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EDITORIAL

Keep the Right to Choose

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"A fundamental and far-reaching change amounting to a virtual revolution is taking place in the character of the American people. It is leading us into heartlessness such as America has never seen before.

"It is based on the belief that the source of all initiative is not the individual but the group.

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The above quotations are extracts from a sermon by Reverend Edward Greenfield of Princeton, Indiana, May 19, 1957.

The minister emphasizes that this philosophy is a subtle and insidious influence that is undermining the foundations of American freedom.

It is his belief that such blind conformity to regimentation and the loss of personal freedom is an effort and initiative are destroying the priceless values of our American and Christian heritage.

The Christian principle is, "God's concern is only for persons fulfilling themselves as persons, and the group must not be the master but the servant." The Christian emphasis upon community... has always been upon voluntary, freely chosen association.

The American approach approved by Reverend Greenfield stems from the teaching and practices of advocates of what is sometimes termed "The New Social Ethics." In "The individual no longer organizes society. It is the mass mind of the group that organization that is important and must govern the thinking and control the life of the individual.

This type of modern social engineering and organization is in evidence in many walks of life.

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The improvement and extension of farmers' marketing, purchasing, and processing co-ops will be far toward solving the problems facing agriculture. That is the way that will conserve and encourage individual resourcefulness, the source of all human advancement. The possibilities of more extensive use of voluntary marketing agreements should be explored.

Voluntary co-operative programs, sustained and administered by the initiative and resourcefulness of farmers themselves, point the direction we must travel for lasting progress and freedom for farm people.

Free choice by the members has been the guiding principle of the policies and procedures of the Farm Bureau. The initiative of the individual member has been the deciding factor. This is being currently demonstrated by the work of the Resolutions Committee in preparation for the annual meeting this month.

It has been the long-standing practice of the Michigan Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee to go to extreme lengths to make their recommendations to the annual meeting of delegates each year an accurate reflection and informative cross-section of individual member opinion.

This is assured by the established policy of (Continued on Page 11)
Frost Predicted

The weatherman predicts a frost at night tomorrow. Everyone must take care to protect his gardens and plantings. Even in the case of greenhouses, it is advisable to protect the plants from direct frost. Frost can cause severe damage to young plants and tender foliage. It is important to cover the plants with a protective covering, such as a blanket or a row covering. The temperature will drop significantly overnight, and it is crucial to keep an eye on the weather forecast to prevent any damage to your plants. Regular inspections and timely action can help mitigate the effects of frost on your garden. For more information on frost protection, please visit the Michigan Farm Bureau's website or contact your local Extension Agent.
Opportunity to Tell Farm Story

Dates: November 22 to 28

A special train will bring 300 to 500 city and farm people from Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties to the Michigan State University campus on November 26.

This particular observance of Farm-City Week has been sponsored by chambers of commerce, labor unions, Farm Bureau, and other organizations. It will give farmers and their city friends a preview of some of the research projects now under way at M.S.U.

The group will be guests of the Railroad Community Committee at a chicken barbecue on the campus and will see the facilities of the new animal industries building, Anthony Hall.

A series of five demonstrations will acquaint the visitors with new methods, new equipment and developments in marketing and research storage.

Mr. Paul Miller, Director of Extension and Chairman of the 1957 Michigan Farm-City Committee, told the group at its session last week that more than thirty Michigan counties had set up County Farm-City Committees.

What You Can Do: County Farm Bureau Public Relations men have been told to take advantage of the opportunity to tell the farm story to our city cousins. Among the programs carried out in Michigan last year were:

- Visits of farmers to businesses and industries and exchange visits to farms by representatives of business, labor, and agriculture
- Overnight exchange visits of farm and city youngsters

"Farmers Nights" at Service Club meetings

Displays in stores, banks, and country clubs showing the interdependence of rural and urban people.

The Michigan Committee is in the process of setting up a year-around Youth in Action Program. A Michigan Farm-City Committee Week will take place the week of November 10-18 which will be the culmination of the year's efforts and proclamation by President Eisenhower on Father's Day.

Why buy 5 tons of 32% supplement when 3 tons of 55% will do?

Look at it this way...you're getting ready to put in your winter supply of dairy or feed. Why buy more and suffer the extra cost? 3 tons of Farm Bureau Cattle Supplement...5 tons of 32% will give you 200 lbs. more protein than 5 tons of 32%.

That's the "more protein" factor...now look at something else. Less work, less storage space AND MORE MONEY IN the bank.

When Is a Surplus Really a Surplus?

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Farm Bureau Cattle Supplement 55%

- is more economical
- promotes growth
- promotes productivity
- increases feed efficiency
- improves meat quality
- reduces waste
- more economical

FARM BUREAU FERTILIZER DEPARTMENT

Save Time in Spring with Farm Bureau High Analysis Fertilizers

It's often that you get a chance to beat Mother Nature. By a complete fertilizing, planting and seeding program in the fall you can.

Get the jump on your neighbor. November still gives you ideal weather to replant the plant food removed from your soil during the past summer.

HERE'S WHY:

1. Your ground is hard...it's easy to run spreading equipment over it...you avoid getting stuck.

2. Fall fertilization assures you of proper absorption by Spring. Half of the common crop plants are fertilized by fall work and using fall services.

The farmers in your area who are really making money are using fall bulk fertilizing. Why don't you? There's a Farm Bureau bulk supplier somewhere near you...

Check the list below. Bulk saves you time and labor. You know that all you add up to just one thing...money saved. Get Farm Bureau BULK on your ground now.

Michigan Farm News November 1, 1957
Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau
Having something you'd like to sell? Try A 25 Word Ad for $1

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The Michigan Department of Health, which inspects licensed trailer parks, reports 370 parks. In the population those parks was estimated at around 50,000 people. This figure has been doubled in the last eight years.

Today one person in every 150 of our Michigan population lives in a trailer home. This is not a high percentage of our people.

The Basis of Protest. Difficulties arise, however, because the trailer communities concentrate in definite areas around industries. Trailer occupants work in the cities, but live in the suburban and rural districts. Suburban and rural locals get their children as pupils.

Local residents often protest that the trailer dwellers add to the needs for community services, such as—new roads, five dollars in building costs to get the people into the city for their jobs. The cities where they work pay high taxes which finance roads and streets out of the industrial areas.

Until the Michigan Legislature of 1953, owners of licensed trailer parks were required to pay only $1.60 per month for each vehicle being lived in on their lots. This was, of course, in addition to the regular property tax. Hence, the real estate taxes did not increase to correspond with the growing number of trailer occupants as part of their rents, along with the $1.60 per month fee.

Trailer occupants are taxed at the same rate as any income-producing property, including vacant land. The law requires that the trailer be assessed against anything other than the trailer or the lot on which it is parked, as a means of helping to balance off the people who are living in such trailers.

The difficulty arises in the interpretation of the word "assessed" in the above sentence. The law requires that the trailer be assessed against the lot on which it is parked. This requirement often results in the same assessment being made on the trailer and the lot, with the result that the assessment is doubled.

Trailer occupants often claim that their trailers are a part of their property. They insist that they should not be taxed as a separate item, but only as a part of the lot on which it is parked.

In fairness to trailer residents, the family living in such a trailer may be little more than a weekend trailer or a mobile home. In some cases, the trailer is used as a vacation home or a winter retreat.

The law should not discourage the use of the roads, or personal property, or from the use of the roads, or personal property, or from the provision of services, such as schools, roads, etc.

It was estimated that 9 million dollars in tax revenue was taken from trailer owners in 1955, which is an increase from about 13 million dollars in 1951. The Michigan Bureau of Revenue is a supporter of the trailer law. The Bureau is a member of the trailer committee, and its representatives are members of the committee. The Bureau has been assisting all trailer occupants in the state, and assisting all industries in the state.

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

Faithful in purpose, the Farm Bureau is a Friend of the Farmer. You can be a friend, too. If you want to, just call the farm bureau office nearest you.