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Tax Proposals Expected After April Election

EDITORIAL

Which Way Farm Price Support?

CLARK L. BRODY

Last Thursday morning I sat down at my desk to look over my mail as usual. The first thing to catch my eye was a letter from my old friend, Ezra T. Benson.

After expressing his regret at not being able to attend my retirement party February 21, Secretary Benson plunged into the problem nearest his heart, -the ever growing and apparently unsolvable problem of surpluses.

I realized that I had not been following the development of national affairs too closely of late. Dan Reed and I had worked together for some time on these matters, but as my retirement approached, I had left more and more of it in Dan's capable hands.

On February 16, Secretary Benson gave a comprehensive report before the Senate Agricultural committee. Ezra urged me to study his report carefully. He began by saying:

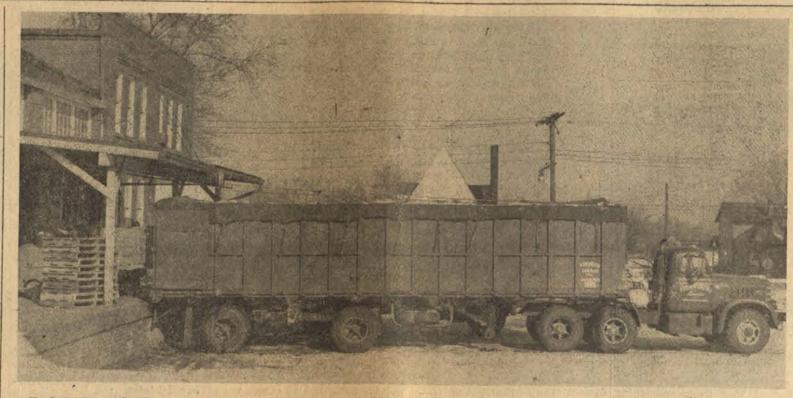
"Realistic price supports can be a valuable tool in helping orderly marketing. They should not be used to destroy markets and fill warehouses."

I had long agreed with that.

Secretary Benson continued, "The law has required that the prices of 12 basic commodities out of some 250 produced in the U.S. be supported at not less than certain minimum levels."

This mandatory requirement with complex. and ineffective acreage controls has been the basic factor in our farm surplus problems.

In general, producers of cattle, fruits, vegetables and various products not price supported and controlled had growing markets. They have not built up stocks in warehouses, expensive to the govern-



Paint in 1959! FB Services Loads 3,656 Gallons of Unico Paints to Start Season

FB Services to Market Eggs

The formation of an Egg Marketing Division was announced March 26 by Maynard D. Brownlee, general manager of Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

Purpose of the egg marketing program will be to establish a market for high quality Michigan produced eggs. The eggs will be graded "fresh fancy quality," a new U. S. D. A. designation for higher quality eggs.

Headquarters for the operation will be at Jenison, Ottawa county, under the direction of Peter J. Sikkema, manager.

Membership in the pogram, slated to go into effect August I of this year, will be open to producers with 1,000 or more layers and the equipment to meet "Fresh Fancy Quality" standards.

Initially, the program will be open only to producers in West Central Michigan.

Apple Future Topic of Farm Bureau Meet

WARD COOPER **Commodity Department**

Are apple growers faced with continuing over-production? How much should apple growers spend for promotion? Can new uses be found for apples?

Are bargaining assocations the answer to the apple marketing problems?

A National Apple Conference was called by the American Farm Bureau to discuss these and other problems at Columbus, Ohio, March 18 and 19.

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Legislature Has **Received 520 Bills**

Farm Bureau Opposes Measures to End Sales Tax Exemption on Farm **Production Equipment**

STANLEY M. POWELL Legislative Counsel for Michigan Farm Bureau

Although this session of the Michigan Legislature is considerably different from any that have been held before, my guess is that balmy spring days will soon make the lawmakers think of home. Usually about this time of year the legislative machinery shifts into a higher gear, and things move along at a much more rapid pace.

It has been evident for some weeks that not much of any great consequences would be done by the lawmakers until after the April 6 election. Neither party has wanted to run the risk of incurring the opposition of any voters by taking a definite stand on any tax problem or other controversial issue.

With the election out of the way, it is expected that bills embodying the tax program of Governor Williams will be introduced by his legislative floor leaders.

He outlined his tax recommendations in a telecast to the people of Michigan late in January, and on February 4, he submitted a detailed and lengthy tax message to the Legislature. But, as this is written, no bills embodying his program have been introduced.

Winding up a session of the Michigan Legislature is now brought about by the adoption of an adjournment resolution. This sets in motion a rather involved series of deadlines which fix time limits for committee consideration and final passage of bills, first in the house of origin, and later in the second chamber.

The House of Representatives passed such a resolution late in March and sent it to the Senate. Under joint rules, the main part of the session would have to be wound up in 56 days after adoption of the resolution by the second branch of the Legislature, in this case, the Senate.

ment to store and expensive to the producers in the downward pressure on the markets.

Three of those supported commodities, corn, cotton and wheat comprise 85% of the government inventory of price support commodities, but they produce only 20% of the total cash farm income!

The Commodity Credit Corporation investment in commodities for which price support is mandatory-corn, cotton, wheat, rice, peanuts and tobacco -will total \$7.6 billion dollars by July 1, 1959.

The total CCC investment in all commodities in inventory and under loan will approximate \$9.1 billion dollars as of July 1, 1959.

Payments by the CCC for storage, transportation and interest on these surplus holdings are estimated at over \$1 billion dollars for the next fiscal year. Very little of this billion dollars goes to farmers.

In recent years we have become accustomed to using figures which represent huge sums of money, yet I had not really sensed the meaning of the enormous sums of money being swallowed in surpluses and completely wasted since they are not curing the ills for which they were intended.

This has been referred to as the "farm subsidy scandal," but it is in reality a national problem.

Besides the heavy load on the tax-payer, which includes the farmer, the situation is tailor-made for the development of all sorts of crack-pot ideas and plans.

Many of these are socialistic or worse, but they all tend to build up bureauracy and lead to still more government control. There is great danger that sincere, patriotic people will clutch at any straw that shows promise of resolving the problem.

Two measures are before Congress now, one sponsored by Senator Herman E. Talmadge of Georgia, and the other by Senator Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota. Both are patterned after the Brannan Plan. That plan would have the farmer to sell his crops for whatever they would bring in the open market. Then Uncle Sam would pay the difference between his market receipt and a support price. The difference would be known as production payments. The support price would doubtless (Continued on Page 6)

Great Lakes Cherry Co-op Meets

PETER J. SIKKEMA

Mgr., Egg Marketing Division

Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

The Great Lakes Cherry Producers Marketing Co-op held its second annual meeting March 31 at Grand Rapids. Delegates heard encouraging

reports from President John Handy of Sodus, and Mr. Berkley Freeman, their manager. Presi dent Handy was re-elected.

Great Lakes is the largest fruit bargaining association in the United States. It bargains with the largest number of processors It is national in scope and it represents growers in all principal cherry producing areas.

Accomplishments listed for 1958 include a uniform price in all areas, uniform grading in all areas, elimination of open-in contracts, and equalization of advantages for both growers and processors.

Aims for the future include providing current accurate information, establishing a firm contract price before picking and improving processor relations. The association is well able to serve the cherry growers of the nation because it is well financed

Children's Sight Checked by Schools

snip.

It has good management, and a

large and expanding member-

A 41-member board of trustees The eyesight of 325,837 Michis the governing body of Michigan igan school children was screened Blue Cross. It is composed of 21 in 1958 by specially trained techhospital representatives, six repnicians employed by local health resentatives of the medical prodepartments and local schools, fession, and 14 representing the according to the Michigan Dep't general public. All serve without of Health pay.

Each child was screened for near-sightedness, far-sightedness, 96 Pct. of Garfield astigmatism, and muscle imbal-**Twp. Voters Voted** ance. Of the children screened, 37,035 were referred to doctors In Garfield Township in Mackto have an eye examination for inac county, the Farm Bureau got

the first time. out on a "Get Out To Vote" Cam-Fifty-seven children were add- paign. They got 96% of the eligied to the State Health Depart-

ble voters out for the primary ment's register of a total of 939 election last month. youngsters with severe visual

handicaps.

Nicaragua is about same size as near Seattle, is supported by over they would likely have mutinied Michigan. a mile of pontoons.

The program is designed to guarantee uniformity of product quality in order to meet demands of a guaranteed market at established prices. "Experience has shown that contracts offered by some independent buyers are not in the best interests of the farmers," said Mr. Brownlee.

"It appears that Michigan farmers will lose their market and profit unless an integrated marketing program is developed. As the Michigan farm organization with the most farmer members, Farm Bureau has accepted the responsibility for producing a sound, workable marketing program.'

Mr. Sikkema has been associated with the Michigan Farm Bureau for the past 31/2 years as Director of Commodity Relations.

In addition to rendering marketing services, Farm Bureau will supply field guidance to producers on production and management problems.

"By cooperation with other farmers, we expect to retain a large portion of the Michigan egg market for Michigan producers. This will be a major benefit to Michigan's agricultural economy as well as to consumers of Michigan - grown products," Mr. Brownlee said.

Farm Bureau on **General Omar Bradley On Ways of Men Blue Cross Board** General Omar Bradley

Robert E. Smith of Fowerville, vice-president of Mlchigan Farm Bureau is one of 6 new members elected to the Blue Cross board of mon on the Mount.

"Our knowledge of science has clearly outstripped our capacity to control it. We have too many men of science, too few men

than we do about living.

Migrating Birds

and terminated the trip.

Walter Wightman, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, was general chairman of the conference. Eighteen states were repre sented at he meeting.

Dr. M. E. Cravens from Ohio State University, said production is expected to increase until 1965 then decline. Changes in producing areas will take place with production moving west for the most part. Consumption of apples and apple products may continue to decline

Institute, said the fundamental problem is: Can the apple market be expanded?

growers may be inadequate. This of both branches of the Legis-Washington with \$700,000 from tion ballot. the rest of the United States.

Apple competition comes not only from other fruits, but also from pop and candy bars. The States have lost the "apple hab- balance of the current fiscal year. to promote production and sale it" and the other pleasure foods are taking the place of apples. It was decided Farm Bureau can take a large part in assisting plan for mortgaging the Veterans' the apple industry in the future on such problems as inspection, service, farm labor, research to spare. As this is written, the needs, information, market de-

velopment and other items. In addition to President Wightnan others attending from Mich-

igan were: Max Hood of Paw approval in the Senate. Paw, Kenneth Bull of Bailey Homer Cowles of Belding, and

Ward Cooper of Lansing.

Allan Kline at Van Buren Dinner Apr. 18

Allan B. Kline, president of the American Farm Bureau 1948-1954, will speak to Van Buren County Farm Bureau the evening of April 18 at its first \$10 a plate dinner We know more about killing to reduce the mortgage on the new County Farm building where the dinner will be served. The dinner will feature many Van Buren county products. Earl Huntley, manager of Farmers Petroleum

Co-operative, will be toastmaster.

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Then there would be the so-called "long recess" prior to final adjournment which would occur on the 84th day after the resolution had been adopted by the second chamber.

The much-publicized threat of not taken a position.

a payless payday for State em-They applied general Farm Buployees is still a very definite reau policies to these particular Mr. Truman Nold, executive possibility. The various measures made recommendations to the ecretary of the National Apple to submit to the voters a proposal Board of Directors as to the posito increase the State's debt limit, tion which the organization or to authorize a bond issue, all should take in supporting or op failed to receive the necessary posing or promoting amendments Promotion funds raised by two-thirds vote of the members to these bills.

The Board of Directors considpast year \$1,700,000 was contri- lature. So nothing of that sort ered and acted upon the recomouted. One million was raised in will appear on the April 6 elec- mendations of the Legislative Committee. Thus, the Michigan Farm Bureau now has a definite

Thus, the mortgaging of the \$50 million Veterans' Trust Fund position relative to nearly 100 pending proposals. seems to be the only remaining hope for enabling the State to

Seal of Quality. March 24 younger people in the United meet its obligations during the the perennial Seal of Quality bill

After the Representatives had of quality farm products was intwice defeated four companion troduced in the House. This is bills embodying the Governor's H. 276 and is now pending in the House Committee on Agricul Trust Fund, they finally passed ture.

these bills with a couple of votes Having been endorsed now in the platforms of both major po proposals are still pending in the litical parties, by all the general Senate Committee on Appropria- farm organizations of the State tions. Predictions are that they and by several commodity groups have about a 50-50 chance of which hope to take advantage of it in improving their marketing

procedure, we would think the One of the worst features of bill would have no difficulty in Michigan's fiscal and tax situabeing enacted tion is that almost any new tax However, among the legislators which might be imposed would there are a number of Repub not bring in any revenue for sevlicans who have heard the Govereral months. In the meantime, nor speak kindly of it on so the budget would be out of balmany occasions that they are inance and the State would be conclined to drag their feet or even inually scraping the bottom of oppose it for purely political reaits general fund barrel. While little that is definite has

yet been accomplished to solve If farmers want it badly enough Michigan's pressing financial to make a real effort for its pasproblem, other routine legislation sage, it can probably be enacted making gradual progress. To at this session date, well over 500 bills and 32 State Parks, Another chestnut

which has been a controversial

proposed constitutional amendments have been introduced.

issue for many years was revived Farm Bureau Position. March when six Senators joined in in 23, the Legislative Committee of troducing on March 31 a bill the Michigan Farm Bureau stud- authorize a permit system for th ied pending legislation. They use of State parks. This would listed 34 bills on which the Farm require a \$2 annual license for Bureau has a definite legislative motor vehicles visiting the parkposition established by delegate or a fee of 50 cents per day copies of the Michigan Farm News were mailed to subscribers. ures on which organization had (Continued on Page 2)

clared before the Boston Chamber of Commerce a few years ago, 'We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sertrustees for three-year terms at the 20th annual meeting at Detroit.

of God. Man is stumbling blindly through a spiritual darkness while toying with the precarious secrets of life and death. This world has achieved brilliance

without wisdom, power without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants.

Columbus and

If Columbus had been a few weeks earlier or later, the migrat-The world's longest floating ing birds would not have drawn

bridge, across Lake Washington, the attention of the crew, and

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DIRECTORS AT LARGE Herbert Fierke......Saginaw, R-6 Robert E. Smith.....Fowlerville, R-2 Walter Wightman.....Fennville, R-1

Representing WOMEN OF FARM BUREAU The purpose of this Associa-tion shall be the advancement of our members' interests edu-cationally, legislatively and economically. Mrs. Alex Kennedy Posen, R-1 Representing FARM BUREAU YOUNG PEOPLENiles, R-3 Harry Foster

of Farm Bureau in the light of

the decision made by the del-

The Presidents seemed optimis-

tic. They believe that a gain in

membership could easily be made

next year, and that the increased

finances available could be used

to keep our present program and

They made several specific rec-

ommendations in the area of

Commodity, Public Relations and

Field. These recommendations

egates on February 24.

expand in some areas.

Board.



To Each Her Choice

I need every one of them. Hiram, So don't try to skimp on my seeds, It takes every kind I have listed

To fill out our flower garden needs. Not one shall be squandered or wasted; Not one but shall serve a good end By pleasing us right in our garden Or cheering some neighbor or friend.

Take Pansies. I have to have Pansies For old Mother Wiggins' sake.

She loves them as though they were children With faces just smiling awake.

- Sweat Peas are a must, for their fragrance Out-heralds the prophets of doom. They have what it takes to enliven
- The air of a hospital room.

I think of my mother's Nasturtiums All blooming so bright and so free,

And I never could stand it without them; I need the Nasturtiums for me.

And Marigolds? Look at me, Hiram, You know they're your favorite kind. I guess we've got room for a dozen

And nobody else need to mind. Now Mabel just loves Scabiosa, And so do the bumble bee boys.

It is misty and gay and prolific: A flower everybody enjoys. Turn in there and spade up my flower beds

As deep as that shovel will reach And don't try to skimp me on choices. I've got a good reason for each.

R. S. Clark (5-1-48)

limited to one minute.

Many growers in Michigan are cooperating with the Michigan The Michigan Farm Bureau Asparagus Growers Association presented testimony in opposition by authorizing their processors to

for advertising.

United States

to the bill, in line with the reso- deduct 1/10 of a percent per lution favoring local control of pound to be used by the associa-

schools adopted by the delegates

at the Michigan Farm Bureau convention last November.

Some of those who spoke in At least once during recent opposition to H. 91 took advan-Patrons received an average years, such a bill was passed but tage of the opportunity to refer atronage refund of \$59 last year. Vetoed by Governor Williams. favorably to H. 191, a bill spon-Last year the plan finally died sored by the Association for

agricultural exemption provision pending in the House Committee on Education.

rate from 3% to 4%, was being 15-mill tax limitation to 20 mills. considered in the House, an Naturally, the Michigan Farm amendment was offered which Bureau is opposing this change.



Bureau is favoring ILJR "L" tion for promotion purposed, which would amend the Consti- They are continuing to seek tution to provide that school elec- growers support for their pro- annoy us more than the big ones. tors must be property owners to gram. Their program has been We can sit on a mountain, but not vote on direct expenditure of very carefully developed and on a tack. We can fight elephants, public money, issuance of bonds can be extremely valuable if they but mosquitoes are sometimes have sufficient funds to make it about impossible. the tax limitation on property for work properly. school purposes.

Growers Act

To Push Sale

Of Asparagus

WARD COOPER

Commodity Department

United States are very much in-

terested in promoting the sale of

their products. In all of the ma-

jor asparagus producing states

growers are willing to put money

on the line to help move their products into consumption.

California with 60% of the pro-

duction leads in the amount for

promotion. In the past year Cali-

fornia growers have contributed

more than \$85,000. Washington

was second where growers and

processors raised \$22,000. In New

Jersey the growers and proces-

sors teamed up to provide over

\$17,000 dollars for promotion.

Michigan producers volunteered

about \$1,200 dollars to promote

Some of the money has gone in-

to market research and other

funds have been used directly

The supply of asparagus is

relatively small. It amounts to

about 1¼ lbs. per person in the

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their product to consumers.

Asparagus growers in the

The Little Things

The little things in life often about impossible.

Ten can electric milk cooler MICHIGAN FARM NEWS advertised in January sold right 2 away. Clare Sobey, Flushing.

April 1, 1959



Almost \$4 million has been paid to Michigan farmers for hail-ruined crops by Michigan Mutual Hail Insurance during the past 48 years.

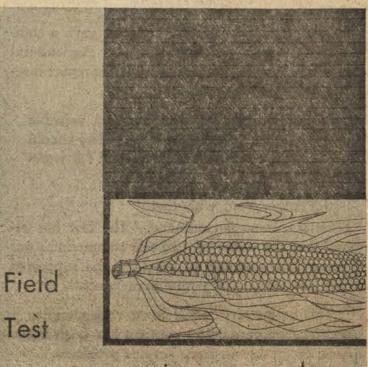
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reports covering one to three year yield averages show

Today in Farm Bureau Presidents' conference was held JERRY CORDREY at Gull Lake to discuss the future

PURPOSE OF FARM

BUREAU

Coordinator of Organization for Michigan Farm Bureau

Editor

Membership is 71,343. This is 343 over American Farm Bureau Federation goal, and short 1,044 of our State Goal of 72,387.

The three "New Member Blitz Days," that were outlined last month, were quite successful. Results were:

March 16-W-Day (Farm Bureau Women) 20. March 18-D-Day (County Board Members) 30. March-A-Day (Insurance and Direct Distribution Agents) 96.

Total-146 new members.

The Agents ran away with the honors. The County Women's Committee that did the best job was Ottawa. They signed 5 new members. The County Board that did the best job was Saginaw. They signed 7 new members. The County Insurance and Direct Distribution Agents that did the best was Huron. They signed 12 members. Congratulations to the Agents, and many thanks to all of you who helped in this campaign

or you who helped in th	ns campaign.
We now have 25 counties over oal. They are in order of attain- ent: 	8-Cheboygan 20-Montcalm 9-Baraga 22-Osceola 9-Huron 23-Clinton 9-Oceana 25-Delta 12-Sanilac 25-Jackson 24 counties need 26 or mo for goal. They are: 26-Marquette- 39-St. Joseph Alger 43-Kent 28-Isabella 43-Midland 29-Houghton 46-Muskegon 31-Charlevoix 47-Menomine 31-Gratiot 47-Eaton 32-Branch 50-Macomb 33-Berrien 55-Calhoun 33-Manistee 66-Hillsdale 34-Bay 74-Allegan 35-Barry 87-St. Clair 37-Newaygo
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are being discussed by the State Annual Blue Cross re-opening to meet the ever-mounting chal- minutes each, and 55 others were was carried on during March. All lenges of the future. results are not available as yet however, it appears that a good increase will be made.

March was also New Direct Distribution Patron Month for Farmers Petroleum Cooperative. It is hoped that many Farm Bureau members were able to avail themselves of this service during partment.

the month. patronage refund of \$59 last year, If you have not been contacted, see your County Farm Bureau Secretary.

Women's Spring District Meetings for 1959 start in April. Dates are as follows: April 1-District 7. April 9-District 3. April 14-District 1

April 16-District 8 April 21-District 6. April 22-District 9. April 23-District 10W. April 24-District 10E. April 29-District 4. May 7-District 5. May 12-District 2.

New Membership, Community this was voted down after con-Group, and Blue Cross Commit- siderable debate.

tees are presently being selected In the Senate, companion bills by County Farm Bureaus. These have been presented which would Committees will be trained dur- eliminate the tax exemption on ing April, May, June, and July farm equipment. These were inin preparation for next fall and

Tax Proposals After Election (Continued from Page 1)

by the State Conservation De-

because of failure of the mem- Rural Education. bers of a conference committee of

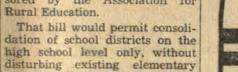
agreement on its provisions.

the Senate and House to reach dation of school districts on the Agr'l Sales Tax Exemption. There is a real threat that the schools. These bills are still

of the sales tax law may be in danger. For instance, when a constitutional amendment which would have raised the sales tax danger. For instance, when a groups supporting HJR "U" would have eliminated the ex-

Perry W.

emption on agricultural equip- place to point out that the Farm



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4-Wayne	13—Kalkaska	about everything in the year. As I look at it i
5—Hmmet 6—Missaukee	15—Chippewa 15—Wexford	pears that he might h
7-losco	18—Antrim	a little—so we should i progress again.
8—Alcona 8—Benzie	19—Ingham 20—Kalamazoo	March 12 and 13,

us with winter's activities. book this now, it ap-The big job ahead is developave let up

ing programs and activities at the nake some community, county, state, and national levels which will stim-County ulate and activate our members

Greene of Grand Rapids, and Garland B. Lane of Flint. They are S. 1148 which would amend the sales tax law, and S. 1149 which would amend the use tax act which applies to purchases of goods from outside the State. S. 1148 completely eliminates the exemption of equipment and supplies to be used for industrial purposes.

It also changes the agricultural exemption which has included items used or consumed in farm production, and limits the exemption which farmers would have to "seeds, animal feeds, fertilizers, insecticides, sprays, and livestock."

In other words, all farm equipment, including tools and machinery, would be taxed if this bill were enacted. The same changes would be made in the use tax by S. 1149.

City and suburban bus lines have succeeded in securing passage by the Senate of a subsidy bill which this year is S. 1050. It would exempt such buses from payment of the gas tax and would provide a nominal license in lieu of the regular weight tax.

The Farm Bureau has consistently opposed such proposals for the past several years because they are one of the "raids" on highway funds. There are several groups that would like to dip into the highway revenues and use a chunk of them for their own purposes. This bill is now pending in the House Committee on Roads and Bridges. The various groups that are intent on trying to preserve highway revenues intact for highway construction and maintenance purposes will put up a concentrated effort to prevent passage of the bill in the House.

Schools. The controversial issue of school district reorganization is receiving a lot of attention in the Legislature. The biggest hearing held thus far during the current session was relative to H. 91 which, among other provisions, requires the mandatory reorganization of all the school districts in the state on a K-12 basis by July 1, 1962.

Before a capacity crowd which jammed the House chamber and galleries on March 18 a long list of witnesses offered testimony for and against the bill. Twenty-. one persons were allowed five

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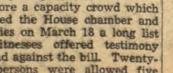
"The next move was automatic. Bob high-tailed it to the phone, soon had a dealer with the necessary replacement and an emergency delivery service.

"We were out in the field with only forty minutes lost and we had the field licked by nightfall, as planned."

This is just one more example of how farmers have come to rely on the telephone-the hired hand that never tires, high in value, yet low in cost.

MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY





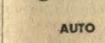


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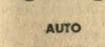










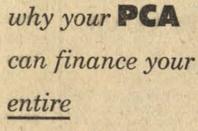


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fruit trees against European red mite and clover (brown almond or bryobia) mite far into summer. You'll need to make fewer late season sprays, and you thus reduce residue problems of late season sprays. You'll cut down mite population so effectively that control results will often continue into the following year!

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Farm Bureau Mutual Increases Farm Safety Work

iring Leads as Fire Hazard

The Safety Division of Farm | Electrical wiring in many cases | box was so adequate in the early | were defective chimneys and con-Bureau Mutual Insurance Com- would have been adequate for years is now completely out-mod ditions condusive to spontaneous pany increased its activity dur- lighting purposes only. Since the ed. 1958. The purpose of this day farm homes began using ing service is to protect the lives and electricity a great many addition-

property of Farm Bureau mem- al uses have been found for electric power. In 1958, the Safety Division Electric ranges, refrigerators,

completed 4,624 farm and home mixers, sweepers, deep freezes, fire prevention inspections. electric blankets, clothes dryers, 1,801 were found to have milking machines, welders, hay some type of fire hazard, The greatest single hazard en- pieces of equipment build up the plier. Today the modern farm and

this area.

countered was in their use of use of electric power. electricity. More than 64% of the These appliances are now a service.

corrections requested were in must for the modern home and Other fire hazards that stood

combustion. Many of these hazardous con-

The use of 30 amp fuses in ditions are overlooked and innoa 15 amp box is like trying to cently by-passed until the inflow a two inch stream of sured has this problem brought water through a one inch pipe. to his attention.

Farm Bureau Mutual's safety engineers recommend that policy prevention program requires holders rewire to meet specifica-100% cooperation to be effective dryers, elevators and many other tions of their local power supin the elimination of fire losses. home is using 150 to 200 ampere insurance premiums. Fires also cost in loss of time plus the per-

sonal tragedy of a fire to the farm. The old 60 ampere service out in nearly equal numbers policyholder.

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terfat producer has been named by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America. The honor goes of the Board of Directors. to "Jasmine Design Mercedes," in the herd of Budd Farms, Belle-

ville owned and operated by Jack Budd, a member of Wawn County Farm Bureau. During the 365 day test period,

ending February 22, 1959, the new record holder produced 1,529 pounds of butterfat, 33,718 pounds of milk, 4.5% test.

Mr. Budd credits the combination of well bred Holsteins, good management practices and the feeding of Farm Bureau dairy feeds with making the record possible.

"Each year," said Mr. Blair, "we

son. Probably Nature has her

way of keeping brood stocks of all

wild things within natural limits.

ers and outdoor clubs and others

suggest that a humane and sensible thing is to harvest a modest

amount of the annual quail crop

through a short season in Novem-

"A group of farmers, land own-

southern Mchigan.

ber and a small bag limit." The Legislature has Senate bill 1046 to provide a hunting season on quail in the three southern A new national champion but- tiers of counties in lower Michigan. The bill is opposed by the

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ROBERT HUBER, right, of vice-president, and participated Gladwin is shown receiving a in many school activities. certificate as the winner of a Pe- Farmers Petroleum Cooperat-

troleum Distribution Scholarship ive is offering two more scholarat Western Michigan University ships in the two year Petroleum at Kalamazoo The presentation was made by arship is for \$600. The course president of the Southern Mich-Leslie Sheridan, district super- covers all phases of the distribu- igan Quail Ass'n, urges support for visor for Farmers Petroleum Co- tion business, with 18 weeks of a short hunting season and small operative. This is the second class work and 18 weeks of on bag limit for quail in November in

scholarship given by Farmers the job training each year. Any young man who is a high Petroleum Cooperative. Robert Huber is a graduate of school graduate and is interested see lots of these birds during the

Gladwin Rural Agricultural in this scholarship may apply to fall and early winter. Small num-School. During his senior year Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, bers survive for the mating seahe was president of the Student Inc., P.O. Box 960, Lansing, Mich-Council, FFA State Farmer, FFA igan for further information.

Outstanding Young Farmers Honored

JERRY CORDREY Moore, a grain and certified seed Over 200 farmers and business

men of Michigan gathered at Owosso March 19 to honor 24 of Michigan's outstanding young David Gordon, a dairy farmer farmers. The event was the City- and Farm Bureau member from Farm Banquet sponsored by the Washtenaw county; Robert Haas, Michigan Junior Chamber of a dairy and grain farmer and Commerce.

farmer, also a Farm Bureau member from Clinton county.

Fourth place winners were: Farm Bureau member from Kalamazoo county; and Harold March,

Twenty-four candidates, repre- Jr., a dairy and grain farmer and enting a wide variety of farm Farm Bureau member from Hills-

Urges Season On Quail George D. Blair, member of Jackson County Farm Bureau, and Distribution course. Each schol-

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mmodifies, were nominated by dale county. he various Junior Chambers in

Of the 24 nominations, twentythe state. Any one of the 24 two were Farm Bureau members. would have made Michigan's peo-Many of these young men are group and county leaders in their A group of three judges screen-d the nomination forms and County Farm Bureau.

tudied the farming and civic Mr. True Morse, Under Secreactivities of these young men. tary of Agriculture, was the main After much study, they came up speaker. Mr. Morse pointed out with the top three and three 4th that it takes aggressive, hard place winners. working, civic minded young

First place "Michigan's Out-standing Young Farmer for 1959" went to Richard Yarger, a gen-cral dairy farmer and Farm Bueral dairy farmer and Farm Bureau member from Barry county. Indering rather than helping present support programs are Runner up was David Morris, the farm economy.

a livestock (beef) farmer from Clinton county. Dave was Clin-citizens of Michigan can be proud

ton County Farm Bureau presi- of these young men. Richard Yarger will represent Michigan

Third place went to Robert in national competition.

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ship fund has been established at Michigan State University with a goal of \$25,000. The income from the Fund will provide scholarship aid for several students in the School of Agriculture.

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Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

District 1

Mrs. Alma J. Foster, Chairman rubber sheets, shirts, laundry bags and aprons. Niles, R-3

Projects approved include Berrien County, Twenty wo- Nurse Recruitment, A.C.W.W. men representing 13 groups from Cancer Research, Pennies for the Berrien County Farm Bureau Friendship, International Visitors Women's Committee enjoyed the and Camp Kett. Mrs. Hagelgans program presented by Mrs. Hen- displayed the 2 trays purchased ry Peters, citizonship chairman, at Christmas time for the Fair-March 17 at the Youth Memorial view Hospital. Building. Her topic "Freedom

in Action" is of great concern Farm Bureau Women and guests to all who share freedom. Many "isms" are slowly creeping in and had a delicious dinner at Geneva much freedom in local, state and town hall as guests of Mrs. Cecil national government is gradually Lafler. Mrs. Art Drize gave tentative plans for the banquet being taken away. April 18 when former AFBF

Mrs. Robert Burandt read a letter from Janet Krickhahn, president Allen Kline will speak. student nurse the Women's Committee is sponsoring at Bronson ty librarian, showed the plans for Hospital, Kalamazoo. She told the new Webster Memorial Liof her work. This monthly letter brary to be located in Decatur. is appreciated very much.

Woods was attended by Mrs. gan" which was compiled by our The recent camp at Wesley Morse, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Dorstewipz and Mrs. Foster. Farm Bureau Women's District copies of same have been sent

I meeting will be held in Vicks- all over the world. We discussed our retarded chilburg Methodist Church, April 14. Luncheon reservations should be dren project. At the April 8 sent to Mrs. William Anderson meeting at Arlington town hall Mrs. Socha will be hostess. We by April 9. shall have a program by

Cass County. The March 3 Van Buren County retarded chilmeeting of the Cass County Farm dren. \$25 for retarded children's near Plymouth to summarize the Bureau Women's Committee was work will be given at the April 1958 safety survey of Wayne held in Mrs. Bakeman's home. meeting.

from the luncheon served Feb- made an honorary member of the mittee. ruary 18 to Marcellus for the Farm Bureau Women's Commit-Power Farming meeting. Proj- tee in recognition of her many ects for the year were discussed years of service. and decided upon.

the women by Mrs. Katherine Kalamazoo County. Thirty Farm Bureau Women's Commit- Johansen, County Farm Bureau tee members enjoyed potluck secretary-trasurer, for going over luncheon March 9 at the County goal on Roll Call. We're planning another bus Center Building. trip to Lansing to visit the capital

Philo Rich of the Farm Bureau April 12. Services Garden Seed Department described the Farm Bureau Garden seed procurement, processing and merchandising pro- Mrs. Geo. Crisenberg. Chairman

gram. 32 stores and 153 cooperatives distribute these seeds. We voted to continue member-

the need for a metal cupboard doing a fine job. for the Grand Prairie Mentally Retarded School. Mrs. Cork, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Rolfe will get Parks entertained the women's

committee March 13. The ladies Chairman Smith read the pro-posed operating rules for our Wo-"Ladies Day" March 16. Mr. Harmen's Committee. A copy will old Cary, Farm Bureau insurance be sent to each group representa- agent, explained the insurance tive. It will be voted upon at the program. April 6 meeting:

Health chairman, Mrs. Dickey told of the survey being taken Mrs. Celestine Young, Chairman St. Joseph County. Nineteen to determine the needs of the representatives of St. Joseph older people in Branch county. county Farm Bureau Women's Mrs. Sanford reported on Camp. Committee spent March 2 sewing She stated that only 47 were for Fairview Hospital at Centre- there full time. The group toured ville. The meeting was held in the Kalamazoo State Hospital. the Community Building with a All state institutions are over- are grown out of the state, mostly least 1000 birds, usually 10,000 to potluck dinner in charge of Mrs. crowded and there are 1,500 on in California. Farm Bureau gar-Vincent Hepner and Mrs. Gerald the waiting lists. More and den seeds are sold at all Farm Bohm. With Mrs. Richard Hogel- smaller institutions are recom- Bureau Stores. Individual orders gans and Mrs. L. V. Warner from mended. the hospital directing, we made

Calhoun County. Fifteen mem-

diseases.

lizers.

Club Building.

District 2

Jackson R-8

Branch County. Mrs. Max



Wayne Committee Prepares Safety Survey Report

MARCH 26 this group of seven group. Some of the group visited adies from Wayne County Farm the Senate in the afternoon. Bureau Women's Committee met at the home of Mrs. Roy Schultz, MaComb County. Our speaker

County Farm Bureau member-A check of \$175 was received Mrs. Ernest McCubbin was ship made by the Women's Com-

A check for \$500 was presented

the

95.5% participation. Here are some of the results: The 573 families reported 72 have one guest from the city. accidents, or 1 in 10 had an accident. This is down from 1957 report.

The accidents cost \$21,300 in property damages and \$4,332 in injury costs. Property damage

up, injury costs down compared to 1957 1,446 days' work were lost as a

result of these accidents. Aver-Hurrah! I heard from all five age 20 days per accident. This is ship in U. N. Mrs. Rolfe reported counties this month. They are up from 1957 experience.

There were more motor vehicle ceidents than any other kind. More accidents occurred in the farm yard than in any other place. In 1957 the largest number of accidents were on the

highway. **District 3** ances.

Mt. Clemens R-2

Oakland County. Philo Rich of the Farm Bureau Services Gar- ing organized in Allegan, Ottawa as to why, as citizens, we perform noon. den Seed Department told us and Kent counties. that practically all garden seeds

Garden Seed Department at Lan-

sing. Oakland County is having the bers attended camp at Clear Lake, March 10 and 11, for Dis- District meeting April 9, 10:00 tricts 1, 2, 4, and 5. Those at- a. m. at the Salem Evangelical & tending learned much about Reformed Church in Farmington. Mr. Hummell patrols 11 counties. (On Oakland Ave.) mental health.

District 5 Mrs. John C. Watling, Chairman Bath R-1

was Marjorie Karker. There was We are sorry more women diddiscussion about the part Farm n't attend Spring Camp. They Bureau women could play in Michigan Week. The plan has missed a lot of fun, a good pro-Celebrate gram and tour. We're planning three purposes. (1) In conducting the 2nd annual Michigan Week. (2) Bring at- next year's camp so please mark survey, they contracted 573 of tention to home-grown food, the second week of March, 1960 a film "Time and Two Women." a bazaar from which we made 600 members for an impressive (3) Better rural-urban relations, on your calendar,

District Advisory Council was We decided to have a smorgasbord dinner. Each woman will made for Spring District meeting, Thursday, May 7, with Ingham A committee was appointed with County women as hostess. Max Mrs. Kenneth Rice, chairman. Mrs. Karker will be the main Cochran from the State Department of Public Instruction, will speaker. speak on "How Michigan Schools

cides.

At our April meeting Mrs. Corare Financed." Philco Rich, Farm nelius Schrade, treasurer of the Bureau Services Garden Seed MaComb County unit, will show Department, will speak on 'Lawns, Gardens and Insecti-

District 4

a film on cancer.

Mrs. Clare Barton, Chairman Plainwell R-2

Allegan County. All ladies in District 4 are invited to attend the spring meeting at Griswold Auditorium in Allegan on April pendence. 29. An interesting program has been planned. Take a day off

from spring house cleaning and come and renew old acquaint-

reau explained the new egg are grown they will have the will be the main speakers. Potmarketing program which is be-ing organized in Allogan Ottawa feeling deep within themselves luck dinner will be served at money for their projects by servas we do."

Each farmer must have at a man, and the eggs will be mar- Rex Sieting who illustrated his the Woodside School, Lapeer heard Dr. Jack Haldeman speak

keted cooperatively. may be sent to the Farm Bureau our Safety project.

At another meeting, Mr. Wm. vice of M.S.U.

Safety illustrated with slides. He themselves, others partially so. cancer, stating that deaths from proved his point. We served dinner for the Live- belonging and enjoyment.

stock Cooperative and added a neat sum to our treasury.

group desirous of visiting the school but it is best to contact Genesee County. Mrs. Helen Dr. Rehn first. The best times Luther, Assistant Director of Civil Defense, told us, "Survival to visit are weekdays 9:30-11:30 is the correct word to use. Coun- a. m. and 1:30-3:00 p. m. James Reilly of the Speakers try people are as unsafe as city people at least 20 miles from the Bureau, part of the public relatarget city. They need to worry tions program of our County about livestock, crops and them- Farm Bureau, gave a very interselves physically, and know ef- esting and informative talk on fect of radiation on all those the Social Economic and Political things as well as water supply." Problems of Agriculture, at our their secretary, Mrs. August

Inham County Farm Bureau women made a profit of \$150 on duction controls can be the ruina- Telephone Company, spoke on the Petroleum meeting sack lunch.

Legislatively we should ask our Congressman to vote down unnecessary bills thereby cutting We have adopted the state projexpenses. ects.

Larry Ewing, regional representative, spoke about the "Blitz Days" membership drive. The ladies were urged to attend the Rural Health Conference at

M.S.U. April 8. District Chairman, Mrs. Watl-

ing, spoke on District affairs including the "Freedom Bookshelf," also on an article in Reader's Digest entitled "Help Stamp out this Vile Trafic."

Shiawassee County women ment is doing. listened to Mrs. Emma Antcliff, A question and answer period \$20. followed.

well attended and plans were nual May 11 tea. An international theme has been chosen as program and several war brides will be guests.

District 6

Mrs. Allyn Gordon, Chairman Croswell R-2

Our District Advisory Council met February 2 at the Farm legislative and information.

All counties were represented. We were pleased to have with us ganized its Women's Committee. I Mrs. Marjorie Karker and our know the other counties in the Regional Representative, Carl district are as pleased as I am to Kentner. Ladies served a lovely have them back. The reorganiza-

Our District Spring meeting Chilberg home on March 9. Of-will be April 21 at the Meth-ficers are Mrs. Paul Hansen, He said, "In view of our fast- odist Church Parlors, on road chairman; Mrs. Albert Langfeldt, moving world we gloss over some M-51, just south of road 136, secretary; and Mrs. William Hazof those basic truths upon which (about one half mile) at 10 a. m. enback III, vice-chairman. Mrs. our government was founded. Mr. Max Cochran of the State H. P. Anderson is publicity chair-We should so instill these truths Department of Education, and man. They met March 23 to plan At a recent meeting, J. Ward Cooper of Michigan Farm Bu-children that by the time they partment of Justice at Saginaw, Mecosta County

Lapeer County. A wonderful

Eaton County women heard story and pictures of children at talk on "Outlook for Farming State Home, was presented by on the various forms of arthritis. Mrs. Fred Billett reported on 1959" with slides and phamplets Miss McAllister, Acting Director, This was very informative. published by the extension ser- at our February 20 meeting.

Through the training received by

All gain a sense of security, of this disease in one year equals the population of a city the size of Racine, Wisconsin.

A welcome is assured any For the March meeting citizenship was the topic. Mr. VanNocker, teacher of Government and Economics at Lakeview, spoke on government officials, their terms,

> Montcalm's annual Farm Bureau banquet is April 13 at the Stanton Gymnasium.

Muskegon County Women's Committee met at the home of March meeting. Jim demonstrat- Reska. B. R. Davies, general ed that rigid supports and pro- manager of Michigan General the services and expansion of this

tion of the farmer. Lapeer ladies will serve a roast company.

turkey, home-made pie dinner for the Victory Banquet April 9. Osceola County. In spite of all the snow in this county, the ladies had their minds on spring as they listened to Truman Shore

Sanilac County. This was our annual meeting. Our attendance was small. BAD ROADS. We opened with a lovely potluck in. He also spoke on rose culture. lunch. The tables were very pretty with Spring flowers.

(Continued on page 5)

Mrs. Terpenning gave a very MICHIGAN FARM NEWS fine report on the meeting at Lansing also a legislative report. 4 April 1, 1959

Clifford Hawes, our Conservation Officer, showed a film on the work the Conservation Depart-

We voted to go along on all R. N., talk on cancer and viewed of our State projects. We had

District 7

Mrs. Walter Harger, Chairman Stanwood R-2

When this issue gets into the reader's homes District 7 will have had its spring meeting.

I have noticed in nearly all reports that the special chairman have been doing an especially good job in safety, citizenship,

Mason County has again ortion was accomplished at the Carl

Mecosta County raised the ing lunch for 200 at the Power Farming meeting at Remus, February 26.

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sizes 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 40, 42. Size Montcalm County had health as 16 takes 3¹/₄ yards of 35 inch

Bureau Building at Sandusky.

Clinton County women in March heard Robert Dorengoski, assistant to the Attorney General, speak on "Good Citizenship." Mr.

Dorengoski made his talk impressive by quoting passages dinner. from the Declaration of Inde-

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Mrs. McMullen gave a report Hillsdale County. Warren Dob- on the Legislative Seminar in son, district representative for the Lansing. Nine Wayne County Farm Bureau Fertilizer Division, Farm Bureau members and three spoke of some of the recent de- Wayne county legislators present. velopments such as one-time cul-tivation of crops and of some of Grill. Dan Reed, Stanley Powell the scientific predictions as to and several from the Farm Bufuture development such as sys-tematic immunity of plants to counties were represented in our

patronize our Farm Bureau fertilizer and seed services. Farm Bureau is the largest farmerowned producer of fertilizer. Its competition has helped keep prices down. It was a pioneer in developing granulated fertil-

Farm Bureau women served the Michigan Milk Producers Dinner March 19th at the 4-H

Jackson County. The superintendent of Northwest School, Mr. Willard Kidder, gave us a very interesting talk on school curricula and finances. Mrs. Marian Hendrickson, from the Greater Jackson Chamber of Commerce, invited us to assit in the drive for U. S. Savings Bonds.

Mr. Dobson told why we should

March 3 at Madison Center Hall for a rural-urban meeting and a number of urban women attended as guests of the rural ladies. Our guest speaker was Mrs. Richard Jordan. Committees were named for the father and son

banquet. The spring District meeting will be held at Adrian, I.O.O.F. Hall, May 12.

You Really Need A Good Breakfast

day's food should be eaten at table so popular now, or on an off or pastured. Weeds must be breakfast, say home economists oblong table

at Michigan State University.-Common sense tells us that the for 54 inch and 64 inch in string; broken by either side. time between supper at six and 36 inch in No. 30 cotton.

breakfast at 7 is 13 hours . . . the Send 35 cents in coins for this County are signed up for 5 years. longest interval between meals. pattern-add five cents for each \$14 per acre is received on a 3 Suppose we skip breakfast and pattern for 1st class mailing. Send wait till noon to eat. That's a to Michigan Farm News, 263 there is a 10% increase. total of 18 hours between last Needlecraft Dep't, P.O. Box 162, night's supper and today's lunch. Old Chelsea Station, New York

If you had to wait 13 to 18 11, N.Y. you'd really complain.

Hummell of Middleville, state trapper for the Conservation Department, gave a very instructive If one is having trouble call the office will then be notified, bring office will then be nitified, bring the traps, show how to set and will call for them later. Many of these animals do a great deal of good. The Board of Directors and wives were guests at this meet-

ing. **Table Cover**

Lenawee County. We met

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H. L. R. CHAPMAN Kent County. In March we met

at the extension offices and the staff explained their work. Ralph Kirch, 4-H Agent, explained how 1-H has changed in the last few ears. Mrs. McQuire, Home gent, described the women's extension program. Miss Virginia Held of the Research and Consumers Marketing Department, gave a few pointers on shopping. We are planning an urban and ural smorgasbord based around oods raised in Michigan. This is

be part of Michigan Week. Ottawa County. Probate Judge in the spring or fall, provided the Miles was the speaker at the required conditions necessary for March meeting held at the home the plant's welfare are furnished.

of Mrs. Neal Andre. There is a great need for a home for delinquent children in Cttawa County. Officials have found it necessary to place a child in a home as far away as Niles. Judge Miles also stressed the need for doing away with magazines not fit for children and to help stamp out filthy maga-

zines. Barry County. In March representatives from the A.S.C. office explained their services to farmers. Such things as tiling, permanent pasture, liming and fertilizer. These are paid partly by A.S.C. directly to the dealer. They advised us that land taken to use as a tablecloth for special out of production must have a

controlled. After contract is Pattern 510: Crochet directions signed for soil bank it cannot be

About 200 farms in Barry year contract and on the 5 year

The offical language of Israel is Hebrew, but street signs are

Roger Foerch of Michigan these retarded children some can it's topic for February. Dr. Rice fabric. Collar takes 7/8 yard. Farm Bureau presented a talk on become capable of caring for of Greenville showed the film on Send 35 cents in coins for this



Care of Hybrid Tea Roses Planted in the Spring

Garden Clubs Lecturer

The question is often asked, should be removed back to the Which is the best time of year main stem if necessary. The clay soil can be greatly improved to plant new rose plants, — in strong canes should be cut back by working in organic matter. the spring or in the fall?" also, leaving four or five buds Organic matter consists of peat, This is a difficult question to or joints. answer. What is best for one

section of the country may not be at all good in another section. The weather is an important first year the home gardener again for several years.

My own experience has been back to sound wood.

that they do equally well planted The secret of success is

to obtain clean healthy plants from a reliable grower who refuses to ship out plants which do not come up to standard.

Most rose experts in Michigan do advise fall planting for this young people to read. We asked reason: growers dig their stock in our County Farm Bureau board the fall and the less time the plants are out of the soil, the better. Most good growers do have excellent means of keeping their plants through the winter for

spring shipment. Regardless, many home gardeners will have occasion to set some rose plants out in

Care in preparation of the soil and planting and doing the job as early as possible will increase the chances of success. In general, roses grow best in a soil which is very slightly acid; that s, where the soil tests pH of 6

When the plants arrive they should be carefully unwrapped and inspected.

shipment, there is usually more healthy they must be planted in pruning for the home gardener a sunny part of the garden. to do. All weak or injured stems

A light sandy soil or a heavy also, leaving four or five buds Organic matter consists of peat, leaf mold, and well rotted manure, especially cow manure con-

It is important to make all cuts taining large quantities of straw. just above outward facing buds. Each of these ingredients can be This improves the shape of the used at the rate of one part to factor. What may happen the plant and allows light to come six parts of soil. Bonemeal should in contact with and to strengthen be added to the soil at the rate. plants his roses may not occur all growths. The roots of the of one-half pound of bonemeal new plant must also be examined to seven bushels of soil, thorand any injured ones must be cut oughly mixed.

> When planting roses the holes should be at least 18 inches deep and the same in diameter.

The soil should be well loosened at the bottom of the hole and over this place a one inch layer of decomposed cow manure. Cover this with two inches of soil

To help in proper placement of the roots and in setting the plant at the proper depth a small coneshaped pile of soil should be made up in the center of the planting hole.

The roots should be placed as evenly as possible over the cone of soil and then filled in gradually with the soil mixture. The soil must be carefully worked about the roots and pressed firmly.

It is advisable to arrange the planting depth of the plant, so that when the operation is com- fect for hot summer days and

planting in the garden. If the growing in the nursery. Its pre- in almost any fabric for casual, soil has not been previously pre- vious planting depth can be de- dressy wear. pared the plant must be heeled termined by the difference in in, that is, placed in a trench and color on the stem at the base of sizes 12, 14, 16, 18, 20. Size 16 rethe roots covered with moist soil the main growth. to 6.5. (Your County Extension until it can be planted in its When the roots are all covered

> Roses will grow in any good should be added to eliminate air pattern if you wish 1st class garden soil, but they do appre- pockets. Allow the water to drain mailing. Send to Michigan Farm. ciate a soil to their liking. They through the soil after which the News, Pattern Dep't, P.O. Box demand that the soil have good hole may be filled. A slight de- 42, Old Chelsea Station, New drainage. They detest a soil which pression left in the soil will aid York, N.Y.

Although many growers prune is too light or too heavy. To in watering until the plant is Please print plainly your name, back their rose plants before keep their growth strong and well established.

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12-20; 40, 42

address, size, and style number.



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> Printed Pattern 9017: Misses quires 41/4 yards of 35 inch fabric. Send 50 cents in coins for this and the soil made firm, water pattern-add 10 cents for each

> > address, size and style number.



the spring.

Director will test your soil for a permanent position. small charge.)



Michigan farmers are on their Planting follows immediately." way to chopping upwards of \$20 "The whole idea behind minmillion off their crop production imum tillage," Cook points out, costs by using minimum tillage "is that plants do better in a practices.

over a field to get it ready for seeding. Farmers are saving anywhere from \$3 to \$5 an acre.

Minimum tillage means working the land only enough to make for good growth. Water soaks in sure seeds will germinate quickly loose soils readily, reducing run-and plants will get off to a fast off and erosion. "Minimum tillstart. The practices were devel- age leaves soil in condition to aboped through cost-cutting re- sorb rainfall," said the soils man. search at the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station.

According to Ray Cook, head surface soon dries out and other overwhelming concentrations of ing corn in Michigan are using minimum tillage practices. About Crop seeds germinate because

half of the sugar beet growers cent of the potatoes are grown in age techniques. Even more farmers are expected to take up the money-saving practices this sea-

tillage find that the only tillage tilizer with one or two cultiva- said. necessary before planting is a tions, Cook says. good job of moldboard plowing,

loose soil. It is pretty hard for

because farmers make fewer trips a field to six to ten times before seeds are planted."

Loose soils are well supplied with oxygen which plants need Weeds start slowly in loose soils. "This is because the soil

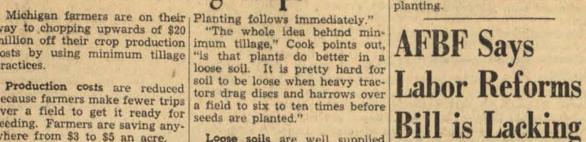
soil scientist at the station, about weed seeds are buried too deep one-fourth of the farmers grow- to germinate," Cook explains.

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fields fitted with minimum till- fertilizer, crops can outdo the is a good one. weeds

Pre-emergence weed spraying be amended to preserve the force Mr. Cook said. "Others prefer to coupled with minimum tillage of state laws relating to racketsmooth the plow furrows by trail- and one good cultivation about eering, embezzlement and other ing a light tillage implement. five weeks after planting is sure matters covered in the bill.

fire weed control on any soil unless quackgrass is bad. Yields have been high on fields fitted with minimum tillage practices. In many cases, Cook says, they have been higher than where



fields were worked more before

The American Farm Bureau has expressed disappointment that the Kennedy-Irwin labor reform bill (Senate 305) "with few exceptions fails to deal with the much greater problem" that labor unions are becoming "almost power.

Matt Triggs, ass't legislative director of AFBF, told the U.S. Senate Labor Committee, that the surrounding soil is packed the Kennedy - Irwin bill's provifollow the principles and 95 per just enough during planting. Giv- sion prohibiting the compulsory en an even start, with plenty of collection of truck unloading fees pledge.

Many farmers who have al- existing shakedown practice nasium. Dr. Myrtle Ruel, Assoways cultivated their corn three whereby farmer shippers and or four times are now getting others have been compelled to just as good weed control with pay millions of dollars of tribute "Many farmers using minimum minimum tillage and starter fer- for a service not desired," Triggs

He strongly urged that the bill

Women of Farm Bureau

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Chesaning R-2

Clare County. Mrs. Ronald Sage, Field Representative of Michigan Mental Health Society, was with us to discuss our visit to the Mt. Pleasant State Home last month. She said if we want-Floyd Smith was chosen as Graed further information about dotiot County Camp Chairman. nating to the home or helping Midland County, Plans for

out, we should contact Mrs. Mary Soberberg, Mt. Pleasant State Home.

Our Rural - Urban conference cussed by Ben Westgate, Execwill be held June 11 in the Clare utive Director of 4-H Foundation, Lansing. High School The safety sheets were hand-

Gratiot County. An educational program on cancer was presented. Two films were shown and Dr. Edwin Meyer was present to answer questions.

ford, County School Commissioner, explained the need for Roll call was answered with suggestions as to how the comspecial education for the physi-

ally and mentally handicapped mittee could earn money. children throughout the county. The Farm Bureau has pledged \$25 for Camp Kett Fund to be The county is purchasing a hearpaid over a period of 3 years. It ing testing machine which will was suggested that each commun- be much faster and a great help to many school chldren. In the ity group give \$1 toward this

future an IBM scoring machine will be used for aptitude tests. The spring banquet is May 19 This would "eliminate a long at the Ithaca High School Gym-Forty dresses were made or purchased by the local commun-

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University, will speak. Mrs. Smith told of some text

books that are being used in Gratiot Schools that are in conflict Mrs. Albert Schmiege, Chairman with our American beliefs and heritage. Mr. Archie McCallum is going to take these findings be-

Camp Kett, which will be a lead-

ership training center, were dis-

on the survey this month.

fore the Gratiot County School Board of which he is a member. Mrs. Florence Shankel was was nominated to be our candi-Schools are Financed." date for District office and Mrs.

District 9

Mrs. Oliver Tompkins, Chairman Traverse City R-1

The fourth day of Spring and I sit here looking at the same snow bank I've been watching all winter. Snow plows lumber past ed out and we will be working with such a defeated look and even the chick-a-dees refuse the Saginaw County. Howard Corn- suet.

A full quota of District 9 women attended the Advisory Council meeting in Lake City March 9. We have a real good day planned for April 22 at Lake City. Missaukee County-the hostess county, has the programs out.

Benzie County. The women's committee met with Mrs. Baukton, caught up on correspondence, and laid plans for their annual Rural-Urban banquet. They also have a ity group and were taken to Salhospital project under-way.

vation Army at Saginaw. Kalkaska County. Mrs. Nane A large lecture and slides of the reported that they had their most ife and living conditions in Pakirecent meeting with Dorothy stan was given by our farm youth Hendricks. Their township clerk, exchange student, Leonard Schmiege, who spent four months Jane Henderson, briefed them on township offices, voting machines, in West and East Pakistan. The District 8 meeting will be eligibility to vote and hold office. Thursday, April 16 at the Amer-Manistee County. The secre-

ciale Professor at Michigan State | ican Legion Hall in Mt. Pleasant. | tary, Mrs. Lehto, reported that | MICHIGAN FARM (Corner of Michigan and Oak St.) their committee met at V. F. W. April 1, 1959 Coffee heur will be at 9:15 a. m. Post, Bear Lake, and made a study

and the meeting will start prompt- of a driver training course. They day after our District Council ly at 10:00 a. m. Luncheon tickets made several committee appoint- meeting at the home of Mirs. Earl will be sold to first-comers as ments, made a cash donation to Lesher. The Rev. Mr. C. Holthrop long as they last. Speakers will the Mesick Lutheran Church in was a guest speaker and used the be Max Cochran, State Depart- memory of a loved member, Mrs. Easter season as his subject. ment of Public Instruction, and Otto Olsen, who was well known someone from the Farm Bureau to Farm Bureau members. An delegate, or a carload, at the State Seed Department, Mr. Cochran's announcement was made that Health Conference April 8. topic will be "How Michigan Sarah Clements, former chairman,

had a baby daughter.

Missaukee County will have a

Northwest Michigan, A joint meeting was held in March with Missaukee County. The meetthe Board of Directors. The ating of this group was held the (Continued on Page 6)



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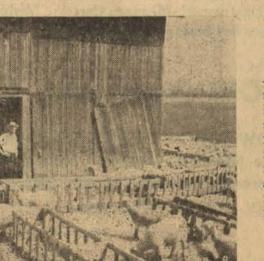
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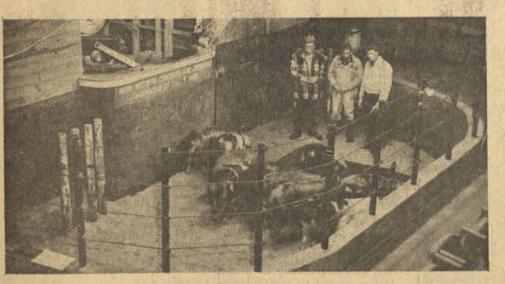
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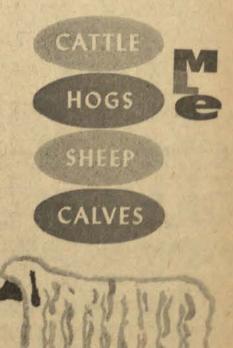


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FB Member Urges **Resource Tax**

source tax. According to experts we should have about the same amount of revenue from it as Minnesota. We have never had

According to the Minnesota re-Say something about it. Twe written the Governor and port, they have taken in over a billion dollars since 1915. \$55 million in 1955 was one of their best years.

on salt, oil, limestone, copper, proved it. Senator Minnema says iron ore, etc. We should have had a bill is on the way. a resource tax 55 years ago.

Such a tax hardly touches the Michigan citizen as outside interests own most of our resources. . March 26, 1959,

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hs far as I can find out, every state has such a tax except us, and what's more South America and Canada and the Middle East I have been studying the re- have a resource tax or similar set

A resource tax means a tax Sen, John Minnema. Both Demo-crats and Republicans have ap-

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be placed at 100% parity.

A study by the Department of Agriculture indicates the cost of such a plan to be from \$10 billion dollars to \$20 billion dollars per year.

Some time ago the AFBF urged that the out-dated parity formula be scrapped. A new price support formula should be based on a percentage of the immediately preceding years. The Michigan Farm Bureau has supported this plan. Secretary Benson recommended it to the Senate Agricultural Committee February 16.

In making this recommendation to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Secretary Benson said:

"Our agriculture is a dynamic changing industry undergoing a technological revolution which is irreversible. Most of agriculture is free of controls and attempts at price fixing at unrealistic levels. This part of agriculture is doing reasonably well. Its markets are expanding and production is kept in reasonable balance with demand.

"The present surplus situation in a very few crops gives ample evidence of the shortcomings of old laws that have not been adequately changed.

"We are deeply appreciative of the difficult legislative decisions with which this Committee is faced. We are anxious to be of assistance.

"We will supply promptly factual data available and the best judgments that can be had from the Department on any proposals.

"As the President has said to Congress, 'Continuation of the price support and production control programs in their present form would be intolerable

. . . The situation calls for prompt and forthright action.'"

Directors.

Membership Gains

Agents Win any other group. In Blitz **Days** Contest Cooperative president, thought

JERRY CORDREY **Coordinator** of Organization

of Women of Farm Bureau, Three days in March were thought that the Women could scheduled for some special mem- sign more than either of the other bership work. The time was set groups.

as a result of challenges issued by March 16 was designated as members of the State Board of Women's Day, March 18 as Direc-

Handshake Spans Progress **Of Farm Bureau Insurance**

tors Day, and March 20 as Agents Women of Farm Bureau February + in the First National Bank Building. Plans were made Day to demonstrate their abili-

County Roll Call Managers and County Secretaries were asked to referee the contest in terms of checking to see who worked each day and what results they achieved. They were also to send in a report at the end of the week indicating total results. . A total of 146 members were

enrolled in 34 counties by these groups: Insurance and Direct Distribu-

tion Agents (28 counties) - 96 members. County Board Members (16

counties) - 30 members. Women (10 Counties) -20 members. Huron and Saginaw County

Farm Bureaus tied for the most new members signed during the three days, - 14 each. Agents' winner was Huron with

Directors' winner was Saginaw with 7.

Women's winner was Ottawa with 5. We congratulate the counties that did such a good job, and

special drive days.

Rica, is said to be the only spot in Americas where both the Atlantic and Pacific may be seen from the same spot.



ties in signing new members. (Continued from Page 5)

> purpose and achievements of the program. women's committee. Mrs. Brewer

in the passing of Ruth Rehkpah, our former publicity chairman.

present, 2 absent. We have elected period was excellent. Miss Munson as County Chairman sale also a fresh foods sale in the children.

near future. Be ready with questions pertaining to school problems April

22 when Mr. Max Cochran will be our resource speaker.

District 11

Mrs. Ken Corey, Chairman Stephenson R-1 Chippewa County. Farm Bu-

thank all who took part in the reau Women's Committee met 6

to attend and serve refreshments tendance was very gratifying. A tion to be held February 17 at panel consisting of past district & P.M. A talk on paints and varchairmen discussed the beginning, nishes concluded the afternoon

Menominee County Farm Buentertained with humorous read- reau Women's Committee spon-

sored a county wide open meet-We recently suffered a great loss ing March 17 at the Stephenson Elementary School. Speaker was Don Kerns, Director of Child Guidance Clinic at Escanaba. Wexford County. The women Meeting produced many worth-met with Mrs. Whaley, 9 groups while comments and discussion while comments and discussion

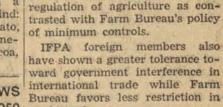
the years had been in substantial Lunch proceeds were given to conflict with those of the Farm and are making plans for a bake Menominee County's retarded Bureau.

South America

South America has given a number of plants to mankind: bean, pumpkin, squash, tomato, potato, peanut, sweet potato, pineapple, tapioca, tobacco, cocoa, rubber, quinine, and maize.

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

April 1, 1959 world trade.



AFBF Leaves

World Farm

Organization

President Charles B. Shuman of

the American Farm Eureau Fed-

eration on March 25 announced

the Farm Bureau's withdrawal

from its association with world

farm leaders in the IFPA, but that

IFPA principles and policies over

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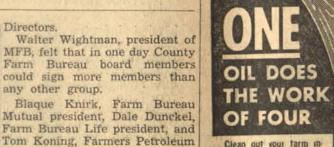
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More than 700 people gathered gram was Blaque Knirk, President at Kellogg Center on the M.S.U. of Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Campus Saturday evening, March Company. Appearing on the pro-14, to celebrate the 10th Anniver-gram were Walter Wightman, sary of Farm Bureau Insurance President of Michigan Farm Bu-

sary of Farm Bureau Insurance Companies of Michigan. Farm Bureau Mutual began oper-ations in 1949 writing automobile insurance for Michigan Farm Bu-au members. Farm Liability in-surance was added in 1950 and in 1951 Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company was started. Fire insur-ance was added to the line in 1954 in complete the insurance package

to complete the insurance package tended greetings from the State De-

offered by Farm Bureau. Attending the 10th Anniversary Celebration were state and county College of Business Administration, Farm Bureau leaders, Farm Bureau University of Cincinnati, was fea-Insurance agents, employees and tured speaker of the evening, special guests. More than 50 Farm Farm Bureau Insurance marked Bureau members who were respon-its 10th Anniversary with a total sible for starting the Farm Bureau of more than 116,000 policies in

Insurance program in 1949 were in force. Farm Bureau life has \$85,-attendance. 000,000 of life insurance in force The 10th Anniversary Program on the lives of more than 25,000 began with a special Statewide people. Farm Bureau Mutual in-Meeting of agents and wives Sat-urday afternoon. The celebration 15,000 farms with Farm Liability closed with a banquet followed by insurance, and has \$448,000,000 of a special program in the Big Ten fire and wind coverage on 18,000 and Centennial Rooms of Kellogg policies. The companies are repre-Center Saturday evening, sented by 180 agents covering the Chairman for the banquet pro- entire state of Michigan.

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With at least three weeks re- operate in order to make the maining in the present session of investment practical and safe. the Michigan Legislature for the

introduction of bills, it is probable that two proposals will be introduced having to do with the determination of the rights to the use of surface water in Michigan.

Associate Legislative Counsel

Water Use

Bills May

At the request of Senator Ed-At the request of Senator Ed-ward Hutchinson of Fennville, chairman of the Joint Legisla- Dairy Industry chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee studying water resources, Farm Bureau enlisted the help of representatives of other organizations interested in making better use of the available surface water.

Recommendations have been turned over to Senator Hutchinyear of 1958. son suggesting that legislation

might be adopted this year to authorize the trapping and ponding of diffused surface waters for use by the person providing the water storage.

not include milk processed in when the flow is in excess of the reasonable needs of the public Wisconsin. and down-stream riparian owners. It would permit the removal the U.P. goes into the manufac-ture of cheese-47.8% of the total. from streams, during periods of excess flow, of water to be used then, or later, for any reasonable purpose

The taking of such water would not be limited to riparian owners. Anyone having a legal right to reach the water would be permitted to pump and remove water from the stream, impound it and use it when needed. While these proposals would

not necessarily provide large a stream, is likely to want to irrigate his crops during the period when the stream flow is lowest. At this time there may not be

any water which is not needed by the down-stream users for rea-

uation by removing from the breeding. stream, during flood flow, water which is not needed down-stream

Plants carrying on this process

millions of dollars and the developers feel that they must be assured of sufficient water to

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Enactment of such a measure would give legal status to the present growing practice of construction of farm ponds for irrigation purposes.
The proposed bill would not be limited to agricultural uses. The recommendations also include the suggestion that legislation authorize the use of waters in treams when the flow is in excess of the
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Control of Chemical Poisons in Agriculture

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic For April

Background for Program in April by our 1654 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

DONALD D. KINSEY Coordinator of Education and Research

I was visiting with a fruit farmer in western Michigan. We had been talking about insecticides.

"I had some Mexicans helping me spray the cherry orchards last spring," said the farmer. "We were using parathion. I warned the man with the nozzle to be sure to wear his respirator. But when I wandered out there to see how he was getting along, darned if he didn't have his face uncovered and his mouth wide open!

"Then, two robins flew into the tree where he was working. They got caught in the spray. Before you could say 'Jack Robinson' those robins toppled to the ground. And that Mexican looked at me with eyes as big as saucers!

"Yes," I said, "Maybe you'll listen to me now when I tell you that stuff is poison!"

Benefit or Danger

them right, they can help you. But you have to keep them under control properly. Pesticides and weed-killers have become necessary tools to the farmer in fighting all sorts of threats to his crops.

Some agricultural chemicals are very poisonous. While it might take a half-teacup full of one his life out.

The farmer must use care to see that residues of the poisons do not remain on his marketed products to endanger public safety. Persons applying the poisons must be protected. Some of the new chemicals can be absorbed through the skin.

Dusts and sprays can drift on the wind. Possible damage can be done to other persons or to crops or livestock.

> Laws Alone - Not Enough

Laws are necessary to control

oratory. Here they now handle the most deadly substances yet known to man — and do it with relative safety. They just follow strict rules and check carefully to avoid accident.

The farm is not a laboratory and the poisons are not as deadly, but the same rules apply. Both kinds of materials can kill or in-

jure. Because farm poisons are used in the open, farmers need to be even more careful in handling and applying them.

Liability for Damage

Serious damage to others may involve the user in a damage suit. In such a case liability may hinge on a simple point. The question is "Has the user of the product containing the poison been negligent in such a way as to cause serious injury or damage to the complaining person?" If such negligence can be proved, a court decision is likely to go against the negligent person.

A court decision against a farmer could set him back on his heels financially for some time to come.

Control Laws

The first real concern about agricultural poisons dealt with dangerous. But all of the laws of the problem of residues which a century cannot overcome the were found in food products. The Poisons are like fire. If you use greatest source of danger -- Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act of 1938 sought to control this problem. But the methods were crude and means of checking meagre.

> Then the uses of pesticides spread rapidly and new forms began to appear on the market. Controls became necessary. The

were too great for public safety. In 1947, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act was passed. This required registration and proper labelling of these products.

The Miller Act (Public Law 518) was passed in July of 1954. This brought even more binding controls on the makers of the poisons. The special uses of the

Not Scare - But Care!

came a requirement. Safe containers were a "must." These laws screened "wild-

Discussion Topics

The State Discussion Topic Committee has established the following series of topics for the coming months:

- Control of Chemical Poisons in Agriculture. Apr.
- What Future Developments in the Farm May Bureau Program are Now Possible?
- Needed . . . A Powerful Push in Citizen-Jun. ship.
- Are We Doing Well in Welfare Progress Jul. in Michigan?
- Aug. What Can Farmers Hope to Gain by Being Organized as a Labor Union?

Attend your Community Farm Bureau each month and dis-

cuss these interesting subjects. Read background material

in the Michigan Farm News.

of the pesticides cost as much as

\$1.5 million to place on the mar-

ket. The operation was too cost-

ly to risk a failure through lack of

proper control effects. The manu-

Laws Affecting

Farmers

More recently laws which seek

the poisons or weed-killers

brought problems. High pressure

snap judgments. Better methods

been pretty well fenced in.

facturing side of the problem has

permitted by law.

The makers of the poisons set

1. Do you follow the directions up research laboratories to test for using the poisons and weedtheir products as to uses and killers with exactness and care? side-effects. Numerous trial pro-2. Are you careful to use the ducts had to be discarded. Many

common sense.

solutions in the strength as given in the directions? (The stronger the solution, the more poisonous t is.) 3. Do you always use protective

clothing or the proper respiratory mask as called for? (Some poisons may be breathed in or enter the mouth and be swallowed. Others can be absorbed through the skin.)

4. Do you keep children, other persons and animals away from to control farm users have begun the area where poisons are being appear. The effort to use la- mixed or used? (Poisons act acbor saving devices in applying cording to body weight. A child

7. Do you clean and store away carefully all clothing or shoes used in applying the poisons? 8. Do you clean and store

ground cloths, etc.?

grown person.)

dents?

equipment after use away from contact with persons and animals. 9. Do you know the proper antidote to the poison, and do you keep a handy supply of it on

hand and ready? 10. Do you spray or dust at

proper times to avoid the chance that residues may remain on your marketed products?

11. Are you careful to avoid having the chemicals carried on the wind to neighboring fields or farms?

12. Do you carefully check the methods being used by any hired help and correct any misuses? 13. If there is no label on the package, do you bury it or destroy it? You should. Why take a

dangerous chance? 14. Do you cover food and

water containers near the area where you are spraying or dusting?

15. Do you avoid smoking while using the poisons?

16. Do you wash your hands and face after spraying and dusting and before eating especially? 17. Note: If symptoms of illness

occur call a doctor or get the person to a hospital quickly-with information about the antidote available for the doctor.

If you do these things faithfully, you can handle your pesticides and weed-killers with comparative safety.

Questions

reacts to smaller amounts than a 1. Do you think that any new

legislation is needed in the con-**Future Farmers** 5. Do you store containers of trol of the uses of insecticides. **Honor Dan Reed** the poison concentrates away un- pesticides and weed killing Dan E. Reed, associate legislader lock and key to avoid accichemicals? If so, of what sort?

tive counsel for Michigan Farm 2. What sort of research do you Bureau, was one of 14 men think should be done in the areas awarded the Honorary State 6. Do you clean up and bury any spillage or empty cartons, of use or the effects of pesticides Farmer Degree by the State Future Farmers of America at and weed-killers?

No Snakes

their convention at Michigan State 3. As an exercise-have every-University March 25. The degree one check himself against the is given for outstanding service to list of "Sound Practices" as found the FFA organization. in the last part of the Michigan Farm News article,

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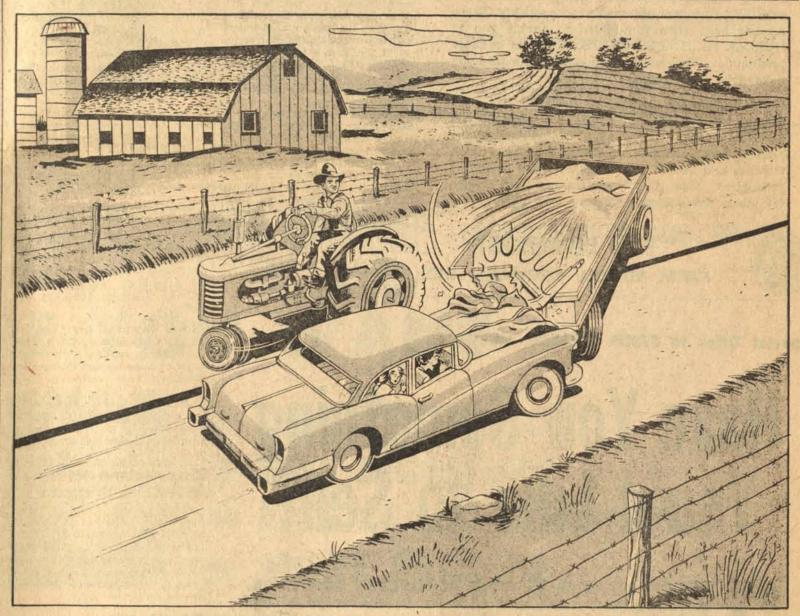
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directions strictly. Take a look at the atomic lab- to check and test those that were

Twenty-five years ago there industry could not be allowed to were few such requirements. As put these products on the market kind to kill a 150 pound man, a young man I can remember with a "free hand." The hazards

be permitted. Special instructions

Insecticides and weed killers do and warnings for the users benot need to be feared. But we should hold a healthy respect for them. This we do when we follow

cat" products off the market. States set up testing laboratories

may be needed rather than laws prohibiting the use of pesticides. A just law will not unnecessarily handicap one group of farmers in favor of another. Without the pesticides some farmers could not raise a marketable crop. But they might be required to use better control in methods of application.

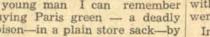
any substances which may be

human carelessness! Federal and State laws have multiplied. Manufacturers of Not too much came of it. poisons are required to put their products in proper containers.

They must have labels that give ngredients, special uses, warnngs and proper antidotes.

with some others a few drops of buying Paris green - a deadly the concentrated stuff could snuff poison-in a plain store sack-by the pound. I carried it home with

the groceries. No more of that! But the problem of the careless user remains. Many fail to read the directions carefully-or the user just forgets about them. Every case of accident, damage or death comes from improper use of the chemicals



Old Fashioned "

spray rigs appeared. The airplane broadcast sprays and dusts on crops. The danger of having the

poisons carried on the wind increased. New methods such as

chemicals must be listed. Undesirable side-effects were not to

these do call for greater caution by the users. But where new laws to control practices are considered they should be based on sound research studies rather than on



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Special Laws Are Requested

A special example of a control law affecting farmers is Senate Bill 1025. This has been introduced to committee in the 1959 legislative session in our state.

The writer holds no position with reference to this Bill-one way or another. It has been requested by Michigan grape growers. It asks that the Director of Agriculture be empowered to limit or prohibit the use of weedkilling chemicals of certain types in certain areas around the vineyards.

Here one group of farmers would limit another group. Such a law might be needed. But the facts should prove the cause of the damage first. Or, if the chemicals are proved to be the cause, controls on the methods of use may be necessary.

On matters of this sort the resolutions of the Farm Bureau delegates ask for more research before final legislation is pushed through.

Licensing Custom Workers?

Another Bill which may appear on the floor of the 1959 Legislature would call for the licensing of any person who applies dusts, sprays, etc. on a "for hire" basis.

It would exempt from licensing requirements any farmer who does his own dusting and spraying. Licenses would not be necessary for neighbors and friends who do this work on a cooperative basis or for accommodation.

Sound Practices Give **Best Control**

Laws are rules outside of the individual. The best control comes with the individual himself-from his own habits and his thinking. We can check up on our own practices to see whether they stand the test of safety and

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