We are Commencing to Win

President WALTER WIGHTMAN of Farmville re-elected president; Robert E. Smith of Bewleyville was re-elected vice-president of the Michigan Farm Bureau on November 11 by the Board of Directors following the annual meeting of the organization at University of Michigan November 9-10.

The Board of Directors re-elected these Directors for terms of two years:

District 1—Mac K. Hood, Paw Paw; District 3—Allen F. Rosch, Lake Orion; District 5—Dale Duncel, Williamston; District 7—Thomas E. Hahn, Rodney; District 11—Edmund Sager of Stephenson; District-at-large, Walter W. Wightman of Farmville; representing Women of Michigan Farm Bureau, Miss. Alice Kennedy of Pontiac. District 9—Eugene Roberts of Lake City was elected to two years of Traverse City.

David Gil of Hillsdale was elected to the Board to represent Young People of Farm Bureau.

The Farm Bureau advised the 72,677 members in Michigan Farm Bureau to work together 572 selling depot farmers sold goods to 1,637 customers. This effort to represent the membership is greatly appreciated.

One hundred members in each county are set aside and are responsible for the department's educational efforts.

The Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors recommended that an additional cent be added to the producer cost of the state dairy insurance policies. It has an important influence throughout the state on the price for these commodities.

The Board of Directors requested that the Board of Directors be elected for service.

To attend AFBT Meet at Chicago

Michigan Farm Bureau will be well represented at the 91st annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation at Chicago December 12 to 17. The voting delegates from Michigan will join 1,000 more representatives from Farm Bureau county organizations, including the students, in the conference and convention.

The delegates to attend the conference are:

Walt Wightman, President; Robert Smith, Vice President; Edmund Sager; Eugene Roberts.

Voting delegates are:

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Sample Copies of Michigan Farm News

For the December 1, 1959 edition, we are pleased to serve our readers with editorial, news, and other articles of interest. This edition includes coverage of the 71st annual meeting of the Farm Bureau and other relevant topics.

Opportunities for New Members

Workers Want to Invite Every Farmer Who is Not a Member to Join and Share the Benefits

Several thousand men and women will carry the invitation to Farm Bureau membership to farmers in the 1960 Roll Call starting January 4.

The state goal is 72,927 family members.

They were not going to let themselves be caught in the coming season in the Lower Peninsula.

1. Securing new memberships.

2. Renewing the last of the old memberships.

The Upper Peninsula Roll Call was conducted in October about the remaining memberships.

Some 6,000 new memberships will be sought this year. Over 4,000 new memberships have been signed since August 31. About 72,000 memberships had been renewed for 1960 as of November 25.

We urge every member to cooperate in the renewal of memberships in the November and December, December. Mail your dues to your County Farm Bureau secretary.

Roll Call managers, assistants, and teams are getting ready. Roll Call managers and assistants have a school on organization work. Workers will be giving schools in December. Roll Call managers will meet together at Michigan State University for luncheon Monday, December 28.

Why do people join the Farm Bureau? Most members say they joined because someone invited them to join.

They join for certain benefits available through membership in Farm Bureau.

Farm Bureau, 50,000 families in Farm Bureau have Blue Cross-Blue Shield prepaid hospital-medical-surgical service on the group plan through Farm Bureau. The group plan provides for lower benefits and more limited contracts more than does the individual contract for Blue Cross-Blue Shield.

Farm Bureau owns 61,000 automobiles and trucks and the automobiles and trucks at cost through the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company. Many extra coverages have been added to this policy without further charge. In 1959 The Company declared a savings dividend of 10% to policyholders.

Farmers Petroleum Cooperative will distribute all of their fuel oil. This is a distribution program that was created for 1959 to Farm Bureau member patrons who are in its Direct Distribution program.

Michigan Farm Bureau, Inc., provides high quality fertilizers, seeds, foods, and other farm supplies. It has an important influence throughout the state on the price for these commodities.

Search Continues For Tax Agreement

STANLEY M. POWELL, Legislative Council, Michigan's legislators are fighting for an agreement with Washington to obtain elimination of additional tax revenue from the federal government.

The agreement would result in the elimination of tax revenue from the federal government. If an agreement is reached, the state would save a considerable amount of money.
President's Column

Who's Eligible For the Farm Bureau

Farmers, and other persons interested in agriculture, are eligible for membership in the American Farm Bureau Federation. Membership is open to all, regardless of political affiliations or economic status. The purpose of the Farm Bureau is to represent the interests of farmers and to promote the economic well-being of agriculture. Membership is essential to the success of the Farm Bureau in accomplishing its objectives.

Members

Section I. Membership Qualifications
(1) Only persons engaged in the production, sale, or distribution of agricultural products, including farm foresters and farm workers, are eligible for membership in this association.

Section II. Membership
An association shall be a Family Membership if it is made up of a head of the household and his or her immediate family members. If a head of household is temporarily away from home, the Family Membership shall be maintained by the person at home. If a head of household is temporarily at home, the Family Membership shall be maintained by the person away from home. The head of household must be the person responsible for the management of the household. The head of household must be an adult, and the immediate family members must be related by blood or marriage to the head of household.

Sections of the Farm Bureau

Class I. Other persons who have made a special contribution to the objectives of the Farm Bureau are eligible for membership in this association. These persons may be appointed by the board of directors upon approval of their applications. The appointments shall be for a period of one year, which may be renewed.

Class II. Full-time employees of the Farm Bureau association, or of affiliated organizations, who are employees of the Farm Bureau association, or of affiliated organizations, shall be eligible for membership in this association.

Class III. Associate Members

The Farm Bureau Insurance Company has a program of registering the insurance agents who are members of the Farm Bureau. The program is designed to provide a source of revenue for the Farm Bureau and to increase the number of members. The program is open to all insurance agents who are members of the Farm Bureau and who are registered in the program. The program is administered by the Farm Bureau Insurance Company.

Quality Counts

Add More MILKMAKING POWER to your
Home-Grown Grain with Farm Bureau Dairy Feeds

Increase your dairy profits by adding Farm Bureau Milkmaker or other dairy feeds to your grains. These supplements supply the essential proteins, vitamins and minerals that your herd needs for top performance. Add to your profits. Feed a palatable, nutritious mix made with your everyday grains today.

FARM BUREAU SERVICES, Inc.
4000 N. Grand River
Lansing, Michigan

A national organization in search of national membership growth. Add your Farm Bureau Dairy Feeds to your program now.
join

FARM BUREAU

The world's largest farm organization... MEETING TOMORROW'S FARM PROBLEMS!

Proud of the Past . . . . . Confident of the Future

Farm Bureau has . . .

- Protected the legislative voice of rural Michigan by fighting for fair representation in our Legislature.
- Gained for farmers exemption on fuel taxes where fuels are used in field work (both State and Federal).
- Continued to fight for farmer exemption on the Sales Tax on farm production supplies.
- Fought through laws to bring farmers true value in the quality of feeds and seeds.
- Gained a special low-cost rate on farm truck and pick-up licenses.
- Placed Michigan in high quality standards in fertilizers—high food content per ton.
- Made available insurance at cost, tailored to fit the farmer's needs.

Farm Bureau assures that . . .

- You will have a voice in your local, state and national affairs.
- You and your family are eligible for complete Blue Cross and Blue Shield coverage.
- You may apply for low-cost insurance protection.
- You will find quality advantages and savings in Farm Bureau supplies and petroleum products.
- You will be welcomed by your Farm Bureau neighbors.

We need every farmer behind a CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAM for Michigan agriculture

We invite you to join hands with your neighbors in your County in solving the new and increasing problems of Agriculture

ROLL CALL JANUARY 4-9
HURRY, SCURRY CHRISTMAS!

What presents to purchase, parties to plan, good things to bake and decorations to put up! All the rhythm of the life steps up around Christmas.

At a crowd time like this, what a joy to have the telephone for the time it saves, and for the way it gets things done.

We hope that your Christmas is going to be one of the best and we ever wish you all the help to make it the Merry Christmas.

MICHIGAN HILL TELEPHONE COMPANY

United States, Mrs. Donald Forshee, President, Mrs. Galen Morehouse, First Vice President, Mrs. C. W. W. Pray, Second Vice President, Mrs. Marjorie Blasnik, Treasurer, Mrs. Lois Miller, Secretary.

District 1

Mrs. Anne Finlay, Chairman

Aberdeen County Women’s Committee met at the Aberdeen County Hospital again this year. Miss classroom was packed and everyone was happy.

Mrs. Bruce Morehouse, President of the Aberdeen County Hospital in charge of the program, gave a report on the various projects the hospital is engaged in, including social services, and the various hospitals in the county.

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District 2

Mrs. Louis Brown, Chairman

Branch County Women’s Committee met at the Branch County Hospital. The hospital was packed and everyone was happy.

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District 3

Mrs. Arthur Knapp, Chairman

Clinton County Women’s Committee held a meeting at the Clinton County Hospital. The hospital was packed and everyone was happy.

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Mrs. Beulah E. Kihl, Chairman

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Mrs. B. H. Brown, Chairman

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District 6

Mrs. Bennett, Chairman

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District 7

Mrs. G. S. Beal, Chairman

Franklin County Women’s Committee held a meeting at the Franklin County Hospital. The hospital was packed and everyone was happy.

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Mrs. Ralph Strobel, Chairman

Genesee County Women’s Committee held a meeting at the Genesee County Hospital. The hospital was packed and everyone was happy.

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To Farm Bureau Members:

I wish that somehow it would be possible for me to visit with each of you personally. If it were possible, I would explain exactly what this Farm Bureau Oil Company has done since it started—and more important what we can do for you. For example:

First let's take Quality. Just five years ago, total dollar sales were $4,500,000. This past year it was over $7,716,000. This is an increase of over 60 percent. Surely no company could compile such an impressive sales growth unless its products stand up to the highest quality specifications.

How about Service? I am sure you will agree with me that while quality products were necessary to achieve the above growth, service was also a great factor. Dependable, friendly, service I mean. The above sales growth does not only imply quality and service, but it is testimony that Farmers Petroleum sells good products and gives good service.

Savings? Certainly. Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc. is in the process now of distributing over $293,000 in cash patronage refunds to its stockholders. Each year since it was organized, cash patronage refunds have been made. This year they are the highest yet. The continued rise in farm operation costs is not news to you. However cutting the cost is always good news. Farm Bureau through its subsidiary—Farmers Petroleum—can cut your petroleum costs.

Service, Quality, and Savings. Aren't these what you are interested in? It is exactly what this cooperative can offer you. How about it? May Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc. serve you?

Sincerely,

FARMERS PETROLEUM COOPERATIVE, INC.

Thomas Koning, President

P.S. I would be most happy to send you a copy of Farmers Petroleum's current Annual Report which contains in detail this year's operations, at your request.
Farm Bureau's Resolutions on State Affairs

They Outline the Program for 1960

We present the resolutions on state affairs adopted at the 46th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau at East Lansing, Nov. 9-10, 1959. The resolutions are Farm Bureau policy and program for 1960.

Resolutions were also adopted on national affairs. They become recommendations to the American Farm Bureau resolutions committee and to voting delegates representing Michigan at the AFBF convention to be held at Chicago, Dec. 14-17.

The resolutions approved by the AFBF convention become Michigan Farm Bureau's policy on national matters.

We expect that this text of the national resolutions will appear in your copy of the Nation's Agriculture

Date January 1.

Another section of the MFB resolutions deals with resolutions for the good of the Michigan Farm Bureau organization. The News to publish them soon. Here are the resolutions on state affairs:

State Constitution

For the reasons stated in detail in the resolutions, we stand for the proposition of carrying out a general revision of our State constitution. We feel that nothing guarantees your present success to the writers of the new Constitution. Especially for many intelligent and dedicated men who believe the people cost money. Once a man opt by the voters in ment including the State constitution. We call for a revision.

In view of the fact that dairy-producers are having a particularly difficult time, we would base supports on a percentage of the average market levels of the previous three years. This would replace the antiquated parity formula now in use.

This was one of 111 resolutions acted upon by the delegates from 71 County Farm Bureaus. Two deliberations on the great array of issues constituted a comprehensive forum on Michigan farm viewpoints and interests. They demonstrated a high level of understanding and activity in our Community and County Farm Bureaus.

Most of the policies adopted had their origin in the local units of the Farm Bureaus. As I witnessed the well-coordinated procedures with every delegate having an opportunity to be heard, I was prompted to compare it with conventions of the earlier years.

This brought to mind the great changes through which the Michigan Farm Bureau had lived during the last 40 years. It has endured and grown to its present state! of efficiency, we believe there is a need for the voluntary association of farmers to retain strength to the rest of the world. We commend the members of the AFBF and AFBF Resolutions on State Affairs.

Michigan Farm Bureau Women constitute one of the greatest elements of strength and permanency in the organization. Michigan Farm Bureau Young People, likewise, are making their contribution in training future leaders. Vice-President Robert Smith is an alum

The strength of farm people to solve their problems during the past 40 years, through Farm Bureau councils, has developed their organization into the Michigan Farm Bureau.

The spirit of this effort was well voiced by Dr. Kenneth Wells, President of Freedom Foundation, in his address to 1,400 Farm Bureau Women at a recent meeting of the Eastern Flint and Flushing Women's Clubs.

"When government becomes the master, freedom dies."

We urge that the State and local Farm Bureau Women to become more active in organizing and developing their organizations. We call for a revision of the State Constitution. We urge that the State and local Farm Bureau Women to become more active in organizing and developing their organizations.

The Michigan Farm Bureau Women have a responsibility to the state and nation. We urge that the State and local Farm Bureau Women to become more active in organizing and developing their organizations.

Many farmers are finding their farms as complete as a result of the programs to which they have been committed. With this in mind, we believe that the gross allowance be calculated with an expanding basis rather than a fixed amount.

Our proposal to change the structure of the sale of land in the State of is that of becoming more flexible. It is proposed that the present basis be changed from a uniform basis to an individual basis. This would remove the burden of excessive amounts of money from real estate transactions.

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We urge that this proposal be considered seriously and be passed on to the legislature. We believe that the gross allowance be calculated with an expanding basis rather than a fixed amount.

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We are aware of the great potential of the County Farm Bureaus, and we believe that the gross allowance be calculated with an expanding basis rather than a fixed amount.

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Farm Bureau Market Place

Try A 25 Word Classified Ad for $1

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

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Special Offer to Farm Bureau Members

Have You Something You'd Like to Sell?

$1 will present up to 25 words of classified advertising, including your name and address, in one issue of the Michigan Farm News. It is read by 356,000 members of the Michigan Farm Bureau. This bargain is less than half our regular classified advertising rate.

Please send your classified by December 15 for the January 1 edition. Extra words over 25 at 5 cents each. Figures like $12.50 or $12,83, count as one word. See Ads for classifications.

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Right often I hear someone say, "Why, just about everyone is against inflation!"

"Wishing & thinking will not to close a look?"

Lots of folks are against the rising cost of living. They know how to the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker — the farmers. But the fact is, — rising prices are a result rather than the cause of inflation.

Very often, the same people who protest against rising prices are the same ones guilty of boosting inflation itself. If you ask, "How can that be?"

I will admit that it is a fair question. But stating the truth may hurt. You may be one of those guilty and not realize it. This is so because the real causes of inflation lie beneath the surface of modern American living. An iceberg floats in the water. The mass of its bulk is below the surface and cannot be seen. Inflation is like an iceberg. All you see are the rising prices. You do not see what makes prices continue to mount upward.

Price Controls No Remedy. Since prices are only the result — and not the root causes of inflation, government price fixing does not cure the condition. You cannot get rid of a cold by taking aspirin. You just feel better for a while. To cure the cold, you have to get the virus back. This is the same with using price controls to stop inflation. Getting rid of the symptoms won't do any good.

In fact, price controls can turn into the selfsame system of rationing, do nothing to the rising costs of operation. Restrictions then turn into a low price on the surface and may not go bankrupt. Governments have found out how this works! Intentionally or unintentionally, they do things to bring it on themselves.

The United States has become a nation of volume protest groups. Pressure groups exist in each state for the protection of the nation and its future. Over the years, these groups have become larger, more efficient, and more organized. These groups include labor unions, farmers, teachers, business leaders, and many more forms of local government from villages to cities, in which they all have their pressure groups.