

Bees Perilous

Ten or more generations of bees can be produced during the time required for one generation of cows.

Pacific Salmon

Pacific salmon are the most valuable fishery resource belonging to the United States.

AUCTION SALE

Have decided to quit farming and will sell at Public Auction on the premises located about 8 1/2 miles West of Farmington on Ten Mile Road, and 3/4 miles North on Johns Road, on

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27**12:30 p.m.**

10 head of Mitch Cows and Heifers; six of these cows will be sold with 148 lb. of milk base. All cows tested for Bangs and Mastitis. Two good teams of work horses; two sets of double harness; full line of farm implements; chickens; cats; corn in shock; many other articles, including household furniture.

TERMS OF SALE

10 Months Time on Approved Bankable Notes

Floyd Van Sickle, Prop.

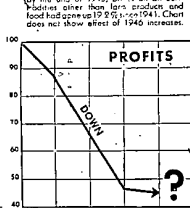
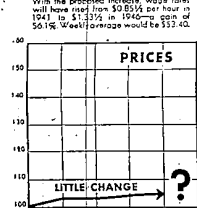
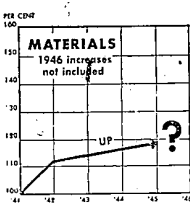
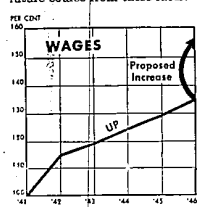
CAP SMITH, Auctioneer

FLOYD KEHRL, Clerk

March 14-21

How would you CHART YOUR COURSE?

Pictured here are the records of four "life lines" of our business—four things which largely control the destiny of any business, whether it be a farm, a factory or a store. They are Wages, Materials Costs, Prices, and Profits. Suppose these were pictures of what is going on in your own affairs. How would you chart your future course from these facts?

**What about wages?**

Wages have risen steadily for five years. Before the strike which began on January 21 in ten of our plants and which has choked off nearly all farm machinery production, earnings of employees of these plants averaged \$1.15 an hour, not including any overtime. The Union demanded a 34 cents per hour increase and a Government board has now recommended a general increase of 18 cents an hour, which would make average earnings \$1.33 an hour. Weekly average would be \$53.40.

What about materials?

No one seems to know how high materials costs will go. The Government has increased steel prices as much as \$12.00 a ton, with an average increase for all grades of 8.2%. Steel is the most important material we buy, but prices on other materials are also increasing.

What about prices?

There has been no general increase in our prices since they were frozen by the Government in early 1942. Since then a few small increases have been allowed where particular machines were substantially changed in design.

What about profits?

Risk is part of the American profit and loss system, so we do not, of course, ask either our customers or the Government to guarantee that we can be certain of profits each year. The chart tells the story of our profits during the war. Although Harvester produced more goods than ever before, it had no desire to get rich out of war, so our rate of profit has steadily gone down. What our 1946 profit will be is extremely uncertain.

What is the next step?

As you can see, our present situation is that with frozen prices and declining profits, we are asked to pay higher materials costs and to make the biggest wage increase in the history of the Company. Can we do this?

Wages and materials consume all but a few cents of every dollar we take in. If our prices continue frozen, and cost of wages and

WARNING ISSUED ON RE-USE OF BEE-HIVES

State Apiary Inspector, H. P. Saeger of Holly, Michigan reports that many colonies of bees died during the past winter and warns apiarists precautions should be taken to make sure no disease known as American Foul Brood is present before putting hives back in use.

If there is evidence that American Foul Brood has killed the colony all comb, honey and inside parts of the hive should be burned in a deep pit, when completely burned, pit should be covered. Hives, bottom boards and covers can be scorched so all inside parts are black.

If you are in doubt as to your diagnosed reason for loss of colonies and you cut a small part of comb out where young brood has died and send it to the Michigan Department of Agriculture at Lansing for a microscopic examination. You will get a reply in a few days.

Now is the time much disease can be controlled by following these instructions, as it is the habit of bees to hunt for nectar early in the spring before any flowers are in bloom. When they find a dead or weak colony they will rob it out. If disease is present they are sure to get it. Most colonies of American Foul Brood can be traced to robbing.

Oakland County has the largest registered members of Beekeepers of any county in Michigan. In 1945 about 170 apiaries were inspected. Thirty-two apiaries were infected with American Foul Brood for a total of 15 per cent diseased of all colonies inspected.

All beekeepers are required to register their apiaries by filling out the following information: Number of apiaries, number of colonies in each apiary, section number, township, county and home address. Beekeepers must obtain a permit to sell or move bees or beekeeping equipment before sales are made. Registering forms can be obtained from the State Department of Agriculture, Division of Apiary, Lansing, Michigan.

DON BUTTONS ENTERTAIN FARM BUREAU

Mr. and Mrs. Don Buttons were hosts to the West Farmington Farm Bureau Discussion Group on Thursday evening, February 28. About thirty members were present.

Motion pictures of a trip to Nova Scotia, by Mr. and Mrs. Mary McCracken, as well as some views of local interest, were enjoyed by all.

Perry Wikom entertained the group with a recitation about why some boys leave the farm. Mrs. Floyd Howard led the singing. Ray Howard was elected an extra representative to the County Farm Bureau. The chairman appointed a committee to report at the next meeting on the acreage of neglected orchards in this district.

The March meeting of the Farm Bureau will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reichardt.

Hardware Heart
More than 5,000 beef carcasses have been condemned in a single year because of a condition known as "hardware heart" caused by cattle swallowing pieces of wire, nails or other sharp objects.

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Average Cow In D.H.I.A. Produces \$156 Profit

The highest record of profit ever attained — \$156 per cow over feed cost — was marked up in 1945 by the Michigan Dairy Herd Improvement Association. And this outstanding record was made despite the highest feed costs in nearly a quarter century, according to A. C. Baltzer, extension specialist in dairy at Michigan State College, who reported to the Dairy Cattle Breeders' association at their recent annual meeting at East Lansing.

Dairy farmers in Michigan in 1945 produced milk worth \$171,600,000 or a total of 5,720 million pounds. A total of 1,059,000 dairy cows produced 150,000 Michigan farms helped bring about the record, Baltzer said.

Pointing to the need for continued cooperative efforts in dairy herd improvement, the specialist added that while the average Michigan cow yielded 5,400 pounds of milk or 210 pounds of butterfat, the average cow in Michigan's Dairy Herd Improvement association produced 8,155 pounds of milk or 337 pounds of butterfat. "This was fifty per cent more than the state average."

Associations operating within the state increased from 62 to 72 during the year and the total cows for the test under breed association acceptance records equal 3849 of which 2,931 are Holstein, 817 Guernsey, 629 Jersey, 101 Brown Swiss, 101 Ayrshire and 10 American Dairy Cattle.

During the year the Dairy Herd Improvement Association placed 335 bulls over the state and 110 of these were secured in lower Michigan for placement in the upper Michigan area.

Prune Peach Trees For Better Fruit

Prospects of an excellent peach crop for Michigan orchardists is predicted by Don Hootman, extension Horticulturist at Michigan State college, who warns that March and April are the months to do a thorough job of pruning the trees.

To increase the size and flavor of the product, and to prevent exceedingly heavy loads on the trees, Hootman says it is necessary to begin immediately to prune away about half of the live buds.

The winter season this year was mild enough that there was no winter bud killing of the peach trees. A temperature lower than 10 degrees below zero is usually necessary to kill the buds.

Restore Resource
The secretary of the interior says that Pacific halibut is a classic example of a resource which, after undergoing extreme depletion, has been restored through careful regulation.

Long Coastline
Michigan not only has a longer coastline than any other state—2,300 miles bordering on the Great Lakes—but leads the country in salt production, principally brine pumped from wells.

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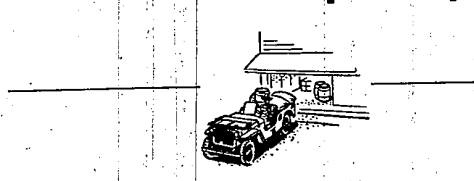
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