

Roll Call Leaders to Meet at Lansing Dec. 28

EDITORIAL

Setting Farm Opinion to Work

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The 672 delegates to the 37th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau met in East Lansing November 8 and 9, determined the policies for the coming year, and elected directors.

The deliberations of the convention had their origin and were given direction long before President Hodge sounded the gavel for opening the meeting on the morning of November 8. In fact, this annual assembly of delegates chosen by the respective County Farm Bureaus marks the culmination of the entire year's activities.

The program laid out was the consolidation of the resolutions previously adopted by the 66 County Farm Bureau annual meetings. The County Farm Bureau expressions, in turn, resulted from the discussions and activities of the 1,586 Community Farm Bureaus in their meetings held throughout the year.

These were developed in the Community Farm Bureaus under the leadership of their officers, legislative and resolutions committees, discussion leaders, and 1,500 Minutemen.

Thus, the annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau serves as the true barometer of the viewpoints and interests of our 67,154 farm family members.

This annual assembly constitutes a most representative and effective forum for the clarification, coordination, and implementation of farm opinion.

It has been largely due to this fact that the Michigan Farm Bureau has endured through all the changes and problems for well over a third of a century.

The bedrock source of all this organization activity, county, state, and national, lies in the interest and understanding of the Farm Bureau members themselves. This is manifested in the work of several thousand men and women who each year enlist as membership teams to interest their neighbors in joining the Farm Bureau and in promoting its program.

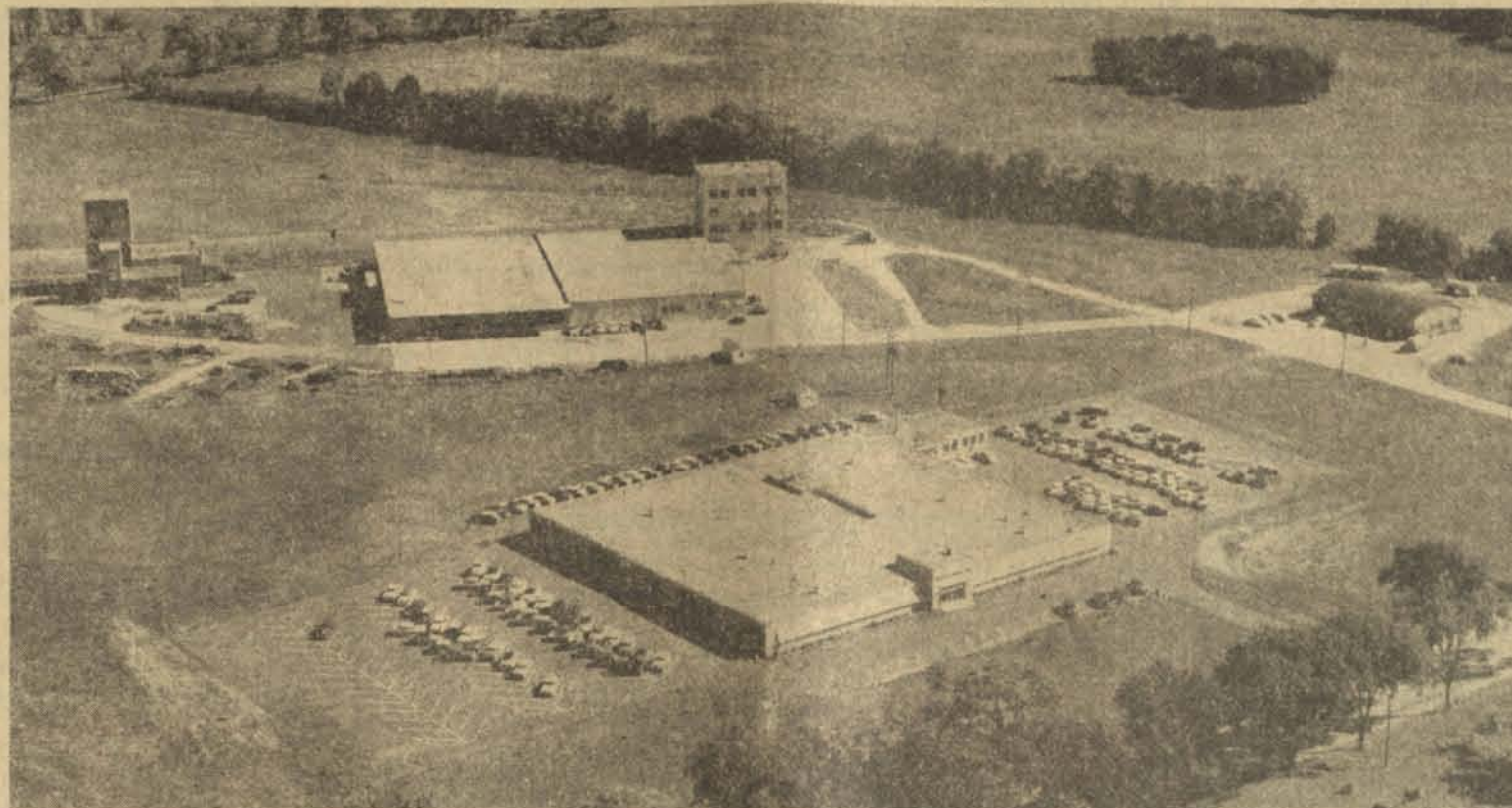
It is in the initiative and voluntary action on the part of the individual members that the basic strength of the Farm Bureau is generated. Through the Farm Bureau processes each farm family is provided with the opportunity to function in making its influence effective in shaping and activating policies that vitally concern the welfare and progress of farm people.

The growing realization of this opportunity was demonstrated last month by the large proportion of the delegate body that took an active and serious part in the policy discussions.

It was encouraging to note the increased use of the Farm Bureau to deal with local projects in the communities and counties. President Charles Shuman of the American Farm Bureau commented most favorably on this trend toward greater attention to local matters. These provide tangible and

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Farm Bureau Center at Lansing, October, 1956



THIS PICTURE taken in October shows the development of the Farm Bureau Center on an 18 acre tract along US-16, west of Lansing. Center: Farm Bureau office building built in 1955 for all Farm Bureau Companies. Back center right: New field seeds plant and adjoining seed warehouse of Farm Bureau Services Lansing Branch. Left section of warehouse is Farm Bureau Services wholesale warehouse for farm supplies, and home of Lansing Retail Store for FBS; left rear: Farm Bureau Services Lansing Branch Elevator; far right: Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., warehouse and service station.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU

'56 Year of Accomplishments

J. F. YAEGER

Executive Secretary, Treasurer and General Manager

The Michigan Farm Bureau and associated companies' fiscal 1956 was a year of record accomplishments and continued building for sound and orderly growth.

It is indeed gratifying to report that Farm Bureau membership reached an all-time high of 67,154 farm families. This marked the eighth consecutive year of such growth.

1,581 Community Farm Bureaus is a new high. New heights were reached in membership participation in service-to-member programs, and marked emphasis is being placed on commodity relations, citizenship, and youth programs.

Farm Bureau Services, Inc. 1956 total farm supply volume exceeded \$15,500,000 including branch store supply sales of nearly \$7,000,000. In addition farm produce marketed through branch stores totaled somewhat over \$2,400,000.

Net margins showed a substantial gain over any year since 1951. In March 1956, Farm Bureau Services retired its 1943 issue of AAA Preferred Stock in keeping with its rotation schedule for securities.

Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc. had an increase in volume of 16% over the previous year, a new all-time high in this regard. Net margins were 54% over last year, and the crude production program involving the purchasing and drilling of oil wells continued to show satisfactory progress in our efforts to assure farmers guaranteed services and supply.

Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Michigan established a new high. It has more than 56,000 automobile policies, plus 10,000 farms insured for liability, and 7,000 premises insured for fire and wind, with annual premiums in excess of \$3½ million.

Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company of Michigan has built up a trust fund of \$3½ million to guarantee protection of more than \$65,000,000 in life insurance policies for the families of members.

Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives during the past year continued work on three objectives of the Association for Farmer Cooperatives in the state — education, legislation, and member services. The Association carried on innumerable programs including:

Workshops on cooperatives and marketing for teachers of vocational agriculture to assist them to better inform their pupils in these regards;

Staged tours of young people to cooperatives, including a trip to the American Institute of Cooperation annual meeting at Raleigh, North Carolina;

Successfully supported legislative favors to further cooperatives regarding Trip Leasing Bill, freight rates, and cooperative taxes.

Member services included statewide co-op clinics on "Michigan Sales Tax Problems," business management and director's responsibilities.

At the close of the year expansion was being planned on a program for giving to members accounting, auditing, and business advisory services.

The Public Affairs and Legislative Division had another successful year. It has assisted the various units of the organization in the field of policy development. It has been aggressively active in promoting the program formulated by the voting delegates at previous annual conventions and as supplemented by action taken by the Board of Directors.

The influence and effectiveness

of Michigan Farm Bureau is indicated by the fact that during the 1956 session of the Michigan Legislature, 33 bills favored by Farm Bureau were enacted, and 28 bills which we opposed were not passed by the Legislature. Only one bill opposed by Farm Bureau was enacted.

Michigan Farm Bureau's record in the field of legislative ac-



J. F. YAEGER

tivity testifies to the soundness of its program and the way in which the members and staff have kept its position before the lawmakers.

Modern business management includes careful attention to human assets as well as to financial and physical assets. At the close of this fiscal year there were 853 employees on the payroll of the Farm Bureau companies and their affiliated local management contract cooperatives.

Many mutually satisfactory benefit programs are conducted such as: employees retirement, group life insurance, Blue Cross-Blue Shield medical insurance, vacation, sick leave, employee credit union, and military leave.

The past year's performances of this past year as briefly outlined above, are the accomplishments of people of Farm Bureau. It is the product of their efforts and skills, and of their loyalty and teamwork.

Neighbors Help

Friendly Neighbors Community Farm Bureau group of Shiawassee county reports: Our chairman, Louis Frazier of Durand was in an automobile accident Nov. 5. Mrs. Frazier was hospitalized with both legs and one arm broken. We decided to have a corn-picking bee to help him. On a Saturday 40 men with seven corn pickers and other equipment harvested corn from three farms and stored it in bins. Their wives served dinner and supper.

67,413 This Issue

This is the number of copies of the Michigan Farm News mailed to subscribers December 1.

Hundred from Michigan at AFBF, Miami

Michigan Farm Bureau will be represented by about 100 persons at the 38th annual convention of the American Farm Bureau at Miami, Dec. 9 to 13, said Norwood Eastman, manager of the MFB Member Service Division.

Voting delegates are: President Ward G. Hodge, Vice-president Blaque Knirk, and Directors Walter Wightman, Allen Rush and Ren DeRuiter.

President Hodge is a member of the AFBF resolutions committee, and will serve on the credentials committee.

All members of the MFB board of directors are attending the convention.

Women. Michigan's voting delegates to the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Women's Committee annual meeting Dec. 8-10 are: Mrs. Carlton Ball, Albion; Mrs. Ernest Heim, Traverse City; Mrs. Hiram Brock, East Jordan; Mrs. Walter Chaffin, Shepherd; Mrs. Walter Wolfgang, Chelsea.

About 30 County Farm Bureau leaders and 40 members of the Michigan Farm Bureau Young Peoples organization will attend the convention.

Jackson Wins AFBF Award

Jackson County Farm Bureau's Good Citizenship program and exhibits won first place in the American Farm Bureau's Good Citizenship Contest for 1956.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Barnard of Jackson county will be at the AFBF convention to receive the award for the County Farm Bureau.

The AFBF plans to offer the Jackson County Farm Bureau entry for the Thomas Jefferson Award given by the Freedom Foundation.

Bay, Berrien, Ionia and Ogemaw County Farm Bureaus received AFBF Certificates of Merit for the excellence of their Good Citizenship contest programs.

Hit Jackpot on 2,000,000th Tire

We know now who got the 2,000,000th Unico tire, sure to turn up somewhere in the United States, Robert Walker of Howell discovered that he was the lucky purchaser when he unwrapped a Unico tire sold to him by Orrin Kendall, station manager at Howell Co-op. United Cooperatives gave Mr. Walker two more tires.

To Prepare for Membership Drive

Co. Farm Bureaus Renew Memberships By Mail November and December; Seek New Members Jan. 3-10

The Michigan Farm Bureau's drive for 70,242 member families in 1957 will be launched December 28 at 1:00 p.m. at Lansing's Civic Auditorium.

Nearly 3,000 Farm Bureau leaders throughout the state are to be invited to the second annual Roll Call Captains' Jamboree at the Auditorium.

During November and December County Farm Bureaus are collecting dues by mail from 67,154 members.

The December 28 meeting precedes the annual Roll Call of farmers from January 3 to 10 for new members, and to reach the goal of 70,242 families.

At the Jamboree local and state leaders will see a militant Farm Bureau organization readying its forces and resources to build a record membership.

Throughout the afternoon and evening they will see displays and presentations, and will hear speakers present what Farm Bureau membership can mean in 1957.

Those to be invited to the December 28 Captains' Jamboree are: Township Roll Call captains, area men, County Farm Bureau Roll Call managers, county membership committees, county presidents and secretaries, chairmen of women's committees, young people's chairmen, farm supply committeemen, insurance committeemen, members of the boards of directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau and its service companies, local dealers, managers, and agents for Farm Bureau Services, Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, and the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, staff members of those companies, and the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Farm Bureau's Officers for 1957

RESOLUTIONS ON PAGE 6

The board of directors elected at the 37th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau November 8-9 elected officers for 1957 at a special meeting at Lansing November 20.

The directors re-elected President Ward G. Hodge and Vice-President Blaque Knirk for their third terms. J. F. Yaeger was re-appointed as executive secretary, treasurer and general manager.

At the 37th annual meeting, eight of a board of 16 directors were elected for two year terms:

District

- 2—Blaque Knirk, Quincy
- 4—Elton R. Smith, Caledonia
- 6—Ward G. Hodge, Snover
- 8—Kenneth O. Johnson, Freeland
- 10—Albert A. Brindley, West Branch
- *11—Edmund Sager, Stephenson
- At Large—Robert E. Smith, Fowlerville
- At Large—Gleason E. Halliwell, Gladwin
- MFB By People—Richard Arnold, Plainwell

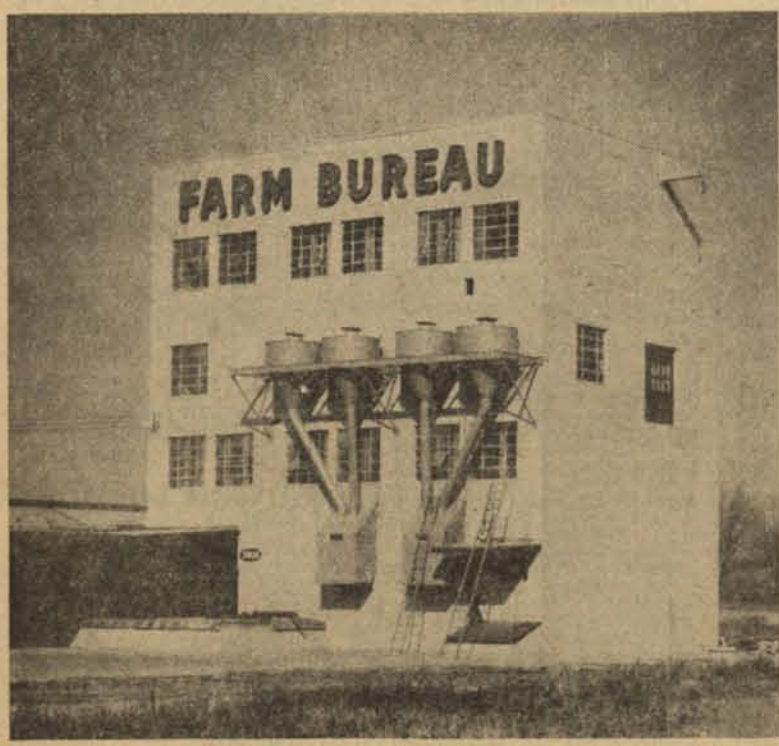
*Mr. Sager of the Upper Peninsula was elected for one year so that in fall of 1957 all directors from odd-numbered districts will be elected for two years.



WARD G. HODGE, President, of Snover, Sanilac county. Mr. Hodge is a dairy farmer with a herd of Ayrshires. He farms 400 acres with wheat and beans as major crops. Director of MFB for nine years, and director of the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies. Mr. Hodge has been a member of Farm Bureau 18 years.



BLAQUE KNIRK, Vice-President, of Quincy, Branch county. Mr. Knirk is engaged in livestock and general farming on 372 acres. Director of MFB for eight years, and director of all Farm Bureau companies. President of Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company. He has been a member of Farm Bureau 17 years.



FARM BUREAU in red, neon letters 5 feet high identifies and advertises the Farm Bureau Center at Lansing day and night to traffic on US-16. The lettering is on our new seed processing plant. See picture of Farm Bureau Center on Page 1.

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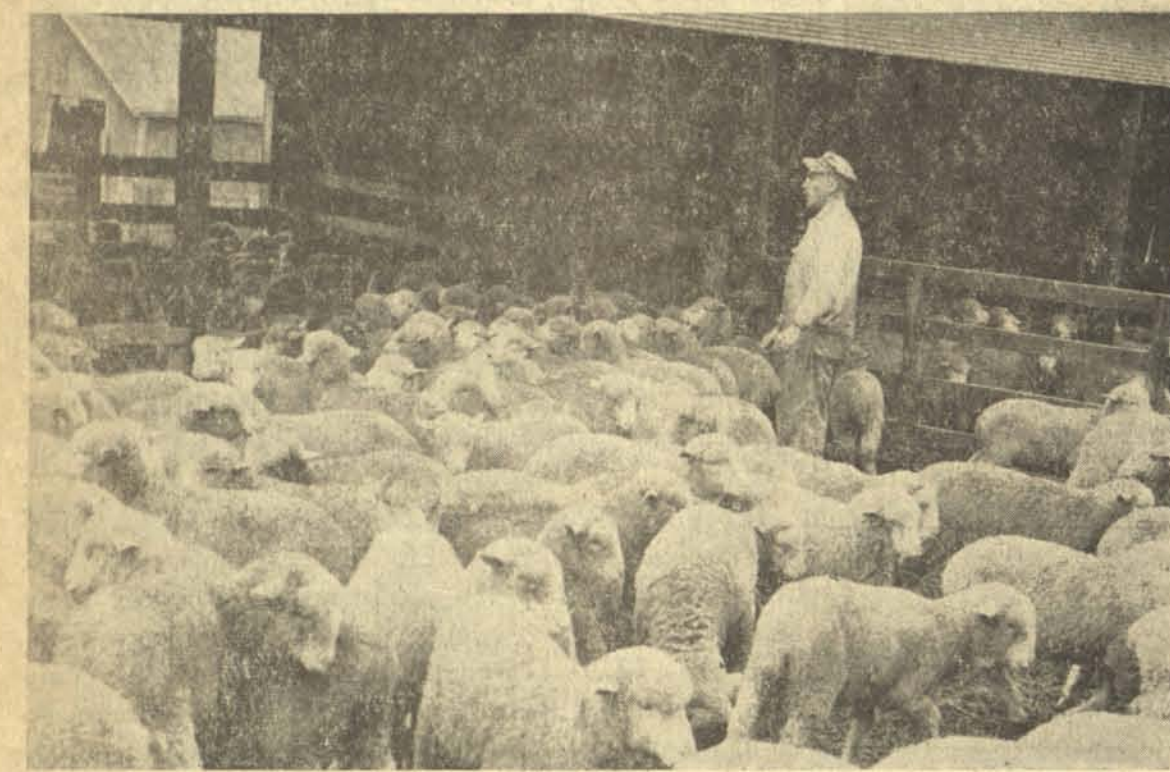


PURPOSE OF FARM BUREAU

The purpose of this Association shall be the advancement of our members' interests educationally, legislatively, and economically.

FARM BUREAU PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Huttons' Program Includes Feeding Lambs Year Around



FEEDING AND SALES ARE ON CARLOT BASIS ON HUTTON FARM

KEATS VINING Agr'l News Writer

Feeding lambs the year around is the main livestock enterprise on the Robert and Howard Hutton farm in Cass county near Jones.

The Hutton farm is a father and son set-up. Robert Hutton, the father, has fed lambs for years. When Howard became a partner in the farm, the program was continued and expanded.

The Huttons are members of Cass County Farm Bureau. They have fed lambs through good times and bad times. They produce all of the feed possible on their farm. They watch their lambs, try to buy good ones and carefully watch the lamb markets. Such a program pays out.

Besides lambs the farm has a

breeding flock of 200 ewes. Angus heifers or steers are fed. They keep about 10 brood sows and three dairy cows to supply milk for the farm.

For many years Robert Hutton depended on local and Michigan lambs to feed. These were not always easy to get. When Howard came into the picture they changed to western lambs. Now they get lambs from feeding lots in San Angelo, Texas. The lambs come through in four to five days, are unloaded at Cassopolis and trucked to the farm.

Texas lambs are fed the year around when available. Sometimes they are hard to get during February, March and April.

As this was written there are four carloads of lambs of a Rambouillet-Corriedale cross on feed with another carload to come in

November. Mr. Hutton would prefer lambs with a Suffolk breeding but there are times when these are hard to buy.

A carload will hold between 300 and 325 lambs, depending on their weight. The first load of the lambs above on feed averaged 79 pounds per head. The second carload about 60 pounds. They cost about \$12 a head unloaded in nearby Cassopolis.

Each carload is fed separately as far as possible. They are checked closely for weight. Any heavier or lighter lambs are moved to the lot nearer their weights.

When lambs arrive at the Hutton farm they are placed in barns where there have been cattle. Later they go into the lamb feeding barns. Newly arrived lambs are filled up with a poor quality



School Bus

The passengers who board my bus upon my morning round Are polished to a fare-ye-well—their neatness is renowned. All spick and span, beside the road, decorously they wait The coming of the yellow bus which bears them to their fate. Their hair is smooth. Their shoes are clean. Their clothes are fresh and neat.

Bright symbols of the mother love that lives on every street. They mount the step, they take their seats and peacefully they ride, For mother love is with them yet—not lightly cast aside. The love that combed and scrubbed each one, admonishing to speed, Persistent lingers for a time—a pleasant time indeed. But soon the fetters of restraint begin to chafe and rub And mild confusion permeates the rumbling yellow tub.

The day goes by, and after school again we fill the bus, The whole disordered dirty-faced disheveled pack of us. With dusty feet, with hair awry, with shirt-tails hanging out The gentlefolk who rode to school now ride the homeward route. They jostle gaily in the seats, they wrestle in the aisle As with discordant raucous noise they speed the evening mile.

At every gate I let them out, by one's and two's and three's, With stockings sadly wrinkled down, with scratched and bloody knees. With many a shouted Parthian word, with wild hilarious fun They scatter to their several homes. Another day is done. And as I witness their return in glorious disarray I wonder, in my inmost thoughts, "What must their mothers say?"

Yet this was just a normal day. A thousand such await For every child in every bus, and constitute his fate. But children are resilient folk and they will yet survive The rigors of the public school, emerging much alive So long as every day begins with Mother's love serene That scrubs and combs and kisses each and starts him slick and clean.

R. S. Clark
315 North Grinnell Street
Jackson, Michigan

of hay as a filler.

When feeding operations start the lighter weight lambs get a mixture of ground hay, oats, a little corn, with a concentrate. This is cottonseed meal at the rate of 200 pounds in 40 bushels of the ground mixture. Lambs have access to a mineral, yeast, and salt mixture.

As the lambs pick up weight the hay is decreased, the corn increased, oats are taken over by barley, until they get a 50-50 mixture of corn and barley. On this feeding program it takes from 70 to 90 days to get the 100 pound weight that the Huttons feed for. Then the lambs are sold.

The heavier lot of lambs get the same filling of hay on arrival, but they go to a self-feeding mixture of whole corn plus hand fed hay twice a day. They have access to a 50-50 yeast and mineral mixture plus salt.

The heavier lambs on this feeding program will take about 60 days to get to the 100 pound mark. The Huttons have had lambs that would do it in 40 to 50 days.

These are Huttons' two feeding programs. They will tell you that no two lots of lambs are alike. So they often change the feeding program a bit to suit the carload that is being fed.

All lambs are vaccinated about a week after arrival for "over eating disease." They are never wormed unless necessary. The first water they drink has some

sulfa thiazide-sodium in it. This is used to correct any stomach disorders.

Hutton lambs are marketed wherever they will sell to the best advantage. Many are sold in Michigan markets, going to Detroit or through the Michigan Livestock Exchange. Some of the lambs go to the Chicago yards, but they are always fed and sold in carload lots. The lamb markets are watched very closely.

Sometimes the Huttons get a clip of wool off a carload of lambs.

Besides the lamb feeding enterprise there is a breeding herd of 200 western ewes of Rambouillet-Delaine breeding. Suffolk rams are used on the flock.

Ewes are bought with lambs by their side. The lambs are finished off and the ewe bred for a fall lamb and then a spring lamb. Ewes are kept four to five years before replacement.

To use up farm roughage and pasture, Robert and Howard Hutton feed either Angus steers or heifers. Last May they bought 100 head of Angus calves. They were to be sold this fall for feeders.

There are ten brood sows of Hampshire breeding. They produce two litters of pigs a year.

There are 473 acres in the Hutton farm with 445 of them tillable. The farm rotation includes corn, barley, oats, hay and pasture. The hay is either red clover or alfalfa. Enough clover seed is harvested to seed the grain

crops.

The Huttons sow Hudson winter barley. This year it yielded 70 bushels to the acre. When possible about 15 to 20 acres of soybeans are planted. These with the wheat are cash crops. The money from them buys concentrates. Due to the rolling nature of the farm, corn is grown only about once in eight years in a field.

The corn, oats, barley, and hay are all fed to the livestock on the farm with the hay fields pastured after hay is removed. Sheep manure goes onto the permanent pasture.

Corn gets 150 pounds of 5-20-20 fertilizer at planting time. Wheat, oats, and barley get 200 pounds of the 5-20-20. Hay and pasture fields are top dressed with 200 pounds of 0-20-0.

CARE Package To Hungary

Dayton Progressive Farm Bureau Community Group of Newaygo county voted to send \$10 worth of CARE packages to Hungary. The group won \$10 at the County Farm Bureau annual meeting in October for having the largest attendance present, and for the group having the largest percentage of members at the county annual meeting.

Buy Farm Bureau Insurance. Buy Farm Bureau Feeds.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified advertisements are cash with order at the following rates: 10 cents per word for one edition. Ads to appear in two or more editions take the rate of 8 cents per word edition. These rates based on guarantee of 60,000 or more subscribers. They are members of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

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SEND CHERRY HUT gift packages for Christmas. Three one-pint jars—each—Cherry Jelly, Cherry Preserves, Black Sweet Cherry Conserve, in cherry red box with cellophane window. Delivered in Michigan \$2.70. Ask for our folder of Cherry Specialties. Cherry Hut Products, Beulah, Michigan. (Game L. Kraker, member of Michigan Farm Bureau) (11-21-47p)

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NOW HATCHING DIRKSE SUPERIOR LAYERS. Baby pullets \$40 per 100. All hatching flock stock this year was hatched from 24 oz. eggs or over. Are you troubled with broodiness, blowouts, small eggs, leishosis? Get Dirkse's this year. Try Dirkse's Random Sample Test at Cornell University; they lay more eggs or less feed and more birds are left at the end of the laying year. Egg production specialists—no broilers, no turkeys at Dirkse. Complete egg production programs. Dirkse, windowless house, Hawkins floor, Northco Ventilation and Kiltson Poultry Equipment. DEALERS WANTED. Many are ordering Dirkse's chicks this year because of net profit over feed costs made in Random Sample Tests. Dirkse, Lehigh Farm, Zeeland, Mich. Telephone 2851. (10-11-121b)

WESTLINE—A controlled strain cross available at Dirkse in limited supply. 4.4 lbs. feed per dozen eggs. One of the top birds on the West Coast. If your feed bill is too high try WESTLINE. 200 eggs flock average (California Test 1955). Soundly based on a vigorous tradition of White Leghorn breeding. Baby pullets \$45 per 100. Dirkse Lehigh Farm, Zeeland, Michigan. (10-11-50b)

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SPECIAL SAP BUCKETS. Small sizes and styles for 50 to 150 buckets at our warehouse for your inspection and choice. Larger sizes to fit all syrup makers' needs up to 3,000 buckets. Be ready for the 1957 sap run. Don't delay. Secure your needed evaporator now. Sugar Bush Supplies Co., P. O. Box 1107, Lansing, Mich. Warehouse at 4109 West Saginaw St., M-43. (11-21-50bap)

FOR SALE—200 Whooping gull-raised 15 quart sap buckets and Grimm spouts. Very good condition. Can be inspected at my farm at 5 1/2 miles south of St. Johns. Fred Ottmar, St. Johns R-4, Mich. (12-11-400c)

Director 11 Years



ALBERT SHELLENBARGER of Lake Odessa, retired as director for District 4 at the 37th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Mr. Shellenbarger received the thanks of the convention for his services. He was a director of MFB for 11 years, served as vice-president for several terms. He has served on all Farm Bureau Company boards, was president of Farm Bureau Services in 1951 and 1952.

New Directors

Leonard Wiswell, Robert Brandt and Stanley Kohn were elected directors of the Snover Cooperative Elevator, replacing Charles Brandt, C. J. Bulgrien and William Moore who are retiring after many years of service.

The man who believes in preparedness keeps physically fit.



Don't Delay! MAIL YOUR FARM BUREAU DUES Today. MAIL DUES to your County Farm Bureau Secretary. See page 7 for the address. It is given in article headed County Farm Bureau Secretaries.

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EDITORIAL

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continuous contacts for the Farm Bureau membership. They make the Farm Bureau a community institution as well as a state and national one.

In national farm policies it was encouraging to note the steadfast adherence by the delegates to programs designed to maintain farm markets as the source of farm income. The delegates voted unanimously for the Michigan Farm Bureau "to continue its efforts unabated to reverse the trend toward a subsidized and government-controlled agriculture, and to restore a reasonable balance and adaptation of farm production to consumer demand in farm markets."

This sentiment for preserving and protecting the freedom of the farmer to make his own decisions, voiced directly from the farm by 1,628,000 Farm Bureau members, makes the American Farm Bureau Federation the most powerful influence against the trend toward a federalized agriculture and a socialized government.

It has been my good fortune for the past 35 years to witness the proceedings of these annual assemblies of Michigan Farm Bureau delegates chosen by the County Farm Bureaus. My first report was made to the delegate body February 2, 1922.

The scale of Farm Bureau operations today is far beyond anything the delegates 35 years ago could have imagined. They did, however, set the stage and point the direction that did much to make possible the Michigan Farm Bureau of 1956.

Now as we approach the time for the 1957 Roll Call, we have the opportunity to forge our link in the long chain of Farm Bureau history. What we do in enlisting our neighbors in the Farm Bureau cause and in maintaining Farm Bureau member morale and activity will likewise be reflected in the welfare of farm people today and thirty-five years hence.

Meet "Frenchy" Fournier

The man on the pole is Forest Fournier, but his customers generally call him "Frenchy."

His job as an installer-repairman in rural Michigan's Thumb Area is to see that farmers' telephone service runs smoothly. He knows their problems and knows, of course, how much the telephone means to them.

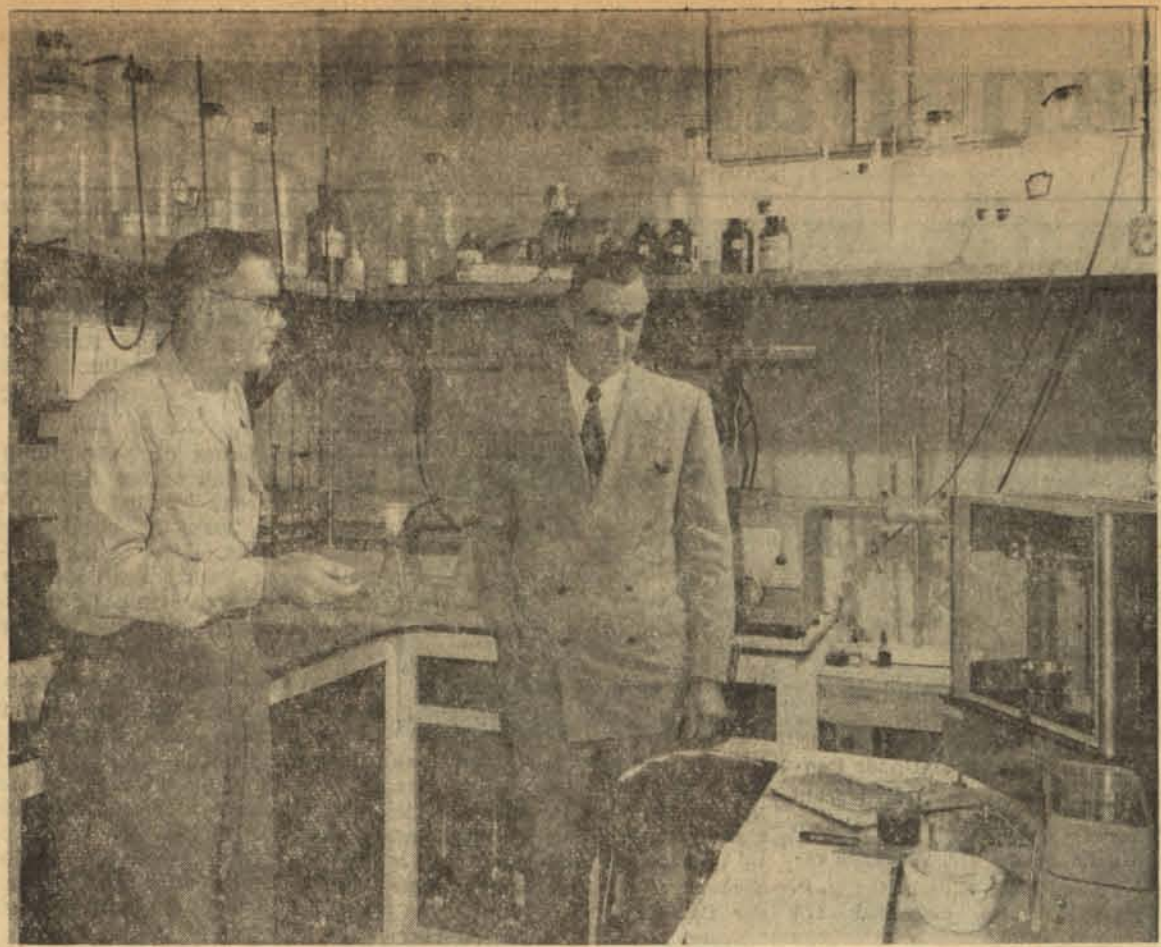
That's why he says that one of the most important parts of his job is "fixing trouble before it happens."

It's Frenchy Fournier—and other telephone men and women like him—who demonstrate what we mean when we say: "It's people who make telephone service good."

MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY



Fournier and one of his friends, Warren Stoeckle, Unionville Road, near Schewaga.



TOP QUALITY FERTILIZER is assured by this new quality control laboratory at the Farm Bureau Services fertilizer manufacturing plant at Kalamazoo.

John Sexson (left) manager of the FBS Plant Food Manufacturing Division, explains to FBS President Marten Garn the operations of a nitrogen digestion chamber which checks the nitro-

gen content of fertilizer material and the finished product.

Within recent years the manufacture of fertilizers has gone from a fairly simple procedure of mixing basic ingredients to a highly technical chemical manufacturing process . . . for much better fertilizer.

This year the FBS board of directors authorized the installa-

tion of a complete fertilizer plant chemical laboratory. The plant had been served by commercial laboratories.

The technician in charge checks the quality of all raw materials, the manufacturing processes, and the finished product. The FBS laboratory will also be used in advancing experiments with new fertilizer analyses.

The new elevator consists of 7 silos with 70,000 bu. capacity, 2 receiving pits, one 3,000 bu. grain cleaner and one 1,000 bu. bean cleaner, a 1,000 bu. per hour corn sheller and a 750 bu. per hour grain drier. All grain weighing will be done automatically over three automatic scales. Feed equipment consists of a 75 HP feed grinder and two upright spiral mixers. Bean processing and bagging equipment of sufficient size to handle the operation is being installed.

A 70x40 cement block warehouse with office space is connected to the elevator. The plant will be managed by Dick Stevenson who is presently assistant manager at Caro. The construction is being done by Booms Construction Company.

Services Has Best Year Since 1951

"Farm Bureau Services, Inc., accomplished savings for farmers on farm supplies and other services in the amount of \$394,134 in terms of net margins for the year ending August 31, 1956.

"This is the largest net savings since 1951," said J. F. Yaeger, executive secretary, at the 27th annual meeting of Farm Bureau Services at Michigan State University, November 27.

Mr. Yaeger said that the total volume of business was about \$1 million less than a year ago because of lower prices for feeds and seeds.

"Planning for expansion of Farm Bureau Services to farmers through increased operations and facilities is projected in a general way on a ten-year basis. More exact projection of plans is on a progressive five-year schedule.

"Expansion of plant and facilities during the year included building a modern seed processing plant, and rebuilding the wholesale warehouse and retail store which burned in December 1955."

Marten Garn of Charlotte was re-elected president, and Ivan Parsons of Grand Blanc, vice-president.

Directors elected: Representing Michigan Farm Bureau—R. A. DeRuiter, McBain; K. O. Johnson, Freeland; Blaque Knirk, Quincy; Elton R. Smith, Caledonia; Walter Wightman, Fennville. At large: Clyde Breining, Ypsilanti; Ivan Parsons, Grand

Right Now in Farm Bureau...

JERRY CORDREY
Coordinator, Organization Dept. of MFB

Membership renewals are pouring in. Many new members have been enrolled.

Total for 1957 is 14,101. Of these 806 are new memberships.

This is 20 per cent of our goal of 70,242 for 1957, and our membership Roll Call doesn't get under way until January 3, 1957!

American Farm Bureau membership as of November 1 was 1,432,440. The end of year report has not been tabulated as yet. So far 36 States have increased their membership in 1956.

County Roll Call Managers are training area men, township captains and are planning training meetings for workers. The training part of the membership drive is extremely important this year.

New materials have been developed which should be very helpful in signing new members, if used properly.

County Secretaries are preparing to send reminder letters to members who did not renew their membership on first notice.

Counties are setting up plans to win awards for 1957. These awards are:

1. Three revolving trophies for the 3 counties which have the highest per cent of the 1957 goal by January 15. This is the 4th year for these trophies. Each trophy will become a permanent award for a county when they win it 3 times.

So far the first place trophy has been won twice by Cheboygan and once by Livingston. The second place trophy has been won once by Livingston, once by Bay and once by Cheboygan. The third place trophy has been won twice by Bay and once by St. Joseph.

2. Three maintenance trophies for the 3 counties that maintain the highest per cent of their 1956 membership through 1957 as indicated by the year end results on August 31, 1957.

3. An award of utility value for all counties which make membership goal during 1957.

District Meetings on the Expanded Agr'l Research Program by Michigan State University are rapidly being completed.

District 1 meeting has been re-scheduled for December 17. Meetings still to be held are Districts 1, 10, and 11.

These meetings are designed to give background information for the January Community Farm Bureau discussion topic. Invitations have been extended to all Community Farm Bureau discussion leaders and minute men, to county presidents and county legislative and commodity committee members. The future of agricultural research in Michigan will be greatly influenced by these meetings.

Annual meetings of Farm Bureau Services and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative have just been completed.

8th Annual Michigan Farm Bureau Convention will be held at Grand Blanc; Peter DeWeerd, Hudsonville; Marten Garn, Charlotte.

Bureau have returned to their homelands. 1957 will see about 30 more young men on farms in Michigan.

Some county legislative committees are planning meetings with State Representatives and Senators to outline Farm Bureau policies before the legislature meets in January.

Roster instruction meetings are being planned for December.

The largest meeting in the history of the Michigan Farm Bureau is being planned for December 28. It is the "Captains' Jamboree." It will be held at the Lansing Civic Center and will start promptly at 1:00 p.m.

Those invited are: Township captains, area men, Roll Call managers, membership committees, county presidents, county secretaries, farm supply committees, insurance committees, women's chairmen, young peoples chairmen, state board of directors; Farm Bureau Services, Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Farm Bureau Insurance managers, dealers and agents.

It is expected that nearly 3,000 people will see "Farm Bureau—1957 Style" on parade.

This gala event will feature—fun, prizes, entertainment, food, as well as information presentations and a top-notch speaker.

A change in personnel has taken place. Elden Smith, formerly coordinator of Farm Supply, has been made training coordinator for Farm Bureau Services. Clarence King, formerly regional representative in Southwest Region, will replace Elden. Burton Richards, formerly East Central regional sales manager for Insurance, will replace Clarence.

Regional Representatives are:

1. Promoting attendance at Michigan Farm Bureau Institute, December 3 and 4.
2. Getting ready to help instruct classes at the Institute.
3. Attending in December: County Institutes, county roster instruction meetings, county board meetings, county membership training meetings, region representative conference, and Captains' Jamboree.
4. Checking on Roll Call progress.
5. In general, helping to build Farm Bureau bigger and better to meet the needs of tomorrow.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Good Getting New Year!

Crusaders make history and authors insist on writing it all over like it wasn't made.

Taxation without representation is unjust—but taxation with it is plenty expensive.

Bureau Institute will get underway at 10:00 a.m. December 3rd at Lansing Civic Center. All County Farm Bureau presidents and committee chairmen have been invited.

This important committee training session can be the key to real progress in County Farm Bureau programs during 1957.

County Farm Bureau Institutes following the Michigan Farm Bureau Institute are being planned for all committee members. Most of these will be held during December.

American Farm Bureau Federation Convention will be held at Miami, Florida, December 9-14. The culmination of our policy development work on national and international affairs in 1956 will come from this important meeting. Community group minute men will get reports soon after the convention.

Young Farmer Trainees sponsored by American Farm Bureau Federation and Michigan Farm

Burdick New Head of FB Services Seed Dep't



ORVIN W. BURDICK is the new manager of the Farm Bureau Services Seed Department, effective November 19.

Maynard Brownlee, Manager of the Farm Supply Division of Farm Bureau Services, announced the appointment. Mr. Burdick succeeds F. R. Schantz, who resigned to go into business for himself.

As manager of the 36 year old seed department, Mr. Burdick will have charge of one of the outstanding field seeds businesses in Michigan.

The new processing plant shown in this edition of the News is in the final stages of construction at the Farm Bureau Center. In a short time the plant will be in full operation.

Orvin Burdick brings considerable cooperative and managerial experience to his new work. For the past 2½ years he has been manager of Services Order and Purchasing Dept't at Lansing. Beginning in 1945 he was fieldman for six years, selling Farm Bureau Services commodities to member cooperatives and other dealers. He was promoted in 1951 to supervise a number of Farm Bureau Services branch elevators and cooperatives managed by FBS.

Mr. Burdick was raised at Boyne City, educated in the schools there and at Ferris Institute. He was assistant manager at Boyne City Cooperative for six years, and went from there to the Michigan Potato Growers Ass'n plant at Petoskey as manager. During the war he was with A. C. Spark Plug at Flint in

methods work, as the result of his spare time study of methods in engineering and management. Mr. and Mrs. Burdick live in Grand Ledge. They have three daughters.

The man who thinks before he speaks has plenty of time to listen.

The people who rise early in the morning usually rise above their troubles.

Rabbits are the most popular game for Michigan hunters.



WINTER HOG FOUNTAIN

This fountain is equipped with either the DOUBLE-LIFE 2-oz. "Seal of Quality" galvanized steel bottom or cast iron cups for extra years of service. It can be heated with either two single unit burners or the Automatic type electric heater.

- 2 drinking compartments
- 20-gauge galvanized steel
- Double-wall construction

See your Farm Bureau Dealer for all your stock equipment needs.

Caro Elevator Builds Branch At Akron

With construction well along, the new \$182,000 branch of Caro Farmers Cooperative Elevator at Akron should be in operation late in December, according to Bob Schantz, manager at Caro. Part of the cost of the plant is invested by local farmers.

Help Fight TB

Christmas Greetings

Buy Christmas Seals

MR. TURKEY-RAISER

Your FEED COSTS Can Be Cut . . .



Feed Farm Bureau's TURKEY RATIONS

NOW IS THE TIME for every turkeyman in Michigan to take a realistic look at his feeding practices. Are you looking for ways to stretch your feed dollar?

FOR THE ANSWER stop in at your local Farm Bureau feed dealer and let him show you how Farm Bureau Turkey Feeds can help you solve your problem. He has a feed for every stage of your bird's development . . . growers and breeders.

WHAT'S EQUALLY IMPORTANT is that every one of his Farm Bureau feeds is "Open Formula" . . . the tag on every bag tells you what's in the feed and how many pounds. No guess-work, no secrets . . . just good feed, made in farmer-owned mills for farmer profits.

STOP IN AND SEE US.

• Booths 11 and 12, Mich. Turkey Festival Lansing Civic Center, Dec. 4, 5, and 6.

See your Farm Bureau dealer for Farm Bureau "Open Formula Feeds."

FARM BUREAU

Farm Bureau Services, Inc., Lansing, Mich.



Don't work up a stew!

PUT YOUR BARN TO WORK THIS WINTER!

You can, you know, with Farm Bureau's

Double-Screened Fertilizer

Farm Bureau's latest advance in technical progress is double screened fertilizer. This process permits winter storage. You can now let some of your barn or shed space pay you rent with the fertilizer you'll use next spring. What's really important is that you'll be able to pocket the savings. Farm Bureau's double screened fertilizer is dustless, granular and FREE-FLOWING. Technical progress at Farm Bureau has erased many of the problems found in "old-time" fertilizers.

Save some money for Christmas . . . just ask your Farm Bureau Fertilizer Dealer HOW!

Attention Fruit and Vegetable Growers! Stop in and see our Booth at the "Hort" Show, Grand Rapids, Dec. 4, 5 and 6.

Fertilizer Department
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LANSING, MICH.

MR. CITIZEN

Our monumental new Interstate Highway program promises 41,000 miles of modern, heavy-duty expressways. Super roads intended to carry more than 90,000,000 automobiles by 1975.

Construction of your multi-billion-dollar Interstate Highway system now under way will dwarf any previous work of man! And this gigantic 13-year program is being paid for largely through taxes you pay each time you fill your gas tank.

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Because modern Asphalt pavement costs far less to build, it makes possible more miles of wider roads for less money. It's smoother riding, easier on the eyes, less tiring to drive on. Asphalt highways are safe. They're rugged and durable. They're faster to build and economical to maintain.

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Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

District 1

Niles R-3
Mrs. Fred Foster, Chairman
 Berrien County Farm Bureau Women's Committee met October 16th at the Youth Memorial Building. Mrs. John Walter presided. Mrs. Gladys Seyfried led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mrs. James Wire reported on the plastic dish sale. Fall bazaar and dinner plans were made. Each Community group will be contacted by the Women's Committee Chairman for donations. The coming year's progress was read. It was decided that the noon meal the day of the State Women's meeting should be paid out of the treasury.

William Bartz, treasurer for Berrien county spoke on taxation, and the responsibilities of the county treasurer. Mr. Bartz pointed out the increase of funds needed to operate Berrien county now as compared with when he came into office, and the overcrowded conditions in the court house. He explained the division of monies collected from taxes. Mrs. Alma Foster reported on safety and gave rules to follow to prevent accidents in the home as well as on the highway.

Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau Women's Committee met at the Vicksburg Methodist Church November 5 for potluck dinner with 28 groups represented and 9 groups absent. Mrs. Corbus was chairman. For the benefit of the new members present, Mrs. Corbus read the rules of the Women's Committee. The following officers were elected: 2nd vice-chairman, Betty Rhodes; secretary, Carmen Blake; treasurer, Mrs. Merle Hinckley.

Louise Smith reported on the planning committee meeting for a camp to be held at St. Mary's Lake on March 5-6, 1957. Mary Ann Terburg, a senior at Kalamazoo College, told of her stay in France, as a community ambassador. She lived with three different families and had one month of travel by bicycle. Dorothy Smith reported on the United Nations. Mrs. Snyder reported on safety.

St. Joseph County Farm Bureau Women's Committee met at the community building on October 26th with 14 groups represented and 12 absent. Vice-chairman Beulah Davis called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The committee decided to purchase a new deep freezer for the community building.

Mrs. Walter Zirlie, secretary, and **Mrs. Gerald Bohm, 2nd vice-**

chairman, were installed and gifts were presented to outgoing officers. Mrs. Haglegaus and Mrs. Bohm. Mrs. Lewis reviewed the history of the Women's Committee. A tribute and report of accomplishments under each Women's Chairman was given.

VanBuren County Women's Committee meeting followed a potluck dinner. The meeting was called to order by Vice-chairman Mrs. Boyer with 17 groups represented and 5 groups absent. The meeting was at the home of Mrs. Art Dowd. The pledge of allegiance was given. Mrs. Hoxie, the new chairman, presided. Committees were appointed: Legislative, Mrs. Earl Davis; citizenship, Mrs. Bert Hills; safety, Mrs. Wesley Labadee. Mrs. Clair Leedy is the new secretary.

Farm Bureau Women will serve a dinner at the Youth Camp on June 9th. Several ladies reported on the District meeting held in Kalamazoo on October 23rd. The ladies marveled at the magic barrel which contained so many products made from the oil from Farm Bureau oil wells.

District 9

Mrs. Oliver Tompkins, Chairman
Traverse City R-1

I have been district chairman two months. All counties but one reported the first month. Two county reports are in this month so far.

It was delightful to see so many of you at the annual meeting. Didn't you feel privileged to be there yourself? Our sincere thanks to Marj. Karker and those others who make such meetings possible.

Wexford County reports they plan to visit convalescent homes during the holiday season.

Wexford had a recognition meeting for past chairmen and their wives at the Gilbert school. Good attendance and a pleasant evening. Mrs. Heim and I were there.

Northwest Michigan paid the expenses of their newly elected chairman Mrs. Clara Pierce for all three days of the convention. Parties for the mentally ill at Munson hospital are being planned by this group.

With all our planning, let's keep foremost in our minds, especially at this season, the constant prayer: "Peace on earth, good-will to all men".

District 10-E

Mrs. Vernon Kingsbury, Chm.
Alpena R-1

100 women gathered at the Glennie town hall for our fall District meeting. The Alpena county women were very gracious hostesses by having a coffee hour prior to the meeting. The business meeting started with the pledge of allegiance, led by Mrs. Malcolm Morrison of Alpena county. Group singing of the Star Spangled Banner followed, led by Mrs. Staebler, of Tawas City. The invocation was given by Mrs. Marshall McGuire of Alpena county. A panel, consisting of the various county chairmen and moderated by Mrs. Alex Kennedy, was part of the morning program. The women discussed many interesting projects and programs that they had completed the past year.

An award was given to the women of Alpena county for having the largest percentage of attendance. A potluck lunch was served at noon by the hostess county.

Entertainment was furnished by four boys, Tim Balla, Pat Vincent, Ron Kaiser and Don DeMott.

Arlo Wasson of the Farmers Petroleum Cooperative Inc. gave a brief story on the Petroleum Company. He informed the women that the Oil Information Committee had presented him with a magic barrel. From this magic barrel he brought out varied articles that are made from oil. Every one present gained a much broader knowledge of oil.

Mrs. Marjorie Karker, coordinator of Women's Activities, spoke on citizenship. Women should urge everyone to vote in the election and to put on a active campaign in getting the people out to vote.

A very beautiful poem on the American Flag was composed and read by Mrs. Gladys McKenzie of Alpena county.

Alpena County. Mrs. Esley VanWagoner, chairman, called the meeting to order by all giving the pledge to the flag. All ladies present for the first time were introduced. The women will again challenge the board of directors to an attendance contest. Mrs. Adolore Rouleau reported on the social welfare conference meeting she attended. A subscription to the Woman's Home Companion was renewed for a polio patient. A report was given by the women who attended the state convention. Get-well cards were sent to two Farm Bureau women. Articles are to be gathered for the State Mental Hospital at Traverse City.

Mrs. Alex Kennedy, guest speaker, spoke on "Promotion of



QUEEN FOR A DAY. Mrs. Lawrence Rondeau, left, of Spruce, mother of 10, was honored recently at a dinner meeting of Alpena County Farm Bureau. Mrs. Harvey Hansen, right, of Posen, was second. Wm. McCrandell was master of ceremonies.

It was ladies night as the women won the attendance contest. Next day Mr. and Mrs. Rondeau and Mr. and Mrs. Hansen were guests for a plane tour of the Mackinac Straits bridge construction. The trip was arranged by Frank Ravitz of Studebaker Sales, Robert Welch, pilot.

ported on the petroleum meeting she had attended. Mrs. Ed Robinson reported on the Health Council meeting. Plans were made to help pay for a portable oxygen tent. The women are to bring a Christmas present for the Convalescent Home to their December meeting.

Alcona County. Alcona County women met at the home of Mrs. Cornelius in Spruce to end the business of 1956 and to elect the new officers for the ensuing year. New officers are: chairman, Mrs. Mildred LaForge; vice-chairman, Mrs. Eleanor Street; sec'y-treas., Mrs. Betty Burham.

Mrs. Rena Gilpin reported on the cancer fund drive. The annual cancer fund dinner will be held at the Fisher Grange in Harrisville. Plans were also made to serve the annual 4-H Club banquet on December 6th. A report was given on the fall District meeting at Glennie. Mrs. LaForge was congratulated on the very fine work she did as county chairman the past year.

Iosco County. Donald Kilpatrick was special guest at the meeting at the home of Mrs. Niel Ranger. Mrs. Ed Robinson was elected vice chairman to replace Mrs. Provost who resigned. Plans were made to put on the Victory Dinner. Mrs. August Lorenz re-



CHIPPEWA DIRECTORS. Back row, from left: Clyde Hall, vice president, Sault Ste. Marie; Charles Wallis, Rudyard; Robert Wilson, president, Pickford; Robert Reed, Brimley. Directors not present: Whitford Armstrong, Daffer; C. R. Hungerford, Sault Ste. Marie.

Corn Vote Reminder
 Remember, unless two-thirds of the corn growers voting in the December 11 referendum favor the use of the larger "base acreage" at an average support level of \$1.31 per bushel, the 1957 corn program will be based on an "acreage allotment" of about one-fourth less, at average support of \$1.36. You should receive notice of both your acreage allotment and your base acreage by December 4. Be sure to vote if you were a 1956 corn grower in one of Michigan's 35 commercial counties.

Santa's Helpers

...for fifty years!



For a very special purpose, Santa has millions of little helpers - Christmas Seals. They give protection and help against tuberculosis - safety and care and hope, and even life itself, to hundreds of thousands of people everywhere. Make this year the best yet. Buy and use Christmas Seals.

Annual Christmas Seal Sale
 Because of the importance of the above message, this space has been contributed by MICH. FARM BUREAU

Farm Bureau Life Policies Have Doubled

Members of the Michigan Farm Bureau now are buying Farm Bureau Life Insurance Co. policies more than twice the size of the average policy purchased only five years ago. When the company first began operation in 1951, the average policy purchased by Farm Bureau members amounted to \$1900. During 1952 the average new policy rose to \$2100 and during 1953 to \$3200. Today the figure is up to some \$4500, more than twice the average of only five years ago.

"We believe that this trend will have tremendous importance in building the future financial security and stability of our members," said Nile L. Vermilion, manager of Farm Bureau Life. "An adequate investment in life insurance is essential to farmers in safeguarding their property, in providing for emergencies, and in building for ultimate retirement."

"In the past farmers have looked on their land as their security. This viewpoint has changed as investments in land and machinery have risen. Now farmers are beginning to place major emphasis on building adequate life protection for themselves and their families."

The fifth anniversary of Farm Bureau Life finds the company with \$65,000,000 of insurance in force protecting the lives of about 25,000 Farm Bureau members.

The fellow who never sticks his neck out very seldom gets his head above the crowd.

Man learns from experience, but he never lives long enough to complete his education.
 Buy Farm Bureau Seed.

Farm Bureau In Upper Peninsula

WESLEY S. HAWLEY
 Coordinator for U. P.

Organization of Farm Bureau in the Upper Peninsula is moving along on schedule. We have Delta, Chippewa and Menominee County Farm Bureaus, and will soon have another in Baraga county.

Chippewa County Farm Bureau was organized October 30 and is completing its board of directors' activities and program planning.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wallis of Rudyard were delegates to the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting. They reported at the board meeting November 15. The board made plans for reaching its membership goal of 75. It plans to organize three more groups this fall.

Baraga County Farm Bureau will be organized December 12 at L'Anse. Plans were completed at a rally held in L'Anse November 13 for organizing more groups and securing more members. Baraga county will be the 67th county in Michigan in Farm Bureau. It was represented at the MFB annual meeting Nov. 8-9 by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Godell of Watton.

Edmund Sager of Stephenson was elected to the Michigan Farm Bureau board from the Upper Peninsula which is District 11. Mr. Sager was also the voting delegate from Menominee county. Mrs. Chester Good of Harris and Menominee county represented the women at their annual meeting.

Delegates to the MFB annual meeting from the U. P. were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Godell of Watton; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wallis of Rudyard; Mrs. Chester Good of Harris, Clayton Ford of Cornell; Frank Bender, Jr., of Escanaba; Edmund Sager of Stephenson.

Notice to Membership And to Secretaries

Regarding delivery of Michigan Farm News: We shall appreciate postcard or other notice that any member is not receiving his paper. Please report any irregularity in delivery, such as duplicate copies, wrong RFD, error in name, etc. If member removes from RFD address in one county to RFD address in another county, please advise if change makes you a resident of second county. Place of residence determines which County Farm Bureau is your County Farm Bureau. We do our best to have everything right, but we are not infallible. We need and appreciate help.—Michigan Farm News.

Adversity often gets a man back on his feet after prosperity has knocked him out.

Money talks, but very few of us get a chance to answer back.

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7308

Crochet this pretty centerpiece in favorite pineapple pattern. Dolly-bowl combination—worked together in gay contrast colors!

Pattern 7308: Crochet directions for oval dolly-bowl combination or 10x18 inch dolly alone—in heavy jiffy cotton. Starch stiffly.

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POTATO KING of Upper Peninsula. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Woodard of Cornell are shown with the award Mr. Woodard received as Potato King of the U. P. for 1956. He produced 874

bushels per acre and more than 6,000 bushels. Mr. and Mrs. Woodard helped organize Delta County Farm Bureau as the first in the Upper Peninsula. He is a membership Roll Call manager for Delta this year.

Richard Arnold Heads MFB Young People

Over 200 young people attended the 21st annual convention of the Michigan Farm Bureau Young People.

At this meeting the name was changed from the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau to Michigan Farm Bureau Young People. The new name has been recommended by the American Farm Bureau Young People's organization to the youth organizations of all state Farm Bureaus.

Other changes were made in the constitution and by-laws. A third vice-president was added to the board of directors. The camp chairman and historian are no

longer members of the board. **Richard Arnold** of Plainwell, Allegan county, was elected president. Hilbert Schulz of Huron county was elected 1st vice-president; Robert VanWert, Calhoun county, 2nd vice-president; Barbara Wittke of Lapeer county, 3rd vice-president. Mary Ann Bamber of Livingston county was elected secretary and treasurer.

Kenneth Genthop of Washtenaw county won first place in the Talent Find and will receive a trip to the American Farm Bureau Convention at Miami. Kenneth is a baritone. JoAnn Mc-

Ardle from Huron county was 2nd.

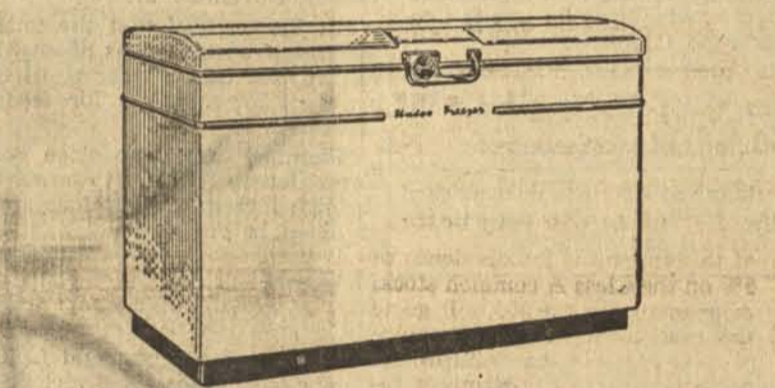
William Kissane of Clinton county was 1st place winner of the Talk Meet and will also receive a trip to the American Farm Bureau Convention. Lois Schmidt from Berrien county was second.

George Cross of New Hampshire, chairman of the American Farm Bureau Young People's committee, was the speaker at the banquet. Mr. Cross challenged the Young People to become more active in policy making and other activities in our Farm Bureau organization.

Barbra Foster, the outgoing president of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau, was presented a diamond pin by President Dick Arnold for the very fine job she had done as leader of the organization during 1955-56. She represented the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau on the American Farm Bureau Young People's Committee.

Robert Van Wert, Calhoun county, was appointed to replace Miss Foster as the representative from Michigan on the American Farm Bureau Young People's Committee. This is a two-year term.

Ladies... We want to give you Ten Dollars!



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Farm Bureau's Resolutions on State Affairs

They Outline the Program of Work

We present the resolutions on state affairs adopted at the 37th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau at East Lansing, Nov. 8-9, 1956. These resolutions are Farm Bureau policy and program.

Resolutions were adopted also on national and international affairs. These become recommendations to the American Farm Bureau resolutions committee and to the voting delegates representing Michigan at the national convention to be held at Miami Dec. 11-13.

The resolutions approved by the voting delegates at the AFBF convention become Michigan Farm Bureau's policy on national and international matters.

It is expected that the text of the national resolutions will be printed in the January edition of the Nation's Agriculture.

Another section of the Michigan resolutions is "Our Farm Bureau." It will be printed in a later edition.

MFB RESOLUTIONS ON STATE AFFAIRS

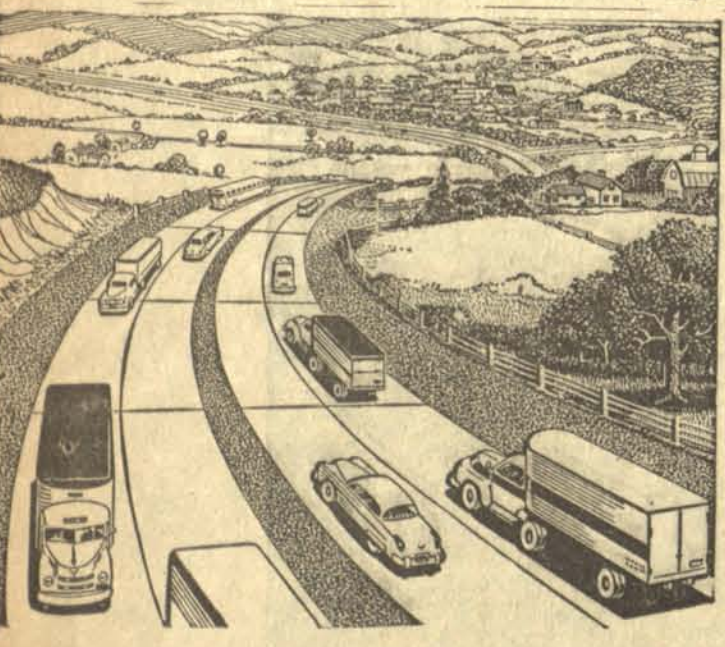
Michigan State University programs of research and extension. There is increasing agreement between all students of agricultural problems that among the most hopeful means of solving perplexing farm problems are research and the broad educational activities of the Cooperative Agricultural Extension Service.

Recently representatives of general farm organizations and commodity groups have made a very careful study of the needs for expanded programs in these fields of activity and have reached agreement on the amount of State appropriation which would be needed for each of the next five years in order to provide these services. We endorse these recommendations and respectfully urge the members of the Michigan Legislature to give careful consideration to these requests.

We feel strongly that special consideration should be given to programs of Research and Education which would promote new industrial uses and greatly increased utilization and consumption of Michigan farm products. We favor work with food handlers, retailers and consumers, as well as with producers, to stimulate better merchandising, and to develop an increased demand for the products of Michigan agriculture.

We request that the Michigan Legislature also include in their appropriations sufficient grants to permit taking full advantage of the federal Hope-Flanagan Act.

Keeping local government local. We believe that it is a fundamental principle of democracy that as much government as possible should be kept close to home. Hence we are convinced that our local government should be strengthened and improved. Intelligent participation by the citizens in local government is essential to maintain sound democracy. Therefore, we urge



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consumers, including farmers. In view of these considerations we are opposed to enactment of the pending amendatory bill.

School district reorganization. While we believe school district consolidation has proved useful in providing better educational opportunities for the children in many areas we are aware that annexations and reorganization of school districts are arousing considerable controversy and ill-will in some communities throughout the State. We insist that the rights of the people in all districts to come to their own conclusions regarding these matters should be safeguarded. Certainly State aid should never be used as a club or a bait to force or bribe the citizens of any district to become a part of any school district against their will.

Therefore we will resist any trends which would deprive citizens of any district their right to exercise a proper degree of home rule and local control in determining what type of school district they feel is best for them and their children.

Equalizing school tax burdens. Many industrial workers, with their large families of children, move their homes out to suburban areas around the industrial cities. In the communities in which they live, the average valuation per school pupil is usually comparatively low. The industrial plant where they are employed, with its high valuation, is frequently in a separate school district from where their children attend school. This movement of industrial employees to the fringe areas of industry is causing a more and more serious financial burden of school taxation to farm families who live in the suburban school districts.

The property tax burden for supporting schools could be equalized either by creating one school district for the entire State or by greatly increasing the deductible millage item in the State School Aid formula. Creating one school district for the entire State would, of course, equalize the school tax load, but it would, at the same time, take away the very important element of local control of schools.

An increase in the deductible millage item in the School Aid formula would tend to equalize educational costs to the local communities and would, at the same time, maintain local control of schools. Accordingly, we favor an increase in the deductible millage item in the School Aid formula. We supported the action of the 1956 Legislature in raising the deductible millage from 2 to 2½ mills. We favor a further increase in deductible millage from 2½ to 4 mills.

School taxes from house trailers. In many communities the need for additional school facilities and the mounting costs of school operational expenses are increasing the tax burden on general property to such an extent that additional sources of revenue must be found. The portion of the present tax on house trailers going to schools (\$1.50 of the \$2.50 per month license fee) does not begin to cover the operating cost of educating the children that come from trailer camps. We urge the Legislature to amend this act to correct this situation so that educational costs may be spread more equitably.

School buses and traffic. Since Michigan is a leading tourist state, it is especially important that our traffic laws be in line with those of the majority of the



18TH BALLOT FOR PRESIDENT. Gottfried (Fred) Ottmar, 89, of St. Johns R-4, and charter member of Clinton County Farm Bureau in 1919, cast his 18th ballot for President November 6. Willard Krebel, chairman of Riley twp. election board, observes. Fred was just 21 when he voted for Benjamin Harrison in 1888. Mr. Ottmar came from Germany when he was 13 and has lived on the same farm for 75 years. (Clinton County Republican-News Photo)

other states. Hence we favor amending our present Traffic Code so that oncoming vehicles, as well as those approaching from the rear, would be compelled to stop before passing any school bus which is loading or unloading passengers and remain stopped until the school bus proceeds, or until the driver of such bus signals other traffic to proceed.

This provision should not apply to approaching vehicles on highways carrying four or more lanes of traffic.

M.S.U. short course housing. We endorse the resolution passed by the Michigan Farm Bureau Young People at their annual convention, which reads as follows:

"The Michigan Farm Bureau Young People wish to commend the State Board of Agriculture and the officials of Michigan State University for recommending that appropriations be made to increase short course housing at the University."

Apportionment of legislature. In 1952, the Michigan Farm Bureau was a leader in the campaign which defeated a proposal to hand control of both houses of the Michigan Legislature to the voting majorities in 4 of Michigan's 83 counties. At the same time, we successfully promoted a plan for balanced representation in the Legislature, with the House apportioned on population and the Senate on area and population.

Patterned after our Federal system, this plan is now giving all Michigan citizens the most effective representative government possible in our metropolitan state. We will vigorously oppose all attempts to apportion representation in the State Senate on a strictly population basis, or other efforts to place the control of Michigan's Legislature in the hands of a few counties.

Agricultural migratory labor. As the third ranking state in the use of migrant seasonal agricultural workers, Michigan has a real interest in providing desirable living and working conditions. Unless Michigan maintains its good reputation for improved housing and facilities, out-of-state farm workers might look for employment in other areas, leaving Michigan farmers short of the needed help.

We commend the efforts of

on both private and public lands has long been a problem. Prior to 1953, a bill of sale or evidence of ownership was required to be in the possession of anyone transporting one or more trees on the highway.

In 1953, the law was amended to exempt anyone hauling six trees or less. Thefts of Christmas trees from private plantations and public lands increased after this change.

We ask that the law be amended to again apply to transportation of one or more trees.

Water management and water rights. We believe that management of water resources should be recognized as a problem of state rather than federal jurisdiction.

The rapidly increasing demands for water by industry, agriculture and municipalities make it not only advisable but necessary that legislation be enacted providing for water management and clarifying the right to the use of water.

Recognizing that such legislation should be developed only after a careful study, we urge that a water policy committee be appointed by the governor and/or the legislature. This committee should include representatives of all affected interests and should be provided with an appropriation sufficient to enable it to work effectively.

Reports by well drillers. More water wells were established in Michigan last year than in any other state. Well drillers could provide much needed information on our underground water reserves.

We recommend that well drillers be required to maintain a log of soil and rock formations and file the information with the appropriate agency.

We would support a minimum-cost license for well drillers to provide for enforcement of the above recommendation.

Deer in southern Michigan. The rapidly increasing deer population in southern Michigan is a source of concern as well as interest. We cannot fail to be alarmed at the 75% increase in car-deer accidents last year in this portion of our State.

The increase in reports of deer damage to crops also warns us that serious problems are developing.

We ask that the Conservation Commission use its authority to manage the deer herd so as to prevent unwise herd increases in intensive agricultural areas.

Hunting and the Horton Trespass Act. In the Horton Trespass Act, Michigan farmers have a legal tool to control hunting on farms and farm woodlots. Pressure by conservation clubs on their own members and on other hunters is helping to build respect for the law.

By using the provisions of the Horton Act, farmers can add to its value. This will require a willingness to carry through on the prosecution of violations by the signing of a complaint and the necessary appearance at the subsequent hearing. If identification of the trespasser can be secured from the back-tag or other means, the complaint can be filed any time within one year from the date of the trespass.

Intoxicated hunters. We suggest that the Governor issue a proclamation prior to hunting season, calling the attention to the dangers of hunting while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Laws covering such action should be strictly enforced.

Pheasant hunting. We recommend that pheasant hunting with any rifle, including a .22 caliber, be prohibited in that portion of Zone 3 in southern Michigan in which rifle hunting is now prohibited during deer season.

Road hunting. Road hunting is dangerous, is poor sportsmanship, and usually involves trespassing. We favor legislation to require that a gun carried in a car be wrapped, encased, dismantled or locked in the trunk.

Farmer - sportsman relations. Organized sportsmen, represented by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs and its affiliates, and organized farmers through Grange and Farm Bureau, are working together to improve farmer-sportsman relations. Now in its fourth year, this joint program has been effective in improving rural-urban understanding and in reducing farmer-hunter friction.

We endorse the "Ask the Farmer First" campaign and recommend the continuation of joint efforts to further improve the relationships between farmers and hunters.

population places a definite responsibility on agriculture and the Nation to safeguard our needed future food production facilities. Farm owners and farm renters as well as our urban population must be aware of the need for intelligent use and conservation of our lands.

The 75 Soil Conservation Districts now organized in Michigan are efficiently operated by elected farmers serving without salary and are effective units of soil saving activity.

We commend the Legislature for its action this year in providing some part-time assistance to these volunteer officers. We ask that this aid be extended to all districts on a matching basis.

Mineral rights. The widespread custom of reserving or selling portions of the mineral rights pertaining to descriptions of property results in costly confusion of titles and the loss of potential tax revenues.

We believe that legislation should be developed which will maintain current records of ownership of such separated rights to the owner of the surface rights.

We recommend that the owner of separated rights be required to file a certificate of ownership every 5 years, and pay a registration fee. Such rights on which the registration and fee become delinquent should revert to the owner of the land.

To be continued in our January 1, edition.

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State gasoline tax refund period. We favor changing the State gasoline tax refund law to conform to the reporting period in use for Federal gasoline tax refund, namely, from July 1 to June 30, with three months thereafter for submitting claims.

Roadside spraying. We deplore the careless and improper use of chemical weed sprays along roads and highways, and urge the utmost care in their use. This in no way modifies our favoring the clearing of blind and obscure intersections and road-side areas of brush and weeds.

Motorists' financial responsibility. We believe that the owner of a motor vehicle should be required to show proof of financial responsibility for public liability to the extent of \$25,000 or insurance in that amount, before he is allowed to obtain license plates for his vehicle.

Roadside merchandising. We urge enactment of legislation requiring that all roadside merchandising be kept off the highway right-of-way or be located where approved by an appropriate enforcement agency.

Transporting Christmas trees. Illegal cutting of Christmas trees

Information On Corn Referendum

DAN E. REED
Associate Legislative Counsel

Tuesday, December 11, has been set by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture for corn growers to vote in a referendum to determine whether "soil bank corn base acreages" or "corn acreage allotments" are to be used in the 1957 program and in later years.

If two-thirds of the farmers who vote in this referendum favor the base acreages, they will be in effect next year.

If more than one-third favor acreage allotments, they will be in effect.

REFERENDUM FACTS
1. If the base acreage program is approved, 51,000,000 acres nationally, price support will be available in the commercial counties at a "national" average of \$1.31 per bushel. Michigan has 35 commercial corn counties.

2. If the acreage allotment program is approved, 37,288,889 acres nationally, price support will be available in the commercial counties at a "national" average of \$1.36 per bushel. This price support level is determined by the formula of the law which applies when acreage allotments for corn are in effect.

3. There are no plans to offer price support for 1957 corn production which is not in compli-

ance with acreage allotment or soil bank provisions. Such "non-compliance" price supports were available in 1956 because of special conditions.

4. The unit rate for determining payments under the corn acreage reserve program of the soil bank in 1957 will be 90 cents per bushel, the same as for this year.

Allotments Reduced. The all-time record supply of over 4½ billion bushels of corn available for 1956-57 have brought a reduction in allotments and support levels under the formula in the law.

Corn programs have not worked well in the past. Because so much of the crop is fed on the farm or sold in the immediate area, marketing quotas are impractical and are not authorized in present legislation.

The national corn allotment for the commercial counties was 49.8 million acres in 1955. With a larger supply on hand, the formula dropped the figure to 43.3 in 1956. If voters choose acreage allotments in the referendum, the 1957 figure will be 37.3.

Compliance Low. With the drop in total allotment has come smaller allotments for individual farmers, which many found did not fit their farm programs. Only 51% of the corn in commercial counties in 1955 was produced in compliance with allotments. Only the provision for the 51 million acre "base" in 1956 Soil Bank legislation kept compliance from being much lower this year.

As allotments have been reduced, increasing numbers of farmers in commercial corn counties have, in effect, been barred from price support.

Effect of Referendum. The following alternatives will be decided upon in the December 11 referendum, says USDA:
"If the base acreages are in effect, the price support level will be determined each year on the basis of the general situation—as it was this year when the available support for 1957 production was set at an average of \$1.31 per bushel. Eligibility for price support will depend on producing within the individual farm base acreage, and taking part in the soil bank to the extent required."

"If acreage allotments are in effect, the price support will be determined each year as provided by law within a mandatory range of 75 to 90 percent of parity. Eligibility will depend upon compliance with the farm allotment, whether or not the farmer participates in the soil bank."

To Honor Citizens
Homer L. Brinkley, executive vice-president of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, was named by President Eisenhower to the Committee on Civilian National Honors, a group which will prepare legislation for establishment of a system of merit awards for outstanding achievement.
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ELDEN T. SMITH of Caro is now with Farm Bureau Services as coordinator of training courses for employees of FBS branch elevators and elevators managed by FBS. Mr. Smith was farm supplies coordinator for Michigan Farm Bureau and a former regional membership representative.



CLARENCE KING of Kalamazoo R-8 has succeeded Elden Smith as coordinator of farm supplies for MFB. Mr. King will work with County Farm Bureau supply committees and Farm Bureau service companies for new dealerships, etc. He was MFB membership representative for SW Michigan.



J. BURTON RICHARDS of Eau Claire follows Clarence King as regional membership representative for Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren counties. Mr. Richards was an area sales manager for Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company.



MERRITT CHROUCH, general manager of United Cooperatives, Inc. and the board of directors took part last month in ground breaking ceremony for a new office building at Alliance, Ohio, where United has been since 1942.

The two story masonry and brick building will have 36,000 square feet of office space and will cost nearly \$500,000 furnished. The building will be ready about August, 1957 for United's main office force of 100 persons.

- United serves 28 major farm supply cooperatives in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. They have 150 warehouses and more than 6,000 retail outlets to serve 1,500,000 farmer patrons. J. F. Yaeger of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., is vice-president of United Cooperatives.

County Farm Bureau Secretaries

Following are the names and addresses of County Farm Bureau secretaries, to whom new membership applications and Farm Bureau dues for 1957 may be mailed:

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- Alpena — Mrs. Esther Kennedy, Posen, R-1.
- Antrim — Richard Wieland, Ellsworth.
- Arenac — Mrs. Ray Simmons, Twining.
- Barry — Mrs. Leota Pallas, 121 N. Church St., Hastings.
- Bay — Mrs. Russell Madison, Main and South Henry St., Bay City.
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- Berrien — Miss Barbra Foster, P. O. Box 113, Berrien Springs.
- Branch — Mrs. Belle Newell, 16 N. Hanchett St., Coldwater.
- Calhoun — Mrs. Harry King, Room 16, Town Hall, Marshall.
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- Wayne — Mrs. Robert Simmons, 51140 Geddes Road, Belleville.
- Wexford — Mrs. Harold Fins-trom, Cadillac, R-2.

Vote on Corn Offers Real Choice

Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, has said that the corn referendum set for Decem-ber 11 marks the first time that corn farmers have had an oppor-tunity to express a choice on corn allotments.

"The choice generally offered in past referendums has been between strict marketing quotas and no program at all.

"Regardless of which way farmers vote in the corn refer-endum, there will be a corn pro-gram with price supports for co-operators in 1957.

"For what is the better choice, corn producers should consider not only which program will bring the greater immediate cash return, but also which one will make the greater reduction in

our current feed grain surplus. "Corn farmers generally have ignored allotments in recent years. The 1957 allotments represent a sharp cut from 1956 allotments, and an extremely drastic cut from the actual plantings in 1956.

"The base acreage choice offered in the referendum will permit farmers to grow a higher acreage of corn without losing eligibility for price supports. It also provides a greater opportunity for farmers to participate in the acreage reserve phase of the soil bank. Any land put in the soil bank will be taken out of production and not merely shifted to other feed grains.

"On the other hand, the acreage allotment program offers cooperating producers a slightly higher support price on the production of fewer acres.

"I believe that it is of the utmost importance that every corn farmer participate in the balloting on December 11."

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DONALD D. KINSEY
Coordinator of Education and Research

Ben Franklin made a pretty straight and strong statement when, in Revolutionary days, he said, "In truth we had better all hang together, or it is likely that we may all hang separately."

There was an element of this thinking when farmers formed their Farm Bureau organization in 1919. They put it a bit differently, however. They contributed their money in dues. They took office and went to work on their problems—pulling together. They said, "We are able to do some necessary things by working together that we cannot do alone."

This form of cooperative effort had become necessary. Other people had become organized "to the hilt." In business and in legislation the advantage was frequently against the farmers.

The most important result of the building of the Farm Bureau was the cooperative unity that developed. The dues paid helped greatly, of course—but the actual sum paid was small per family. Dues were \$10 per year per family. This figure was to be only two and three-quarters cents per day.

It was the pooling of these small sums that was important. It was one form of combining effort—and only one. It was the giving of their leadership punches and their cooperation that packed the punch. This punch led to many accomplishments and farmer services through the years to come.

There is an old hymn that tells us to count our many blessings—name them one by one. So let's look at some of the things that we have gained by working in harmony, and pooling less than 3¢ a day. We can mention only a few because of limited space.

STATE

1. By 1956 the new members had built an organization of 67,154 farm families in Michigan, and 1,623,622 families in the nation.

2. We have organized 1,586 Community Farm Bureaus. These groups make it possible for the members to keep better informed. They are alert to farm problems, are in a position to discuss issues, are ready to act in unified support of their majority decisions on policy.

3. Farm Bureau members have developed effective programs among Farm Bureau women and youth. These programs help improve rural living, work on health, education and citizenship programs by Farm Bureau women and youth have gained high respect among other groups of citizens in the state and nation.

4. We have activated a powerful legislative program. Through unified legislative effort, numerous issues have been won and many dollars saved for farmers.

(a) In the 1920's we succeeded removing the ruinous property taxes required for roads. In their place we promoted a gasoline tax so that roads are paid for by those who use them, and in proportion to their use. The present generation doesn't know about those heavy property taxes on roads.

But a new action was necessary. Farmers had to pay the gas tax for fuels used in farm work. United action in Farm Bureau helped bring the refund of this money by the State when the fuel is used for on the farm work. So, new savings were realized.

(b) In 1933 the State sought new revenue and adopted a 3 per cent retail sales tax. Industries were not required to pay the tax on materials, supplies, and machinery used in making pro-

ducts for sale at retail. But farmers were taxed on seeds, feeds, fertilizers and all their production supplies and machinery!

Someone had to fight the battle in the courts and eventually go before Legislature for exemption for farmers on their materials, supplies and machinery for producing farm products for sale. Farm Bureau folks did the job. Here was more money saved by united effort.

Trucks were pounding Michigan highways badly. So the state instituted a special truck license rate. It was related to truck weight. Farmers were caught in this. Farm trucks were used more on the farm itself.

Again, united Farm Bureau action removed the hazard. A special farm commercial license rate was established in the law. Yet, a small fly still stuck in the ointment. Light, though they were, farm trucks could not be driven to town for groceries, nor to the factory without danger of getting a ticket.

In 1956, legislative cooperation changed this picture. Farmers can now use the pickup or truck to do such traveling without danger of arrest. They did it through Farm Bureau.

(d) United action in Farm Bureau really paid in 1952. At that time certain special interest groups sought to concentrate all the voting power of both houses of the state legislature within a small area of the state.

Farm Bureau people really went to work for a fair brand of reapportionment. The members were well-informed, alert and ready to act. They gathered 100,686 signatures on petitions, more than half the number obtained for the state as a whole. They got the people in out-state Michigan to the polls. They saved a meaningful representation for out-state people in Michigan's legislature.

But this issue is not yet settled. The job still lies ahead. Great unity of action will be needed to

preserve this right for rural people in the future.

NATIONAL

"Gas tax-wise" let's remember, too, that Farm Bureau sponsored and won the refund of the Federal gasoline tax during the past year. This meant real savings, and will for years to come.

Farm Bureau is a National organization of 1,623,622 farm families. One of our goals is the best possible net income for farmers. Our members have sought a program aimed at a long-term stability for net income. They seek the right to earn it in the market place, and with the least interference with their rights as free farmers.

Action to remove the price-depressing surpluses that have developed under high support programs has been vigorous. Farm Bureau folks sponsored and succeeded in passing Federal Act 480 in 1955. This act stimulates sale of surplus farm products overseas for foreign currencies. Millions of dollars worth have been disposed of under the program.

The Soil Bank, as proposed by Farm Bureau, aims at reducing the surplus stocks. Congress passed a somewhat weakened form of the plan. Hence, it may be rather slow in improving market price. Also Congress delayed too long to make it have much effect in 1956.

5. Farm Bureau has steadfastly sought to improve markets for producers of farm commodities. Over the years, it has founded or given direct aid in establishing farmer marketing cooperatives.

Farm Bureau has served as a supporting agent in organizing, developing financial campaigns, and giving legislative protection to these self-help cooperative organizations. It has not acted to control them. They remain independent organizations. But they have often sought and gained Farm Bureau help.

6. When Farm Bureau began to distribute fertilizer in the early 1920's, state prices went down to the farmer from \$5 to \$8 per ton, depending on the analysis. Later development of high-analysis Farm Bureau fertilizers and improved products has brought further savings to Michigan farmers. Higher plant-food content per ton meant less money to pay for freight and handling charges.

7. Member resolutions called for the establishment of a Farm Bureau insurance company. Its first year of operation brought rate drops by other Michigan companies to farmers in the lower peninsula. A competing company lowered its rates three times during the first year. Here are more dollar savings.

8. Other dollar savings came with the development of the petroleum program under the Farmers Petroleum Company, Inc., a Farm Bureau company. Cash earnings went back to the farmers. The newly developed "Direct Distribution" program has seen many Farm Bureau members receive very worthwhile refunds from their gasoline, oil and accessory purchases.

9. The uniting of Farm Bureau members into Community groups has made possible group rates on hospitalization, surgical and medical coverage. Millions of dollars have been paid for bills of farm families at times when it was needed under this program.

Yes, the less than 3¢ a day pooled by farm families to bring unified action has paid. Farm Bureau people used their talents wisely, as did the good and faithful servant in the parable.

As many members have so often said, "Farm Bureau does not cost—it pays." The small sums required by dues have been like bread cast upon the waters and have returned abundance to the members.

Our Goal

Strength for the future is needed just as greatly as for the past. The great value of strength in numbers is no less today than it ever was. Problems and issues are as great today, if not greater, than they were when the founding members set their course back in 1919.

Our goal for 1957 is 70,242 family memberships. We can make it if the present members see to it that every eligible farmer is contacted and invited to join. How about helping to see that this is done in all corners of your own home county?

Questions

1. Will your Community Farm Bureau make every effort to have 100% of its members with dues paid before the Roll Call kickoff date Jan. 3, 1957?

2. Will your Community Farm Bureau provide one or more workers to make contacts to gain new members in the membership drive?

3. Will you take a look at your

Brody, Reed, and Powell in Staff Changes



CLARK L. BRODY announced his retirement as executive vice-president in charge of public affairs for the Michigan Farm Bureau at our 37th annual meeting at Michigan State University November 8.

At the request of the board of directors, Mr. Brody will continue on the staff as counsel for public affairs. He reports to the executive committee of the board.

The board of directors accordingly approved a reorganization of the division of public affairs, and changes in responsibility for members of the staff.



DAN E. REED was assigned to Mr. Brody's former responsibilities as associate legislative counsel. He has been assistant legislative counsel since 1951. Mr. Reed now has staff responsibility for the Michigan Farm Bureau's program on national legislation and other national affairs. He will continue to be active in state affairs. Mr. Reed reports to J. F. Yaeger, executive secretary.



STANLEY M. POWELL, legislative counsel, will continue to represent the Farm Bureau in state legislation and in many state affairs. Mr. Powell reports to J. F. Yaeger, executive secretary.

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"My first report to this delegate body was Feb. 2, 1922. I remember how little the organization was respected at that time. I remember some of our first contacts around the Legislature.

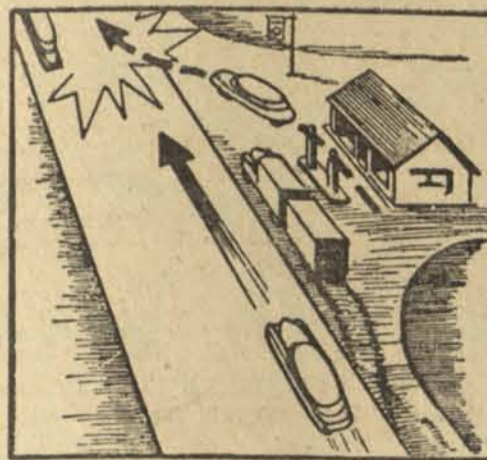
"They seemed to think that we as farmers were doing some things we were not expected to do. When I hear reports today with the great legislative victories and other evidences of strength, I think of that report I made in 1922.

"At the beginning of 1922 we had no net worth as an organization and were \$13,000 in the red. At the end of that year we had a

County Farm Bureau membership goal, and push to get it during the weeks of January 3 and January 10?

(Memberships are to be signed before January 15th if services such as hospitalization, medical and surgical coverage, direct distribution on petroleum, etc. are expected.)

Unwritten Laws of the Road



From Michigan Driver Education Manual, Department of Public Instruction.

GUARD YOURSELF from possible roadside activity accidents. Slow down for roadside businesses. So-called higher speeds are safe only when the edge of the highway is insulated so that no other vehicle can get onto it. Trouble may develop at any point where there is a break in this insulation. Especially dangerous gaps are the areas in front of filling stations, vegetable stands, hot dog stands, eating establishments, drive-in theaters, and other business buildings. These draw customers who, in either parking or entering, must use driveway entrances which are made blind by parked trucks.

The only safe assumption is that a vehicle or pedestrian may pop out in front of you; that a driver in front of you may slam on his brakes to turn right or left to enter; or that an oncoming vehicle may turn left in front of you.

Any one of these situations may require you to make an emergency stop. Professional drivers slow down if there is even one vehicle or pedestrian in sight.

"Partners" Film Tells Story of Cooperatives

"Partners," a 16mm color movie produced and distributed by the American Institute of Cooperation is available for use through the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives.

net worth of \$123,000. Now we have a net worth of millions. You can see there have been some developments.

"I think the Michigan Farm Bureau has been very fortunate in having the type of men who are doing the work in our public affairs division. I know of no man around the Legislature who is more respected and skillful than Stanley Powell. We were fortunate when Stanley brought Dan Reed into our state office. Dan has been working with me on national legislation. He fits in like a veteran.

"For me this has been a wonderful experience. I can see our influence continuing throughout the years."

It is the story of a farmer and his cooperative—how that farmer cooperative benefits everyone—in the rural community and in the towns.

"Partners" doesn't preach... aims merely to point up a better understanding of farmer cooperatives. It shows how the farmer cooperative has become an important part of the farmer's business operations and how in helping farmers produce and market food efficiently, it has raised the standard of living for all Americans.

"Partners" shows how the better living his cooperative has helped him achieve, makes the farmer a bigger, better customer for the things the better on Main Street, U. S. A. has to sell.

Some of the important items the movie points out are:

(1) Farm cooperatives aren't interested in "taking over" other

business. All farm cooperatives' business combined is only about 3% of the total volume of business in the country annually.

(2) They aren't plotting against other business.

(3) Farmers and their cooperatives aren't "tax dodgers." Farmer cooperatives are owned and run by farmers themselves to increase their own individual income. Somebody—either the cooperative itself or the individual farmer himself... pays income tax on all the gain that results from the cooperative's operation.

(4) The only real reason why some businessmen seem to be against cooperatives is because of the competition they afford.

Yet, it's competition that has made our American business system great.

It is true that the majority rules, but it is also true that a minority often rules the majority.

Most worthwhile inventions have come about because some fellow attempted the impossible.



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MAIL DUES to your County Farm Bureau Secretary. See page 7 for the address. It is given in article headed County Farm Bureau Secretaries.

INSURANCE "Tailor Made" BY AND FOR FARMERS



Yes, Farm Bureau Pays the Medical Bills, too

When you are involved in an automobile accident or struck by a car while walking along the highway?

Your auto policy covers medical expenses in these cases, too.

These are further examples of the extra protection that you receive when your car is insured with Farm Bureau.

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There's a Farm Bureau insurance representative nearby to serve you. Ask any Farm Bureau office how to reach him for information about life, auto, fire and farm liability protection.

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Discussion Topics

September through February, 1957

These topics were chosen by your State Discussion Topic Committee from the results of the ballots returned by the Community Farm Bureaus.

- Dec. Programs and Services Which Farmers Have Established through Farm Bureau.
- Jan. The Future of Agricultural Research in Michigan.
- Feb. Will Local Government Control be Lost to State Regulations?

Be sure to read your discussion article in the Michigan Farm News. Attend your Community Farm Bureau meetings. Have your voice in Farm Bureau affairs.