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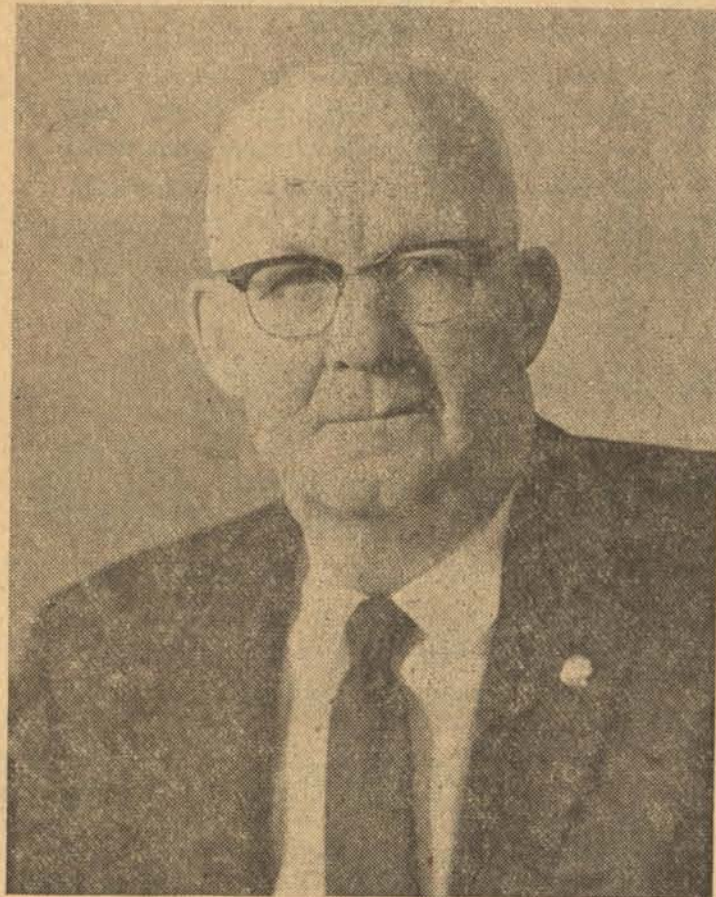
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Wightman Urges Goal on or Before Feb. 6

EDITORIAL

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Howard F. Simmons Retires

Over 300 members of the Michigan Milk Producers Association and their wives met at Kellogg Center at Michigan State University January 7 to honor Mr. and Mrs. Howard F. Simmons upon his retirement as secretary-manager of the Association.

It was an inspiring experience to witness this demonstration of the regard the members of MMPA have for Mr. Simmons. He served them for over 34 years,—beginning as a butterfat tester in 1925, later as field representative, director of field service, and was appointed secretary-manager in 1941.

Howard and Mrs. Simmons well deserve the honor conferred upon them. His faithful service over this long period of tremendous changes in the dairy industry has demonstrated the essential importance of high character and ability in farm organization.

His vision, courage, integrity and industry have become woven into the fabric of the Michigan Milk Producers Association.

He and President Glenn Lake have preserved the unbroken line of able leaders who have guided the Association since I witnessed its formation at the court house at Howell 43 years ago.

Howard has protected and developed the interests of producers in bargaining effectively with the distributors. He has served producers' interests well in dealing with the dairy workers' unions in the plants and on the trucks of the Association.

The absence of strikes speaks for his spirit of fairness while serving producer interests in labor relations. He has dealt courageously and effectively with demagogic promoters in their attempts to incite milk producers into strikes and violence.

President Lake said:

"Rising from the ranks, Howard F. Simmons became a most able administrator and a top-notch co-op manager. He earned national recognition as a milk marketing authority.

"He held unyieldingly to the high principles that his beliefs dictated. He never traded long-term solutions for expediencies. His kind of determination returned untold thousands of dollars to dairy farmers who were his first concern.

"He steadfastly refused to take credit for his achievements, on the basis that the success of any group is the result of cooperation of many."

President Lake spoke of Mr. Simmons influence on state and national dairy affairs. He served eight years on the board of the National Milk Producers Association, and eight years on the National Dairy Council. He has been a member of the board of directors of the Allied Dairy Association, the Detroit Dairy Council, and was a leader in the organization of the Michigan Dairy Farmers Federation. He is a member of the Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation at Michigan State University.

It was my privilege to be associated with him in the organization of the Michigan Association of

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and REACH OUR GOAL!

LET'S PULL TOGETHER

To All Members of Farm Bureau:

Membership provides strength for your Farm Bureau. It is for the membership that all Farm Bureau programs are built.

February 6 is the date we set as "Goal Day." On or before that date we urge every County Farm Bureau to make an all-out effort to obtain its county goal, or help the rest of us make the State goal of 72,387. We urge every member to cooperate in this final drive to reach our goal for 1959.

In times like these it is good to know that farmers have at their service a Farm Bureau dedicated to advancing and protecting farmers' interests and freedoms.

Eleven years of continuous growth in membership is the evidence that farmers are determined to speak for themselves through Farm Bureau.

Let's continue to build! Let's sign the needed 3,100 members on or before February 6, and be the first State in the Nation to make our goal. We thank you for your help.

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All Out Drive for 3,100 Members

Farm Bureau President Tells Workers They Have Enrolled 3,000 in a Day Many Times in Their Campaigns

WALTER W. WIGHTMAN
President of Michigan Farm Bureau

I am proclaiming February 6 as Farm Bureau Membership Goal Day for all of us.

We need 3,100 more members to reach our goal of 72,387 for 1959. We have enrolled 3,000 members in one day many times in our membership campaigns.

We can get 3,100 members by February 6. There are many times that number who could be members of Farm Bureau.

There are probably a thousand or more of our friends who haven't renewed their membership by mail and haven't been reached yet by membership workers. If you know one of these persons, ask him to renew his Farm Bureau membership for 1959.

We have enrolled 69,277 families, and that includes 4,185 new members. We believe another membership effort will put us over goal by February 6.

Ten County Farm Bureaus are over goal now. They have been invited to take part in this drive.

Every Farm Bureau member is invited to use the Membership Application on page 7 of the Michigan Farm News to enroll a member.

We have very good prospects for being the first State Farm Bureau in the nation to make our goal for 1959. All we need to do is get 3,100 more members . . . either new or renewals.

I invite every Farm Bureau membership worker and every individual member to help finish the 1959 membership campaign by Friday, February 6.

Thank you for your help.

COUNTIES OVER GOAL

	Number Over Goal		Number Over Goal		Number Over Goal
Washtenaw	17	Mason	2	Presque Isle	2
Van Buren	16	Livingston	1	Clare	0
Mack-Luce	10	Tuscola	1	Montmorency	0
				NW Michigan	0

Need up to 25 for Goal

Otsego	6	Iosco	13	Emmet	20
Gladwin	8	Kalkaska	15	Ogemaw	21
Missaukee	8	Chippewa	17	Alcona	22
Baraga	9	Arenac	19	Wexford	24
Benzie	12	Cheboygan	20	Oakland	25

Need 26 to 50

Alpena	26	Shiawassee	33	Oceana	41
Lenawee	29	Antrim	39	Genesee	42
Delta	31	Charlevoix	39	Houghton	42
Ionia	31	Clinton	39	Osceola	43
Marquette-Alger	32	Cass	40	Menominee	49

Need 51 to 75

Newaygo	54	Hillsdale	59	Bay	62
Sanilac	54	Manistee	59	Barry	63
Kalamazoo	56	Muskegon	59	Branch	65
Lapeer	57	Saginaw	60	Montcalm	65
Gratiot	59	Wayne	60	Ottawa	73

Need 76 to 100

Isabella	78	St. Joseph	84	Eaton	91
Jackson	83	Ingham	86	Monroe	100
Midland	84				

Need 101 to 150

Macomb	108	Berrien	118	Allegan	146
Huron	110	Calhoun	125	Mecosta	147
Kent	111	St. Clair	129		

Farmers Week Dairy Programs on WKAR

Feb. 3, Tuesday: 10:00 to 11:30; 1:30 to 3:30; and 3:30 to 4:30. Monday night dairy banquet speaker.

Feb. 4, Wednesday: 10:00 to 11:45; 1:30 to 3:30.

Feb. 5, Thursday: 10:00 to 11:40; 1:30 to 3:30.

Feb. 6, Friday: 2:00 to 3:00.

Deficits, New Taxes, Partisan Politics Dominate Legislature

STANLEY M. POWELL

Legislative Counsel for Michigan Farm Bureau

Deficits, new taxes and partisan politics dominate the opening days of the 1959 session of the Legislature.

Revenue from existing taxes is falling behind estimates by about \$50,000,000 for the current year, which began on July 1, 1958. The State's General Fund deficit on that date was \$21,150,628. That situation is getting worse daily.

The new Legislature is confronted with demands for emergency appropriations. Welfare authorities estimate that it will take about \$15,000,000 of additional State money for the year ending June 30. To make the State-Aid formula for the public schools pay out in full will require a deficiency appropriation of between \$25 and \$30 millions. Bills providing for that additional school aid were introduced early in the session. They are S. 1003 and H. 1.



Finish the Job

WALTER WIGHTMAN, president of Michigan Farm Bureau, has called upon every member of Michigan Farm Bureau, membership by February 6. This is part of our effort to get 3,100 members and reach our goal of 72,387 members for 1959.

This Edition 73,449 copies of the Michigan Farm News were mailed to subscribers.

Canada

Canada is larger than the United States, yet has only about as many people as New York State.

Payments of State-Aid to schools have been lagging. Local schools have borrowed over \$50,000,000 to take care of their current operations.

The monthly payments of the State appropriations for the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Wayne State University were discontinued two or three months ago. U. of M. and M. S. U. have been borrowing money for operating expenses, but legal and financial authorities announced January 27

that they have exhausted their credit.

These borrowings by the schools and universities will involve heavy interest charges which the taxpayers must eventually meet.

The Governor's budget recom-

mendations for the coming year total about \$447,800,000, of which about \$423,900,000 would be for current operations, leaving \$23,900,000 to apply on the reduction of the deficit.

He estimates that existing tax sources might bring in about \$307,800,000, leaving \$140 million which would have to be raised by new taxes.

He also recommended a \$150 million bond issue, to be used to finance capital outlay projects, such as construction and equipping of new State buildings.

What position Michigan Farm Bureau will ultimately take on these controversial issues has not been completely determined as yet. The MFB Legislative Committee and Board of Directors have been giving careful thought to these matters. The Board of Directors met at Lansing January 23 and unanimously approved a statement regarding State finances. See page 7 of this issue of the Michigan Farm News.

Constitutional Convention. The MFB voiced opposition to HJR B, a proposed constitutional amendment to make it easier to call a constitutional convention in Michigan.

This proposal was introduced by Representatives Conlin, Whinery, Boyer, Strange, Roberts and Arnett. It would reduce the vote required for calling a Con-Con from a majority of those participating in the election to a majority of those voting on that

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

Michigan Farm Bureau

President W. W. Wightman, Fenwick. V. Pres. L. E. Smith, Ploverville. Sec'y N. D. Eastman, Lansing.



Dear Valentine

Take all my heart, Dear Valentine, Companion of my days, To you my soul for comfort turns

My love is simple. It delights In quiet serious things, Those gentle thoughts and gentle words

The calm sweet joys of wedded hearts Are ours in fullest measure, Your love for me and mine for you

With all my heart, Dear Valentine, I court your tender smile With all of good that in me dwells

R. S. Clark (2-1-54)

Deficits Dominate The Legislature

(Continued from Page 1) particular question.

The figures regarding the vote on the Con-Con issue at the November 1958 election will show how important this little change would be.

On the Con-Con proposal there were 821,282 YES votes and 608,365 NO votes. This makes a total of 1,429,647 votes on the Con-Con question.

There were a total of 2,341,829 votes cast in this election. Under present provisions, 1,170,915 YES votes would have been required to provide for holding a constitutional convention.

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Farm Message. It is expected that Governor Williams may submit a farm message to the Legislature later on. In his general message, delivered to a joint meeting of the Senators and Representatives, there was only one sentence which was of strictly farm significance.

He declared, "We have the opportunity to make the name 'Michigan' stand for quality farm products throughout the Nation by enacting an agricultural 'Seal of Quality' program."

Some of us may live long enough to see such a bill passed. It might happen this year. It has been endorsed by both political parties, all of Michigan's general farm organizations, and by several of the commodity groups which might use it to advantage.

As far as I know, there is no definite opposition to it at the present time, except from a few Republicans who still regard it as too much of a pet of the Governor.

Dog Law Proposal. Another very controversial issue was raised early in the session when Representatives Mielock, Boyer and Raap introduced H. 2 which proposes changes in the law relative to shooting stray dogs by landowners or occupants.

Sponsors of the new bill give assurance that the right of any farmer raising livestock or poultry to protect his property would not be reduced by the new provisions.

This will be a bill which should be studied carefully by rural people and watched very closely during the entire process of its legislative consideration.

There are plenty of individuals and organizations that would like the dog law changed in ways which would be very detrimental to Michigan's farmers.

Recovery Act. Another old issue came up again when Senator Philip Rahoi, of Iron Mountain, introduced S. 1017, which would repeal what he calls "the old age lien law."

This might more properly be termed "the recovery act" which permits the State, if it wishes to do so, to recover from the estate of a deceased old age pensioner all or part of what had been advanced.

Experience has shown that this recovery act has reduced old age pension demands. Repeal of the act has been repeatedly and consistently opposed by the Michigan Farm Bureau.

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Today in Farm Bureau

JERRY CORDREY Coordinator of Organization for Michigan Farm Bureau GOAL BY FEBRUARY 6! This date has been proclaimed by President Walter Wightman as the time when we should have our 1959 goal of 72,387.

We already have a total of 69,277 of which 4,186 are new members. This is 96% of goal. We need only 3,100 to finish the job.

The success of this drive depends on you. Will you make an effort to sign one member before February 6?

January was busy in Farm Bureau. In addition to the membership drive, the legislative program for 1959 was launched. The Legislature convened on January 14.

Policy information meetings were held Jan. 21 at Lansing and Jan. 23 at Gaylord. These meetings were a review of the American Farm Bureau Federation policies for 1959, and some of the issues facing us.

The meetings were attended by Legislative Committees, County Presidents, and Citizenship Committee Chairmen. Similar county meetings will be held in the near future for members and Citizenship Committee members.

In addition to membership and legislative activities, we had district meetings to discuss the proposal to open fire insurance to non-members.

Activities in February will continue at the present pace. The main tasks will be: 1. An all-out effort to pass our membership goal of 72,387 by February 6.

2. A special delegate meeting February 11 to discuss and decide 3 organization matters.

A. The future financing and programming of Farm Bureau. B. The proposal to open fire insurance to non-members.

C. The number of county delegates for future annual meetings of Michigan Farm Bureau.

3. The start of a Farm Bureau Services' stock and debenture sales campaign.

4. A state-wide Farm Bureau Young People's officers training meeting, and Spring Party on February 21 at Michigan State University.

5. Farm Bureau Insurance Annual Meetings on February 24 and 25.

- Feb. 19—South East Region. Feb. 24—North East and North West Region. Feb. 25—Thumb Region.

7. Blue Cross re-opening meetings will be held in every county during February. These meetings are for the purpose of discussing enrollment procedures and training Township Service Chairmen before the annual re-opening of Blue Cross which will take place in March.

At that time members who were paid up for 1959 by January 15 are eligible to enroll or to change their contracts.

As you can see, there are many activities going on so it's imperative that we finish our "chores."

It must be done before our other Farm Bureau work can be given full attention. Let's all get out and push on or before February 6, and be the first state in the nation over goal.

He Struck Out 1,330 Times

He struck out 1330 times, a record in utility unapproached by any other player in the history of baseball. That means striking out once a game for something like a nine-year stretch.

In baseball there is nothing more negative, useless and unsuccessful than striking out—yet the man who compiled this awful record of failure is always thought of as the greatest ball player of all times.

He was Babe Ruth. The booming noise from his bat that accounted for some 700 home runs completely obliterated the 1330 times he made the futile swishing sound.

The bright sound of success always wipes out the rasps of failure.—Harold Helfer.

Few good ideas live long unless they are put to work.

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Farmer Cooperatives.

Mrs. Simmons was presented with a fine oil portrait of her husband, and Howard was presented with a gold watch as tokens of the high esteem in which they are held.

What Mr. and Mrs. Simmons appreciated most highly was a \$6,000 fund to be recorded in his name in the Dairy Memorial Scholarship Fund at Michigan State University.

This will be invested along with other scholarship grants, and its earnings will provide scholarships for worthy dairy students through future years. The list of other distinguished dairy leaders on the plaque name of Howard F. Simmons will be added to the in Anthony Hall.

Mr. Simmons is continuing as a milk producer on his farm near Ortonville in Genesee county. He has left the management of the Michigan Milk Producers Association in good hands with Jack W. Barnes as his successor.

Truly, the Michigan Milk Producers Association provides a great service to the farmers of the state and nation, and Howard Simmons has had an important part in advancing its usefulness.

Insurance Makes Two Changes in Field Force



MARVIN RORICK

Two changes in the Farm Bureau Insurance sales organization have been announced by Ivan Allison, sales manager for Farm Bureau Mutual and Farm Bureau Life Insurance Companies.

Marvin Rorick, formerly area sales manager in the southwest area, has been appointed to fill the newly created position of field sales supervisor.

Earl Haight, formerly an agent in St. Joseph county, has been named to succeed Rorick as area sales manager in the southwest area.

In his new position, Mr. Rorick will be responsible for all field sales activities and will have direct supervision over the five area sales managers in the state.



EARL HAIGHT

appointed area sales manager for the southwest area in January of 1955 and served in that capacity until being named to fill the new position of field sales supervisor.

A 1949 graduate of Michigan State University, Mr. Rorick was a vocational agriculture instructor at Saline and Hesperia prior to entering the insurance business with Farm Bureau in 1953.

Earl Haight is a graduate of Michigan State University and taught vocational agriculture for eight years before joining Farm Bureau Insurance as an agent in May, 1958. He is married and has three children.



Your telephone doesn't mind the cold

A cold, snowy winter day can just about stop everything. It's bad enough to have to go outside; even worse to try to drive over hazardous, snow-covered roads.

But your telephone is hard to stop. It isn't bothered by frostbite, and snowdrifts can't slow its speed. With it you can order supplies from town, make or change your plans, keep in touch with family and friends near or far—all from the cozy comfort of your easy chair.

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Find out what your land needs to grow the crops you want. Pick up a supply of the FREE soil sample bags at your Farm Bureau dealer and follow the simple instructions . . . it will pay you.

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FARM BUREAU SERVICES, INC.

Michigan Certified Seed Handbook

Michigan Crop Improvement Association has published a handbook on certified field seeds for 1959.

The book describes fully the varieties of wheat, rye, barley, oats, corn, Soy beans, field beans, clover, birdsfoot, trefoil, and potatoes that have been certified by the Michigan Crop Improvement Ass'n for use in Michigan.

Farmers may have a copy of the book from county agricultural agents, elevators, and seed dealers, or by writing to Michigan Crop Improvement Association, Michigan State University, East Lansing.

Michigan Crop Improvement Ass'n is an organization of Michigan farmers and others interested in the development, production, and distribution of high quality seed of superior field crop varieties.

The crop varieties for which certified seed is available have been recommended by Michigan State University after extensive laboratory and field tests of ability for market quality, yielding crop, disease and insect resistance.

Before certification each variety was field inspected by Crop Improvement Ass'n representatives, followed by an inspection of the cleaned seed after harvest.

This program guarantees farmers varietal purity, freedom from weed seeds, excellent germination, and proper grading of the seed they buy.

Only seed carrying the official certification tag of the Michigan Crop Improvement Association should be accepted as Michigan certified seed.



Proposed Camp Kett 4-H Training Center

Farm Bureau To Help Build 4-H Center

Plans for a stepped-up program for leadership training of volunteer 4-H and other youth leaders took a big step forward January 23. The Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors endorsed a program among its members and affiliates to finance a dormitory unit at Camp Kett, on Center Lake in Osceola county.

The Farm Bureau dormitory will be financed from projects undertaken by Women's Committees of the County Farm Bureaus, units of Young People of the Farm Bureau, Community and County Farm Bureaus, and affiliates of Farm Bureau. Such projects have raised \$1,400 so far. The Camp Kett 4-H training center will cost a \$300,000

development on a 140 acre tract at Center Lake being developed by the 4-H Club Foundation. It will accommodate up to 150 persons and will be in year round use.

The camp will be available to 4-H Clubs and other youth organizations for leadership training purposes.

Michigan State University in cooperation with the 4-H Club Foundation will develop and conduct special institutes at the center for the development, improvement and expansion of the number of volunteer youth leaders throughout Michigan.

With about half the funds

raised or pledged for building, construction of the main building should begin this summer.

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New Early Tomato

An extremely early tomato, often ripening big red tomatoes by July 4, has been developed at the Jung Farms in Wisconsin. You can obtain a trial packet of this tomato by sending 10 cents to the Jung Seed Co., Box 43, Randolph, Wisconsin. They will not only send you this tomato seed but also a package of the glorious Giant Hybrid Zinnias and a copy of their 1959 catalog, America's most colorful 1959 seed catalog.



"A farmer
can't afford not
to have a machine shed!
And, you
can afford
it with a 'farmer-planned'
loan!"



here's why!

You, as a farmer, know the importance of a machine shed . . . but, do you know how easy it is to have one now with a loan from your local cooperative Production Credit Association — a loan that you can take up to five years to repay?

In fact, PCA money is easily available for any purpose that will add to the efficiency of your farm operation. That's more, a PCA loan offers so many other advantages: (1) Lower costs because interest is charged only on the outstanding balance. (2) PCA loans are planned for your entire farm operation . . . for example, a new machine shed would be planned into your loan schedule so that repayments will be due when cash is received on crops or livestock.

It will pay you to see . . .



PRODUCTION CREDIT Associations of Michigan

Credit life insurance available for your protection. For further information call your local PCA — 46 offices in Michigan.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF Special Meeting of MFB Board of Delegates

A special meeting of the delegate body of the Michigan Farm Bureau will be held Wednesday, February 11, 1959, starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

The purpose of this meeting include:

1. The consideration of an amendment to Article X of the By-Laws which would increase the membership dues from \$10 to \$20. The proposed amendment reads as follows (Changes are in capitals):

Section I. Annual Dues. Except as to life membership contract heretofore issued or undertaken by the association, the membership dues of the association shall be based upon such annual membership plan may be determined by the board of directors, providing that the amount of dues required to be paid annually by any member shall not exceed a total of TWENTY DOLLARS (\$20.00).

Membership dues collected shall include the annual dues in the American Farm Bureau Federation and an annual subscription to the Michigan Farm News.

Any membership plan so adopted by the voting delegates or the board of directors shall be uniform in its application to all members of the association, PROVIDED THAT MEMBERS IN THE UPPER PENINSULA COUNTIES MAY BE ALLOWED A LESSER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES THROUGH THE 1965 MEMBERSHIP YEAR.

2. The consideration of an amendment to Article VI, Section 2 of the By-Laws, which would change the basis for the election of delegates from a base of one delegate for each 100 members to a base of one delegate for each 200 members. The proposed amendment reads as follows (Changes are in capitals):

Article 6, Section 2. Election of Delegates. Each local unit provided in Article V hereof shall be entitled to at least one (1) voting delegate. In addition thereto each local unit shall be entitled to an additional voting delegate for each TWO HUNDRED (200) MEMBERS OR MAJOR PORTION THEREOF, IN EXCESS OF THE FIRST TWO HUNDRED (200).

The right to additional voting delegates shall be based on the number of individual paid-up members, in good standing, of each such local unit, as shown by the membership records kept in the office of this association as of the close of the fiscal year of the association next preceding the membership meeting.

3. The consideration of an advisory resolution to guide the board of directors in establishing a policy with regard to freeing fire insurance from a Farm Bureau membership qualification. The proposed resolution reads as follows:

Resolved, that it is recommended that automobile insurance cov-

erage and farm liability coverage will be limited only to members in good standing in the Michigan Farm Bureau and that application for other insurance coverages be accepted, and to provide other insurance to acceptable risks without limitation.

The Michigan Farm Bureau is mailing each voting delegate a notice of this special meeting. This is being done in accordance with Article VII, Section 2 of the Michigan Farm Bureau By-Laws which reads:

" . . . Written notice of such special meetings shall be given by mail to each accredited voting delegate or alternate at his post office as it appears on the records of this association at least ten (10) days before the date of such meeting. . . "

As you already know, this is one of the most important meetings in Farm Bureau history. Every county delegate should be present. If for any reason you cannot attend, please notify your county secretary or president immediately so that an alternate may serve in your place. Will look forward to seeing you February 11. It could be a long day. Let's start promptly at 10:00.

NORWOOD D. EASTMAN
Secretary
Michigan Farm Bureau
January 28, 1959
Lansing, Michigan

Farm Bureau Says Apply Anti-Trust Law

The American Farm Bureau said at Chicago in January of 1959:

"Concentration of economic power in labor unions must now be considered a monopoly.

"Some labor unions, such as those in the meat, poultry, and fish industries, are engaged in monopolistic practices, resort to secondary boycotts, hot cargo, blacklisting, allocation of markets, acts of violence.

"If such practices were used by any other group, it would result in drastic action under the laws designed to curb monopoly and restraint of trade.

Farm Bureau Recommendation—National legislation to require that labor unions be subject to the anti-trust laws that govern others in our society."

2 to 5 Weeks Pigs Most Susceptible

Two to five week old pigs are most susceptible to white scours, although older pigs may be affected occasionally. Symptoms include loss of appetite, dehydration and diarrhea.

When this disease strikes, healthy litters and sows should be isolated from the infected pigs. Hog houses should be disinfected and kept clean, and fresh bedding furnished.

A veterinarian should be called immediately to set up proper treatment to help save the sick.

What Is The Largest "Farm Group" In Michigan?

112,000 Farm Families That Regularly
Save Trading Stamps Are The Biggest
"Farm Group" In Michigan

America's farm families are traditionally thrifty. The same pattern of thrift is found in Michigan. It is only natural, therefore, that the response of Michigan farm families to one of the oldest forms of thrift—the trading stamp—is so noticeable.

Today over 112,000 farm families save trading stamps. You might almost say that these savers constitute the largest single farm group in the state of Michigan.

During 1957 alone, thousands of dollars worth of trading stamp merchandise of all kinds went into farm

households in the state, and every 2 seconds a farm family is redeeming trading stamps.

There is still another side—direct income for farmers. During 1957 the stamp industry purchased from Michigan farmers \$975,000 worth of primary materials that go into the manufacture of merchandise for stamp redemption.

No one can contemplate these facts and fail to realize that both personally and economically the trading stamp is a meaningful and welcome force in the life of our state.

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Bill and Ted Ward milk 60 cows, average over 400 lbs. butterfat. Bill is director of County Holstein Association and president of Jefferson County Farm Bureau. Ted is director of the Jefferson County Farm Cooperative.

"Not one of our cows has had foot rot since we paved the barnyard with concrete!"

Says BILL WARD, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin

"Getting rid of mud in the barnyard sure ended foot infections. In fact, concrete pavement has made it easier to keep our herd healthier in every way. We spend only half as much time on cow-cleaning. And we aren't forever hauling dirt and gravel to fill up holes in the yard."

Cows stay healthy and produce better when there's no mud around to carry germs. Foot rot and mastitis are often licked for good when barnyards are paved completely with concrete.

Passing strict inspections is far less work, too. As much as 4 hours a week in cow-cleaning time alone can be saved. Yard cleaning goes faster and none of the money is lost.

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District 1

Mrs. Alma Foster, Chairman
Niles, R-3

Berrien County Farm Bureau Women's Committee met at the Youth Memorial Building January 20. Response to roll call was "What's New in the Kitchen." The treasurer reported \$359.96. We voted to buy two stainless steel tables to speed clearance of tables when we serve dinners. Mrs. Jeri Wellington is chairman of a kitchen committee to clean kitchen and take inventory of dishes needed to serve 400 persons.

Spring Camp will be held at Clear Lake March 10-11; the all-day meeting on education at Kalamazoo Saturday 24. Alice Burand read a letter from Janet Krickhahn, our student nurse of Bronck in Kalamazoo, sponsored by Farm Bureau. Program chairman Alice Burand presented Mrs. Anderson who gave us a splendid report on the AFBF convention at Boston. She and her husband and County Chairman Harry Peterson represented Berrien County.

Cass County Farm Bureau Women's Committee met with Mrs. Harry Shannon on January 6. Mr. Ball reported on the membership meeting and Mrs. Bakenman announced meetings to be held in the near future. It was voted to serve lunch for the "Power Farming" demonstration February 18 at Marellus to help purchase a mimeograph machine.

Kalamazoo County. Max Hood, member of the Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors, spoke at our meeting at Kalamazoo Center Building January 12. We enjoyed his discussion of his duties as a Director and a few of the items confronting our Farm Bureau. He emphasized that our delegates be well informed for the good of the people of Farm Bureau. The group voted to hold their meetings in the County Center Building except for the months of July and August. Mrs. Snyder distributed safety material.

St. Joseph County. Richard McCartney, county juvenile agent, explained the work of that department at our meeting January 5. Delinquency is down in this county during the last four years because of more efficient handling of its sources in the delinquent's home town.

District 2

Mrs. Geo. Crisenberg, Chairman
Jackson, R-8

Branch County Women's Committee met January 9 at the 4-H Cabin in Coldwater with the husbands as guests. Mrs. Ladyman, safety chairman, said there were 28,000 deaths last year from

home accidents.

We are going to serve the luncheon at the petroleum meeting at Homer, February 5. Roger Foerch showed the film "Miracle of Paradise Valley." Marlie Drew gave a report on the membership drive.

Calhoun County women met with Mrs. Roy Lord. Reports of the AFBF convention at Boston were given by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith and Mr. Woods. We are to have a new county paper published by Mr. H. A. Barnard who publishes the Jackson County Farm Bureau Good News. Mrs. Lord, program chairman presented a suggested program for the year. It was accepted by the group.

Hillsdale County. For our January meeting Merritt Green spoke to us on "Hillsdale County Early Indian Lore." About 100 Indians lived in the county when the early settlers arrived. Baw Beese was their chief.

The settler would have starved without Indian help. Each Indian family raised corn, beans, tobacco, melons or pumpkins on a half acre of land they cultivated.

Jackson County. Colored slides taken on their European trip were shown and narrated by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. V. Cripps at the Rural-Urban luncheon. Mrs. Cripps modeled a Bavarian costume. Members of the Jackson County Farm Bureau Women's group were guests.

Our February meeting will be a special program on safety. Mrs. Emil Faust is safety chairman.

Lenawee Farm Bureau Women's committee met January 9 at the Consumers Power Building for a family night. Pot luck supper with 61 in attendance. Don Keeney gave an informative talk on the needs of the Michigan Mental Health Society. Frances Gorny showed a film on rehabilitation of a mental patient.

We voted \$500 to Farm Bureau Building Fund and purchased a 72 cup percolator and dishes to set places for 60 people.

We voted to serve roast beef dinner for Farmers Petroleum Co-operative "Power Farming" luncheon February 4 at Tecumseh Union Hall.

We voted to purchase paint for the Farm Bureau Hall. Some of the men have volunteered to put it on.

Mrs. Sawyer announced the following dates: January 20 Council Meeting at Jackson. March 10-11 Wesley Camp at Clear Lake, Michigan. Cost per person \$5.50. We shall furnish our own bedding.

District 3

Mrs. Celestine Young, Chairman
Ml. Clemens R-2
Livingston County Women's

Committee met at Conway township hall for lunch. They heard Richard Arthand of Pontiac State Hospital say that mental illness calls for more beds in state hospitals than any other illness. Michigan has six hospitals for the mentally ill. They are overcrowded and have waiting lists. The state's financial position has obliged Pontiac State Hospital to drop 53 of its employees the past year. Mental illness is at the bottom for funds for research, possibly because it is the least publicized of the major illnesses.

Macomb County Women's Committee collected \$204 for gifts for less fortunate children at Christmas. For some they brought goods and made 11 skirts, two blouses and two jumpers. All gifts were Christmas wrapped and delivered with help from Community Groups and members of the Committee.

Monroe County Women's Committee will hold future meetings in the meeting room of the new county library. All meetings are open meetings and start with pot-luck lunch. No meetings in June, July and August.

Our February meeting will be a birthday party to observe 10 years for the Monroe County Women's Committee.

Oakland County Women's Committee met January 6. Mr. Rexin reported purchase of 64 books for the Children's Hospital at Farmington.

Seven officers attended the District officers training classes at Plymouth and reported a very profitable time.

Our prosecuting attorney and county clerk described the duties of their offices and explained election procedures. They emphasized the importance of voting and gave examples. The coming spring primary will be an important election. They suggested that the group invite a representative from the city of Farmington to explain home rule government.

District 4

Mrs. Caroline Barton, Chairman
Plainwell R-2

It has been interesting to read of the splendid programs which have been planned by the committees in the counties. Congratulations on a good beginning for 1959.

The District Advisory Council meeting date has been changed from February 18 to February 13. Reservations have been made at the restaurant in Grandville for 10 a.m. Lets try to make this a 100% meeting with all officers from the counties present.

Several outstanding things have been reported in the minutes of our County Women's Committees:

1. Barry county Womens Committee is making a braided rug to be auctioned. The proceeds will start a fund for a new office building.

2. Barry women gave money as a Christmas gift to the Retarded Children's school.

3. Ionia participated in the "Christmas Adventure in World Understanding."

4. Allegan showed the Associated County Women of the World pictures at the meeting when the Allegan Business and Professional Women's Club was entertained. Mrs. Leila Boyce gave the response for the visiting club and was pleased that our group is so interested in citizenship.

5. Ionia women studied Christmas customs of other countries.

6. Barry is planning a safety survey for 1959. Roger Foerch showed his safety film.

7. Barry Women's Committee is saving the \$5 which they usually pay for a meeting place. Now they meet in a home and give the \$5 to the Barry County Farm Bureau building fund. A rummage sale is also being planned.

8. Twenty-five dollars was collected for the Special Education school in Barry county.

9. Mrs. Clarence Dykema, Hudsonville, R-2 is the new vice-chairman for Ottawa county. Mrs. Driesenga and Mrs. Dys are the other members of the program planning committee.

10. Ray DeWitt, regional representative, told Ottawa county ladies that Farm Bureau's job is to preserve, protect and promote farmers' interests.

11. Kent county plans a scrapbook for the coming year. Mrs. Garrett Bevier is in charge of this.

12. Kent county toured the new West Y.M.C.A. in Grand Rapids. The December meeting and luncheon was held there.

13. Farm Bureau Young People of Kent County asked Farm Bureau women for assistance in finding meeting places in the north and south parts of the county.

District 6

Mrs. Allyn Gordon, Chairman
Croswell, R-2

Lapeer County. Until we know what the problems of farm safety are we can't do anything about them. Roger Foerch told the 20 women who braved icy roads and storm to attend our January meeting. All who saw the Farm of Petroleum Safety film shown by Mr. Foerch should never be guilty of any of the hazards pictured. Mr. Carl Kentner, new regional representative, introduced Mr. Foerch.

Mrs. D. A. Phipps, vice-chairman, presided and Mrs. E. Preisel was secretary as Mrs. Whittaker was attending a meeting in Lan-

cing. Mrs. Kerr Stewart, chairman, was in Florida with her father, following the death of her mother.

Sanilac County. Mr. R. Snider, a representative of the Sister Kenny Foundation at Detroit, showed two pictures at our January meeting. One picture on Parkinson's disease showed how through a very delicate operation some muscular disabilities can be cured. The second picture showed several phases of the Sister Kenny Rehabilitation Program.

Mrs. Allyn Gordon, chairman, reported the AFBF convention at Grosse Pointe. February 13 the Sanilac ladies will serve a sack lunch to about 300 guests of the Farmer's Petroleum Cooperative Power Farming meeting at the Farm Bureau building in Sandusky.

A Bazaar and Bake sale will be held at the Women's Annual Meeting on March 6. All Farm Bureau Women are invited and a good program has been planned. Hostesses for the February meeting are the Northtown, Progressive, and Red Star groups.

Tuscola County. On January 14 we met at the 4-H building in Caro. Seventeen groups were represented by 29 ladies. Dessert and coffee were served by the Cassland group of Cass City. Mrs. Clare Carpenter was chairman.

Our main business was planning a lunch to be served to those attending the Farm Bureau Petroleum meeting at Caro February 12.

We voted to send \$20 to our Korean boy Il Wang, for his birthday. This money will keep him in school. Il Wang is 14 years old.

Betty Ann Schempp of Mayville, a 4-H member, made a most interesting talk on experiences on an award winning trip to Chicago.

Mrs. Lucy Miller, public health nurse for Tuscola county, discussed why there is a need for a public health nurse.

District 7

Mrs. Walter Harger, Chairman
Stanwood R-2

At our State Advisory Council meeting early this month we were asked by Mrs. Marjorie Karker what part of being District Chairman did we find to be most difficult. One council woman stated that preparing news for her District for the Michigan Farm News was hardest for her. "I feel my problem is inadequate."

District 8

Mrs. Albert Schmiege, Chairman
Chesaning R-2

Clare County Women's Committee had an exchange of favorite recipes at the home of Mrs. Wilbur Weldon. We read our reports. Later the ladies were invited to taste each sample.

Bay County Women's Committee served the membership Roll Call dinner and had its meeting afterwards. We shall serve the Farmers Petroleum Power Farming cooperative dinner at noon

March 10. Mrs. Clara Meylaw was elected information chairman. We entertain our husbands at the next meeting at the home of Mrs. LaBranz.

Gratiot County. Each lady reported a program being carried on by her group. Mrs. Don Mulholland reported on the annual meeting of Women of Farm Bureau at MSU and summarized the addresses given. Gratiot county's entry in the health poster contest won second place.

We are supporting the educational program on diabetes, cancer and heart disease. Each committee woman will enroll one new member to help assure Gratiot County Farm Bureau its goal of 1,376 members. Mrs. Opal Hern was elected vice-president. All committees have been appointed.

Feb. 24 we shall have an open meeting. Topic is cancer, with the film "Time and Two Women."

The annual Bean Smorgasbord is March 10 at Ithaca high school gymnasium. Dr. Paul Miller of MSU will speak.

Isabella County women served the membership Roll Call kick-off dinner. Speakers were Howard Quackenbush, membership chairman, Charles Mumford, regional membership representative, and Bill Eastman, secretary of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Midland County. January is the month we entertain our husbands with a planned potluck supper and program. We enjoyed a Phil Rich movie on moose hunting in Canada. He is publisher of the Midland Daily News. The scenery and pictures of the moose were beautiful. Mt. Pleasant State Home and Training school thanked us for our gifts.

District 9

Mrs. Oliver M. Tompkins, Chmn.
Traverse City R-1

I have a letter from Mrs. Bertha Nave of Kalkaska, R-1, from which I would like to give you a paragraph. It inspired me. I hope it does you.

"A cold frosty morning, the sun is trying to shine and I look out of my window to a path which leads out to the evergreens. Across the road is the sweet apple tree where deer come every night to paw for food. Went to the barn one morning and discovered twin, white-faced calves in one stall and another new baby close by. Our rabbit comes every night and leaves his footprints all over the yard. Who says life is dull on the farm?"

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

February 1, 1959

Kalkaska County has sent me a very attractive booklet with their year's program. They recently had a "Do it Yourself" discussion at their meeting.

Benzie County Women are having a very special officers training school since by unfortunate circumstances they were unable to attend the one in Manton.

Manistee County. Thank you for your lovely Christmas letter and encouraging comments. If I get to Scotland... I shall need more of the same. Does this surprise you? It happened at the State Council meeting January 6 and 7.

Missaukee County is getting ready for advisory council meeting February 24. Our January 13 meeting in cooperation with the soils conservation group had 75% attendance, 17 groups present. Afterward we worked on our program for 1959.

Northwest Michigan Women's Committee has been setting up plans and committees for their annual smorgasbord and camp.

Many of you know and love Clara Behne, who has worked so hard in Farm Bureau. She has been very ill since before Christmas and is needful of your prayers.

Wexford County sent us a notice of what seems to me to be a big step in the right direction.

"At its January meeting the Wexford County Farm Bureau Women's Committee accepted the invitation. Mr. J. D. Marcus, director of field service, of Central Michigan College, is to appear on its WWTV educational program. This is an eight week credit course on Parliamentary Procedure and Group Discussion Techniques, beginning January 9 at 7 o'clock. We were asked to appear on the February 13 program. Dr. Emil Pfister is instructor of this course."

May I give you a quotation from the immortal Lincoln? "God must have loved the common people because he made so many of them."

District 10-W

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

Antrim County. A special Christmas party for a ward of elderly

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H. L. R. CHAPMAN
Garden Clubs Lecturer

Begonias are (1) tender fibrous-rooted, and (2) tuberous-rooted perennials. They may be grown in the open garden where they make a fine display of color during the summer months, or as a flower and foliage plant in the home.

The begonia plant was named in honor of Michel Begon, a French botanist, and one-time Governor of Canada. Begonias are native to many moist tropical countries. There are many species and varieties which grow for the most part as herbs or shrubs, and a few in the tropics which grow as climbers.

Begonias are favorite garden flowers because of the beautiful form of the flowers and the interesting, good looking foliage.

The most important fibrous-rooted begonia for growing in gardens in Michigan is Begonia semperflorens. The original plants were introduced into England from Brazil in 1829. Later much hybridizing took place which gave us the lovely varieties we grow in gardens today. Many of the tuberous varieties we grow are descended from species native to Peru and Bolivia. They were introduced to England by the nursery of James Veitch and Son of London about 1865.

In both groups of begonias the plants are very floriferous, the male and female plants being born separately in the same flower cluster.

Begonias dislike full exposure to sun. However, a new strain of fibrous-rooted begonias of several varieties and colors is being offered. They seem to revel in full sunshine if other conditions are to their liking.

Tuberous-rooted begonias must always be grown in shade. They do well when planted around the

house. This is a godsend to most home owners who find it difficult to find plants which give color all summer in these shaded areas.

They do exceptionally well when planted near a wall or low building that faces north where the light is strong but not direct. They also do splendidly when given an eastern exposure where sunlight is filtered through the leaves of trees.

All begonias need a light, well drained soil for best results. They like plenty of moisture in the soil, but object strongly to water standing around the roots.



MR. CHAPMAN

If the soil in the garden is naturally clayey and heavy, a special mixture must be provided for begonias,—such as one-third garden soil, one-third sharp sand (builder's sand), and one-third well-rotted cow manure and leaf mold or peat.

This mixture should be 12 inches deep and thoroughly mixed. If the soil in the garden is of a sandy nature, omit adding sand to the mixture and use more leaf mold or peat.

Fibrous-rooted and tuberous-rooted begonias can be raised from seed, which can be sown in seed pans at home. Where only a few plants are required it is best to obtain the fibrous-rooted varieties from the growers, and the mature tubers of the tuberous-rooted kinds from a seed house.

Fibrous-rooted begonias are treated as annuals in Michigan and die after the first frost.

If a few of the plants are dug and placed in containers before freezing weather, they can be used as house plants and will flower for several weeks.

Tuberous begonias can be carried over from year to year. Plants should remain in the garden until the first frost which will cut down the foliage. The tubers should be dug with a small ball of soil attached. Place side by side in a flat or box for storage where they will not freeze or get too warm.

This treatment prevents the tuber from drying out too rapidly and shriveling.

At the end of April the tubers should be cleaned of soil and old roots and prepared for another season's growth.

At that time they should be placed about four inches apart in flats or singly in four inch pots in a light soil mixture of one-half light soil, one-half leaf mold or peat. The top of the tubers should be level with the soil surface.

Water thoroughly and place in a room where the temperature is about 72 degrees. When the plants begin to grow they should receive plenty of light, but not direct sunlight.

They should be ready to plant in the garden by the third week in June. If started in flats, care should be taken not to break the roots when transferring to the garden.

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What Freedom Means to Me

MRS. CARL T. REED
New Era, Oceana, Michigan
I looked up the word FREEDOM in the dictionary.
It wasn't in bold italics as one might suppose such an important word should be.

The definition was not as long as that of "lock," nor as poetic as "lunar," nor yet as scientific as "gland."
It was just another word sandwiched, appropriately and freely, between "freedom" and "freedom-woman," concisely defined as "liberty—exemption from external control, interference, or regulation."

Freedom has many more meanings to me. It is a way of life, an everyday necessity, and a priceless luxury. It is living, learning, working, playing, and

worshipping together — each according to his inclination and conviction.

Above all, freedom is a responsibility and an obligation.

We in the United States were born in freedom and are granted to take its privileges for granted. This is a dangerous attitude. Our divorce courts are full of cases where love was taken for granted and slowly disappeared until a man and woman awoke to discover that the vestige of love was left.

So it could be with freedom. We must nurture and cherish it each day, make it greater and stronger each hour lest its roots die, its leaves wither, and its blossoms blight in the bud.

Let's compare the growth of freedom to a field of corn. We have the seed—freedom for us at the price of human lives and suffering and defended and strengthened when needed by

payment in the same currency. Since freedom is intangible, it must be planted and cultivated in the minds of men. Being good farmers, we should first ascertain that we have fertile soil. Sallow ground and shallow minds can only produce stunted crops.

Good land is often covered by forests of prejudice, in which case we must become woodsmen for a time, hew the trees of discontent, hate, intolerance, snobbery, greed, self-righteousness, and suspicion, and destroy their roots.

If we don't, it's a simple matter for enemies to sneak into the dense undergrowth and use our timbers as fuel to incite their own well-being and incidentally, to cook our goose!

Remember, fertile ground also grows bigger and stronger weeds. To enable us to do our best, we must study the weeds as well as the freedom plant that we may know the difference.

We know the similarity between a spear of corn and a blade of grass when they poke through the soil. Without full knowledge of the grasses, we could make a terrible mistake and uproot the wrong plant.

There are those who advocate destroying all texts concerning weeds saying that they will surely recognize freedom when it grows a little larger. Take care, my friend! The weeds may choke precious freedom in its infancy if you don't know its enemy. Knowledge will make men free—don't stifle it.

As with other crops, there is a proper depth for planting freedom. It should be deep enough to insure strong roots but not so deep that the tender shoots can't break through to the sun. Many of us are careless in this respect.

We know we have freedom in our minds but our neighbors planned so deep that only in times of great distress does it flourish

enough to be seen. It will help to fertilize well with a generous mixture of patriotism and service.

Next comes cultivating and hoeing to keep the soil loose and pliant. Just as using the proper tool for a given job is important, so must you vote for the right man to run our government. Study a candidate's qualifications and the job to be done, then do all in your power to see that the two are compatible.

We must listen carefully, weigh merits, and each man make his own decision. We can't afford to be gullible sheep blindly following a persuasive leader — he could be leading us to destruction.

Beware of selfish interests who will try to sell you inferior tools. The price looks attractive and the advertising alluring, but substitutes are an expensive investment. They break down at crucial times and the repair bills are exorbitant.

A good investment will be an irrigation and drainage system of sound economy. Nature sometimes plays tricks with droughts of depression or floods of inflation.

We are inclined to praise the rains of plenty even when they are excessive, forgetting that too much can rot the roots and leave the plant susceptible to disease. We are far more concerned about drought but, with proper preparation, we can meet both with confidence and without their success.

Now comes the most wonderful time of all—the blooming of our freedom plant.

You will recognize easily the individual red, white, and blue flowers as peace, free enterprise, education, opportunity, freedom of speech and press, freedom to congregate, worship, and vote, trial by jury, competition, progress, and privacy. Many lesser blooms will be as readily identified.

Finally we have the harvest, the fruition of our labors. If our farming methods have been efficient, our crop will bear it out. Nowhere is the adage "As ye sow—so shall ye reap" more appropriate.

Here our comparison between the freedom plant and the field of corn ends. Freedom is not a marketable commodity. Yes, it has a price. It can be sold and there are many bidders but the seller loses his freedom and the buyer never receives it.

Neither can we store freedom for future generations nor present it as a gift to our friends. It is the most perishable of perishables and is meant only for home consumption. Since it can't be purchased, stored, or donated, other men must grow their own. It is our privilege and duty to export our methods of raising this precious product.

Does it sound like a lot of work? It is. You've heard it said, "The best things in life are free." Don't you believe it. The best thing in life is FREEDOM, and the price is eternal vigilance.

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Women of Farm Bureau
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women at Traverse City State Hospital was unusually well received this year. Our program for the year was accepted at the January meeting.

Charlevoix County women have printed their programs. We're using them to encourage other women to attend Women's Committee meetings.

Our groups want to help organize a Farm Bureau Young Peoples group.

Osego County women are concerned about the needs of the Gaylord T. B. Sanitarium. They attended a nurse recruitment program at Gaylord.

Cheboygan ladies held Mrs. Bune, R. N. give a fine talk on arthritis. She urged people to consult a reliable doctor and follow his advice.

Emmet County ladies enjoyed a movie on Michigan. They also discussed the prize winning essay, "What Freedom Means to Me" by Mrs. Odula L. Reed. They plan to serve dinner for the Farmers Petroleum meeting at Petoskey March 4.

District 11
Mrs. Ken Corey, Chairman
Stephenson R-1

Delta County Farm Bureau Women met January 9 in Thompson, at the Thompson school house. Dr. Jame Firriva gave a talk on cancer which was followed by a good discussion period. Twenty-seven members and guests were present. Mrs. Dewey Minor was chairman of the program and lunch committee hostess.

The March meeting will be held the 9th in Rapid River. A program on alcoholism is planned.

Head of Class
Henry Ward Beecher, Thomas Edison, Charles Lindbergh, Winston Churchill, Louis Pasteur and Charles Darwin were all far from the head of their classes. Isaac Newton was at the bottom of his class.

Texas is the only state to have been an independent republic before becoming a state.

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

February 1, 1959

Recommendations for Michigan Farm Bureau

Ideas to Improve Our Organization

Farm Bureau Program. We are proud of the fact that Farm Bureau policy is developed at the "grass roots" level by discussions held in our 1683 Community groups and by recommendations passed at the annual meetings of our 70 County Farm Bureaus.

Farmers themselves are best qualified to determine those policies and programs which will benefit farmers.

We urge every County Farm Bureau to weigh its program carefully to determine whether it is doing everything practical to serve the interests of farmers in the county. We implore all members to contribute their best thinking to the solutions for problems facing agriculture.

We encourage active participation in Community Farm Bureaus, policy development and execution, membership campaigns, commodity activities, safety projects, public relations activities, and commercial service-to-member programs.

We should also support the Farm Bureau Women's and Farm Bureau Young People's programs in order that a sound, constructive program can be developed and effectively executed by each County Farm Bureau and the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Our Future

We commend our State Directors for their foresight in appointing a representative study committee to consider the long range program of the organization. We are pleased that the findings and recommendations of the committee have been submitted to the membership for discussion several months before a decision is reached.

We agree with the Board that the decisions on these recommendations have such far-reaching implications that the matter should be discussed at a special delegate

session Feb. 11, 1959. We recommend that the delegate body give attention to the effect their decision may have on related services.

We urge every County Farm Bureau to study the recommendations carefully, keeping in mind these questions:

1. What people should make up the membership of Farm Bureau?
2. What programs should the organization have?
3. How should the programs be financed?

Notice of Annual Meeting

FARM BUREAU LIFE INSURANCE CO.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company of Michigan, a corporation, will be held at its office, 4000 North Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, on Tuesday, February 24, 1959, beginning at 1:30 P. M. for the following purposes:

- 1.—To receive reports from officers and management.
- 2.—To elect directors.
- 3.—To vote on a resolution to amend Article V of the Articles of Incorporation and Article II of the by-laws of this corporation, to increase the number of directors to eleven, by electing one (1) director at large.
- 4.—To consider such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

February 1, 1959
Lansing, Michigan

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equipment, power mowers, steel and aluminum roofing, twine, steel wagons, grain drying bins, corn cribs, food freezers, refrigerators, ranges, water heaters, bulk milk tanks, dairy equipment, plastic pipe, lawn and garden equipment.

United operates motor oil blending plants at Indianapolis, Newark, Kenton, and Delaware, Ohio.

If Farm Bureau members and leaders everywhere consider the committee's recommendations in the light of these three questions, we will surely evolve the right answers in our special delegate meeting.

Delegates to MFB

At the 1957 Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting, a resolution was passed urging County Farm Bureaus to study the advisability of changing the ratio of voting delegates to members.

This has been done, but due to the large number of resolutions and their differences of opinion, we recommend that this important issue be decided by the special delegate meeting Feb. 11, 1959.

Community Program

Michigan was one of the first states to develop a Community Farm Bureau program. These groups have contributed immensely to the growth and effectiveness of our organization. The program has received recognition from and has been copied by other states. It is based on the theory that the participation of each member in the affairs of Farm Bureau is welcomed and needed.

Every Community Farm Bureau should study its activities carefully to measure what it is contributing to the County Farm Bureau program. To make this contribution even more valuable:

We recommend that every County Farm Bureau give attention to its Community Farm Bureau committee structure and to an improved county training program for group officers.

County Resolutions

It has been called to our attention by several county resolutions that members are not kept informed concerning action on resolutions dealing with county matters.

We recommend that each County Farm Bureau President report at the county annual meeting on action taken by the Board on the previous year's resolutions which deal with county matters.

Public Relations

Many of our County Farm Bureaus have yet to develop an effective public relations program. In many cases only a small fraction of the possible newsworthy information is reaching the public press or radio.

With farm people decreasing in numbers and with farm problems becoming ever more complex, our relations with our members and with other groups are of great importance.

We recommend that every County Farm Bureau Board study its public relations program carefully and take steps to increase the scope of the program so as to take full advantage of such media as member newspapers and newsletters, radio, television, the public press and planned meetings with other civic and social groups.

Citizenship

We dedicate our Farm Bureau to encouragement of good citizenship and appreciation of our American heritage. Groups other than farmers have many plans for agriculture that are not in

keeping with our private enterprise philosophy.

If we are to keep our economic system which has brought us individual liberty and economic well-being we must aggressively promote the capitalistic system.

We urge Farm Bureau members to participate in governmental and political activities, especially at the local level. Freedom-loving Americans must take every opportunity to be a part of those organizations, programs, and activities which will safeguard our freedoms.

MFB Annual Meeting

Because only a small percentage of the membership attends the annual meeting at Lansing each year, and because the results of the annual meeting are of vital interest to all Farm Bureau members, we feel that each delegate should report to a number of Community Farm Bureau Groups immediately following the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting.

We urge each County Farm Bureau President to take the responsibility of making specific assignments to each delegate so that every Community Group will have a report of the annual meeting.

Hospitalization

We believe that our present plan of prepaid hospital and medical care, through Blue Cross-Blue Shield, offers the best available protection to Farm Bureau members for the cost.

Other plans include coverage limitations, age requirements, or carry cancellation clauses which may render the protection useless at a time when it is most needed. Because of cost factors, it does not appear practicable, at least at this time, to set up a hospital-medical service within the Farm Bureau insurance structure.

Labor Unions

The efforts of labor unions to organize farmers, either by force or by argument, should be viewed seriously by farmers. No man can serve two masters! Neither can any organization sit down on both sides of the bargaining table.

Farmers are interested in securing their supplies and labor at the lowest cost and in selling their agricultural production for as much as possible. Organized labor bargains to obtain as high a wage as possible and to purchase food at the lowest cost. It is not realistic to think that the same voice can represent both parties.

The record of labor leadership forces us to believe that it is more interested in trying to build political and organizational strength than to provide a real service to farmers. This is particularly true when we consider the threats and compulsion used to maintain membership in unions today.

We will not sell our freedom to determine our own future for what might seem to be an advantage at the moment.

Wesley Hawley

We wish to express our appreciation to Wesley Hawley for his 25 years of loyal service with the Michigan Farm Bureau.

- 4—Mrs. Leon Dunning, Dalton
- 5—Robert Oesterle, Webberville
- 6—Francis Spencer, Almont
- 7—Emery H. Kinney, Jr., Ludington
- 8—Warren E. White, Clare
- 9—Carl R. Nelson, Traverse City
- 10—Carl E. Robotham, Bellaire
- 11—William H. Saarinen, Watton

Women of Farm Bureau:
Mrs. Edward Golding, Sr., Cass City.
Mrs. Walter Harger, Stanwood.
Mrs. Lee S. LaForge, Curran.

MFB Young People:
Richard K. Arnold, Plainwell.

Committee Members at Large:
Robert E. Smith, Chairman, Fowlerville.
Leroy Dale Dunckel, Williamston.
Allen F. Rush, Lake Orion.

Dairyland Creamery Annual Meeting

George Irvine, Detroit milk marketing executive, told the 1959 annual meeting of Dairyland Co-operative Creamery Company at Carson City January 23 that federal order regulated markets assure equitable pricing for both producer and processor.

The order prevents upheavals that disrupt the market Mr. Irvine said.

Secretary-Manager Gil Vaughan said Dairyland enjoyed a successful year in 1958, with a sales gain of 12 percent and a return of \$35,000 to members in the form of preferred stock.

Re-elected to the co-operative's board of directors, each for three-year terms: H. W. Crosby, Portland; John L. Brown, St. Johns and Russell Hansen, Greenville.

The members approved resolutions, including one urging a cen-

tral Michigan Federal milk marketing order on which hearings were concluded last week at Lansing. They approved the continued set-asides for dairy products advertising and sales promotion work of American Dairy Ass'n, lauded Michigan State University for its work on behalf of the dairy industry; approved continued support of young farmer activities; lauded schools that have participated in the school milk program.

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Feb. 5—HOMER, Community Hall, for Branch, Calhoun, Hillsdale and Jackson counties.

Feb. 10—ROMEO, Civic Center, for Genesee, Lapeer, Macomb, Oakland, and St. Clair counties.

Feb. 12—CARO, Dompolsky Hall, for Saginaw and Tuscola counties.

Feb. 13—SANDUSKY, County Farm Bureau Building, for Huron and Sanilac counties.

Feb. 17—LANSING, Macedonian Hall, 2627 No. East St., for Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Ionia, Livingston and Shiawassee counties.

Feb. 18—MARCELLUS, Hudson Memorial Hall, for Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph and Van Buren counties.

Feb. 19—PLAINWELL, Gun River Conservation Club, for Allegan, Barry and Kalamazoo counties.

Feb. 24—SPARTA, Civic Center, for Kent, Muskegon and Ottawa counties.

Feb. 25—HESPERIA, High School Gym, for Mason, Newaygo and Oceana counties.

Feb. 26—REMUS, Wheatland Town Hall, for Clare, Isabella, Mecosta, Missaukee and Osceola counties.

Mar. 3—TRAVERSE CITY, Gilbert Lodge, 6 miles west of T. C. on Co. Road 610, for Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee and Wexford counties.

Mar. 4—PETOSKEY, 4-H Building, for Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties.

Mar. 5—LACHINE, Long Rapids Hall, for Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties.

Mar. 10—PINCONNING, Community Hall, for Arenac, Bay, Gladwin, Iosco and Ogemaw counties.

Mar. 11—ALMA, Armory, for Gratiot, Midland and Montcalm counties.

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Farm Bureau's Community Work in U.P.

HUGO E. KIVI
U. P. Regional Representative

Several Farm Bureaus in the Upper Peninsula are active in Community Service projects.

Mackinac - Luce Farm Bureau members have been promoting fire protection for the Garfield township area which includes Engadine. It is quite possible that Engadine will have the services of a fire truck.

Brimley Group of Chippewa County installed guard rails on two sections of a county road last summer. Due to slippery conditions, a car with five passengers went out of control on one of these areas and broke down three of the rails and remained balanced on the fourth with a fifteen foot drop below. This Farm Bureau project saved five people from possible serious injury if not death.

Republic Group of the Marquette-Alger unit gave assistance to a family that lost most of its personal belongings when a fire destroyed their home in the bitter cold of a northern winter.

This demonstration of consideration for others is the thing that makes this country of ours great.

The Upper Peninsula Farm Bureau Dairy Committee had its organization meeting at Escanaba January 20. Each of the seven County Farm Bureaus is represented by two County Farm Bureau Dairy Committeemen. Bruce Crandall of Daggett is President and Hugo Kivi is Secretary.

The Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting in 1958 asked that standards be improved for manufacturing type milk. Mr. F. M. Skiver, chief of the Dairy Division of the State Dept. of Agriculture, discussed the matter with the UP Dairy Committee.

Mackinac-Luce leads in the 1959 membership campaign with 115% of goal. Baraga is second with 82% and Chippewa third with 81.4%. Chippewa is gaining on the leaders.

Troubles in Retail Sale of Milk

Farm Bureau members are opposed to unfair trade practices and have frowned on the use of milk as a lost leader in retail stores. Our policies also oppose "featherbedding" or the artificial maintenance of unneeded jobs.

They are not in support of the "peaceful" visits of squads of 20 to 40 home milk route deliverymen to home-owned and chain stores in Lansing, Detroit and other Michigan cities where milk has been offered for sale at reduced prices.

Even without price concessions, an increased number of consumers prefer to pick up milk supplies at retail outlets instead of

C. L. Brody to Leave Board of Agriculture



MR. BRODY

Clark L. Brody of Lansing announced Jan. 27 that he is not a candidate for re-election to the State Board of Agriculture, the governing body for Michigan State University.

Mr. Brody has served on the Board continuously since Oct. 7, 1921. His present term expires Dec. 31, 1959. In those 38 years—a record for elective office in

State Board of Directors

Favors an Expanding Farm Bureau Program

The Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors at its last meeting January 23 made this statement regarding the need for an expanding Farm Bureau program:

"Agriculture in Michigan has changed greatly in the last ten years. Many changes are predicted in the next ten years.

There will be fewer farmers. Farm units will be larger and more specialized. Production and marketing techniques and practices will continue to change.

"Other aspects of Michigan's economy will change. By 1970 we shall have another 3,000,000 people. More rural areas will be urbanized. Fewer people will have a farm background.

"If Farm Bureau keeps pace with the changing scene, we shall need to strengthen and expand our organization.

"Since there will be more people in the state, our opportunities to market farm commodities will increase.

"Since there will be fewer farmers, our legislative influence may decline. Good public relations with the huge urban population will be increasingly important.

paying extra for home delivery, and the high-salary route delivery jobs become fewer.

Michigan—he was chairman of the Board for 16 years and 5 months. Mr. Brody said:

"My interest in Michigan State University will continue unabated and I shall take advantage of every opportunity to be of service. The Michigan Agricultural College, Michigan State College, and Michigan State University in every stage has been a major influence in my life and in any progress I may have made.

"I sincerely hope agriculture will continue to maintain an influential voice in shaping the policies of Michigan State University, regardless of its expansion in other lines. This is essential if the farmer is to have the full benefit of adequate research and education policies to guide him in the days to come."

Mr. Brody announced also that on February 1, his 80th birthday, he is retiring from the Michigan Farm Bureau. He was executive secretary from Feb. 1, 1921 to Aug. 1, 1955. Vice-President in Charge of Public Affairs for Michigan Farm Bureau from Aug. 1, 1955 to Oct. 1, 1956. Counsel on Public Affairs for Michigan Farm Bureau from Oct. 1, 1956 to Feb. 1, 1959.

Young Farmer And Social Security

Many young, self-employed farm operators feel that old-age and survivors' insurance programs under Social Security offer no particular advantage to them since they're a long way from 65 years old.

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MFB Directors View of State Tax Problems

The Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors on January 23 made this statement on the State of Michigan financial and tax problems:

"In looking toward possible solution to the State's fiscal problem, particularly to the recommendations as made by the Citizens' Advisory Committee of the Legislative Committee on Taxation, headed by Representative Conlin, we believe that thought should be given to the following:

"1. Levies to increase State revenue should be given a broad and equitable base, should be somewhat progressive in application, and be so devised as not to show unjust discrimination nor promote serious injury to any segment of the economy of the State.

"2. We feel that a tax based on, and measured by, ability to pay is far less burdensome and objectionable than one measured by the ownership of real or personal property which may or may not have been productive of net income during any tax year. Bitter experience has shown us that the general property tax constitutes a lien on the property involved and may become confiscatory.

"3. In any revision of Michigan's tax structure, proper recognition should be given to the needs of all the various units of government, including the State, counties, municipalities and school districts, so that, in the end, no government unit would have more revenue than it needs while another would be deprived of the money required to operate its essential services.

"Members of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau have been giving, and are continuing to give, careful study to the report and recommendations of the Citizens' Advisory Committee of the Michigan Tax Study. Each director has a complete copy of this report. We are preparing to make specific recommendations during the current session of Michigan's lawmakers."

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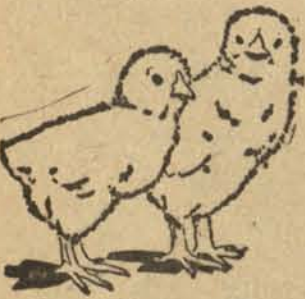
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Shall Michigan Have a State Income Tax?

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for February

Background Material for Program in February by Our 1671 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

DONALD D. KINSEY

Coordinator of Research and Education

(NOTE: This is the third in our series of topics on tax problems. It is very timely because the 1959 Legislature is about to consider action on new measures of taxation.)

Taxation thunder clouds are rolling across our Michigan skies. With people facing prospects of higher taxes in the near future, many stand with a wary eye on the gathering storm. The thought of each person is, "Will it hit me?"

This reaction is a natural one. The amount of money going into taxes has risen steadily for many years now. Every tax study comes up with the same aim, — find more revenue.

There have been some studies that seek to find ways of reducing the costs of government, — like the Hoover Commission Reports. But these have been drowned out in the cloudburst of demands for more government services, growing defense budgets, government aid to more people, and a rising tide of inflation.

So, our government "weather cock" always points to more taxes — both State and Federal. The Michigan Legislature of 1959 is meeting to debate a new tax program. We may expect it to do so again in a few years. There seems to be no check to the trend of inflation.

Tax Committee Offers a Program. During the past year a Study Committee established by the Legislature has been studying Michigan's revenue problem and tax system. With a State deficit over \$100,000,000 facing us, the main question has been MORE REVENUE. Related questions are — How much? Who shall pay for State programs?

The Michigan Tax Study Committee is prepared to lay certain recommendations in the laps of the State legislators. Since the backbone of their recommendations deals with income taxes, we can fit these into our topic here. Other changes in tax programs were also recommended. I will outline the full recommendations in your Discussion Leaders Newsletter.

Personal Income Tax

Efforts to establish a personal income tax in Michigan are not new. The voters faced the question of amending the Constitution for that purpose in 1922, 1924,

1934 and 1936. In all cases they rejected the proposals by large majorities. Whether voters opposed it because it was an income tax or because of the rates and exemptions is not known. They may have been voting against any form of increased tax. Who knows?

The Legislature has pushed aside many bills in the past years dealing with income taxes. It has been a question whether a graduated form of income tax is legal under our Constitution. A graduated tax increases as incomes are larger. The Constitution now provides that the State must collect its

revenues under a "uniform rule of taxation." A rising scale in an income tax is not a uniform rate — or is it? Actually it will take a decision by the Supreme Court to decide whether it is or not.

Committee Proposals

The Committee sidesteps this problem. It recommends that the Legislature enact:

A graduated personal income tax similar to the Federal income tax, except for the rates and exemptions. The estimated net revenue to the State each year would be around \$138,000,000. Tax rates would be scaled as follows:

ADJUSTED INCOME	TAX RATE
\$0 to \$1000	0%
\$1000 to \$3000	3%
\$3000 to \$5000	4%
\$5000 to \$7000	5%
\$7000 to \$9000	6%
\$9000 to \$15,000	7%
All over \$15,000	8%

Certain deductions would be allowed. The taxpayer could subtract \$1,000 of income, or the items allowed on the Federal income tax—whichever is higher. He could also deduct \$40 in taxes for himself, for his spouse, and for each dependent.

The net result of these deductions means that about half of the taxpayers would not be income tax payers — they would have no income tax to pay. The tax would be paid by the 50% of the folks in the upper income brackets.

The Committee recommends that revenues be collected, in part, by withholdings on wages and salaries. This would bring in a constant flow of revenue, although some refunds might be necessary.

Corporate Income Tax

The Committee recommends a 5% tax upon the net incomes of corporations. This tax would be due only if a profit is realized for the year.

If no profit resulted from the business, the corporation would then pay the corporation franchise tax or fee instead—at a rate of 2 mills on its capitalized value. (The present rate is 4 mills.)

The Committee states its intention that this corporate income tax should replace some of the present local property taxes. The State would make up the losses to local governments.

It can be pointed out that this trend makes the State the primary collector of taxes to replace some local tax collections.

When funds are returned to local governments they often are earmarked as to their permitted

uses in other cases.

Income Tax on Banks

The Committee suggests that banks and lending institutions be required to pay a 7% tax on incomes. The higher rate is justified by the fact that these organizations do not now pay the Business Activities Tax as imposed on other firms.

It is suggested that the Intangibles Tax could well be removed by repeal. This would remove the tax on bank deposits. It would also relieve some owners of stocks and bonds from this tax and help to balance out for the increase in the personal income tax.

Estimated additional revenue? If we add the gains from corporate income taxes and bank income taxes and subtract the losses of the Intangibles Tax, the revenue gained would still be around \$52,500,000.

Two Sides of Fence

Such taxes draw clear cut lines of controversy. Usually, if a taxpayer feels that he will not be hit by a tax, he will say, "O.K." If he has to "Pay the Shot" he will rise in protest. It was ever thus.

Just when is any tax "fair"?

Taxpayers usually think of a fair tax as one paid by somebody else. It is difficult to establish the real burden of a tax,—the real burden on the taxpayer, its effect on his living standards. So many things affect it.

Into the idea of "fairness" enter such things as the amount of benefits received by people from government services, ability to pay the tax, the degree to which a tax can be passed along to others, the present burden of Federal and State tax payments and personal or moral responsibilities for sharing government costs.

It would appear that the Committee places the strongest stress on "ability to pay" in its recommendations. The income tax would bring in the largest share of the new revenue. Low income groups would have little or no tax in this bracket. Higher income groups would bear the brunt of the payments.

Income Taxes vs. Sales Taxes

The strongest argument in favor of the income tax is that the State needs a sizeable and substantial source of revenue, and

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the income tax will provide it.

Actually all taxes come from somebody's income. There is no other source. And every tax reduces spendable earnings of the taxpayer.

Some taxes are tied to—and somewhat hidden in—prices. Excise and sales taxes are tied to price. Tax costs along with other production costs are included in the prices of manufactured goods.

It is a nice question as to who bears the final burden of a tax.

In a very real sense sales taxes and income taxes tap earnings of the taxpayer directly. But the impact on income groups is different. Studies show that:

Sales taxes absorb a larger percentage of the incomes of groups with small incomes.

Income taxes absorb a larger share of the incomes of higher paid persons.

Federal and State Tax Loads

Who gets hit the hardest? State sales taxes hit lower income groups harder. Federal taxes hit higher income groups harder. Both groups pay the state sales tax.

Small income groups deal out a larger fraction of their earnings for sales tax than larger income groups. The sales tax is payable by everyone, — whether he makes a profit or has any net income. The income tax is not due unless money has been earned or a profit is realized.

Opponents of a State income tax point out that the Federal government has already over-loaded the taxes upon income. A state income tax can be crippling to individuals and to business organizations. Such taxes remove money that could be used for research, improvements and

progress, and expensons necessary to create new jobs for a growing population.

The argument for the income tax is strong, too. If revenue must be found, who is better able to furnish it than those who have large incomes? Should the standards of living be lowered to a subsistence level by taxation upon those who find it difficult to make ends meet? Who will suffer the most by having to pay the added taxes—the high or the low income groups?

Are Income Taxes Socialistic?

Some say they are. They argue that this is a way of taking money from one group to support another. The result, they say, is to create an attitude of dependence — a view by people that society or the state owes them free services.

The result is that people become less willing and less capable of supporting and controlling their own programs at the home level. Individual and community initiative is lost.

They argue also that personal initiative is lost. Why strive to become a success and make a good income if it is to be taken away from you? Who wants to work most of the time for the government?

Kick Back from the Sales Tax

Part of the Committee plan involves both the sales tax and the income tax. It is proposed that each person be given an exemption from sales taxes covering \$300 of purchased goods. This would amount to \$9 per person in taxes.

For those who have income taxes to pay, it would be subtracted from their returns. For those with no income tax due, a check for \$9 from the State

would be forthcoming. Some folks brand this as a "dole" in our tax program.

Actually the \$9 would not make the difference between a good and a poor living standard. But it would, no doubt, become a partisan political football — a means of buying votes at \$9 per head. For this reason it is getting frowns from some groups in the State.

Administrative Costs

Administration of the sales tax takes quite a staff and a good deal of equipment and work to keep the records. All merchants retailing goods must be on record.

The income tax would require records for those who earn wages, salaries, or who operate a business or service privately. The required records would run into the millions.

Accounts of withholdings, exemptions, special rates, refunds for overpayment and for the sales tax rebate could mean that the revenues would not all be clear gain. An enlarged staff and room to work as well as added equipment would be called for to administer the income tax program.

Some additional administrative costs would be involved with any new tax program, however, and we cannot say that these costs would be high for each dollar collected as compared to another form of tax.

Income taxes at the state level present some problems not found at the Federal level.

What does a state do about incomes earned within the state by people who live outside of the state? How can a state trace the income that residents may gain from out-of-state sources? Enforcement within the state is not as easy to finance.

In the case of these inter-state

problems, to which state would the income tax be payable? Such questions would have to be settled.

Well, here we have had a look at the matter, pro and con. But the binding fact is that the State of Michigan is deeply in debt. Someone is going to have to pay the tax piper whether he likes to dance to the tune or not.

Questions

1. What do you think are the strong or weak points of the proposals made by the Michigan Tax Study Committee?

2. Do you think that a tax—levied—should be based on:

- (a) ability to pay?
- (b) ownership of property?
- (c) ambition and initiative of the taxpayer?
- (d) benefits from public services enjoyed by the taxpayer (like the gasoline tax for highways)?

Storm Limits Topic Committee

The January storm kept seven district members away from the State Discussion Topic Committee on January 23rd. Four members braved icy roads and zero weather to get to the meeting. They were Mrs. Viola Welle of Wayne county, Mrs. Leslie Ames of Genesee county, Mrs. George Davidson of Gratiot county, and Mr. Howard Bailey of Barry county.

Since a topic for March was a "must," this group chose the question, "Who Gets Government Subsidies?" Research work to prepare this topic has started.

Topics for the future months will await action by the committee as a whole.

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