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## EDITORIAL

### October is the Month

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#### What do you want Farm Bureau to do?

All members should attend County Farm Bureau annual meetings in October. There the membership will adopt resolutions for local, state, and national Farm Bureau program and policy.

Between now and next November, 700 to 800 resolutions originated by Farm Bureau members in Community and County Farm Bureaus will be sent to the Michigan Farm Bureau.

It is the responsibility of the State Resolutions Committee each year to co-ordinate the many expressions of member views and interests into a comprehensive and truly representative set of resolutions for submission to the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting.

This report must be ready for the 700 delegates and members comprising the annual meeting at East Lansing, November 11 and 12. The official delegates chosen by our 70 County Farm Bureaus will discuss, amend, approve, or reject the recommendations of the state committee.

#### The delegates' decisions determine the policies of the Michigan Farm Bureau to be administered by the board of directors and officers.

Resolutions pertaining to national policies will be submitted along with the recommendations of the other 47 State Farm Bureaus and Puerto Rico to the American Farm Bureau annual meeting in December.

The Michigan Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee is comprised of a representative of each of the eleven membership districts, three Farm Bureau women, one member from the Farm Bureau Young People, and the three directors comprising the Legislative Committee of the Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

The Committee as announced by President Hodge in the Michigan Farm News last April is:

#### FARM BUREAU MEMBERSHIP DISTRICTS

- 1—Harlan Wicks ..... Dowagiac
- 2—Carl Heister ..... Albion
- 3—William Scramlin ..... Holly
- 4—Mrs. Leon Dunning ..... Delton
- 5—Robert Oesterle ..... Webberville
- 6—Francis Spencer ..... Almont
- 7—Elmer Kinney, Jr. .... Ludington
- 8—Warren White ..... Clare
- 9—Carl R. Nelson ..... Traverse City
- 10—Carl Robotham ..... Bellaire
- 11—William Saarinen ..... Watton

#### FARM BUREAU WOMEN

- Mrs. Edward Golding, Sr. .... Cass City
- Mrs. Walter Harger ..... Stanwood
- Mrs. Lee S. LaForge ..... Curran

#### FARM BUREAU YOUNG PEOPLE

- Richard Arnold ..... Plainwell

#### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

#### MFB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Robert E. Smith ..... Fowlerville
- Leroy D. Dunckel ..... Williamston
- Allen F. Rush ..... Lake Orion

Chairman Smith is chairman. Stanley Powell and Dan Reed assist the Committee in an advisory capacity. Meetings of the Committee have been held at Farm Bureau Center at Lansing August 11 and September 23. The next meeting is October 23.

Chairman Smith has appointed seven subcommittees: (1) Education, (2) Taxation and State Affairs, (3) National and International Affairs, (4) Highways, (5) Health, (6) Selective Service and Civil Defense, and (7) By-Laws and Internal Affairs.

These subcommittees will interview a number of state and national resource people for the latest information on many phases of farm and rural interests.

Through this democratic process, member sentiment and viewpoint on local, state and national policies are registered and administered with the maximum accuracy and effect.

#### Herein lies the service, influence, and strength of the Farm Bureau.

Farm Bureau has become large and powerful because its program is determined and carried out through the voluntary action of 71,454 farm family members in Michigan and 1,623,602 members

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Governor Proclaims October as Farm Co-op Month

GOV. G. MENEN WILLIAMS has proclaimed October as Co-op Month for 800 farm cooperative groups in Michigan.

Shown receiving the Governor's Proclamation, given in the presence of farm leaders, is Arthur J. Ingold of Blissfield. Mr. Ingold is chairman of the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives.

During October, said Mr. Ingold, farm cooperatives will have "open house" and other programs to acquaint the public with the services they offer the farming community.

"Through participation in cooperatives," said the Governor's proclamation, "farmers keep pace with rapid changes in farming methods and marketing... reduce costs... contribute to the well being and prosperity of all groups of citizens."

Farm leaders in the picture, left to right: Vernor Smith, Michigan Rural Electric Cooperative Ass'n; E. A. Wenner, Michigan Artificial Breeders Ass'n; Arthur J. Ingold, Michigan Live Stock Exchange; Nile Vermillion, Farm Bureau Insurance Companies; James R. Bliss, Michigan Elevator Exchange; L. A. Cheney, Michigan Ass'n of Farmer Cooperatives; Maynard Brownlee, Farm Bureau Services, Inc.



Trustee

J. F. Yaeger, executive secretary of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., was re-elected a trustee of the American Institute of Cooperation at Pennsylvania State University in late August.

Nearly 3,000 farm business leaders, agr'l extension and farm credit workers discussed ways to improve farm income and to develop more efficient methods of marketing. The 1959 meeting will be at the University of Illinois, Aug. 16-19.

Orville F. Walker of Alba, agr'l extension director in Kalamazoo county, is the new president of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. He is a member of Antrim County Farm Bureau.



Farm Co-ops Promote Mutual Aid Program

LEADERS OF STATE-WIDE Michigan farm cooperatives have been meeting to find ways and means they can help each other.

Their first agreement was that each cooperative should supply the others with a statement of its program and services for mem-

bers and how the work is carried out. The Michigan Ass'n of Farmer Cooperatives is helping in this effort.

In this picture made at the Farm Bureau Center in Lansing Sept. 9 are left to right: Vernor Smith, Michigan Rural Electric

Cooperative Ass'n; Arnold Musolf, Production Credit Ass'n; E. A. Wenner, Michigan Artificial Breeders Ass'n; Bruce Needham, Cherry Growers, Inc.; Norwood D. Eastman, Michigan Farm Bureau; Arthur J. Ingold, Michigan Livestock Exchange; L. A.

Cheney, Michigan Ass'n of Farmer Cooperatives; Jack Barnes, Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n; Nile Vermillion, Farm Bureau Insurance Companies; James R. Bliss, Michigan Elevator Exchange.

## Attend Your County Annual in October

### That is the Place Where the Individual Member Says What He Wants 1959 Farm Bureau Program to be

October is the month when 70 County Farm Bureaus will hold their annual meetings.

There the Farm Bureau membership will state the Farm Bureau program and policies they favor for 1959. It is a most important meeting to attend.

Members have several important jobs to do at County Farm Bureau annual meetings:

- 1—Consider and act upon reports given by officers and committees of the County Farm Bureau.
- 2—Adopt resolutions of policy and program dealing with county, state and national matters of interest to farmers.
- 3—Vote for County Farm Bureau delegates to the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting November 11-12.
- 4—Elect members of the County Farm Bureau board of directors.
- 5—Consider number of delegates at MFB annual meeting, and other matters affecting the Farm Bureau organization.

Some of the problems County Farm Bureaus are likely to consider in resolutions adopted at the annual meetings are:

**National Farm Program.** Should we continue to move toward more freedom from government controls in farming.

**State Taxes.** A combination of a state income tax and a revised sales tax continues to be discussed as major sources of revenue. What should our position be?

**Schools.** How can we best face the problems of finances and adequate facilities for schools so that farm boys and girls can be assured of a place to go to high school?

**Dairy Inspection.** What can be done to ease the burden of multiple dairy inspections?

**New markets and new uses for farm products.** Research for these projects costs money. Do farmers favor this work?

**Water Rights.** Shall we continue to urge development of adequate water rights law?

**Constitutional Convention.** This will be voted on at the general election Nov. 4. The Farm Bureau position is that the State Constitution should be amended as necessary rather than be re-written in a constitutional convention.

Below is a list of the County Farm Bureau annual meetings and the time and place for each:

- Northwest Region**
  - Lapeer—October 9 at 7:00 p.m., dinner, Lapeer Community Center.
  - Macomb—October 15 at 7:00 p.m., K of C Hall, Utica.
  - Oakland—October 15 at 7:00 p.m., dinner, Savings & Loan Bldg., Pontiac.
  - Sanilac—October 16 at 7:00 p.m., Farm Bureau Office Building, Sandusky.
  - St. Clair—October 14 at 7:00 p.m., Lutheran Church, Muttonville.
  - Tuscola—October 23 at 7:00 p.m., Akron High School.

#### Central Region

- Clinton—October 13 at 7:30 p.m., dinner; 8:30 p.m., meeting, Smith Hall, St. Johns.
- Eaton—October 9 at 8:30 p.m., 4-H Bldg., Fair Grounds, Charlotte.
- Genesee—October 28 at 8:30 p.m., Grand Blanc Township Hall.
- Ingham—October 16 at 7:30 p.m., dinner; 8:30 p.m., meeting, American Legion Building, Mason.
- Ironia—October 29 at 8:15 p.m., Youth Building, Fair Grounds, Ironia.
- Livingston—October 1 at 7:30 p.m., dinner; 8:30 p.m., meeting, Fowlerville High School.
- Shiawassee—October 14 at 7:30 p.m., dinner; 8:30 p.m., meeting, Methodist Church Hall, Corunna.

#### Northeast Region

- Alcona—October 6 at 8:00 p.m., Harrisville Township Hall, Harrisville.
- Alpena—October 14 at 8:00 p.m., Long Rapids Twp. Hall.
- Cheboygan—October 9 at 8:00 p.m., Topinabee Town Hall, Topinabee.
- Emmet—October 2 at 8:00 p.m., Alanson School, Alanson.
- Iosco—October 14 at 8:30 p.m., Reno Township Hall.
- Ogemaw—October 13 at 8:00 p.m., Community Building, West Branch.
- Otsego—October 7 at 8:00 p.m., Bagley Township Hall, Gaylord.
- Montmorency—October 10 at 7:00 p.m., Hillman School, Hillman.
- Presque Isle—October 15 at 8:00 p.m., Belknap Township Hall, Hawks.

- Buy—October 21 at 8:15 p.m., Monitor Town Hall.
- Clare—October 1 at 8:15 p.m., Harrison High School.
- Gladwin—October 9 at 8:15 p.m., (continued on Page 2)

#### Thumb Region

- Huron—October 22 at 7:00 p.m., dinner, Methodist Church

### Universal Milkers Set Sales Record

Universal Milking Machine Company at Albert Lea, Minnesota announced record sales of over \$250,000 for August 1958. Universal is owned by National Cooperatives, Inc. Farm Bureau Services, Inc., Dairy & Appliance Dept is distributor for Michigan. Several thousand Universal milkers are in service here.

### Regional Changes



Central Region

LARRY EWING of 1841 1/2 Beal Street, Lansing, is the new regional membership representative for Michigan Farm Bureau in the Central Region. This includes Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Ingham, Ionia, Livingston, Shiawassee counties. He succeeds Ray DeWitt, Central Region representative Jan. 15, 1956, to Sept. 22, 1958. Mr. DeWitt has been transferred to West Central Region.

It is the responsibility of all holders of Farm Bureau Services stock to assist with the extension of the corporate term on Nov. 25 by registering your vote in person or by proxy.

### Tours to AFBF Meeting at Boston

Two trips are available for Farm Bureau members who wish to attend the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau at Boston, Dec. 7 to 11.

1. Train from Lansing, Detroit, Toledo to Boston. Leave Dec. 6, return from Boston Dec. 10.
2. Train to New York and Boston. Michigan people board train at Toledo Dec. 1. Arrive New York Dec. 2, arrive Boston Dec. 7, leave Boston Dec. 11. Tour includes five days for shopping and sight-seeing in New York, United Nations, Empire State bldg., etc.

For information on Tour 1 write Norwood D. Eastman, Michigan Farm Bureau, P. O. Box 960, Lansing.

For information on Tour 2 write Roy E. Will, 43 East Ohio Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

### West Central Region

RAY DeWITT of Fremont, General Delivery is the new MFB regional representative for the West Central Region. It includes Kent, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Oshtemo, Ottawa counties. He succeeds Ralph B. Olthouse.

RALPH B. OLTHOUSE, MFB regional representative for the West Central Region from April 20, 1955 to September 22, 1958, resigned to become manager of the Egg Marketing Division of the Caledonia Farmers Elevator Company. Caledonia operates a hatchery, a federal egg grading station and an egg marketing service.

### Few Regrets for Kennedy-Ives Bill

American Farm Bureau had few regrets over the death in Congress of the labor reforms bill S-3974 by Senators Kennedy and Ives. AFBF considered the subject too important to be subjected without debate or opportunity to amend.

As Congress ended, the House refused to consider the bill under suspension of the rules, which would have prevented any changes.

### MFB Annual Meeting Dates

The 39th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau will be held at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 11 and 12.

Resolutions from County Farm Bureaus must be with the state Resolutions Committee at Lansing not later than Nov. 1.

Information on the meetings which precede the annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau:

Oct. 20. 13th annual meeting of Michigan Ass'n of Farmer Cooperatives, Kellogg Center, MSU.

Oct. 21. Cooperative Clinic, Kellogg Center, MSU.

Nov. 8. 23rd annual meeting of Young People of Farm Bureau, Music Auditorium, MSU.

Nov. 10. 14th annual meeting of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau, at Auditorium, MSU.

Nov. 10. Commodity Conferences for Michigan Farm Bureau's state Dairy, Fruit, Livestock, Poultry, and Vegetable Committees at Union Memorial Building, MSU.

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

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 Or dined at big hotels  
 That pile on style, and scrape and smile  
 And feed you mostly smells,  
 I've never called on kings and queens  
 And shared their royal chow  
 Of knees of bees and sweitzer cheese,  
 But let me tell you now  
 That I don't calculate to claim  
 I've never stowed a spread.  
 You bet I've et, and don't forget  
 I've marked those dates in red.  
 Those times at Hill's or Thomas's  
 Or Wilbur's or the Hall,  
 I guess the mess the L. A. S.  
 Set out was far from small.

And ahl those plates of ham,  
 And wow! (I vow I taste them now)  
 Those tartis of wobbly jam!  
 And oh! those cakes. I marshal them  
 Before my gastric eye  
 In gay array, as on that day  
 They marched before the pie.  
 And what with chicken legs and ham  
 And tartis and cake and pies,  
 I charged my plate and ate and ate  
 Till I could scarcely rise,—  
 Yet still my voice I'd feebly raise  
 To holler "Pass the beans!"  
 And so although I do not know  
 The feasts of kings and queens,  
 Have never met Delmonico,  
 Nor sipped the Old World's brews  
 Nor said I've fed on lobster red  
 Or pickled oysters' tshews:  
 While yet the fires of memory  
 Are flickering in my mind  
 No guy need try to say that I  
 Have never really dined.

R. S. Clark (10-1-30)

hand.  
 Last, but not least, you have either just received your first dues notice, or will be receiving it within the next month. Save your neighbors' time and your County Farm Bureau money by sending in your dues early.

Plan Trip to United Nations

Michigan Farm Bureau Women are planning a trip to the United Nations building at New York City sometime in November, probably the latter part. If you or your friends are interested in taking this trip, please mail the following coupon to

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 Gratiot—October 15 at 8:15 p.m., Ithaca Methodist Church.  
 Isabella—October 16 at 8:15 p.m., American Legion Hall, Mt. Pleasant.  
 Midland—October 16 at 8:15 p.m., Sanford High School.  
 Saginaw—October 14 at 8:15 p.m., 4-H Building, Saginaw Fair Grounds.

West Central Region

Kent—October 13 at 7:00, dinner; Sparta Community Building.  
 Mason—October 21 at 8:15 p.m., Scottville Community Building.  
 Mecosta—October 20 at 8:15 p.m., Stanwood High School.  
 Montcalm—October 16 at 8:15 p.m., Stanton High School Gymnasium.  
 Muskegon—October 9 at 8:15 p.m., Wolf Lake 4-H Center.  
 Newaygo—October 21 at 8:15

p.m., Fremont Foundation Building.  
 Oceana—October 22 — 8:15 p.m., Congregational Church, Shelby.  
 Osceola—October 16 at 8:15 p.m., Lincoln Township Hall.  
 Ottawa—October 14 at 8:00 p.m., Allendale Township Hall.

Southeast Region

Branch—October 6 at 8 p.m., 4-H Cabin, Coldwater, (Resolutions meeting).  
 Calhoun—October 14 at 8:00 p.m., Community Building, Marshall.  
 Hillsdale—October 15 at 8:00 p.m., 4-H Building, Hillsdale.  
 Jackson—October 15 at 8:00 p.m., County Building, Jackson.  
 Lenawee—October 9 at 7:00 p.m., dinner; Palmyra Fire Hall.  
 Monroe—October 2 at 8:00 p.m., Ida Elementary School.  
 Washtenaw—October 8 at 7:30 p.m., Saline Elementary School.  
 Wayne—

Southwest Region

Allegan—October 17 at 7:00

p.m., dinner, Griswold Auditorium, Allegan.

Barry—October 21 at 8:00 p.m., Methodist Church, Hastings.

Berrien—October 23 at 6:30 p.m., dinner, Youth Memorial Building, Berrien Springs.

Cass—October 18 at 7:00 p.m., dinner, County Center Building, Cassopolis.

Kalamazoo—October 23 at 7:15 p.m., dinner, County Center Building, Kalamazoo.  
 St. Joseph—October 6 at 7:00 p.m., dinner, Presbyterian Church, Centerville.  
 Van Buren—October 25 at 6:30 p.m., dinner, Farm Bureau Bldg., US-12 west of Paw Paw.

Upper Peninsula

Baraga—October 10 at 8:00 p.m., L'Anse Township Hall.  
 Chippewa—October 13 at 8:00 p.m., Kinross 4-H Building.  
 Delta—October 17 at 8:00 p.m., Rapid River School.  
 Houghton—October 9 at 8:00 p.m., Hancock City Hall.  
 Mackinac-Luce—October 14 at 8:00 p.m., Engadine Community Building.  
 Marquette-Alger—October 15 at 8:00 p.m., Skandia School.  
 Menominee—October 16 at 8:00 p.m., Carnie School.

Community Farm Bureau Affairs

CLARE L. MCGHAN

There is some misunderstanding regarding information Farm Bureau is seeking from Community Groups.

Information asked is used only to benefit the members. If Farm Bureau is to serve members, it must know their interests, including commodity interests. There are many issues of much concern to various commodity groups.

Farm Bureau's job is to give service legislatively, economically and educationally to our members. Information is being asked to make Farm Bureau more effective.

I shall not be meeting with you again through this column. The California Farm Bureau has invited me to become director of its field services Oct. 8. I wish to thank all of you for your fine cooperation and for the privilege of working with you.

Today in Farm Bureau

JERRY CORDREY  
 Coordinator of Organization

We have one month of the 1959 membership year under our belt. Over 350 new members have already been signed for 1959.

Fall activities are nearly upon us: Group Discussion Leaders and chairmen are meeting in every county prior to the October Group meetings to get background information on the Discussion Topic for the month. This topic concerns our organization and its future. Every member should attend a group meeting this month.

County Annual Meetings are scheduled for October. Dates, places, and times for every County meeting are listed in this paper. This is your most important county meeting of the year.

Policies will be discussed. Reports will be given. Directors will be elected, and delegates will be chosen.

This is the meeting where every member has an opportunity to express his views on the policy of the organization. Remember, your vote is your voice—let it be heard. Attend your County annual meeting!

Community Groups have been re-organizing during September so October will be the month for group officers. Check with your county president, secretary or community group committee for time and place.

Organization Conference at Michigan State University in September was attended by 75 people. This meeting was designed to train Roll Call managers and group organizers in the responsibility of their jobs. This was an outstanding group of county leaders.

I'm sure we can expect a real membership drive, and many new groups from the work these folks will do. Keep in mind, however, that the effectiveness of these folks will depend on

the cooperation you give them.

Fall District women's meetings are getting started soon. The program will highlight the Battle of Liberty film from Harding College, and a discussion of the future of our organization.

Two new developments have taken place in the Community Groups:

1. A new officer is the Package Chairman which means he will receive information from the Michigan Farm Bureau and its affiliated companies regarding activities, products and services available to farmers.

2. The membership list of group members now asks for some information regarding

farming activities. This is requested because there is much information available through our Commodity Department which would be valuable to certain producers. It would be too expensive to send to all members, and would not interest all members but it can be provided to those interested when the group lists are all in.

This information will be valuable also in pointing out to our Congressmen the fact that we represent a large portion of the various commodity producers in the state.

Some of our best supporters in Congress are sometimes challenged by other Congressmen when they try to defend the Farm Bureau position. This information will strengthen our

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Sooner or later, everything you eat, wear, or use depends on trucks for transportation. Eventually, everything has to get to you—the consumer. So, when you consider that trucks haul three times the tonnage handled by all the other forms of transportation combined, you realize how very important they are to you!

Michigan Trucking Association  
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Donald Chase (left) takes time out from checking phone equipment at Michigan Live-stock Exchange to discuss mutual friend with Hubert Cates, yard traffic manager there.

Telephone man—and farmer, too

There's a very good reason why this telephone man understands farmers and their problems. He's a farmer himself.

Donald Chase lives about ten miles outside Battle Creek with his wife and two sons. A 20-year veteran with Michigan Bell, he knows just how important telephone service is to farmers. One of his jobs as telephone repairman is to keep the switching equipment that handles their calls in top condition.

Don has a 40-acre farm on which he grows oats and corn and also raises chickens. Jim,

his older boy, raised a prize-winning Angus steer last year. This year he's raised two others for 4H competition.

When Don isn't on his telephone job, he spends his time farming and in farm activities. He enjoys working with youngsters on 4H projects. And if there's a Farm Bureau meeting, you're likely to find Don there.

A devoted family man, a good neighbor, Donald Chase is a fine example of the kind of employee who illustrates—"It's people who make telephone service good."

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# Just What Do Promoters Hope to Accomplish?

## We Should Know Issues Involved

This Article Presents Some of the Proposals That May be Offered, and the Other Side of Those Questions

D. HALE BRAKE

In the Courthouse Review for September. This is the publication of the Michigan Institute of Local Government, and the Michigan State Association of Supervisors.

We are drawing near the day of decision, and it is indeed an important decision.

Shall we call a constitutional convention?

Several energetic organizations say definitely "Yes." Other organizations have said "No."

The Democratic Party in the state convention said that it could not in good conscience advise people to vote "Yes."

The Republican Party at its state convention took a position favoring the constitutional convention.

In spite of this there will be a great many Republicans vote a "No" and there will be a great many Democrats vote a "Yes," some of these in the upper echelon of the party. I know because I have had several of them on panels in meetings which I have conducted.

The state is flooded with very superficial thinking on this subject. One meets innumerable people

who say: "Why, yes, our constitution is 50 years old and we should have a new one." We find others saying our constitution is outmoded, who have never read it through in their lives.

Really this is not one issue, but a series of issues. The way each citizen ought to proceed is something like this:

First he should determine just what he thinks ought to be changed in our constitution and then determine whether he thinks there would be a fair chance of getting the changes he favors made in the convention, and the changes accepted by the people after the convention has finished its work.

Having done that he is then in a position to vote "yes" or "no" on the basis of his own judgment, and that is what each of us ought to do.

The matter is of such importance to each of us that we should not blindly follow the thinking of a resolutions committee of a political party or the conclusions that some leaders have arrived at in some organizations. This is our fundamental law.

### What They Hope To Accomplish

This approach is so simple that it is astounding how many people are not using it. For instance I have asked some members of the League of Women Voters—which is perhaps more active in promoting the convention than any other organization in the state—just what they hope to accomplish and some of them have answered that they had not got to that yet.

They want the convention and then they will decide what they wish done. That is an entirely erroneous approach.

On the other hand there are some members of the League of Women Voters who know very definitely what they wish to accomplish in the convention, and for many of them you can sum up what they want done with fair accuracy in just one word: "centralization."

Again, that is not the attitude of all of them. Looking at the other side you can find plenty of people who are taking a definite position against the convention who have considered only one phase, namely, the matter of reapportionment of the legislature. Everyone ought to go deeper than that.

Naturally anyone following the procedure I have suggested is likely to find himself leaning one way on one issue and in the other direction on another issue. But that is the exact job we have on our hands, and a responsibility that we ought not to shirk.

### Reapportionment A Convention Issue

May I illustrate what I am talking about with my own views.

The matter of reapportionment of the legislature will certainly be one of the hot issues before a convention if one is called. Personally I would not expect a convention, constituted as it would be, to make any serious change in that respect.

But on the other hand I know that there will be a great many voters against a constitution proposed by such a convention unless the basis of representation, in the senate particularly, is radically changed.

And that opposition may be sufficient to prevent the adoption of a new constitution, in which event we would have spent \$1,000,000 or \$1,500,000 and not have a new constitution to show for it.

On that point, then, I am not enthusiastic about a convention for two reasons, namely, because of the danger that a new constitution would be defeated by the people if changed and, secondly, because I do not believe in straight population representation in both houses of the legislature.

Another controversy, and it will be a real one if we have a convention, will be on the matter of judicial selection.

### Shall Judges be Elected or Appointed

Another controversy, and it will be a real one if we have a convention, will be on the matter of judicial selection.

Shall we continue to elect our judges or shall we have them appointed by the governor or shall we have some plan such as the so-called "Missouri Plan" under which they are nominated by a board and the governor selects one out of three nominees?

There is a lot of sentiment in Michigan for a change so that we do not continue to elect the judges. There might be enough strength in the convention to make that change.

My own judgment is that we should continue to elect them. Therefore, I am not eager for a convention so far as that point is concerned.

### Financial Provisions Of Our Constitution

I think some changes ought to be made in the financial provisions of our constitution. One of those provisions is the so-called "uniformity" clause. Most lawyers agree—not all—that under our present constitution we could not have a graduated income tax.

I think that ought to be changed so that if we are compelled to go to an income tax it could be a graduated income tax.

Of course, all of us hope that we will never have either kind, but the requirement for additional revenues is something the legislature is going to have to meet in a decisive way very soon.

I think, too, that we should be able to classify real estate for tax purposes so that, for instance, we could tax homesteads or perhaps just the homesteads of elderly people at a different rate than we tax income-producing property. That would require a change in the uniformity clause.

Also, and this is hardly open to argument, we should be able to tax intangibles on the basis of its value but at a rate different from that applied to real estate and tangible personal property.

Since we can't do that under the uniformity clause, we are taxing intangibles on the basis of their income, if they produce income, and on face value if they do not, which of course is no real measure of their actual worth.

I think there is enough chance of getting a convention to make these changes so that on this point I favor a constitutional convention.

### Terms of State and County Officers

Another thing that will certainly come before a convention is the matter of four-year terms for state and county officers.

I have no objection to four-year terms for county officers because it is so comparatively easy for the voters of the county to know the qualifications of the candidates who offer themselves, but I am opposed to four-year terms for state officials.

It takes too long to correct a mistake.

I am not impressed with the comment that they have to start campaigning just as soon as they are elected when they have only two - year terms. They would do the same thing with four - year terms unless they were limited to one term, and I do not think that is wise.

Since I think there is considerable chance of a convention adopting the four - year term idea for state officers this moves me away from a convention.

### Centralizers Like Short Ballot

Another thing that the centralizers will certainly get before a convention—and I am afraid with considerable chance of success—will be the so-called "short" ballot under which we would elect fewer of our state officers and have more of them appointed.

Since I favor a strong check and balance system and fear centralization this point leads me against a convention.

### County and Township Government

In a convention our county and township government would be up for close scrutiny. Certainly there will be a drive to replace the justices of the peace with some kind of a county

court and from what one hears around the state there would seem to be quite a probability that such a drive would succeed.

Without a question a strong attempt would be made to centralize our county government so as to give it an executive head and a much smaller governing board—perhaps a commission—to displace our present boards of supervisors.

A county manager form of government has considerable support in the state.

Of all of our presently elected county officials probably the sheriff's office would be given the roughest treatment, as there are many who would abolish it.

Of course there are those who would abolish the townships. Personally I would not expect a convention to try to do that.

There would be a real possibility, however, of a change that would give the people in the townships much less to say about being annexed to a city.

The township people should take note of the fact that the Municipal League of the state is definitely for the convention and bear in mind the League's attempt in the last three sessions to get a bill through which would permit a circuit judge to annex territory to a city without any vote of the people at all.

So many of the proposals that are made with reference to county and township government come from sources that have had no experience in either, and are almost entirely theoretical, that I am not convinced that either township or county government would gain anything material from a convention.

### Promotes Study of Government Problems

One argument that weighs very heavily with me is this—that holding a convention would promote a lot of study and a lot of discussion of government problems. That is good. And there would be considerable value even though the people should reject the constitution drawn by the convention.

I think probably I give more weight to this than to any other

argument in favor of the convention. And so one could go on through all of the probable issues that would come before the convention. My job and the job

of each citizen is to weigh the one thing against the other and see whether the probability is for more good or more harm from a convention, and then vote accordingly.

This is a job that each of us should work at.

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## If Railroads did not exist—the U.S. would have to invent them!

From a recent editorial in the Canton (Ohio) REPOSITORY

SUPPOSE that everybody in the United States were to learn for the first time about a marvelous method of transportation called a railroad.

The idea would be sensational.

High-speed tractors running on steel rails laid on privately-owned rights-of-way, with minimum curves and grades, would be capable of pulling long processions of trailers full of merchandise. Imagine!

Trains of trailers would be kept rolling day in and day out until they reached their destinations. They would be shuttled into and out of vast marshaling yards, where the trailers would be grouped in the right combinations. Of all things!

Everything connected with the procedure, moreover, would be subject to taxation. It would be expected to pay for itself. What a switch that would be!

The high-speed tractors on their twin ribbons of steel could even haul human beings, in addition to freight. If necessary, the human beings could be bedded down and hauled from one place to another in special cars with comfortable seats and all the comforts of home.

It would be an absolutely revolutionary idea—railroading. Provided it had just been invented, that is.

All the progressives and the folks who try to lend a helping hand to get new ideas off the ground would be 100 per cent for it.

All the politicians and administrators would be 100 per cent for it. As for the militarists and hard-headed security planners, they would be 150 per cent for it, because it would represent a mode of transportation more dependable for long-haul movement of heavy cargo than anything ever dreamed of heretofore.

The whole country would welcome the useful stranger with open arms and be alert for opportunities to give it a boost.

Cities and counties would tumble over one another to build things for it and to make free land available for its terminals.

Politicians would get into higher mathematics to subsidize it with financial gimmicks.

Nothing would be too good for the railroads if the idea of transporting things on steel rails were brand new . . .

All railroads want is a chance to be as good as they know how to be if they are unshackled—set free from regulations that were designed to curb them when they were new and threatening to abuse a monopoly in high-speed, straight-line transportation.

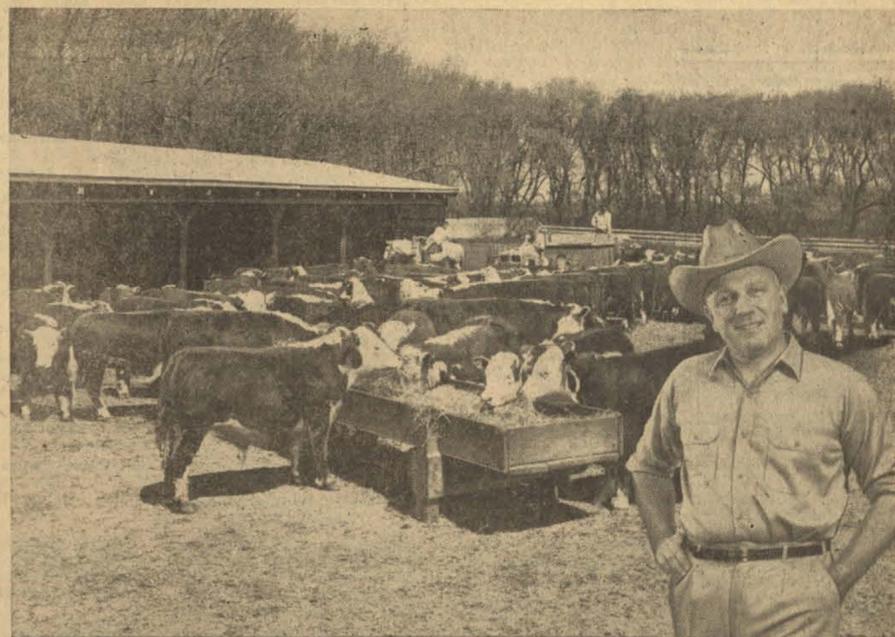
Railroads should be born again.

That is what would have to happen if they went out of existence.

If they did not exist, the United States would have to invent them. . . .

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# Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

## District 1

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

Berrien County Farm Bureau Women's Committee met at the Youth Memorial Building September 16 with 35 present from 15 groups. Mrs. William Anderson presided.

Mrs. Olive Colcord, Berrien county cancer nurse, showed the film "Time and Two Women," introducing a health program for women and an educational program to alert all women of their personal responsibility.

Its theme is that TIME may be a woman's ally or enemy, and that the choice is in large part up to the woman herself.

Several dinners are scheduled at the Youth Memorial Building. Farm Bureau ladies will serve them.

Our Fall District meeting is October 28th in Berrien county. The annual meeting of Women of the Michigan Farm Bureau is November 10th at Michigan State University, East Lansing.

Cass County Farm Bureau Women's Committee met September 2nd with 13 present from 9 groups. Mrs. H. Shuman introduced a representative from the Three Rivers Telephone Company who gave a demonstration of voices as they sound over the telephone. Plans were made to carry project to raise money to buy equipment for County Center Building.

Kalamazoo County. A co-operative dinner was enjoyed by 40 members of the Kalamazoo Farm Bureau Women's Committee September 2nd at Cooper Center Fire Hall. Mrs. Louise Smith was chairman.

Jim Greenman gave an interesting report of the Young People's Camp at Clear Lake, also the Midwest camp at Chatham where 150 Young people represented seven states.

Anita Van Middlesworth and Florence Glidden gave splendid reports of program of Northwest Camp near Traverse City. Plans were discussed for Rural-Urban meeting November 3rd. Our October 6th meeting will be held at the Methodist Church in Vicksburg.

St. Joseph County. J. Burton Richards, regional representative for District 1 gave a talk on "Farm Policies" at our September meeting. He said, "Women are influential people in this country and their acceptance of citizenship responsibilities is necessary to the preservation of self government." Mrs. Carl Lew is president.

Mrs. Paul Davis announced the county building. New Women's Committee representatives and husbands will be guests. The program will be installation of officers. Roger Forch will speak on safety.

Van Buren County Farm Bureau Women's Committee met September 2nd at the Farm Bu-

## Mrs. Edith M. Wagar Will be 86 Oct. 1

Mrs. Edith M. Wagar will observe her 86th birthday October 1 at her home at Briar Hill Farm, Carleton R-1, Monroe county.

Mrs. Wagar is indeed the first lady of the Michigan Farm Bureau. She represented women on the MFB board of directors from 1921 through 1938. In 1923 at the request of the state board of directors she established and headed the women's program for 17 years. For 30 years—September, 1923 through December 1953—every edition of the Michigan Farm News carried an article by Mrs. Wagar. Her timely articles from the woman's point of view were most popular.

Mrs. Wagar, her son Lawrence, and his wife Adah, live at Briar Hill. She will be informed today on the Farm Bureau organization she helped build.



## New Insurance Agents

FOUR NEW AGENTS have completed the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies' first level training school and are at work. They are, left to right: Norman

Hutchinson, Clare county; Willis Wegmeyer, Alpena county; Robert Barnes, Jackson county; Albert Gustine, Oceana county.

Program Chairman Mrs. Dowd introduced Dr. C. M. Schrier, Medical Superintendent of Kalamazoo State Hospital. He said senile people are of all ages, not just old folks. Dr. Schrier said we should become interested in mental health. We should help find interests for retired people and help communities take care of their own. Visitors are welcome at State Hospital any day from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Mrs. Marge Karker described the essay contest "What Freedom Mean to Me" and conducted a discussion on a questionnaire based on the Bill of Rights.

## District 2

Mrs. Geo. Crisenbery, Chairman  
Jackson R-8

Branch County. Eleven groups were represented at our meeting September 12. Mrs. Mohn was chosen for the panel discussion at the District meeting at Parma October 14.

We decided to sponsor the Teenage Poster contest with prizes of \$5, \$3 and \$2. Women's committee members will take copies of the rules to the schools, and pick up the posters October 8 for our meeting at Snow Prairie Church October 10. Mrs. Karker will speak.

Calhoun County. We sold 2,200 glasses of milk at the fair. The county annual meeting is October 14 at 8 p.m. at the Community building. Five free memberships will be given for prizes.

Our next meeting is our Rural-Urban Day October 6 at 10:30 a.m. at the Community building. Each lady is to invite a city friend.

We shall sponsor the Teenage Poster contest. Mrs. Creighton Coleman spoke to us telling about her duties as Juvenile Court Referee.

Hillsdale County. Mrs. Orpha Tittler of Adrian reviewed the last AFBB convention. Mrs. Marjorie Karker conducted a questionnaire on citizenship. We had a discussion of our freedoms and duties as citizens of the U.S.

The county annual meeting will be held October 15 at 8 p.m. in the 4-H Building. We voted to donate money towards the mortgage payment on the Farm Bureau office building.

Jackson County. We won first place in the agricultural exhibit on opening day of the Jackson County Fair with the theme "Farmers Are Proud of Their Heritage" and "Pioneer Ideals Are Alive in Farm Bureau Today."

Sales of baked goods, fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, and fancy work were excellent at our sale booth. Sale booth workers came from various groups for each

FOR NOVEMBER - The Discussion Topic is "What is This Thing Called Integration?"



## Committee on Water Problems

GET THE FACTS on our supplies of water and proceed carefully in developing water rights legislation. This summarized testimony of some 30 witnesses heard at Lansing August 27 by the Joint B. Lane and Edward Hutchinson, Legislative Committee on Water Rights and Problems.

The committee at work: Center, back to camera, a witness testifies. Left to right: Joseph Cox, committee counsel; Rep. Holly E. Hubbell, Senator Lloyd

day. Proceeds from the fair booth finance our eight nurse's scholarship.

Our canned fruit, vegetable and meat display won first place.

Officers elected for the new year: Mrs. Sherman Hartman, chairman; Mrs. Leo Forner, vice-chairman; Mrs. Ray Choate, secretary; Mrs. Harold Wing, ass't secy; Mrs. L. Ray Reed, treasurer.

Lenawee County. Mrs. Melbourne Smith offered to be hostess to the Dutch lady who will be in area Oct. 7 to 14.

We voted to participate in the National Recognition program.

Our officers are: Mrs. Sawyer, chairman; Mrs. Brenke, vice-chairman; Mrs. Pearl Brazeal, sec'y; Mrs. Garner, treas.

Next meeting will be a family night. Mrs. Karker will be our guest.

## District 6

Mrs. Allyn Gordon, Chairman  
Croswell R-2

Huron West Women's Committee saw the beautiful religious film "The Other Sheep." Mrs. Bernice Haley spoke on the Constitutional Convention. Our officers are: Chairman, Mrs. Gerhard Baur; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Ervin Andrews; Sec'y-Treas., Mrs. Charles Gerst.

Lapeer Women's Committee heard a plea for a hospital auxiliary for the Suncrest Home. Many will help. We voted \$100 toward another oxygen tent for the Home.

We shall serve roast turkey, dressing and home made pies at the County Farm Bureau annual meeting Oct. 9.

Sanilac County Women's Committee heard Mrs. Charles Spohn speak on the history of Home Demonstration work. Our officers are: Chairman, Mrs. Byron Hickson; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Edsel Clemons; Sec'y., Mrs. Robert Wood; Treasurer, Mrs. Walter Devitt.

St. Clair Women's Committee met at the lovely home of Mrs. Edward Singelyn, fronting the St. Clair river, and for picnic luncheon. Mrs. Allyn Gordon spoke on "How Important Women are in Farm Bureau." We bought a membership in the National Foundation for Retarded Children. Our officers are: Chairman, Mrs. George Pohl; Vice Chairman, Mrs. M. O. Hitching; Sec'y-Treas., Mrs. Ray Hus-ton.

## District 8

Mrs. Albert Schmiede, Chairman  
Chesaning R-2

Bay County Farm Bureau Women's Committee met for luncheon and business meeting. Mrs. Roy Grigg reported on the council meeting at Midland. Mrs. Herbert Neumeyer read a series of safety articles prepared for the county women.

Clare County. Clare and Gladwin women met for a joint meeting at the Grot Town Hall. Mrs. Ward Kline, Gladwin, presided and introduced Mrs. Dozier, chairman of Gladwin county cancer society. She introduced Dr. Sweet from the health department. He showed a cancer film and answered questions in regard to cancer.

Isabella County. Held a county wide Farm Bureau meeting at Hope Community building. Mrs. William Mainhood gave humor readings on the subject of safety. Mrs. Osborn Thurlow gave the legislative report and commented upon the stand of Farm Bureau on some of the bills. Isabella County Women's Committee voted in favor of a District camp for 1959.

Midland County Women's Committee met at Midland for dinner. Plans were made for their fall meetings. They visited Grace Memorial Library and toured the historical room.

Saginaw County Women met at the Farm Bureau Store. Ruth Watson had arranged a tour of the Borden Milk Company. Our

Farm Women really understand what happens to milk after it leaves their farm.

Luncheon at the Home Dairy and a short business meeting. Mrs. Wilber Graham reported on nominations. In the afternoon they visited the Saginaw News. With guides they saw the photodark rooms, news rooms, type setting-machines, the press in action and the papers on their way to subscribers.

## District 9

Mrs. Oliver Tompkins, Chairman  
Traverse City R-1

Now if the ketchup doesn't boil over and the peaches stick to the kettle, I'll try to get this letter under the wire.

Seems like when there's so much to do I always start out frustrated, then become repentant. Anyhow I'm not like the hundreds who have been stopping by all summer seeking employment, — anything to do to feed their families.

This past week I have stood under trees where clean beautiful fruit is matted in the grass. As my husband says: "Why hire someone to pick what you can't sell."

Then I fill the cans and the freezer knowing it will be eaten before spring.

Mrs. Haven Smith said two years ago at annual meeting: "75% of the people of the world are hungry at this very moment."

In these days of better food preservation it seems like expanded world marketing would somehow, sometime find the answer and more of what we plow under would go abroad along with the bulls and race horses. October 7th is the date of our

District meeting. Don't forget Fay Lingg will be looking for your luncheon reservation.

Benzie County Women's Committee met with Edith Andrews and studied local government and made plans for a special meeting in October when officers will be elected. Benzie women would like to see Marjorie Karker represent us at the A.C. W.W.

Manistee County ladies had a social afternoon in August at which a career film was shown. They are planning tours of local industries and are our hostesses for the District meeting October 7th.

Missaukee County. I attended this meeting and saw a very clever skit on Civil Defense. It resembled an Easter hat parade but each paper hat was decorated with a facsimile of something useful which could be a hazard, such as electric cord, broken chair, etc.

I spoke on: "This I believe." From Mrs. Holtenga's report I must have said more than I figured on. Anyway, they were a good audience.

Grand Traverse and Leelanau

will hold their first fall meeting Tuesday, September 23rd with the annual meeting October 14th.

Wexford County Women are underway on the essay contest and are keeping up a high percentage of attendance. They are buying the book: "The Farm Bureau Story."

Here is a resolution coming from Wexford county which is worthy of our consideration:

## Telephone Excise Tax

"The telephone has become an essential part and a necessity to business, government, and community life, yet it still retains the 10% excise tax which was imposed upon it during the war. Only such items as club dues, cabaret bills, liquor, and tobacco are taxed at higher rates.

Therefore, we recommend that telephone service be taken out of the same category as these luxuries and that the excise tax on communications be repealed."

## District 10-W

Mrs. Vernon Vance, Chairman  
East Jordan R-3

Our District Advisory Council met September 16th at the home

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in our 48 states and Puerto Rico.

Farm Bureau is based on faith in the initiative and resourcefulness of the individual members. They have made the Farm Bureau much more than a farm organization. It is a great source for the preservation of individual opportunity and human freedom.

## The Home Flower Garden

### Climbers Lend Charm to Garden and Home

H. L. R. CHAPMAN  
Garden Clubs Lecturer

Climbers are plants which elongate their growths towards the light, by making use of other objects.

The means by which certain plants attach themselves to some support are varied.

Some attach themselves to either living or dead matter by means of tendrils, leaf stalks, or by roots which are produced upon the stem as the growths elongate; others attach themselves by hooked prickles.

Quite a number of climbers twine their stems around a support, and others just grow and ramble over a support.

Climbers present the home gardener with plant growing opportunities, which unfortunately are not adequately recognized.

Actually the planting around a home (especially if the home is of brick) is not complete unless portions of the walls of the dwelling are covered with some pretty creeper, which will convert a monotonous wall into an object of interest and beauty.

Yes, climbers have a place in ornamental architecture.

All home gardeners readily admit that climbing roses, for instance, lend charm to homes of almost any style.

Home gardeners should know the characteristics of their climbing plants before selecting and planting.

If the walls of the home are of brick or stone, climbers should be selected which produce adventitious roots along the side of the stem. These rootlets serve to fix and hold the growths in position.

This type of climber is always neat and long-lasting.

Climbers without this characteristic will require a support upon which to climb, or the growths must be tied in place and supported by nails driven into the walls of the structure upon which they are to grow.

In the past much damage has been done by driving nails into brick and stone walls to support plants.

Fortunately, there is a product on the market called Garden Wall Tie. It consists of a transparent disc about one inch in diameter, flat on one side. The other side is slightly raised and holed. Special cement in a tube forms part of the kit. Cement is applied to the flat surface of the disc which is then pressed firmly on to the wall.

Included in the package are special ties which are threaded through the hole in the raised or outside part of the disc, and then around the stem it is to support.

This is an excellent way to attach plants to brick or stone walls. Garden Wall Ties can be obtained from the Garden Center, Farm Bureau Services, P.O. Box 960, 4000 North Grand River Avenue, Lansing, \$1.00 per dozen, tax paid and postage prepaid.

Certain climbers have a place on wooden structures, but they should be separated from the wall surfaces of the building to allow for air circulation.

For this reason the home owner should select plants which climb by means of tendrils, or twine their stems around a support.

Generally speaking, climbers are permanent plants, and will grow in the same location for many years if undisturbed.

All climbers like a soil which has good drainage.

Many climbing plants suffer when the soil becomes waterlogged, sour and cold. They become weak, and subject to fungus attack.



MR. CHAPMAN

When planting a permanent creeper, dig a hole at least thirty inches wide, and about the same in depth.

If the soil is heavy clay, the bottom of the hole should be pierced with a crow-bar for several inches, and these holes filled with sand.

This helps to get rid of water which collects in the bottom of the planting hole during heavy rains.

Over the sand holes place a five inch layer of well rotted farm manure which contains straw. This should then be covered with three inches of good soil.

Old farm yard manure should next be thoroughly mixed into the remaining soils, and a sufficient quantity replaced and made firm to accommodate the base of the roots of the new plant.

When the planting is completed the surface of soil should be made firm by tramping, and then thoroughly watered. When planting arrange the depth of the roots so that the crown of the plant is half inch deeper in the soil than it was when growing in the nursery. There is a distinct line around the base of the stem which will act as a guide.

There are some exceptions. Climbers which have bulbous roots, and Clematis should be planted with their crowns three inches below the surface.

Most climbers produce great quantities of foliage during the growing season, and quantities of flowers later.

This indicates that the plants must never suffer from lack of moisture during their season of growth.

Some climbing plants are injured during the early spring due to alternate freezing and thawing.

Protection should be given these plants by placing a mulch of thoroughly decayed manure containing plenty of straw over the roots.

This should be applied late in the fall as soon as the soil becomes frozen. This protection is given, not to protect the roots during winter, but to prevent the soil from thawing out too early in the Spring, which in turn retards the early growth of the plant, and consequently prevents damage from drying winds, and cold freezing nights.

List of climbers suitable for the home garden in Michigan. We include in this information, (1) common name, (2) Method of climbing, (3) How it should be used.

- Bower Actinidia. Stems twine. Fence or pole support.
- Fiveleaf Akebia. Stems twine. Fence or trellis.
- Porcelain Ampelopsis. Tendrils. Fence or pole support.
- Dutchmans-pipe. Stems twine. Fence or screen. Rank grower.
- Trumpet creeper. Clings by rootlets. Fence or large buildings. Rank growth.
- American Bittersweet. Stems twine. Fence or pole support.
- Clematis. Tendrils. Trellis and pole support.
- Wintercreeper. Clings by rootlets. Walls of brick buildings.
- Baltic English Ivy. Clings by rootlets. North side of stone building.
- Halls Japanese honeysuckle. Stems twine. Trellis.
- Virginia creeper. Clings by disc rootlets. Large stone buildings.
- Veitch Japanese creeper. Clings by disc rootlets. Large brick buildings.
- China Fleecevine. Stems twine. Trellis. Rank grower.
- Climbing rose. Must be tied to support. Buildings, fence, trellis or pole.
- Grapes. Tendrils. Fence.
- Japanese Wisteria. Stems twine. Brick or stone building. Pole support.
- Chinese Wisteria. Stems twine. Building, trellis, arbor, or pole support.

of Mrs. Louis Burgdorf in Cheboygan county. Plans were made for the fall District meeting October 22 at Ellsworth. Mrs. Karker will show the film "The Battle for Liberty."

Mrs. Hiram Brock presented the suggested program for the year.

Antrim County had four women at Northwest Farm Bureau Women's camp. They enjoyed the outstanding program.

Mrs. Andrew Williams reported on the Rockefeller report on education, "The Pursuit of Excellence." This developed a very lively discussion.

Charlevoix County Women's Committee heard a Civil Defense speaker, Gen. E. Ely, who suggested preparation by each family for any possible attack instructions on first aid.

We had a bake sale and a "silent auction" to raise funds toward a Whirlpool washer for the new Grandvue hospital which opens October 1. One "over-bed" table has been purchased for Charlevoix hospital.

Emmett County Women's Committee has had a cancer program and is collecting materials for dressings. We had a grain, vegetable and flower booth at the county fair and won first prize.

The Teen-Age Poster Contest "Why I Should Eat the Right Foods" is being sponsored by our group in the county.

## District 11

Mrs. Ken Corey, Chairman  
Stephenson R-1

District 11 meeting will be held in Bark River, Menominee county, at the Salem Lutheran Church October 21. Coffee 9:30-10:00 E.S.T. Business meeting begins 10:00 sharp.

Please get your dinner reservations in to Mrs. Ken Corey, chairman, Stephenson R-1 by October 1st. Final date October 10th.

Baraga Farm Bureau Women met July 30th with Mrs. Marjorie Karker and Mr. Hugo Kivi to discuss organization work.

The distribution of the Hi-Fi record Star Spangled Banner to schools has been assumed as a project.

Mrs. Wilbert Leino of L'Anse is our chairman and Mrs. Malond Titus also of L'Anse is secretary.

Chippewa Women's Committee heard county welfare representative, Mrs. Bernaluova tell the county's great need for a convalescent home.

We shall be presenting our country schools with Hi-Fi records of Star Spangled Banner.

Menominee County Women's Committee met September 17 at the home of Mrs. Del Gay of Stephenson. Eight groups were represented. A dessert lunch was served by the hostess.

We made plans for the District meeting at Bark River October 21. New committee women were introduced and acquainted with their duties.

We discussed the Women's Committee's part in helping formulate resolutions and helping be alert to the needs of community and state.

A local civil defense meeting will be held soon. All were urged to attend.

## Farm Bureau In Upper Peninsula

HUGO E. KIVI  
UP Regional Representative

Farm Bureau and prospective members of Baraga County Farm Bureau enjoyed a chicken barbecue at the Harvest Dinner Sept. 3, sponsored by the Farm Bureau.

Prospective members were told of the advantages of belonging to the organization and what can be accomplished through united effort.

The Dairy Committees had a busy month in September. Meetings were held to discuss resolutions to be presented to the membership at the annual meetings. The Dairy Committees were active in promoting meetings scheduled throughout the peninsula regarding the proposed Federal Milk Marketing Order for this area.

Membership and Community Group Committees have made plans for our October membership drive. County meetings were held with the Membership Committee, area captains and workers participating. All counties have expressed determination to reach goals.

Chippewa and Delta County Farm Bureaus received cash awards for an increase in the

number of Community Groups this past year. Chippewa had an increase of 5 and Delta an increase of 2 groups.

## Genesee Opposes New Flint Plan

Genesee County Farm Bureau is among the opponents to the New Flint plan to incorporate whole townships, parts of townships and 3 cities into a Flint of 175 square miles. The board of supervisors refused to place the proposal on the ballot. The issue has been taken to the Supreme Court of Michigan.

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## To California

CLARE McGhan, coordinator of Community Farm Bureaus for the Michigan Farm Bureau, has resigned to become director of field services for the California Farm Bureau membership of 65,000, effective October 6. Mr. McGhan was with Michigan Farm Bureau for 12 years, first as a regional membership representative, and later as coordinator in charge of organization of Community Farm Bureaus, and coordinator for Farm Bureau Young People's work.

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## Members Must Decide

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cludes work of membership enrollment, the regional field workers, the Blue Cross operation and records, general office records, county office assistance, and Michigan Farm Bureau expenses on Farm Supply and Insurance Relations programs.

Public Affairs Division staff working with the Legislature and Congress. One secretary. Servicing of county legislative and resolutions committees on policy process and support for legislative work. Public relations contacts.

MFB Women's Activities: Staff working with county Women's Committees, District Meetings, Women's State Annual Meeting

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and with citizenship projects at state and county levels.

**Education and Research:** Staff providing research information for 1683 Community Farm Bureaus and for state staff and officers. Preparation of weekly and special radio programs, news releases for counties. Works with county public relations committee part time.

**Commodity Department:** Staff giving information on marketing problems, working with county and state commodity committees, special commodity organizations, special meetings for developing policy recommendations on commodity marketing problems.

**Upper Peninsula:** Staff and field man organizing new County and Community Farm Bureaus in this area.

**Farm Bureau Young People:** Staff working with Young People

ple's conferences, committees, board of directors, state annual meeting, training camps, projects, public relations, etc.

**Administrative:** Executive Secretary and staff, legal counsel, financing department, employee services, etc.

**Information Department:** Paid by 40¢ per member set aside for 12 months subscription to Michigan Farm News for every member.

**General (Misc.):** Annual Meeting expenses, taxes, Board of Directors meetings, Counsel on Public Affairs and Resolutions Committee meeting expenses.

**Public Relations:** No special budget. Many staff do part time work. Education-Research staff member carries some of the specialized work.

**Note:** Cost figures for all above programs include salaries, traveling expenses, taxes, social security, retirement, depreciation of office equipment, supplies and stationery, postage, telephone, repairs and upkeep, publicity and various meeting expenses.

**3. It will have to be well financed.** Dues will probably have to compare favorably with those of labor unions and similar organizations.

**4. It will need additional well-trained employees.**

**5. The members will have to have a determination to develop their own programs — marketing, etc. — and carry them through to effectiveness.**

**6. It will need a leadership that knows how to get its members to do their share of the jobs that it tackles, and gives them jobs to do.**

**7. And it will need members who see the importance of agriculture to the nation as a whole.**

The question is, shall Farm Bureau help to build a sound future for farmers, and shall it be a farmers' organization? If farmers do not build that future through cooperation, who will build it?

### Committee Report On Revenues

Where Michigan Farm Bureau Gets Its Operating Funds (1957-58 Figures)

Per Member	Per Year
Membership dues	\$3.97
Service fees from:	
F. B. Insurance Companies	50¢
Farm Bureau Services, Inc.	17¢
Farmers Petroleum Cooperative	10¢
Michigan Farm News Net Income	21¢
Other sources	11¢
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$5.08</b>

### The Result Per Member Each Year

Total Income	\$5.08
Minus total expenses	5.23
<b>Deficit per member</b>	<b>.20</b>

Twenty cents seems like a small deficit until you multiply it by over 70,000 member families. In setting the \$20 dues level, the committee was looking toward future needs and demands by farmers. They considered that reserves should be built up a bit for emergencies rather than to be exhausted as is now happening.

The financial support should be planned on a sound basis for ten years or more in the future. There is little use in "repairing the roof so poorly that it will soon leak again.

**Dean Cowden on Farm Organization**

Dr. Tom Cowden, Dean of Agriculture at Michigan State University, met with the Committee during one meeting. When asked what a farmers' organization must be to meet the challenge of the future, he made these points:

1. It must have a positive and up-to-date program for farmers, and stand firmly and work for that program.
2. It will have to be a "grass roots" organization — with local farmer control. It should be one that sells its memberships to farmers every year.

**Flavor Variety**

Seek flavor variety in meals. Foods should be neither all acid nor all sweet. Certain foods are well liked together, such as cranberries with poultry, apples with pork, tomatoes with cheese or fish, and mint or peas with lamb.

**ENGLISH SHEPHERD** started pup. Born June 6. Male. Nicely marked. Black, white and tan. Driving cattle and hogs now. \$25 here. A. F. F. L. S. Bradley, Springport R-1, Michigan. (10-11-25p) 10

**TRAINED HUNTING DOGS.** AKC Registered Pointers, Setters, Spaniels, Beagles. Dogs demonstrated. Gerwek Kennels, Registered Hunting Dogs, 6348 Dixon Road, Monroe R-1, Michigan. (Monroe County) (9-21-25p) 10

**80 ACRES** fruit and crop land. About 40 acres young bearing apple, peach, plum, cherry trees. 4 acres raspberries. Whitewood, maple, elm, birch, locust, poplar, etc. Eight room modern house. Large barn, small buildings. Near Berrien Center, Michigan. Jack Walker, 1009 West North Street, Muncie, Indiana. (Berrien County) (10-31-25p) 15

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**1 AGENTS WANTED**

WANTED. Contact with handy part-time farmers and dealers desiring extra income. Sell and supervise installation of special gutter cleaners, milking parlors, hay dryers, etc. Some territory open. Indicate where you live, give selling experience if any. Write Ottawa-Hitch, FN321, Holland, Michigan. (9-21-25p) 1

**2 AUCTIONEER**

FARM AUCTION SERVICE. For free consultation contact Stan Perkins, Auctioneer, 11314 Miller Road, Swartz Creek, Michigan. Phone MR-2-3304. "No sale too far or too large. Bonded and Insured." (Ogemaw County) (10-31-25p) 2

**3 BABY CHICKS**

FOR 1559 CHICKS if you are interested in a fine large white hen laying brown eggs, have been making flock averages many up to 250 eggs, and are selling experience if any. Write Ottawa-Hitch, FN321, Holland, Michigan. (9-21-25p) 1

**13 FARM MACHINERY**

IHC TWO ROW Mounted Corn Planter Model 24. Good condition. \$175. For H or M tractors. Jax Isley, Palmyra, Michigan. Phone Blissley 561 R. (Lenawee County) (10-11-25p) 12

**5 BUSINESS FOR SALE**

GAMBLES AUTHORIZED DEALER STORE. Must be sold on account of owner's illness and for no other reason. Located in thriving farming, industrial and tourist area. \$13,000 for up-to-date fixtures, equipment and inventory. 2,500 customer potential. Good business opportunity for an able-bodied middle-aged couple. Write Gamble Store, Box 141, Sebawaing, Michigan. (Huron County) (10-11-25p) 5

**7 BARN EQUIPMENT**

GUTTER CLEANER. Acorn's reversible 7-winch train travels forward and forth at high speed through one or more gutters unloading liquid and litter to street or spreader. See our automatically removing 4 to 5 stall loads each trip. Amazingly new invention. Clean clear gutters without hard labor at reasonable cost. Look over our display advertisement in this same paper. Literature free. Write today. Ottawa-Hitch, FN321, Holland, Michigan. (Huron County) (9-21-25p) 7

**9 DAIRY EQUIPMENT**

BULK TANK, Zero T-20, 430 gallon. All stainless steel. Like new. Reasonable. Leo Ringel, Paw Paw R-3, Michigan. (Paw Paw County) Phone Gobles 7213. (Van Buren County) (10-11-25p) 9

**10 DOGS**

MAKE MINE "PREMIUM." Every dog owner who feeds the Farm Bureau will soon realize the top value for every dollar spent. Available at Farm Bureau feed dealers throughout Michigan. (9-11-25p) 10

**NORWEGIAN ELKHOUND** stud service. 450. AKC registered. Contact Harvey Wells, 14501 M-60, Contact R-1, Michigan. (Jackson County) (10-11-25p) 10

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HYBRID SEED CORN, Michigan Certified. More ears per acre, more corn per acre, more seed per dollar. Order your 1959 Spring supply NOW from a wide selection of seed, tested for your farm conditions. Available at Farm Bureau Seed Dealers throughout Michigan. Farm Bureau Services, Inc. (10-31-25p) 17

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**5400 FEEDER CATTLE** to Sell at Five Northern Michigan Cooperative AUCTION SALES. All sales start 12:00 noon. OCT. 9, Thursday at Gaylord, 600 yearlings, 1500 calves. OCT. 10, Friday at Bruce Crossing, 125 yearlings, 678 calves. OCT. 14, Tuesday at Escanaba, 650 yearlings, 650 calves. OCT. 15, Wednesday at Alpena, 150 yearlings, 600 calves. OCT. 16, Thursday at West Branch, 1500 calves. These are native born feeder cattle, most are Herefords, some Angus, a few Shorthorns. Sorted into two to five year old groups. Flat now to feed acclimated Michigan cattle to the winter. Take a trip north, see the best bred bay year feeder cattle. Michigan Livestock Improvement Association, 105 Anthony Hall, East Lansing, Michigan. (9-11-25p) 22

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LIFE MEMBERSHIPS and quarter acre building site in new Smith Lake Sportsmen's Association and Recreation Club now organizing. Located 6 miles north of Mio. Heart of recreation land. 55 members at present. Full price \$125. Write for information. Harvey Hill, Lapeer R-3, Michigan. (Lapeer County) (9-21-43p) 18

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CHRISTMAS TREES, red and white pine for sale. About 2,000 from four to seven foot high. Economized priced by truck load. Kenneth Garner, Kalkaska R-1, Michigan. (Kalkaska County) (10-11-25p) 18

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TREMBLOUS BARGAINS. Large mail order house selling out. Merchandise less than wholesale. Order while stocks are plentiful. Send for free catalog. National Distributors, P. O. Box 4, Decatur, Michigan. (10-11-27p) 18

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# Members Must Decide Farm Bureau Future

## Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for October

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

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The late Keith Tanner was an inspirational young Farm Bureau leader. In the days when he helped to guide the Michigan Farm Bureau, Keith often said, "Without vision, the people perish!"

Vision is simply the ability to see the facts and problems of today clearly and to fit them to sound plans, decisions and actions for tomorrow.

Today Farm Bureau members face a problem and must make an important decision.

The problem is — "Shall farmers continue to maintain their own strong, voluntary and farmer-controlled organization, or will some other organization, lacking farmer control, take its place — by forfeit?"

**Agriculture is Changing.** Farms in Michigan are becoming fewer. Between 1950 and 1954, 22,000 farms disappeared from the Michigan census records. The remaining farms increased in size. They had to expand operations in order to afford machinery to replace hand labor.

Michigan farmers who till the soil for their main source of income now have an average investment of over \$40,000 in their farm operations. South of the Bay-Muskegon County line this average investment is \$50,000 per farm. There is a large investment to protect!

Farmers are not job-holders. They are business men. They own and manage their own production

and marketing system. Today their problems are increasing.

Non-farm people are moving in large numbers into farming areas. Schools are becoming crowded. Improved roads to town employment and trading centers are being demanded. Expansion of health and local government services are being called for. Taxes on farm property are mounting.

Farm people have become a small minority of Michigan's population, only 7%. The remaining few needs to weld itself into a strongly unified organization if it is to protect its interests.

### Someone Will Organize Farmers

It may not be the farmers, themselves. Other groups with their own axes to grind show a strong interest in doing so. Yet it is farmers who can best say where the programs should go which will bring the fullest benefits to farmers. But take a look at the trends:

**A. Government** has now had a long history of effort to gain control over farming policy and operations. It is far from over.

**B. A new movement** has appeared on the horizon and is being pushed by private business. So private companies seek to "integrate" farm production and marketing under contract. The companies assume much of the management control over "contract farms." Many broiler and hog farms have gone in this direction.

**C. Powerful efforts** are being made to force farmers into labor unions. The "Teamsters" in eastern states use the pressure device — "Join, or we will not take your milk to market." Union standards call for compulsory membership. No mem-

bership — no right to work. Dues are set to provide large reserve funds for strikes and partisan political action. It's all in the news.

Of course, unions demand cheaper food for workers also. Higher farm prices scarcely fit into the scheme of low prices for the worker.

Yes — someone will organize farmers. The farmers must decide whether they will maintain their own strong, self-directed organization, or turn the whole field open for others to exploit. This is a serious decision, but it must be faced.

### Inflation Affects Farm Bureau

The Michigan Farm Bureau has an economical per-member record on costs. This record stands very favorably when compared to other Farm Bureaus of similar size and activity. Michigan Farm Bureau has been a national leader in many programs.

Increasing costs of operation that affect every business have created a serious problem, both for now and for the future of our county and state organizations.

Any organization must grow and expand to meet the problems of changing times. Farm Bureau's program must develop as new problems arise for its farm people. In the past two years requests prompted the addition of new help in commodity marketing, for example.

Income has not kept pace with outgo. The new programs meant the tapping of small reserve funds. With continuing inflation from year to year, the Michigan Farm Bureau cannot maintain its present programs and services for farmer members — let alone add the programs and services that our changing agricultural picture will require.

A Farm Bureau must grow to meet the problems of the times — or die on the vine, becoming ineffective as a tool of its members. There's the real issue!

### Serve Everybody

There are those members who would meet the finance problem simply by adding more memberships. But a decision is involved here, too.

Most of such memberships will have to come from non-farm people. This means that Farm Bureau must change from a farmers' organization (the farmers who till the soil for a living), to become an "open" organization. It is no longer a true farmers' organization under this approach. The issue here is "What sort of Farm Bureau do farmers want for the future?"

### Michigan Farm Bureau Board Acts

The state Board of Directors took a look at the situation in 1957. Its members wanted more work done in commodity marketing. They favored continuing the organization work in the Upper Peninsula. County Farm Bureau leaders pointed to a need for more active public relations work to correct misunderstandings about agriculture.

But funds were short. Reserve funds were too small to meet the demands. Income was already below program needs.

The Board directed the management to study the problem at length and find ways to put Farm Bureau on a sound financial footing within the next three years — "with income and costs in proper balance."

Clearly this means one of two steps — to increase income, or to reduce programs and services for the members.

### State Committee

Where problems of this sort have existed in the past, Farm Bureau has always called in the county leadership. A state committee of these leaders was formed. The State Board asked this committee to consider three questions:

1. What sort of membership should Farm Bureau serve?
2. What programs should Farm Bureau provide in the future?
3. How should the programs be financed?

This committee met seven times. It studied facts and programs and drafted its recommendations to the Board. Members serving on this committee were:

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11. Joseph Whitney ..... Delta

(Note: Ronald Clark, of Mackinaw-Luce attended the committee meetings to represent District 11)

After examining the situation in detail, the committee brought forth several conclusions and recommendations.

### Committee Conclusions

**A. Michigan needs an effective farm organization.** Farm Bureau should fill this need. It should be so organized as to serve farmers primarily — those who get their main incomes from agricultural and horticultural production. All other producers of these products should be eligible for membership.

**Associate members** should be limited to 10% of a county's membership, so that the main objectives and the control of the organization shall be determined by those who farm the land.

**B. With farmers becoming fewer** and people moving into rural areas, our problems are increasing. Farm marketings also have need of closer attention and the development of new methods.

These conditions demand a stronger and more aggressive Farm Bureau than ever before. We must strengthen our County Farm Bureau programs to serve our members' needs better than in the past. The strength of our program has depended upon farmer leaders within counties. Farming today is demanding upon our time. Our county leaders need additional help in the field to give them counsel and aid in developing our county programs.

**C. If farmer members are to**

control Farm Bureau, the organization should be financed mainly through membership dues. Our related service companies should not be asked to provide the needed extra funds.

We can expect a certain percentage of loss in membership with a dues increase. But effective programs come first. We should still be able to enroll 50,000 families in a strong organization if dues are doubled over the present figure.

**D. Since the Upper Peninsula** is just being organized, it should be given special treatment. We should keep dues at the present level until the work is completed in this area. We need the support of these farmers. Our problems have much in common.

### Recommendations

**1. The present definition** of our membership should be kept as it now stands in our by-laws.

**2. The number of trained area field men** should be increased in proportion to the membership and finances of the counties to be served. Counties having a larger membership to serve should request this additional help, and pay a share of the expenses and salary.

These men should work with a smaller number of counties than our present field staff and give more time to each county's program. The work of these men would be supervised by a small number of field supervisors.

**3. Our commodity marketing** problems are growing. Michigan Farm Bureau should have at least three trained commodity men on its staff. They should work more closely with existing commodity organizations, study new developments in "integrated" marketing, and aid in finding new methods and channels

for marketing farm products.

One of these men should specialize in dairy and field crops; another in livestock and poultry, and the third in fruits and vegetables.

**4. We need a growing and vigorous program** of public relations for farmers. Misunderstandings about farm people are increasing. We need a trained specialist to promote active contacts with newspapers, radio and television stations in our state.

Such a trained man would give more active aid to our County Public Relations Committee than has been possible up to the present time.

**5. With these additional programs** and services in mind, and to maintain and improve present programs, we recommend:

**A. That dues in Michigan Farm Bureau** be \$20 beginning with 1960. Of this sum, \$10 should go to the Michigan Farm Bureau, and \$1 to the American Farm Bureau Federation.

**B. Our Michigan Farm Bureau membership goal** be set at 50,000 family memberships, and that each county accept its prorated share of this goal.

**6. Dues in the Upper Peninsula** remain at \$10 until these counties have services equal to those of the southern counties, but not later than 1965.

**7. Since we have recommended** that dues be increased to \$20, and that an expanded program to better serve farmers be developed, we recommend that the Board initiate action for all necessary changes in our F B service companies to provide the best possible services for Farm Bureau members in the future.

### State Board Sets Delegate Conference

After reviewing these recommendations, the State Board of Directors directed that the staff relay this information to the membership at an early date. The Board also determined that a special meeting of the county delegates shall be called for early in 1959 to consider these matters and vote on a possible change of the by-laws in these directions.

Our present discussion is part of the program to fulfill the first request of the Board.

### Committee Report On Expenses

What Michigan Farm Bureau Programs Cost the Member Annually (1957-58 Figures—State Operations Only)

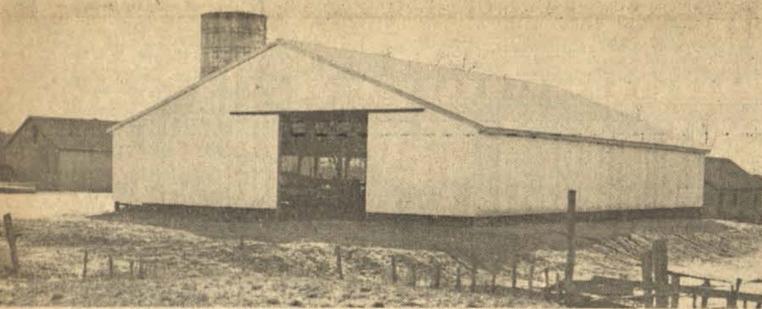
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Organization Department	\$2.23
Public Affairs Division	52c
F. B. Womens' Activities and Citizenship	22c
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Commodity Department	33c
Community Farm Bureau Promotion	14c
Upper Peninsula Organization	28c
F. B. Young People	14c
Administrative	57c
General (Misc.)	63c
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<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>	<b>\$5.28</b>
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### Explanation

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