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## EDITORIAL

### Something We Can't Ignore

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A few weeks ago I was privileged to attend the 8th National Institute of Animal Agriculture at Purdue University.

There 300 leaders in agriculture, and in the processing and distribution of farm production, met to discuss the integration that is going on in farming.

Integration of agriculture by other lines of business is of growing concern to farm people.

Integration is defined as the "control of one or more steps in production, processing, and distribution."

With regard to the farmer, it involves a transfer of his responsibilities of management and ownership in whole or in part to some centralized distributing or processing agency.

Integration replaces the traditional type of agriculture in which the farmer is owner, manager, and operator.

Large feed companies and, to a lesser extent, poultry processors are now controlling 90% of the broiler production through financing and some form of contract with the producer.

The competition of such integrated broiler production and marketing has largely eliminated the independent broiler producer who operated by controlling the growing and marketing of his own product.

Integration in pork production and marketing is on the increase. Feed companies are furnishing hog feeds to farmers and marketing the hogs. Packers are securing animals for their processing plants under contracts with the farmer, with specifications as to type, quality, and numbers.

Increasing numbers of cattle are being finished by commercial feeders who have contractual arrangements with the producers.

Integration is appearing in the dairy industry. Integration may capture egg production in a few years when candling methods become more completely mechanized.

Dr. R. C. Kramer of Michigan State University told the Animal Agriculture Conference at Purdue that three-quarters of the major feed companies have integration programs for poultry; two-thirds of the major feed companies integrate eggs and hogs; 40% of the feed companies integrate cattle feeding and marketing. Two-thirds of the meat packers have integration programs for hogs.

Participating in the conference were representatives of educational institutions, farm organizations and prominent firms engaged in the production, processing, and distribution of farm products.

They were there to consider the extent and implications of integration, and to compare experiences and views regarding its effect on the future of agriculture and distribution. This was an educational conference and not designed to formulate and announce policies.

It was agreed that integration is made possible and stimulated by advancing mechanization and technology in farm production and marketing; that it, in turn, may hasten further great changes in our agricultural economy.

Growing pressure on one-man farm operations is being augmented by the great increase in capital required in agriculture. It was brought out that \$55,000 per farm worker in agriculture is required, compared to capital of \$15,000 per worker in industry.

Speakers said integration provides an opportunity for the farmer to shift his risks to distributing and processing agencies. It assures him of an adequate and dependable market.

From the consumer end, integration serves to meet the demand for improved quality and dependable supply of food products. It is becoming an important factor in adapting farm production more closely to the demands and needs of the housewife.

As to the future development of integration the following probabilities were expressed by the con-

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Berrien Farm Bureau Groups Serve Dinner to 1,000

## Blue Cross Will Start Register Billing Soon

MRS. MARJORIE GARDNER

Blue Cross Coordinator for Michigan Farm Bureau

Effective with the July 1, August 1, and September 1 billing cycles, the County Farm Bureaus which have completed requirements for Register Billing will no longer be responsible for Blue Cross-Blue Shield collections from subscriber-members.

Under Register Billing, Farm Bureau subscribers living in the eligible counties will receive postcard billing and will make payment for their Blue Cross service to the home office of Michigan Blue Cross-Blue Shield at Detroit.

The County Farm Bureau secretary will send each Blue Cross subscriber a letter explaining the new method of payment when it becomes effective in the county.

Register Billing is a change in collection procedures only. In no way does it affect Farm Bureau group coverages or group rates. These will remain exactly as they are.

It does establish the County Farm Bureau as the group rather than the Community Farm Bureau. It will eliminate collection responsibilities of hundreds of volunteer Blue Cross secretaries who have faithfully served their fellow members for many years in order that Farm Bureau could offer this service.

Register Billing has not come about easily. It is a change in collection procedures which have been in effect since the Blue Cross-Blue Shield program started in Farm Bureau 15 years ago.

Then our subscribers numbered some 300, as compared to nearly 45,000 Farm Bureau families enrolled today.

This announcement represents two years of careful preparation and planning by Farm Bureau leaders at the county and state levels. They have co-operated with Michigan Blue Cross-Blue Shield to set up procedures to simplify administration of the Blue Cross program in County Farm Bureaus.

The new Blue Cross program has been approved by the State Committee of elected representatives of the County Farm Bureaus, and by each County Farm Bureau board of directors as it applied for Register Billing.

Working through the years, Farm Bureau and Blue Cross-Blue Shield have built a rural enrollment program in Michigan which has received national recognition.

Register Billing is another step forward. Farm Bureau is the first organization of its kind and size to be offered the new collection service by Michigan Blue Cross-Blue Shield.

### Farm Prosperity Varies

Articles in the press about a welcome improvement in farm prices have been looking hard at the price of cattle, hogs, and poultry.

Milk contributes more to Mich-

igan farm income than any other farm commodity.

Dairy prices were 9% lower in April, 1958 than in April, 1957. Prices for meat animals were 20% higher, prices for poultry and eggs were 17% higher than for April 1957.

## Legislature Will Try Again for Accord

### 600 Attend Ogemaw Dinner

Six hundred persons attended the annual Rural-Urban dinner-meeting of the Ogemaw County Farm Bureau at West Branch April 9. The event is part of the Farm Bureau program to promote good farm and town relationships.

### Berrien's Banquets Cut Building Debt

Berrien County Farm Bureau Women, Young People, and others in the organization join in a remarkable food service program to reduce the debt on the Youth Memorial Building at Berrien Springs. It's the Farm Bureau center.

An annual event is the \$10 a plate dinner and program. This year 423 persons came. The dinner netted over \$4,000 and reduced the building debt to \$14,000.

Some 40 ladies and the Young People, with help from others, served 1,000 persons at the Michigan Fruit Canners banquet April 7. The group was served in 35 minutes, cafeteria style.

Food was prepared at the Youth Memorial Building kitchen. The Young People's group transported it to the County Fair commercial exhibits building. They served coffee and cleaned the building afterwards.

Michigan Fruit Canners employees set up the tables and chairs, and provided polyethylene film to keep the April wind out. Dean's Dairy set up a hay dryer to heat the building throughout the day. Everyone was comfortable at what was probably Berrien county's largest indoor banquet.

### Honor Kline as Great Living American

Allen B. Kline of Iowa, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation from 1943 through 1954, was one of seven persons honored as Great Living Americans by the United States Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting in May.



MR. KLINE

The honors are given annually to a group of American citizens "who by their own initiative, self-reliance, and ambition have made notable contributions to human progress."

Mr. Kline was honored "for his constant and farsighted leadership in the effort to free the American farmer from government intervention in farm production and prices."

The other six award winners were Dr. Jonas E. Salk, Dr. Werner VonBraun, J. Edgar Hoover, Calla E. Varner, Richard K. Mellon, and Charles F. Kettering.

### Otto Steffey Was Illinois President

Otto Steffey, president of the Illinois Agr'l Ass'n — the state Farm Bureau — died suddenly May 15 at his home at Stronghurst. Mr. Steffey was prominent in Illinois agriculture for nearly 40 years. He had been IAA president since December, 1954.

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### \*Provides First Funds May 16 for Building Boys' Vocational School; Takes 2nd Recess to June 12

STANLEY M. POWELL

Legislative Counsel for Michigan Farm Bureau

There were ten bills awaiting decision when the Legislature returned to Lansing May 15, hoping to complete the 1958 session. They didn't make it and recessed to June 12.

On the House calendar was H. 266, the Governor's bill to raise the tax rates on intangible property.

In the Senate there was H. 303 which has to do with state control of atomic energy.

There were 8 bills in possession of Conference Committees, with efforts being made to reach compromises acceptable to both House and Senate.

The Legislature reached agreement on 3 of the 8 bills. Two had to do with divorce laws and the third was the so-called capital outlay appropriation.

The most controversial part of that bill was the appropriation to start construction of a new Boys' Vocational School. \$650,000 was provided with the understanding that construction will be on the Whitmore Lake site.

The Michigan Farm Bureau has a definite program on three of the bills which are hanging fire in conference committees.

Bus Bills. H. 281 is the subsidy for city and suburban buses. It proposes to give them a rebate for their gas tax and to provide license plates at the nominal fee of \$25 per vehicle. At the regular rates, the weight tax on many of the buses would exceed \$200 per year.

The effect of this subsidy program would be to reduce highway revenues to the State Highway Department, county roads and city streets. This would be definitely contrary to a resolution adopted by the delegates at the last annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

If city buses must be subsidized, they should be financed by money coming out of the cities' share of highway revenues or provided directly by the city to be benefited. The conference committee has failed to reach any agreement as to the disputed points regarding this bill.

Their failure to agree is, of course, gratifying to the Farm Bureau, which hopes to see the bill die. Two of the other bills still pending in conference are supported by the Farm Bureau.

State Park Fees. S. 1083 would establish a permit system for vehicles using state parks. The revenue would be used for park maintenance and purchase of additional park acreage. This would be a sort of "pay-as-you-use" proposition whereby those benefiting from park facilities would assist in defraying the costs involved.

Hospital Use. The other bill in conference and supported by the Farm Bureau, is S. 1215. It would allow utilization of any surplus space in tuberculosis sanatoria. It is probable that one or more of the present tuberculosis hospitals could be turned over entirely for use by other patients.

It would be helpful if Farm Bureau members would communicate their views regarding these three measures to their Legislators before they return to Lansing June 12.

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau met at Lansing May 20. They discussed several national issues and reviewed developments during the 1958 session of the state Legislature.

Robert E. Smith, chairman of the Legislative Committee, presented a detailed report showing that 33 measures favored by the Michigan Farm Bureau have been passed by the Legislature.

Two were vetoed by Governor Williams, the bill to discourage stealing Christmas trees from private and public land, and S. 1001, which would have provided the procedure for nominating and electing delegates to a constitutional convention if the voters in November should authorize the convention.

46 bills opposed by Michigan Farm Bureau were not passed by the Legislature, Mr. Smith said in his report. There is still much unfinished business since 42 measures Farm Bureau favored were not enacted.

Thus far in this session, no bill opposed by the Michigan Farm Bureau has been passed. Such a record is probably due largely to three factors:

1—The careful way in which Farm Bureau's legislative recommendations are developed and adopted.

2—The prestige which the Michigan Farm Bureau has attained with members of the Legislature and the public generally.

3—The way in which Farm Bureau members follow legislative developments and keep their Legislators informed regarding the various measures which come up for consideration and decision.

## FB Mutual Announces New Automobile Policy

A completely new auto policy has been introduced by Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company, and all policyholders will benefit by it.

The policy, called the "Pace Setter," is new all the way. All coverages—collision, comprehensive, liability, medical and emergency road service—have been broadened to provide Farm Bureau members with the finest auto protection available today. The policy is also new in appearance. It is printed in an easy-to-read illustrated booklet style. Three of the new protections:

All coverages carried automatically apply to a new car you may purchase, even though not replacing another car, if the company insures all of your cars and trucks. The company must be notified of the new car purchase within 30 days.

The broadened protection of the new policy is effective June 1, 1958, for all present Farm Bureau auto policyholders. Each policyholder will receive the new policy with his next notice of renewal. He will also receive an illustrated folder explaining what the new policy means to him in increased protection.

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**Preferences**  
My time is my own in a general way.  
And nobody shoves me about  
Or tells me I must, be it labor or play.  
Or cares if I chortle or pout.  
I'm quite independent of bosses and clocks  
I wear no man's collar, forsooth.  
I rise if I think opportunity knocks;  
Or I sit and consider the Truth.  
You would think that Old Hiram, with time on his hands,  
Would be choring all over the place  
With polished perfection of buildings and lands  
But that simply isn't the case.  
I haven't the time to perform as I might  
The duties I ought to push through  
Because I'm so busy from morn'g till night  
With things I would much rather do.  
I hoe in the garden, for that's my career  
Inflicting no cause for complaint.  
But the hen house needs painting and has for a year—  
I just simply don't like to paint!  
I could cite you examples to show what I mean  
And you would quite doubtless concur.  
The whole human race is accustomed to lean  
Quite a ways toward the things they prefer.  
We have plenty of time for our favorite jobs  
Or our favorite sports and the rest  
But life is too brief and our soul seldom throbs  
For the chores we sincerely detest.  
R. S. Clark (8-14-57)



Mr. Poultryman . . . reach your goal of  
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**FEED DEPARTMENT**

**FARM BUREAU SERVICES, INC.**

**Community Farm Bureaus**

CLARE L. MCGHAN  
Coordinator of Community Farm Bureaus for MFB  
We expect to see a new record established this year in our Community Farm Bureau program. We have 1,683 Community Farm Bureaus now. This leaves 17 new groups to reach the goal of 1700. What county will have the honor of having the 1700th group?  
Michigan has the distinction of having more Community Farm Bureaus than any other State Farm Bureau. We should



not be satisfied until every Farm Bureau member has the opportunity of participating in a community group.  
We want to pay tribute here to the fine efforts of the County Community Group Committees in the maintenance and promotion of Community Farm Bureaus. Without their work, this record would not have been achieved. Following is a list of County Farm Bureaus and the number of Community Farm Bureaus each has:

- Van Buren 24. Total 204.
- South East Region—Branch 18, Calhoun 30, Hillsdale 31, Jackson 21, Lenawee 40, Monroe 34, Washtenaw 54, Wayne 12. Total 240.
- Central Region — Clinton 49, Eaton 44, Genesee 32, Ingham 33, Ionia 33, Livingston 45, Shiawassee 23. Total 259.
- Thumb Region — Huron 78, Lapeer 25, Macomb 40, Oakland 20, Sanilac 40, St. Clair 22, Tuscola 44. Total 269.
- West Central Region—Allegan 30, Barry 34, Berrien 38, Cass 14, Kalamazoo, 39, St. Joseph 25.
- West 11, Mecosta 22, Montcalm 19, Muskegon 10, Newaygo 19, Oceana 14, Osceola 22, Ottawa 40. Total 200.
- East Central Region—Arenac 11, Bay 23, Clare 12, Gladwin 16, Gratiot 20, Isabella 22, Midland, 12, Saginaw 33. Total 149.
- North West Region — Antrim 13, Benzie 11, Charlevoix 15, Kalkaska 8, Manistee 20, Missaukee 23, North West Michigan 37, Wexford 11. Total 138.
- North East Region—Alcona 22, Alpena 27, Cheboygan 24, Emmet 14, Iosco 17, Montmorency 12, Ogemaw 29, Otsego 4, Presque Isle 20. Total 169.
- Upper Peninsula — Baraga 3, Chippewa 15, Delta 9, Houghton 4, Mackinaw-Luce 6, Marquette-Alger 6, Menominee 12. Total 55.

**AWARD GROUPS**

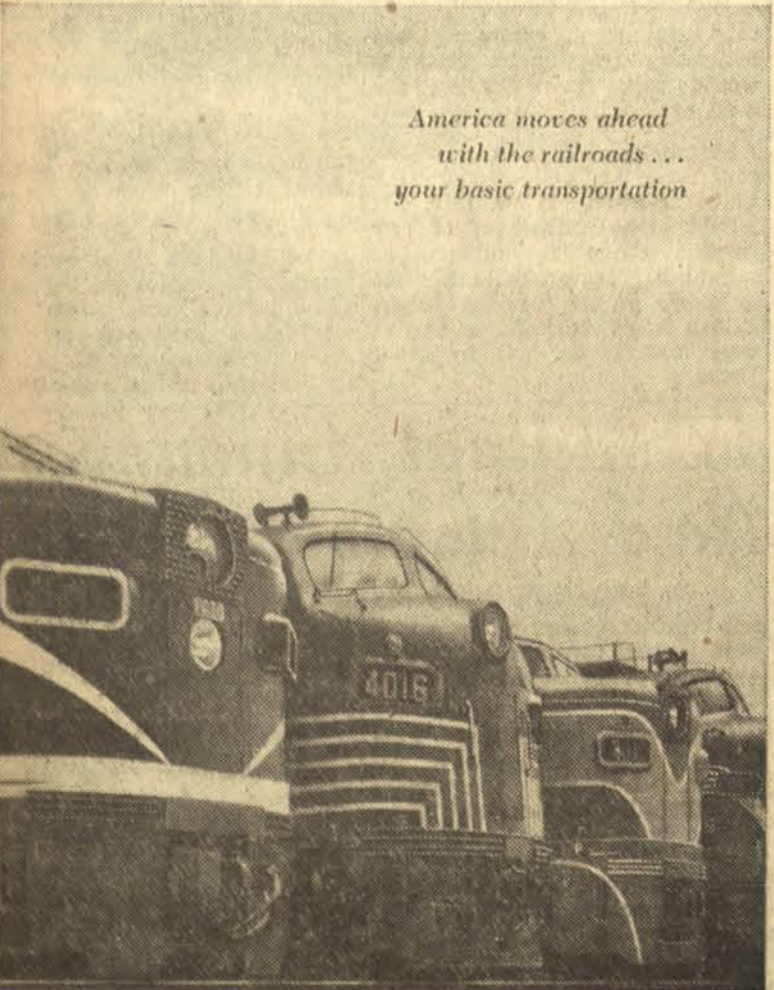
**APRIL Gold Star:** Mecosta county; Pleasant View Community Farm Bureau, Mrs. Dorothy Emmons, secretary; Alpena county, Star Community Farm Bureau, Mrs. Alfred Theim, secretary.  
**Silver Star:** Manistee county, Lakeside Community Farm Bureau, Pat Boynton, secretary; Washtenaw county, Town Hall Community Farm Bureau, Mrs. Floyd Atkinson, secretary; Van Buren county, Twin Lakes Community Farm Bureau, Olivia McAllister, secretary; Genesee county, Howes Community Farm Bureau, Mrs. Mae Claxton, secretary.

**Three Tours to AFBF Meeting At Boston In December**

Three trips will be available for Michigan Farm Bureau members who wish to attend the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau at Boston, December 7 to 11.  
1—Train from Lansing, Detroit and Toledo to Boston. Leave December 6, return from Boston December 11. Cost of transportation, hotel rooms, etc. for this trip will be announced later by Michigan Farm Bureau.  
2—Train to New York and Boston leaves Chicago December 1. Michigan people board train at Toledo. Arrive New York morning of December 2. At New York members of the Illinois, Michigan, and other mid-western Farm Bureaus will have five days for sightseeing and shopping. They will visit United Nations and Empire State buildings, and attend a Broadway stage show. Cost of the New York trip is estimated at \$200 per person for train fare, lodgings, and tour features. Arrives at Boston December 7, leaves Boston for Michigan December 11.  
3—Carribbean tour. Eastern Airlines from Chicago to Miami, to Puerto Rico, to Virgin Islands, to Boston, with members of Illinois and other midwestern states Farm Bureaus. Tour leaves Chicago November 30. Tourists will spend two days at San Juan, and will see farm operations with officers of Puerto Rico Farm Bureau. Third day will be at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Two more days at San Juan for sightseeing and relaxation, and on to Boston. Return flight December 11. Cost of Caribbean tour is estimated at \$430 per person for plane fare, rooms, sightseeing. Write Roy E. Will, 43 East Ohio Street, Chicago, Ill. Illinois for information about the New York and Caribbean tours. Reservations accepted until November 1, 1958.

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You're looking at more than a million dollars' worth of diesel locomotives—part of the 4½ million dollars' worth put into service by the railroads since World War II. These new locomotives — and nearly 10 billion dollars' worth of other improvements — have made for better service, greater efficiency and lower costs. They have been a leading counterweapon in the railroads' fight against the inflationary forces of higher wages, prices, taxes and other costs. Because of such improvements, postwar increases in railroad rates have been much less than would otherwise have been necessary.  
And railroads can keep on improving services and reducing costs — if the money or credit for further improvements can be found. But that means raising — and railroad earnings are sharply reduced by outdated public policies which favor competing forms of transportation. So, the nation is denied some of the benefits of continued railroad progress — and you lose, too.  
In your interest — in the interest of everyone in America — railroads should be permitted to compete on equal terms. They ask no more; they should have no less.



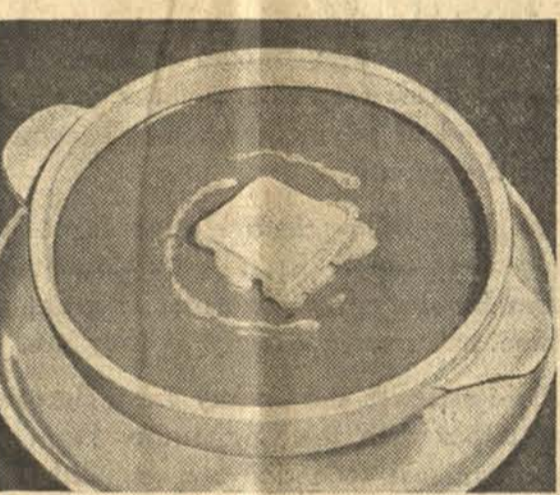
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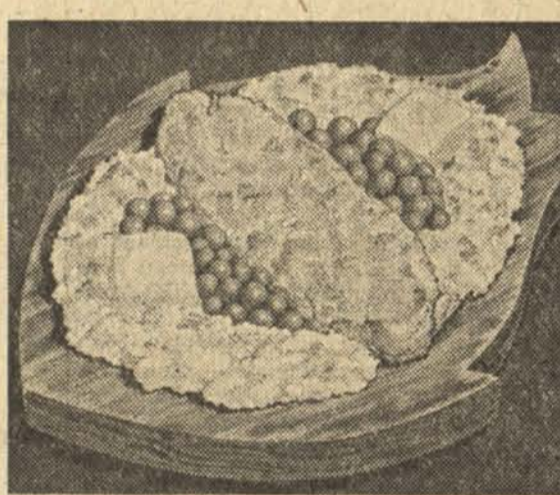
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**SNACKEROO**  
It's a tall mug of Milk and a sizzling Bunyanburger topped with toasted Cheese. (Burgers made with Nonfat Dry Milk are extra juicy.) Salad is Cottage Cheese, Dole Sliced Pineapple, lettuce.



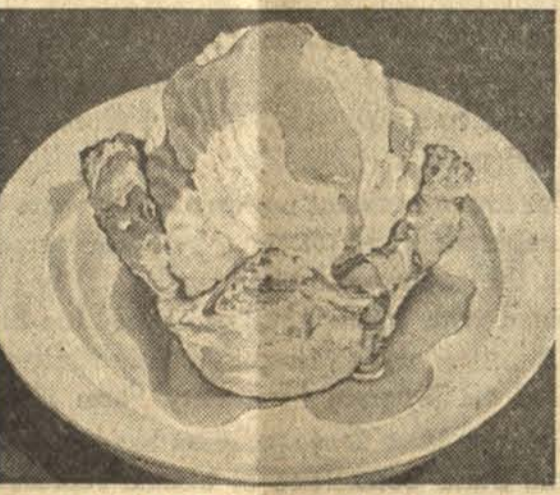
**SOUPER STARTER**  
Hot 'n hearty idea—to one can Campbell's Condensed Tomato Soup add equal amount of Milk, heat. Serve piping hot with a pat of real Butter melting in the center. Tastes great! Lots of protein, too.



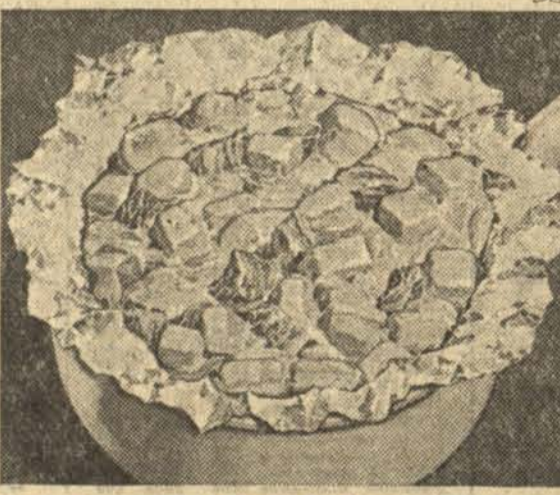
**BIG TIMBER SPECIAL**  
For golden brown fish fillets, dip in Evaporated Milk, roll in bread crumbs, pan-fry in Butter. Serve with mashed potatoes whipped with Evaporated Milk. Garnish with buttered peas.



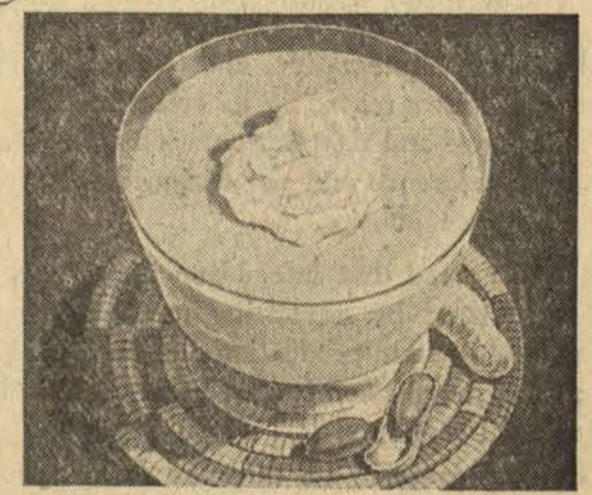
**ALL-AMERICAN SHORTCAKE**  
How about one tonight? For a true biscuit shortcake, tender and flaky, add real Cream to Bisquick. Spread hot baked shortcake with Butter. Add sweetened berries, Whipped Cream.



**ICE CREAM MAPLE CUPS**  
Trim crusts from bread slices, spread with mixture of equal parts of melted Butter and Log Cabin Syrup. Press into muffin tins. Brown in hot oven. Cool. Add Vanilla Ice Cream. Top with syrup.



**CHEESE 'N HAM PUFF**  
Sparkling idea! Line individual casseroles with Reynolds Wrap. Fill with Cheese and Ham Fondue. (See cookbook for basic Fondue recipe. Add diced ham, bake.) Foil saves clean-up time.



**PEANUT BUTTER PUDDIN'**  
Pour 2 cups Milk into mixing bowl. Blend in 2 heaping tablespoons peanut butter. Add 1 package Vanilla Jell-O Instant Pudding, beat according to directions. Top with Whipped Cream.

Here they are—delicious and wholesome dairy foods—best buys on the map during June. And dairy foods are at their finest right now! High in both flavor and nourishment. Better chart a course straight for your grocer. Lay in plenty of dairy foods for good eating during June.

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**Where Blue Cross Idea Came From**

The Blue Cross movement to prepay hospital expense was initiated in 1929 by Dr. Justin Ford Kimball for a small group of Dallas, Tex., school teachers. Dr. Kimball was executive vice-president of the medical

units of Baylor University when he devised the prepayment program. In 28 years it has grown to supplying protection against the cost of hospital illness for more than 55 million Americans. Dr. Kimball died in 1956. The Justin Ford Kimball Award, a medal and certificate will be presented annually hereafter to the

person who contributes most to the advancement of the voluntary prepaid health plans.

**Right Now In Farm Bureau**

**JERRY CORDREY**  
Organization Coordinator of MFB

Michigan is first in 1958. We now are 800 over American Farm Bureau Federation goal and 600 over state goal.

New Membership Committees for the 1958-59 drive have met in many counties.

Mid-Year District Meetings now underway involve the Executive, Membership, Community Group, Citizenship, and Resolutions Committees. These Committees will review program goals, set state goal for 1959, review organization problems, suggest changes in County Relationship Agreement and elect District representatives to the State Committee on agreements and State Discussion Topic Committee. Meeting dates by Districts:

- 1—May 27, Paw Paw High School, 8:15 p.m.
- 2—June 16, Hillsdale High School, 8:15 p.m.
- 3—June 17, Dixboro Methodist Church, 8:15 p.m.
- 4—May 28, Gaines Town Hall, 8:15 p.m.
- 5—June 6, Farm Bureau Center, 8:15 p.m.
- 6—June 2, Marlette High School, 8:15 p.m.
- 7—June 11, Fremont Community Building, 8:15 p.m.
- 8—June 10, Midland Library, 8:15 p.m.
- 9—June 12, Mesick High School, 8:15 p.m.
- 10—June 3, Inland Lakes School, Indian River, 8:15 p.m.
- 10E—June 4, Fairview High School, 8:15 p.m.
- 11—June 30, Rapid River, American Legion Hall, 1:30 p.m.

40 new Community Groups, only 17 to go for 1700.

Farm Bureau Young People's Camp June 18-21 at Clear Lake.

The Farm Bureau Women's Program Planning Committee meets June 18 and 19.

The Farm Supply Tour August 7 and 8.

Discussion Leader Meetings held during April and May were very successful with a total attendance of 1535.

A new book entitled "Your Farm Bureau" written by Alice Sturgis is now available to Farm Bureau members at the cost of \$3 per copy. Mrs. Sturgis is widely recognized both as the foremost parliamentarian and as the leading authority on the workings of voluntary organiza-

tions.

"Your Farm Bureau" is a shrewd analysis and critical evaluation of Farm Bureau, published by McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York, N. Y. It is also a time-saving working guide for Farm Bureau officers, committees, meetings.

Copies of this book may be obtained by sending your order and check for \$3.00 to: Michigan Farm Bureau, 4000 North Grand River, Lansing, Michigan—attention Member Service Division.

**Young People Welcome At Clear Lake Camp**

Michigan Farm Bureau Young People's Camp will be held June 18 to 22 at Clear Lake Camp, Dowling, Barry County. This is a leadership camp for rural young people between the ages of 16 and 28. Program includes educational topics, discussion, challenges and recreation with state and nationally-known instructors. All rural young people interested in Farm Bureau Young People's activities are welcome to attend. Total cost only \$18.

**Houghton is 69th Farm Bureau In Upper Peninsula**

**WESLEY S. HAWLEY**  
Coordinator for UP

Houghton County Farm Bureau is the 69th. It was organized April 23rd.

The board of directors includes: Joseph St. Amour of Chassell, president; Carl Wirtanen, Chassell, vice president; Ernest Hendrickson of Calumet, member executive committee; Robert Bac-cus, Lake Linden; Paul Salo, Chassell; Matt Lahti, Houghton, and Mrs. Darlene Siekas of Chassell. Mrs. Dorothy Ruska of Chassell is secretary.

Committee chairmen are: Mrs. Darlene Siekas, Women's Committee, Matt Lahti, chairman, Membership Committee, Carl Wirtanen, chairman, Resolutions Committee, and Paul Salo, chairman of the Commodity Committee.

The Community Committee includes the wife of each director, and will elect its chairman soon.

Houghton County Farm Bureau Women's committee is: Mrs. Darlene Siekas, chairman; Mrs. Dorothy Bac-cus, Lake Linden; Mrs. Vieno Hendrickson, Calumet; Mrs. Ellen Tuomi, Chassell; and

Mrs. Ina Lahti, Houghton. Marquette-Alger County Farm Bureau will organize soon.

**Grain Drying And Storage On The Farm**

**HAROLD S. SCOTT**

Grain drying and storage on the farm is becoming more popular because it is a most profitable method for marketing grains.

By drying and storing high moisture grains on the farm, the farmer has full control of his grain crops.

He can dry small grains up to 22% moisture content or shell corn and soybeans up to 30% moisture content, right on the farm.

By storing and drying his grains, he can hold them on the farm for the best market price instead of having to sell at low, harvest time prices.

It is reliably estimated that a farmer can dry grain on the farm for as low as 2 to 3c a bushel.

Before combining equipment was introduced, the farmer left his wheat, oats and soybeans in the field to dry naturally, providing the weather was with him.

Before the corn picker, he left corn stand in the shocks to dry thoroughly before cribbing it.

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Nearly 150 graduates of the 18 months are working in elevators; 24 others are taking on-the-job training in elevators.

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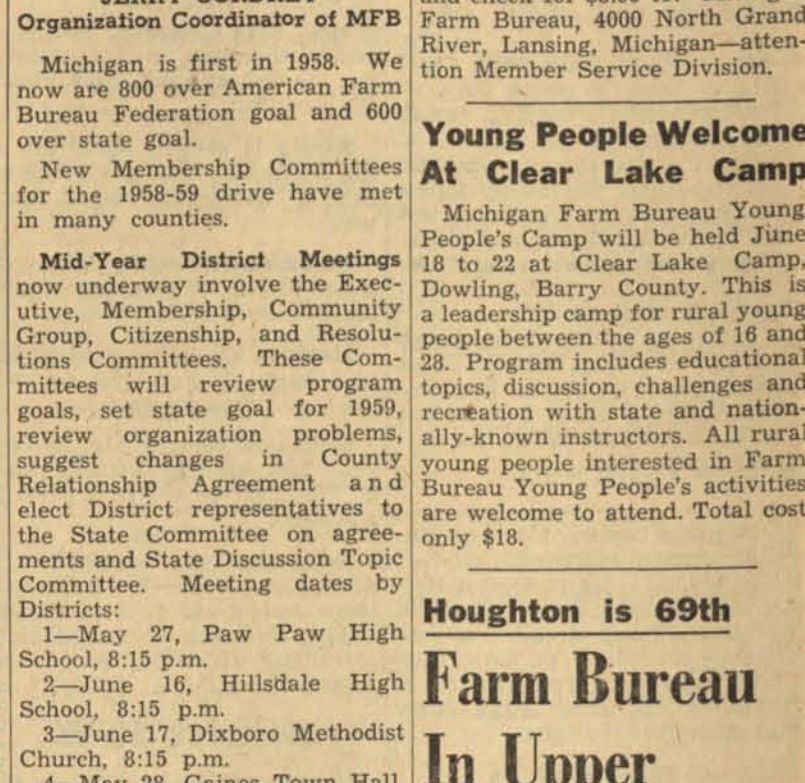
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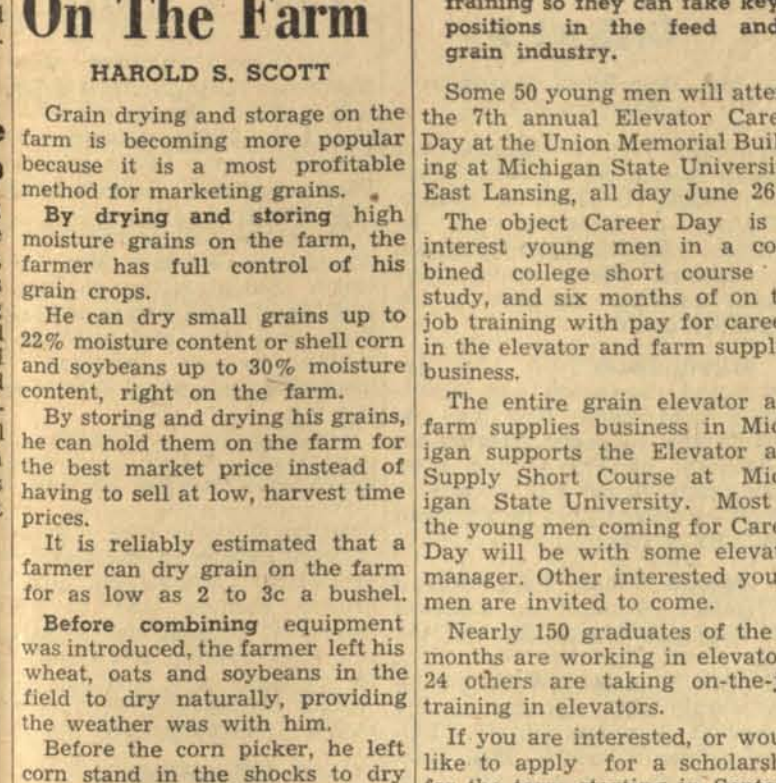
Houghton County Farm Bureau is the 69th. It was organized April 23rd.

The board of directors includes: Joseph St. Amour of Chassell, president; Carl Wirtanen, Chassell, vice president; Ernest Hendrickson of Calumet, member executive committee; Robert Bac-cus, Lake Linden; Paul Salo, Chassell; Matt Lahti, Houghton, and Mrs. Darlene Siekas of Chassell. Mrs. Dorothy Ruska of Chassell is secretary.

Committee chairmen are: Mrs. Darlene Siekas, Women's Committee, Matt Lahti, chairman, Membership Committee, Carl Wirtanen, chairman, Resolutions Committee, and Paul Salo, chairman of the Commodity Committee.

The Community Committee includes the wife of each director, and will elect its chairman soon.

Houghton County Farm Bureau Women's committee is: Mrs. Darlene Siekas, chairman; Mrs. Dorothy Bac-cus, Lake Linden; Mrs. Vieno Hendrickson, Calumet; Mrs. Ellen Tuomi, Chassell; and



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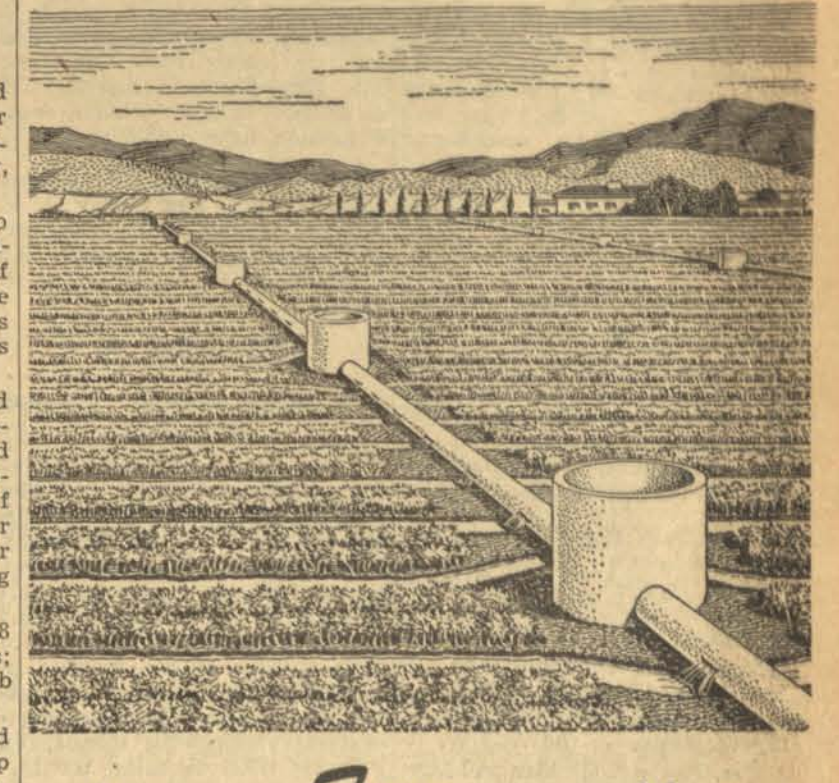
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# Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

## District 1

**Mrs. Alma Foster, Chairman**  
Niles R-3

Berrien County Farm Bureau Women's Committee met May 15. Mr. Frank Duerr, Berrien county clerk, spoke on county government and taxes. He explained how each office functions and how closely they co-ordinate with one another.

Anyone having articles of clothing, yarn, jewelry, cards for the mentally retarded in Battle Creek are asked to bring them to the next meeting.

Cass County Farm Bureau Women's Committee met with Mrs. Adrian Parker, May 6, Mrs. Chester Ball presiding. Mrs. Lee Bakeman presented the Civil Defense Chairman of Dowagiac, who gave a very informative talk.

Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau Women's Committee, 33 groups met at the Galesburg Methodist Church May 5 for pot-luck dinner.

Mrs. Robert Weisgerber of Ionia showed slides on her trip to Ceylon in 1957 as Michigan representative to the ACWW.

Mrs. Florence Glidden and Mrs. Anita Van Middlesworth were chosen as delegates to Twin Lakes Camp, June 3-5. Mrs. Smith told of plans being made for spring camp for 1959.

St. Joseph County Women's Committee heard Mrs. Marjorie Karker, discuss public relations at the Rural-Urban meeting in Centerville May 6. The meeting was sponsored by the St. Joseph County Farm Bureau Women's Committee.

Wars are caused by problems, and problems are caused by people, Mrs. Karker said. We need better understanding between those of different races, different cultures, different religions, and different living conditions if there is to be peace in the world.

Van Buren County, Mrs. Claire Leedy was hostess to the Women's Committee May 6. Mrs. Peterson, R.N., said it is important to carry health cards, especially when traveling. Furnishing our new kitchen was discussed and a committee appointed to buy silverware and dishes.

## District 2

**Mrs. Geo. Crisenbery, Chairman**  
Jackson, R-8

Calhoun County, 22 members of Calhoun County Women's Farm Bureau met May 6 at Guild Hall, Tekonsha. We voted to pay for one full and two half reservations to Northwest Camp. The ladies have lens-wicks for sale. They also have medical and health identification cards for Farm Bureau members of the county. We voted \$25 to CROP towards sending bulls to Greece.

Mr. Glaza, county superintendent of schools, spoke to us on children and why we have juvenile delinquents.

Hillsdale County, District 2 held its spring meeting May 13 at Wheatland Grange with 109 present. Don Weaver, educational department of University of Michigan, spoke on school curriculums. Norris Hotchkin of Farm Bureau Services gave a plant demonstration. Mrs. Charles Stucki entertained with beautiful Swiss singing and a brief talk about Switzerland.

## Near Traverse City

## Cherry-Dairy Smorgasbord June 8

**MRS. JOSEPH REHKOPF**

For the past two years Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau women have been sponsoring a Cherry-Dairy Smorgasbord as a rural-urban people's good relations project. It is served at Twin Lakes Gilbert 4-H Lodge near Traverse City. Its fame has spread downstate.

Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau women are inviting Farm Bureau members everywhere to come Sunday, June 8 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. for dinner. On the menu are golden fried chicken, baked ham, potato salad, vegetables, cheeses, cherry nut bread, cherry sauces and salads, cherry pie and other cherry desserts, ice cream. Price, adults \$1.50, children 6 to 12, seventy-five cents.

The committee for the event includes some of Northwest Michigan's best cooks: Chairman, Mrs. Kirk Bixby; Co-chairmen: Mrs. Elmer Warren, Mrs. Ernest Helm, Mrs. Carl Copeland, Mrs. Donald Heimfort, Mrs. James Wilson, and Mrs. Harold Hunsberger.

Directions to Twin Lakes camp: At Traverse City, west on West Front street to County Highway 610. Camp is about 6 miles out of Traverse City. Watch for Gilbert Lodge signs.

Jackson County Women's Committee is asking their groups for gifts for the 4-H building program in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spink, who so tragically lost their lives in a motel in Alabama. Plans were completed for our Rural-Urban Day June 13. Mrs. Marjorie Karker and Mrs. Mildred Olmer, home demonstration agent, will speak.

Lenawee County, 46 members enjoyed sack lunch May 1 at Madison Center. After our business meeting we toured the Franklin Ice Cream Company in Toledo.

## District 5

**Mrs. John C. Watling, Chairman**  
Bath R-1

Farm Bureau Women's Committees of our District met May 1 at the Dimondale Church with Eaton County women hostesses.

Dr. Wesley Erbe of the University of Michigan, spoke on "Educational Needs in Our Schools." We were urged as parents to take a more active interest in our children's education by getting acquainted with their teachers and visiting the school and learning what is being taught.

Mrs. John Watling was re-elected district chairman for a two-year term and Mrs. Walter Mitchell of Genesee County as vice-chairman. Mrs. Robert Reese, Sr., of Clinton County, continues as secretary.

Clinton County women, 39 of us, visited Kroger Distribution Center, Hekman Biscuit Company and General Electric at Grand Rapids May 6. All Kroger stores west of U.S. 27 throughout Michigan are supplied from this giant center. A meat cutting class was in session as we arrived.

At Hekman Biscuit Company we saw cookies in all stages of preparation and packaging.

At General Electric we were shown all the latest mechanical equipment for the home.

Genesee Women's Committee observed "Michigan Day" May 6 at the Flushing M. E. Church with Lapeer and Livingston County women as guests. 54 ladies were served luncheon.

Mrs. Cuthbertson of Flint gave an interesting account of the history of Genesee County and the city of Flint. Mrs. Arthur Sobey was appointed to the County Resolutions Committee.

Ingham County women met at the Delhi Hall for a Rural Urban meeting with a United Nations program.

Shiawassee County Women had their annual May tea May 5. The Older members are honored at this meeting. Mrs. Marjorie Karker was guest speaker.

## District 6

**Mrs. Allyn Gordon, Chairman**  
Croswell, R-2

District 6 annual spring meeting was held April 15 at the Sanilac County Farm Bureau Building at Sandusky. There were 178 present. Sanilac county won the traveling gavel for having the most present.

The Top-Notchers group from Lapeer won a prize for having the most present from one community. Huron county won first prize for having the best made name tags. Our oldest mother present was Mrs. Ida Lautner, 84, of Croswell. Don Weaver of the University of Michigan, spoke on "What the School Should be Teaching."

Lapeer County, Fifteen Lapeer County women enjoyed a delicious dinner and a fine program as guests of Genesee Farm Bureau women at the Flushing Methodist Church, May 6.

Many acquaintances made at Lapeer when Genesee women were guests, were renewed and strengthened. More such meetings should be held.

St. Clair County, Fifteen groups were represented and nine guests present at our May meeting. Plans were made for a potluck dinner, each farm family to bring a city guest.

Mrs. Frederick Ludwig spoke to us about cancer. She had just returned from a Cured Cancer Congress in Washington, D. C. She was a representative from Michigan. Mrs. Basney gave the citizenship report on "How is our Government Financed?"

Sanilac County, Twenty groups were represented with 38 present. Mrs. Heussner and Mrs. Frost were appointed to see about buying a refrigerator for our kitchen. Mrs. Frost spoke to us on "United Nations." Mrs. Deim from our County Health Department showed us a movie on "The St. Lawrence Seaway." The Butler and Cash schools and husbands came in the afternoon as guests to see the movie.

Tuscola County, Thirteen groups were represented with 19 ladies present. Mrs. Shields was made a representative to the health meeting in Saginaw on May 2. We shall pay the expenses of three to Northwestern Camp

at Traverse City. The Rev. Thomson of the Caro E.W.B. Church gave us a very interesting and informative talk on prisons and mental hospitals.

## District 7

**Mrs. Dale Root, Chairman**  
Barryton R-1

District 7 is making plans for camp August 5-6 at School Section Lake in Mecosta county. District 8 members will be guests. An interesting program is planned. Please contact your local committee member for additional details.

Mason County, A "Get Acquainted Luncheon" at Scottville Community Hall was attended by 75 guests. Mrs. Alex Kennedy of Posen, our state chairman, urged the women to take an active part in all Farm Bureau activities.

Mecosta County Farm Bureau Women's Committee observed Michigan Week by showing the Associated Country Women of the World slides. We're having a county-wide meeting at the park at Barryton June 9. Picnic dinner at noon. Mrs. Marjorie Karker will speak. All members are invited.

Montcalm County Women's Committee met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Huskirk in May. Mrs. Rex Eldred of Edmore told the work Edmore has done in regard to Civil Defense.

Muskegon County, Oscar Anderson of Lansing, representative of Farm Bureau Services, gave a demonstration of Farm Bureau paints at our April meeting. Farm Bureau now handles all kinds of paints from barn paints to interior house paints and varnishes.

Muskegon Women's Committee observed Michigan Week with a very interesting and informative program on the history of Michigan from the days of Indians to the present time.

Newaygo County, Dr. Wendell Rooks spoke to the Newaygo Women's Committee on mental health. He informed the group of some of the things the public can do to help.

Oceana County, Mrs. Karker told of her experience as the representative from our State to a National Civil Defense Council. She told of what is being done to prevent a bomb attack on our Country and what is being

## Ladies Are Invited to NW Camp June 3 to 5

The Camp Committee of the Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau invites Farm Bureau women to attend the annual Farm Bureau Women's camp June 3-4-5 at Twin Lakes 4-H Gilbert Lodge near Traverse City.

The theme this year is "Hands Around the World." Mrs. Ellsworth Behne, camp chairman, and Mrs. Harold Fromholtz, program chairman, and their committees promise a program of inspiration, education, fellowship and fun.

The cost for accommodations and meals is \$12. Be sure to make reservations at once by writing done for safety in case of attack. There are four divisions for protection: Evacuation, underground shelters with at least three feet of earth, decontamination, and training of committees to provide care. A booklet, "Home Protection," was recommended for study.

## District 8

**Mrs. Albert Schmiege, Chairman**  
Chesaning R-2

Areac County, Mrs. Hilda Selle reported on bills in the legislature. We shall elect officers in June.

Clare County, Twenty-two of us toured the Dow Plant at Midland, two hours and 11 miles of interesting sights. We saw Saran Wrap from its beginnings to packaging for various uses.

Isabella County, We made our membership goal. Mrs. Nicholas Cuthbert told us 350 kinds of birds live in Michigan. She showed slides of many pretty birds.

Midland County, The group will send clothing to Sgt. Werner Krenzer for relief work in Karachi, Pakistan. We sent clothing to him in Korea and Formosa.

Gladwin County, Eleven groups heard a very interesting Michigan Week description of Michigan. Mrs. Shearer passed out the completed cook books.

Grafiot County, A panel of four teachers presented the work of the schools from kindergarten through high school. A most enjoyable and instructive program.

Mrs. Arthur Schmuckal, 4041 Beiter road, Traverse City.

Bring pillows, bedding, towels and blankets.

The 2 1/2 day program includes good speakers on timely topics, music, recreation, evening entertainments, and a tour and picnic. Registration starts at 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 3. Lunch at noon. Program starts at 1:30 p.m.

Directions to Twin Lakes camp: At Traverse City, west on West Front Street to County Highway 610. Camp is about 6 miles out of Traverse City. Watch for Gilbert Lodge signs.

Saginaw County, 150 Farm Bureau women and friends enjoyed the annual rural-urban conference, 27 groups were present. Miss Margaret Herring, an exchange student from Kent, England, described her home life in England and how things differ here.

## District 9

**Mrs. Oliver Tompkins, Chairman**  
Traverse City, R-1

Looking out of my window, I would write: "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." Orchards in full bloom, solid white and green whichever way one looks.

As our hired man says "It can get real confusin' back thar in the hills." Close by, a pair of robins are rearing their young. My! what homemakers they have been!

We met at Mills Community House, Benzonia. Benzie County's Anne Rockwell, chairman, in charge. There were 95 women in attendance, 35 delegates from seven counties.

The results of the election were: Mrs. Tompkins was re-elected and Mrs. William Hoolihan succeeds Mrs. Fay Lingg, whose term as vice-chairman expired. Mrs. Bacon substituted for Mrs. Boursaw as secretary, who is ill. (She is making a satisfactory recovery but still has to "take it easy.")

Marvin DeYoung, superintendent of Old Mission Consolidated schools, gave a splendid talk on the aims of education, tracing the growth of our schools from earliest times. His theme: "Be-

witched, Bothered and Bewildered," contained many laughs and the women were most responsive at the question and answer period.

Mrs. Sara Clements, Manistee county chairman, invited us over for the fall meeting. Now about the counties:

Benzie is getting ready for a big centennial in July and Farm Bureau Women are doing their part.

Kalkaska, recovering from the trout festival, is planning a get-together on 4-H Day.

Manistee has had a meeting on gardening. (I hope you've had more rain than we have.)

Missaukee doesn't say it—but your last meeting sounded like a "Fun Day" to me. Drat it all, I was sick!

Northwest and Wexford are getting ready for big smorgasbords June 8 and 14 respectively. This is contributive to Expansive Marketing which has ever been a good Farm Bureau policy.

## District 10-W

**Mrs. Vernon Vance, Chairman**  
East Jordan R-3

The District meeting was at Charlevoix in April. Mrs. Hiram Brock was elected 2nd vice-president to fill a vacancy.

Mrs. Karker reported on the Food Comes First Conference at Washington, and urged women to enter the essay contest "What Freedom Means to Me."

Antrim County Women's Committee heard Supervisor Scott Morrison speak on township and county governments. Mr. Miller of Elk Rapids said often it's more important to know what not to do in first aid.

Charlevoix County saw a film on cancer. 23 members enjoyed a trip across the Mackinac bridge and lunch in St. Ignace. Business meeting later with Mrs. Milton Shirew.

Charlevoix ladies are planning a Rural-Urban tea in Cheboygan in September.

Emmett County women will see a cancer film in June, followed by a tour planned by the Burns Clinic. Each month a different group takes magazines to hospitals.

Osego County Women's Committee met with Mrs. Arthur Estelle near Gaylord for luncheon and heard Mrs. Vernon Vance speak on the American Farm Bureau convention.

## District 11

**Mrs. Ken Corey, Chairman**  
Stephenson R-1

Chippewa County Women's Committee met May 7 for dessert lunch. Mrs. Elliott Hancock outlined plans for June 23 smorgasbord "Boost Chippewa County." This is Mackinac Bridge dedication week. Won't you pay Chip-

pewa women's committee food festival a visit at Kinross 4-H building June 28?

Delta County Farm Bureau Women's Committee have elected: Chairman — Mrs. Albert Whybrew, Vice chairman — Mrs. Norton Schire, Secretary — Mrs. Llewellyn Larson, Citizenship chairman — Mrs. John Olson, Safety chairman — Mrs. Gus McFadden, Legislative chairman — Mrs. Ted Sundin. Next meeting is July 29.

Menominee County met May 21 at Powers. Topics of the day were: 1—Safety Survey Report, 2—Michigan's Blue Print of Rural Progress.

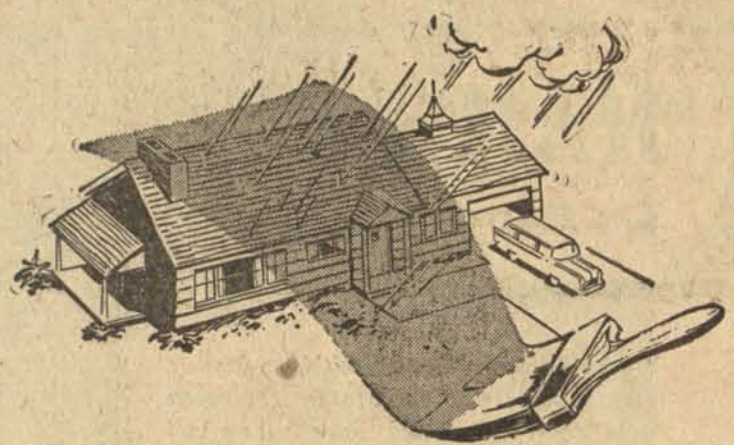
## Correction

Mr. Francis Spencer of Almont R-1, president of Lapeer County Farm Bureau, represents Membership District 6 on the Resolutions Committee for the 39th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau in November, 1958. We regret that District 6 was missing in the 1958 Resolutions Committee announcement published in this paper for April 1.

The word 'lidar' is Greek for 'terrible dinosaur'.

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## The Home Flower Garden

### Annual Flowering Plants for the Garden

**H. L. R. CHAPMAN**  
Garden Clubs Lecturer

Annuals are plants which grow from seeds; produce their flowers, their seeds, and die, — all within a year.

There are many plants which in nature are perennial that may be grown in our gardens as annuals.

True annuals and plants that may be treated like them, are valuable for the garden.

Attention must be given to selecting kinds and varieties most suitable to the location where they are to grow, and for the purpose for which they are planted.

Annuals may be planted in beds by themselves, or they may be used in conjunction with perennials in the perennial border.

They also make excellent material for planting in window boxes, urns and vases.

Many annuals, such as the petunia, have a long flowering period, that is if their production of seed is restrained by removing flowers past their best bloom.

There are three classes of annuals, hardy annuals, half-hardy annuals, and tender annuals.

All annuals grow well in good loamy, well drained soil which is worked thoroughly before planting.

The majority of annuals like neutral soil. All of them detest becoming dry at the root.

Hardy annuals. Seed of these plants may be sown directly in the garden. The soil should be in good condition. A heavy, pesty soil is responsible for many failures.

Depth of sowing seed is important. Small seeds should be lightly covered with sifted soil, while large seeds may be covered with soil amounting to about three times the thickness of the seed.

After sowing, the seeds should be protected against birds, mice, cats and dogs.

Since many hardy annuals grow quite large, the seed must be sown thinly, otherwise the

young seedlings become overcrowded before they reach the stage for thinning out. The seedlings must have ample light and air.

An easy method is to sow the seeds in lines, spaced at the distance apart the plants are to finally grow. This method is recommended when seed of some hardy annuals is sown in the fall to produce early flowers the next season.

Whether the seeds are sown in fall or spring, thinning must be attended to as soon as the seedlings are large enough to handle conveniently.

Thinning may have to be repeated until only the plants which are finally going to grow in the position remain.

Half-hardy annuals are plants which will not grow well if sown directly out-of-doors. They will grow nicely if they receive the shelter of the greenhouse or home in their early stages of growth. Plant in the garden in June as soon as there is no fear of frosts.

Seed of these plants is sown in seed pans in February, March or April, pricking the seedlings out in flats as soon as they can be handled.

The plants are grown on inside and gradually hardened off as the season for planting outside approaches.

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**MR. CHAPMAN**

Tender annuals require much the same treatment as half-hardy annuals except that they must be grown in a glass house until they are in flower after which some of them may be used as house plants.

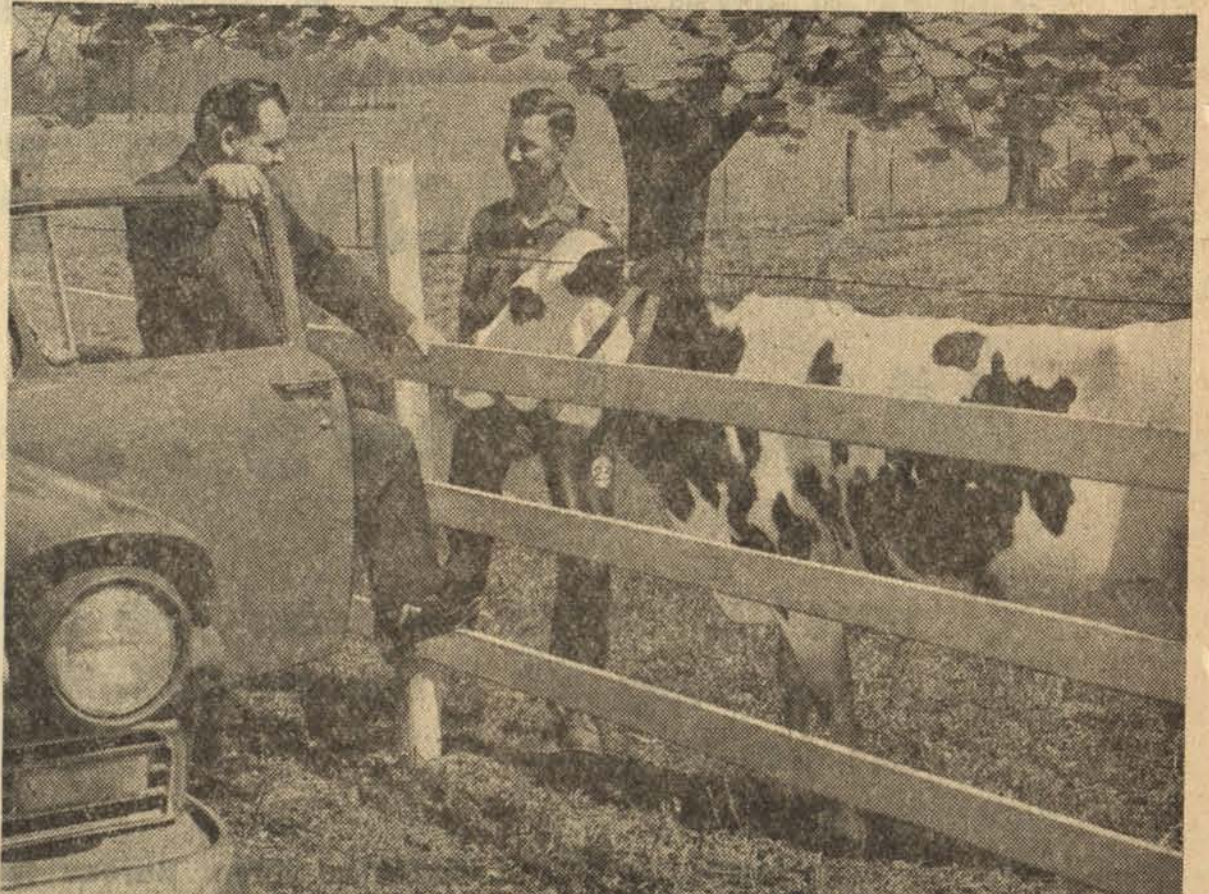
Nearly all annuals like plenty of sunlight. They suffer when planted in a too shaded part of the garden.

Many annuals are low growing plants, nevertheless, they may need staking in the early stages of growth for best appearance later.

List of Annuals which can be planted outdoors after the last frost, and this important information concerning them:

Name, color of flowers, height plant grows, distance between plants in final planting.

- FOR SUNNY LOCATIONS
- Ageratum, blue, rose, violet, 6 to 18 inches high, 12 inches apart in final planting.
- Amaranth, red, 20" high, 15" apart.
- Balsam, pink, red, white, 18" high, 17" apart.
- Calendula, yellow, orange, 16" high, 10" apart.
- Candytuft, lavender, crimson, 10" high, 10" apart.
- China Aster, blue, pink, purple, white, 12 to 20" high, 12" apart.
- Cockscomb, crimson, yellow, 16 to 30" high, 12" apart.
- Coreopsis, red, yellow, 36" high, 18" apart.
- Cosmos, pink, rose, white, 36" high, 15" apart.
- Dahlia, various colors, 18" high, 15" apart.
- Four-O'Clock, pink, red, white, yellow, 24" high, 15" apart.
- Galliardia, maroon, orange, yellow, 18" high, 12" apart.
- Globe-Amaranth, purple, rose, white, 18" high, 12" apart.
- Larkspur, blue, rose, lavender, white, 24" high, 10" apart.
- Marigold, bronze, orange, yellow, 6 and 24" high, 15" apart.
- Morning Glory, blue, white, crimson, 6 to 12 ft. apart.
- Nasturtium, yellow, rose, red, 12" high, 12" apart.
- Petunia, red, blue, pink, white, 8 to 24" high, 14" apart.
- Phlox, red, violet, white, pink, 10" high, 10" apart.
- Portulaca, pink, yellow, red, white, 6" high, 8" apart.
- Scarlet Sage, scarlet, 18" high, 12" apart.
- Spider Plant, pink, 30" high, 15" apart.
- Sunflower, yellow, red, bronze, 5 to 7 ft., 15" apart.
- Verbena, red, blue, white, pink, 10" high, 18" apart.
- FOR SLIGHT SHADE
- Cornflower, blue, pink, white, 18" high, 12" apart.
- Forget-Me-Not, blue, rose, white, 12" high, 10" apart.



Dairy farmer Wesley Amsdill shows off the pride of his herd to Michigan Bell's Bob Kuhn

## "Suzy Spots and the telephone—our farm depends on both"

Wesley Amsdill — who not so long ago was chosen Farmer of the Year by the Ann Arbor Junior Chamber of Commerce — says that two things make a whole lot of difference to the success of his farm.

First, there's Suzy Spots, the best milk producer in his 31-cow herd. She gave over 18,000 pounds of milk last year.

Then there's the telephone. The Amsdill farm is a little off the beaten track, miles out of town.

Over the years, Wes has come to rely quite a bit on his phone for conducting his business. His family depends on it, too, for many household needs. And they all know that their friends are as near as their telephone.

All over the state, other farmers... storekeepers... professional people... folks of all kinds... count on their phones for help in business, aid in emergency, and for the warmth of friendship. And all this for a few cents a day.

**MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY**  
in National Dairy Month, salutes our dairy farmers for their contribution to the good health of the people of Michigan.

**Sold by**  
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I think your paper is a very good way to advertise. I had a very successful Polled Hereford

**MICHIGAN FARM NEWS**  
June 1, 1958

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**Milk Cooler**

Wilson 4-can milk cooler advertised in May 1 Michigan Farm News sold May 8. Floyd Fulton, Wayne.

**Farm Equipment**

Sold tractor plow, drag, disc, drill and other equipment advertised in Michigan Farm News for May 1. Mrs. Dayan Falsbury, Jackson.

**We Can Have Farm Safety If We Want It**

**ROGER FOERCH**  
MFB Safety Coordinator

We can have farm safety if we want it.

We can prevent the accidents that cause enough loss time in a year to produce 1 1/2 times the average wheat crop of the nation! If a similar loss occurred in industry, its leaders would take vigorous action.

Industrial organizations would be alerted to the danger. Key people would be given safety duties and held responsible for their fulfillment.

But no such action occurs in agriculture.

At times we are almost criminally negligent. We boast that our 10 year old boy "can handle the tractor as good as I can."

We ignore such hazards as wearing loose or dangling clothing around machinery with exposed moving parts, broken ladders, extra riders on farm tractors, and uncovered power take-offs for we think "No accident will happen to us."

This lack of safety consciousness partly explains the bad accident record for agriculture.

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ferences:

- 1—Integration will appear in all phases of livestock over the next ten years.
- 2—It will set the pace for efficiency in production and marketing.
- 3—It will increase competition between areas, such as shifting hog and broiler production toward the south.
- 4—Lack of adjustment to reality will invite integration in new areas.
- 5—It will stimulate more rapid technology in agricultural production.
- 6—Commercial feed lots will increase in number and grow larger.
- 7—It will provide even flow and improvement of quality.
- 8—It probably will develop more in the low resource areas.
- 9—It will invite political interference.

These observations warrant the careful scrutiny of farmers and their organizations.

Integration in agriculture concerns the control of farm production and marketing, and involves more direct consumer influence on farm business policies. It confronts the farmer with decisions which could seriously modify his status as an independent farm operator.

Farmers need to understand the full significance of integrated processes in order to successfully cope with the problems and opportunities involved.

Several of our large cooperatives are already carrying on extensive integration programs for their members.

The Georgia Cotton Growers Co-operative at Atlanta is reported to have developed integrated broiler production to a volume that exceeds the amount of cotton being marketed by its members.

The cooperative members of the Farm Bureau Milling Company, of which Farm Bureau Services is a stockholder, are carrying on integration in poultry and livestock production through their feed operations.

The Southern States Cooperative has integrated broiler production in several states. It seems certain that integration of farm processes will continue.

The possibilities in farm cooperatives as a means of keeping maximum control and benefits in the farmer's hands well deserves serious consideration.

The Purdue conference indicated that successful, independent farmers can compete with integrated production, and that the resulting problems and adjustments can be met and achieved effectively through the initiative of enterprising farm people.

**Try A 25 Word Classified Ad for \$1**

**SPECIAL RATE to Farm Bureau members: 25 words for \$1 for each edition. Additional words 5 cents each per edition. Figures like 12 or \$12.50 count as one word. NON-MEMBER advertisers: 10 cents per word for one edition. Two or more editions take rate of 8 cents per word per edition. All classified ads are cash with order.**

**1 AGENTS WANTED 15 FARM FOR SALE 23 LIVESTOCK**

**WANTED:** To hear from handy men and women desiring extra income. Sell and supervise installation of special dairy barn equipment. Indicate where you live, occupation, selling experience. Free information. Write Ottawa-Hitch, P-321, Holland, Michigan. (6-11-34b) 1

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NOW THE NEW DABBY and DEX Cross. Do you want early, large egg size, the same top production, and blood conversion with less broodiness, feed spots, and leukosis? Try the best buy for 1958. Dabby's are still the "10 year top" in the nation. Large distillate for early orders. Also Westline No. 702 Strain Cross. Free literature. Compare the rest with the best. Dirksie Leghorn Farm, Zeeland, Michigan. (6-11-25b) 3

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BABY PULLETS—STARTED PULLETS—10% DISCOUNT If ordered now. Arrive on Highway 17 in Holland, Mich. All Standard Laying Tests today. Dirksie Leghorn Farm, Zeeland, Michigan. (6-11-25b) 4

**5 BUSINESS FOR SALE**  
KOCH'S HOTEL, Frankfort, Michigan. Eleven bedrooms. Fine dining room. All equipment. Excellent location for help. Would be ideal for convalescent home. Sacrifice. \$11,500. Terms. \$2,000 down. \$2,000 per month. Some trade. Owner, Ed Appelhof, Beulah, Michigan. (Benzie County) Phone 259-2594. (6-11-36p) 5

**6 RESTAURANT, GAS STATION, and six room modern home close to town on Highway 17 in Holland, Mich. for \$19,000, plus inventory. Small payment down. Telephone GR 7-3051. Arthur Edwards, Engadine, Zeeland, Michigan. (6-11-25p) 6**

**7 BARN EQUIPMENT**  
BARN EQUIPMENT: New Acorn 7-horn gutter under. Improved milking parlor. Newly designed cow stalls. Electric ventilation. Dairy cleaning equipment. Literature free. State which. Write Ottawa-Hitch, P-321, Holland, Michigan. (6-11-36p) 7

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20.5 horsepower. One gallon electric churn. One hammer mill. Motor, St. Clair R-2, Michigan. Phone FA9-3359. (St. Clair County) (6-11-25p) 8

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**10 DOGS**  
MAKE MINE "PREMIUM." Every dog owner who feeds the Farm Bureau way soon realizes the top value for every dollar spent. Available at Farm Bureau feed stores throughout Michigan. (6-11-25b) 10

**11 FARM EQUIPMENT**  
ONE NEW NEW IDEA tractor hay mower, 1 foot cut. Rubber tires. Was \$420. Will take \$300. Good farm rubber-tired wagon. \$50. William French, 8325 Territorial Road, Plymouth, Michigan. (Washtenaw County) (6-11-32p) 11

**12 HAY DRYER:** Patented dampers, control air any height in barn. Details free. Write, Ottawa-Hitch, P-321, Holland, Michigan. (6-11-18b) 12

**13 4-RW MOUNTED SIDE DRESSER:** ER. Will fit most any 4-row cultivator. E-Z Flow, like new, \$125. Paul Hais, Hillsfield R-1, Michigan. (Lenawee County) (6-11-22p) 13

**14 HOURS PICKUP COMPLETE FOR All Chalmers Combines. Used 100 hours. \$40 less than new one. \$100. Two miles east of Deckerville, Purdon Wilson, Deckerville R-1, Michigan. (Sanilac County) (6-11-25p) 14**

**15 FOR SALE: MASSEY HARRIS Super Six Hydraulic Loader. Ford cycle tractor. Good as new. \$175. Oscar Gehring, Salzburg & Fraser Court R-1, Michigan. Phone 1104. (Bay City) (6-11-25p) 15**

**16 RUBBER TIRE WAGON and flat rack \$75. Spring line Ford Cultivator \$75. Dearborn 10" single bottom plow \$125. Charles P. Hanson, 3491 Beck, Howell R-3, Michigan. Phone 3431. (Washtenaw County) (6-11-25p) 16**

**17 JOHN BEAN POTATO HARVESTER:** Very good condition. One with 177 row pickup. \$1,450. R. H. Hingston, Box 227, Durand, Michigan. Phone 177. (Shiawassee County) (6-11-23p) 17

**18 TRAILER TYPE MINNEAPOLIS-MOLINE No. U.M. 7 hay mower for sale. P.T.O. driven. Purchased new. Used less than 20 hours. Pneumatic tires, extra blade. Don Wendel, Watervliet R-2, Michigan. Phone HO 3-3648. (Berrien County) (6-11-29p) 18**

**19 INTERNATIONAL THREE BAR** side delivery rake \$30. Avery two row corn planter with fertilizer attachment, like new. \$100. John Deere manure spreader on rubber tires. Edwin Alvord, 6015 W. Edgewater Road, Ann Arbor R-4, Michigan. Phone 2-908. (Washtenaw County) (6-11-38p) 19

**20 NEW HOLLAND CHOPPER,** corn and direct cut heads, blower and pipe. John Deere two row cultivator for sale. R. Orville Strauer, National City, Michigan. (Oscoda County) (6-11-27p) 20

**21 FOR SALE AT COST or below:** New IHC machinery and parts. Oxford Co-operative Elevator at Oxford, Oakland County, is quitting the implement business with this clearance sale: Tractors: 1 Farmall 500, 1 Farmall 250, 2 Farmall 450, 1 Farmall 450 Diesel, 1 Farmall 350 Diesel, 1 Farmall Cub, Other IHC items: 2 balers 45 and 48, 2 No. 6 side rakes, 1 No. 245 corn planter, 1 No. 1PR corn picker, 1 No. 82 7 ft. mow, 1 No. 8L plow, 1 No. 8 plow, 1 fast hitch 4 bottom plow, 1 fast hitch 8 bottom plow. Two V belts and large inventories of new parts. Also, 1 New Idea side rake. Oxford Co-operative Elevator, Oxford, Michigan. (6-11-18b) 21

**22 CHOICE WATER FRONT LOTS** on St. Marys River for sale. One of 22 miles south of Saint Ste. Marie. \$25,000. H. Robinson, Copenhall, Michigan. (Livingston County) (6-11-26p) 22

**23 ADVANCE RUMLEY GRAIN SEPARATOR:** 28 inch cylinder on rubber. Good working condition \$60. John Deere grain blower. Excellent condition. Gear run in oil. \$50. McKee suction blower. Like new. \$400. H. Robinson, Copenhall R-1, Michigan. (Manistee County) (6-11-40p) 23

**24 SWEET POTATO PLANTS:** Disease free. Porto Rico, Nancy Hall, "Bunch," \$1.00, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.75, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.75, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50, \$10.00, \$10.50, \$11.00, \$11.50, \$12.00, \$12.50, \$13.00, \$13.50, \$14.00, \$14.50, \$15.00, \$15.50, \$16.00, \$16.50, \$17.00, \$17.50, \$18.00, \$18.50, \$19.00, \$19.50, \$20.00, \$20.50, \$21.00, \$21.50, \$22.00, \$22.50, \$23.00, \$23.50, \$24.00, \$24.50, \$25.00, \$25.50, \$26.00, \$26.50, \$27.00, \$27.50, \$28.00, \$28.50, \$29.00, \$29.50, \$30.00, \$30.50, \$31.00, \$31.50, \$32.00, \$32.50, \$33.00, \$33.50, \$34.00, \$34.50, \$35.00, \$35.50, \$36.00, \$36.50, \$37.00, \$37.50, \$38.00, \$38.50, \$39.00, \$39.50, \$40.00, \$40.50, \$41.00, \$41.50, \$42.00, \$42.50, \$43.00, \$43.50, \$44.00, \$44.50, \$45.00, \$45.50, \$46.00, \$46.50, \$47.00, \$47.50, \$48.00, \$48.50, \$49.00, \$49.50, \$50.00, \$50.50, \$51.00, \$51.50, \$52.00, \$52.50, \$53.00, \$53.50, \$54.00, \$54.50, \$55.00, 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# Shall Michigan Constitution Be Rewritten?

## Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for June

Background Material for Program in June by Our 1,683 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

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Here is a question on which there is wide division of public opinion. Michigan has had three Constitutions — the original of 1835, and revisions in 1850 and 1909.

Since the 1909 draft of our Constitution—almost 50 years ago—Michigan's population has become dominantly urban. Some urban people declare that the Constitution no longer serves a majority of people in Michigan. They believe that the time has come to rewrite the whole document.

Such a revision could have far-reaching effects on everyone—in legislative voice, taxation, support for schools, the status of local governments and legislative representation at the state level.

We should keep our eye on coming events and issues bearing on this matter, not simply for the above reasons, but also as a clear matter of good citizenship.

Here we are outlining important information to Farm Bureau people. Your State Discussion Topic Committee said, "Get information to members early this year, then just before election discuss the issues that develop for the November election." So we shall take two looks at the proposed revision of the state constitution.

### Certain To Be On The Ballot

The Constitution of 1909 set our vote on this matter for November of this year. Article XVII, Sec. 4, states that "at the general election held in the year of 1926, in each 16th year thereafter, and at such other times as may be provided by law, the question of a general revision of the Constitution shall be submitted to the electors qualified to vote for members of the Legislature." This provision is still in force.

For this reason, people should take a good look at coming events and possibilities before the issues burst forth into election fireworks.

### July 3rd An Important Date

A look at coming dates provides a method by which we can tack down our information. July 3rd is the first date to watch. It lies just ahead. Something important might happen then.

July 3rd is the date when any petitions intending to place a proposal on the ballot to amend the state Constitution are due. They must be filed with the Secretary of State on or before that date to take effect.

This year, any such petitions will require signatures of 304,966 valid and eligible voters in order to place a proposal on the ballot. This is the number amounting to 10% of the voters who cast ballots in the last election when a Governor was elected, and the percentage is required by the Constitution.

### Are Such Petitions Likely To Come?

It's a guess, but such action is likely. Many groups of people are not satisfied with the present basis for determining the delegate representation to a possible state Constitutional Convention. They wish to see the percentage increased for areas of high population.

As the Constitution now stands, each Senatorial district would be eligible to elect three convention delegates. Senatorial districts are now determined partly on area and partly on population. The arrangement in this case is closely similar to the system used for Senatorial representation at the Federal level.

Two possible directions of attack to change this basis of delegate representation are open to effort by petition and the ballot:

1. A proposed amendment could

be placed on the ballot by petition which would place delegate election on the basis of present Representative districts, rather than Senatorial districts.

Such a proposal was made during the Legislative session of 1958, but was not acted upon. If it got through the mill by any device and was passed at the polls, how would it change the delegate representation for out-state and rural counties?

Here are some figures to compare:

Suppose Representative districts each elected three delegates as is now true for Senatorial districts. If so, there would be 258 delegates, since there are 86 Representative districts in Michigan. And, if delegates were chosen by such a system, four counties around the Detroit area would elect 96 of these, — or about 37%.

But if delegates were elected as now provided, there would be 102 from 34 Senatorial districts. The four counties around Detroit would elect 24 of these, or about 23.5%. So, the shift to Representative districts would give these counties a gain in delegates of 13.5%.

2. The second possibility could see a repeated attempt to pass the same proposal as was introduced in 1952. This would propose reappointment of the Senatorial districts strictly on the basis of population counts.

This move would not only give metropolitan districts control of the Constitutional Convention, but also future control of the Senate as well. Rural districts would have small voice left in the Legislature.

Thus, July 3rd could be a very important date to watch for possible developments.

### Then Comes Election Time

The question about holding a Constitutional Convention is certain to be on the ballot. If we have either of the above proposals also on the ballot, the issue would become confused.

How would a voter know what vote to cast in regard to the Convention?

Since he would not know how the delegates would be elected, (whether the delegate proposal [Point 1 above] would pass or not) how should he vote regarding the Constitutional Convention? The Convention proposal would become a conundrum.

Another point of interest. What majority of voters is required to pass the proposals? In the case of the Constitutional Convention question it requires A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORS WHO CAST BALLOTS IN THE ELECTION. This proposal cannot be passed by a majority of the voters who cast favorable ballots on the question itself.

For this reason, failure to vote on the Constitutional Convention proposal is equal to voting against the proposal. Blank votes are counted as negative votes, and thus have a strong influence on the decision.

But any proposal to amend the Constitution requires only a majority of the votes that are cast on the question itself to pass.

Thus, any bid to reappoint the delegates to the Convention or the Senate is easier to get by the polls than the Convention question.

### Now Come the "Ifs"

Suppose that the voters do approve a state Constitutional Convention next November — what comes next? It would be the actual election of delegates to the Convention. Votes for delegates would be cast in April of 1959.

The number of delegates from Michigan districts would be determined by provisions of the Constitution IN EFFECT AT THAT TIME.

If amendments to change the basis of delegate representation passed the previous November, the convention could leave rural counties on the short end of the count.

But if present Constitutional provisions were in operation, rural counties could count on a fair body of delegates.

### The Convention Date

If a convention is called for by the voters, it would be "called to order at the Capitol in Lansing" on the first Tuesday in September of 1959. The Constitution places no limit on the length of the convention sessions. A legislator may not sit as a delegate in the convention.

### The Voters Again

The rewritten Constitution, or any proposed changes to it, must be submitted to the voters. If the convention should finish its work within 90 days before the April election of 1960, these matters would be on the ballot at that time.

But, if the work of the convention held over too late, the voters

would then see the items on their ballots at the November election of 1960.

### The Amendment Route

While voters have approved only three new state Constitutions since 1835, many amendments have been passed at the polls. Since the 1909 Constitution came into being 119 amendments have been proposed. 63 were adopted, 56 were rejected.

The amendment route has provided a method for revising such parts as the people have desired. And each matter can be considered on its merits without affecting the whole document.

### When In Force?

If the new Constitution were to be passed by the voters in the election of 1960, it would take effect on January 1, 1961. Thus it takes better than 2 years to change the whole Constitution by the methods provided.

### Limitations On Delegate Powers?

The Constitution, itself, puts no limitation on the powers of the convention to change the Constitution. In SPECIAL sessions of such conventions, the Legislature can hold the delegates to matters for which it called the session. Or the Courts may determine the powers of a special session.

A regular Constitutional Convention, called by the voters, could redraft a complete new document, or simply change some parts as it saw fit. Usually drastic changes meet strong opposition at the polls.

### Farm Bureau Policy,—And Why

In November of 1957 delegates from the County Farm Bureau voiced a resolution on this matter which said:

"Our State Constitution is the foundation of our State government. Desirable changes can be made by the methods provided therein and during its nearly 50 years more than a hundred amendments have been proposed. About half of these met with approval by the voters and were adopted.

"In accordance with one of the provisions of this basic document, the question of convening a Constitutional Convention to draft an entirely new Constitution for Michigan will be submitted to the voters at the November 1958 election.

"Holding such a Convention and the expense of the election at which the new Constitution would be submitted would involve a substantial tax burden. Meanwhile, Michigan citizens and industries would be worried as to what might be involved.

"Under the method of gradual amendment, which has been followed during the past years, each issue receives proper consideration.

This seems to us to be a more intelligent way of dealing with the situation than to submit to the voters an entirely new Constitution which would undoubtedly contain a mixture of both desirable and undesirable provisions, so that it would be difficult for the voters to decide as to whether or not its adoption should represent real progress."

### The Legislature

Regarding apportionment of the Legislature, the delegates said: "In 1952 . . . we promoted a plan for a balanced Legislature, with the House apportioned on population and the Senate on area and population.

"Patterned after our Federal system, this plan is now giving Michigan citizens the most effective representative government possible in our metropolitan state."

The "Balanced Legislature" is the only way to give a balanced voice to people in a state that has both rural and urban populations, and to which both contribute a fundamental part to its future security.

### Questions for Study

1. Why did Farm Bureau delegates favor the amendment method to change the Constitution rather than a convention to rewrite the whole document?

2. In what ways could possible petitions put amendments on the ballot that would change the convention delegates to the disadvantage of out-state and rural counties?

3. If Michigan's Constitution might be rewritten by the Convention method, the voters would see three different ballots relating to it. What would be on the three different ballots, and when would they appear?

4. What changes in the Constitution would a Convention be permitted to make?

Try to remember that it costs more to avenge a wrong than it does to let it go by default.

## Blue Cross Says No Rate Increase

Michigan hospitals and Blue Cross took action April 30 to prevent an increase in Blue Cross rates.

During the first three months of 1958 Blue Cross paid \$1,674,127 more for hospital care than it received from subscribers.

Upon recommendation from a majority of its 230 voluntary, non-profit member hospitals, Michigan Blue Cross put a ceiling on its rate of payments to hospitals in 1958.

William S. McNary, executive vice-president of Blue Cross, said the board of trustees voted to hold payments to hospitals in 1958 to a maximum of 104% of their cost of a day of patient care in 1957.

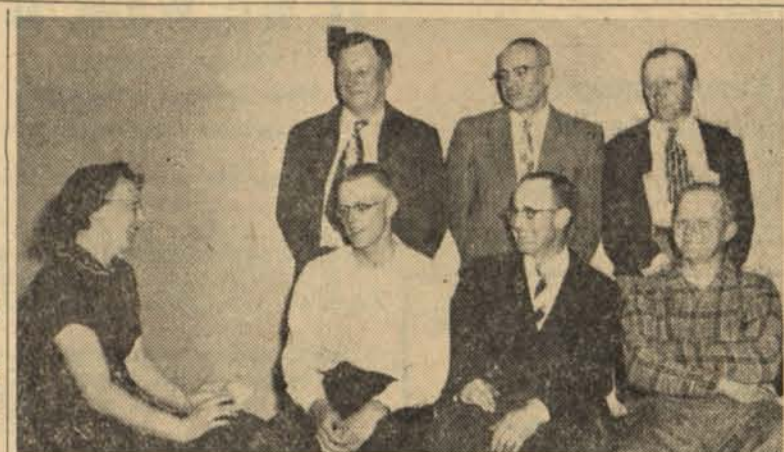
In addition, regardless of whether or not a hospital's 1958 cost reaches the 104% ceiling, Blue Cross payments to all participating hospitals will be cut another 1%.

Mr. McNary said this action by the board of trustees prevents a rate increase. It was supported by a majority of the participating hospitals.

The Michigan Hospital Ass'n urged all member hospitals to cooperate with the Blue Cross in meeting the emergency.

President Ralph Hutchins of the Hospital Ass'n, said, "It would be wrong for the public to assume that hospitals can afford this cut-back in Blue Cross payments and continue to keep abreast of the latest advances in medical science. It is quite likely that the hospitals can maintain their present high standard of patient care temporarily."

People who say what they think are more numerous than popular.



DIRECTORS of Houghton County Farm Bureau, our 69th, organized April 23, are, left to right: Ernest Hendrickson, Calumet; Joseph St. Armour, president, Carl Wirtanen, vice president, of Calumet. Matt Lakli, Houghton; back row, left to right: Ernest Hendrickson, Calumet; Joseph St. Armour, president, Carl Wirtanen, vice president, of Calumet.

## June 20 Date of Wheat Referendum

DAN E. REED

Wheat producers who will have 15 acres or more of 1959 crop wheat are eligible to vote in the referendum to be held June 20. Also eligible is anyone having a legal interest in such crop. This would, in most cases, include wives, tenants, owners and partners.

Marketing quotas have been declared by USDA as required by law when wheat supplies are in excess of 130% of normal. If voters in the June 20th referendum approve marketing quotas by a vote of two-thirds of those voting, 1959 crop wheat will be supported at \$1.81.

If less than two-thirds of the voters favor marketing quotas, there will be no restrictions on wheat marketing, but growers must comply with the same allotment to be eligible for supports at 50% of parity, or about \$1.18.

These alternatives, which are required by the present law, have the effect of favoring a "yes" vote. In past referendums, the

percentage of eligible voters who cast ballots has been surprisingly small.

### Feed Wheat Growers Excluded

Applicants for permits to grow up to 30 acres of wheat for feed and other uses on the farm are not eligible to vote. Also excluded are small wheat farmers with less than 15 acres and producers of other crops affected by the wheat program.

### Farm Bureau in Mackinac Bridge Show

Agriculture is being given a prominent part in the plans for the Mackinac Bridge Dedication Festival which will be held in the area adjacent to the new bridge on June 26, 27 and 28. All the agricultural exhibits and program will be centered on the Cheboygan County Fair Grounds.

Michigan Farm Bureau and affiliated companies will have an entirely new and attractive display in the quonset building near the entrance to the Fair Grounds.

Prosperity brings us friends and adversity serves to prove them.

## Chippewa Farm Bureau Day June 28

Public relations-wise Chippewa County Farm Bureau of the Upper Peninsula is really "going to town."

The Public Relations Committee headed by Robert Wilson of Pickford is promoting projects to make Upper Peninsula folks acquainted with Farm Bureau.

June 28 the Chippewa County Farm Bureau is planning a "Farm Bureau Day" program at the Kinross 4-H Building. Dairies, creameries, meat plants, machinery dealers and industries are being invited to place displays for the occasion.

The highlight of the day will be a "Smorgasbord" dinner prepared by the Chippewa County Farm Bureau women.

### State Corn Breeding Hurt By Florida Cold

Florida's cold weather this past winter slowed the progress of agriculture in Michigan.

The corn breeding program of Michigan State University's Agricultural Experiment Station was set back by the freeze, said Elmer C. Rossman, plant breeder in the farm crops department.

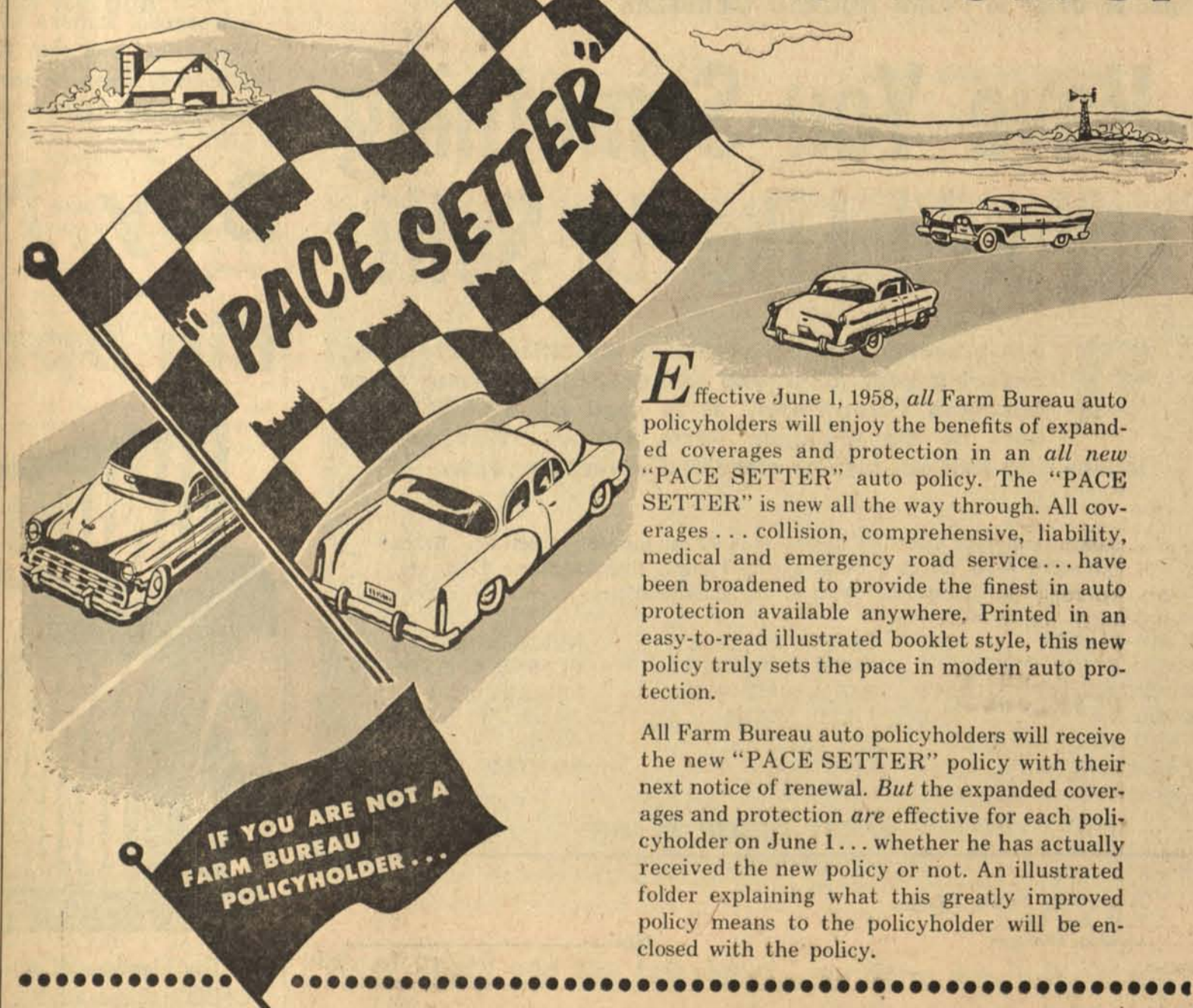
By maintaining a winter nursery in Florida, corn breeders can move twice as fast in developing a new hybrid because two generations can be grown in one year. The Michigan nursery is located near Homestead, Fla., and is 1½ acres in size.

The winter nursery program is a cooperative project between the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station and the Michigan Certified Hybrid Seed Corn Producers association.

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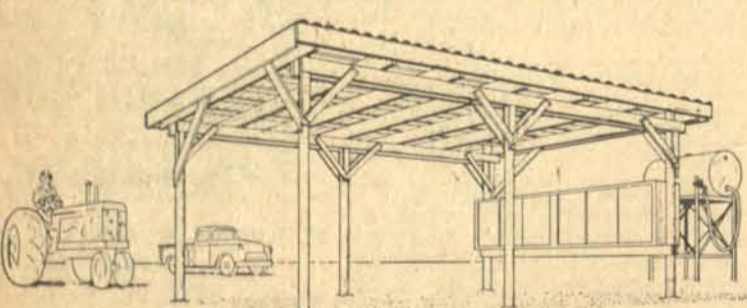
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