Farm Bureau's 1959 Goal is 72,387 Families

EDITORIAL

Full Opportunity for Farm People

CLARK L. BRODY

Counsel on Public Affairs for Michigan Farm Bureau

718 delegates from 70 County Farm Bureaus participated in the 39th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau November 11-12. It was an impressive scene.

The delegates expressed a strong sense of selfreliance when they said:

"We stand for full opportunity for farm people to apply their individual initiative and resourcefulness in meeting the rapid changes in agriculture and rural communities.

"Progress and a satisfactory standard of living cannot be attained by resisting inevitable changes in agriculture. Farm people must have freedom of choice in making their own decisions to take advantage of new opportunities. We speak as agricultural producers, but primarily as citizens."

My mind went back to our first meeting at Michigan Agricultural College February 4, 1919. About 170 forward-looking farmers from 57 independent County Farm Bureaus met while attending Farmers Week to organize the Michigan Farm Bureau. We wanted to better co-ordinate county relations and join our efforts to improve unsatisfactory conditions in agriculture.

In order to keep relationships active throughout the year, we adopted articles of association and bylaws federating the County Farm Bureaus into the Michigan Farm Bureau, with annual dues of \$50 per county. But the new association was not to continue long under this rudimentary membership policy.

Before the end of the first year, under the leadership of the late President Roland Morrill of Berrien county, Vice-President Ray Potts, now living at Middleville, Barry county, and Secretary Charles Bingham, deceased, of Oakland county—its first officers—the loose federation of counties was transformed into a virile farm organization fighting for the rights of farmers.

By the end of 1919, 22,749 farmers had enrolled, and by the end of 1920 Secretary Bingham reported that 97,264 had pledged \$10 dues for three years.

This mushroom expansion in a time of falling prices led to a critical reaction and reorganization in 1921. Then followed a long period of retrenchment and consolidation throughout the 1920's. It was very difficult to hold sufficient membership to finance operations and maintain the prestige of the organization.

Prices were low and dollars were hard to get.

The Michigan Farm Bureau weathered the worldwide depression of 1929-1933. It rebuilt its membership and reconstructed its program during the latter part of the 1930 decade. It served its members through the second World War and continued to grow in strength and influence.

Since 1945 Farm Bureau has enabled Michigan farmers to present a united front in meeting postwar adjustments and combatting encroachment of government in farm affairs. So, for forty years farmers' voluntary efforts have carried the Michigan Farm Bureau forward through war and peace, inflation and deflation, prosperity and depression, and the constantly changing conditions since 1919.

The culmination of our endeavors is reflected in the report Executive Secretary J. F. Yaeger made to the 39th annual meeting:

"For the tenth consecutive year membership has shown an increase and reached an all-time high of 71,454 . . . There are 1,683 Community Farm Bureau groups in 70 counties . . . New highs in enrollment were achieved in all service-to-member programs, including auto insurance, farm liability, fire and life insurance, and Blue Cross.

"Farm Bureau Services, including sixteen branch stores and warehouse points, transacted business (Continued on Page 2)

Awards for Distinguished Service to Agriculture - See Photo Story Page 5



CLARK L. BRODY

MRS. BELLE S. NEWELL

ORVILLE F. WALKER

Wightman and Smith Elected

President, MFB-YP



HARRY FOSTER of Niles R-3, lected president of Michigan Farm Bureau Young People at the 23rd annual meeting Nov. 8. is the fourth member of his family to have that honor. Two brothers and his sister are former presidents: John, 1948; Dale 1951;

At the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting Nov. 11-12, Harry was elected to the state board of directors to represent Farm Bureau Young People.

Harry Foster is a student at Michigan State. His mother, Mrs. Alma Foster, is chairman of District 1 Women of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Mrs. Foster, Dale sistant secretary to secretary of and Harry operate a dairy farm.

Tax Report Coming

Report of the Legislative Tax Rollo G. Conlin, Lenawee county Republican, may come about Dec. Michigan faces an \$80 million

deficit at the end of the fiscal year. Michigan Farm Bureau Vice-President Robert E. Smith is a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee which has been studythe tax situation and developing ing recomendations.

President & Vice-President of Michigan Farm Bureau; J. F. Yaeger Retires As Executive Secretary

Walter W. Wightman of Fennville was elected president, and Robert E. Smith of Fowlerville was elected vice-president of the Michigan Farm Bureau on Nov. 19 by the board of directors following the 39th annual meeting of the organization.

Mr. Wightman moved up from vice-president. He succeeded Ward G. Hodge of Snover, who was elected president in 1954 and served four terms.

Four changes in the Farm Bureau's top management staff were announced by its board of direc-

who has served as executive secretary, treasurer, and general manager since 1952, announced his retirement from those posts and will continue as consultant on cooperative affairs.

to regional and national cooper- day," Mr. Yaeger said as he reative organizations.

secretary and general manager. ers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc.,

Norwood D. Eastman of East Year. Lansing, was promoted from asthe Michigan Farm Bureau.

Leon S. Monroe of East Lansing was appointed treasurer. Mr. Monroe continues as comp-Study Committee headed by Rep. troller for Michigan Farm Bureau and associated companies.

> President Wightman said the new appointments were made for more decentralization of management as the Farm Bureau expands in present fields or new

By March 1 the management of the Michigan Farm

J. F. Yaeger of East Lansing, Bureau and associated Farm will be in an administrative board patterned after those used by the State Farm Bureaus of Illinois and Iowa.

"The Michigan Farm Bureau In this position Mr. Yaeger was never stronger in memberwill represent the Michigan Farm ship and progressive manage-Bureau and associated companies ment personnel than it is totired from active management.

"Membership in Farm Bureau," Earl E. Huntley of Charlotte said Mr. Yaeger, "has reached families. They are served by Mr. Huntley is manager of Farm- Farm Bureau farm supplies, petroleum, automobile, fire and a Farm Bureau Service Com- life insurance companies that did \$30,000,000 of business this

> President Wightman operates a 300-acre farm at Fennville, Allegan county, specializing in fruit and beef cattle. Member of Farm Bureau for 39 years, he has been a member of the state board of directors since 1949. He was elected vice-president in 1957. He is a director of Amer- This Edition 71,904 ican Farm Bureau Federation.

Vice-President Robert Smith is engaged in general farming at Fowlerville, Livingston county, specializing in production of grain crops and poultry. Mr. Smith has been active in

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Promoted



CLARENCE KING is Coordinator of the Family Activities Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau, a new Division which includes the following departments: Community Farm Bureau Promotion and Training, Farm Bureau Young People, Farm Bureau Women's Program and Citizenship Program, Safety Promowas appointed acting executive an all-time high of 72,000 farm tion and Insurance Relations executive secretary, treasurer,

> Mr. King has direct responsi-Relations.

WALTER SHIELDS is now Coordinator for Farm Supply Remodity Relations Division, headed by Peter Sikkema.

copies of the Michigan Farm News were mailed to subscribers.

First to West

The first covered wagon to leave Massachusetts for the newly formed Northwest Territory left Hamilton, Mass., in 1787

Drive for 6,000 **New Members**

Workers Want to Invite Every Farmer Who is Not Now a Member to Join And Share in the Benefits

Several thousand Farm Bureau Roll Call workers will carry the invitation to Farm Bureau membership to farmers January 5 to 15.

The state goal is 72,387 family members. Roll Call workers will devote themselves to two jobs in the coming campaign in 70 counties:

1-Securing new memberships.

since August 31.

2—Renewing the last of the old memberships. Some 1,072 new memberships have been received

More than 28,000 memberships have been renewed for 1959 as against some 18,000 at this time last year.

We urge every member to cooperate in the renewal-by-mail campaign conducted in November and December. Mail your dues to your County Farm Bureau secretary.

Roll Call managers, assistants, and teams are getting ready. Roll Call managers have had a school on organization work. Managers and assistants were having training schools in November. Workers will have training schools in December. Roll Call managers will meet together again at Michigan State University the evening of December 29.

Why do people join the Farm Bureau? Because they receive information on the Farm Bureau program, and most important,-they got a personal invitation from someone to join.

Most members explain that they joined Farm Bureau because someone invited them

What MFB Did at 39th Annual Meet

The 39th annual meeting of bled. They included two dealing he Michigan Farm Bureau at with the State's financial crisis: Michigan State University Nov. 11-12 brought together 718 voting delegates from 70 County further consideration at the 1959

71,454 members. the annual report of J. F. Yaeger,

and general manager. See EDITORIAL column on

the years ahead.

2. The delegate body consideron State Affairs, 31 recommendations to the American Farm Buresolutions regarding Farm Bureau work in Michigan.

Nearly all of the resolutions were adopted and will be pubished in the Michigan Farm hose State Affairs. See page 3.

Several resolutions were ta-

1-The delegates tabled for Farm Bureaus. They represented annual meeting the Resolutions Committee recommendation that Farm Bureau support a tax on 1. They heard and approved personal and corporation incomes provided it could be shown that the state must have additional

"The State may have a deficit bility for the Young People's and this page for quotations from Mr. of \$80,000,000 by July 1, 1959. Community Promotion and Yaeger's report to show the pro- Revenues for 1958-59 are already Training Programs. He was Co- gress made by Farm Bureau in \$20,000,000 below expectations ordinator of the Farm Supply 1958 and for his views on the or- The search for new revenues has ganization needs of farmers in started. . . and moves should be made toward strict economies,

the Resolutions Committee said The proposed resolution urged lations. That Department has ed 119 resolutions of policy and that all income tax revenues go been transferred to the Com- program recommended by the to the State's General Fund, with state Resolutions Committee: 72 no ear-marking for any special purpose, except that it should be reau on National Affairs, and 16 on real estate. State assistance with construction of schools was suggested.

> 2. The delegates tabled a Resolutions' Committee recommenda-News. This edition we start with tion that Farm Bureau support a small increase in license tax on passenger cars to provide ad-

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State Board of Directors Names Them to New Posts in MFB



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PURPOSE OF FARM

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WOMEN OF FARM BUREAU Mrs. Alex KennedyPosen, R-1 Representing

FARM BUREAU YOUNG PEOPLE

Greed sits in the saddle and his scourge malevolently cracks Grinning at promises unkept and adding tax on tax. But in the welter of it all forgive me if I seem To sit with Marthy by the stove and watch the kettle steam. Forgive me while I take my ease beside my faithful wife-

My harrassed soul finds comfort. It is warm and safe inside. I take an apple in my hand and pass my Marthy one And with our trusty paring knives, as we have often done, We quarter them, we core and pare, we eat in comfort true. And when we're done with number one, we reach for number two. Though winds and demagogs may howl, though taxes bleed me white

Today in Farm Bureau est percent over goal, and went

JERRY CORDREY Coordinator of Organization for Michigan Farm Bureau

Membership paid for 1959 totals 28,351 of which 1,072 are new. This is approximately 10,000 ahead of one year ago.

The American Farm Bureau Federation ends its 1958 membership year on November 30. It is about 8,000 ahead of last year.

Plans for the 1959 Roll Call for Membership are rapidly materializing into action. Regional training meetings have been held in all but one Region. Nearly every county has Area Men and Captains selected. All counties should have workers selected by December 1, 1958. Worker training meetings will be held during December.

A reminder notice is scheduled to be sent to all unpaid about December 1. A state-wide Kick-off meeting will be held on December 29 at Michigan State University Union Building. This meeting is for County Roll Call Managers and wife or hus-

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R.F.D.....

starts on January 5. Two reports mittees. are scheduled, the first on January 8 and the second on January 13. With the excellent start we presently have, our state goal of held December 7-12 at Boston, Drive in March. 72,387 could easily be attained by our second report.

tute is being held December 1 county. This is a joint award and 2 at the Lansing Civic Cen- given by the American Farm Buter. This meeting is for County reau Federation and Michigan Committees, new Farm Bureau. Legislative, Public Relations, 17 counties which had the high-

BOSS!

The membership drive for 1959 Citizenship, and Livestock Com-

American Farm Bureau Federation annual convention will be Massachusetts. The 43 counties that went over goal in 1958 are receiving \$75 to help pay the ex-Michigan Farm Bureau Insti- penses of one person from each

over goal in 1958 drive. The 17 counties must send 2 people to receive both awards.

County Farm Bureaus have just completed their Board of Directors re-organization, and are planning the program for 1959. Many of the newly-appointed Committees will need to start their work in December.

Legislative Committees need to get organized, and set up their telephone grid for action in January. In regard to Legislative activity, there will be a National Program kick-off meeting on January 8 and 9 in Chicago.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss American Farm Bureau Federation policy and

This will be followed by a state meeting for Legislative Committees, County Presidents, and Citizenship Committee Chairmen January 21.

Resolutions Committees will want to set up mechanics for making groups aware of their responsibility in making recommendations on policy matters.

Farm Supply Committees in many counties are starting plans for a special Farmers Petroleum Cooperative Direct Distribution

Community Group Committees should be making plans to get some new groups started in December and January.

In addition to all of this activity, a series of Farm Policy Workshops is being held through-Board members, Resolutions, A second award of \$50 goes to out the state. These are sponsored by your County Extension Service and staffed by the Michigan State University Agricultural Economics Department.

> These should prove very helpful in gaining more understanding regarding issues facing farmers in the coming year. Check with your local Extension Office for more details.

Voorhees Said: Farmer Has To Protect

Himself



MR. VOORHEES

Herbert W. Voorhees, president of the New Jersey Farm Bureau, told the 39th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau are PRECISION FORMULATED for Nov. 11 that survival of the family farm will depend upon farm ers' cooperative business organizations getting together into large regional business units.

> "Either the farmer develops enough economic muscle through his own cooperatives and his Farm Bureau to get along today in a tough competitive world of big business and big unions, or he'll be turned into a manager or foreman for future-day, integrated food-producing empires."

> Farmers cannot improve their bargaining power through affiliation with a labor union, Voorhees said, referring to organization of a milk producers group in the I New York city milk market by



This time of the year, when nights are cold and blizzards on the

like to sit beside the stove and let Boreas howl, No doubt, it is a selfish thought, unworthy and unkind, And I should concentrate on the lame and the half and blind, But I am just a common chap, so foreordained to do wrong That when the saints are organized I shall not quite belong. At any rate, I like to sit and listen to it storm And feel, for Marthy and myself, that we are safe and warm.

I'm not unmindful all the time of other people's woes The world is full of sin and shame and hunger, goodness knows, A pan of apples on my lap and in my hand a knife.

So here I sit this stormy night and let what will betide I like an apple by the fire on a stormy night.

R. S. Clark (2-4-50)

EDITORIAL

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aggregating \$25,000,000, with net earnings of \$466,790; \$443,430 was returned to patrons in cash or preferred stock.

"\$232,000 in cash was returned during the year to local cooperatives and farmer patron stockholders in exchange for securities issued to them as patronage refunds in 1945.

"Farmers Petroleum Cooperative had a total sales of \$7,100,000, with net earnings of \$486,263. Of these earnings \$269,000 have been distributed as patronage refunds to patron stockholders.

"This Farm Bureau Company either owns or has an interest in 300 producing wells in Michigan, Illinois and Indiana. They produce about 3,000 barrels per day, or about 75% of the daily needs.

"Farmers Petroleum Cooperative liquid fuel sales were up 11% in 1958 to 40,500,000 gallons as compared with 36,500,000 gallons in 1957.

"Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company was organized in 1949 as a writer of auto insurance. It has expanded to include comprehensive farm and personal liability, theft, truck cargo, all forms of fire and wind insurance, and miscellaneous extended coverages for the protection of property . . . The Company has 58,000 automobiles and trucks insured for members of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

"Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company was organized two years after the auto program was started. It is one of the fastest growing life insurance companies in Michigan. More than 25,000 policies in force provide approximately \$85,000,000 of benefits.

"Growth in numbers of employes is one yardstick by which the size of American business is measured. The Farm Bureau Companies and their directly managed affiliated units had 1,009 employees as of August 31, 1958. This does not include the insurance agents.'

Secretary Yaeger made this statement looking into the future of farmers and Farm Bureau:

"Only if he owns and controls the agencies that serve him can the farmer continue to be master of his own destiny.

"Operating within the framework and under the guidance of a general farm organization, the various interests of the farmer can be served best. His interests include legislation, marketing of farm products, financing of operations, medical and health insurances, good relationships with other economic

"It is extremely important that the farmer determine what kind of a farm organization he wants.

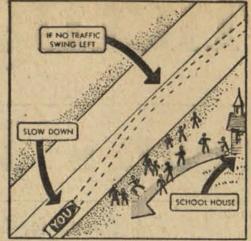
"Shall his organization have the objective of serving primarily the family operated farm?

"To what areas shall the organization give emphasis so as to serve him best?

"Today is the time for making decisions in preparation for tomorrow's problems."

Let us hope that the experience of the past forty years has tempered and matured the Michigan Farm Bureau for meeting the greater problems of the future. May the lessons taught by its progress and adversities serve to guide the Farm Bureau as it goes forward in the years to come.

Unwritten Laws of the Road



From Michigan Driver Education Manual Department of Public Instruction

SLOW DOWN FOR CHILDREN on the highway. Every day thousands of little children walk to and from schoolhouses located on open highways-and their parents are constantly worried

Whenever you see a small child walking along the shoulder of the highway, slow down. When you get within range of the child, you must be going slow enough to stop or dodge should the child suddenly step out onto the pavement or start to cross the highway. If no other traffic is around, pull left so that you are farther away from the child as you go by.

No matter how much safety education a small child has in school, or how often it is warned by its parents, it will "day dream" and do thoughtless things.

It's Time We Decide



MR. PETERSON

"Present-day agriculture has inherited from the 1930's a political interference on a massive scale with farm production and marketing. More problems for agriculture, for farm people, and the nation have resulted than have been resolved.

"Isn't what we want and need a government that regulates the various segments of the economy to see that unfair advantage is not taken by one group against another-a government to act as an umpire, rather than as a participant in the economic life stream of the nation?"

Dr. Ervin L. Peterson, assistant secretary of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, made this statement Nov. 10 at Michigan State University in speaking to 1,500 members of the Michigan Farm Bureau on "What Agriculture Needs from Wash-

Dr. Peterson spoke to a joint meeting of Women of the Michigan Farm Bureau and the Farm Bureau's state dairy, fruit, livestock, poultry and vegetable committees in advance of the 39th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

"Political price-fixing has failed to generate economic health for agriculture," said Dr. Peter-

"It has lost markets to indus-

tioning among farmers of the and services, further gains in

their own farms.

"The present farm situation points up a need of decision for to less than \$220,000,000 annualfarmers and for all our people. It is time we decide what kind of economic policy is going to govern our economic enterprise. the Department of Agriculture Whether competitive enterprise this fiscal year will amount to is to be competitive or whether \$7,000,000,000. As a result we it is to be supplanted in increas- are compelled to short-change

"Today's world is one of have been derived change. There is little profit and technology and education. to agriculture or the nation from the erection of legislative bar- MICHIGAN FARM NEWS ricades against the effect of

stimulated production of some has thundered on under the Capcommodities far beyond the need itol dome, science and technolfor them. It has made produc- ogy, plus producer ingenuity and tion for the government more industry have continued to drive desirable than producing for the farm production records to suc-

"If the producers of farm comtrial substitutes and to foreign modities are to successfully compete with the industrial com-"It has made necessary a ra- munity in the exchange of goods right to produce, to make their efficiency, lower costs and big-

own decisions of how to manage ger markets must be achieved. "Yet today all public expenditures for scientific research in

"The total expenditure through ing measure by government it- the areas from which the greatest improvement in living levels

December 1, 1958

MERRY ... AND SAFE

The trucking industry of Michigan is again working hand in glove with Santa Claus in an effort to insure all Christmas gifts arriving at their destinations on time . . . It's just one of scores of ways in which trucks serve the people of Michigan. Transporting everything you eat, wear, or use, trucks play a vital role in the running of the home, the operation of business, the provision of roads, public utilities, and facilities for national defense . . . Trucks set a pattern for safety, too, and the State's thousands of truck drivers, in wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas, pledge to do their part to make 1959 a safe and Happy New Year.

Michigan Trucking Association Fort Shelby Hotel





Farm Bureau's Resolutions on State Affairs

They Outline the Program for 1959

We present the resolutions on state affairs adopted at the 39th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau at East Lansing, Nov. 11-12, 1958. The resolutions are Farm Bureau policy and program for

Resolutions were adopted also on national affairs. They become recommendations to the American Farm Bureau resolutions committee and to voting delegates representing Michigan at the AFBF convention to be held at Boston Dec. 7-11.

The resolutions approved by the AFBF convention become Michigan Farm Bureau's policy on national matters.

We expect that that text of the national resolutions will appear in your copy of the Nation's Agriculture January 1.

Another section of the MFB resolutions deals with resolutions for the good of the Michigan Farm Bureau organization. The News plans to publish them soon. Here are the resolutions on state affairs:

Agricultural Research

Michigan has not kept pace from 1940 to 1955 our share of farmers by \$150,000,000 annually. Ways must be found to keep us profitably competitive with the agricultural producers in other

We believe that the greatest help to Michigan farmers may be found through increased research, particularly in the fields of developing new uses and markets for farm products and improving handling methods, packaging and distribution so as to enhance consumer acceptance and to strengthen our competitive position. We need continued efforts to develop improved varieties of fruits and vegetables, with emphasis on market accept-

practices, soil management, etc. Accomplishment of these obtural products. For instance, agricultural research being conducted by the M.S.U. Experiment declined from 2.7% to 2.2%, Legislature to provide the neceswhich resulted in reducing the sary funds to enable M.S.U. to potential income and consequent carry on this expanded research purchasing power of Michigan program, which we understand would cost less than 50c per remains. capita for this year.

> which it appropriates for agricul- ing Spring Election. tural research and also for the Board of Agriculture the alloca- preference on April 6. tion thereof among the School of Agriculture for academic instruction, the Experiment Station and the Extension Service.

It should be remembered that

grams is as logical and defensible as it is necessary. Certainly no individual farmer is in a position to carry on any appreciable amount of basic or applied research.

Agricultural Extension

The results of research are of very little value to farmers until they are widely disseminated through such channels as those provided by Extension Specialists, County Agricultural Agents and other agricultural extension

We continue to support the Extension Service and favor the new policy under which the County provides one-half of the cost of additional personnel.

Board of Agriculture

a century has trained young peo- information as requested. ple from the farms of Michigan in the fundamental and scientific aspects of agriculture. Its 4-year club to compel minorities to surand short courses have pointed render local sovereignty. multitudes of farm boys and girls tention must also be given to to greater lifetime opportunities. crop growing and harvesting Agricultural research is more important than ever before.

inated from the board of control other families. of Michigan State Universityonly one farm-oriented member

We request that the Legislature their representation on the State panding populations are moving, vision to balance state-aid supspecifically earmark the amount Board of Agriculture at the com- Valuations on farm land increase

Extension Service. We would at County and State conventions future and when the farm land register a protest against any of both political parties next should continue to be operated blanket grant of funds which February, serve as delegates as agricultural land. Assessors would leave up to the State whenever possible, and vote our sometimes consider merely the ductible millage factor in the

State Constitution

sufficient support was not regis- a heavier tax load assessed consumers benefit equally with tered by the electorate Novem- against personal property. These farmers from any savings which ber 4 for a State Constitutional combined factors lead to a condiresult from improved methods of Convention. The Michigan Farm tion by which many farmers are production, processing or mar-Bureau will continue to spare no required to hear a disproportionance, disease resistance and stor- keting. Thus, the use of public effort to safeguard the State ate share of the burden of suping and freezing qualities. At- funds for financing these pro- Constitution, the foundation of port of schools and local governour State government, from hasty ment operations. and ill-advised revision.

> the voters as needed. Sixty-three government. adopted.

the fundamental law of our Michigan Constitution. State and has kept it invulnerable to the designs of powerful in Michigan should not be geared out the entire State, including pressure groups seeking to gain to levels that force our Michigan the Upper Peninsula and upper

will co-operate with other groups and of living for our farm famof citizens in the study and con- ilies. sideration of further amendments as changing conditions may demand. We will continue to vigorously oppose exposing our State Constitution to ill-timed and injudicious proposals.

Annexation Procedure

The tactics being used by some of our larger municipalities to force the annexation of surrounding units of local government are becoming a threat to the moving as rapidly as possible.

fective voting powers of people the sales ratio method were giv- 60, which would require increas- compel the services of favored

the decision for annexation upon obtainable. the combined vote of the total area—the annexing municipality and the local units to be annexed. Since voters within a large city can vastly outnumber the voters in the small villages and townships under consideration, it is clear that an annexa- Drainage Assessments tion proposal could be forced upon people in such areas of

ject any change in our laws use to the farm, but a large conclusions regarding these matwhich would in any manner part of the cost of the drain ters should be safeguarded. Cer- loss-leader selling and secret reweaken the right of citizens in may be assessed against it. local areas or units of government to determine their own fu- We believe that costs should be or bribe the citizens of any dis- needed legislation to prevent permitted to use the force of ceived and not be based on acre- school district against their will. mine any industry.



Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee Hears Debate

HARLAN WICKS of Dowagiac+ left at rostrum), member of our that drains might be classified trends which would deprive citiis the governing board of Mich- sents a resolution for adoption at farmers have traditionally de- Michigan Farm Bureau. Walter board. pended upon the Michigan State Wightman, of Fennville, MFB institution at East Lansing for vice - president, presides. The educational and research services, state resolutions committee is seated at table before the stage Michigan State for more than to hear the debate and supply

Taxes on Farms

Taxes on farm real and per-Two of the six members of the sonal property are reaching levwith the other states in this Na. jectives demands a continuation State Board of Agriculture are els which create serious probtion in the sale of its agricul- and expansion of the program of elected for six-year terms at each lems in maintaining farm operabiennial April election. We call tions for many of our Michigan the attention of Michigan farmers farmers. Property taxes also the national agricultural market Station. We earnestly urge the to the fact that agricultural rep- take a larger percentage of farm resentatives are fast being elim- family income than is paid by

> having to bear the brunt of the tax loads to improve suburbanwhen there is no real prospect area of land when assessing farms as compared to new residential property.

We regard it fortunate that the farm also gives the farmer

years has demonstrated that desirable amendments have accom- setting any future plans for real plished changes in an orderly equalization of tax burdens upon manner through submission to the residents of areas of local of our national labor force.

permanent control of our gov- farmers out of the opportunity to part of the Lower Peninsula, continue a profitable farming where rural development is The Michigan Farm Bureau operation and a reasonable stand- needed.

Equalizing Assessments

Progress in equalizing assess-

and disproportionate burden in during last year. property taxes on those counties We approve our present law which have been state equalized cess and if the appraisal method We protest the proposed "unit were used only where reliable vote" system. This would base sales ratios were not readily

a drainage district created to throughout the State. We insist We ask the Legislature to re- The drain may be of little or no all districts to come to their own

Cities should never be assessed in terms of benefits re- triet to become a part of any practices which would undertheir population numbers as a age or foot frontage. We suggest | Therefore, we will resist any We do not, however, believe

The State Board of Agriculture state resolutions committee, pre- according to their uses, and that zens of any district of their right assessments be based on a use to exercise a proper degree of igan State University. Michigan the 39th annual meeting of the determination made by a local home rule and local control in

Deductible Millage

There is a wide difference between the property values per child in the various school districts of our state. To provide to the point that it will not jeopardize local control of our eleequality of educational oppormentary schools. tunity for Michigan children, there must be greater equalization of funds for the support of the schools.

Urban industrial areas gain the education developed under the tax support of the industrial Vanderwerp Committee of the properties and other revenues Legislature has recommended not available to the outlying rur- plans to provide facilities to al districts. Yet many of the meet the growing needs of the workers of industry take up res- young people of our State. idence in the surrounding rural In this document, known as districts. There is a tremendous the Russell Report, community discrepancy in the amount of as- colleges are offered as a means sessed valuation per pupil in the of providing less costly education In many cases farmers are various school districts through- for the first two years of trainout the state. There are isolated ing. islands of wealth, surrounded by Farmers should seek to restore ized property into which our ex- deserts of poverty. Some proport for schools is needed to equalize these sharp differences We need to exert our influence for suburban platting in the near in the tax base available for school support.

These facts indicate the need for a prompt increase in the deschool-aid formula. We ask that the deductible millage be raised to 4 mills to permit a consequent Machinery and equipment on increase in the state-aid gross

> This would help equalize operating funds in areas of smaller

Agriculture accounts for \$714,-059,000 in cash income in Mich-Experience over the past fifty given due consideration in estab-licking assessed values and in igan. Agribusiness, which in- would permit rural elementary counts for employment of 40%

Vocational agriculture provides such amendments, some of far- We request that reasonable the training for essential competreaching character, have been maximum limits on allowable encies in agricultural occupamillage against property be tions, utilizing the farm heritage This procedure has shielded maintained as a part of our and experiences of farm boys. Programs of vocational agricul-We hold that taxing programs ture should be expanded through-

> the Future Farmers and Future largely local-supported, and en-Homemakers of America pro- courage good eating habits tendgram, are dependent on sufficient | ing to improve the health of our funds. Michigan high schools are young people. ments between counties is being vocational agricultural education finding it too difficult to operate hampered by the use of the relatively slow appraisal method by funds. This was the dominant the State Tax Commission. We factor in the closing of eight derealize that as long as this method is used, the present staff of tor in the closing of eleven addithe State Tax Commission is tional departments during the past two years, and was respon-But this relatively slow rate sible for 52 other departments

We recommend to our State which requires a majority vote as compared to those which have Legislators that the State appro- in the wiring and electrical inin the area to be annexed in not been so equalized. Up to priation of \$1,080,000 currently stallation of farm buildings and order to permit such an annexa- now the sales ratio method has provided for vocational education. We ask that this law be been used as a secondary tool in tion, which includes training in spaced and give small threat of continued and protected. We the program of determining val- agriculture, homemaking, busi- spreading fires to other buildings. protest the efforts of some larger uations. We believe that more ness, trade and industry, be set municipalities to remove the ef- rapid progress could be made if at \$1,519,356 for the year 1959- we see no need for laws which in areas which they seek to an- er first consideration in the pro- ing the appropriation by \$439,356. technicians or inspectors whose

Control of Schools

an increasing interest in their lo- tion where local conditions and We urge the adoption of sound cal schools, attend school meet- the public safety may justify methods which will serve to keep ings and participate in elections. them, and where state laws do We must be willing to serve on not now apply. mission on a current basis for all school boards and to take an We also urge each farmer to active interest in studies of have inspection of all wiring and school problems.

Because of urbanization of tion of school districts are aroussmaller population against their farm areas, a farmer may find ing considerable controversy and the safety of his own farm and consent under such a "unit vote" that his property is included in ill-will in some communities family. serve a housing development that the rights of the people in Unfair Trade Practices tainly State-Aid should never be bates, tend to destroy fair comused as a club or bait to force petition, and we will support

that legislation to establish socalled "Fair Trade" pricing or to declare various commodities, such as gasoline or milk, as public utilities, would be in the best interest of either consumers or

ing effectively for the sale of our commodities.

Dept. Agr. Laboratory

We are pleased that the Michigan Department of Agriculture Laboratory has been completed and is now in operation.

While this new laboratory is probably the most complete and modern of its kind in the United States, it cannot fulfill its proper function without an adequate staff of chemists and technicians to do the analytical and pathological testing and other laboratory activities carried on for the various divisions of the Departdetermining what type of school district they feel is best for them ment of Agriculture and for other state agencies.

We urge the Legislature to We resolve that the power of keep this situation in mind in the the State Superintendent of Pubformulation of the budget for the lic Instruction should be limited coming year.

> MFB Resolutions on State Affairs will be continued in our edition for January 1.

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Higher Education

Warmer The recent report on higher The level of the oceans rose about 4 inches between 1930 and 1950. This is attributed to the warmer climate all over the

and their children.

Attention is called to the need for additional 4-year college facilities in such areas as most need such service to economically provide higher education. We give support to this report as an approach to our long-time needs in this field.

County Board of Education

We go on record as favoring retention of the present method of electing County Board of Education members and hiring the County Superintendent of

High Schools

We support legislation that district, or would permit rural elementary districts to join or annex to an existing 12-grade district, said consolidation or annexation to be at the HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL ONLY, thus permitting the control of the elementary schools to remain in the districts as presently organ-

School Lunch, Milk

We continue our support for the School Lunch and Special Continuation and strengthen- School Milk programs. These ing of the high school program, activities have become a part of the out of school program, and our educational program, are

Electrical Inspection

We see no need for extendthe compulsory State Electrical Inspection Law to farm buildings and farm homes. With the required fees for such inspecrights of free decision by the of equalization is placing a heavy partially curtailing the program present cost problem of farm operations.

We recognize no public hazard equipment. Farms are widely Where no public hazard exists fee is based upon any sort of legal sanction.

We favor the passage of local We urge our members to take ordinances for electrical inspec-

to have electrical equipment in-Annexations and reorganiza- stallations made by a competent local electrician in the interest of

Unfair trade practices, such as

Petroleum Co-op Officers for 1959

Thomas Koning, Marne, was reelected president and Allen Rush of Lake Orion was elected vicepresident of Farmers Petroleum Laws which require uniform Cooperative at the 9th annual pricing would tend to increase meeting at East Lansing November the costs of farm supplies and 25. See EDITORIAL on page 1 restrict our freedom in bargain- for summary of FPC's work in '58.

> Directors elected *Dale Dunckel, *Blaque Knirk, *Ward Hodge, Allen Rush, Elton R. Smith, Albert Amrhein, William Bartz, Fred King. *Representing Michigan Farm Bureau,

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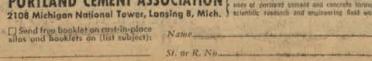


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---- PASTE COUPON ON BACK OF POSTCARD AND MAIL TODAY ----PORTLAND CEMENT ASSOCIATION A national organization to improve and extend the 2108 Michigan National Tower, Lansing 8, Mich.

Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

District 1

Mrs. Alma Foster, Chairman Niles R-3

Berrien County Farm Bureau Women's Committee met at the

bazaar held at the Youth Mem- the individual farmer believes orial Building Nov. 22. Mrs. Robert Burandt read letters from in Kalamazoo.

Mrs. Ora Prenkert, Mrs. Gladys the Farm Bureau Convention at Lansing. We saw the film "A Look at Socialism" narrated by Dr. Clifton Ganus, Jr. County officers attended the officers training meeting at Centerville Nov. 24.

Our Dec. 16th meeting is a Christmas party with all donations to the CROP program.

persons at the Kalamazoo County part of Wayne county. Farm Bureau Women's Rurai-Urban meeting held at County Center Bldg. at Kalamazoo Nov. 3rd. Thirty-three of our group responded to roll call. Twentyfive urban groups had been invited to send 2 representatives. Of this number 23 responded. Chairman Louise Smith made these appointments: Legislative chairman, Anita Van Middleworth; Citizenship, Violet Motlby; United Nations, Mrs. Lee DeLeeuw; Safety, Mrs. Ralfe and Mrs. Snyder; Publicity, Opal Kakabaker and Helen Williams; Una Sleeman.

Kalamazoo County in "Word Vern Hinz, extension director,

St. Joseph County. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Piere of Florence township, spoke on the work of the United Nations at our November meeting. Mrs. Piere informed the group of the work of the UNICEr' for the children of the world. She spoke concerning the World Health Organization which is a part of the U.N. The headquarters are in Geneva, Italy where experts direct campaigns to eradicate disease throughout the world. They are especially attempting to stamp out malaria. They hope to end malaria in Haiti by spraying D.D.T. twice a year. Yaws, T.B., cholera, and other diseases are being fought.

County Agricultural Agent L. Rathu, vice-chairman of CROP, explained how CROP sends surplus food to Korea and some to Europe. One dollar will send 192 lbs. of food overseas.

Following a co-operative luncheon, the business meeting was an inflated dollar. Carl Lewis with 22 members turns for local use.

called to order by President Mrs.

Van Buren County Women's Committee met Nov. 4 at the home of Ruth Dewd for luncheon and business meeting. Rev. Robert Gerbold of the Hartford Fed- since 1948. erated Church spoke on the Thanksgiving theme and mentioned that the U.S. is so commercial minded that we can't wait until after Thanksgiving to start the Christmas parades and displays, thus neglecting to realize the real meaning of Thanksgiving. We forget to give thanks for the blessings and privileges allowed us.

Retiring Chairman LaVada Hoxie thanked us for our help continue in the same manner for the new chairman, Marie Sallis.

Chairman Sallis appointed the following committees: Safety, Mae Labadie; Legislative, Nallie Wright; Citizenship, Doris Bitely: F.B.I., Melba Lafler; Program: Chairman, Vida Morehouse: Ethel Hunt, Ruth Dowd, Marie, Sallis and LaVada Hoxie. Cater-

ing: Chairman; Neva Boyer. Mr. Finch, county chairman, asked ladies to help again as Chairmen of the Roll Call. We agreed to help. Mrs. Morehouse

will be our county chairman.

Mrs. Bitely presented a gift to Mrs. Hoxie as a small token of our appreciation for her leadership as chairman for two years.

District 3

Mrs. Celestine Young, Chairman Mt. Clemens R-2

Washtenaw County Farm Bureau Women served a Rural-Urban Dairy smorgasbord this summer with great success. About 700 people were served and we cleared almost \$800.

All the community groups in beautifully! the county donated and prepared food that we had to buy such as 676 has transfer of 6 motifs 6 x 8 help of Mrs. Karker and Mr. Demilk, ice cream, cottage cheese

and meat. ing room and kitchen. Farm Bureau women earned the money to furnish equipment for the

Medical Center at Ann Arbor.

Livingston County heard Dan Youth Memorial Building Nov. Reed speak on women's ability 18th. Chairman Mrs. William in planning farm policy. Resolutions adopted at county Farm meeting. Plans were approved for the Bureau annual meetings tell what and wants.

Mr. Reed said we should take Miss Janet Krickhahre, our nur- individual responsibility to call tary, Mrs. Herb Crosby; treasursing student at Bronson Hospital for discussion before voting. If we are not satisfied that we are well enough informed to decide Seifred, Mrs. William Anderson yes or no we should call for taand Mrs. Alma Foster reported bling the question to a later date.

Wayne County Women gave a dinner for the board of directors. Mrs. Otto Rexin from Oakland county told us about the trip Oakland Women took to Capac to visit the co-operative marketing plant and to some farmers who produce for the co-op.

Mr. Drew, regional member-Kalamazoo County. A delicious organize another Junior Farm George Wieland; 2nd vice-chair-

> Monroe County. Mrs. D. Zuber wrote to us concerning patients at Howell Sanatorium. We are taking 3 more patients. We send them \$3 a month which they can use for stamps, paper, or what they would like to have.

District 4

Mrs. Clare Barton, Chairman Plainwell R-2

Allegan County. Burton Richards, regional representative for the Southwest District, discussed Resolutions, Bird Corbus and Farm Bureau women's programs at the October meeting of the Harry Barton group in Otseand Picture" was presented by go. This group has recently been renamed the Harry Barton group in memory of Mr. Barton, a life member in Allegan county.

> Safety surveys, nurse recruitment and retarded children were among the projects suggested.

Mrs. Avery of Casco brought up the topic of annexation of rural schools. Mrs. Wightman presented another lesson on parliamentary procedure. Mrs. Arnold gave a fine report on citizen-

Barry County. Michigan government was discussed by State Representative Carroll Newton at the October meeting. He quoted from a recent publication of the Citizens Research Council of

Our state revenues have increased 39% since 1948. Our state tax revenues have ncreased 46% since 1948.

State expenditures have indollar is used because it is not

40% of the money collected re- ing. Past chairmen were honored.

mains for state use. 119% increase in our taxes since 1948.

84% increase in our income

1200% increase in our business taxes since 1948.

20,000 people in state institutions including the prisons and hospit-Michigan ranks 4th in the U.S.

on dollar per patient used for mental health care. Michigan Twenty-five cent gifts will be exrate is \$4.33 per day as against changed. the U.S. average of \$3.18.

and co-operation during her two in the U.S. on mental health pro- resented 15 Community Farm years in office and asked that we gress. This is based on the re- Bureau groups. We voted \$50 tocovery of patients and discharges from the hospital.

Our educational service is the has increased 230% in 10 years

Barry County schools have had an increase in appropriations of

Jiffy Embroidery



Make your towels spiffy in a jiffy! These gay bluebird motifs Netherlands was our guest Oct. are quick and easy to embroider 10. We enjoyed her brief talk and brighten up the kitchen immensely. I heard many com-

the food with the exception of for all sorts of presents. Pattern from this meeting, thanks to the

Send thirty-five cents in coins ative. Our county Farm Bureau is for this pattern - add 5 cents for building a new office building. each pattern for 1st-class mailing. York 11, N. Y.

We had a speaker on nurse re-crultment. Our project for our ZONE.

Print plainly pattern number, shall remember what I learned.

Ionia County. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bauer, IFYE students in Turkey last summer, showed beautiful slides and gave a very informative talk at the October

21 groups were represented. president, Mrs. Habenicht; secreer, Mrs. Ethel Goodemoot.

Mrs. Bird, President, appointed these committee chairmen: Program, Mrs. Vern Jewell, Mrs. Harry Martin and Mrs. Herb Crosby; Legislative, Mrs. Charles McNeil. Farm Bureau Informa-Mrs. Elmer Hamilton: Citizen-Francis Goodemoot; Publicity, Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Wasson.

thip man suggested that we help Dekker; vice-chairman, Mrs. Mrs. Enoch Carlson.

Robert Near, Mrs. Wesley Huy-Citizenship, Mrs. Robert search. Peck; Legislative, Mrs. Charles Feenstra; Farm Bureau Information, Mrs. Herman Buning.

Mrs. Enoch Carlson gave a report of the District meeting held at Hastings. In November Miss Marie Gezon of the Child Welfare organization in Grand Rapids spoke to our group.

Ottawa County. Miss Virginia Helt from Consumer Marketing Information spoke to us at the home of Mrs. Henry Boone.

There are 9 MSU Marketing specialists in Michigan. The best way to get information on food to the public is through radio, press and T.V. She said that we as producers want our products to reach consumers in good condition. By consumers knowing when is the best time to buy and Week, they had as their speaker, when to use products it helps both producer and consumer.

Motion was made to change meeting date in Ottawa county to 2nd Tuesday instead of 2nd Mrs. Albert Schmiege, Chairman Wednesday.

District 6 Mrs. Allyn Gordon, Chairman Croswell R-2

Lapeer County Women's Committee received top award at the annual meeting of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau November 10, for attendance at our meetings the past year.

Forty-one women from Lapeer County saw Mrs. Kerr Steward accept the \$10 award from Mrs. reased 44% since 1948. The 1948 Karker for our chairman, Mrs. Irvin Radelt, who could not be present. Programs for the com-60% of the money collected re- ing year were given to our memers at our N

county agricultural agent, show-

The business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Allyn Gordon, chairman. There were 32 present Mr. Newton said we now have representing 23 groups.

The December 5 meeting will be a Christmas party. All Farm Bureau women are invited. A nice program is being planned with Santa Claus paying a visit.

Tuscola County. At our last However, Michigan ranks 38th meeting 27 women present repward the expenses of one of our 4-H youths on a Chicago award trip. Russell Hartzler, state distate's largest expenditure. This rector of CROP, gave an interesting talk on "What the People of with an increase of 42% in en-Michigan have done through rollments. and bull projects and what they mean to people in other countries. Over 500 bulls and heifers have gone overseas.

District 7

Mrs. Walter Harger, Chairman Stanwood R-2

My apologies to Farm Bureau Women of District 7 for lack of news in the October issue of Michigan Farm News. I promise to do better from now on.

Our District meeting at Six two types of annuals: hardy and Lakes on Oct. 1 and the Distender. triet training school for officers and chairmen of special commit- sown outside in the fall in all but tees at Fremont Oct. 10 were the coldest sections of the State, well attended. or they may be sown in Spring

as soon as frost is out of the Miss Jeanne Bouman from the ground. flats indoors to produce early ments on how much help the Get busy on these gay towels officers and chairmen received Witt, our new regional represent-

in any good garden soil which is About the most exciting and fertile and well drained yet does educational thing I've ever ex- not dry out too rapidly. Poor It is providing a basement din- Send to: Michigan Farm News, perienced was to have been chos- soils can readily be improved by 263 Needlecraft Dept., P. O. Box on to act on the State Resolu- adding organic matter such as 62, Old Chelsea Station, New tions Committee, representing thoroughly decomposed farm Farm Bureau Women. I hope I yard manure, mixing it well into branched, low growing annual remember even half of the soil.

I should like to say something ces a mass of lavender colored Mason County Women's Com- about a few levely, easy to grow flowers. The mossy, finely cut the garden.

regular meeting is to make trays for the adult patients in the tuberculosis ward at the University

165% with a 50% increase in enmittee has decided to discontinue meetings, due to lack of officers.

With all the good leadership

Class County Will Item. available, we are sure it will be of short duration.

> Mecosta | County Women's Committee has a well rounded program planned for the year. For their October meeting three Election of officers held with the Kent County women, all mothfollowing people selected: Vice- ers of children afflicted with cystic fibrosis, spoke on this dread disease which affects the lungs and pancreas of young

> Monicalm County had a speaker from the Greenville Daily News for their October meeting. Also a speaker on the Supreme Court for the November meettion, Mrs. Elmer Larson; Safety, ing. The ladies have a birthday fund which they turn over to ship, Mrs. Newton; Health, Mrs. the Home and Training School at

Muskegon County women had Kent County. New officers R. W. Schmidt from the Muskeelected: Chairman, Mrs. Adrian gon county board of education as speaker in October. Mr. Schmidt gave a thorough explanation of luncheon was enjoyed by 100 Bureau group in the northern man, Mrs. Elton Smith; secretary, equalization of taxes, federal and state aid, as well as the duties Mrs. Dekker appointed Com- and responsibilities of school mittee chairmen: Safety, Mrs. board officers. The November meeting will be on cancer re-

> Newago County had speakers on education, Leon Dues and Gerald Sherman from their county board of education. The ladies favor the Associated Country Women of the World delegates being chosen by the State Advisory Council.

Oceana's Chairman, Mrs. Johnson, reviewed the history of be held December 3 at the Cole-Farm Bureau Women in their man Methodist Church. County, for which they have reason to be proud. The election in this County was interesting as five women agreed to be candidates for chairman. Such interest is bound to bring many ac-

Osceola County Women's Committee. For Fire Prevention John Orr, fire chief of Evart.

District 8

Chesaning R-2

Arenac County Farm Bureau Women's Committee held its annual rally, with about 65 in attendance. Mrs. Frances Restainer was chairman of a most interesting program of entertainment and information.

Citizenship. The Bay County Twenty-seven attended our offigroup won the prize for having cers training school in Manton the largest percentage of group and it seemed to me a good deal members present.

ing officers and changed our at the annual meeting with her meeting date from the first readings, won the Farm Bureau Thursday to the first Tuesday of speech contest in '41 and was in month. The Cancer Project Chicago competing the day Pearl will not be changed. A commit-Harbor was bombed. Sanilac County. Alden Orr, our tee of Mrs. William Bishop, Mrs. L. DeWyse and Mrs. William ed some wonderful pictures of County Infirmary. The poster suing year, Chairman, Mrs. Wil- Bureau Women and Commodity meeting. We shall entertain our man, Mrs. Emma Kuemin, Em- sing November 10.

H. L. R. CHAPMAN

Garden Clubs Lecturer

At this time of the year, the

home gardener should be mak-

ing plans regarding the plants he

will grow in his garden during

the coming year. Several annuals

The term annual is applied to a

plant which is raised from seed,

flowers, produces seed, and dies,

they are generally easy to grow,

produce their flowers quickly

and their flowers form the

Annuals furnish an abun-

dance of cut flowers for the

home at times when perenni-

als and biennials are not

Generally speaking there are

Some hardy annuals may be

Tender annuals will not toler-

ate freezing and must be sown in

flowers, or sown outdoors in

Spring, as soon as the soil is

Most annuals grow splendidly

warm, for late flowering.

brighest spots in the garden.

blooming.

Annual flowering plants are

popular garden flowers because cation.

all within the same year.

should be included in his list.

Clare County. Will Henderson, Clare county clerk, spoke about the Naturalization of Aliens. gave out leaflets on safety for

local group meetings. We are interested in the Michigan Health Conference to be held April 8 and 9, 1959. District 7 does not find it con-

venient to combine camp with Camp and report back at the Lehto. next meeting. Each woman was asked to

bring suggestions for future programs. Mrs. Virgil Kistler was elected Clare county chairman and Mrs. Darlene Schenk, secre-

Isabella County. Mr. Clarence King, guest speaker, spoke on good citizenship. Mrs. Pansy Chaffin, newly elected chairman, appointed committees and called or a meeting to make out our 1959 program.

Midland County. New officers were elected. Mrs. Osborn Thurlow is chairman, Mrs. Fred Hartman, chairman of the speakers bureau of Midland Association for Retarded children, spoke to For our Christmas project this year we are sending some new toys and as many used aricles as we care to donate at the December meeting. They will be ent to the Training Center at

District 8 Training School will

District 9

Mrs. Oliver Tompkins Traverse City R-1

Kindred spirits sometimes pop up in funny places. For the past thought of that great man who vocal music were given by Mr. spent years lying on his back and Mrs. Neff. painting an immortal picture on Clarence King of Michigan

We have had officers training chool and the 14th annual meetng since last we sent in news. When we write again, the Boston American Farm Bureau conven-Mrs. Marjorie Karker spoke on tion at Boston will be history. of help was obtained. A bit of information I picked up later: Bay County. We finished elect- Mrs. Brower who entertained us

Benzie County sends the fol-Schmidt will buy gifts for the lowing list of officers for the en- district attended the annual Farm project was tabled until the next liam Morse, Empire; vice-chair- Committee meeting at East Lan-

The Home Flower Garden

Annuals Have A Place in the Garden

plant in that dry, sunny, and per-

the top of retaining walls. The

home gardener need not despair

for there are several annuals

which enjoy growing in such lo-

MR. CHAPMAN

Moss Verbena is a plant which

really covers the ground. It is

listed in seed catalogues as Ver-

bena erinoides (its correct name

Moss Verbena is a much

about 10 inches high and produ-

is Verbena laciniata).

wishes he had something to across.

flowering plants on banks or on America.

annuals seldom seen in the home foliage is beautiful and attrac-

annual.

until frost.

Kalkaska County. Mrs. Cross is the new chairman and not Mrs. Hendricks as formerly Mrs. Doepfer, safety chairman, stated. Mrs. Hendricks recently attended the Church-Farm Bureau Conference in Madison, Wisconsin, This county also had a large representation at the annual meeting.

Manistee County had an active "get out the vote" campaign. District 8 so each representative Two new officers were elected: is to ask the women of her group | Vice-chairman, Mrs. Walter Deisabout the interest in having a ing and secretary, Mrs. Martha

> Missaukee County. Mrs. Leo Sundell reporting, we have Mrs. Pauline Lesher as chairman. This county has activated a greater membership and better attend-

Northwest Michigan sent a meeting and voted to continue said to the Michigan Farm Bugasbord projects. Camp commit- 11; tee has had one planning meeting, headed by Mrs. Loren Black. United States great is individual

Wexford County. Mrs. Julia Denike will be the new chairman with Mrs. Laverne Jacobs, secretary. They report nine entries in the essay contest and purchased the book "Your Farm Bureau." Now just a little something in observance of National Home Week Nov. 24-28.

Houses are built of wood and brick, of plaster and glass; but homes are built of love, selfsacrifice and mutual understand-

District 10-W Mrs. Vernon Vance, Chairman

East Jordan R-3 46 Farm Bureau women at-

tended our District meeting at Ellsworth, Antrim county, Octo-

Devotions were given by the veek I've been painting rooms, Rev. Silvers of the Pilgrim Holiand today on top of a ladder, I ness Church. Instrumental and

the ceiling of a great church in Farm Bureau presented the long Rome. His was a labor of love. range planning and financing of look at mine and wonder what Farm Bureau. A lively discussion followed. One young woman said But I came down Saturday on her Farm Bureau group discusshe double. Bruce got his buck, ed the seven things offered by 7-pointer and we all ran to see. Farm Bureau and decided they wanted all of them and the only way to have them was to pay for

Mrs. Karker showed the film, 'Battle for Liberty." It compares our system of education and that imposed by the communists.

Farm Bureau Women of Emmet county served a delicious ham dinner to about 25 officers and committee chairmen at our Training Day held Nov. 6 at basis. Emmet county's 4-H Center.

Askins, regional representative, elimination of government conwere present and conducted a trols. model meeting where we learned proper procedures.

More than 20 women from the

Sand Verbena. Another plant

suitable for planting in a dry lo-

inches high with pinkish Ver-

their permanent place in the

Cousin to the Zinnias we all

ange yellow flowers early in the

A plant wrongly called Creep-

ing Zinnia is in reality Sanvitalia



WHEELER McMILLEN, vicelarge delegation to the annual president of the Farm Journal, 4 its Twin Lakes camp and smor- reau annual meeting November

> "The thing that has made the liberty. . . the right to choose. Everybody competes for our choice automobiles, clothing, furniture, foods.

It's about time that we spend more on finding ways to sell what farmers can produce. Agricultural legislation for 30 years hasn't worked.

Dupont alone spends more money in finding new salable products for Dupont than is done in all agriculture to find new uses and markets.

Industrial research products have been replacing cotton, wool, leather and so on. . . We're getting out-researched in our own field.

Why not more research on what can be done with the starch in grain crops? We could know more about starch. Observe the products the petroleum industry gets from crude oil.

State Corn Growers For Freedom, 4 to 1

By nearly 4 to 1, Michigan corn producers favored Proposal No. 1 over Proposal No. 2 in the Corn Referendum on November 25.

The plan, which won national approval, will permit growers more freedom in the operations of their farms by (1) eliminating acreage allotments on corn (only 12% of last year's corn acreage was in compliance with allotments); (2) relating support price levels to 3-year average market prices; and (3) putting corn and other feed grains on the same

Farm Bureau supported Pro-Mrs. Marjorie Karker and Ray posal No. 1 as a move toward the for each pattern if you wish 1st-



DR. CLIFTON GANUS, JR. of Harding College, Arkansas cation is the Sand Verbena (Ab- told the annual meeting of Farm ronia umbellata), native to the Bureau Women, and men atending MFB Commodity Confer-Sand Verbena is a somewhat ence at Michigan State Univerprostrate plant, never more than sity Nov. 11:

"The cost of socialism in those bena—like flowers which are countries of western Europe that slightly fragrant. In its home- have socialistic government is land this plant is a perennial that the lot of the common man and is mentioned here because is poor, indeed.

in Michigan it is treated as an "The average earning of the industrial worker in those coun-Seeds may be sown outside tries is \$100 a month compared about the middle of May, but for to \$300 for U. S. industrial workearlier bloom sow inside March ers who work 8 hours a week 20 and transfer the seedlings to less.

"Cost of bread, vegetables, garden when all signs of frost rent, and transportation is low have passed. The husk around in those countries is low because the seeds should be peeled off it is controlled by government, before sowing.

But no housing is being built People live in crowded conditions. know so well is Zinnia Linearis, Electric refrigerators, radio free flowering, dense, erect television, and other things we bush about 12 inches high. It take for granted are double or produces its cheerful single, or- triple our prices.

"It's a different story in West season and continues to flower Germany, the outstanding free enterprise economy in Europe. 16); Large (18, 20). Medium Size There has been tremendous re- takes 2-1/8 yards 35-inch. covery and business is booming. procumbens, a very decorative Profits have been plowed back for this pattern-and 10 cents for small plant about 6 inches high, into industry. Wages have been

native to Mexico. It produces quantities of small yellow flowers which are long lasting even though the plant is growing in that somewhat dry location in the sounders. It produces a low, but that is changing.

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socialism is a one class society with zone, size and style number.

that pulls down all at the top and raises the bottom a little. This is the direct opposite of the U.S. program of unlimited opportunity for its citizens."

Wars Made in Minds of Men

Wars are made in the minds of men. Mankind in general fears, and consequently hates, the unknown and the strange. We tend to dislike people whose manners and customs and philosophies are unknown or strange to us. When we get to know each other better, we learn that all mankind acts and reacts very much the same. United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organ-

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December 1, 1958

Sold

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News November 1. J. B. Simpson, Farm Bureau

UP Regional Representative

When November 15 rolls around, the Red Coats take over the Upper Peninsula of Michigan with the elusive buck becoming the central figure.

The main discussion topic for the month seemed to center around this same subject. Your regional representative was fortunate in bagging his buck, a 190 pound eight pointer, on the second day of the season.

A Farm Bureau event of the month was the victory party held by the Mackinac-Luce Farm Bureau November 8 at Gould

About 90% of the membership attended the party.

Eldon Smith of Farm Bureau Services spoke on the Farm Bureau organization and the advantages the members have in being

Upper Peninsula was represented by 16 members at the Michigan Farm Bureau annual

Chippewa County Farm Bureau received an award for the greatest increase in the number of community groups and one for reaching the 1958 membership goal.

The "Little Brown Jug" award was made to Mackinac-Luce for being the first county in the Upper Peninsula and state to reach the 1959 membership goal.

Eino Kaski of Crystal Falls is assisting in organization of Iron County Farm Bureau, which will become the 71st in the state. This will leave Dickinson, Ontonogan and Gogebic remaining to be organized in the Upper Peninsula.

All County Farm Bureaus did their share to help defeat the constitutional convention proposal. Delta County did an exceptionally fine job. On the Friday and Saturday preceding the election workers passed out the "dollar bill" literature throughout the cities in the area.

Eaton County Starts Long Range Planning

Eaton County's Long Range Planning Committee has published a booklet, "Eaton County Challenge to Broader Horizons.' This presents facts and recommendations for improving many phases of Eaton county life. Some 500 persons representing many organizations and interests participated.

Three members of Eaton County Farm Bureau were members of the Steering Committee: Edward Miller, Jr., Lansing R-3, chairman; Carson Parr, Charlotte R-1; Lee Clark, Eaton Rapids R-3.

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For Distinguished Service to Agriculture

At the 39th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, the evening of November 11, President Ward G. Hodge presented the Farm Bureau's 1958 Award for Distinguished Service to Agriculture to three persons:



MRS. BELLE S. NEWELL of Coldwater, Branch County, was honored for leadership in Farm Bureau for many years. For her part in establishing Farm Bureau Women's Activities in 1945-49 when she was first state chairman. For her part in bringing Blue Cross to the Farm Bureau membership on a group basis through Branch County Farm Bureau's demonstration in 1943 that County and Community Farm Bureaus could meet the group service requirements of Blue Cross.



ORVILLE F. WALKER of Alba, Antrim county, was honored for outstanding services to farmers of northern Michigan over 30 years as a farmer, teacher of vocational agriculture, county agr'l agent, and soil conservationist. For his "Walker Quickie" program for building fertility in light, sandy soils. The program was adopted for that area by Agricultural Stabilization and Soil Conservation



CLARK L. BRODY of Lansing, Ingham county, for his leadership in building the Michigan Farm Bureau during his years as executive secretary and general manager, 1921-1952. For his work as Michigan Farm Bureau's spokesman to Congress 1921-1958. For his services to since 1921 as a member of the State Board of Agriculture, the governing body of the University.

Hear Speaker From India

Bureau heard Mrs. Ernest P. Gladwin. Donald (Shalini) of India speak | Farm Bureau Young People on "Farming in India-Her Prob- Harry Foster of Niles, President County) ship of land, to improve farm Schulze of Pigeon. credit service, increase farm production, improve seeds and fereducation programs.

Follows 100th Line

Meridian Highway extends 29 SEPTIC TANKS Meridian Highway extends from Winnipeg, Canada, to Laredo, Texas, 1769 miles, following the 100th meridian most of the lar free. Solvex, Monticello I, Iowa.

Attend AFBF Convention At Boston

Michigan Farm Bureau will be represented at the 1958 annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation at Boston Dec. 7-11 by five voting delegates, several members of the MFB staff, and probably 75 or more representatives from County Farm

Voting delegates from Michigan are President Walter W. Wightman, Vice-President Robert E. Smith, and State Directors Blaque Knirk, Ward G. Hodge, and Herbert Fierke.

President Wightman will serve with presidents of all State Farm Bureaus on the AFBF Resolutions

men, Farm Bureau Young People, 5 BUSINESS FOR SALE

meeting will be held December

Speakers include Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, U. S. Senators Goldwater of Arizona, Holland of Florida, and former A.F.B.F. President Allan Kline.

Voting delegates will consider the policy recommendations of the AFBF resolutions committee in the three general sessions making up the Federation's annual business meeting.

President Wightman:

April Election **Never More** Important!

been more important to farm people," said M.F.B. President Walter Wightman in looking forward to the 1959 spring contest. W2. (Eaton County) (11-3t-21p) 9

Board of Agriculture. At stake, in addition to township officials and State administrative offices, are two of the six seats on the Board of Agriculture, which controls Michigan State University. Only one of the six seats is now held by a representative in agri-

Township caucuses will be held February 14 or 16; township 10 primaries February 16; county conventions on or before February 21, and state conventions on or before February 28.

this election as important as the November elections. Plan now to take part in the affairs of your

Wightman and Smith Elected

(Continued from page 1) Farm Bureau for 20 years and has been a director of the state organization five years. He has served on many agricultural and community service committees. He represents agriculture on

39th Annual Meet

(Continued from page 1.) ditional revenue to improve and maintain highways. The Committee said the rate was reduced some years ago from 50 cents to 35 cents per 100 lbs.

3-Eight directors of a state 13 FARM MACHINERY board of 16 were elected or reelected for two year terms: Dist. 2 - Blaque Knirk of Quincy, re-elected.

Dist. 4 - Elton R. Smith of Caledonia, re-elected. Dist. 6 - Ward G. Hodge of

Snover, re-elected. Dist. 8 - Kenneth O. Johnson of Freeland, re-elected.

Dist. 10 - Eugene DeMatio of West Branch, elected to succeed Albert A. Brindley of West Branch, retired. Director at Large - Robert E.

Smith of Fowlerville, re-elected. Director at Large - Herbert Fierke of Saginaw, elected to Broomfield and Rolland Farm succeed Gleason Halliwill of

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and in the special interest fields of dairy, field crops, fruits and vegetables, livestock, poultry, land and water use, organization, program development, insurance, and service cooperatives will be held on Monday, December 8.

General services of the appural General sessions of the annual waing, Michigan. (Huron County) (12-1t-55p)

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From Where Does Michigan Get Its Revenue?

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for December

Background Material for Program in December by Our 1681 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

> DONALD D. KINSEY Coordinator of Education and Research

The State of Michigan is running in the red! Representative Rollo Conlin, chairman of the House Committee on General Taxation, cited the 1957 deficit as \$57,000,000.

He states that unless business should take a sharp upturn in late 1958, the State can end the year near \$80,000,000 in debt. The October report of sales tax receipts did not look promising. It was more than \$2,000,000 below October 1957. Business activities taxes are about \$5,000,000 below

Another thing that complicates the picture for the State is that "earmarked" funds for state and local benefits have more than doubled since 1949.

Everyone is watching the tax situation . . . and wondering. New sources of revenue are being examined to find a way to prevent State bankruptcy.

Three Months Tax Study. On our Discussion Topic ballots of last June, the Community Farm Bureaus heavily favored a three months discussion of our tax situation. The first approach is to take a look at "Where Michigan Gets Its Money."

We may leave out property taxes generally in such a question. We will discuss them in January. The State has not collected a general property tax since 1932. Those taxes go to local governments. Let's try to put some of the State revenues into proper brackets:

sales tax came into being in 1933 and was discussed as a temporary form of tax at that time. The rate was set at 3% of retail the State general laces rate was set at 3% of retail 80% of the sales taxes are paid

made exempt by law-now in- government units. cluding raw materials of production and machinery used in industry and agriculture.

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How Sales Tax Is Divided

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tax revenues are dropping. The Sales and Use Taxes last complete yearly records cov- 3% taxes on services - repairs, The sales and use taxes repre- er the fiscal year of 1956-57. hotel and motel rooms, etc. with sent the largest source of revenue collected by the State. The \$328,800,000 in sales and use eral Fund. taxes. This was 34.7% of all State tax collections.

All of the use taxes go into A number of items have been out to school districts and local

Two constitutional amend-The Sales Tax Diversion Amend- collected in taxes on highway was established in 1932. A mark-The use tax is collected from ment of 1946 and the 1954 revi- fuels (\$133,400,000) and in up margin of 46% to the cost of (a) purchases of goods outside of sion to it. (The Conklin Plan weight taxes for vehicle licenses Michigan for use within the Amendment) require that two- (\$66,100,000). But these funds in 1957 the net profit to the State, and (b) sales of used thirds of the sales tax money are earmarked for roads and State, after operating expenses, autos, trucks and other used be returned to schools, plus a highways, and a share goes to share to local governments.

Actually the use tax may cover The result is that the State streets and roads. The money the sale of all used goods. But keeps for the General Fund only cannot be used for general operit is practically impossible to one-sixth of the sales tax col- ating expenses. cover the sales of most used lections. In spite of this, sales With vehicles, a transfer taxes provided the largest revof title opens the way to collect enue to the State General Fund the tax when the sale is made. in 1956-57, or \$123,300,000. This It is paid when the new title is was 24.5% of all collections for the General Fund.

paying the sales tax. Michigan citizens paid \$20.29 of each \$1,000 We have pointed out that sales of income in sales taxes in 1956-



Awards For Exceeding Membership Goal in 1958

LEADERS of 43 County Farm 5-39th annual meeting for surpass- was paid in Federal taxes to emptions, including charitable, ing their membership goal in begin with and returns in the religious and educational instithe 1958 membership campaign. form of grants. But far less re- tutions, among others. The rate Michigan Farm Bureau member- turns than is paid by Michigan of tax levy differs so much for ship increased to 71,454 families. people to the Federal govern- different forms of intangible The state goal for 1959 is 72,387 ment.

But Michigan citizens pay a larger the State is a usual require- is not true of general property als and fees from mineral min neighboring states. A number of to strict regulation. states do not levy a sales tax on food.

Raising the sales tax to 4% would not alone solve the problem of the State deficit. The State could still keep only onesixth of the increased revenues.

Some have suggested special

The Business **Activities Tax**

The second largest source of State use is the business activi- upon beer and wine ties tax.

It is true that more money is cities and counties for local alone.

established by an act of the Leg- cents per or 12.8% of the revenues to the declined 23% in July Almost everyone shares in General Fund. It has dropped somewhat in 1958-59.

tax return is filed. For this rea- 000 into State coffers in 1957. son, very few farmers pay the

The main protest that businessmen have made about the business activities tax is that it must be paid whether a net profit | Michigan raised the tax from 3c or a loss is realized for the year. a year ago. These taxes make If a loss develops, it adds to up about half the cost of the the handicap and makes it harder to avoid business failures.

But the same is true of property taxes, and the business activities tax does provide a reasonably steady source of revenue for the State.

The Corporation Franchise Tax

Corporations in Michigan pay a privilege fee. It is actually in he nature of a permit to do business as a corporation. It was first established in 1921-22. The rate was then 3.5 mills.

In 1952 the rate became 4 mills, levied yearly on the paidup assets of the corporation. This brought \$47,100,000 into the State General Fund in 1957-58. This is 9.4% of the General Fund and makes the corporation franchise tax the third largest source of money going to it.

The tax is paid by about 35.000 corporations. The Michigan Tax Study Committee points out that, since the fee has a rather fixed rate, it can create some problems for corporations when sales de-

In some cases it may prevent needed expansions which would create new jobs. The fee could be made more flexible if it were adjusted to changes in economic activity. But, again, it is a firm source of State revenue.

Federal Aid

We must mention another ource of money that goes into the State General Fund. Actually the money is in the nature

Bureaus received citations from of a "kick-back" from the Fed- subject to tax became effective tax rates. Michigan Farm Bureau at the eral government. The money in 1940. There are various ex-This tax has brought Michigan

Each taxpayer is allowed a de-

such intangible property. Re- heritance and estate taxes yield-

moval of such exemptions would ed about \$10,000,000 in 1957. Num-

bring an added revenue to the erous other small taxes and fees

property that the schedule can- is 4.7% of the total in this fund. In 1956-57 some \$101,800,000 of not be listed here. Federal money was received by 57. There are five states in the State. All of this is earduction of \$20 from the tax. Unwhich citizens paid a higher per- marked for special purposes, centage of income in sales taxes. however. Matching of funds by

Nuisance Taxes

A number of so-called "nuis- State of about \$1,300,000. ance taxes" are levied to bring A danger in raising State taxes some revenue to the State, on intangible property is that Sometimes people suggest that it is easily movable. A higher these be increased to reduce the rate of tax could cause largedeficit. The percentages of rev- scale movement of such property enue are too small, however, to out of the state to areas of lesser for all purposes collected by the hope for a complete solution in this direction.

Alcoholic Beverages

The State of Michigan operates a monopoly over the wholesale distribution of spiritous revenue available strictly for liquors and places a special tax

> The State liquor monopoly the liquor is added by the State. amounted to \$37,200,000 on liquor

In July of 1957 a special add-The money was to go to school funds. The same law added 2 islature in 1953. In 1956 it cigarettes. This was expected to proved to be a rich source of yield about \$7 million in rev-State revenue, netting \$64,300,000 enue in 1958. But liquor sales

The Liquor Control Commission collects taxes on beer and The tax now levies 6.5 mills wine, but does not distribute on the gross sales of business them nor set the prices. The firms in Michigan. Some exemp- tax rates are 50c a gallon on tions exist. Unless gross sales wine and \$1.25 per barrel on amount to \$20,000 or more, no beer. Such taxes brought \$7,370,

Tobacco & Cigarettes

Cigarettes carry a Federal tax of 8c per pack and a State of Michigan tax of 5c per pack.

The first cigarette tax was imposed by the State to pay the Veteran's Bonus of World War II. In 1956-57 this tax brought in \$27,200,000. But it must be remembered that two-fifths of this money is now earmarked for school aid and does not help other State operating expenses Tobacco, other than cigarettes s not taxed by the State.

Pari-Mutual Betting

Legalized betting at race tracks in Michigan is subject to a special tax. The first law of this sort became effective in 1933. Rates have been raised from time to time. The present tax calls for 4% on all money wagered on harness races and 6% of the bets on running races within city limits. 4% if outside city limits.

The tax yielded about \$7,500. 000 in 1957. About a third of the money is returned to the cities where the races take place to be used for streets and traffic control improvements. Some goes for race purses and some is used for county fair improve-

Intangibles Tax

Intangible property in Michgan includes such things as bank deposits, stocks, bonds, debentures, notes and accounts receivable, mortgages and land contracts, etc. These have value just as real estate and personal property have value.

The law making such property

State amounted to \$949,200,000. Of this \$502,500,000 was money going to the General Fund-but much of that was earmarked for special purposes.

The "Paid Out" figure looms larger. Between money used in Farmers Tour to State operations and allotted to Europe Still Open schools and local governments, the cost figure reads \$1,020,700,-

To keep going, the State has had to tap various available reserves.

revenues fall off about \$20,000,-000 below expectations. Pay-

You cannot borrow endlessly to meet a deficit. The Constitution limits general borrowing to \$250,000 for general purposes. The State cannot coin money.

Would economies in State programs help? The State is spend- Farm Bureau Services ing at a rate 67% above that of 1948-in terms of dollars of constant value, according to the Citizens Research Council. This is spending per capita, and would cover any increases in population increasing revenues. At first the that might cause increased needs. amount was only \$3,000,000. But

in 1956-57 it put \$23,700,000 into take to get its budget back in summary of Services' work in '58. the State General Fund. This balance? That is the problem.

Questions

Various other smaller sources have for putting the State of E. Smith. *Representing Michiless he owes more than that in of revenue bring money into the Michigan on a sound financial gan Farm Bureau. taxes. It gives an advantage to ing, oil and gas help a bit. In-

2. It appears that new State taxes to yield considerable and constant revenues for the State over the rainiest areas, but there General Fund will be needed.

(A) What new types of taxes might be added to do

(B) Are there present taxes that could be increased

TOPIC FOR JANUARY-What is true about property taxes in Michigan?

A tour of Europe with other American farmers is being offered by American Farmers Tours.

The tour is 23 days. Depart from New York February 8, 1959. Eight European countries: England, Holland, Belgium, Germany The year 1958-59 has seen State Austria, Italy, Switzerland, and

Air transportation across the ments to schools and other gov- Atlantic Ocean and back to New ernment units are falling behind York. Tour rates include meals, lodging and transportation. \$829

For information, write Norwood Eastman, Michigan Farm Bureau, P. O. Box 960, Lansing 4, Mich-

Officers for 1959 Marten Garn of Charlotte was

re-elected president, and Elton R. Smith of Caledonia was re-elected vice-president of Farm Bureau Services at the 29th annual meeting at East Lansing November 25. What measures may Michigan See EDITORIAL on page 1 for

Directors elected: Clyde Breining, Peter H. DeWeerd, Marten Garn, Walter Harger, *Kenneth O. Johnson, *Elton R. Smith, *Walter W. 1. What suggestions do you Wightman, *Blaque Knirk, *Robert

Desert Air

The air over deserts sometimes contains more moisture than air s nothing to chill the air, therefore the moisture does not con-

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Miscellaneous

are received by the State.

Cash Balances

Show Picture

In 1956-57 the total revenues

as this HOLIDAY SEASON approaches...

We are reminded to express our sincere gratitude to you for your friendship and assistance. For this, we say "Thank you!"

> During the past year we have tried to serve you as bestwe know how. We look forward to serving you even

more during the years ahead. We hope that you will continue to look to "your own" insurance company for the protection and service you desire.

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