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Farm Bureau History is Coming

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It is my privilege to be assigned by the Board of Directors to write the history of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Our Directors and Secretary Yaeger believe that a co-ordinated account of the origin and development of the Michigan Farm Bureau will be useful to Farm Bureau people, and of interest to other readers.

They feel that its history should be preserved in convenient and permanent form, and they have arranged to have it published in a book of 300 or more pages.

The Michigan Farm Bureau history is a record of forty years of endeavor of Michigan farm families to maintain an adequate standard of living and make their full contribution to the perpetuation of American freedom.

Their achievements have made the Michigan Farm Bureau a significant development in the agricultural history of our times.

We have one of the strongest State Farm Bureaus in the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The story records how Farm Bureau has survived and developed through the readjustments of two World Wars, the Korean conflict of 1950, and the economic depressions and recessions of the 1920's and 1930's.

It recalls the revolution in agriculture due to technology and mechanization, and the many and rapid changes in the farmer's social, economic and political relationships over 40 years.

The Farm Bureau book is a comprehensive record of the several epochs in the life of the Michigan Farm Bureau from its birth in 1919 to 1959.

It has been my good fortune that my own life span has been so closely coincident with the years that have witnessed the origin and growth of the Michigan Farm Bureau through its entire history.

The influences that eventually spawned the Michigan Farm Bureau trace back to farm conditions and farmer organization efforts from 1880 to the early years of the 20th century.

This reminds me of some of my personal experiences and brings to mind the environment of the farm neighborhood and the limitations of the horse-and-buggy days. I am including a review of these earlier conditions hoping it will be helpful to present and future readers to appraise the great changes through which the Michigan Farm Bureau has developed.

Most of my associates of the 1920's have passed away, but the pioneering they did in founding the Michigan Farm Bureau lives after them in the progress their successors have achieved.

71,413 farm family members are now forging their link in the chain of Farm Bureau service. Because of their loyalty, Farm Bureau young people and future generations will have the opportunity to take over where the present generation leaves off.

The Farm Bureau history is a record of the great power and service that lies in the initiative and voluntary action of the men, women, and children on the farms of Michigan. Farm Bureau has provided them the opportunity to bring these great human qualities into constructive action and effect.

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"There is no part of history so generally useful as that which relates to the progress of the human mind. The present state of things is the consequence of the past." Dr. Samuel Johnson.

This Moved 19 Million Tons of Farm Goods

House - Senate agreement in Congress on an 18-month extension of Public Law 480 represents a compromise on the 2-year program as approved by the Senate and a 1-year extension as set by the House. President Eisenhower is expected to sign the bill.

During the four years of this Farm Bureau-developed program, which authorizes sale of surplus agricultural commodities for the local currency of the importing nation, over 19 million tons of farm produce have been shipped. Largest items were 491 million bushels of wheat, 2.8 million bales of cotton and 1.7 billion pounds of vegetable oils.

Farm Bureau urged the extension of P. L. 480, but recognizes that it is a temporary program and is not a substitute for trade through normal channels.



Milk Producers and Farm Bureau Leaders Meet

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES of the Board of Directors of Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n and the Michigan Farm Bureau, and Dairy Committee members of MFB met at Farm Bureau Center August 13. They discussed legislation and other matters of interest to the two organizations.

Left to right: Walter Christenson, Theodore Laurson, vice-president, MMPA; Elton Smith, MFB; Andrew Jackson, MMPA; Ward Hodge, president, and Walter Wightman, vice-president of MFB; Glen Lake, president MMPA; Dale Dunckel, Eugene Roberts, Harold Blaylock, and Thomas Hahn, of MFB.

MFB Has Largest Delegate Meeting

At the 1957 annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, more than 700 voting delegates were present, each representing 100 members.

Michigan has the largest voting delegate body of any state Farm Bureau.

The 1958 annual meeting may reduce the delegate body in the future by having each delegate represent more families.

County Farm Bureaus have said that large county delegations are a major expense for them. They'll be talking about it at County Farm Bureau annual meetings in October.

Michigan Farm Bureau with 71,431 members will have 714 voting delegates at the 1958 annual meeting in November.

Illinois Farm Bureau has 185,016 members. It has a little over 500 voting delegates at its annual meeting.

Indiana Farm Bureau has 133,464 members. It had 217 voting delegates at the last annual meeting.

Kansas Farm Bureau has 74,300 members. It had 400 voting delegates at the annual meeting. In the largest state Farm Bureau, a voting delegate may represent 500 families.

Wesley Hawley Retires

He Organized 27 New Co. Farm Bureaus



MR. HAWLEY

Wesley S. Hawley, Coordinator for the Upper Peninsula for the Michigan Farm Bureau, retired August 31 at 65 in accordance with the Farm Bureau's retirement program for employees.

Mr Hawley had 25 years' service in Farm Bureau membership work.

Wesley Hawley has a remarkable record of achievement in bringing farm families into the Farm Bureau. Today more than 10,000 families are members of Farm Bureau in counties where Wesley did the pioneer organization work.

Between 1940 and into 1958, he organized 23 new County Farm Bureaus in the northern part of the lower peninsula and in the upper peninsula.

Senator Edward Hutchinson of Fennville, presided at the meeting held at Lansing.

Those at the hearing included representatives of state government, farm interests, industry, MSU and U. of M., cities and towns, well drillers, drain commissioners, and individual citizens.

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Mr. Hawley went into most counties alone. He began by interesting husbands and wives in Community Farm Bureaus and moved on to the organization of a County Farm Bureau. He has organized some 450 Community Farm Bureaus.

Wesley has held a number of membership jobs. From 1934 through 1948 he was a District Membership Representative. From 1949 through 1952 he was head of the MFB Membership Department at Lansing. Through 1953 and 1954 he was director of

U. S. Aid to Education Passed by Congress

Passage of the "National Defense Education Act of 1958" is a defeat for those who believe in local control and operation of our educational system, and a victory for those who favor federal intervention.

Former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Marion B. Folsom, described the measure as a system of lures and baits.

Rep. August Johansen of Battle Creek in a speech on the House floor warned that the adoption of this bill would not settle a troublesome issue but was only giving the "greatest encouragement" to advocates of "definite, deliberate all-out federal control of education."

During the drives for federal school aid in the last two years, the bills were aimed at school construction. This year, supporters switched the title to "National Defense" to take advantage of the "Sputnik" hysteria.

Farm Bureau had opposed passage of the bill in letters to all

Senators and wires to the leaders of both parties in the House. The Farm Bureau said—"We believe the needs of our public education system can best be met through the utilization of state and local funds and resources."

By a vote of 140 Yeas to 233 Nays, the House refused to kill the bill by sending it back to committee.

Before voting on the bill, the Senate killed an amendment offered by Senator Patrick McCamara which would have added a \$2 billion school construction program to the \$1.3 billion program outlined in the bill. The vote on the McCamara amendment was 30 to 61. The Senate then passed the bill 62 to 25.

A sidelight on methods used to promote the program was reported by visitors to one of Michigan's tax-supported educational institutions. In the lobby of one of the main buildings was a display urging viewers to write their Congressmen in support of the Defense Education Bill.

Public Heard on Water Problems

Some 30 witnesses described water problems and suggested remedies to the Joint Legislative Committee on water rights and water problems August 27.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hawley will continue to make their home at Escanaba. They own a home there and have a cottage at a lake. Wesley will devote full time to building the new Christ Church congregation at Escanaba. He started the congregation and is the lay pastor.

When the church at Escanaba is well established and has a young minister, Mr. and Mrs. Hawley expect to establish new congregations in the upper peninsula. Did we say retired?

Less Rather Than More Government in Farming

Agr'l Act of 1958 is Some Improvement

*House Expressed its Interest in Easing Gov't Controls, but Refused Senate's Better Bill

DAN E. REED

Associate Legislative Counsel, Michigan Farm Bureau

President Eisenhower is expected to sign the new farm bill, S. 4071, into law.

The Agricultural Act of 1958 was laid on his desk after the House refused a Senate request for a conference on the differences between the versions of the bill as passed by the two houses. The Senate then accepted the bill as it passed the House on August 14.

The measure fails to provide as workable a program as was passed by the Senate by a 62 to 11 vote last month, but is much better than the so-called "Omnibus Bill" which was tagged as a "monstrosity" and was defeated in the House in late June.

The new bill has been viewed by American Farm Bureau's President Charles B. Shuman as "of questionable long-range value."

On the Plus Side. The bill will allow corn, cotton and rice growers to plant more acres than they would be permitted under present law. Support price levels would be adjusted downward and some recognition would be given to market-place pricing for corn.

Corn growers will vote their choice between two programs in a referendum to be held before December 16. The choice would be determined by a majority of those voting.

Last time corn growers were offered a choice between two plans, the rules called for one plan to require a "yes" vote by two-thirds of those voting and the other plan required only a one-third vote.

Cotton growers will have an individual choice of two plans, with those choosing the higher acreage allotments receiving a parity support level 15% lower.

The so-called "escalator clause," which forces support level increases as disposal programs lower surpluses, has been eliminated.

On the Other Side. Acreage allotments of cotton and rice are increased without providing for competitive pricing to expand markets. Artificially fixed minimum support levels are set which will not reflect market needs and seem to point inevitably to further increases in government surpluses.

The Secretary of Agriculture is given power to "fix" prices or support levels. Farm Bureau believes that this is too much responsibility to place on any administrative officer who is subjected to all of the pressures of political Washington.

Farm Bureau Victory? Observers have called the passage of the legislation a Farm Bureau victory. House Agriculture Committee Chairman Cooley had twice stated that the Congress would

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The Record Urges Polio Vaccine

In 1953, there was a total of 1,127 paralytic cases and 108 deaths from polio in Michigan.

Last year, the widespread use of polio vaccine cut crippling cases to 121 and deaths to 12.

"The heartening reduction in polio deaths and crippling can continue only if parents make sure that their children receive the full three doses of vaccine, beginning at age three months," explains Dr. F. S. Leeder, director of Disease Control, Records and Statistics of the state health department.

"If the 210,000 children who will be born in Michigan this year are not properly immunized," he warns, "paralytic polio could make a tragic return."

It is equally important that adults be protected, because the disease strikes at all ages.

School Bus Stop Law Date Sept. 13

ROGER FOERCH
MFB Safety Coordinator

September 13 is the effective date of Michigan's new BUS STOP law. This, in most districts, is after school opens.

This means that the driver of a vehicle shall not overtake, or meet and pass any school bus which has stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers.

The new law requires that all school buses must carry two large, red, alternately-flashing lights high on the front and rear, to give warning that the bus is slowing for a stop. These will continue to flash while the bus is stopped.

Until a stopped bus resumes motion, or the driver signals traffic to continue, or the warning lights cease to flash, it will be illegal for cars from either direction to pass the bus.

Failure of a driver to know, or to remember, beginning September 13, that he must stop both ways, could be disastrous. Children who must cross a highway to board or leave a school bus will be depending on traffic to stop for them.

Driving habits of years' standing will have to be changed. It will be worth it, for this is intended to furnish Michigan children with still further protection during their transportation to and from school.

5,000 Attend Dairyland Picnic

The 33rd annual Dairyland Picnic-Fair attracted about 300 livestock entries and a crowd of nearly 5,000 to Carson City Park August 14.

This edition 71,541

copies of the Michigan Farm News were mailed to subscribers.



Michigan Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee for 1958

THIS PICTURE was taken at the Farm Bureau Center at Lansing August 11 at the first meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee for 1958. The Committee will make its report to the 39th annual meeting at Michigan State University, East Lansing, November 11 and 12.

All members of the Joint Legislative Committee attended: Senators Edward Hutchinson, Garland B. Lane, Lloyd A. Stephens, and Representatives Holly E. Hubbell, Paul J. Parker, and George Dunn. The Committee plans to meet again in September.

District 3: Harlan Wicks, District 1; Mrs. Lee S. LaForge, Mrs. Edward Golding, Sr., and Mrs. Leroy Dale Dunckel, at large; Walter Harger, representing Women of the Farm Bureau; Richard Arnold, representing Farm Bureau Young People.

Mrs. Leon Dunning, District 4; Carl Heisler, District 2; C. L. Brody, counsel on public affairs, MFB; Robert E. Smith, Committee member at large, Chairman; Dan E. Reed, associate legisla-

tive counsel, MFB; Stanley M. Powell, legislative counsel, MFB; Leroy Dale Dunckel, at large; Robert Oesterle, District 5; Carl Robotham, District 10; William Saarninen, District 11; Warren White, District 8; Emery Kinney, Jr., District 7; Francis Spencer, District 6.

Committee members not present for the picture are Allen F. Rush, at large, and Carl R. Nelson, District 9.

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The First Day of School

The brief statistics of a man three vital dates comprise—The day he's born, the day he's wed, and the day he dies. These outline in the simplest terms his progress, we assume. Upon the journey all must take—the cradle to the tomb. To me the record seems too short. I abrogate the rule and add a fourth important date—the date he starts to school.

This is the day he leaves the nest to wend his separate way. This day his mother's soul is sick. Her heart could break today. For though he will return tonight she feels a loss somehow. He will not be all hers again, as he has been till now. The passing of this milestone is a serious thing, we know. And it is with commingled pride and dread she sees him go.

This day within his childish heart may spring a tiny flame That shall not perish through the years but light the path to fame. Today he learns to play his part with others of his race Who do not love him one and all, in every time and place. He starts to learn to bear the arms that every man must bear Who is to make his way in life and do his honest share.

This is a most important date and one to recognize. For when a mind awakes means more than when a body dies. Across our land and 'round the world a thousand thousand sons And daughters of the human race,—the finest tenderest ones — Begin today to tread new paths, which each must tread alone. A most important date, I say, to keep and call our own.

R. S. Clark (9-1-54)

Editor's Note: Reprinted at request of Mrs. F. J. Lewis of Gobles, Van Buren County.

Community Farm Bureaus

CLARE L. MCGHAN
Coordinator of Community Farm Bureaus for MFB

Once again it is time for the Community Farm Bureaus in Michigan to elect their 1958-59 group officers. You should have in your hands by now, a set-up sheet and instructions.

This year several new features have been added to the Community Farm Bureau program. One new officer that has been added is the Farm Bureau Package Reporter. This new office can be very important to the Community Farm

Bureau Group members for it will be the duty of this officer to keep your Community Group informed about the services available to Farm Bureau members.

He will be receiving a newsletter each month which will have information concerning Farmer's Petroleum Cooperatives, Farm Bureau Services Incorporated, Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, and Blue Cross.

We are sure that your Community Farm Bureau will want to take advantage of this information. Remember these services are yours.

Another feature this year is the new Community Group Membership lists. These lists are the only records that will be kept concerning the group membership. These lists are also asking for some information concerning the members of the group.

These lists can be very helpful and useful to you and your Farm Bureau. It will enable the Farm Bureau to know who is talking on various issues. It will provide a list of various commodity groups which can be used as a mailing list.

Your cooperation in making these lists complete will be much appreciated.

Community Farm Bureaus have been long considered as the basic group in Farm Bureau. This is where the so-called "grass roots," ideas and recommendations come from.

It is also the place in which the Farm Bureau member is able to keep current with his organization. The kind of officers that you elect will determine whether or not the Community Group continues to be successful. If you are given the opportunity of being an officer, accept it. It can be, and should be, a very worthwhile and gratifying experience.

There are now 1,683 Community Farm Bureaus in Michigan. Are you a member of one of them? If not, why not join a group or start one of your own. You are needed!

AWARD GROUPS

MAY. Gold Star: Oakland County, Walled Lake Community Group, Ernestine S. Smith, secretary; Saginaw County, Nelson Community Group, Mary Spiker, secretary.

Silver Star: Northwest Michigan, The Pioneers Community Group, Sylvia M. Lautner, secretary; Lapeer County, Montgomery Community Group, Thelma McKee, secretary; Macomb County, 700th Community Group, Marion R. Tyson, secretary.

JUNE. Gold Star: Alpena County, Star Community Group, Mrs. Alford Thiem, secretary.

Silver Star: Mecosta County,

County, Pleasant View Community Group, Dorothy Emmons, secretary.

Gr't Northern Adopts Car Reflectors

Mr. John M. Budd, President Great Northern Railway 175 East 4th Street St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Budd:

For several years our membership has been concerned about the grade crossing danger resulting from the standing or movement of unlighted railroad cars.

Many of our nearly 1,700 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups have expressed their interest in this matter, which has resulted in the adoption of the following resolution as a portion of our 1957 Michigan Farm Bureau policies:

"All unlighted railroad cars, whether moving or standing still, constitute a menace to motorists at grade crossings.

"We urge national legislation requiring all railroad cars to be equipped with reflectors on each

side."

boys and girls in the 4-H clubs are being brain washed against unions.

"The 4-H program," said Gus to Krause, is a satellite of the Farm Bureau, and the Farm Bureau is a satellite of the National Association of Manufacturers."

The 4-H youngsters are indoctrinated with Republican party political education through the Farm Bureau, said Scholle, as reported by Krause.

Reporter Krause called Jack Yaeger, executive secretary of Michigan Farm Bureau.

"Ridiculous," said Yaeger. "4-H clubs are a function of the Michigan State University cooperative extension service. We don't run Michigan State University and it doesn't run Farm Bureau. . . . We have no other interest in 4-H except as parents have in their sons' and daughters' activities.

"Of course, I know Gus, and I'm not too surprised," Durwood B. Varner, MSU executive vice president in charge of cooperative extension, told Krause.

"The Farm Bureau has no connection with Michigan State University's cooperative extension service."

Gus called in George Krause, labor reporter for the State Journal at Lansing, to tell him that

Gus Scholle on the Warpath

About every so often Gus Scholle, president of the Michigan AFL-CIO, goes on the war path about Farm Bureau.

This time it was in July, sometimes a dull month in the news rooms.

Gus called in George Krause, labor reporter for the State Journal at Lansing, to tell him that

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JERRY CORDREY
Coordinator of Organization

We've ended the 1958 membership year. Our total membership hit the all-time high of 71,454.

This is an increase of 2,194 over 1957, and 844 over our goal for 1958.

Of the 67 County Farm Bureaus that started the 1958 membership year, 43 went over goal, and 58 made an increase.

Three new County Farm Bureaus were organized in the Upper Peninsula. These were: Mackinaw-Luce, Houghton, and Marquette-Alger.

Counties winning a \$50 award toward sending a non-voting delegate to the American Farm Bureau convention at Boston in December are:

South West Region—Van Buren 104%, 89 over goal; and St. Joseph 103%, 33 over.

South East—Monroe 103%, 61 over goal; and Washtenaw 103%, 57 over.

Central—Genesee 104%, 77 over goal; and Ingham 103%, 54 over.

Thumb—Huron 105%, 116 over goal; and Sanilac 104%, 93 over.

West Central—Osceola 102%, 15 over; and Oceana 101%, 13 over.

East Central—Clare 113%, 28 over; and Midland 105%, 25 over.

North West—Kalkaska 119%, 23 over; and Manistee 114%, 67 over.

North East—Montmorency 113%, 31 over; and Cheboygan 105%, 23 over.

Upper Peninsula—Chippewa 109%, 11 over.

We have 1683 Community Farm Bureau Groups. This is an increase of 38 over 1957.

Roll Call Managers and Community Group Organizers will be meeting September 11 and 12 at Kellogg Center on the campus of Michigan State University.

This will be a training conference in methods and techniques for organizing a membership drive and new Community Groups.

Dr. Arthur Mauch, department of agricultural economics at Michigan State University, will speak on the future of agriculture and the role of farm organizations.

O. R. Long, director of field services, American Farm Bureau Federation, will speak on Guide Posts of the Future.

Jack Lynn, legislative counselor for the American Farm Bureau Federation, will discuss current issues facing farmers.

County Farm Bureau annual meetings are being planned. You'll receive notice of your county annual. Mark your calendar, and more important, Attend!

Your county annual meeting is where the policies of the organization will get their first official

action. Delegates to the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting will be elected. Your county board of directors will be elected. Don't sit at home and let others have your say. Speak for yourself. Attend our county annual meeting. We will print a complete list of County Annual Meeting dates, places, and times in the October issue of the Farm News.

Buy Farm Bureau Seed.
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BILL—Are you using fertilizer this year?
JOE—Yes, but not just any kind. I'm using . . .

Farm Bureau GRANULAR!

BILL—How come?
JOE—I used it last year and found that it drills well, it is uniform in size, and it's dust free. The phosphate is partly water-soluble and the rest is citrate-soluble. That's recommended by agronomists.

BILL—All that's fine, BUT does it pay?
JOE—Pay? . . . Brother, you saw my wheat yield this summer. Need any more proof? I put in two strips, one with no fertilizer. The other strip got Farm Bureau's 6-24-12 analysis at 400 lbs. per acre, plus a top-dressing of ammonium nitrate in the spring. The fertilized strip yielded 16 bushels more than the unfertilized strip, and that's where my profit was.

BILL—Yes, but it cost you to put that much plant food on.
JOE—Bill, I figured my fixed costs can't be changed. So the only way I can make a profit is to increase my yield. I'm convinced that the money I spent for plant food didn't cost me . . . it paid.

NOTE . . . What Joe didn't tell Bill was that he used Farm Bureau Bulk Fertilizer to save more money.

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- Saginaw—Frutchey Bean Co., 106 Lyons St.
- Sandusky—Farm Bureau Services
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- Shepherd Farm Produce Co.
- Sterling—Farm Bureau Services
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- Uby—Wright Elevator
- Vassar—Frutchey Bean Co.
- Wheeler—Breckenridge Farmers Elev. Co.
- Williams—Producers Co-op Elev. Co.
- Yale—Farm Bureau Services



The hired hand that never tires—your telephone

To paraphrase an old saying, "some men work from sun to sun but a farmer's work is never done." But your telephone helps you to make the most of working hours. Use it to order feed; to ask advice of your county agent, the vet or a neighbor; to ask about market prices. And you do each of these things in minutes, without spending valuable time away from the farm. But your telephone isn't all business. To your entire family it also means the pleasure of distant voices brought near. By telephone you're never more than a few moments away from loved ones, near or far. For profit, convenience and pleasure at such little cost, what can equal your telephone?

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They Organized Grant Vegetable Growers Cooperation Association

Area Leads In Onions And Carrots

Representatives of vegetable growers in the Grant area of Newway county organized the Grant Vegetable Growers Cooperative Ass'n recently. This action followed a series of meetings with the Michigan Farm Bureau's Commodity Relations Department, represented by Peter Sikkema.

The Association is interested in establishing these services for its membership:
1—Cooperative marketing program for onions and carrots.
2—Possible cooperative purchases of production supplies.
3—Field service for growers on production problems.
4—Provide membership with information regarding markets, supplies of onions, carrots, etc.

Shown in the picture above are the incorporators of the Ass'n and its first board of directors:
Left to right: Peter Brink, James Schuitema, Donald Zoet, all of Grant; Peter Sikkema, Michigan Farm Bureau, Lansing, secretary; Ebert Schipper, Edward C. Van Horn, Farrell Finkbeiner, Robert A. Stream, Herman Veurink, president, and Gilbert Geers, treasurer, all of Grant.

The 100 or more Grant area vegetable producers grow about 1,000,000 bushels of onions a year on 2,000 acres. Crop is valued in neighborhood of \$1,000,000. They produce 1,500,000 lbs. of carrots a year on about 500 acres. This crop is valued at \$150,000. About 200 acres are devoted to other vegetables.

Farm Bureau In Upper Peninsula

Wesley S. Hawley, retiring Coordinator for the Upper Peninsula, met with the Houghton and Marquette-Alger board of directors in August to end 25 years service with Farm Bureau.

William Soumis of Chassell, Houghton county, was hospitalized for three weeks this summer. It was time to harvest hay. When Bill returned home he found his harvested and stored in the barn.

Members of Paradise Pike Farm Bureau Community Group, of which Bill is a member, had moved in with tractors, mowers, rakes, balers, etc., and made a fast job of it.

Bill's comment: "I can never fully express my appreciation. It feels good to know that people remember you in time of need."

Upper Peninsula Fair. County Farm Bureaus here cooperated to sponsor a Farm Bureau booth at the UP Fair at Escanaba August 18-24. Thousands of people were attracted to the booth and became aware of the growing importance of Farm Bureau to the Upper Peninsula.

The large Farm Bureau fair exhibit pictured in the Michigan Farm News for August 1 was the main attraction. Literature was distributed on the work of Farm Bureau and all Farm Bureau service companies, and Blue Cross-Blue Shield group pre-paid hospital services available to member of Farm Bureau.

There are County Farm Bureaus throughout the Upper Peninsula now except in Dickinson, Gogebic, Iron and Ontonagon counties. Preliminary organization work has been done in Dickinson and Iron counties.

Gratiot Women's Bean Cook Book

Gratiot County Farm Bureau Women's Committee has an 8-page mimeographed cook book of bean dishes served at its Rural-Urban Bean Sermorgasbord. The book includes two appetizers with beans, 4 bean soups and chowders, 12 main dishes of beans or lima beans, 7 bean salads, 1 hot bean sandwich, 2 breads with navy beans, dates, and nuts; 9 recipes for cakes, pies, cookies,

Harry W. Lautner, Farm Bureau Leader, Died August 25

Harry W. Lautner, a leader in Farm Bureau work for many years, died suddenly August 25. Mr. Lautner, a life-long resident of Leelanau county, began his work in Farm Bureau in 1921. He was president of Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau the past 25 years. He was one of the first organizers of Community Farm Bureaus. From 1946 through 1949 he was a director of the Michigan Farm Bureau, representing District 9.

His other community and public services included service as a director and officer of the Production Credit Ass'n, Cherryland Rural Electric Cooperative, Northern Michigan Electric Cooperative, and Leelanau County Road Commission.

Mr. Lautner's immediate survivors are Mrs. Lautner, two daughters and three sisters.

2 Southwest Mich. Canning Plants Merge

The merger of two of southwestern Michigan's oldest and best known canning plants was announced in August.

Dwan Home Canning Company, Inc., of St. Joseph and the Paw Paw Canning Company, Inc., of Paw Paw were merged. They become the second largest food processing firm in the state.

The announcement was made by Martin P. Dwan, president of the Dwan firm, and Victor M. Kimmel, president of the Paw Paw Company.

Dwan Home Canning Company, Inc., is a member of the Berrien County Farm Bureau. Paw Paw Canning Company, Inc., was founded in 1938 by Leo F. Kimmel, a member of Van Buren County Farm Bureau until his death last year.

The merger continues the operation of the Paw Paw Canning Company under that name as a division of the Dwan Corporation.

In the Dwan Corporation, M. P. Dwan, founder of the firm, is chairman of the board of directors. His son, J. Parnell Dwan of St. Joseph is president and treasurer. C. W. Mitchell of Benton Harbor is vice-president in charge of sales. Victor Kimmel of Paw Paw Canning Company is secretary and assistant sales director.

Both Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Kimmel are members of the new board of directors. Other directors are Mrs. Martin P. Dwan, Joseph G. and Edwin E. Dwan, all of St. Joseph.

The Dwan firm employs about 350 persons at the peak of its season. Paw Paw Canning Company employs about 75. The combined production of the two plants will be well over a million cases of Michigan grown fruits and vegetables per year, according to J. Parnell Dwan.

A roadside fruit stand in 1923 was the beginning of the Dwan Home Canning Company. Mr. and Mrs. Martin P. Dwan used the stand as a retail outlet for fruits and vegetables from their farm, and for jams, jellies and preserves made in Mrs. Dwan's kitchen.

Today the Dwan Company cans fruits, asparagus, tomato juice, jellies, and preserves. The new corporation will process both canned and frozen Michigan fruits and vegetables.

Fast Driver Should Know These Odds

The chances of someone being killed in a traffic accident are 5 times as great at 75 miles an hour as at 55.

They are 9 times greater than at 45 miles per hour.

"These odds on death have been computed from state accident reports," said W. H. Boutell, president of the Michigan Trucking Ass'n.

Mr. Boutell explained the odds do not necessarily indicate the likelihood of someone being killed if an accident occurs.

"The high speed driver needs plenty of room in which to stop to avoid an accident. Sooner or later, he will find that he doesn't have it when he needs it.

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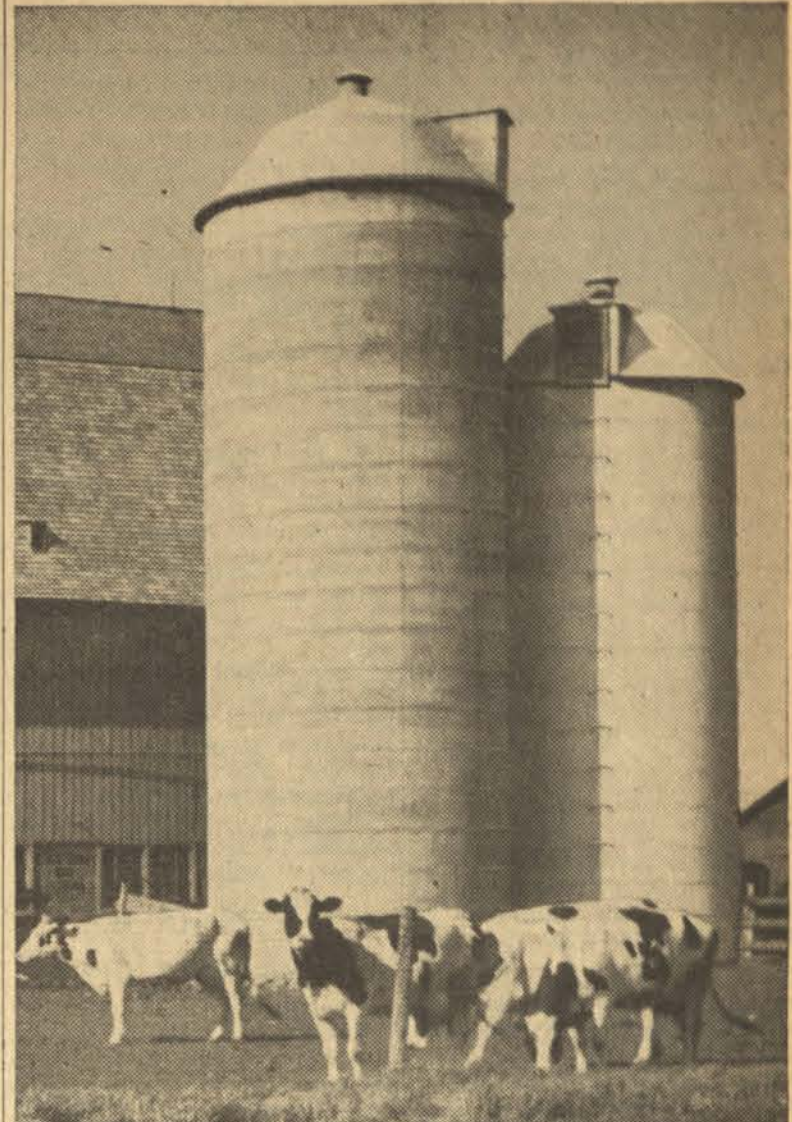
Farm-City Week Program Expands

"The inter-urbia trend needs exploring," said members of the Michigan Farm - City Relations Committee in planning for 1958 activities. "Groups often fail to accept their own responsibilities and look to someone else to carry the load."

Chairman Paul Miller, director of extension at MSU, has named a program committee to plan for a state-wide conference to discuss areas of misunderstanding.

It was emphasized by Miller that this is a year-around program, which is highlighted during the Thanksgiving Week, November 21-27.

Many County Farm Bureaus are planning, or have already held, Farm-City events, such as Rural-Urban Meetings, appropriate fair displays and exchange tours and visits.



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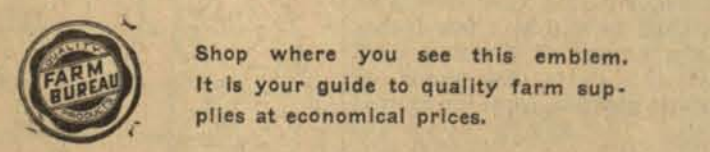
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Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

District 1

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

Berrien County Farm Bureau Women's Committee cooperated with Farm Bureau Young People in operating a cafeteria and serving chicken barbecue at the County Youth Fair August 13-16. Nearly all Community Groups participated.

St. Joseph County. Dr. William R. Stover, county health director, discussed zoning and its problems at the meeting of the St. Joseph County Farm Bureau Women's Committee held at the home of Mrs. Charles Cominator at Sturgis. Zoning gives the local government certain police powers, including anything necessary for the public health.

Mrs. Lewis presented and explained health cards which were given to members of the Committee to be taken to their groups. Estimates were made on repair work for our Community building.

Our next meeting will be held September 2. A member of the Farm Bureau staff will talk on Farm Bureau policies.

Kalamazoo County. About 40 members of our Women's Committee met August 4th at Milhan Park for dinner. We enjoyed hearing D. H. Brake's information on our township, county and state governments.

We may charter a bus for Farm Bureau Women's state meeting November 10.

Joan Ackley gave a splendid report of the Clear Lake Camp for Young People.

Mrs. Cook reported some members helped clean the Grand Prairie School for mentally retarded children. This has been one of our projects.

Van Buren County Farm Bureau Women's Committee met August 5 with Mrs. Earl Moorehouse with 24 present. Mrs. Clara Kaiser demonstrated plastic dishes, a project which the ladies are considering. Burton Richards gave a talk on Safety and suggested a safety survey in the county. Our next meeting is September 2 at Farm Bureau's new building at Paw Paw. It will be Guest Day.

District 3

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

Monroe County Farm Bureau Women's Committee had a food tent at the Monroe Fair August 4-9. Mrs. Helen Barton and Mrs. Dorothy Bacome were chairmen. Each women's group made pies and shared the work.

Mrs. Thelma Miller, Mrs. Lawrence Koppelman and Mrs. Russell Thompson were appointed to plan a Rural-Urban meeting for women. Ladies from town will be invited to present a program that will give the city women's point of view.

We have elected these officers:
Mrs. Lottie Koppelman, chair-

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nan; Mrs. Douglas Steinman, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Harry Cornrobt, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Bernard Simons, secretary; Mrs. Merrill Smith, treasurer.

Livingston County Women's Committee is planning a tour to Midland in September. No doubt, o the Dow Chemical Company plant.

Mrs. Anna E. Pfaff, health department nurse, spoke to us on cancer, and about the care of the aged.

We have elected these officers: Mrs. Clayton Anderson, chairman; Mrs. Kenneth Masak, vice-chairman; Mrs. Layton, secretary.

Oakland County Women's Committee members were guests of Macomb County Women's Committee recently. The event was a picnic dinner on the lawn at the home of Mrs. Glenn Livermore. Macomb and Oakland women were given tags that were matched after dinner for the partner for the afternoon.

Walter Shields, MFB district membership representative, spoke on the Farm Bureau program.

District 4

Mrs. Clare Barton, Chairman
Plainwell R-2

Officers of District 4 met at Grand Haven August 13 to make plans for the Fall District meeting October 2 at the Methodist church at Hastings. Things will be quite back to normal by that time. Why not catch up on Farm Bureau activities by coming to this meeting?

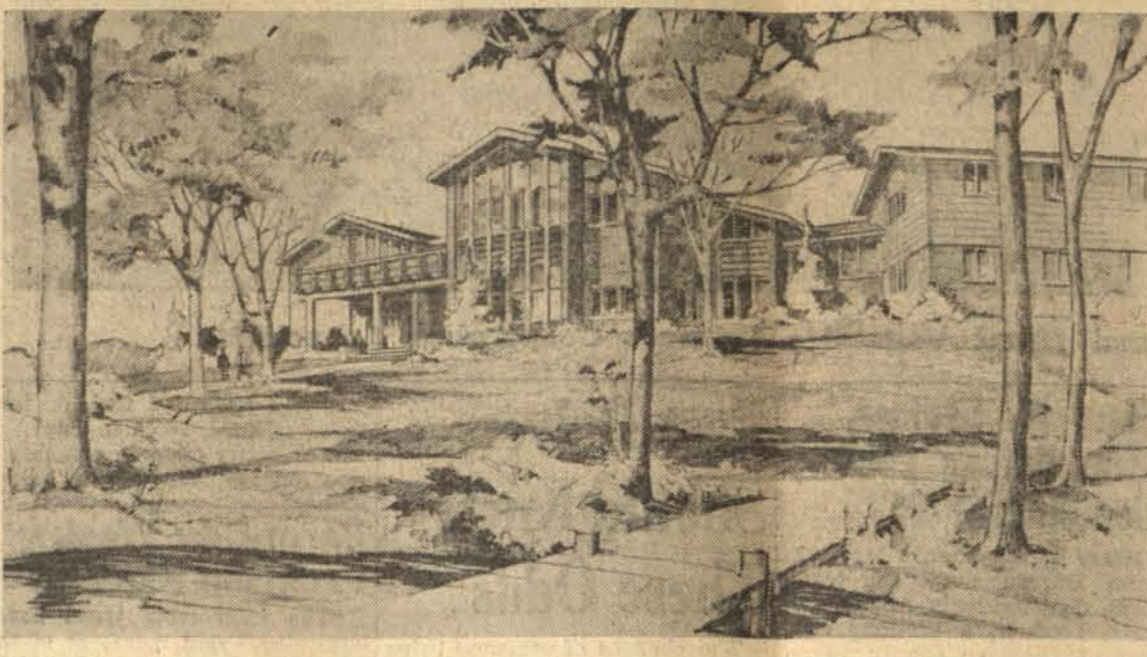
Allegan County. Franklin Douglas spoke to Allegan County Farm Bureau women in June. He is the vice-chairman of the newly-formed organization concerning retarded children. A school has been started for them. He showed some very impressive slides to illustrate his talk.

Barry County Farm Bureau Women were disappointed that their plans for camp in August had to be cancelled. There was a fire at 4-H Camp Algonquin near Hastings.

They are continuing their fluoridation of drinking water program for the children of the county to prevent tooth decay. They are to be congratulated for their splendid work.

Mrs. Dan Arnold, citizenship chairman, has been giving the group interesting pointers on flag etiquette.

Kent County ladies toured WOOD-TV and radio station. They learned how simple back-



Proposed 4-H Training Center for Camp Kett

grounds can be used for various effects, how expensive much of the equipment is. Cameras for black and white television cost \$20,000, for color its \$50,000. 21 groups and many visitors were present for this interesting day.

Ottawa County women plan a white elephant sale for their next meeting.

Mrs. Mohr helped make plans for our "Get out the Vote" campaign for the primaries. Plans included providing transportation and baby sitters where necessary.

District 6

Mrs. Allyn Gordon, Chairman
Crosswell R-2

Our Fall Advisory Council meeting was at Marlette July 22. All county officers were present. Mrs. Karker of the state office met with us.

Our district rules were revised, and will be read at fall camp and voted upon. Fall camp is September 24-25 at Bay Shores Camp at Sebewaing, Huron county. We start September 24 with noon luncheon. A good program is planned for the two days. All Farm Bureau women are invited to come. The camp fee is \$6. Send to Mrs. Charles Gerst, Sebewaing, R-2 by September 15.

Huron County. East Huron Farm Bureau women met in July at Huron City Lighthouse Park, for a picnic. Huron County Farm Bureau picnic was at Caseville County Park July 16. East and West Huron Farm Bureau women served meals at the Fair

Kitchen at Bad Axe Fair, August 4-9.

Lapeer County. Eight St. Clair County women including Mrs. Hittchings former District chairman, were guests at the August 15 meeting for a ham and pot-luck luncheon and program.

Colored slides of life with United Church Missionaries among the natives of Nigeria were shown by Mrs. Fred Schoenals. The women will serve the annual County Farm Bureau dinner October 9.

Sanilac County Women's Committee picnic was at Forester State Park, August 1. Forty were present from 16 groups.

St. Clair County Farm Bureau Women met at the home of Mrs. Wonch. Mrs. McCalla reported on the District council meeting.

Mr. Green, associate director of United Community Chest, spoke on that work and asked for volunteers to help in the drive. Mrs. Basney and Mrs. Hahn gave a very good report on the "History of the Flag." St. Clair women have been invited to meet with the Lapeer County women August 15.

District 9

Mrs. Oliver Tompkins, Chairman
Traverse City R-1

Yesterday we spent in Bear Lake at the District Advisory Council meeting. Out of a possible 21, eighteen were there.

We studied the proposed year's program, explored possible health,

educational and civic improvements.

If you don't believe the Farm Women have things pretty well in hand, come to the District meeting October 7 at the Bear Lake Methodist Church. Send lunch reservations one week early to Mrs. Fay Ling, Bear Lake, Michigan. You'll be surprised!

Benzie County mourns the passing of Mr. Rockwell, the county chairman's husband. He was a man devoted to his community's needs. Mrs. Rockwell is making a valiant effort to carry on the unfinished tasks.

We missed Mildred Wells from Kalkaska County. She has been having quite an uncomfortable summer with arthritis. A word of comfort,—that is one of our proposed health studies for the coming year.

Kalkaska County has had a rural-urban get-together, a Farm Bureau picnic, and is planning a hunters' supper.

Manistee County had a rural-urban party at Mrs. Olsen's home on Coates Road July 29. About 40 attended. Mrs. Hoolihan and I were there. It was a delightful evening.

Mrs. Ray Andersen was in charge of the program. Mrs. Hommel, acting secretary, said I talked too fast on my "Pursuit of Happiness" speech to get good notes. But that's all right, I liked the singin' and fiddlin' better anyway. I hope we hear that group again. Seems like the old songs are still the best.

Again we extend condolence to Mrs. Evens, for many years Manistee's county secretary. She lost her husband recently.

Misaukee County. Twenty-nine ladies made a tour of Traverse City State hospital. We enjoyed a picnic afterward. Ricia Hoytenga has a fund of information regarding this great institution.

Northwest Michigan does not meet in July and August. Mrs. Bixby, smorgasbord chairman, has submitted a very fine account of this project in our Northwest Michigan Farm News, edited by Carl Nelson.

The entire region is grieved at the passing of Harry Lautner, who for 25 years was president of our Farm Bureau. James Whitcomb Riley's beautiful poem, "He is Not Away," must have been written with just such a person as Mr. Lautner in mind.

Wexford County had a very successful smorgasbord. In connection with this, they have compiled a sample recipe booklet. Mrs. Whaley represented this group at the Governor's Health Conference.

District 11

Mrs. Kenneth Corey, Chairman
Stephenson R-1

Chippewa County. Brimley Community Farm Bureau believes in action. A safety project has been putting up posts on a road where a steep ravine exists. Speedway group is working for a ball park as a community benefit.

Delta County. Mrs. Karker met with Delta Women for their July meeting. They voted to support

all state projects. Mrs. Albert Whybrew is the new chairman.

Marquette-Alger. Welcome to Mrs. Ernest Hamel, president; Mrs. Amil Manner, vice-president; and Mrs. Henry Elio, secretary, and their new women's committee.

Their first project is the distribution of Star Spangled Banner records to rural schools in their counties.

Next meeting will be October 20 in Dukes at the home of Mrs. Waino Rajala.

Menominee County. Menominee county's delegate to Young Peoples camp at Camp Shaw August 1-2-3 was Miss Bernadette Kline of Stephenson.

Former 4-H Club Members Invited To Help Build Camp

Camp Kett, named after A. G. Kettunen, long-time state 4-H club leader, will be Michigan's new 4-H Training Center for leadership development.

This \$300,000 training center will be located on Center Lake in Osceola county, about ten miles south of Cadillac. It will be dedicated to serving the needs of volunteer leaders working with 4-H and other organized youth groups throughout the state.

Camp Kett will be built and operated by the 4-H Club Foundation of Michigan. The Center will accommodate 150 persons and will be built for year around use.

A 4-H Alumni Roll Call is under way to help raise funds to build Camp Kett. All former 4-H members are invited to answer Roll Call by sending \$1 or more to 4-H Club Foundation, P. O. Box 431, East Lansing, Michigan.

A roll call roster at Camp Kett will list the name of everyone contributing to the camp. Contributors are asked to send this information:

- 1 - Name
- 2 - Address
- 3 - Maiden name
- 4 - 4-H club members in
- 5 - State about 19.....
- 6 - Amount of contribution \$.....

Young People Served 6,000 At Cafeteria

Michigan Farm Bureau Young People * experienced another successful Ionia Cafeteria project August 4-9 under the capable leadership of Manager Dale Cramer from Mecosta county, and Assistant Manager Mary Ann Bamber of Livingston county.

This is the 13th year that Farm Bureau Young People have had a cafeteria at the Ionia Fair. Over 6,000 people were served at the noon and evening meals.

There were about nine full-time workers and about 80 volunteer young people who came from 17 counties.

Profit from the project goes into a special educational fund which is used for tours, educational material, and etc.

Michigan Farm Bureau Young People wish to thank all of the Farm Bureau members and friends who visited their cafeteria.

Michigan Host To Midwest Young People

The Mid-West Farm Bureau Young People's Camp met in Michigan the first week end of August at Camp Shaw, Chatham, Michigan. About 130 young people from seven states attended. The theme of camp this year

was "You Are The Key." Young people are the key to the future of this country and the way of life they would have.

Robert Van Wert of Calhoun county was chairman of the Mid-West Camp Committee. Hilbert Schulze, President of Michigan Farm Bureau Young People, was elected vice-chairman of the Mid-West Camp Committee for 1959.

The weather this year was perfect with the temperature each day in the high 80's and a blue sky over head. The young people had many experiences in meeting new friends, experiencing the thrill of Lake Superior, a few sun burns, and happy memories of the 1958 Mid-West Camp.

MFB Young People to Serve Apples, Juice, & Milk At State Fair

Michigan Farm Bureau Young People will have the Apple Juice stand again at the Michigan State Fair Aug. 29-Sept. 7. It will be in the Agricultural Building.

They will be selling pure apple juice and grape juice and Chango apples. Harry Foster of Berrien county again has been engaged as manager for the stand.

Milk Bars. Michigan Farm Bureau Young People will be operating two milk bars at the State Fair for the Michigan State Dairy Committee. The milk bars will be featuring all the milk you can drink for 10 cents.

Miss Anita Dietz of Ingham county will manage one milk bar and Allen Marshall of Isabella county will manage the other.

Over 150 Farm Bureau Young People will be volunteering their time at the State Fair to operate these stands. If you get to the Michigan State Fair be sure and look up the Farm Bureau Young People's booths and enjoy the products they are selling.

650 at Rural-Urban Chicken Barbecue

Livingston County Farm Bureau Young People report the annual Rural-Urban chicken barbecue August 19, on the lake front lawn of the Ed Fritch home, Lake Chemung, Howell.

Hot, buttered, barbecued chicken served cafeteria - style to 650

guests from the county and visitors, sweet corn, and relishes was served from Linden, Fenton, Lansing, Ann Arbor and other areas. Farm Bureau Young People served coffee and dessert at the tables.

Under supervision of L. D. Dickerson, four Livingston County Farm Bureau men and four Farm Bureau Young People barbecued the chicken.

Livingston County Women's Committee, headed by Mary Edith Anderson, helped prepare the corn, relishes and rolls for serving. Clifford Fritch gave the use of his public address system so everyone had music with dinner. Later the Young People's Kitchen Band entertained.

Child's Great Risk Is Being Burned

Burns cause more injuries and deaths among children than any other agent. Every parent should know how to identify and treat them.

This point is stressed by Today's Health, an American Medical Association publication. It then provides some simple but vital rules:

Youngsters will grasp everything within reach, so never allow conditions to exist which can lead to accidents. Keep matches from children; keep pots from the edge of the stove, and keep youngsters from fires.

Determine quickly the degree of burn. In a first degree burn the skin is red; in second degree, the skin is blistered; in third degree the skin is charred.

For first or simple second degree burns, coat affected area with antiseptic ointment or olive or baby oil. This relieves pain and prevents skin from cracking and drying out.

For deep second and all third degree burns, call a doctor immediately. Shock and infection may occur. A layman should not attempt to treat burns of these types.

Alaska

Anchorage, Alaska, had a population of 3,443 in 1940, now over 90,000.

Nile River

The Nile river receives no tributaries for 1,700 miles and has no bridges for 3,000 miles.

The Home Flower Garden

Ornamental Hedge Serves Many Purposes

H. L. R. CHAPMAN
Garden Clubs Lecturer

A living hedge can be one of the most important ornamental features of the home garden. It is generally used to define the limits of the garden, or some special part of it.

A hedge is the continuous generally close planting of trees, shrubs, perennials and occasionally tall growing annuals.

These walls of living green form the best possible protection from wind, and when well placed, enable the home gardener to grow many plants in the open that would be injured otherwise by certain weather conditions.

There are two types of hedges (1) the pruned and shaped hedge (2) the untrimmed hedge which is allowed to grow in a somewhat casual manner.

Hedge plants may be deciduous or evergreen.

The type of plant used in forming a hedge is generally governed by the tastes of the home owner. He must always keep in mind the purpose of the hedge.

Hedges have many purposes. A well grown thrifty hedge is a thing of beauty. It may form the chief feature of interest in the landscape.

It can form an attractive background for other plants, as well as an edging around formal flower beds.

A hedge planted in the right position in the garden can soften harsh architectural lines. Again its purpose may be to create a pleasing union between some structure and the ground.

When selecting plants for a hedge it is important that they be sturdy, thrifty, and free from insects and plant diseases.

A hedge must be able to withstand exposure.

If the hedge is to be evergreen, it is important that the plants selected can stand severe clipping. The home gardener should remember that a hedge once planted often remains for many years. Thorough preparation of the soil is of vital importance.

It is important that drainage of the soil is adequate. If the soil is of poor quality, good soil should be added, or enrich it by digging in deeply rotted farm yard manure and bone-meal.

Before planting, ascertain whether the soil is too acid or alkaline for the plants. Add lime or acid peat moss accordingly.

When planting hedge plants, they should be spaced according to the species or variety of plant used.



MR. CHAPMAN

Deciduous plants, like privet, which grow rapidly are usually spaced about ten inches apart.

Most evergreens form a good hedge when the plants are set about 18 inches apart, although the large growing varieties will do better at least 24 inches apart.

To encourage dense growth of deciduous plants, they should be cut back to within a few inches of the ground at planting time. This will cause the plants to produce growths from the ground up.

Evergreens do not respond to too severe pruning at planting time. For this reason the home gardener will be wise to purchase from the nursery only plants which have several branches at ground level.

Nearly all evergreens have strong leaders. These should be restrained to encourage the hedge to become bushy. As soon as the young hedge has plenty of growth at the base it can be allowed to grow in height.

The shape to which the hedge is pruned will be according to the fancy of the owner.

One important requirement is that the base of the hedge be wide and the top narrow.

Broad, flat topped hedges collect snow and ice and can be damaged easily, and sometimes completely ruined.

Shaping the hedge is done by pruning or pinching back the young growths during the growing season.

The young growth should be trimmed back to within one-half inch of the previous season's growth.

Evergreens should be trimmed early in the growing season and never after July 15 in Michigan.

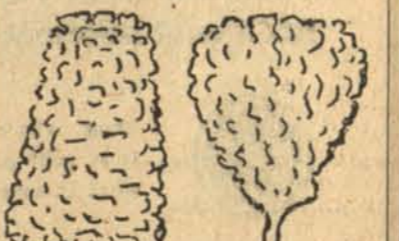
This list suggests hedge plants suitable for Michigan. For detailed information concerning them, see a nursery catalog:

Deciduous plants: American Beech, Chinese Privet, Dwarf Cranberry Bush, European Privet, Japanese Barberry, Mentor Barberry.

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Issues Regarding Constitutional Convention

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for September

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

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This is September . . . On November 4th, only a few weeks away, you will be faced with a ballot. It will ask whether you favor or oppose a State Constitutional Convention to rewrite Michigan's Constitution.

When Farm Bureau delegates took a stand at the annual meeting November 12, 1957, considerable criticism arose in the public press because they opposed the holding of this convention.

Criticism in political matters has always been a normal thing. Later in this article we shall look at our delegates' reasons for their position.

Why Some Groups Favor a Convention. Various arguments have been given supporting the view that Michigan's Constitution should be rewritten. Different groups have various motives for their views. Some of the prominent arguments are these:

A. Some people say our Michigan Constitution is too out-of-date to serve as a basis for present problems of government. They refer to it as a "horse and buggy" document.

This line of thinking holds that changes by amendment are too slow to do the job of putting our Constitutional house in order.

B. They say that our Constitution should be "streamlined and simplified." They argue that 50 years have left a long and complicated document which should be cut down to the simplest possible provisions.

Citizens Approved 63 Amendments

119 amendments have been offered to Michigan voters since 1908. The voters approved 63 of these. It is argued that this results in conflicts and disagreements between parts of the Constitution.

C. Some argue that holding a Constitutional Convention would serve to call the attention of the people more actively to problems faced by our State government.

D. Some people favor drafting a new State Constitution, but only when delegates are seated to represent districts on the basis of strict population counts.

This viewpoint is based on a theory of government by "strict majority rule." It is being sold to the American people today as though it were an old American tradition.

Such a theory needs close and critical examination if there is to be such a thing as freedom for individuals in our future governments.

Why Constitutions Were Written

What sort of ideas about government brought Constitutions into being, and why? Let's study the matter a bit. We may have forgotten.

In drafting the first state Constitutions and the national constitution the early American people sought to protect and promote the rights of ALL individuals to the fullest possible extent in their social system.

A new viewpoint had developed about the rights of the common man.

The doctrine of freedom for ALL was set forth in the Declaration of Independence and crystallized in the birth of the U. S. Constitution.

Kings, emperors, dictators and powerful majority groups need no Constitution. With absolute power in their hands they can protect their own interests and control opposing minorities by force.

Most early Americans were minority groups - forced out of Europe by various despotic rulers of church and state. They wanted no more of tyranny.

Core of the American Heritage

When these people wrote their documents on government, including the Constitution, they declared that:

A. The rights of all individuals are God-given and born to them naturally. God creates all men with these rights as a part of their heritage.

B. It is true, therefore, that no government holds the power to GRANT these rights-to people. Neither kings nor Congress possess such powers. The people dispensed with royal proclamations in the American Revolution.

The same rights must be preserved in our American government! The Constitution as originally written did not fill the bill. The ink was not long dry before the new states insisted upon the Bill of Rights, 10 amendments which declared the rights of ALL the people to be basic to our form of government. The Constitution must guarantee these rights.

Government holds its power only by "the consent of the governed." Such powers of government are GRANTED BY THE PEOPLE - not the other way around.

Any Constitution must require the government to protect and promote the rights of ALL the people - minority as well as majority.

The Bill of Rights (first 10 amendments) was not a document which granted rights to the people. Rather, it defined those rights which individuals held as a heritage and which the government was charged to protect.

They Rejected A Democracy

This basic idea caused the people to turn away from government by democracy. This is government by majority rule, and it holds certain dangers that threaten our freedoms, they said.

James Madison pointed it out clearly:

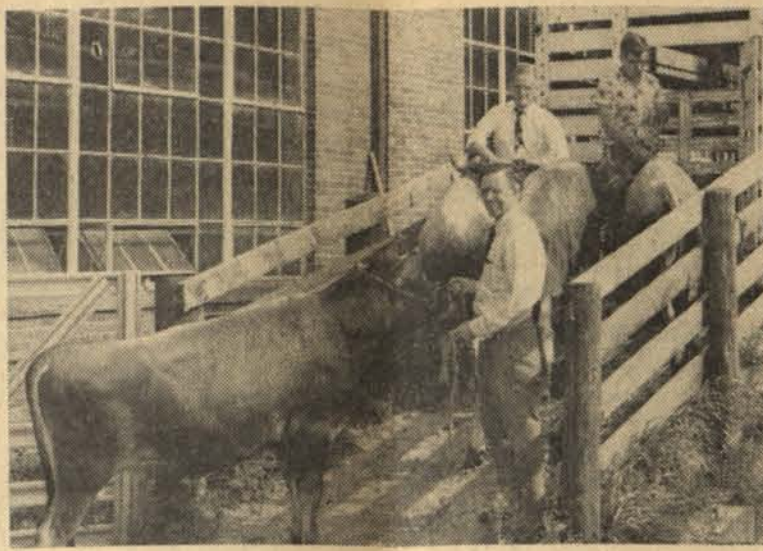
"Majorities can have a purely selfish interest and, in forcing it, can ride roughshod over the interests of all minorities."

"There can be no individual freedoms unless the rights of minorities are protected."

"In a democracy it is too easy for organized majority groups to overpower the rights of the few."

So, our early Constitution-makers established a republic. Laws were to be made by representatives who ACTED FOR ALL THE PEOPLE.

Minorities were given a protective voice in Congress. Each State elects two Senators regardless of its size or population. Con-



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RUSSELL HARTZLER, left rear, state director for Christian Rural Overseas Program, Stanley Powell, foreground, and truck driver are shown loading four of 20 Michigan Jersey bulls for Greece. The breeding stock is a gift from Michigan people to improve native dairy stock and production for farmers in northern Greece. A total of 150 bulls are being sent from all states.

gress had its power checked and limited by the President, and vice versa. Both were to be re-elected by the Supreme Court. All these provisions were guards against the use of too much authority by anyone or any group.

Reasons for Being Watchful Today

It is well to keep these points in mind when we look at our Constitutions and our form of government today.

To surrender authority to any person, group or any body of government in such a way as to remove the natural rights of individuals means the loss of our American heritage and the suppression of minority groups.

Constitutions were written to protect these rights. But many people today are turning to a view that such rights belong only to the majority.

Every time we face a rewriting of our Constitution we lay this question "on the line."

Farm Bureau States It's Position

Michigan Farm Bureau members have opposed a State Constitutional Convention because:

1. "Desirable changes (in the Constitution) can be made by the methods provided therein. . ."

2. When our State Constitution fails to meet a problem of current government to suit the people, it can be changed by a resolution of our Legislature, or by petition of the people themselves. In either case, the people vote on it.

3. Our Michigan Constitution is no rigid document, dated 1908. Sixty-three changes have been approved since then.

4. Michigan's Constitution is 50 years old. The U.S. Constitution is 170 years old.

Basic principles must endure if a Constitution is to protect the rights of ALL people.

If minorities today have fears for their rights and their voice in government, those fears are justified by the threats of majority groups who demand that we "put all government in control of the majority."

Confusion?

It is always true that amendments have to be examined to assure their harmony with the body of the Constitution. This is done.

When a single amendment is placed on the ballot, the voter faces one clear-cut question. His confusion is small compared to the problem facing him if asked to approve or reject a completely rewritten volume of our basic law! The voter is overwhelmed by such a task!

Voters have rejected new drafts of the Constitution in Michigan on two former occasions. One draft was done by a Commission. . . the other by a Commission.

Time and expense was fruitlessly spent. It is not easy for a voter to grasp the consequences meant by a whole new document.

In 1908, the new Constitution was changed very little from the 1850 form. The job was easier for the voters. It was approved.

Present advocates to change it, however, talk about drastic revisions, cuts and "simplifications." The new Constitution would be "switched onto a new track." Voters would have to take it or leave it.

Such a revised document could be very confusing. Undesirable features could be blended in with desirable ones. Features would not be handled separately.

Business people thinking of coming to Michigan would wonder. Should they set up here? What sort of government will

help at the House of Representatives (110 members). We can figure these costs at about \$162,000.

Up to now our total reaches \$949,112.

It is likely, too, that space would have to be rented for the Convention. There would be printing, election of delegates, and vote on the new Constitution, and maybe a special session of the Legislature to set up machinery for nominating and electing delegates.

Mr. Powell estimates the total cost of the Convention, itself, at \$1,500,000. Other expenses would follow. Changes in past court decisions and interpretations of law would involve costs of unknown proportions.

Changes Folks Talk About

People are saying that the Constitutional Convention should attempt numerous changes. Articles, editorials, conversations and letters suggest such things as:

1. Removal of the 15 mill limitation on property.

2. Taking out the sales tax diversion amendment giving schools and local governments part of these collections at present.

3. Allowing funds now used only on roads and highways to be released for other purposes.

4. Limiting the present powers of township governments.

5. Reducing the present number of counties in Michigan.

6. Reapportioning the Legislature (both House and Senate) to place all representation on a strict population count basis.

The issues of a Constitutional Convention can lie deeper than you think. Many people today see in this a device to force majority rule and eliminate the voice of the minorities in government.

Vote November 4!

Take a thoughtful look at your ballot. Your vote and your decision can mean much to the future.

Questions

1. Are all the people of our Community Farm Bureau registered to vote on November 4th? (October 8th is the last date for registration.)

2. Are your people INFORMED about the issues of the election? Do they know the meanings of the votes they will cast?

3. Will your group aid or call upon your County Farm Bureau Citizenship Committee to develop a campaign to inform people on the issues of the election, and to get citizens to vote on November 4th?

Keep Membership In Retirement

Farmers may continue their membership in the Michigan Farm Bureau after retirement under certain conditions:

1—They must have been members for the five consecutive years immediately before withdrawing or retiring from farming.

2—After retiring from farming, they must maintain a continuous record for payment of Farm Bureau dues.

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