economic Cooperation Administration, Hanson W. Baldwin of the New York Times, President Harold E. Stassen of the University of Pennsylvania, and Senator George V. Aiken of Vermont will be among the headline speakers at the thirtieth annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Atlantic City, New Jersey, December 14-16.

Thousands of farmers from all over the country are expected to attend the meeting, representing over a million and a quarter farm families. Addresses by President Allan B. Kline and other officials of the organization, adoption of resolutions and election of national directors will highlight the policy-making sessions of the nation's largest farm organization.

Mr. Kline will speak at the opening session Tuesday morning, December 14, after Secretary Wilfred Shaw gives his annual report, and Mr. Hoffman will give his address on "The United States and European Recovery" that afternoon. Mr. Baldwin will discuss "Prospects for Peace" at the same session. Governor Alfred E. Driscoll of New Jersey will welcome the convention Tuesday afternoon.

On the program for Tuesday evening are Rep. Thomas G. Abernethy of Mississippi, who will speak on "The Farmer and Tomorrow", and Dr. Kenneth McFarland, superintendent of Schools, Topeka, Kansas. Mr. Stassen will address the Wednesday morning session on "Democracy's Responsibility", followed by Beardsley Ruml, chairman of the board, R. H. Macy and Company.

Senator Aiken of Vermont, author of the long range farm program bill enacted with Farm Bureau support at the last session of Congress, will address the convention Wednesday afternoon, followed by AFBF Vice-President R. E. Short, who will speak on "What Make America Great."

Regional caucuses, presentation of the winner of the Rural Youth "Talk Meet", recognition of membership achievements, presentation of Distinguished Service Awards, and a dance will take up the rest of Wednesday, and Thursday will be devoted to the business session including adoption of resolutions and election of directors.

The general sessions of the Convention will be preceded by the Farm Bureau's National Commodity Conference, scheduled for Monday, December 13.

14TH CONVENTION OF AFBF WOMEN DEC. 12-13

Meeting in Atlantic City for their 14th Annual Convention December 12-13, the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau Federation will hear a number of leading authorities on national and international affairs and consider public issues of concern to farm women.

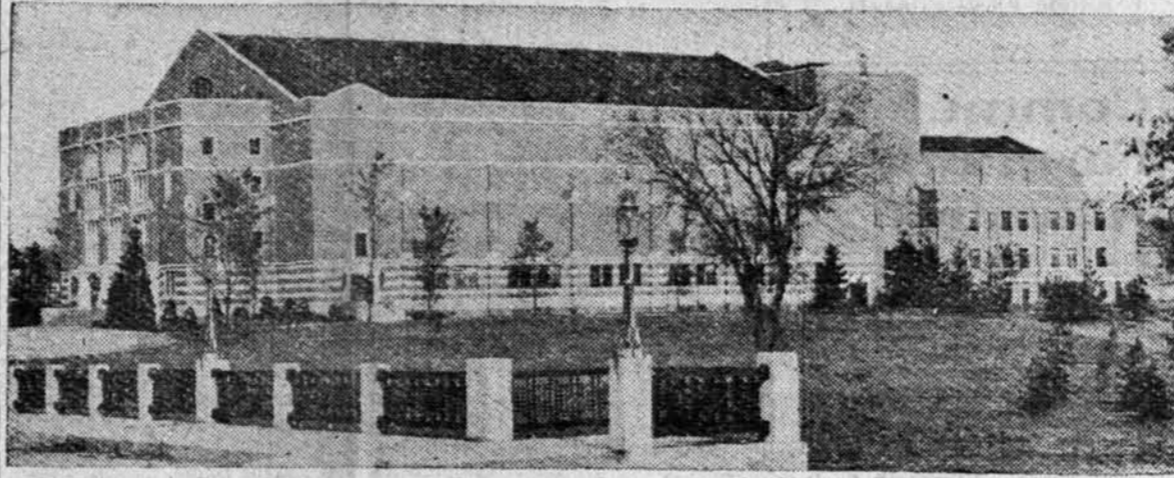
The convention, which immediately precedes the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation, will open Sunday afternoon, December 12, with a vesper service and an address by Dr. Daniel J. Poling, editor of the Christian Standard. Wilfred Shaw, AFBF secretary-treasurer, will speak to a voting delegates dinner Sunday evening on "Partnership in Farm Bureau." Mrs. Charles W. Sewell, administrative director of the Associated Women, will give her report at the dinner session.

The Monday morning session will include a talk by Mrs. Roy C. F. Weagy, president of the Associated Women, setting the theme for the convention, "I Saw a Ship A' Sailing." AFBF President Allan Kline will extend greetings, and Rep. Walter F. Judd of Minnesota will speak on "Citizenship and Foreign Policy." Mrs. Raymond Sayre, president, Country Women of the World, will give an address on "Links of Friendship."

Movies of Germany Shown Comm. Group

Members of the Frankfort Community Farm Bureau had the pleasure of seeing colored motion pictures and slide films of Germany taken by Ignace Hoffman, who recently made a trip to Europe to visit his parents in Germany. Richard Kloha of Freeland discussed the proposed constitutional amendments to appear on the ballot in November.

Place of Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Nov. 11 and 12



MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE AUDITORIUM and FAIRCHILD THEATRE



ROGER FLEMING
Director, Legislative Dept.
Washington Office
American Farm Bureau Federation
Thursday Afternoon



CARL E. BUSKIRK
President, Michigan Farm Bureau
Thursday Morning



CLARK L. BRODY
Secretary, Michigan Farm Bureau
Thursday Morning

AFBF COMMODITY CONFERENCES TO DRAW THOUSANDS

National commodity conferences December 13, preceding the thirtieth annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Atlantic City, will feature nationally known authorities in the dairy, fruit and vegetable, field crops, livestock and poultry fields. One of the highlights of the Fruit and Vegetable Conference will be a report by E. A. Meyer, administrator of the Research and Marketing Act, on this year's research progress under the act.

All of the commodity conferences will include broad discussion of problems affecting their respective segments of agriculture. Farmers from every section of the country are expected to attend.

Farm Bureau conferences on organization, insurance, rural youth, service cooperatives, soil and water and tax and legislative problems are also scheduled for December 13.

PROGRAM

29th Annual Meeting Michigan Farm Bureau

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:00 a. m. Farm Bureau business meeting convenes at Fairchild theatre, New Auditorium. Parking facilities north, opposite Fairchild theatre.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.....CARL E. BUSKIRK

REPORT OF SEC'Y-TREAS.....CLARK L. BRODY

12:15 p. m. Adjourn for lunch, Cafeteria service in the Auditorium. Tickets sold in Fairchild lobby mornings.

2:00 p. m. Business session

ADDRESSROGER FLEMING
Director of Washington office of the American Farm Bureau Federation

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
Nomination of Directors

THURSDAY EVENING

6:15 p. m. Annual dinner and entertainment of the Michigan Farm Bureau. At Roo Club House, Lansing. President Carl Buskirk presiding.

"POST-WAR AGRICULTURE OF EUROPE"
Motion pictures in color and lecture by Walter G. Kirkpatrick, Agricultural Agent for Antrim county.

"AUGUSTUS IS THE NAME FOR CEASAR"
Play pageant by Michigan Junior Farm Bureau. This was presented at the American Institute of Co-operation, Amherst, Mass., September 1.

Square and round dance program

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:00 a. m. Farm Bureau business meeting at Fairchild Theatre PRESENTATION OF AWARDS for Membership Work

Consideration of Resolutions

Election of Directors

New Business

Adjournment

PRE-CONVENTION MEETINGS, Wednesday, November 12. See annual meeting article on this page.

MFB ORGANIZATION CONFERENCE TO BE HELD WED., NOV. 10

Roll call managers, committee members, quarterly and township chairmen, and interested Farm Bureau members are invited to attend the Michigan Farm Bureau annual organizational conference to be held at the Music Building Auditorium, Michigan State College, Wednesday, November 10, 7:30 p. m. At this time roll call problems and issues will be discussed.

The Michigan Farm Bureau membership goal for the 1948-49 roll call has been set by the 58 county leaders at 43,680 family memberships. County goals are to remain the same as they were in the 1947-48 roll call.

With every county, except three, having hired roll call managers to direct their respective county membership campaigns, 17 counties have plans to conduct their roll call during the month of September. The remainder of the counties will hold their membership drives during the month of January.

Manistee county was the first county to launch its campaign, having held their kick-off meeting No

JR. FB SPONSORS CLOTHING DRIVE FOR EUROPEANS

A clothing collection campaign for needy European children was sponsored during October by the various County Junior Farm Bureaus in accordance with the wishes of the State Council of the Junior Farm Bureau.

The donations collected on a state-wide basis were to be brought to Lansing on November 6 for shipment to New York. The "Save the Children Foundation," a child care organization, is to prepare the donation for overseas shipment. Contributions are to be divided between Finland and Greece.

The Children's Foundation has given sufficient evidence that the gifts will not leave their control. All packages will be distributed through the schools in the two countries by their representatives. Special emphasis was placed on shoes, underwear and winter clothing for children and young adults.

Member 1 at Bear Lake. Donald Shreves, of Bear Lake, is the roll call manager of that county.

At State College November 11 and 12

Reports to be Made on Work Done in 1948; Resolutions Adopted Will Chart the Farm Bureau Program for 1949

Nearly 35,000 members of the Michigan Farm Bureau will be represented by some 350 voting delegates at the 29th annual meeting of the membership at Michigan State College, Thursday and Friday, November 11 and 12. Each delegate will represent 100 member families. Members are invited to attend the meeting.

Clark L. Brody, executive secretary will present his annual report and discuss present and future developments in the Farm Bureau organization and its program. The delegates will hear reports on the formation of a proposed Farm Bureau insurance company with services limited to Farm Bureau members. Other Farm Bureau business matters to get attention will be the Farm Bureau's new fertilizer plant at Saginaw and the newly organized Farmers Petroleum Co-operative, Inc., for the purpose of expanding Farm Bureau services on petroleum products.

Results of the national and state elections will be taken into account as the delegates shape their resolutions of Farm Bureau policy and program for presentation to the new Congress and new legislature.

Roger Fleming, director of the Washington office of the American Farm Bureau Federation, will address the convention Thursday afternoon, November 11. No doubt, a major portion of his address will deal with the national long range farm program and farm co-operatives in the new Congress.

Elections. The convention will elect seven members of the state board of directors of 15. Directors are elected for two years. The new board will elect a president and vice president immediately after the convention.

A series of pre-convention meetings of Farm Bureau groups and committees will be held Wednesday, November 10, at the College. From these meetings will come recommendations to the Michigan Farm Bureau.

The Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee will convene Tuesday, November 9 at the Michigan Farm Bureau at Lansing to complete compilation of resolutions from Community and County Farm Bureaus, farm co-operatives and the several pre-convention conferences for presentation to the delegates body November 11.

The Membership Conference will be held at the College Music Auditorium Wednesday evening, November 10, starting at 7:30 p. m. An interesting program has been prepared. Preparations will be discussed for the 1949 Roll Call for membership to be carried on early this winter by 58 County Farm Bureaus.

Women of the Michigan Farm Bureau will hold their fourth annual meeting, Wednesday, November 10 at Fairchild Theatre from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. About 700 women are expected from 56 counties.

Co-operative Commodity Conference will be held Wednesday, Nov. 10 at People Church, East Lansing for these groups: Dairy, fruit, and vegetable, poultry, live stock and wool.

Resolutions adopted at these conferences will be presented to the state Farm Bureau resolutions committee.

Comm. F B Delegates Invited to State Meet
Each Community Farm Bureau group of Oceana county has been invited by the county board of directors to send a representative to the Michigan Farm Bureau annual convention in East Lansing; November 10, 11 and 12. The county organization is to defray part of their expenses. Oceana County Farm Bureau named its secretary, Henry Johnson, of Mears, to have charge of its display at the convention.

Nebraska Forms Rural Radio Association
A Nebraska rural radio association was organized in May of this year which has as its principal objective the establishment of a farm radio station in Nebraska.

Farm supporters of the project indicate they wish to present programs of particular interest and value to farm people. The programs would include complete market news, reports on research, legislative developments and other information. All of the major farm and co-operative organizations of Nebraska have given approval to the project. Financing will be through certificates of ownership valued at \$10.00.

Farm Bureau Women Send Care Packages
Over \$14 was raised by 20 Tuscola County Farm Bureau women at their regular monthly meeting at the first of October. Miss Muriel Addison, of Blackpool, England, was guest speaker. She told of her experiences as a billeting officer during the war. The money was donated by the women present to purchase food packages for some English family as gifts from their organization.

Use Farm Bureau Feeds.

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A Prayer

O Maker of the country-side And the good soil by which we live, Under whose mantle we abide...

MFB TO ASSIST IN FOOD RELIEF FOR EUROPEANS

The Michigan Farm Bureau has joined with some 30 other organizations in the state to assist in the Food Relief Program for Europe.

Bumper Crops Are Our Salvation

By GEORGE D. SCARSETH, American Farm Research Ass'n. You have heard it said, "Money Talks." Lately we have been worried because it has been talking in lower and lower tones...



When we have things to sell, we like inflation, but when we buy we don't like it so well. Neither do we like inflation when we think of our savings of hard earned dollars as in our insurance.

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prices, shortage of raw materials; and finally, a reduced farm purchasing power which in turn reduces sales of urban industry.

He said that it works both ways, that farm income also depends upon urban prosperity. There can't be a line drawn between farmers and industrialists.

The Kent County Farm Bureau has made a contribution to better rural-urban relations by inviting industrial leaders to their annual meeting, making possible an exchange of ideas.

to him who supplies what nature made it necessary for them to have. The Animal Protein Factor is the latest bit of knowledge that research men have wrested from a seemingly reluctant nature.

THREE FACTORS CONTROL DAIRY POULTRY PROFITS

By R. H. ADDY, Manager Services' Feed Dept. Farmers feed poultry, hogs, cows or steers to make profits from those operations. There are three factors that control profits...

Most Michigan Farms Have Electricity. Only eight states rank higher than Michigan in electrification of farmsteads, says Michigan State college, quoting a federal survey.

Know Your Bible. By Alfred Froh. 1. "The words of his mouth were smoother than butter."

Bible Answers. 1. War, Psalm 55:21. 2. Yes, Numbers 21:7-9. 3. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, John 3:14-17.

Community Farm Bureau Activities

By MRS. MARJORIE GARDNER STAR AWARDS. Gold Star—Leer Group, Alpena county, Mrs. Melvin Wong, sec'y.

St. Joseph-Burr Oak. The following resolution was passed at the September meeting: "Whereas, the advent of the automobile has done away with horse and carriage...

Branch-California. This group resolved that the American Farm Bureau be requested to establish an agency within itself and its branches designed to bring to the public information concerning farm problems and farm production...

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Oceana-Shelby. Members of the Shelby Community Farm Bureau are buying flags and poles to be used at Farm Bureau homes on all special holidays or on days of special events, reports Mrs. Fred Kerr, secretary.

Isabella-Broomfield. A check of \$15 was awarded to this group by Isabella County Farm Bureau as a prize for the best entertainment at the county picnic held in August.

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URBAN LEADERS ATTEND KENT CO. ANNUAL MEETING

Many Grand Rapids civic leaders accepted an invitation to attend the annual banquet meeting of the Kent County Farm Bureau to hear H. A. Lyon, director of the Detroit Agricultural-Industrial Foundation, discuss measures for building better working relations between farming and industry.

Mr. Lyon's address was followed by a business meeting at which resolutions were submitted for presentation at the state annual meeting. Three directors were elected and 7 delegates named to the Michigan Farm Bureau convention, November 11 and 12.

Blue Cross Expands Hospital Service. Blue Cross group subscribers and enrolled members of their families are now entitled to 120 full days of hospital service due to the expanded benefits recently put into effect by the Michigan Hospital and Medical Society.

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ST. CLAIR TO VOTE ON SOIL DISTRICT

Farmers of St. Clair County will have an opportunity to decide, by public vote, whether or not they shall have a soil conservation district. This was decided at a county-wide meeting called by officials of the state conservation committee with more than 100 farmers attending who unanimously favored such a program.

A number one soil problem in St. Clair is drainage which could be greatly improved under a district plan, according to Russell Hill, state committee chairman.

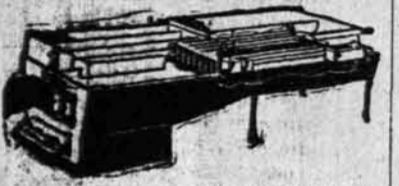
It was pointed out at the meeting by several farmer directors of the Lapeer County soil district, which was organized 9 years ago, that 287 farmers had been helped during that period of time.

Three of the five directors of the proposed district will be elected at the time of the public vote. Six men nominated at the meeting were: Ben Reichle, Marine City; Hazen Rollins, Capac; Dave Kelly, Brockway; Fred Wilser, St. Clair; Roy Rossow, Fair Haven and Alvin Kersten, Capac.

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Christian Rural Overseas Program

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR, Briar Hill Farm, Carleton, Mich.

Last year we heard and read much about the Friendship Train that started in the West and gathered momentum as it traveled toward the East. We all knew it was a train made up of many carloads of food to be sent to the near starving people of Europe. I am sure those who had given the grain never missed it but rather had a good wholesome feeling within them that they had participated in a most worthy cause.

Most of us have never been real hungry. We've only thought we were at times. But if we were compelled as a nation to exist on a diet that would only keep one just ahead of actual starvation and nothing more whatever in sight, we'd wonder if there was any human kindness left in this world.

And what a terrible thing it must be for adults to hear children cry for food when there's none to give them.

Our Michigan farmers will have an opportunity to share in filling a Friendship Train in the near future. This project is sponsored by church agencies of Catholic and Protestant groups which have active relief agencies now operating in foreign lands.

They call the movement Christian Rural Overseas Program or C. R. O. P. for short. Our state will be one of the 34 states aiding in this plan. A state-wide committee has been set up of rural leaders, each a representative of a farm organization or church society and aided by editors of farm publica-

tions, extension leaders of MSC, and many other rural groups. This executive group will be broken down to the local level so that every rural family will have an opportunity to contribute to the cause.

It is my understanding that the "drive" will be on about the holiday season. Some of the goodwill trains of other states have already been launched. This is far different from government aid. It is an expression of sharing actual food that the farmers have grown, with folks who are needy. It is a wholesome gesture of Christian spirit put into practice.

It is planned that these cars be filled with whole grains such as wheat, corn, beans, soybeans and dried fruits, canned meats, canned milk and any other such product that may be shipped with safety.

How I wish one might share the many portions of food that we waste or over-consume every day!

I am most certain we will all enjoy the holiday season this year far more thoroughly by helping with state-wide sharing of food. We must keep in mind that these hungry folks are all human creatures such as you and I. In our mind's eye let's put ourselves in the same place under the same conditions and decide what we would hope for.

Let's put our bag of food on the Christmas train along with our neighbors and be proud of the farmers of Michigan with hearts that feel for the needy and oppressed.

Christmas has become so commercialized that it has lost far too much of its "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Man." It takes just something of this sort to bring us down to its true significance.

DEFLATION IS FARMER'S WORST ENEMY; KLINE

"One of the worst enemies of agriculture is monetary deflation," Allan B. Kline, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, told 800 members of the Berrien County Farm Bureau at a county-wide meeting held at the Benton Harbor high school auditorium October 6.

"The price the farmer gets for his produce during the period of deflated dollar value is the first to drop, and the last to rise," Mr. Kline said.

"Inflation, on the other hand, carries its own cure in the form of high taxation which drains off the dangers of too much money.

"The ideal situation for national farm economy would be a stabilized dollar, since under such a condition farmers would be at the mercy of the violent extremes in what they receive."

Mr. Kline, who has traveled to Europe four times since the war in connection with helping European agriculture get back on its feet, told the Berrien group that he does not believe that war will result from the present tense international situation. He said that too many people in Europe know how terrible war can be, and that too many Russians feel they could not win a war now.

The AFBF president devoted much of his address to telling how and why the Farm Bureau is listened to in the Congressional chambers. Mr. Kline also explained, in connection with the passage of the long term farm program in the last session of Congress, the Farm Bureau stand for flexible farm price supports instead of maximum supports. He pointed out that maximum support prices necessitate more governmental controls while a flexible price support scale, ranging from a full 90% of parity down to 60%, involves the least governmental control and still protects the farmer against ruinous price drops for farm products.

GUERDON FROST JFB DIRECTOR FOR WISCONSIN

Guerdon Frost, who was the 11th president of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau, has been named director of Junior Farm Bureau activities for the state of Wisconsin. Secretary Green of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation made the announcement recently.

After graduating from Michigan State College, Mr. Frost was hired by the Nebraska Farm Bureau, where he spent two years in field work on membership and program building in the senior organization.

He is the first state director of Junior Farm Bureau who has come out of the Junior Farm Bureau leadership training program in Michigan.

Good Farm Lease

A good farm lease is an important tool in the farm business, say farm management specialists at Michigan State college. Tenants, landlord, and farm benefit from a good lease.

14 YEARS OF FARM BUREAU PROGRESS

The year 1934 was the first year of substantial recovery for the Michigan Farm Bureau organization. It was about as low as any organization or business during the depths of the depression and still manage to survive.

Every year since 1934 has been a year of progress and substantial service and savings to members and patrons of the Farm Bureau organizations. The following paragraphs summarize the growth of the Michigan Farm Bureau and the Farm Bureau Services, Inc., since 1934:

Total Assets: From \$396,066 in 1934 to \$6,028,194 as of March 31, 1948.

Capital Furnished by Patrons and Investors: From \$163,323 in 1934 to \$3,276,207 as of March 31, 1948.

Consolidated Volume of business services by Farm Bureau Services, Inc.: From \$1,425,946 in 1934 to \$13,112,302 for the year ending Aug. 31, 1947.

Net Margin of Farm Bureau Services, Inc. before dividends on stock and interest on debentures: \$37,069 in 1934 to \$324,365 as of Aug. 31, 1947.

Interest Paid on FBS debentures and dividends: From \$4,840 in 1934 to \$80,283 for the year ending Aug. 31, 1947.

Branch Elevators of Farm Bureau Services: 10 in 1934 and 11 in 1948.

Management Contracts — Local elevators and farmers oil companies managed by Farm Bureau Services under contract with their board of directors: None in 1934 to 21 in 1948.

Employees of Farm Bureau Services and Michigan Farm Bureau, including branches: 84 in 1934 to 420 in 1948. At management contracts: none in 1934 to 164 in 1948.

JFB Members Attend Nat'l Youth Meet

Four Genesee county Junior Farm Bureau members represented the state organization at the National Rural Youth Conference at Westley, West Virginia. More than 350 youths from 20 states and Canada were present as representatives of 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers and Home Makers of America, Farm Bureaus, Farmers Union, Grange, Scouts, and various church groups. The theme of the conference was "Strengthening Rural Values." Discussions were held throughout conference, speakers panels and some groups meetings with each person taking an active part in the sessions. The Michigan representatives were: Blaine Pinkston, Swartz Creek; Donald Lakring, Gaines; Mrs. Francis Thompson, Davison; and Martha Lang of Flint.

Thumb Area Women Hold 2-Day Camp

Sixty-one Farm Bureau women of the Thumb Counties completed a two-day camp at Sleeper State Park October 9 and 10. The attendance included 41 women from Huron County, 14 from Lapeer County and 39 from Sanilac and Tuscola Counties.

Mrs. Belle Newell of Coldwater, state Farm Bureau women's chairman, discussed the new look in Farm Bureau. Dr. David Treat, Flint educator, addressed a large audience Saturday evening on the subject of family relations. The public was invited to the lecture. Other speakers included Lawrence Taylor of the MSC adult education department, and state representative, G. Kirk Halley, of Huron County.

4-H Achievements

Members of 4-H clubs in the United States who just celebrated their national achievement week point with pride to the fact that in 1948 they produced 80,000 acres of garden products; 8,000,000 poultry; 800,000 head of livestock; and 19,000,000 quarts of canned products.

FRUIT INSPECTION SERVICE OFFERED BERRIEN GROWERS

As a result of the initiative taken this fall by the Berrien County Farm Bureau, a voluntary inspection service for fruit offered on the Benton Harbor market was inaugurated on an experimental basis commencing the middle of September.

Under the experiment, growers voluntarily have their loads inspected by federal-state inspectors. A special lane has been set aside for the inspection of truck loads of produce to be sold on the market.

The experiment has attracted a great deal of interest among growers and buyers, and is believed to be the answer to the often repeated contention that buyers pay better prices when they are assured of getting produce that lives up to the grade marked. The Benton Harbor sub-committee of the Berrien County Farm Bureau's fruit and vegetables committee is keeping a close check on the results of the experiment.

A nominal fee of 1c per bushel and a half a cent for smaller packages is made to help meet the cost of the inspectors who are being brought in to handle the service. Only those growers who request inspection receive it.

Dry Ice for Fires

Let's hope you never see smoke coming from your silo caused by spontaneous combustion. But if it should happen, take a tip from the Kansas farmer who conferred hastily with extension agents and then called a chemical company to bring a number of cakes of dry ice. The ice was dropped in from the top of the silo and the fire went out. The dry ice or carbon dioxide method has also been used to fight fires in hay mows.

Tackaberry Replaces Gardner as Dist. Rep.

Thomas F. Tackaberry of Clarkston has recently replaced Gaylord Gardner as Michigan Farm Bureau District No. 3 representative, which includes Macomb, Oakland, Livingston, Washtenaw, Wayne and Monroe counties. Mr. Gardner resigned to attend Michigan State College.



Mr. Tackaberry was raised in both rural and urban surroundings. Upon graduation from the Yale High School, he entered military service in the army air corps where he spent better than 3 years and was discharged as a Captain.

He attended two years of schooling at Central Michigan College of Education at Mt. Pleasant and worked for the Peck Elevator for a short period of time. He is 25 years old, is married and has one child.

Walnuts
Michigan State college foresters advise planting walnuts in spring. Squirrels are apt to get planted nuts.

RUSSIA AND THE UNITED STATES

The population of the world is estimated at 2 billion 170 million, of which the U.S. has 7% thereof, and Russia 8.8%.

The land area of the world is 57 million 510 thousand square miles, of which the U.S. has 6% and Russia 14%.

The number of telephones in the world is estimated at 51 million 500 thousands, of which the U.S. has 1 phone for each 5 persons of her population, and Russia has 1 phone for 188 of her population.

The number of automobiles in the world is estimated at 41 million 300 thousand of which the U.S. has 1 automobile for every 4 persons of her population, and Russia has 1 automobile for every 252 persons of her population.

The number of radios in the world is estimated at 125 million, of which the U.S. has 1 radio for every 3 of her population, and Russia, 1 radio for every 45 of her population.

The number of daily newspapers in the world is estimated at 3,000, of which the U.S. has 1749 and Russia 28.

Estimating the used electricity of the world at 100%, the U.S. uses 46.2% thereof, and Russia, an estimated 5%.

Estimating world production at 100%, the U.S. produces 32.3% thereof, and Russia, 18.5%.

Steel Scrap Drive

A new national industrial and farm iron and steel scrap drive is being sponsored by the U. S. Department of Commerce. Scrap collected on farms is considered particularly desirable as much of it is of heavy cast iron which is scarcer than steel scrap. Farmers play an important part in supplying raw materials for the steel mills and foundries as they furnish approximately two million tons of scrap a year.

Let's Weigh the Evidence

Your scales can be a valuable ally to your judging eye! For years livestock breeders have kept weight and performance records, as well as pedigrees. Now many commercial producers are taking a tip from them. Recording birth weights and weaning weights of calves, pigs and lambs. Using their records to help cull, to select their likeliest breeding stock.

There is lots of evidence of the value of your scales in helping you eye. Here are just a few examples:

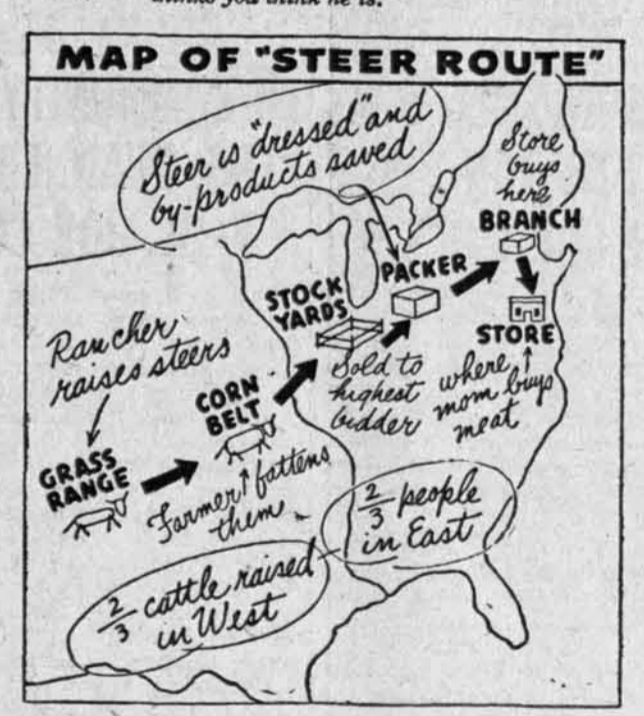
1) At Purdue University they weighed 7,554 pigs from 784 litters. Here's what they found. Pigs that weighed THREE pounds at birth averaged 28 pounds at weaning. But pigs that weighed TWO pounds at birth weighed only 21 pounds at weaning. Of the heavy pigs, 77% lived to weaning age, against only 49% of the light pigs. And right up to market weight, the heavier pigs had a higher rate of gain.

2) The U. S. D. A. has kept a 14-year record on beef calves. Birth weights vary from 40 to 109 pounds. Their finding: heavier-than-average calves reach a 500-pound weaning weight and 900-pound marketing weight faster than lighter-than-average calves. You know what that means! Less feed. More and quicker profit.

3) Sheep Experiment Station men at Dubois, Idaho, find they can use the scales to select breeding stock for greater production in the future. Their ewe lambs, which are heavier than average at weaning time, prove to be the best producers in total lamb weight and fleece weights.

4) At the University of Wyoming they divided dairy heifers into light and heavy weight groups. The "heavies" weighed 24 pounds more at birth. But at six months they averaged 43 pounds more per animal.

You need a good "judging eye" to tell you whether an animal has good conformation, is true to type, etc. But the evidence of recorded weights does point strongly to a general rule which can help you eye:
Keep or buy animals heaviest at birth or weaning!



From grass range to gas range, in our big nation most of the livestock is raised far from where it is eaten—an average of more than 1,000 miles. Swift & Company helps bridge this gap and balance the supply in one area with the demand in another. Efficient processing and distribution keep the meat moving to markets all over the country. For these services Swift earns a profit of a fraction of a cent a pound. This has no noticeable effect on either meat or livestock prices. It's the demand for the available supply in the nation-wide markets which governs the price of meat and thus the price of livestock. For the price we pay for animals must be based on what the meat and by-products will bring.



Plant Farm Bureau seeds.



Crib-Dried "Soft" Corn Beats Spoilage

Artificial drying of high-moisture corn in farm cribs should help stabilize livestock production. It should enable you to hold over corn for summer and fall feeding. When your corn is too "soft," it must be sold or fed before the warm weather of spring.

Rams equipped with a web harness for holding colored chalk, help write their own breeding records. This device is being used in the breeding flocks of many large Wyoming ranches. It helps owners keep their records. They know when ewes will lamb... which lambs are from which sire.

Early Fall Roundup

Many feeder cattle are prone to contract shipping fever. This disease is a type of pneumonia. It may be brought on by fatigue, irregular feeding and exposure. Vaccination, two weeks before shipping, helps reduce the danger, reports the University of Illinois. Cattle arriving in the feed lot should be protected from cold winds and rain. Light, bulky feeds like whole oats and roughage should be fed. Sick animals should be isolated promptly and a veterinarian called.

Prices of Hogs May Rise or Fall But Competition Sets Them All

I have been with Swift & Company for 46 years. Most of my work has had to do with the buying of hogs and selling of pork and pork products. I would like to make a point that I believe should be of interest to you, as producers.

Do you remember when the top price for hogs in Chicago was 5 1/2 cents a pound? Some sold for as low as 3 1/2 cents a pound. That was in December, 1932. This year hogs hit an all-time high of more than 30 cents a pound. No meat packing company can control either livestock or meat prices. More than 3,500 competing meat packers and 22,500 other commercial slaughterers see to that. So do 35,000-000 meat-eating families. No packer's buyer can hold down the price of livestock. No packing company could boost up the price of meat.



Now, here's the point I want to get across to you. Those prices, both lowest and highest, were set by (1) the supply of hogs, and (2) the demand for pork.

Mr. Lund, guest editor this month, is Vice-President of Swift & Company in charge of hog buying, processing and distribution of pork products.

Nutrition is our business—and yours



A pile of rubbish provides a double fire hazard. It may ignite spontaneously. Or it may serve as quick fuel for a stray spark. In either case, it can easily become the cause of a disastrous fire.

A fall house cleaning will certainly improve the appearance of any farm. And just as surely will it reduce the chances of expensive loss through fire. Here are a few points to remember as you clean up the place:

1. Check every building, ground to top floor, inside and out, for rubbish. Dispose of rubbish by burning in a wire incinerator a safe distance from buildings. Put things away. Have a place for everything and everything in its place.
2. Oil rags and paint rags cause spontaneous combustion. Burn them with the rubbish.
3. Check roof for loose and curled shingles. Make necessary repairs promptly, before you build your first fire in stove or furnace.
4. Clean up the furnace room and check the heating system for needed repairs. See that there are covered metal containers to hold ashes.

We will be glad to supply you with further information on how to reduce fire hazards on your farm. Or you can ask your local State Mutual agent. Be sure he also tells you about State Mutual's farm fire insurance — a policy that provides all the coverage you need without unnecessary frills or extras. It actually gives you "protection made to order".

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Wallace Ashby

Farm crib driers were tested recently by USDA agricultural engineers and cooperating State Agricultural Experiment Stations. The artificial drying of corn in existing cribs proved practical. They required but inexpensive preparation to insure an equal distribution of heated air through the corn (such as sealing ends with heavy paper).

Martha Logan's Recipe for INDIVIDUAL PORK ROASTS

- 4 1-inch-thick shoulder pork chops
- 1 tablespoon chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon prepared mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon sage
- 2 cups bread crumbs
- 1 teaspoon salt

Spread chops with mustard. Make a dressing of bread, onion and seasonings with just enough water to moisten. Brown chops in a heavy skillet. When well browned, top chops with dressing pressed firm. Bake covered in a moderate oven (350° F.) for 20 minutes. Uncover and bake 15 to 20 minutes until dressing is crisp and brown. (Yield: 4 servings.)

The Red Wagon

No doubt you've seen the food trucks, so gaily painted red, that travel 'round the country, helping keep our people fed? The story of these trucks is a story you should know—it started in New England, some ninety years ago. There a boy, Gustavus Swift, who later won renown, bought a heifer, butchered it, then sold it 'round the town. Stave made a little profit—two dollars, it is said. It wasn't much to start on, but it helped him get ahead. His wagon—yes, you've guessed it—from which he sold his meat, was a vivid red in color, to be noticed on the street. Stave moved on to Boston when his trade began to grow, then headed for Chicago, where he started Swift & Co. Now the Swift trucks deliver meat and butter by the ton, and they're counted by the thousands instead of only one. To this day Swift trucks are red, that of all the world may know this trademark of the business Swift started years ago . . . and on each load delivered, Swift earns a service fee—a fraction of a cent a pound, saved by efficiency.



Swift & Company UNION STOCK YARDS, CHICAGO 9, ILLINOIS

SAM H. THOMPSON THIRD AFBF PRESIDENT IS 85

Sam H. Thompson, the third president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, celebrated his 85th birthday recently at his home at Quincy, Adams county, Illinois. Mr. Thompson continues active as the manager of farms he owns. He takes part in church and civic af-



fairs. He was a vigorous crusader for a national farm program as president of the Illinois Agr'l Ass'n and as president of the AFBF 1925-31. Mr. Thompson resigned in 1931 when President Hoover ap-

pointed him to the Federal Farm Board. Sam Thompson has always lived in Illinois. He started farming for himself at 26, the day he was married. The Thompsons bought an 80 acre farm at \$75 an acre and went in debt for the entire amount. When elected president of the AFBF they owned and operated 500 acres in a grain and live stock program. Sam's Farm Bureau career began with membership in a county Farm Bureau in 1915. He became a volunteer membership worker, was elected county president, moved up to state president, national director and AFBF president in 1925. The American Farm Bureau Federation has had five presidents since it was organized in the summer of 1919. J. H. Howard of Iowa was the first and served two terms. He lives in Iowa and takes part in Farm Bureau affairs. O. E. Bradford of Ohio, now deceased, succeeded Mr. Howard and served until 1925. Sam H. Thompson of Illinois was president from 1925 until March 1931. Edward A. O'Neal of Alabama, then vice-president of the AFBF, succeeded Mr. Thompson and served 16 years. Mr. O'Neal retired in December, 1945 and is living on his farm at Florence, Ala. Allan Kline of Iowa, AFBF vice-president, was elected to the presidency upon Mr. O'Neal's retirement.

Peace is the time that freedom suffers from the inroads of indifference and laxity on the part of individuals who enjoy its benefits.

Dr. McCracken Addresses Michigan Ass'n of Farmer Co-ops Annual Meeting



Dr. Paul W. McCracken, professor of business conditions at University of Michigan, gave an interesting presentation on the subject, "The Economic Outlook for Farmer Co-operatives". This was also the subject of the panel discussion held during the afternoon session. In the above picture from left to right we see the panel as follows: Howard Simmons,

Michigan Milk Producers; William Doyle, Michigan Chain Stores Bureau; John L. Lovett, Michigan Manufacturers Ass'n; Dr. McCracken; Dr. Arthur Mauch, Agr'l Economist, MSC, chairman of the panel; and Clark L. Brody, executive-secretary of Michigan Farm Bureau. Waldo Phillips on the extreme right is Chairman of Michigan Association of Farmer Co-operatives.

UNITED HEALTH AND WELFARE FUND PROGRAM

The United Health and Welfare Fund of Michigan, Inc. was organized as the result of a meeting called by Henry Ford II on July, 1947. The original meeting was attended by 125 men and women from business, professional, labor, agricultural and other groups. It was the aim of this united effort to do away with the multiplicity of campaigns by raising money for state and national health and welfare agencies in one annual campaign. J. M. Shackleton, president of the Michigan National Bank of Saginaw, was chosen as its president. W. G. Armstrong, master of the Michigan State Grange, and C. L. Brody, executive secretary of the Michigan Farm Bureau, have accepted places on the board of directors as representatives of the agricultural interests. Considerable time has been required to get the program under way. The first campaign is scheduled for January and February of 1949. The plan is to assign quotas equitably to counties in proportion to actual needs. Eighteen independent agencies in the field of health, community service, and to meet human needs generally, have asked to be participants in the United Health and Welfare Fund. When the program gets under way it is believed that this joint project will become an avenue for giving to all state and national health and welfare agencies in many counties.

Leslie Co-op Offering \$40,000 in Securities

The Leslie Co-operative, Inc. is now offering 1,500 shares of preferred stock and 2,500 shares of common stock, both with par values of \$10 per share. The preferred stock carries an interest rate of 4% non-cumulative. The common stock is discriminative, non-cumulative dividend stock not to exceed 5%. The Leslie Co-operative, Inc. was incorporated August 4, 1947, and was assisted in its formation by the Michigan Farm Bureau. Ten incorporators put up the money to buy the Leslie elevator, warehouse and coal sheds. Proceeds from the stock sale, amounting to \$40,000, will be used to repay the loan granted by the incorporators. The St. Paul Bank for Co-operatives has agreed to help finance the purchase of an inventory. The oldest trackage agreement ever consummated in the United States was one made 100 years ago between the New York & New Haven and the New York & Harlem railroads for the joint use of tracks between Williams Bridge and New York City and it is still in force, the present railroads being the New Haven and the New York Central. Failure to support worthy causes in a town may be reflected in the moral breakdown of the community.

PROTEST ROAD CONDITIONS IN VAN-BUREN CO.

A wave of protest directed at the Van Buren County Road Commission over the road maintenance program is forcing the county board of supervisors to take heed of the situation, including taking steps to bring about a better relations program as well as to make it accountable to the public it was created to serve. Some time ago, the Van Buren County Farm Bureau and Grange had prepared resolutions requesting a change and revision in personnel. The board defended the commission asserting that the Van Buren program is comparable, if not better, than that in operation in adjacent territories. It was pointed out that curtailed revenue due to tax diversion in the schools, townships, and villages has created a situation whereby the commission cannot now finance the road system.

Economic Outlook Good for Co-ops

"The keen edge of demand, both on the part of consumers and producers, is being blunted," was the warning that Dr. Paul W. McCracken, professor of business conditions at the University of Michigan, made to 80 representatives at the annual meeting of the Michigan Association of Farmer Co-operatives held at the Hotel Olds in Lansing October 28. Dr. McCracken said that in view of these facts it seemed quite evident that consumer spending will not present quite the substantial upward pressure on the price level that was true in 1946 and 1947. He warned, however, that evidence showed no marked decline in consumer spending sufficient to precipitate a major reversal in business activity. He predicted that no immediate break in the price level of catastrophic proportions like that experienced after World War I. He based this in part on the absence of speculative fervor and the generally sound credit situation.

Following Dr. McCracken's presentation, "Economic Outlook for Farmer Co-operatives and Other Business," a panel discussion further explored the subject. Members of the panel were: John L. Lovett, manager, Michigan Manufacturers Association; Howard F. Simmons, secretary-manager, Michigan Milk Producers Association; William F. Doyle, manager, Michigan Chain Stores Bureau; Clark L. Brody, executive secretary, Michigan Farm Bureau. Dr. Arthur Mauch, agricultural economist at Michigan State College, was chairman of the afternoon session.

200 ATTEND CALHOUN COUNTY ANNUAL MEETING

More than 200 members attended the Calhoun County Farm Bureau annual meeting October 20 at the Marshall high school auditorium. The two new directors elected were Earl Anderson from the northwest district and John Converse of the southwest district. Three amendments were also adopted to the county constitution which are as follows: (1) That a representative from each of the Junior Farm Bureaus in the county shall be a member of the senior board of directors with full voting power; (2) Officers of the County Farm Bureau women's committee shall be voted at their own committee meeting in November instead of at the Farm Bureau organization annual meeting; (3) That two directors from the executive board shall be elected by the board as state delegates each year. C. E. Huskirk of Paw Paw, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau was the main speaker of the program describing his recent trip to Europe. Miss Gloria Conley, organization director, gave a report of her first year's activities in that position.

Among the agencies that have already asked for participation in the United Health and Welfare Fund are: USO, American Hearing Society, Child Welfare League, Family Service Association of America, American Social Hygiene Association, National Organization of Public Health Nursing, National Urban League, National Social Welfare Assembly, National Association of Legal Aid Organizations, Michigan Society for Mental Hygiene, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Travelers Aid Association, National Federation of Settlements, National Child Labor Committee, Camp Fire Girls, American Federation of International Institutes, American Epilepsy League, Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation. All have been carrying on separate campaigns in the past or have expected to do so in the future. It is believed that one unified effort will eliminate competition, result

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Asks Larger Pig Crop

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has asked farmers to produce a larger pig crop next spring. The goal calls for 60,000,000 pigs. This is an increase of 17 percent over the 1948 spring pig crop. Good news and bad news is set with the same 26 letters of the alphabet.

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Poultrymen Pay \$8 per Ton for Corncobs

Corncobs may be a drug on the market in most farming areas, but in the vicinity of the Hamilton Farm Bureau, they are a scarce commodity. That is because farmers of that area are using them for deep litter for poultry. Corncobs in the Hamilton area are selling for \$8 a ton and they have sold as high as \$10 a ton.

FB Community Bldg. Planned for St. Joe Co.

The Community Farm Bureau discussion groups in St. Joseph county are planning to launch programs this winter to earn \$50 each to be added to a fund for the erection of a Farm Bureau community building on M-86. An acre of land purchased several years ago by St. Joseph County Fair Grange Association has been donated by the fair board as a site for the building. The deed for the property was recently turned over to the Farm Bureau Building Association. The building is estimated to cost \$22,000 and will be 160 feet long. It will be designed to accommodate all kinds of meetings of any farm organization in the county. It will be equipped with a stage and assembly hall, kitchen and facilities for recreation. It will be the first centrally located building of its kind in the county. Much of the labor on the building will be furnished by members of the various farm organizations of the area.

Pastures

Pastures should be considered as a valuable part of the crop program on Michigan farms. Pastures must be planned in advance as to amount, type, and acreage.

Use Farm Bureau Feeds.

Farm Machinery Requires Good Care

Good care lengthens the life of farm machinery say agricultural engineers at Michigan State college. With the end of the harvest season at hand, machines with broken parts should be repaired or tagged for future repair and the needed parts ordered. A good job of cleaning and lubrication, plus weatherproof storage, will help to keep machinery in good shape for spring work next year.

JFB to Entertain Annual Meeting with Play

Farm Bureau delegates attending the annual banquet of the Michigan Farm Bureau convention at Red Clubhouse, Lansing, November 11, are going to have the opportunity to see the play, "Augustus is the Name for Caesar", written especially for the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau by Robert West Howard of New York City. The play, with a cast of 83, was presented by the Juniors at the annual meeting of the American Institute of Co-operation, Amherst, Massachusetts, the first of September. The pageant tells the story of the deep concern that farm families have of human values. In the plot, the father and son get into quite a discussion about the glamour of the city with common sense finally winning out. The cast includes John Foster, president of the MJFB; Richard Nelson, 7th state president of the junior group and presently a Farm Bureau district representative; Virginia Bernstein, Hillsdale County Junior Farm Bureau; Barbara Preston, former state secretary of the junior group; and Lila McLachlan, president of the Osceola County Juniors. W. J. McIntyre will direct the chorus and Donald Phillips of Michigan State College is directing the play.

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Hundreds of Michigan farmers, through their Farm Bureau Services, Inc., together with farmers of 11 other regional co-operative organizations, are the owners of factories manufacturing co-operative farm implements and equipment used on their farms.

These factories are part of the National Farm Machinery Co-operative, Inc., which was organized April 30, 1940. It is a farmer-owned organization with plants located at Bellevue, Ohio, and Shelbyville, Indiana.

From these plants, farmers have made themselves top quality Co-op tractors, harrows, cultivators, corn planters and pickers, side delivery rakes, drills, spreaders, combines, plows, wagons, and many other farm implements.

These plants, serving the farmers of approximately 20 states, produced better than \$14,000,000 worth of farm equipment during 1947. This was a big increase over the previous year, but fell short of answering the farmers' demands.

With the cry for more and more farm equipment, NFMCI is now completing a \$2,000,000 expansion program. In the near future, the National Farm Machinery Co-operative's new half-million dollar automatic, continuous pouring gray foundry at Bellevue, Ohio, will be in full operation. This foundry is mechanically of the very latest type. Sand is delivered to the molders overhead. The new installation permits continuous pouring around the clock.

The old foundry had a capacity of about 16 tons of gray castings per day. The new foundry, which is rated at 55 tons per day, triples the plant's output.

A 484 ft. building addition, costing better than \$200,000 fully equipped, was made to the Bellevue forge plant nearly a year ago. The new, modern factory has full advantage of glass walls for efficient lighting.

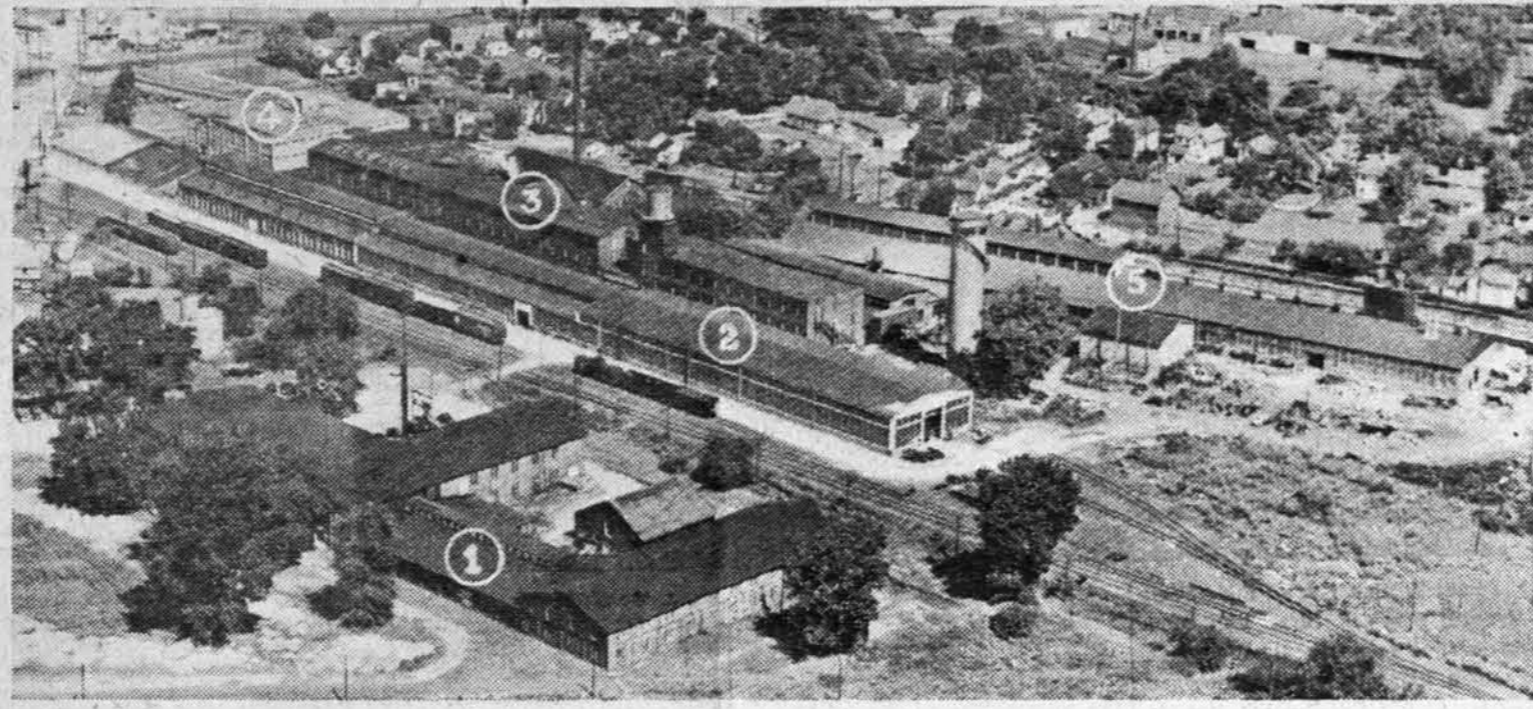
The machinery co-op is also planning a million dollar expansion project at the Shelbyville, Indiana, plant where they manufacture Co-op corn pickers and side delivery rakes. This building program will double the floor space as well as the number of employees. With the addition of new machinery and equipment, a mass production assembly line set-up will be established. It is also expected that two additional new farm tools will be manufactured at this location.

The NFMCI's engineering department is attempting to insure the farmer-owner patron maximum safety, pleasurable operation, low cost performance with free service in the farm equipment that he is making for himself. The engineers and technicians in this department are constantly striving to develop and produce new and better farm equipment that is so badly needed.

It is estimated that the savings realized through the organization's expansion program, together with the addition of new modern equipment, will enable these factories to pay for themselves in slightly over two years.

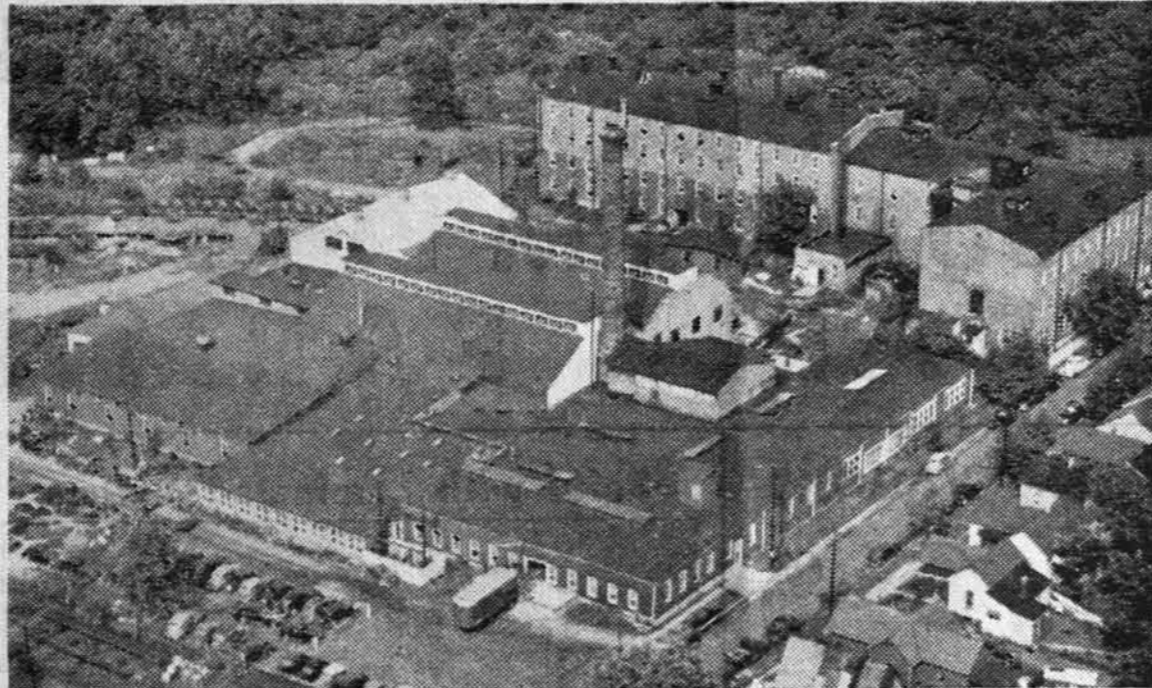
Daniel Seltzer is vice president and general manager of the National Farm Machinery Co-operative, Inc. Noble Logan was recently appointed as assistant general manager. Clark L. Brody, executive secretary and manager of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., is vice-president of the machinery co-operative. Boyd A. Rainey, manager of FBS distribution division, is a member of the board of directors. Floyd Rosekrans, FBS farm equipment department assistant manager, serves on the co-op farm machinery committee.

Eggs should not be washed until just before they are used. The dull, velvety bloom on the shell is a protective film which helps prevent bacteria and odors from getting through the porous shell.



This is the Bellevue, Ohio, plant of the National Farm Machinery Co-operative, Inc. From this factory comes a line of Co-op farm machinery familiar to Farm Bureau members. Among some of the equipment manufactured here are: Co-op corn planters and attachments, tractor disks, lime sowers, garden tractors and attachments, manure spreaders, grain

drills and spring and spike tooth harrows. In the above picture we see: (1) engineering tool and die and experimental work shop; (2) new addition to the Forge shop; (3) the old foundry which is now used as part of the expansion grinding room; (4) packing and shipping department; and (5) the new automatic foundry that has tripled production of gray iron castings.



This is the Shelbyville, Indiana, plant of the National Farm Machinery Co-operative, Inc., which manufactures corn pickers and side-delivery rakes. Plans have been drawn for a million dollar expansion of this plant which will double the floor space and the number of employees to carry out its obligations. All the engineering work is done at the Bellevue plant. The large building in the background is not part of the Shelbyville factory.

SOIL TESTING IS LISTED AS GOOD FARM PRACTICE

The story that old mother earth can tell is one that should interest every progressive farmer, truck crop grower, greenhouse operator, nurseryman, and gardener, believes Kirk Lawton, soil scientist at Michigan State college.

Testing soils to find out the lime and fertilizer need and the plant nutrient content of the soil will point the way to sound soil management. Many organizations including the county extension services, the Farm Bureau, soil conservation districts, and civic groups, feel that soil testing is an action program that fits well into good farm management.

A number of agencies in Michigan carry on soil testing services. A central testing laboratory is maintained by Michigan State college's soil science department where samples may be sent for analysis and appropriate soil management recommendations. Tests for the purity of marl and ground limestone are also made.

Tests may also be made in each county in the state by the county agricultural agent or by the county testing laboratory. Well-equipped laboratories have now been established in Berrien, Branch, Clinton, Jackson, Mason, VanBuren and in other counties.

When collecting soil samples,

DAVIS NAMED JFB DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT 5

Representatives of Genesee, Clinton, Ingham, Eaton and Shiawassee County Junior Farm Bureaus, comprising District 5, met at Perry recently to discuss plans for the State Junior Farm Bureau convention to be held at Lansing November 6.

Donald Davis of Clinton county was named district director. He succeeds Miss Leona Algee of Davidson, who has become county organization director for the Clinton County Farm Bureau.

Mr. Davis won an impromptu speaking contest on the subject, "Health Problems of the Rural Youth in the Community."

Farmers' Week Jan. 24-28

Farmers Week, Michigan's best known farm event, will be held at Michigan State college, January 24-28. Exhibits, demonstrations, contests and educational programs are expected to draw 30,000 rural people.

Lawton advises, it is well to remember that a test is only as accurate as the sample from which it is made. Directions for taking soil samples can be obtained from county agricultural agents or the Soil Science Department, Michigan State college, East Lansing.

PLOWING TIME CAN BE FALL OR SPRING

The old question of fall plowing versus spring plowing is again making the rounds. Both methods have their advantages, says Paul Rood, Michigan State college soil specialist.

Fall plowing, if it is the method chosen, should be done very late in the fall, he points out. It's risky to fall plow land with much of a slope because of erosion. The protection of a crop is destroyed by fall plowing and wind and water erosion can take place.

On the credit side of the ledger, fall plowing permits early planting in the spring of such crops as sugar beets, oats and barley and is beneficial to the soil structure.

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Six Comm. F. B. Organized in Ogemaw

Six new Community Farm Bureau groups have been organized in Ogemaw County under the direction of Wesley Hawley Farm Bureau district representative. The new Community Farm Bureaus are: Prior Creek, Harcourt, Atherton, Lake George, Nester and Rifle River.

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FARMERS AGREE CO-OPERATIVES ARE VALUABLE

Are the co-operatives serving their purpose? Do they serve to get more goods to more people at lower cost? These are some of the matters to which people at Community Farm Bureau meetings gave their attention this summer. Three thousand and twenty-two Farm Bureau members felt that the co-operatives are serving the purposes for which they are intended.

97% of these Farm Bureau people, considering co-operatives from the standpoint of improving the service rendered and the quality of merchandise handled, are of the opinion that this is one of the functions which co-operatives are serving.

96% believe that co-operatives help to correct monopolistic tendencies.

93% are in agreement that co-operatives help to get more goods to more people at lower cost.

In considering co-operatives from the standpoint of a factor in business, 94% of these Farm Bureau people said that they are not getting too large.

It was unanimous that co-operatives do help to keep money circulating in the community, and that they are a form of free enterprise.

Furthermore, these Farm Bureau people were unanimous in their agreement that co-operatives are not out to destroy other business, and that the time will never come

Hillsdale Co. to Present 3 Act Play

According to the fund-raising committee, Hillsdale County Farm Bureau women will present, during January performances at Hillsdale, Reading and Pettsford of the William Ross three-act comedy, "January Thaw."

The money from the three presentations will be used for the benefit of the Revolving Loan Fund for Rural Youth.

Mrs. Aileen Lister is chairman of the fund-raising committee. Arrangements have been made with Merritt Green to direct casts. Rehearsals will probably start the latter part of November.

Certified Grains

Extra profits are made in growing certified seed grains. Details from Michigan Crop Improvement Ass'n, Michigan State college, East Lansing.

Berrien Oil Company Sues Watervliet

The Berrien County Farm Bureau Oil Company filed a damage claim against the city of Watervliet for the amount of \$8,647.98. Early this year after three months of mystery as to where large volumes of gasoline was disappearing, it was discovered that a pipe line was broken. The company claims that the damage was caused when a sewer was laid by the city of Watervliet on its property and near the pipeline.

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AGENTS WANTED

The Insurance Department of the Michigan State Farm Bureau has many openings for agents to represent the State Farm Insurance Companies in Michigan. We would appreciate hearing from any of our Michigan Farm News readers if they are interested in talking the proposition over with one of our managers. It would be very helpful to us if any of our readers would suggest the names of likely agent prospects in their nearby cities and towns. The remuneration is good. This is a particularly good time to start. Address your inquiry to

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How Much Are Our Roads Worth?

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

By NORMAN K. WAGGONER, Research and Education

How much are the roads worth to you? How much is the value of a farm affected by being located on a hard surfaced road? How much did your travel cost you last year? Weight and gasoline tax cost the average motorist \$3.70 per thousand miles last year. About 36 million dollars in gasoline and weight tax were returned last year to the counties for highway purposes. Was this money used to the greatest possible advantage? Did it go where it was needed most? In addition, about 3 million dollars of federal funds was spent on Michigan roads. Are we getting the most from our highway dollar?

According to the Good Roads Federation, 45% of the county roads are deficient, and only 10% of the state trunk lines are constructed to carry the size of loads which are now moving over these roads.

What does the highway mean to the Michigan farmer? To the Michigan farmer, the automotive transportation is next in importance to the land itself. Highways have made the farmer's job easier, expanded his market, boosted his income, broadened his horizons, and brought to him many of the conveniences which were formerly known only to city dwellers.

Last year, one-fourth of all the trucks in Michigan were registered as farm trucks. Trucks hauled nearly half of the apples, three-fourths of the peaches and grapes, one-third of Michigan's potato crop and practically the entire sugar beet crop. Last year, an eleven million dollar cherry crop was moved to market over the highways. Except for a small portion of the cream, which is shipped by rail, Michigan's dairy products make the entire trip from the farmer to the consumer on rubber tires.

Less time in transit means that livestock arrives in better condition with less shrinkage and less losses so that the farmer gets a better return on his livestock. Likewise, the condition of the highway determines the amount of wear on a car or truck, and the number and severity of accidents is determined in no small measure by highway conditions.

Good highways, just like good machinery, cost money to build and cost money to maintain. When a machine begins to break down, unless it is repaired it rapidly gets worse. The same is true with highways. When they begin to wear out, they break down rapidly. From where does our highway dollar come? During recent years in Michigan, we have been following the attitude that the users should pay for the road. Highway finances in Michigan, last year, came from three sources—state support, 72%; federal aid, 18%; and local tax, 10%. Only two states carry a larger share of the highway load than does Michigan.

Weight tax: This is the annual license fee which auto owners pay each year. Last year, it produced over 29 million dollars, the total of which is returned to the counties on the basis of one-eighth divided equally among all counties and seven-eighths divided among the counties in proportion to the amount of weight tax collected in that county.

Gasoline tax: This three cents per gallon tax produces substantial revenue in Michigan. Each year, 4 million dollars of the gasoline tax is returned to the counties for use on township roads, under the McNitt Act, and an additional \$2,550,000 is distributed on the basis of weight tax collected in that county. This money is redistributed to the cities and villages within the county. An additional \$200,000 is returned to those counties having more than 60 inches of snow to be used for snow removal purposes.

The secretary of State's office estimates that the total gasoline tax to be collected during the present calendar year will exceed 46 million dollars. All of the gasoline tax except the 6 and three-fourths million dollars, which is returned to the counties, remains with the state.

OGEMAW AND MONTMORENCY CO. FARM BUREAUS

The 57th and 58th County Farm Bureaus in Michigan came into being Nov. 3 and Nov. 5 when the Ogemaw and the Montmorency County Farm Bureaus were organized in District 10, northern Michigan. Ogemaw County Farm Bureau has ten Community Farm Bureau groups and expects to start with 100 member families. Members of the organization committee are: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tucker, Rose City; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. Alden Matthews of West Branch; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Clemens of Prescott. Montmorency County Farm Bureau has seven community groups and expects to start with 50 to 60 member families. The organization committee is: Mr. and Mrs. Beeman Smith of Atlanta; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Barrie and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hardies of Hillman.

What does the Highway Study Committee recommend? The Highway Study Committee has made quite a complete analysis of our highway needs recently and makes the following recommendations: (1) In view of the fact that the value of a piece of property is affected by the conditions of the road serving it, perhaps the property owner should contribute to the maintenance of this road.

(2) That the sales tax collected on automobiles, automobile parts, accessories, lubricants, and other vehicle products, which last year amounted to 36 million dollars, be used exclusively for highway purposes.

(3) That a portion of the sales tax now being returned to townships be marked for highway purposes.

(4) That the present law which requires that 50% of the money spent on state trunk lines be spent on those trunk lines in the southern half of lower Michigan, 25% in the northern half, and 25% in the Upper Peninsula be changed to 77% in the lower half, 14% in the northern half, and 9% in the Upper Peninsula.

(5) That all present statutes covering the distribution of motor vehicle revenue be repealed; that a new formula based on needs be written.

Farmers have a very great stake in highways. The marketing of farm produce depends on them. Mail delivery and school bus service depend on the condition of the highways, and the health and safety of the farm family depend on the highways serving the rural areas.

When the legislature meets early in the new year, without a doubt this is one of the matters to which they will give serious consideration. Will more money be raised for highway purposes? How will we distribute highway money? These are some of the decisions which the legislature will be called upon to make.

Without a doubt, farm people will want to express themselves on this matter. This seems like our opportunity to discuss this highway matter, and to make our decisions before the legislature meets.

Services Implement Dealers of Territory "B"



Pictured above are the Farm Services Implement Dealers of territory B, the north-eastern half of lower Michigan, who attended the Dealer's Convention at Portage Point Inn during September. From left to right in the back row are: John Nugent, Bad Axe—Nugent Farm Sales & Service; Chas. Higgins—Ruth Farmers Elevator; H. Kimball, Port Huron—H. L. Kimball; Murray Phelps, Imlay City—Lapeer Co. Co-op; Floyd Morris, Cathro—Morris Bros. Farm Bureau Store and Lloyd Briggs, Breckenridge—Breckenridge Oil Co. In the front row from left to right, we find: Jake Messman, Deckerville—Messman Implement Co.; Herb King, Lapeer—Lapeer Co. Co-op; Monroe Schultz, Elkton—Elkton Farm Equip. Sales & Service; Larry Brinker, Office—Farm Equipment Department; Marvin Tiedeman, Gaines and Martin Bauer—Hemlock Co-op Creamery.

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Back up positive thinking with positive action.

LENAAWEE CO. WOMEN ASSIST X-RAY UNIT

The Associated Women of Lenawee County Farm Bureau helped the county health unit with x-rays for tuberculosis at the Lenawee County fair the latter part of September. During the week, 2,420 chest x-rays were taken.

This free service has helped maintain the good health of the community.

Mrs. G. H. Wooster is chairman of the volunteer workers. The following women helped at the fair: Mrs. Roy McComb and Mrs. Leo Wagner of Fairchild Center; Mrs. Eldon Ford, Mrs. Fred King, Mrs. Warren Sherman, Mrs. William Thompson, Mrs. G. O. Ziss and Mrs. Robert Ziss of Mulberry; Mrs. Prim Franour, Mrs. Alex Peterson and Mrs. Will Yeager of Lenawee Hills; Mrs. Irving Downing and Mrs. William Wonderly of Macon; Mrs. Ernest Demlow, Mrs. William Burtless and Mrs. Lewis Westage of Raisin-Palmyra; Mrs. George Hahn of North Adrian; Mrs. Fay Hines of Ridgeway; and Mrs. Harold Broderick and Mrs. Oliver Ramsdell of Rollin.

Before the war there were 300 slaughtering plants in the U. S.; since the war that number has boomed to 465.

Want Farmer On Local Draft Board

A recommendation asking that a farmer be placed on the St. Clair county draft board was forwarded to the State Selective Service office today by the board of directors of St. Clair County Farm Bureau recently.

Sentiment expressed at the monthly meeting of the organization was that county farm production would suffer if all of the farm boys now classified as I-A were taken for military service.

VanBuren F B Paper Brings Total to 25

The Van Buren County Farm Bureau printed the first issue of its monthly publication October 1. Arthur Drije of Paw Paw is the editor. There are now 25 County Farm Bureau papers.

October 15, the Van Buren county resolutions committee met with a group of committeemen to formulate resolutions regarding sales tax diversion and other constitutional amendments.

October 20, a pre-convention meeting was held to hear a presentation of the resolutions for the state Farm Bureau convention.

Members of the county resolutions committee are: Waldo Phillips, chairman; Vaughn Cornish; Mrs. Earl Barrett; Harold Rendel; and Edson Root.

PROPOSE CITY MARKET FOR NW MICHIGAN

The establishment of a municipal market in Traverse City as a community project designed to benefit and serve farmers, consumers, retailers and wholesalers for the Northwest Michigan area is being given careful study by farmers and agricultural officials in the vicinity of Traverse City.

Such a project has been the topic of consideration and discussion for many years, but only the past several months has definite action in planning and study been taken. Members of the Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau, together with other farm leaders, have spent much time in the study. The current status of the project is to select a committee and have it make an inspection tour of similar types of markets which have been set up in Manistee, Petoskey and Benton Harbor, to compile data and report back with its findings before proceeding with the local plans.

One of the major problems facing the project is the location of a site which will be easily accessible to patrons and have adequate facilities for parking and market operations.

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