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State Income Tax Proposal is Before House

EDITORIAL

May Control Sex of Cattle

CLARE L. DRODY

Will research in animal breeding revolutionize livestock farming? Studies in animal reproduction indicate that great changes lie ahead.

During the past year the Nobel Prize was awarded for discoveries in the chemical nature of gene action. Genes are the hereditary carriers in the sperm cells of reproduction.

Recently I heard Dr. Frank Andrews of the Animal Science Department of Purdue University say that biologists are coming close to unlocking some of Nature's important secrets having to do with the control of sex and heredity.

It is now known that there are two types of cells in the sperm of the male animals. One produces a male offspring when it fertilizes the ovum (egg)—the other type generates a female. It is also one of the functions of the sperm to stimulate the egg to divide and develop the embryo of a new animal.

Dr. Andrews said, "If the chemical nature of this stimulus is determined, we may expect a new type of artificial insemination that will not involve males at all."

Sex would be of little use except for the genetic improvement of the breed.

Dr. Andrews speaks of the possibility of injecting some complex substance that will cause the female to produce normal animals. The development of a sexless multi-purpose animal is a "distinct possibility."

Virgin animals have been brought into milk production. Scientists regard it theoretically possible to vary hormones and other factors to make the same animal produce either high grade meat at the rate of 4 pounds per day or to yield milk equal to our best dairy cows.

These secrets seem to lie in the nucleus of the cell. Research may reveal the key to cell multiplication and the source of heritable characteristics of animal offspring.

I called upon Dr. Manuel Gordon of Michigan State University to pursue the matter further. He is one of the leading geneticists in this country. He has attained a high degree of success in the separation of male and female producing sperm of buck rabbits.

The semen is suspended in a solution with an electrode at each end of the container. Dr. Gordon found that when electricity was applied, the sperm divided. One half moved toward the positive pole or anode, and the other half toward the negative pole, or cathode.

The sperm moving to the positive pole was largely given to generating females. The sperm moving toward the negative pole generated males. Doe rabbits were impregnated with sperm from the two areas of the solution. Dr. Gordon said:

"All told we had 167 births in 31 litters. We correctly predicted the sex of the offspring in 113 cases or an average of 67%. Seven of the litters consisted of one sex only.

"We correctly predicted the females in 62 of 87 trials or 71.3%, and the males in 51 out of 80 trials or 63.7%.

"This could not have happened more than 2½ times out of a million if left to chance."

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Women's Committee at Lansing

Kalamazoo County Farm office of the Farm Bureau and Women's Committee visit the northwestern of Michigan Farm Bureau at Lake Farm Bureau Services and Farming May 31. They board the Van Pelt and Company.



Break Ground for FBS Egg Marketing Plant at Jenison

MAYNARD B. BROWNE, manager of Farm Bureau Services, is shown breaking ground May 14 for the FBS Egg Marketing Division plant now being built at Jenison, Ottawa county.

The plant is scheduled to be in operation August 1.

Officer in the photo, left to right: P. J. Sukuma, manager of FBS Egg Marketing Division; Paul Kowalski, manager of Calumet Farmers Elevator; James Havelstrom, manager of Farmers Cooperative Elevator Co. of Houghtonville; and Louis L. Van Hise, manager of the Holland Cooperative Company.

The building will be 100 feet long and 40 feet wide. It will have facilities for receiving, grading, storing, and shipping "Fresh Family Quality Eggs." This is the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture's new designation for highest quality eggs.

The FBS Egg Marketing Division is scheduled to start on May 28 by Mr. Browne as the start of an egg marketing service to Farm Bureau members.

For an entirely beginning, many farmers in the program will be trained at Jenison in procedures in west central Michigan. They must have 1,000 or more birds and equipment to meet "Fresh Family Quality" standards.

Besides operating a marketing service, Farm Bureau will offer producers services on production and management problems.

Mr. Browne said all work in the egg marketing program is progressing according to schedule.

Vallier, FBS Dealer

At Raubinyway

Bernett J. Vallier of Raubinyway, Mackinac county, was appointed a Farm Bureau Service Farm Supply Dealer effective May 1. Mr. Vallier offers Farm Bureau seeds, feeds, fertilizers, farm hardware and paints. He is having an open house from 9-5 P. M. to observe 30 years in business.

Start Grazing Sudan

At 18 Inches High

Farmers who have sown plant pasture seeding along for summer grazing should be in the area now 18 inches high before turning livestock on it. Ground too short, stubble areas will be detrimental to cattle and sheep.

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Too Many People Quit Too Soon

The way a man uses his years—on the way he spends them—tells how old he is, according to 91-year-old Senator Theodore H. Green of Rhode Island.

Senator Green explained how he has managed to remain active and "young at 91" in an interview reported in the May edition of "Today's Health," published by the American Medical Ass'n.

The senator, the oldest man ever to serve in Congress, said his secret of longevity is mainly due to inactivity and exercise.

"Too many people give up and quit just as they are entering their prime," he said. "I never quit but I do relax. I don't get excited. I don't get excited. I laugh a lot.

"A good way to keep fit is to remain active. I try to do a variety of things—what keeps you interested."

"Keep a clear conscience, practice moderation, enjoy your life and work, keep your weight down, and take regular exercise."

Milk Mktg. Bill 429

"Farm Bureau Deals Blow to State Milk Bill Chance" said the Michigan Milk Producers Association MILK MESSENGER for May.

The Milk Messenger said it "could be a death blow."

It happened at a public hearing May 5 before the House Committee on Agriculture relative to House Bill 429, the 1939 version for a Michigan milk marketing law.

At the hearing representatives of two groups asked the Committee on Agriculture to approve House Bill 429.

It would authorize a state milk marketing commission of five members to set prices to farmers for milk, to set maximum and minimum wholesale and retail prices, and to take action to clean up a list of unfair trade practices.

The proposed milk marketing commission is described in House Bill 429 as follows:

Sec. 3 (1) There is hereby created a milk commission consisting of 5 members, one of whom shall be a dairy farmer who is not directly engaged in the distribution of milk; 1 shall be engaged in the business of processing and distribution of milk and shall not be directly or indirectly engaged in production thereof; 2 shall be consumers who have no financial investment in production or processing facilities of milk; and 1 shall be a member of the agriculture commission and shall act as chairman of the milk commission. Members shall be appointed for a term of 3 years by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

For the Bill

- Tax groups testified in favor of House Bill 429, as follows: Michigan Milk Producers Association; McDonald Cooperative Dairy, Flint; Ed Shore Bargaining Agent Dairy Farmers Association; Independent Milk Producers Ass'n; Grand Rapids; Kalamazoo Milk Producers Ass'n; Producers Dairy Company, Berlin Harbor; Twin Pines Dairy, Detroit; Michigan Farmers Union; United Dairy Workers, AFL-CIO.

Against the Bill

- Representatives of the Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan State Grange, and the Cash and Carry Milk Dealers Association testified against House Bill 429 as being unfair and setting controls over production.
- LEROY D. DUNCKEL, dairy farmer of Williamston, was the first of 14 farmers to speak against Bill 429 in behalf of the Michigan Farm Bureau. He declared:
- "I have a dairy farm. I appear to be chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau."
- "We have a membership of 14,000 farm families in 74 counties. It is safe to say that at least 90% of our members are

Farm Bureau annual meeting Nov. 11-12, 1938, as follows:

"We are opposed to any state milk marketing control bill which seeks to set prices of market production. We feel that such a bill would not be in the long-time interest of dairy farmers or consumers."

"We believe that the most effective approach to securing equitable prices is through a strong and aggressive bargaining association."

"We feel that in order to increase milk prices to producers through legislation, it would be necessary to keep out-of-state milk out of Michigan markets. This is an impractical approach to this problem."

"Neither of the larger general farm organizations in Michigan was committed to the drafting of House Bill 429."

"We are told by the sponsors of the bill that it would not seek to control the production of milk in any way, although it would establish the price of milk to the consumer."

"If prices set to farmers were favorable and profitable, the inevitable result would be a constant increase in production."

"How can farmers be assured of an outlet for milk produced above effective demand?"

"In our observation, every scheme involving government price controls without strict regulation of production or marketing has been a sorry failure."

"One intent of the bill seems to be to maintain distribution margins without recognition of new technology and other improvements in the dairy industry that are lowering distribution costs."

"From the viewpoint of dairy farmers, it would seem desirable to encourage lower milk distribution costs. This would tend to encourage higher net capita use of milk. . . and more milk for the use of Class I."

"These dairy farmers oppose a House Bill 429 in behalf of the Farm Bureau position, and as dairy farmers."

Tom Hales of Jackson, Elmer H. Smith of Calumet, Herbert Parker of Sylvania, all members of the Michigan Farm Bureau's Board of Directors.

Eugene Roberts of Lake City, chairman of the MFBS State Dairy Commodity Commission, William F. Frankenburg, Farm Executive of Detroitville, Don A. Brown of Pultneyville, Robert R. Brown of Houghton, and Milton DeWitt of Appleton.

Water W. Wightman of Farmville and Robert E. Smith of Escalante, president and vice-president of Michigan Farm Bureau, spoke against Bill 429.

William J. Brake of Lansing, member of the Michigan State Grange, told the Committee that the Grange is opposed to a state milk marketing act.

William Austin, representing the Cash and Carry Milk Dealers Ass'n, said 300,000 families in Michigan purchase the staples. He charged that under Bill 429 each dairy dairy price would be eliminated through price regulation.

Fate in Senate Is Uncertain

Package of Nine Bills Proposes Increased Revenues of \$140 Millions to Balance Budget and Reduce Deficit

STANLEY H. POWELL, Legislative Council for Michigan Farm Bureau

There is a faint chance that the deadlock which has existed for so many weeks in the Michigan Legislature relative to the tax issue may be broken. At least a preliminary step has been taken in that direction.

The House Committee on General Taxation has reported to the floor of the House for general consideration, debate and action a package of nine bills.

The most important feature of this program is the levying of a State income tax to be measured by the amount of the Federal income tax. The tax for an individual would be 7% of what he pays to the Federal government.

There would be a 12% tax on corporations and a 14% tax on financial institutions. The business activities tax and the intangible property tax would be repealed and there would be a drastic reduction in the corporation franchise tax.

The net effect of these various changes is estimated to be new revenues in the amount of at least \$140 million annually. This is the amount urged by Governor Williams as necessary for making some progress on retiring the accumulated State general fund deficit and balancing the budget for the coming year.

It is predicted that this program has a favorable chance of passage in the House but that it will encounter strong opposition in the Senate. A majority of the Senators have been insisting on a 1% increase in the Use Tax, raising it from 1% to 4%.

A study is being made in the State's minimum needs for support of its departments, institutions and aid programs. There are those who feel that these facilities should be deleted first and then ways should be found to raise the needed revenue.

In connection with his budget recommendations, Governor Williams has recommended that new taxes to produce an added \$140 million of State revenue should be levied.

The bill, according to its sponsors, would mean the increased expenditures for the coming year with only about \$24 million applied toward the reduction of the accumulated general fund deficit which is estimated at more than \$110 million by June 30, 1939, the end of the State's current fiscal year.

One big decision to be made before determining the budget funds for the coming year will be increasing the amount of State aid for schools.

For the first two years the Legislature has transferred only one amount of general fund money into the school aid fund, supplementing the ten-cent-of-the-dollar tax and the remaining fund raised for school aid by other means.

For the current year it is anticipated that this will cost the State general fund over \$20 million. The Governor recommends adding \$45.7 million of general fund money for school aid for next year.

There are three school aid bills pending in the House Committee on Education and it is expected that they will report their recommendations to the floor of the House very soon.

It is now to be seen if the Legislature should compromise on a tax program. Compromising is possible if the other bills will be the giving in.

Many of the legislators feel that a big majority of their constituents would favor an increase in the State Tax over any form of an income tax.

Another group of legislators are fully opposed any State Tax law proposal. What tax or combination of taxes will finally be adopted seems to be subject's guess.

Meanwhile the legislative committee is studying along with a view to a big piece of legislation over 1,000 bills and of proposed constitutional amendments have been introduced to date. A total of 281 amendments have been approved in the House of Representatives.

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JERRY GORDREY... Membership is 71,000... Central Region made goal during May... NORTH DIST. 100.0% - Goal 100.0%... SOUTH DIST. 100.0% - Goal 100.0%...

June Song

It's June again on Hick Street, I admit I've wondered long... It's June, the lovely month of flowers... The house wren from the blue bush sang music on the air...

EDITORIAL

Dr. Gordon is also studying the separation of the male and female producing sperm in cattle... These predictions do not seem fantastic in view of what has been accomplished by the Michigan Artificial Breeders Cooperative at East Lansing...

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At an April 30, the American Farm Bureau Federation membership was 47,670... The Mid-year Series of district meetings have started...

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Cherry-Dairy Smorgasbord June 7

The fourth annual Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau women's Cherry-Dairy Smorgasbord is Sunday, June 7 at Farm Bureau 434 Coon, Oliver Lodge, about 4 miles west of Traverse City. Dinner is served from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. at \$1.00 for adults and 75 cents for children.

The menu includes baked ham, Danish meat balls, vegetables, chicken, cherry-bread, cherry sauce, salads, strawberry pie, ice cream.

Farm Bureau members everywhere and friends are invited to come. About 500 are expected.

Northwest Farm Bureau Women's Committee have made a real event of this dinner.

Alpacas

Alpacas is made from the dried hoofs of a ginseng tree, native to Central America and the West Indies.

MICHIGAN CO-OPS

Hear About AFBF Foreign Trade Service

The first meeting in the United States to discuss with farmers organizations the American Farm Bureau's newly opened Trade Office at International, Holland, was held at the Michigan Farm Bureau May 26.

Harbert A. Jones, director of the Foreign Trade Office, spoke to representatives of seven Michigan farm cooperatives, departments of Agriculture, Michigan State University, and the Michigan Dept. of Agriculture, Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan Ass'n of Farmer Cooperatives, Michigan Farmer.

He said that the purpose of the International Office is to help increase cooperative U.S. merchandise and other private exporters that have access to Europe for their products.

The Foreign Trade Office had an open house March 28 which was attended by farmers and business representatives from France, Germany and other nations.

The open house featured displays of many food products from the United States, including frozen turkeys and poultry meat, fresh and canned fruits, tomatoes, peas, meat products, feed grains.

Mr. Jones said that the office was set up because it is a trade center for Europe as well as being the nearest that does the actual export business in this world.

Farm cooperatives represented at the opening meeting were Great Lakes Cheese Producers, Cherry Growers, Inc., Michigan Potato Producers, Michigan State Shippers Ass'n, Michigan Producers Apple Marketing Cooperative, Great Vegetable Growers Cooperative.

Columbus

Columbus, Ohio is the world's largest city named for Christopher Columbus.



Rotterdam Ladies Enjoy U.S. Turkey

So You Think You Are Growing Old?

LEWIS DUNGER
Editor, Michigan Farm News

A few weeks ago at a conference at Michigan State University, I heard Dr. Frederick E. Swartz, of Lansing, speak on "Growing Old." He is chairman of the Committee on Aging of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Swartz said in part: "We are interested in making growing old a reasonable and productive experience."

"When I was young some people in their 60's-70's could be considered old. Today few in their 60's are really old. In the age group of 70-75 there are only 100,000 people left."

"We've had great changes and more are coming in the line of what is old. Asparagus is not the measure of age."

"We in medicine do not believe, and we hope that you do not believe, that what you see is the picture of aging. Time alone does it."

"We are beginning to see that diet, exercise and modern medicine of medicine can do much for the aging person."

"We know that the learning capacity of the older group is good and that will stimulate the mind in present-day conditions."

"We have learned that good mental habits and good forms of physical exercise are corrective measures for the older group."

"I have a patient who has been retired three times, so he is a great school teacher, a doctor, and finally a substitute teacher. He is still teaching part time at a substitute, and at the school for the blind. He is studying health and is going to Europe this summer at 75."

"Some say the old are more 100-45. If that is so, there are 15,000,000 such oldies in the United States. Nearly half of them are employed."

"Some million dollar profits are in Social Security. In this group the average estate for a couple was \$25,000 in 1935. In addition they had life insurance averaging \$1,000 per couple."

Asparagus Co-op's Pan Ready Asparagus, A New Product

Asparagus growers in northwestern Michigan were marketing a new product this year - Pan Ready asparagus.

Working with Jack Hinton, district marketing agent with Michigan State University, growers developed this new product and its attractive, plastic package.

Michigan Asparagus Growers Cooperative, Inc., is marketing the new product with the cooperation of the Millars Growers Exchange, Grand Haven.

Farm Bureau In Upper Peninsula

HUGO E. RIVI
U. P. Regional Representative

Leadership training meetings have been held in the U. P. counties with members of Michigan State University conducting the meetings.

This purpose was to build group efforts in conducting group meetings and discussions, and to learn how to improve the overall Farm Bureau program.

The Upper Peninsula Dairy Committee has been reorganized with each county being represented by two members from the county Dairy Committee.

The regional committee was set up to study problems affecting the dairy industry in the U. P., and make programs that can be carried out through the Farm Bureau organization.

Other meetings have been held to discuss the proposed changes in the manufacturing milk regulations and the U. P. Federal Milk Marketing Order.

May 27 the U. P. Dairy Committee met at Marquette to draw up plans for the production of fluid milk and other dairy products.

Attending as visitors were representatives of the A. P. Extension Service, American Dairy Association, State Dairy Inspection and Michigan Milk Producers' Association.

Farm safety surveys have been conducted by the Farm Bureau Women's Committees in Chippewa, Montcalm, Mackinac-Lewis, Mackinac - Alger, Benzie and Delta counties. The results of these surveys will be used to plan safety programs in the counties.

Chippewa County Farm Bureau has made plans for its second annual Farm Bureau Day at the Pickford Hall Saturday, June 20. Mrs. Raymond Korte will speak.

Ionia Fair Cafeteria August 10-15

Farm Bureau Young People will operate their cafeteria at the Ionia Fair August 10-15 for the 1954 year. Citizens groups are being urged to schedule volunteer help for one day during the fair. Refreshment money for this project are used to finance boys and girls club activities of Farm Bureau Young People.

The group plans to operate on a non-profit basis, to assist at Michigan State Fair, September 4-15.

and River Milk Packing Co. at Van Clats

All asparagus marketed in 1954 from 12:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. will be packed in 120-degree water to remove all germs. Then it's distributed with an on-water spray to remove frost and stretch out its "fish" life.

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The pan-ready product was first marketed in Detroit and Grand Rapids last year. This year it appeared in Traverse City, Ionia, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Benzie Harbor, St. Joseph and Chicago.

Growers have high hopes for this method of marketing asparagus in fresh form, according to Hinton. "Not only will it put northwestern Michigan asparagus back in the volume fresh market business but will reach a service to the consumer who next year is buying more and more 'convenient' services."

Assassin

Our home "assassin" comes from the Arabic word for "assassin of the house." This home was a creature of our imaginations, which put there under a spell, during which they would do anything they were told to do.

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June is DAIRY MONTH

Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

District 1
 Mrs. Alice Foster, Chairman
 Hills R-3

Berrien County. All women of Farm Bureau will be interested to learn that the following meeting will be held on this date:
 Attorney Theodore E. Croff spoke in a May 19 on Law Day. The meeting was held at the Young Farm Home, 1000 E. Michigan St., from 10 to 11 a. m. Each individual has their responsibility to fulfill: (1) rule of law, (2) jury duty, (3) voting, (4) freedom of speech and free-press of press.

The Archival Home Show will be held on the Young Farm Home, June 17-18. Mrs. Mark Darnall, Mrs. Walter Wellington, Mrs. Bill Smith and Mrs. Will Smith have been appointed to meet with a committee from the Ladies Club of Berrien county, sponsors of the show. To work out plans for serving meals at the home show.

Some of us will attend camp at Young Farm Home, Traverser City, June 23-24.

We shall have an evening meeting June 16.

Cass County. Mrs. James Mitchell was the speaker for the Farm Bureau Women's Committee May 16th with Mrs. Lee Bakeman conducting the meeting.

Our Rural Union meeting will be June 1st. Our plans include serving Mission Park, refreshments and giving the Kalamazoo secretary.

St. Joseph County. Farm Bureau Women's committee was held at 1000 E. Michigan St., May 17th by Mrs. Frank Dieder. Mrs. Dieder was appointed delegate to Camp.

After having our picture taken we decorated our home for the day's visit. Thanks to all who made this a pleasant day for us.



Michigan's Dairy Princess

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Mrs. Hodge is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ward G. Hodge of North Haven, Mich. She is a student of North Carolina at Michigan State University and will graduate in June. She would like to work in consumer education.

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Mrs. Ruth Ann Avery, 16, was chosen an alternate Dairy Princess May 28 at Michigan State University. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Avery who operate a 131 acre farm at Hope, R-1, Calhoun county.

Mrs. Avery is a senior at Homer Community high school and plans to attend Ferris Institute. Ruth Ann has dairy cattle which she raised as 4-H projects. She showed the grand champion Guernsey cow at the Calhoun County Fair in 1958 and 1959. She has held many 4-H job offices, is a leader in school activities, and is a fine public speaker.

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District 4
 Mrs. Clara Barrish, Chairman
 Plainfield R-2

Alcona County. Mrs. Weber of the Home Service Dept. of Consumers Power spoke on giving parties. Council also were used to illustrate settings and refreshments.

Mrs. Fred Billett, safety chairman, spoke on the recent Council drill on radio code 540 or 548. The U. S. government has given \$15,000,000 to the state for fire projects. There are 900 monitoring stations in the United States.

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Alcona County. Such a thorough report was given of their May meeting by Mrs. Albert Lantz and on such an important topic that I think it should be brought to the attention of our readers.

Mrs. Martin Barke spoke on Citizenship and said that Citizenship is a privilege every one of us enjoys. It is our life's energy.

To our countrymen we should read and listen to news about it and keep up on what our legislators are doing about Citizenship.

We should realize that the pathway to better citizenship follows in the future: education, experience, importance of government and religion. We should talk to people and emphasize the useful danger in Citizenship.

Alcona County Women's Committee decided that a meeting in the upper peninsula could be planned after washing slides shown by Jim Myer, our county agent. This was in observance of Michigan Week.

Next month all ladies are invited to a picnic and are asked to bring a dish made with dairy products, as well as the recipe.

Muskegon County. Mrs. Lauer Benton will be chairman of the District Y camp. Plans will be made soon at a meeting of the camp committee. The camp will be at Wolf Lake on August 4 and 5. Watch for more information next month.

Montcalm County. A Rural Urban luncheon was held April 2nd at Greenville. Each Farm Bureau woman introduced her urban guest. Other guests included Mrs. George Franks of Langdon and Rev. Ford of Greenville. Mr. D. Benson of the Greenville News, and Mrs. Tom Doherty, candidate for Mrs. America in 1959.

Newaygo County Women's Committee is proud to be part of a county that is one of the largest contributors to the Camp Kato Building Fund. At their May meeting Mrs. Vera Miller of the Newaygo Health department

District 6
 Mrs. Alice Gordon, Chairman
 Grandville R-2

Our district meeting at North Street, with St. Clair County as hostess, was attended by 147 ladies.

Mrs. Dickson from the Department of Public Instruction, told how our schools are financed. It was very educational.

H. A. Cannon with the U. S. Department of Justice at Saginaw described the work.

St. Clair ladies presented Fash-

The Home Flower Garden
 How to Grow New Plants from Old

H. L. R. CHAPMAN
 Garden Clubs Lecturer

Continue the article of last month, "How to Grow New Plants from Old," I want to say something new about the treatment necessary as soon as the plant material has produced roots.

When leaf or stem cuttings are placed in a soil medium inside a propagating case (see May 1 column) very little watering will be necessary after the first thorough watering. One of the objects of a propagating case is to maintain moisture around the cuttings and in the soil at all times.

It is well to keep an eye on the rooting medium and if it shows signs of becoming dry add water.

Foggy ventilation for the propagating case is important in encouraging the cuttings to remain in good condition and produce roots. The cuttings of some tropical plants can get along very nicely without ventilation, but the cuttings of most plants with which the home gardener will have to contend will benefit by being aired a little each day.

The glass cover should be removed each morning and the condensed moisture on the glass wiped away. This prevents the moisture from falling down on the cuttings which may cause them to rot. As soon as the glass cover is dry it should be put back in position on top of the case.

It is well to examine the cuttings closely for signs of fungus or decay, and if present remove the affected leaves or stems and substitute the propagating case into a new one.

When the cuttings have rooted they should be removed from the case and potted singly in a suitable soil mixture. From the plants are young and the roots somewhat tender the soil should be light and contain about one-fourth fertilizer.

The time needed for cuttings to produce roots varies considerably according to the plant and

the conditions in which the cuttings have been subjected.

Frequently cuttings in full bloom are being put into propagation. This is not a good idea. It is better to use cuttings from plants that are in the early stages of growth. The young plants of Philadelphias should be placed in a moist pot in a mixture of three-fourths sphum peat moss and one-fourth sandy loam, mixed thoroughly.

Some home gardeners take young home plants such as Chinquapins, Escallops, Wandering Jew, and immediately African violets by pinning the cuttings to waterless or peat-filled soil.

Several plants can be encouraged to produce roots in water but they will require extra care as the stems of porous plants often rot. Roots are pinched to fresh soil when the cuttings are ready to be planted in soil.

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A small outfit with glass which can be sealed is the only equipment necessary. The frame should be 18 inches high at the back and 9 inches high at the front. Make sure that the soil on which the frames stand has good drainage.

Add a six-inch layer of sand or some other light draining medium and then peat moss. Place the larger cuttings at the back of the frame and the smaller ones in front.

When the cuttings are in place water thoroughly and place the glass each on top of the frame. Each day the cuttings must be checked for progress.

When the cuttings are rooted, they should be potted singly in pots and left standing in the frame, which must remain air according to the weather.

The plants must be brought inside before any chilly night arrives.

District 5
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 Plainfield R-2

After Alice in Wonderland, the country seems so beautiful and wonderful.

Thank-you everything in the book has been known of it this year and it all comes out beautiful and full of joy.

Alcona County Women's Committee (Continued on Page 2)

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS
 June 1, 1959

Mrs. Bacon Retires As County Secretary

Mrs. Carl R. Bacon of Kalamazoo R-6 has retired as secretary of Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau after 13 years of service.

She was honored May 3 by officers and members of the County Farm Bureau at a refreshment luncheon at the County Center. She was presented with two beautiful bouquets of flowers by the County Farm Bureau. The Women's Committee gave her a lovely book.

Mrs. Bacon and her husband were among the organizers of Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau in 1947. In 1948 she was elected to become secretary-treasurer of the County Farm Bureau. She has been secretary-treasurer since her husband's untimely death in 1954. She has been helpful in organizing Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau activities. She was a contributor to the County Farm Bureau paper.

Mrs. and Mrs. Bacon live on a nice place where they grow their vegetables. Mrs. Bacon is a member of the Farm Bureau Extension Committee.

The new secretary is Mrs. Mary Lynn and the office is at her home, 3190 South 12th Street, Kalamazoo.

Tsuru Nakatani Married May 23

Mrs. Tsuru Nakatani of Tokyo, and friend of many women in Michigan Farm Bureau, was married May 23 in Palm Beach, Florida, to a Mr. Tsuru Nakatani, a student at Michigan State University.

Mrs. Nakatani wrote to Mrs. A. E. Ely of Okemuncie, R-1, April 24. "It has been very warm and people are wearing summer dress. I am sure it will be hot May 23. I shall have a hard time waiting a Japanese wedding known as the reception. I shall wear a white dress at the ceremony at church. We shall see you this fall in Michigan." Tsuru Nakatani, 19 Asahi-Chu, Chuo-Ku, Hiroshima, Tokyo, Japan.

Meader Helps Save State's Rights Bill

Representative George Meader of Michigan's 5th Congressional District, cast a deciding vote in the House Judiciary Committee for H. R. 9, to save the so-called "State's Rights" bill. The Committee vote was 17 to 15. A coalition of votes would have killed the bill.

The Act provides that "unless there is a direct and positive conflict between an Act (or Congress) and a State law so that the two cannot be reconciled or concurrently stand together, State law shall continue to be valid and in effect."

Farm Bureau has long supported this principle.

7109

Love cheerful kitchen accessories! Brighton plates with their gay motifs. These designs look like garden apple-pie—but are made in the best china.

Pattern 7109. A child can tell whether these 4 1/2 inches. There are 10 in 4 1/2 inches.

Send 35 cents to buy for this pattern. Add five cents for each pattern. Buy from mailing label in Michigan Farm News, 205 Broadview Dept. F. O. Box 108, Old Chelsea Station, New York 11, N. Y.

Mrs. Ruth Ann Avery, 16, was chosen an alternate Dairy Princess May 28 at Michigan State University. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Avery who operate a 131 acre farm at Hope, R-1, Calhoun county.

Mrs. Avery is a senior at Homer Community high school and plans to attend Ferris Institute. Ruth Ann has dairy cattle which she raised as 4-H projects. She showed the grand champion Guernsey cow at the Calhoun County Fair in 1958 and 1959. She has held many 4-H job offices, is a leader in school activities, and is a fine public speaker.

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\$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 71,904 members of the Michigan Farm Bureau. This bargain is less than half our regular classified advertising rate.

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Attend Poultry Disease Course

Women of Farm Bureau

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litter will attend Northwest Farm Bureau Women's Twin Lakes Camp, Tuesday, June 2, in place of having a regular meeting. Their annual Rural-Urban banner was carried this year by the Frankfort Methodist Church.

Kalamazoo County Women's Committee observed Michigan Week with special emphasis at their meeting in Michigan's resources. An interesting side-line this month is having a local woman, Mrs. Wilson, chosen as Mrs. Michigan.

A comment from Mrs. Hugh Hays, "We needed no words of live together, plan together, and work together, to help Michigan meet its problems and competition."

Manistee County recently entertained exchange students from Japan, Germany, and England. This was under a Council of Churches program. They also made a concentrated study of the bill for further water diversion from Lake Michigan by Chicago and the Housing Bill, and Fair Trade Bill.

Missaukee County deserves a prize for putting over the District Meeting April 23. District eight attended. Max Cochran and eight high contributed greatly to the day with their information on our schools, homes, and gardens.

Northwest Michigan Women's Committee has organized a revolving fund whereby we expect to assist young women in business.

We shall start one this fall and by the end of 4 years should have several in the rotating career.

At the annual big event in Twin Lakes Camp, June 2, 3 & 4 followed by the annual charity dairy auctioned June 7 at MICHIGAN FARM NEWS June 1, 1958

District 11
Mrs. Ken Carey, Chairman
Stephens, 2-1

Chippewa County Women's Committee met with its District Safety Committee reports, Twin Lakes Camp Program, and a discussion for Chippewa County Farm Bureau Day to be held this summer were the business for the day.

Washtenaw County has accepted all the state projects in full and observed Michigan Week with special emphasis in the building of Stocking bridges. That word "building" brought to mind that the town square had completed in this year for some time. Some like some days a season might be to build, life gets so complicated.

A report on a career research program was given by Mrs. Marvin Innis.

Our next meeting will be an open meeting Jack Church, presenting attorney, will speak.

Washtenaw County Women's Committee had as their guests and speakers two girls from the area who were exchange students to Europe last year in the Youth for Understanding program. We enjoyed their talks and showing of color pictures.

A quiz was conducted in the State Council obligations.

Washtenaw County Women's Committee met at the home of Mrs. Ralph Paulson with a group represented.

Mrs. Tolson, safety chairman, was then writing for return of safety survey reports from two groups. Please get them in work or letter and complete list work.

Letters from rural school children of Edna School, Mrs. Hildred Lamont, teacher, were read and appreciated. The youngsters really love their Star Spangled Banner record.

County Farm Bureau picnic is set for July 30 at Wells State Park.

The Farm Bureau women are making the leading survey for the White House Youth Conference. You and a report of the Child and Youth survey results made a fascinating and lively discussion program for the evening.

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All-Out Milk Promotion in June by ADA

The American Dairy Association will promote the Dairy "Dairy's Best Milk" during June Dairy Month this year.

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Going to Young People's Camp?

Do you like to swim, dance, eat, have fun, and learn more about your Farm Bureau Young People's organization?

Come to June camp. It will be held June 19-21 at Clear Lake Camp, Durand, Barry county.

The cost is \$10 for four days. We suggest you have a sponsor who pays \$10 to \$15 of the cost. Possible sponsors are County Farm Bureau, Women's Committee, and Farm cooperatives.

For more information, contact Paul D. Hays, well and Gene Kilian of Michigan State University, Robert E. Smith, vice-president of Michigan Farm Bureau, Roger French, Mrs. Marjorie Korber, of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

New applications to Farm Bureau Young People, P. O. Box 950, 4000 North Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan. Applications must arrive by June 10.

Real Citizenship is Action in Party Politics

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for June

Background Material for Program in June by our 1854 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

DONALD E. KIRREY
Coordinator of Education and Research

Let's lay it on the line. It is time to be very frank with ourselves.

Most American people refuse or neglect to take any part in political party action. Some seem to think themselves "above all this,"—and regard it as a virtue to leave politics alone, or a sin to touch it. That attitude is sure outside to our American heritage.

If you refuse to become active in political party affairs, you cannot believe in self-government. Not in America. Plato stated it with a stronger sting. He said, "Refuse to take part in politics, and you will be governed by meaner men."

Political Party is Basic. We must face an undeniable fact,—there is no road to self-government in America but party politics. You have to travel that road personally. The nomination and election of our lawmakers is linked to party politics by the laws of our land. When you refuse to be a party supporter, you vote yourself right out of the self-government process.

We have a republic in America. In such a nation, representatives act for the people. They set government policies and enact the laws. The people do not do these things directly. Yet, ways are left open for the people to have a strong voice and control over government affairs.

Political parties were established to the early years of our American history. A two party system emerged. More parties are possible if the people create them. This is good. Parties are the people's machinery for nominating and electing their government representatives. With more than one party at work, monopoly power was given a check and changes of government were made possible.

But outside of the political party system there is no road to American self-government. The "political independent" is simply a voice crying in the wilderness.

The "Good Citizen"

"Oh! But I vote," you say. "That makes me a good citizen!" Does it?

For whom do you vote? Did you take any part in selecting and nominating the candidates of the ballot? Do you have any real

idea of the views of the candidates regarding public policy? Did you ever meet the candidates? When you picked up your ballot in the polls, were the names before you real people, — or just vague symbols?

The answers to such questions will draw a lot of blanks. What because the political party and

from nominations, and probably you are one that refused to touch party politics with a ten foot pole.

Desires to party conventions in the county, state and nation divide on the nominations. Did you ever know the democratic Whip of your district or town? What kind of government does this job? Did you vote in the so-called "primary" election where they were chosen?

When Your Voice is Small

If you feel these things to stir, try you have a small voice in self-government. Your vote in the "primary" general election is just a small part of approval of candidates that someone else decided upon.

The things you read and hear about the candidates during the campaign are really just treating you to the political case to make it appealing. (Understanding, isn't it?)

Let's look at another present-day claim to "good citizenship." Lots of folks get "lead off" and write to their lawmakers. And what do they want something? Very few write letters of appreciation for work done by their lawmakers.

Let's write and tell the folks how they feel. But remember — the lawmakers were not loyal to those who worked for them. People who had no part in it find it hard to swing him their way when his vote is cast on the floor of the legislative body.

They Work At It

We should not find it hard to answer the question why some groups "make hay" in legislative halls. They WORK at it in every level of party operations—work skillfully, diligently and hard.

They are really dedicated to creating a government set in their own pattern. You'll have to hand it to them—and you certainly do that when you request to take part in your political party!

The most dedicated and hardest working party in the world today is the Communist Party—not of Russia, but of the world.

Laziest Citizen?

With the average American, his approach to politics is limited to groups, TV watching, tavern or street corner arguments, and (maybe) voting in his general election each four years. And that's all he's doing.

This man "good citizen" and something "better" tells us that his government is "THEY." Here he betrays his subconscious "self-government" starts with an "I" and ends with "WE."

It starts with personal and individual action in the party of one's choice right in the legislative body or precinct. Work and

Discussion Topics

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

Jun. Needed . . . A Powerful Push in Citizenship.

Jul. Are We Doing Well in Welfare Progress in Michigan?

Aug. What Can Farmers Hope to Gain by Being Organized as a Labor Union?

Attend your Community Farm Bureau each month and discuss these interesting subjects. Read background material in the Michigan Farm News.

neglected local governments surrender their responsibilities and powers to "higher authorities." Some may protest this surrender because they think it is the "higher authority."

The many American citizens have away from that word "WORK" in the party. They get curious and they about their government. The public want for the "work" of the party. They want to see the "work" of the party. They want to see the "work" of the party.

Some party "followers" give a lot of money to their party. They then take and feel righteous. They money does help — a little. But money will never link an average and dedicated citizen to the party. It will not substitute for ORGANIZED WORK BY DETERMINED PEOPLE. The best organized and best supported party of the people is going to control the government.

Working Within The Party

Have you ever heard anybody say, "The money is going in the dog and there are putting the people in a great racket?"

The American people can fix all political ills, not only by but and energetic action. They will not do it unless it is a political matter.

You and I will have to take the first step in the right direction. That is to get into the party and work. Call up the local party leader or the county committee man and offer to help.

I think that in most places you will find a central warehouse. But these are exceptions. You sometimes the people have let the control go so long that the party has been captured by a clique of "leaders" guards its power at all cost.

Such folks may give you more than "the end of the world." You might have to organize some party action and break their monopoly. You might have to do some fancy detective work to find out where the party meetings are being held and defeat some fancy tricks designed to keep you from getting to the meetings.

Make "house" committees for such parties. You can't stir them up and be a political "snake in the woods." But you must attend the meetings of the party, — you and your neighbors. Find out how the things go.

I said it might take bold and energetic action.

If you find such a condition, you will know that political control has been taken over by a self-appointed few, and it is time that the people get the reins from their hands in their own hands. At least give the "house" some competition!

Make a financial donation to your party,—what you can afford. It may help open the door a little. Party work costs money. Lots of publicity is necessary. Campaign materials have to be paid for.

It is well to remember that we have to begin changing politics from the art of holding power over the people to an art of putting the people in power. This means parties who are willing to fight for their part in self-government.

The Informed Citizen

The true citizen will inform himself. He will know the way his government operates and the laws that control its operation. It is well to start at the home level first.

A true citizen will study the election laws of his state which govern political party action. These can be obtained from the Secretary of State at the Capitol Building in Lansing. He will become familiar with the to-be of his political party and learn how the party business works.

He will study the problems of his community — schools, roads, water, taxation and government services. He will also know the problems and issues of his country, state and nation in the long run.

Jefferson said that a self-government by an uneducated people cannot last.

You voted yet?"

4. Perhaps some need organization in the voting place or a baby-watcher. There should be organized to help out in this work. Young people of party members can serve as baby-watchers. Every vote counts!

Involving young people early in these jobs gets them interested in party activity at an early age. They can serve, too, as messengers from the party office to the poll-watchers, the car pools, etc.

Telephone workers, car drivers and baby-sitters can all be counted in staffing the voter service units and the way to make their vote count. Or they can hand the voter a sample ballot clearly marked with arrows to get the desired results. There are certain positions in party activity today.

Between elections there should be frequent contacts between party leaders and workers. And regardless of the outcome of the election, the workers should be taken together for a dinner and plans should be set for the next campaign.

It is important to keep the party group close-knit, active, and working hard. In politics you have to look and plan for future success and never allow your party organization to fall apart because of an election setback nor after a favorable candidate victory.

While it reveals the laziness and indifference of the American voter, you may be forced to watch it. This takes party workers.

2. Parties need workers near the polls to check on those who do vote. There should be a "poll-watching" at every voting place. The party should have a complete card file of its voters.

3. Telephone workers. The card file and poll-watchers will reveal those who have not voted. By using telephone workers should begin calling those who have not voted. Their question, — "Have

a well-promoted and well-attended meeting. Don't ask them for speeches.

Prepare questions that refer to the main issues of the day. Give each candidate only a minute to answer each question. Use a time and bell. Remember, you are not asking for a speech. Keep it brief. Do not allow debates to arise between candidates nor involving the audience.

Have a question prepared on which each member of the audience can take the nature of the answers given by the candidates. The setup of the question will differ with the problems and issues.

After all answers have been given in these questions, divide the audience into small groups that will bring out questions not yet clearly answered. One or two of these added questions as possible in a reasonable time limit.

Keep the meeting orderly and courteous to candidates regarding the nature of the party.

Discuss the candidates. Talk the ratings of the people. The findings should show the differences in the views and policy positions held by the candidates.

There is much value in this face-to-face contact with candidates. It does away with much of the guessing in the voting booth. You know what the candidate's name stands for.

Most candidates welcome such opportunities to express their views. And if the candidate "backslides" in the legislative halls, the people can remind him of his words.

Can't Afford Political Ignorance

"What you don't know won't hurt you," is an old saying. This statement has been passed from generation to generation.

It is a dangerous notion in

government.

We have spent millions of dollars yearly to learn about cancer and polio. They will continue to advance until we push back the darkness of our ignorance and learn to control them.

The same is true of self-government as compared to government by the privileged few. But we can find the remedy in this case—in America. It is available to us in its main ingredients in personal responsibility and action in public political life—work in the party of our choice. We must learn to use this remedy wisely and well.

Questions

1. In your opinion do radio and TV broadcasts in an election campaign give the citizens a true picture of the candidates and issues?

2. What can citizens do to appeal to radio and TV stations to broadcast reliable and factual information needed by voters before election time?

3. How many members of your group know the name of the county commission or precinct leader of their political party?

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5. How many of your group have been active in party politics?

No Horns

Citizens seem to have horns, but they really do not. What appears as horns are only ticks of skin and fat, without a trace of hard growth expected of a horn.

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