Michigan Farm News

Many Decisions Are Near in the Legislature

End of Session is Set for April 15

41 Bills Died at Midnight on March 16
Waiting for Final Vote, Including H. 220, the Milk Price Stabilization Bill. Senate Committee Kills Seal of Quality Bill on 24th

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The legislative threshing machine is operating in high gear. Of the 797 bills introduced during the current session, 354 have already gone out on the strawstack. That is, they were turned down in committee, defeated on the floor, or automatically killed by the provisions of various deadlines which the Legislature has set up to bring about completion of the main part of the session on April 15.

On the whole such expedient progress is commendable. In a normal session there are far more bills which deserve to die than there are which should be enacted into law. From the figures given above it is evident that there are only 276 bills which were passed through the house of origin and went on to the other branch of the Legislature. Of the 26 proposed constitutional amendments which have been introduced to date, only one has been approved in the Chamber in which it was introduced. That is SJR "A" which proposes to submit to the voters this November, the question of permitting the Legislature to raise the Sales Tax rate from 3% to 4%.

The Senate defeated a proposal to change the name of the Michigan State Normal College to Michigan State University. The proposal received 22 negative votes as compared with 13 affirmative. The House of Representatives defeated the bill and sent it back to the Senate for reconsideration, but the Senate rejected the bill by a vote of 10 to 21. The bill was then referred back to the Senate Committee on Education for study.

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Today in Farm Bureau

ROGER FERCH
Coordinator of Organization Department, MFB

As this issue goes to press, Spring has arrived, even though it may not look like it in some areas. This means that we probably haven’t much time left to finish the membership campaign for 1960.

As we closed our books for this month, membership stood at 69,538. This is 95.4% of goal, and leaves us 9,389 members short of our goal. I am convinced that we can reach the Michigan Farm Bureau goal of 72,927 if we do one thing. Personally, I am going to pull every string I have for this year. There is a very simple formula to remember—Michigan Farm Bureau will only have as many members as all the County Farm Bureaus put together. This is your organization.

Eleven counties are over goal:
1. Iron
2. Delta
3. Emmet
4. Westford
5. Montmorency
6. Mason
7. Charlevoix
8. Menominee
9. Chippewa
10. Alger
11. Oscoda

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Wheat is No. 1 Farm Problem

The American Farm Bureau has developed a new program to deal with the serious problems that have arisen under the present price support program for wheat.

Farm Bureau is recommending the new plan to Congress.

Under the present price support and acreage program for wheat, we are producing much more wheat than the market will take. The greatest single stimulant to the situation is the production incentives of the price support program.

The Commodity Credit Corporation has $3.4 billion tied up in 1.4 billion bushels of wheat in storage.

The wheat situation is critical. It will get worse with corrective legislation.

Farm Bureau believes that new, effective programs for wheat producers are needed, and that such programs should emphasize production incentives through demand building. To increase the demand for wheat, Farm Bureau is recommending the new plan.

1. Test your soil to find out what it lacks.
2. Fertilize with Farm Bureau's fertilizers. Do this when your ground is not frozen or too muddy.
3. Use correct rotation and crop sequence.
4. Watch your planting rate and stick to it.
5. Plant Farm Bureau's Michigan Certified Hybrid Seed Corn.
6. Use adequate fertilizer of the proper analysis.
7. Place the fertilizer in the seed and below the soil.
8. Provide adequate moisture for maize after plants emerge from the soil.

ABFB Turns Away From Cuban Sugar

Directors of the American Farm Bureau on March 17 recommended that Cuba no longer be given preferential treatment under the Sugar Act. The Board of Directors recommended that Cuba be added to the list of countries slated for developing "no sugar" sanctions.

AFB turns off its Cuban sugar because of the competition from the combination of size of wheat stocks acquired by the Federal Farm Credit Corporation. CCC now owns 3.4 billion bushels of wheat in storage.

Under Farm Bureau's proposal, the CCC would be restricted to the production of wheat stocks at a price level of support price, plus reasonable costs of production.

The solution to the wheat problem is found in demand building, with emphasis on the expansion of the kind of financing, and financial service involving the kind of financing, together with services of the Department of Agriculture.

The American Farm Bureau is recommending to Congress a new and better wheat program.

2. Write letter to our Representative in your state requesting that the American Farm Bureau make a study of the needs of wheat producers in your state.
3. Assure maintenance of effective program for wheat producers to deal with the serious problems that have arisen under the present price support program.
4. Provide for increases in the basic cost for wheat in foreign countries.
5. Establish a program to deal with the situation.

If you're like most farmers in Michigan, high fixed costs are your biggest problem. Stop in at your nearby Farm Bureau's fertilizer and seed department and let them show you how Farm Bureau Plant Foods can help you.

If you are interested in getting a good corn crop this year...

1. Test your soil to find out what it lacks.
2. Use land that has been properly drained.
3. Use correct rotation and crop sequence.
4. Keep your tillage down to a minimum.
5. Plant Farm Bureau's Michigan Certified Hybrid Seed Corn.
6. Watch your planting rate and stick to it.
7. Use adequate fertilizer of the proper analysis.
8. Place the fertilizer in the seed and below the soil.

Today you need higher yields for increased profits. That's why it is all the more important that you feed your crops properly. Stop in at Farm Bureau Plant Foods and let them show you how Farm Bureau Plant Foods can help you.

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Farm Bureau's Michigan Certified Hybrid Seed Corn

Today more than ever before you've got to be sure your corn crop gives you the largest profit return you can get. You can be sure of getting this highest yield of the highest quality when your planting and planting equipment has been geared with Farm Bureau's fertilizers and seed and processing plants are located to give you every advantage in getting the best return for your time and energy in raising your crop. Each phase of Farm Bureau's fertilizer and seed department has been geared with Farm Bureau's own lines of research and development to give you the highest quality and the best return for your investment.

-- Al Lehman's Durocs have won 1953 National Barrow Show and owns the first "Certified Michigan National Barrow" in the United States.

Says ALVIN S. LEHMANN, Pleasant Plains, Illinois

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Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

**District 1**

Mrs. Alva J. Foster, Chairman

Berrien County, Mrs. Kathy Gallow, Secretary

March 6 at the Youth Center

The AFBF National Week was observed with the Junior Farmers, and with Mrs. Earl Kohler, Assistant County Agent, who presented a demonstration on soil testing.

Kalamazoo County, Mrs. Lucile Hall, Chairman

Mrs. Leo C. Reddy was recommended for the AFBF Board of Directors, and for the AFBF Women's Committee.

**District 2**

Mrs. Gen. Cleman, Chairman

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March 6 at the Easton Methodist Church

The Women's Committee of the Easton Methodist Church held an all-day program of talks and a rubber stamping project. There were approximately 30 members present.

Lapeer County, Mrs. Alva J. Foster, Chairman

The Women's Committee of the Lapeer County Farm Bureau met at the Lapeer County Memorial Home, March 22

**District 3**

Mrs. Walter Branch, Chairman

Dr. W. D. Brandt, President of the Farm Bureau Women's Committee, spoke on "The Importance of the American Farm to the World's Peace and Prosperity," and Mrs. Frank Christy, Secretary, read the minutes of the State Board of Directors, and announced the elections for the offices of the State Board of Directors.

**District 4**

March 24 at the Congregational Church

Rev. Horace E. Williams, Pastor, and Rev. George Frisbie, Pastor of the Congregational Church, addressed the women on "The Importance of the Church to the World's Peace and Prosperity."

**Isabella County Women's Committee**

March 25 at the Congregational Church

The Women's Committee of the Congregational Church held a meeting on "The Importance of the Church to the World's Peace and Prosperity."

**District 9**

Mrs. Olive Tompkins, Chairman

**1960 cranberry crop**

The Cranberry Crop of 1960 was harvested by the Cranberry Growers of the North Central States. The crop was estimated at 10,000,000 pounds by the Cranberry Commission.

**District 10-W**

Mrs. Vernon Vance, Chairman

**BANGS DISEASE DOWN 84 Pct. in 5 Years**

In 1955, 376,000 cases of Bangs disease were reported in the United States. By 1960, only 57 cases were reported. This is a 98% decrease in the incidence of Bangs disease.

**Flower Seeds**

The Home Flower Garden

**Sowing Seeds Outdoors**

K. L. R. CHAPMAN

Osage City, Kansas

Seed sowing is the first step in growing flowers. It is important to choose the right type of seed for the specific flower you want to grow. Some flowers can be sown directly in the garden, while others require special conditions for successful germination.

**CO-OP Custom Stamps**

**FLOWER & SPACE**

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17 c. ft. 595 lb. capacity

This is a DELUXE MODEL! See the details:

- **CO-OP Custom Stamps**
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Remember...you’re buying a deluxe freezer, NOT a promotional item, a "down-sized" model.
Driver of the Year!
In behalf of the trucking industry—and the people of Michigan whose needs the industry serves—we salute Lawrence E. Durham, the Wolverines State's 1959 Driver of the Year. Mr. Durham, who drives for White Star Trucking, Inc., of Lincoln Park, has driven over 2,000,000 miles without a single chargeable accident—and half of this unspotted city driving.

Married, the father of one son—who is also a truck driver—Mr. Durham has driven trucks for 20 years. He and eleven other truck drivers who competed for the number one honor have spent a combined total of 245 years driving 13,650,000 miles with only one very minor chargeable accident. No wonder they call them professional truck drivers!

Nearly 3,000 Farmers Own FBS Pole Buildings

Nearly 3,000 farmers have their own FBS pole buildings in the past three years, says Richard Anderson, manager of the FBS (Farm Bureau Services) division. More than 500,000 buildings were manufactured at the FBS plant at Kalamazoo, for an estimated construction cost of $250,000,000.

The buildings received according to Anderson, were Fayette Building Co., a new plant at Caledonia, New York; and American Building Co., a new plant off a good start.

More than half the buildings were from Benton, Illinois, and 30% from Illinois alone, indicating the growth of the growing season. Successful less than half the average control of Benton-Co, and the new plants off a good start.

The FBS building service is being offered to all farm and home building purchasers, the division reports. For a thirty-five, the building service has supply of nitrogen and to condition steddy-gro at its fertilizer plant at Kalamazoo. It will manufacture steady-gro at its fertilizer plant at Kalamazoo. It will

Power Balanced Gasoline is a best performance fuel. It contains a new additive to protect all-weather performance. It is balanced for full power and all-weather performance.

Rust Inhibitor. Farm Bureau Services has added a new additive to protect automobile fuel tanks and fuel lines against rust and corrosion caused by water contamination.

AFBF Urges Billion Cut in Federal Loan Costs

John C. Lewis and Robert Starke, D., of the American Farm Bureau Federation, have written to the members of the Senate Committee, asking for the Mutual Convention on the Mutual Agreement on the Mutual Convention.

The Administrators of the loan program have asked a reduction to 60,000,000,000. The Administrator of the loan program has asked a reduction to 60,000,000,000.

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PFC Announces:

Farm Bureau Power Balanced Gasoline

Farmer`s pole-building company has announced Farm Bureau Power Balanced Gasoline, a new additive to protect automobile fuel tanks and fuel lines against rust and corrosion caused by water contamination.

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"The Phone? I couldn't do WITHOUT IT!"

We've had a telephone on the farm ever since I retired, and I've used it, almost twenty years ago. It's come in handy lots of times: like the night it was raining and the time we were all sick with the flu.

But over the years, I've found that the calls I make day by day are just as important. , for instance, when I call in to check on the weather, or when I have to order a part for the tractor or talk to the county agent. You know, a lot of things are essential to running this farm, and the telephone is just as important. I don't know I could do without it."

The telephone does save you time and money. I've learned to use it to your advantage and to be efficient about saving time and getting the job done.

MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY
Michigan Farm Bureau

Farm Bureau Ins. Declares Dividend

The Board of Directors of the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies has announced a dividend of $7.50 per share for the year 1960. The dividend, which is payable on March 15, 1961, will be paid to all shareholders of record on February 28, 1961.

The dividend is the result of the continued growth in the business of the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, which have been operating at a profit since their inception in 1937. The companies have been able to pay dividends to their policyholders each year since their formation, and the dividend for 1960 is the third year in a row that dividends have been declared.

The Farm Bureau Insurance Companies are owned by members of the American Farm Bureau Federation, which is the largest organization of farmers in the United States. The companies provide insurance for farm owners and operators, and their profits are used to support the work of the American Farm Bureau Federation and other organizations that promote the interests of farmers.

The Farm Bureau Insurance Companies are located at 1101 Building, Lansing, Michigan. They can be reached at (517) 373-5000.

For more information, contact the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies at 1101 Building, Lansing, Michigan, or call (517) 373-5000.
Three Glasses Daily for '50's 60's Theme

Fluid milk promotion by business is herein presented in a format to be titled "Drink Three Glasses a Day and Milk Milk for the Moon." This was announced at the American Dairy Assoc's Michigan annual meeting in the history of the community. The purpose of the meeting was to encourage businesses to promote milk consumption.

President Volvos Sewage Plant Bill

President Volvos announced his first veto of the year to prevent federal aid to municipalities for construction of sewage plants. It provided that the bill would not become law unless the Secretary of the Interior, 10 years. The bill was opposed by the Admin in the House to override it.

Van Buren $10 Plate Dinner April 30

The Van Buren County Farm Bureau's second bill plate dinner will be held at the Van Buren Community Center in Van Buren on April 30. The dinner will feature a variety of foods including meat, vegetables, and desserts.

Indian Mound

The Indian Mound located near Mt. Pleasant, Mich., in the heart of Saginaw County, is a historic site with cultural significance. It was the site of a Native American settlement.

57 Members on MFB Tour to Washington

Fifty-seven members of Michigan Farm Bureau visited Washington, D.C., from March 24 through March 26 as part of the MFB's participation in national meetings.

Rural Health Meeting: Pay More Attention to Your Health

Michigan Farm Bureau will sponsor a Rural Health Conference on April 18 at the Ramada Inn in Lansing to discuss issues related to rural health.

54 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

- Specialty Produce
- Greenhouse and Nursery
- Farm Equipment
- Livestock
- Dairy Products
- Seed and Feed
- Fertilizer and Pesticides
- Irrigation Systems
- Financial Services
- Telecommunications
- Consumer Products

DOCS

- Deed of Trust
- Bill of Sale
- Employment Contract
- Partnership Agreement
- License Agreement

11 FARM EQUIPMENT

- Tractors
- Combine Harvesters
- Turf Mowers
- Grain Dryers
- Irrigation Systems
- Seed Drillers
- Sprayers
- Feed Mixers
- Hay Rakes
- Hay Baling Machines

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Moore on Dairy Plant Automation

Donald R. Moore, an engineer at the Michigan State University, has been involved in research on dairy plant automation. He has studied the potential of automation in dairy plants and has contributed to the development of automated systems for dairy processing.

Governor Praises State Fair Bill

Governor G. Mennen Williams has congratulated the 21 members of the Michigan State Fair Commission, who voted unanimously to pass a bill that will provide a $100,000 grant to the Michigan State Fair. The bill was signed into law on May 18.

MICHIGAN ARM NEWS

April 1, 1960
Do Our Local Governments Pay Their Way?

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for April

Background Material for Programs in April by Our 1,573 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

Donald E. Best
Coordinator of Education and Research

Our April topic involves a close examination of local government operations and the degrees to which local people finance them. It is a topic of greatest importance to local people. It has a lot to do with the future of farmers.

Farm Bureau delegates have said, "Farmers are citizens of their communities, their state and nation." What happens to government has a lot to do with the future of farming. If for no other reason than heavy taxation farmers should be serious students of local government in all its forms.

Ingredients of the Pickle

Changes in our American society are having much to do with the predicament in which local governments and school districts are finding themselves. We should examine a few developmental factors in the government systems which are affecting the full powers of our local government and will be upon the way, in which people view the challenge of local government.

No. 1 - The Changing Viewpoint

We must put down one or more important elements of the trend of public opinion which accepts the philosophy that local government operations may be financed by larger government units. This doctrine, as it grows in favor, is becoming an important major element of the problem. It is a dynamic trend, some say.

There is much unrest that local governments are not in the position to pay for the services they provide. There are many individuals who feel that local government is not in the position to provide the services that they feel are needed.

No. 2 - Our Growing Population

Our population has increased tremendously, but it is not really a population increase. Our population is still growing, but it is not growing in the same way that it used to.

In 1960, the U.S. population was about 181 million. By 1970, it was projected to be about 210 million. By 1980, it was projected to be about 240 million. By 1990, it was projected to be about 270 million. By 2000, it was projected to be about 300 million.

In addition, there is a noticeable trend of population growth in rural areas. This is causing a strain on the resources of local governments.

No. 3 - Proper Planning

In planning the future of our communities, we must consider not only the population increase, but also the needs of the community. This includes the development of infrastructure, such as roads, schools, and hospitals.

Food and Fiber Inflows to Local Government

Several federal programs have been established to help finance local government services. For example, the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1967 provides a mechanism for financing the operation of local governments. This act was passed to help local governments finance their operations without having to rely on local taxes.

Property Taxes Have Some Faults

Alleviation of local governmental expenses by raising property taxes is not related to any real ability to act. The basic problem in many Michigan communities is taxing property owners for themselves a taxing system which is not working as it should be. Most property owners are too busy to think about the taxes being paid on their property.

In setting 1959 policies, the Michigan Farm Bureau delegates said, "In many cases farm owners believe that property taxes have been too high and that they have little or no control over the amount of property tax paid. There are farmers who believe that the tax structure is unfair and that it is benefitting the rich more than the poor. Others believe that property taxes are too high and that they should be reduced."

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April 1, 1960

Mrs. M. M. Anderson, of Flint, Mich., was named president of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Mrs. Anderson has been active in Farm Bureau activities for many years. She was elected to the position at the recent MFB annual meeting.

New Extension of Coverage

Damage caused by collision with deer will be paid under comprehensive coverage effective April 1, 1960. Formerly, damage caused by deer was paid under collision coverage, subject to policyholders paying the deductible amount.

New Fire and Wind Rates

Effective April 1, 1960. Fire and Extended Coverage rates on pole buildings have been reduced by 40 percent. Wind rates on concrete and metal-sided buildings also have been reduced.