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Legislature Faces Major Financial Problems

EDITORIAL

Call for A Strong Agriculture

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Chairman

Council of Public Affairs for Michigan Farm Bureau

The tremendous strain upon our nation for the production of million-dollar missiles...isolate and replace it with an atheistic dictatorship. The Rockefeller Report drawn by a panel of 19 business, professional and military leaders said: "The only choice for the U.S. is to generate the essential new power while also preserving and expanding the democratic vigor of the U.S. way of life and the growth of the domestic economy."

The need for a strong and serviceable armament system is obvious. This council has studied and maintained only through the maximum engagement and opportunity for enterprise and farm people to apply their initiative and resourcefulness through the critical period ahead.

Farm Bureau policies are directed to that end. These policies were clearly expressed when the American Farm Bureau met as a resolution adopted at its 39th annual meeting in Chicago December 9-11, 1957:

"Our unparalleled progress is founded on freedom, initiative, and cooperation. These elements have allowed the development of an economic system which has provided unprecedented peace and unexcelled economic growth and religious opportunity. It is our utmost challenge as a country and as a people to hold to and build a better America on this fulfillment.

We, as Farm Bureau members, believe:

1. In our constitutional form of government and its division of powers.
2. In freedom of speech, press, and peaceful assembly.
3. In separation of church and state and the right of each individual to worship according to the dictates of his own conscience.
4. In the acceptance of citizenship responsibility by individuals necessary to the preservation of self-government.
5. In the American competitive system, in which profit is properly owned, privately owned, and operated for profit, and in which supply and demand are the primary determinants of market prices.
6. That efficiency of production and maximum per capita production are primary elements in determining standards of living.
7. That property rights are essential to the preservation of personal freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution.
8. In the right of every man to choose his own occupation; to be rewarded in accordance with his productive contribution to society; and to save, invest, and spend his savings as he chooses.
9. That the further centralization of power and authority in the federal government and the apathy by individuals is necessary to the preservation of which property is privately owned, privately managed, and demand are. the primary determinants of self-government.

It is the kind of values that are expressed in the above Farm Bureau resolution that Soviet communism continues to try to proliferate."

DEFICIT, GROWING EXPENSES, TAXES

Farm Bureau States Position on Some of The 200 Bills and Constitutional Amendments Offered

STANLEY E. POWELL

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Despite the bright lights in Michigan's legislative chambers, the situation is dark, gloomy and discouraging. Senators and Representatives are confused, baffled and bewildered. The fact that this is an election year increases the emphasis on a partisan flavor toward all proposals and debates.

Major headcases confront the lawmakers. The first has to do with rewarding the State's current fiscal year, which ends June 30, 1958, without too much red ink in the bookkeeping. Other concerns relate to what to do about the budget and tax programs for the coming fiscal year, which starts July 1.

Governor Williams has sent the Legislature three documents dealing with these matters.

The first was his general message, delivered personally at a joint session of the Senate and House on the day following the opening of the current session.

This was followed some days later by his tax and fiscal message, in which he predicted a general fund deficit next June of about $35 million. He suggested reprogramming about $10 million from various State funds and transferring them to the State's general fund so that they might be applied on school aid payments now due and other pressing obligations.

Governor Williams said in that message, "No one likes to reduce, but sometimes it must be done. Reducing our expenditures has no precedent in history."

The Governor stated that Michigan's existing estimate of appropriating $10 million from several State funds and transferring the money to the State's general fund for use in school aid payments now due and other pressing obligations would be an example of where a choice exists — to make it be a choice between responsibility and irresponsibility, between solvency and bankruptcy. After the passage of this most recent study of this matter, it is my best judgment that we should turn for assistance to an increase in the income tax.

The Governor said that Michigan's existing estimate of appropriating $10 million from several State funds and transferring the money to the State's general fund is unwise. He also saw a bill next June's 1958 will receive an award of $5,200,000 by the Farm Bureau to make goal in misleading and that the condition of the Farm Bureau region can earn $50 toward recommended a general fund in State budget.

Michigan Farm Bureau's 1958 General, Taxes, and Appropriations proposals are introduced 2,008,600,000 and other pro- fighting. This bill was approved by the Governor on March 15. Other bills that would be considered are: the School Aid Act and the Farm Aid Act.

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mum plans to destroy. These values are fundamental to all that makes life livable and worthwhile.

American was founded on the hardships, social injustices and vision of our forefathers. That the values have been protected and saved from time to time by young men dying on the battlefield.

Therefore, it behooves us as farmers to preserve and perpetuate our progress and survival as a free people.

Traditionally, Farm Bureau members have sponsored agricultural policies designed to enable farm people to meet this great obligation. They have already contributed to fully restore the market place as the source of farm income.

In a competitive market price relationship determines value and demand. The farmer grows what he thinks will provide him with the greatest income. Production cycles and his determination to alternate opportunities govern his decisions.

The individual planning to accomplish this objective establishes initiative and resourcefulness and limits to the satisfaction of personal achievement. It is continually unfolding the unknowable factors in the enterprises of farm people of America.

There is no satisfactory future for the farm family to depend directly or indirectly, upon returns from excess commodities in government storage. Government price fixing, with the controls inevitably associated with it, stimulates human originality and resourcefulness and leads to the cracy that looks on toward socialism, and loss of our freedom.

Meeting the Russian threat requires an agricultural economy founded on internal strength. This is the organic economy upon which the strength cannot be based, without regard to any other condition. It has been called the sole adequate and practical defense of freedom.

The history of liberty is the history of the limitation of governmental power. 

— Woodrow Wilson

Michigan Farm Bureau

Free Flowing, Granular PLANT FOOD

(BAGGED or BULK)

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Every Granule is

“COMPLETE PACKAGE” of Fertilizer.

“get back $3 for every $1 that I spend on Farm Bureau Plant Food.”

(These are average results within Michigan)

Pays $1,000, Hospital Bill

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enrollment in Blue Cross Blue Shield can save you money when you use Farm Bureau Bulk.

BUNY FARM BUREAU FERTILIZER NOW BECAUSE:

1. It stores well.

2. It is uniform quality.

3. It pays to do business with yourself.

When you buy Farm Bureau, you’re not only buying good material...you’re putting money into your own pocket. It is your trading with Farm Bureau that builds facilities and makes technical progress possible.

DONT FORGET to ask your Farm Bureau dealer how the above figures can fit into your farm operation when you use Farm Bureau Bulk.

PlNT FOOD DEPARTMENT

IT'S YOURS TO QUALITY PRODUCTS FOR FARM BUREAU SERVICES, INC.

Waterfall

Your telephone doesn’t mind the cold

A cold, snowy winter day can just about stop everything. It’s bad enough to go out even; worse to try to drive over hazardous, snow-covered roads.

But your telephone is hard to stop. It isn’t bothered by frostbite, and snowflakes don’t slow its speed. With it you can order supplies from town, make a phone call to any friend...change your plans, keep in touch with family and friends near or far—all from the comfort of your own home.

Sure you need to know how much snow you get. You and your family have your own and dependable friend—your telephone...always ready and able.
LAGUARDIENOS FORMED A MODEL LAW FOR THE TOXIC OR REASONABLY ANTICIPATED HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES IN COMMERCIAL, HOSPITAL, AND INDUSTRIAL USES.

Cut Poison Deads

These feeders are constructed of heavy premium coated galvanized features no other feeder can claim.

The law is directed against failure of the Michigan Bear Hunter’s Association. This provision would be

Some of the bills now pending, which are discussed in the Senate, Committee on Agriculture, would provide a minimum of $1.75 per hour for livestock feeding when the person is

This provision would be to restrict the use of live hog dealers’ trucks. This would prevent the Michigan Pork Producers to assist in financing the maintenance and feed problems.

Michigan Celebrates 1st Anniversary of Farm Bureau Life Insurance Co.

Farm Bureau Young People to hold annual meeting in room 254 of Michigan State University Union, March 26. The meeting will be held during the Michigan State Agricultural Society andtor Students Exchange. These seminars are for counselors and their agents who

Michigan Ranks 1st For Producing Beans

To see if you’ve got it, take your 10 lb. bag and put it under the skid lugs. If it doesn’t seem to fit, you’ve got it. If it does, you’ve got the right.

Notice of Annual Meeting

Your Farm Bureau Dealer can provide you with the Model 36-R FEEDER...

Dear Farmers,

Menbro, the 1950-51 Farm Bureau year is now underway, and on January 11, the annual meeting of the stockholders of Farm Bureau Life Insurance Co. will be held at its office, 600 North Grand River Avenue. Lansing, March 1, 1951.

This seminar is attended by Michigan Farmers, sponsored by Michigan Farm Bureau. All areas of Michigan Farm Bureau, including the smaller mills which operate powered grinders, which are very heavy outfits, pay much more for policemen. A recent Attorney General's opinion has held that these purchases and sales of referees are exempt from under the license for the referee's license and which applies

IF YOU'VE GOT IT—GET IT

Regional Legislative Committees of the Michigan Farm Bureau will hold meetings during February and March to discuss these areas with County Livestock Committees, which are:

Regional meetings for Dairy and Livestock Committees will be held during February for the purpose of getting the following:

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Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

DISTRICT 1
Mrs. Fred Foster, Chairman
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Mrs. Foster requested a financial report which was made. Mr. Edman, agriculture chairman, reported on the work of the district. New members were elected to the District Committee.

DISTRICT 2
Mrs. Geo. Giesinger, Chairman
District 2 Committee of the Farm Bureau Women held a planning meeting on Saturday, January 26, at the St. Joseph Woman's Building. Mrs. Giesinger and Mrs. Jospeck made a visit to the Traverse City Women's Committee meeting, and Mrs. Jospeck is planning to attend the Grand Traverse County Women's Committee meeting.

REGION 8

FARM BUREAU GARDENS

Your Farm Bureau seed dealer can quote 100 leading varieties of flower seeds. For a complete catalog of seeds available to you at reasonable prices, write for your Seed Bulletin. Garden seeds are also available in bulk.

GARDEN SEEDS

For more information about the Farm Bureau Garden Seeds, please contact your local Farm Bureau Chapter or visit the Farm Bureau website.

FLORISTS

Our florists are listed below. Each florist offers a wide variety of flower arrangements and floral designs. For more information, please visit their respective websites or contact them directly.

M. L. R. CHAPMAN
Garden Clubs Lecture

The African Violet is probably the most popular house plant in the world. Mrs. Chapman, who has been growing African Violets for many years, will share her experiences and knowledge with us. She will discuss the proper care, propagation, and blooming of African Violets.

H. W. K. MURPHY
African Violet Society Lecture

Mrs. Murphy is a member of the African Violet Society and will share her knowledge and passion for these beautiful plants. She will discuss the history and cultivation of African Violets, as well as tips for growing them at home.

The Home Flower Garden

History and Culture of African Violets

African Violets are native to South Africa and have been enjoyed by gardeners for centuries. They are known for their vibrant colors and unique shapes. Mrs. Chapman will discuss the history and culture of African Violets, as well as tips for growing them at home.

Washington Boulevard at Detroit

Planting and Growing African Violets

Mrs. Chapman will provide tips and advice for planting and growing African Violets. She will discuss the best soil, watering, and lighting conditions for these plants.

The Home Flower Garden

Smithy Sheath

Red Indigo Tulip Bouquet

White patterned tulips add a touch of elegance to any flower arrangement. Smithy Sheath will demonstrate how to create a beautiful bouquet using these flowers.

Kirk-Tack Pattern Marker

This pattern marker is perfect for drawing straight lines on fabric. It is easy to use and provides precise results.

Printed Pattern R-400

This printed pattern is ideal for creating beautiful floral arrangements. It features a variety of designs and is perfect for beginners and experienced florists alike.

Nancy G. Pommerin

Flower Arranging Class

Nancy G. Pommerin offers classes in flower arranging. She will demonstrate different techniques and provide hands-on instruction for creating beautiful arrangements.

African Violets are a popular houseplant and are known for their vibrant colors and unique shapes. Nancy G. Pommerin will discuss the care and cultivation of African Violets, as well as tips for creating stunning arrangements using these plants.

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Farm Bureau Young People of Ottawa County held a first prize dinner at the American Legion Hall in Port Huron. Watson won an entry at the annual Round-Up in Muskegon, Dec. 16.

The Round-Up is a day of entertainment and fellowship for members of organizations competing in this community service program and their friends. There are five winners in each county to whom the winner is invited to the Michigan State University Extension Service office at the Michigan State University, East Lansing, where the winners are decided.

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Notice of Annual Meeting
FARM BUREAU MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.
The annual meeting of the policyholders of the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Michigan, a corporation, will be held, as on the 6th day of February, 1958, at 11:30 am, for the following purposes:

1. To receive and act upon the report of the officers and directors.
2. To elect directors.
3. To consider other business as may properly come before the meeting.

February 1, 1958
Lenawee, Michigan
J. F. Yarger
Secretary

Here's YOUR Invitation to the Farmers Petroleum Co-op's New Show
Power Farming with Farm Bureau
Learn to save money WITHOUT SPENDING ANY!

FREE LUNCH • DOOR FAVORS • CASH PRIZES • MOVIES • DEMONSTRATIONS

ATTEND ONE OF THESE SHOWS • 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

FEBRUARY 23: THE GEORGIA Nitro Grange, 547 N. Highway 27, for Calhoun, Lee, Macon, Telfair counties.
FEBRUARY 24: KEWEENAW, Copper Country Fair Grange, 3616 W. Michigan Ave., for Baraga, Calumet, Houghton counties.
FEBRUARY 26: BERKLEY SPRINGS Youth Memorial Building for Berrien and Cass counties.

Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc.
Farm Bureau Resolutions on State Affairs

They Outline the Program of Work

We present the next installment of the resolutions on state affairs adopted at the 38th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau at East Lansing, Nov. 12-13, 1957. The first section was published in our edition for Dec. 1.

Our resolutions on national affairs were recommended to the 39th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau at Chicago, Dec. 8-12. Our recommendations on national farm policy were discussed by Mr. Bodkin in his editorial in the December 1 edition.

The American Farm Bureau resolutions on national and international affairs were published in the Nation's Agriculture for January. The section of the Michigan Farm Bureau resolutions dealing with the Michigan Farm Bureau organization will be published in our March 1 Edition.

MFB Resolutions on State Affairs

Section 2

Highway Finances

We recommend our legislators for their active support of highway programs which, in addition to the highway construction fund and distribution, will include a gasoline tax in order to provide for necessary higher percentage for the ready roads effort. We believe that the legislature should act to provide for a greater use of revenues which now go toward the support of county and township roads which may be considered to be a source of great public benefit. We believe that a gasoline tax might be essential in order to provide for a greater use of revenues which now go toward the support of county and township roads which may be considered to be a source of great public benefit.

Land Use

We recommend that the county boards of supervisors be required by law to include the development of public lands for the benefit of the public in all deeds and leases of public lands. We support the establishment of a state park system for the benefit of the public.

Productivity

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Lapeer Points in Public Relations

Lapeer County Farm Bureau has been promoted as a key area of farm public relations programs in the state. The Lapeer exhibit on public relations efforts was taken around the county during last month's Farm Bureau convention in Detroit.

The Lapeer exhibit includes an eight-page brochure featuring several notable examples of successful public relations efforts in the county. It highlights the work of individual Farm Bureau members and committees as well as the work of the county Farm Bureau as a whole.

The exhibit features success stories such as the promotion of a county fair, the development of a community garden, and the implementation of a local food bank program. It also includes tips for effective public relations strategies and encourages Farm Bureau members to get involved in community events and initiatives.

The exhibit is available for viewing at the Lapeer County Farm Bureau office and can be requested for distribution to other Farm Bureau members. It is a valuable resource for anyone looking to improve their public relations efforts and promote the work of their Farm Bureau chapter.
Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for February

Background Material for Program in February by Our 1629 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

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Any approach to the problem of Civil Defense today presents quite a different prospect than it did when we discussed it only a few years ago. Today, the atom, "Sputniks" and intercontinental missiles have entered the picture. How can we defend ourselves against such things? Dr. Albert Schweitzer, a famous scientist, believes that one of the greatest dangers to humanity is one that is ever-present to the people of the world. "The danger in this case," says Dr. Schweitzer, "is not easily grasped by the human mind. Even those who are busy with their routine jobs. They think little about it." According to these men, an atomic attack would only intensify the dangers that already exist.

Dr. Schweitzer declares that in the United States, there is a radiation of 640 tons of strontium-90 as strong as the atomic bomb that exploded over Hiroshima. This is the type of radiation that people have already witnessed in the Hiroshima test. There have been numerous instances of dangerous health hazards in the body from this type of radiation. Some "pooh-pooh" the dangers. Others take a serious view of it. But the possibility remains that we have been exposed to radiation that is dangerously high with serious consequences.

Some explosives have been very successful. It would seem that we are already in the very midst of an atomic war, attack or no attack. An attack might be expected only in terms of secret preparedness.

Bombuse Are Powerful Beyond Imagination

An International Atomic Energy Agency has already threatened to place atomic materials for research in the hands of those countries that are responsible for this atomic war. The atom is being used as a weapon against those countries that are not "in" the atomic world. If an atomic war begins, it is only possible to express profound regret. Scientists disagree about this. But many are worried that the nations are playing with a new and deadly kind of fire that can destroy humanity—so-called atomic war.

We Are Exposed To Atomic Fall-Out

According to these men, an actual atomic war would only intensify the present dangers. There have been many atomic explosions in the past. In the present world, atomic explosions are giving rise to radioactivity in a form that is continually active to earth—radioactivity in the form of uranium and strontium-90. The danger is not easily grasped by the human mind. Even those who are busy with their routine jobs. They think little about it.

It is well for farmers to be prepared against the implications of such a war. It is true that the Federal Government has yet to start a national program of Civil Defense. However, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and the County Farm Bureaus have just issued a booklet, "CIVIL DEFENSE BECOMES A MODERN FARM PROBLEM," to help farmers prepare for possible emergency situations. The booklet contains many suggestions for the farmer who wishes to prepare for such a war. The booklet is available from the County Farm Bureau's library. Bureaus in Michigan include: C. G. Blythe (Antrim), J. B. E. Byers (Bay), R. A. D. Foraker (Cass), A. D. Reifsnyder (St. Clair), J. P. C. Steen (Tuscola), J. W. S. Simonsen (Wayne), and E. W. T. Thome (Alcona). The booklet is also available from any local library or through the Michigan State Library.

When It Comes to Health Care Protection, There is No Better Way to Use Atomic Materials for Research than to Use Them in the Field of Civil Defense. They have already been used in research to find ways to protect livestock from exposure to atomic materials. It is not easy to control atomic materials, but it is possible to do so. If an atomic war begins, the Federal Government has yet to start a national program of Civil Defense. The booklet "CIVIL DEFENSE BECOMES A MODERN FARM PROBLEM" contains many suggestions for the farmer who wishes to prepare for such a war. The booklet is available from the County Farm Bureau's library. Bureaus in Michigan include: C. G. Blythe (Antrim), J. B. E. Byers (Bay), R. A. D. Foraker (Cass), A. D. Reifsnyder (St. Clair), J. P. C. Steen (Tuscola), J. W. S. Simonsen (Wayne), and E. W. T. Thome (Alcona). The booklet is also available from any local library or through the Michigan State Library.

Biology in a Time of War

What is the reason? imply that Blue Cross and Blue Shield know the score in the prepaid health field. They could not be so busy with their routine jobs. They think little about it. They would appreciate a situation where they could be "in" the atomic world. If an atomic war begins, it is only possible to express profound regret. Scientists disagree about this. But many are worried that the nations are playing with a new and deadly kind of fire that can destroy humanity—so-called atomic war.

The Threat Offered By Strontium 90

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Civil Defense in Case of Attack

What do we mean by Civil Defense?

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To protect you and your family—your Michigan Farm Bureau Insurance Companies offer you the new "Inoculant Victim" family protection coverage. It pays awards for bodily injury, loss of limb, death, and for property damage due to uninsured motorists or hit-and-run drivers.

For the farm, Civil Defense means what it has meant in the past. What can we do to prepare for the future? Bureaus in Michigan are working to help us. Your County Farm Bureau's library has already been used in research to find ways to protect livestock from exposure to atomic materials. It is not easy to control atomic materials, but it is possible to do so. If an atomic war begins, the Federal Government has yet to start a national program of Civil Defense. The booklet "CIVIL DEFENSE BECOMES A MODERN FARM PROBLEM" contains many suggestions for the farmer who wishes to prepare for such a war. The booklet is available from the County Farm Bureau's library. Bureaus in Michigan include: C. G. Blythe (Antrim), J. B. E. Byers (Bay), R. A. D. Foraker (Cass), A. D. Reifsnyder (St. Clair), J. P. C. Steen (Tuscola), J. W. S. Simonsen (Wayne), and E. W. T. Thome (Alcona). The booklet is also available from any local library or through the Michigan State Library.

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