FARM BUREAU OPPOSES 1 & 2, FAVORS 3 & 4

Full Executive Committee Makes Recommendations

On the Proposals

The resolution committee of the Michigan State Farm Bureau at its annual meeting last week adopted a resolution opposing Proposals 1 and 2 and favoring Proposals 3 and 4.

Proposals 1 and 2, involving federal taxation and the farm income tax, have long been a source of concern for farmers. The committee emphasized the need for tax reform that would provide a fair and equitable system for all taxpayers.

Proposals 3 and 4, on the other hand, focus on education and transportation. The committee recommended support for Proposal 3, which increases funding for education at all levels, and support for Proposal 4, which supports transporting improvements.

The committee's recommendations are based on careful analysis and consideration of the potential impact of each proposal on the farmers and rural communities in Michigan.
Vote on the Four Proposals

There are four proposals on the ballot November 5. They are the integral consideration of every voter. This is one of the occasions when a blank vote of "no" may turn out to be exactly opposite to what one has been accustomed to. All of the questions have been better informed regarding them. There is a need for study once in the voting booth. The time to do that is before the vote. So go there with a conviction regarding each proposal.

In this edition of the News we present considerable information on each question. Stanley Powell, legislative counsel for the Farm Bureau, has an article on page 3 in which he presents the historical background. He tells us who worked to get the idea into the ballot and why. He tells us who is opposed to its adoption and why. He mentions some of the results that may come from annocement.

Proposals No. 1 and No. 2, for school bonding and civil service, are proposed amendments to the State Constitution. These become part of the basic law. They are beyond the power of the legislature to change in any way. Only the people can amend or adopt them through the process of enacting the Constitution.

Proposals No. 3 and No. 4, the municipal suburban home rule and the regulation of the practice of busses and the regulations concerning the practice of busses, are propositions for enacting laws not inconsistent with the state constitution.

We present in this edition the considered opinion of the executive committee of the Michigan State Farm Bureau directors regarding a vote on each proposal. We present an informal poll taken by County Farm Bureau officers and delegates to the coming annual meeting of the county Farm Bureaus at their meetings, during the week of October 14. We present also the views of the Michigan State Grange as set forth in resolutions adopted at the State Grange convention at Pontiac the week of October 21.

Your viewpoint on each of the four proposals is important. Vote November 5!

A Covert Bond Once Weighed a Ton

Do you remember the difficulties so many farmers and their co-op members had a few years back when road taxes became confiscatory in many instances in an effort to meet the interest and principal payments on Covert road bonds?

We recall that in some parts of the state the unpaid road taxes, largely Covert road tax assessments, were almost as much as farmers would sell their property for. Back in 1932 the Farm Bureau joined with other groups in supporting the Huston bill. It completed our long program of fighting for all Michigan farmers from the gasoline and weight tax funds. The Huston act provided also for the retirement of existing highway indebtedness, as provided with the road bonds and other obligations. Recently we read in our newspaper that the State of Michigan had retired another batch of Covert road bonds, totaling better than a million dollars. Possibly very few farmers noticed the little item, but the due date of those bonds would have made unhappy reading for many of us a few years back.

The gasoline tax in 1923, the McNitt township road act of 1931, and the Huston act of 1932, all supported by the Michigan Farm Bureau, combined to make Michigan a great highway system. They have transferred the cost of building and maintaining all highways from farm and other real estate to the driving public in accordance with its use of the highways. That is as it should be.

Behind the Wheel

The gasoline tax, laid on at the rate of 2.5 cents per gallon in 1923, has now been increased to 10 cents per gallon. The tax is collected at the point of sale, and it is not a state tax.
For Roof Repairs

Roof Repairs and New Construction

Farm Bureau’s
Steel Roofing
Roll Roofing
Asphalt Shingles

ROOF COATINGS

Our Own Black Asphalt Roof Coating can be used on all types of roofing materials. Also on frames and other interior scenes, must be a good substitute for the metal and other materials made from metal, also for any roof or surface where a metal roof is required. Proper base for any metal roof. We have a fine of extra wide rolls of our own asphalt and rubber roof, for sale and in stock.

Stonyard Redding

Michigan State Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

S. M. Powell, Farm Bureau’s Legislative Counsel, Discusses School Bonding, Civil Service, Amendments, and the Bus and Dental Practice Proposals

Four proposals of considerable importance to the citizens of Michigan will appear on the ballot November 5. Two are proposed amendments to the State Constitution. Two are referendum measures which seek to void certain laws enacted by the Legislature in 1939.

Stanley M. Powell, legislative counsel of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, has studied the very informative analysis of the four proposals. It has been submitted to County Farm Bureaus throughout the state in a series of pre-convention meetings in preparation for the State Farm Bureau annual meeting November 14-15. About October 23 it was released by the bureau to members for presentation to the Community Farm Bureau groups. We present his analysis to the Farm Bureau membership and others in this edition of the Farm News:

Proposal No. 1

An amendment to the Constitution to authorize the state to adopt a state income tax. The proposal is to be submitted to the voters at the election November 5.

The proposal reads:

Section 54-A of the Michigan Constitution now reads:

"The following taxes are hereby authorized to be levied by the state:

1. A property tax for the support of public schools, to be levied in the manner prescribed by law for the support of school districts, and to be levied, collected, and distributed to school districts in the manner prescribed by law for the distribution of state revenue to school districts.

2. A retail and personal income tax for the support of state government and public institutions, to be levied, collected, and distributed as provided by law for the support of public schools.

3. A sales tax for the support of state government and public institutions, to be levied, collected, and distributed as provided by law for the support of public schools.

4. Other taxes as provided by law for the support of state government and public institutions.

The amendment would change the above to read:

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2. A retail and personal income tax for the support of state government and public institutions, to be levied, collected, and distributed as provided by law for the support of public schools.

3. A sales tax for the support of state government and public institutions, to be levied, collected, and distributed as provided by law for the support of public schools.

4. Other taxes as provided by law for the support of state government and public institutions.

5. A personal property tax for the support of state government and public institutions, to be levied, collected, and distributed as provided by law for the support of public schools.

6. A state income tax for the support of state government and public institutions, to be levied, collected, and distributed as provided by law for the support of public schools.

The amendment would thus permit the state to levy a state income tax in addition to the existing state taxes.

The proposal recommends an annual income tax rate of one percent. It is estimated that the amendment proposed by Proposal No. 1 would yield an additional $50 million per year for the state treasury.

Proposal No. 2

An amendment to the Constitution to vest in the legislature the authority to reorganize the state department of agriculture. The proposal is to be submitted to the voters at the election November 5.

The proposal reads:

"The legislature shall have authority to reorganize the state department of agriculture into such number of sections as it may deem necessary for the efficient performance of the functions of the department.

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The proposal recommends that the department of agriculture be reorganized into at least three sections: a section for research and development, a section for education and extension, and a section for marketing and sales.

The amendment would thus permit the legislature to reorganize the department of agriculture into a more efficient and effective manner.

Proposal No. 3

A referendum measure to prohibit the state from entering into any contract or agreement with any foreign power or nation for the purpose of leasing or operating a public railroad, a public airport, or any other public facility for a period of more than five years. The proposal is to be submitted to the voters at the election November 5.

The proposal reads:

"No contract or agreement shall be entered into by the state for the purpose of leasing or operating any public railroad, public airport, or any other public facility for a period of more than five years.

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The proposal recommends that the state be prohibited from entering into any contract or agreement with any foreign power or nation for the purpose of leasing or operating any public facility for a period of more than five years.

Proposal No. 4

An amendment to the Constitution to vest in the legislature the authority to adopt a civil service system for state employees. The proposal is to be submitted to the voters at the election November 5.

The proposal reads:

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The amendment would change the above to read:

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The proposal recommends that the legislature be vested with the authority to adopt a civil service system for state employees, including state employees of the executive branch, the legislative branch, and the judicial branch of government.

The amendment would thus permit the legislature to adopt a civil service system for state employees, which would provide a more transparent and accountable system for the hiring and promotion of state employees.

The materials needed for building automobiles come from all over the world. Some come from America, some from Europe, and others in Asia. The average amount of the state's auto industry is devoting its efforts to rebuilding the auto industry by focusing on the development of new technologies and processes. The Michigan State Farm Bureau is working with the state government to ensure that the state's auto industry remains competitive in the global market.

For more information on the Michigan State Farm Bureau, visit their website at www.michiganfarmbureau.org.
CO. FARM BUREAU LEADERS VOTE YES ON 3 PROPOSALS

Oppose Writing Civil Service Program into State Constitution

Chairman Paul Fix, a member of the Michigan Farm Bureau, recently announced that the bureau voted against writing a civil service program into the state constitution at its annual meeting in Lansing. The vote was taken after a presentation of the advantages and disadvantages of civil service.
Plenty of Contests In Junior Elections


The convention is to convene promptly at 9:30 A.M. in the Auditorium to complete despatches by the Michigan Bell Telephone Company officials.

THE W. E. Kellogg Foundation is the sponsor of the Junior Farm Bureau. In the usual manner, the Junior Farm Bureau will receive a $5,000 grant from the Kellogg Foundation to help defray the costs of the convention. The convention will be held in East Lansing from November 2 to 5. A special feature of the convention will be the Junior Farm Bureau's "New Horizons" program, which will provide a platform for the young men and women to express their views on various aspects of agriculture.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1940

PROGRAM FOR THE DAY:

III. GENERAL BUSINESS:

a. Questions raised by the Junior Farm Bureau.


III. RESOLUTIONS:

a. Resolution on the proposed new constitution of the Junior Farm Bureau.

b. Resolution on the proposed new bylaws of the Junior Farm Bureau.

c. Resolution on the proposed new rules of the Junior Farm Bureau.

III. REPORTS:


IV. BUSINESS:

a. Discussion of the proposed new constitution of the Junior Farm Bureau.

b. Discussion of the proposed new bylaws of the Junior Farm Bureau.

c. Discussion of the proposed new rules of the Junior Farm Bureau.

V. BANQUET:

A. Sports Festival.

B. Regional Directors.

C. Boat trip.

D. Questionnaire.

E. Banquet in People's Auditorium.

VI. PARTY:

A. Surprise Party.

B. Party for all Junior Farm Bureau members.

C. Party for all Junior Farm Bureau members.

D. Party for all Junior Farm Bureau members.

E. Party for all Junior Farm Bureau members.

All Junior Farm Bureau members are invited to participate in the above events.

The above list is not complete, and further details will be announced at the convention.

SUGGESTIONS:

a. Suggestions for the Junior Farm Bureau Executive Committee.

b. Suggestions for the Junior Farm Bureau State Committee.

c. Suggestions for the Junior Farm Bureau State Convention.

NOTE: We are sorry but due to limited space we are unable to print all the notes of the Junior Farm Bureau annual convention.

THE KITCHEN PUMP WAS THE BLACK SHEEP OF THE FAMILY. The last word in household convenience? With a pump right in the kitchen, grandmother no more had to trudge out to the well, with a pail in her hand, to draw water from the deep well. Today, however, the kitchen pump is a thing of the past, and the modern household has a supply of water right in the kitchen at the touch of a button. The kitchen pump and water service are standard equipment in almost every home.

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What is the Meaning of Co-operation?

By ERNEST A. FAYVER

Community Farm Bureau Activities

Community Farm Bureau

Balance Farm Grain

with Farm Bureau

Centres and Produce!

by the 197 Community Farm Bureau Groups

16% DAIRY (with Alfalfa Hay)

More Eggs and

More Money!

30 lbs. per 

Milkman 18

Protein Concentrate

with MERMASH and Poultry Supplement

16% Protein

Milkman 32

Protein

with MERMASH and Poultry Supplement

NOW, in November, December and January good buy, good management, and good MERMASH make the best poultry profits of the year. Get them into top production with Mermash. Keep poultry house well ventilated and dry for best results.

FEED GRINDING AND MIXING

FARM BUREAUX AND CO-OP AGENCIES can help you make good, lower cost dairy rations and poultry foods through their grinding and mixing service. You supply the feed, they do the grinding and mixing, and you may get special feed formulas for your own particular problems. Feed formulas may be ground and mixed to your specifications, with special care taken to see that the feed is properly mixed in order to get the best results.

Do You Have Seed for Sale?

SEED CLEANING

Let Farm Bureau

clean your seed now!

IT PAYS TO HAVE YOUR SEEDS CLEANED IN YOUR OWN STORE at very reasonable charges for 4 lbs. Some representative samples, and we will do any cleaning needed and price. Have your seed cleaned now, no charges flowing December 31.

Do You Have Seed for Sale?

FARM BUREAU BRAND SUPPLIES at 300 Farmers Elevators

Saturdays, Lansing, Michigan

Boost Production with Milkman 34