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## Campaigns Move to Closing Days of Congress

### EDITORIAL

#### *We Accept Responsibility*

CLARK L. BRODY

The 170 farmers who organized the Michigan Farm Bureau emphasized individual responsibility as the basic source of strength of the Farm Bureau.

They set the pattern for personal initiative in the form of a substantial individual membership. They provided for member participation in the state organization through the County Farm Bureaus.

At the organization meeting February 5, 1919, President Roland Morrill voiced this principle when he told the delegates:

**"It's up to each member to do his part. We must all share in the burden."**

These charter members could not have a clear idea of what their personal responsibility would involve in the years ahead. They thought largely of paying their \$10 annual membership and electing officers of the County and State Farm Bureaus.

This limited conception of member responsibility was prevalent during the first membership campaign of 1919 and 1920 and the early years of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

During this formative period the directors and officers of the Farm Bureau performed valuable service in farm legislation and public relations with a minimum of member support.

National measures enacted included laws that regulated grain exchanges and meat packers. We got a reduction of 10% in freight rates in 1922.

We fought a successful battle in Michigan in 1923-25 for the enactment of a 2 cents per gallon gas tax to relieve farmers from some of the burden of our highway taxes. The Michigan Farm Bureau won the Michigan Zone Rate case in 1924. This brought an important reduction in freight rates for the farmers.

In those days we operated our state and national organizations largely on the theory that if the Farm Bureau produced valuable results it would satisfy the members and build a strong organization.

However, dissatisfied members and declining membership rolls emphasized the fallacy of this conception. It brought local leaders and state officers to recognize that the member must be encouraged to enlist in producing the service he desired,—in addition to the payment of his dues.

The responsibility must originate with the member rather than with his state organization in order to build a strong and truly representative Farm Bureau.

Accordingly, in 1925 and 1926 for the first time the membership Roll Call was conducted entirely by volunteer teams of local men and women. We dispensed with paid solicitors from the state office.

County and community leaders, assisted by the officers and staff of the Michigan Farm Bureau, have devoted years of effort to achieve the member activity and responsibility we know today.

Through the Community Farm Bureaus and County Committees, members now deal monthly with many phases of farm interest including legislation, public affairs, membership, commodity programs, and other questions of member concern.

The monthly programs of 1566 Community Groups and committees originate over 700 resolutions from which the policies of the County and State Farm Bureau are formulated.

County Farm Bureaus are conveying the interests of their members directly to government agencies within the county.

Through these programs member initiative determines the leadership of state and national organizations and generates the influence that makes them effective.

It enables directors and officers to speak with authority in opposing such measures as a state constitutional convention, and the recent Poage wheat bill in Congress, as reported in the Michigan Farm

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Photo Courtesy of Kalamazoo Gazette

#### Barry Women's Committee Makes \$1,000 Colonial Rug

From left: Mrs. Vernon Morford, Mrs. Irving Barber, Mrs. Vida Morford, Mrs. Leo Van Buskirk, Mrs. Merle Bradfield, Mrs. Nancy Philmon, and Mrs. Edgar Burgstahler.

A hand braided colonial rug of considerable value soon will be completed by the Women's Committee of Barry County Farm Bureau. They hope to sell it for \$1,000 or more, said Mrs. Maxine Wisniewski in the Kalamazoo Gazette.

A year and a half ago the ladies wanted to contribute to a proposed County Farm Bureau building which would include the Farm Bureau office and a meeting room. They decided to braid an authentic New England colonial rug.

The oval wool rug will measure about 10½ x 12 feet. When complete it will weigh about 100 lbs. Predominant colors are browns and tans.

To keep the braiding uniform in size and tightness, Mrs. Ruth Lyons and Mrs. Vernon Morford were chosen to plait the strips. From time to time the Women's Committee would meet at the home of Mrs. Edgar Burgstahler to sew the strips into the slowly growing rug. The art of making a colonial braided rug was taught to Mrs. Vernon Morford by her aunt, Mrs. Harry Hinds of Ferry, Oceana county.

Each of the braids forms a complete circle, with the ends woven into the starting point. The braids are sewn with an invisible stitch of nylon thread, making the rug reversible.

Barry County Women's Committee hopes to sell the rug in Michigan. They will be making contacts also in the eastern states to find someone who is furnishing a colonial New England room.

#### FB Mutual Offers

#### Deductible Farm Fire and Wind Policy

Announcement of the introduction of a new, exclusive deductible farm fire and wind plan has been made by N. L. Vermillion, administrative vice-president for Farm Bureau Insurance Companies.

The new plan "S-25" is the first deductible fire and wind coverage of its type offered by any company in the farm fire field.

It offers \$100 deductible coverage for fire and wind on the farm home, farm buildings and farm personal property at an annual premium savings of 25%.

"This new plan should not be confused with the old \$50 deductible on wind and hail offered by Farm Bureau Mutual several years ago," Mr. Vermillion said.

Farmers have indicated a strong interest in reducing the cost of farm fire and wind coverage. Most farmers are interested in adequate coverage for any large loss which could ruin them financially.

They feel that they can take care of small losses themselves. The new "S-25" plan solves this problem. In addition to "S-25," a companion plan called "S-15," offering 15% savings on a \$50 deductible is also available.

Farm Bureau insurance agents have complete information on both plans and are now able to write the deductible coverage.

#### CON-CON SIGNATURES

#### MFB Asks Check of Questionable Petitions

July 22, 1960

Hon. Robert M. Montgomery, Secretary  
State Board of Canvassers  
State Capitol  
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Montgomery: We appreciate your courtesy in permitting members of our staff to inspect the petitions which have been submitted by various groups providing for submission to the voters at the November election of a proposed amendment to Section 4, Article XVII of the Constitution of the State of Michigan pertaining to the calling and conducting of a convention to consider a general revision of the Constitution of the State of Michigan.

Obviously, it would take a great deal of time to make a careful study of the large number of petitions which are in-

involved in this project. In the relatively small proportion of the petitions which were examined by members of our staff, they found many errors. Numerous petitions indicated in the heading, and many of them, also in the affidavit, that they involved both a city and a township. On some there was no signature of the circulator.

In other cases the date when the commission of the notary public expires was not shown. In many instances, married women had signed "Mrs." and then used their husband's first name. In other instances, in the "ss." portion of the affidavit, the blank where the county should have been inserted had not been filled in.

We assume that all such errors of commission or omission

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#### Parties Are Far Apart on Farm Planks

"Political party platforms should include a farm plank that will offer freedom instead of control, prosperity instead of payments, expanded markets instead of government storage."

Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau, made this statement to the platform writers of the Democrat and Republican parties before the conventions in July.

"The nation should move in the direction of eliminating acreage controls and marketing quotas on farm commodities."

The direct production payment approach is unsound and would be fantastically expensive. It would make farmers dependent upon Congressional appropriations."

The American Farm Bureau made recommendations which included:

(1) Price support programs that promote orderly marketing and are related to competitive conditions, supply and demand, and market trends.

(2) Voluntary and temporary expansion of the soil conservation program to retire land from production as one means of dealing with crop surpluses.

The farm planks adopted by the Democrat and Republican parties contain these provisions:

**Republican**—Great expansion of soil bank program to reduce over-production and to increase farm prices. Relax controls over production. Price supports for orderly marketing and to broaden markets. Expand shipments of food around the world in food-for-peace program. Build food reserves at home.

**Democrat**—Full parity of income for farmers through higher price supports, controls for production, use of production payments. Expand farm markets abroad, create food reserves program at home. Promote food stamp plan for needy persons.

#### Robert Baccus is Strawberry King

Robert Baccus and his wife were the recipients of a trophy symbolic of the Strawberry King at the 12th annual Copper Country Strawberry Festival held at Chassell in the heart of the Strawberry Country in Upper Peninsula's Houghton County.

Mr. Baccus explained to the 320 persons attending the banquet in the Chassell Community Center on July 2, that the reason his strawberries were best is because he lives in the Traprock Valley just out of Lake Linden where conditions are ideal for quality berries.

Mr. Baccus, president of the Houghton County Farm Bureau, was the sweepstakes winner at the festival.

#### Vote at the August 2nd Primary

#### Key Decisions Made There

STANLEY M. POWELL  
Legislative Counsel, MFB

For those of us who are eligible to vote, it is doubtful if there is any more important date in all the year than Tuesday, August 2, primary election.

Of course, it is true that more folks get excited about the general election November 8 when we shall be selecting the President and Vice President of the United States.

With reference to county and state officials, and the Michigan delegation in Congress, it is probable that the August primary election is really of greater consequence than the November general election.

In many sections of the State one party is sufficiently dominant so that the candidates who are successful in the primary are virtually assured of being elected in November.

There is no sense in spluttering after the election has come and gone. What we should each do is to make sure that we vote, and vote intelligently, and that we influence as many like-minded citizens as possible to do so.

#### Farm Research Ass'n Meets At MSU

The American Farm Research Ass'n held its 12th annual conference at Michigan State University July 13-14-15.

Representatives of the cooperative farm supply and petroleum services of 10 central U. S. state Farm Bureaus gathered to exchange information on the new developments in agriculture and their services to farmers. They heard agricultural college men from those states discuss what's coming from the experimental work now under way.

American Farm Research Ass'n, an affiliate of the American Farm Bureau, started in 1944 to bring developments from state, federal, and industrial experimental stations to farmers through their cooperative farm services.

AFRA strives to promote new research in farm supplies, processes and farm practices.

At the conference it was agreed that remarkable new developments may be expected in all phases of farm production and marketing in the 1960's.

#### Where Most People Are Employed

Seymour Wolbein, U.S. Deputy Ass't Secretary of Labor, says today more people are employed in the production of services than we have in the production of all the goods we need in this country.

More people are teaching, working for the government, financing, buying and selling, etc., than we have in building, in agriculture, in mining, and in manufacturing.

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#### Attention Centers On Senate

#### Where Both Candidates for President And their Campaign Managers Will Deal with Issues

DAN E. REED  
Associate Legislative Counsel, Michigan Farm Bureau

The U. S. Senate will convene August 8th following the recess for the national political conventions. At no time in the recent history of our nation has the political eye been focused so sharply as it is this year on the United States Senate.

Both candidates for President and one candidate for Vice-President have seats in the Senate chamber! Both campaign chairmen are Senators. Observers say the remaining days of the 86th Congress will be an important part of the political campaign.

Second place in the Washington spotlight goes to the House of Representatives, which will reconvene on August 15. While only one-third of the Senators' terms expire this year, every House member is either seeking re-election or has announced his retirement.

The desire of candidates to make a record on which to campaign should be watched by voters, who pay the taxes. The urge in both parties to pass bills in expectation of a Presidential veto may break out like summer rash. Many candidates feel that a sure-fire election recipe is to be able to say — "Look at the wonderful things I worked to get you, but the President vetoed my bill."

Unfinished Business. Facing Congress when it returns are many items of unfinished business. Some bills have passed one house and are in committee or awaiting action in the second house. Other matters are in conference to iron out differences between the House and Senate. It is probable that bills will be introduced to carry out some of the platform proposals adopted at the recent conventions. Here is a brief summary of some issues that may receive consideration:

**General Farm Bill.** Defeat of the Poage Bill (3rd version) probably ended consideration for this session. Growing support for extension of Conservation Reserve may bring some action.

**Wheat.** Senate passed S. 2759, providing (1) price support at 75% of parity for three years; (2) 20% permanent reduction in acreage; (3) a 50% payment in kind for reducing wheat acreage. Bill now before House Agr'l Committee.

**Dairy Price Support.** Would increase support of manufacturing milk to 80% of parity. (See article in this issue headed Prox-mire Bill, page 7.)

**Appropriations.** Congress has already authorized and appropriated funds exceeding the budget recommendations. Has not provided additional revenue. Indications are that this election-year action may wipe out the anti-

pated balanced budget for 1961. **Farm Labor.** House passed H.R. 12759, extending Mexican labor law for two years. The Senate is expected to consider the House Bill.

Opposition interests knocked out a provision supported by Farm Bureau and other farm organizations to prevent the Secretary of Labor from doing by regulation what Congress has refused to do by law. Under regulations recently issued, the Secretary has used a 37-year-old law to control wages, housing and other arrangements involving the employment of seasonal farm labor.

**Federal School Aid.** Both House and Senate have passed bills to provide extensive federal funds for school construction. The Senate bill, by Michigan's Senator McNamara, would also enter the field of teacher salaries. House conferees have not yet been named.

**Federal Medical Programs.** The House has passed a bill adding a new part to the Social Security Act to provide federal aid for persons over 65. The Senate Finance Committee was studying this and other bills when Congress recessed.

**Agricultural Research.** A crash program of utilization research was passed by the Senate. The House passed the bill, but substituted the Abernethy bill (H.R. 8639) for the Senate language. As now before the Conference Committee, the bill provides an expanded program of utilization, marketing and production research. Farm Bureau recommends the adoption of the House version.

**Common Situs Picketing.** The House Labor Committee has reported, and the Senate Labor Committee is studying, bills to authorize secondary boycotts against employers NOT involved in a labor dispute, if he is working on the same site as a primary employer who is involved in a labor dispute. Farm Bureau opposes both bills.

**Wages and Hours.** The House has passed a bill to increase the minimum wage to \$1.15 per hour. The Senate Labor Committee has reported a bill to raise the minimum to \$1.25 over a 3-year period AND to extend the cover-

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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.

President W. W. Wightman

- V-Pres. R. E. Smith, Fennville; Sec'y C. E. Prentice, Okemos; DIRECTORS BY DISTRICTS; DIRECTORS AT LARGE; Representing WOMEN OF FARM BUREAU; Representing FARM BUREAU YOUNG PEOPLE.



MR. WIGHTMAN

Members of Michigan Farm Bureau have an investment in Farm Bureau Services, Inc. of greater proportions than most of us realize. Our total investment amounts to \$9,750,000.

Most of this is owned by members who hold debentures and capital stock. This kind of investment is too much to pass by without giving some consideration to what the Company was organized for and what it has accomplished.

One of Farm Bureau's first services to members in 1919 was to establish a farm supplies department. It had instructions to make some improvements that farmers wanted in field seeds, fertilizers, and feeds.

Farm Bureau Services was the first company to guarantee to farmers that its field seeds were northern grown, Michigan adapted, and that the purity and germination were as stated.

Farm Bureau's entry into the fertilizer business brought better quality fertilizer and lower prices—as much as \$12 a ton in the beginning.

In 1959, Farm Bureau Services business with 72,000 members of Farm Bureau and other farmers amounted to \$28,000,000. They bought Farm Bureau fertilizers, livestock and poultry feeds, field seeds, building materials, paints, farm hardware, and other farm supplies.

Farm Bureau Services has plowed much of its earnings back into the business to make the continuing improvements our members want in farm supplies. We own modern fertilizer manufacturing plants at Kalamazoo and Saginaw. Our new plant at Lansing for cleaning and processing field seeds is one of the best in the nation.

In partnership with other state Farm Bureaus and regional co-operatives, Farm Bureau Services is part owner of the Farm Bureau Milling Company feed mixing plant at Hammond, Indiana. It is also part owner of United Co-operatives, Inc., at Alliance, Ohio.

It is also part owner in Central Farmers Fertilizer Company. This is the source of our fertilizer ingredients. Central Farmers Fertilizer Company is also owned by a group of state and regional co-operatives and owns the source of all of the three major fertilizer ingredients. This is the first and only time this has been accomplished by any company co-operatively. It guarantees the source of supply of all of the ingredients.

Our state-wide distribution system includes regional wholesale warehouses and 360 distributors at retail. These include farm co-operatives and 33 farm supply stores and elevators that we manage.

There has been discussion at times in the Farm Bureau Services board of directors as to whether we should stock lower grades of material or supplies to meet competition. The decision has always been not to injure our reputation by selling an inferior product.

It seems that so-called bargains don't pay off, especially when we are dealing in fertilizer, seeds, feeds, and pole buildings. The old saying that "you get what you pay for" applies here.

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Experience has taught those who have used Farm Bureau Services products consistently that they are not excelled, or even equalled in many cases.

Farm Bureau Services is interested in giving the best possible service to Michigan farmers. We think the best service is the cheapest service in the long run.

One other thing—the patronizing of our own industry strengthens its financial position and protects the investment that we have in the business.

D. L. Piper, Resolutions Committee Chairman

Donald L. Piper of Bangor, Van Buren county, is chairman of the Resolutions Committee for 41st annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau at Michigan State University November 9-10-11. The appointment was announced by President Walter Wightman.

Mr. Piper represents Membership District No. 1 on the Resolutions Committee. The 18 member committee will hold its first meeting at the Farm Bureau Center at Lansing August 16.

Campaigns Move To Closing Days Of Congress

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Butterflies banded in Ontario were picked up in Virginia, Florida, and Texas, often within 3 weeks of banding date.

Want Good Alfalfa Seedings in Wheat?

The Farm Crops Department at Michigan State has worked out a method that gives good stands of alfalfa the year after a wheat crop. Here's how... Sow alfalfa after the wheat is combined, rather than seeding in the spring. Plant the wheat stubble down as soon after combining as possible. Prepare a good seedbed. Seed sometime between August 1 and 25. Get your seed now.

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- 1. Endorsement of the riparian doctrine to govern Michigan water use; 2. Recommended legislation to require licensing of well drillers and filing of logs of wells drilled; 3. Support legislation to define right to impound water for irrigation and other uses; 4. Urged extension of Soil Bank (Conservation Reserve) Program.

Seed Dep't Farm Bureau Services



Today in Farm Bureau

ROGER N. FOERCH Manager, Organization Division, Michigan Farm Bureau

These are still busy days in Farm Bureau, as well as on the farm. However, I am sure that the farm has the greater activity these summer months.

As we closed our books for July, the membership picture looked something like this — a total of 70,754 farm families have made the decision for membership in the largest farm organization in Michigan. This is 96.8% of goal. A real good job in view of the many obstacles this past year.

There are now 19 County Farm Bureaus who have either reached or exceeded their 1960 goal. Also, there is an additional 15 counties that have less than 2% to go.

Other activities August brings the Farm Bureau Young People Mid-West Training Camp to be held at Onamia, Minnesota. We will have 10 young people going from Michigan.

Women's District Advisory Council planning meetings started in July and will continue. At the fall district meetings, Farm Bureau women have an opportunity to meet on a District basis for fellowship, business and an outstanding program.

Our Marketing Development Division men have been busy recently working on dairy promotion, assisting the apple growers, and picking cucumber growers in their organization efforts. August will also produce a dairy tour, with Don Moore coordinating the activity.

Citizenship activity is being stepped up. Activities include "meet and measure the candidates meetings" and getting the young voters registered. Let's take part and become an informed citizen.

Mid-year Series is over, and counties have made their recommendations for state membership goal. Due to the fact that many counties used a per cent of increase, we will have to wait until we close our books for 1960 to figure the Michigan Farm Bureau goal for 1961.

So long until next month!

Know Your County Presidents



HARRY A. PETERSON of Benton Harbor R. 1, is president of Berrien County Farm Bureau. He has been a member for 20 years.

His services to the County Farm Bureau include working in the membership campaigns, member of the board of directors, vice-president, and president.

Harry was born and raised on a farm near Coloma. In 1923 at the age of 22 he became an apprentice at the New Products Corporation, manufacturers of zinc die castings at Benton Harbor. He rose to become superintendent for 10 years.

The New Products president, Walter Miller, became interested in Mr. Peterson and his interest in farming. He asked Mr. Peterson to assist him in research and experimenting on flowers and fruit at the Walter Miller Farms. In 1942 Mr. Peterson left the factory to manage the 350 acre Miller farms and continues in that position. Mr. Miller is deceased.

First experiments were with chrysanthemums. In 1950 experiments on sweet potatoes and apricots were started in cooperation with Gerbers. One result of that work is that nurseries will have apricot trees for sale in 1961.

Mr. Peterson's main crops are apples and peaches, about 20,000 bushels. Other crops are asparagus, strawberries, raspberries, cherries, plums, and strawberry plants.

Mr. Peterson is a past president of the Berrien County Horticultural Society, a past president of the Sodas Experimental Farm, and is chairman of the St. Joe River Soil Conservation District. He is a member of the Methodist church. His son, Harry F., lives at Covert, and his daughter, Jean Margaret, at Coloma.

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EDITORIAL

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June 9 the Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors asked Congress to defeat the Poage measure which would provide 85% of parity price supports for wheat and more controls and subsidies. The bill was defeated 236 to 170.

The Farm Bureau will continue to urge the enactment of the Farm Bureau plan, which would gradually lower price supports and move toward less control of farm operations.

With the wheat bill as with all other policies, the Farm Bureau is working to protect opportunity for the voluntary action of farm people.

Steadfast adherence to this principle has made our organization one of the strongest agencies in the nation for the preservation of human freedom. It has attained this status through the exercise of the individual responsibility of its members.

The Farm Bureau's growth in influence and service has paralleled the increase in informed members, and the responsibilities they assume.

The Michigan Farm Bureau's progress in the future will be measured by the increase in informed members and again by the responsibilities they assume.

The Farm Bureau ideal was well expressed by Mrs. Arthur Muir, vice - chairman of Women of the Farm Bureau for District 7, at her address on "Women Look for Christianity" at the Clergy-Farmer Conference at Lansing, June 30.

She said, "At no time in history have people kept their freedom, including their religious freedom, when the majority of power came to rest in a central government." As St. Paul wrote the Corinthians, "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."



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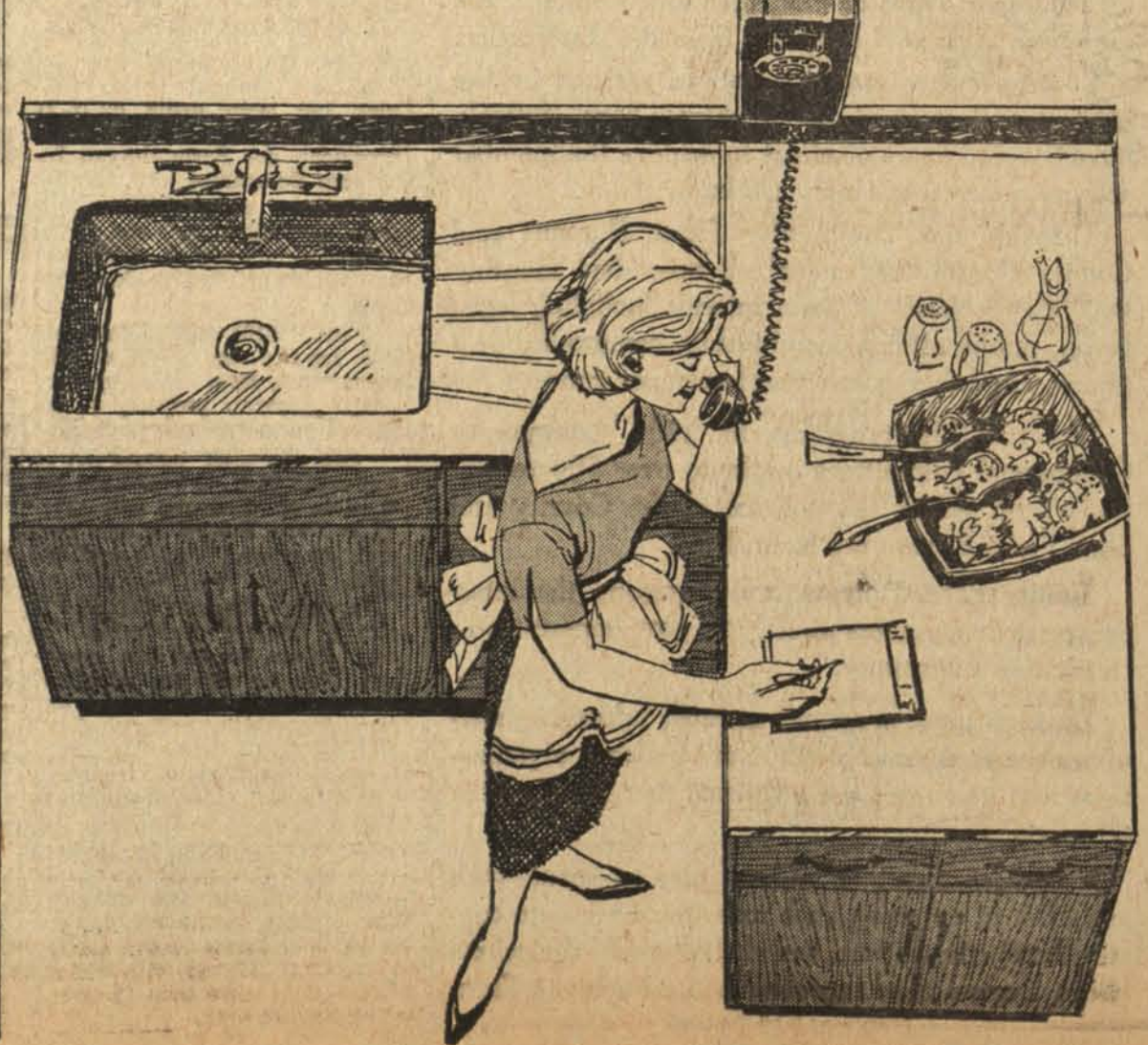
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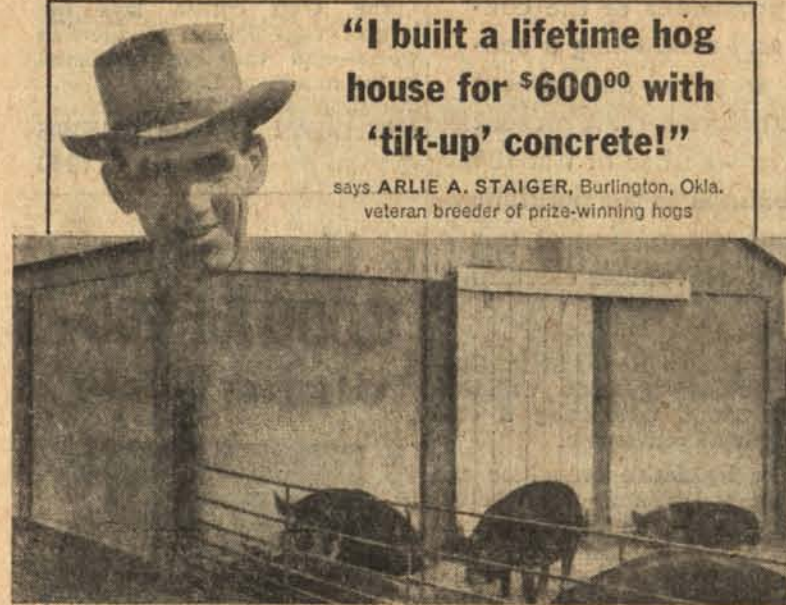


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# Citizenship More than Voting!

**ALLAN B. KLINE**

Former President, American Farm Bureau Federation

From speech to the American Farm Research Association Conference at Michigan State University, July 13, 1960.

"You are American citizens. You live in a time when history is being made. We are testing self-government in this country. We have a political campaign. You can't turn on a radio or television set, or look at a newspaper without finding it out.

"What are we going to do about it?"

"Are we going to make decisions based on reasonable analysis of our situations,—based on a confidence in our present situation, and the kind of confidence in America which the record deserves?"

"This question can only be answered by each of us ourselves.

"There isn't a man or woman who can discharge his political responsibilities just by voting. This is the least of his responsibilities. I get a little tired of people who assume that a 'Get Out the Vote' program is a great patriotic duty. There's a lot of people in this country that I don't give a whoop whether they vote or not!

"I am interested in good, thoughtful, able people getting out and voting!

"But you have to do more than that. You have to have something to vote for. You have to get into the caucuses in your party. This is where people come from.

Politics is people, the same as business is people.

"Politics,—government, is good only if it has in it able people,

willing people, working people.

"Where do they come from? They come out of the caucuses in the little local community where you live.

"When you go into the caucus,—let's say you've got a no-good guy running for some office—they're putting him up from your party—and you go in with a good candidate. They'll lick the socks off you the first time unless

you are very well equipped.

"But you don't have to get licked forever. They'll also shun you a little bit. I tried this one time, long ago about 1927,—and in the 1928 campaign they really read me out of the party in Iowa—because I made a serious 'mistake'—I crossed up the big-wigs for fair.

"Four years later they called me in and wanted me to make the keynote address in the convention!

"I said, 'I'm very sorry, gentlemen, I won't be able to do it.



MR. KLINE

I am chairman of the County Farm Bureau, and we just don't do that kind of thing."

"Then they began telling me about how they were going to get all these big shots, how they were

going to meet down some place in Kansas—and they were going to talk this thing all over.

"I said, 'Gentlemen, first I can't do it, and second, if I was going to do it I would darn well write this speech myself. I don't have to go to Kansas to find out what to say.'

"I didn't do it,—I can tell you that.

"But, about politicians. You go in the second time in the caucus. You have a good man again. You have with you a half-dozen fellows that live in that community who can beat any candidate they've got up,—these are good fellows to have along!

"You know what you'll do? You'll win! You'll be surprised, they'll start buying you orange juice again. They like you, they like a winner.

"But if you don't take part in government, if you, the good people, you, the busy people, if you, the able people in America, don't take part in self-government, then the chance of our grandchildren enjoying our freedoms is not good.

"I think it's good because I think we're going to work at it. I believe there is a rebirth of enthusiasm in the business of government.

"Plato said a long time ago that there is a penalty for not taking part in government. It is that you will be ruled by your inferiors. It is a privilege widely enjoyed in this country. And it is not the fault of your inferiors. It is your fault.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, let's go to work!"

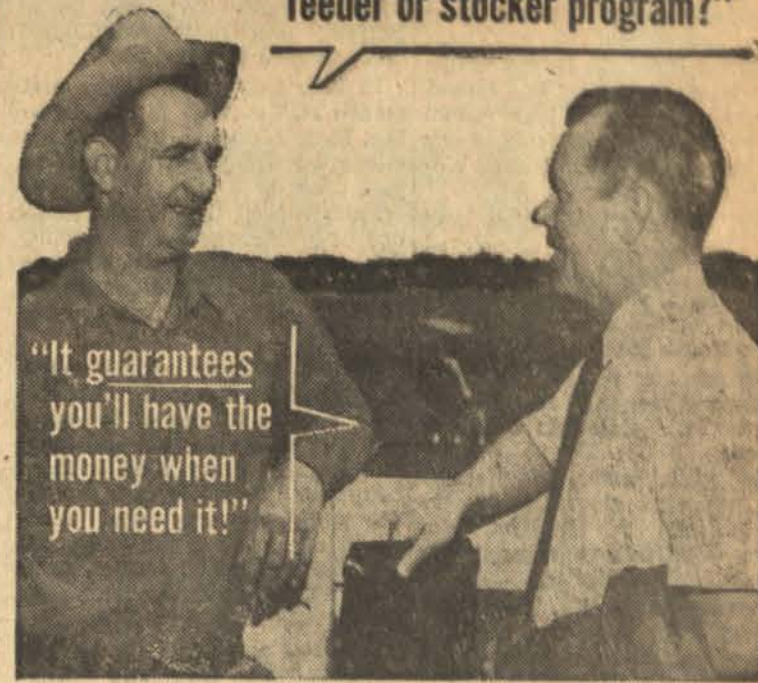
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**MICHIGAN FARM NEWS**  
August 1, 1960

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## Farm Bureau And Clergy Conference

Michigan Farm Bureau sponsored a clergy-farmer conference of sixty persons at Lansing June 29-30.

Purpose of the conference was to bring information and stimulate thinking (1) about Farm Bureau in the rural community (2) social and economic changes that affect rural people and rural churches (3) understanding our American system and its challenges and threats.

"One of the troubles in agriculture," said President Walter W. Wightman of Farm Bureau, "is the attempt to solve its economic problems politically."

"The more we know about the Communist conspiracy," said the Rev. Henry C. Alexander of Ganges, "the better we should prepare to protect our freedom. We can read and inform ourselves. Every individual is important. He has the possibility of influencing others. It is to be noted that effective leaders are joiners. They do their work as part of some organization."

"At no time in history have people kept liberty and religious freedom when the majority of power comes to rest in the central government," said Mrs. Arthur Muir of Grant. She is vice-chairman of District 7 of Women of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Clergymen and laymen suggested another and larger conference in 1961.

## Few Michigan Farmers Vote In Referendum

DAN E. REED

Michigan wheat farmers again largely ignored that referendum to determine whether marketing quotas would be applied to the 1961 crop.

Of an estimated 44,000 eligible voters in Michigan, only 3,800 (or less than 9%) took the trouble to go to the polls.

Six out of 10 voting favored marketing quotas. Four out of ten voted NO.

Farmers in nine States failed to approve quotas by the necessary two-thirds majority.

Some commentators have assumed that the national vote of nearly 83% in favor of marketing quotas indicated that farmers want a tight control program.

The actual choice presented to wheat producers in the referendum is (1) "Do you want acreage allotments and \$1.78 per bushel for your wheat next year?" or

(2) "Do you want the same acreage allotment and a support price of \$1.30 per bushel for your wheat?"

Farmers must make this choice on the basis of a single year in a continuing program and with the same acreage allotments applying to their farms under either choice. Only farmers with wheat allotments of more than 15 acres are eligible to vote.

## MSU Apple Storage School August 4

A one-day school on the storage of apples in controlled atmospheres will be conducted at Michigan State University, Thursday, August 4.

The school for owners, operators, suppliers and other interested persons, will be in the Horticulture building on the campus. The first session begins at 10 a.m. Two Michigan State scientists—Dr. Donald H. Dewey and Dr. Irving J. Pflug—who developed controlled atmosphere apple storage, will run the school.

Controlled atmosphere involves the removal of almost all oxygen from the air in an apple storage room and the careful regulation of temperature and humidity. Apples stored under such conditions keep much better, Dewey said.

## Farm Bureau In Upper Peninsula

HUGO E. KIVI  
U. P. Regional Representative

"This nation, its safety, its progress and its security is as you individually will it," said Robert D. Wyatt, director of Lions International, at the 12th Annual Strawberry Festival banquet at Chassell on July 2.

"There should be less concern about security and more concern about our capacity to produce it," continued Mr. Wyatt. "You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong."

With an eye on the approaching elections, Wyatt said that the "secret ballot is our greatest weapon against tyranny" and yet in our troubled times, "only 55 to 61 percent use their franchise for voting."

Frank Madaski, Houghton County Extension Director, is leaving to take over the post of extension director for Berrien county. He was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his work with the strawberry growers.

Iron County Farm Bureau sponsored a contest to select a youth to attend the Michigan Milk Producers' Association tour in Detroit on June 15 and 16.

James Kurtz, of Buck Lake near Crystal Falls, was chosen for his outstanding 4-H Club record. He has been active in 4-H for 8 years with dairying as his major project. He is also a member of the 4-H Service Club and has served as a junior leader. His family are charter members of the first Farm Bureau Community Group to be organized in Iron County — The Pioneer Group.

His trip to Detroit was also sponsored by the Iron County Farm Bureau. In Detroit the delegates from throughout the state were divided into three groups. James was elected chairman of these groups.

We invite all Farm Bureau members to visit the Farm Bureau booth at the Upper Peninsula State Fair to be held from August 22 through 28 in Escanaba. The U.P. Dairy Products Promotion booth and the ADA booth will also interest you.

Buy Farm Bureau seeds.

## Feeding Hogs Will Pay in Next Year

Hog feeding will pay off in the next twelve months, thinks a Michigan State University Agricultural economist.

John Ferris doesn't look for hogs to go below \$15 a hundred pounds for any sustained period in the next year. Corn will likely average \$1 per bushel, giving a hog-corn ratio favorable to hogs.

In late June, medium-weight barrows and gilts averaged about \$17 to \$17.50 at Chicago.

"There's still room for im-

provement," comments Ferris. "We should see \$19 hogs by August, perhaps even a \$20 peak."

This year's fall decline should be moderate — perhaps reaching \$15 in December. Then Ferris expects a rise to about \$18 in the first half of 1961.

"Reduced farrowings are back of the optimistic picture," the economist points out. "Last July's price decline came early enough so farmers cut 1960 production plans."

The United States Department of Agriculture's June Pig Crop Report — based on farm interviews — showed the 1960 spring pig crop was 16 per cent smaller than 1959. Michigan's decline was 11 per cent. The spring crop includes all farrowings from December through May.

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<b>CCC LOAN</b>	• Cash to use • Price protection • Could sell if price goes up	• Red tape — your wife must sign the note • Others know your business • Extra time and trips • Storage charge
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# Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

**District 1**  
**Mrs. Alma Foster, Chairman**  
 Niles R-3

Berrien County Women's Committee met July 12 at Youth Memorial Building. It was decided to place the book "The Naked Communist" in each high school library with compliments of the Berrien County Farm Bureau Women's Committee.

Mrs. Walter Wellington and Mrs. Harry Sill were appointed to check into the purchase of a combination potato masher and cabbage shredder for the kitchen at the Youth Memorial Building.

Dinners for Senator Barry Goldwater meeting August 1st and the Fair Cafeteria were discussed.

Mrs. Alma Foster, safety chairman, reported on farm safety and outlined the District program. Mrs. Robert Burandt was hostess for the meeting.

**Kalamazoo County.** Thirty-five persons enjoyed a potluck dinner preceding the Farm Bureau Women's Committee meeting July 11 at the Community Building at Richland. Chairman Louise Smith presided.

Mrs. Birgette Thompson introduced Robert Phillip representing the Democratic party and Carlton Morris of the Republican party. Each explained their party's platform.

Mrs. Mabel Bacon introduced Stanley Powell, Michigan Farm Bureau Legislative Counsel. He spoke on citizenship. He said we should be able to vote intelligently, vote at the primary election and should be concerned about influential people.

Further, he said that any government that is big enough to give you everything is able to take all you have.

After an interesting question and answer period, the group came to the conclusion that there is no easy way to be a good citizen in 1960. Democracy is a total involvement program.

The next meeting will be at Crum Park with the program on safety.

**District 4**  
**Mrs. Clara Barton, Chairman**  
 Plainwell R-2

District 4 got off to a slow start with Camp Kett buttons. They should have been distributed at our Spring District meeting. They have been sent to every county now and plans should be under way for selling them. Just because we were late getting them, we need not be late finishing. Let's get 100% behind the project.

Full Council meeting for District 4 will be held at Ken-Ram House in Grandville Wednesday, August 10, beginning at 10 a.m. Besides the officers from each county we will be looking for the members of the county program planning committees to meet with us.

Mrs. Ivan Rasmussen, District vice-chairman, will report on suggestions of the State Program Planning Committee.

**Allegan County.** Some interesting facts from the recent safety survey were presented to the Allegan group by Mrs. Fred Bil-

lett, safety chairman. Ten townships reported 90 accidents with property damage totaling \$8,243 as compared with 1959 when 96 accidents were reported and property damage totaled \$57,680 and included two big fires.

In 1960 July was the worst month and in 1959 it was October. Most accidents happened between 2 and 4 p.m. with 10 to 12 p.m. second.

Falls caused the highest number of accidents, second motor vehicles. Between 45 and 60 years of age the most dangerous for accidents; more men than women are hurt.

Walter Steinus and Frank Langley from Pet Milk Company gave a short history of the company. It is 75 years old and came to Allegan County in 1915. More evaporated milk is sold around the world than any other food. Fluid milk and cream accounts for 47.6% of their business, dried milk 48.4% with the remainder in miscellaneous items.

The Pet plant paid local farmers \$789,000 in 1959 and bought about \$3,750,000 of milk from other sources. It paid \$442,000 in wages. Pet pays 12% of the taxes in Wayland.

An interesting part of the program was the demonstration given on whipping both condensed and dried milk.

Mrs. Ordowski of the County Health Department gave an interesting talk about disaster preparedness at the June meeting. Both natural and man-made disasters were included.

Doctors in Barry county are conducting immunization clinics to have every adult protected from tetanus and diphtheria.

Barry County Fair Bureau will have a booth at the fair. We shall sell some small braided rugs at the booth.

**Ionia County Women's Committee** heard Fred Peabody of the Ionia County Extension office speak on the necessity for strong leadership today. This was a Rural-Urban Day with 46 in attendance for a dessert luncheon.

**District 6**  
**Mrs. Bruce Ruggles, Chairman**  
 Kingston

District Advisory Council met at the home of Mrs. Bruce Ruggles. The program was arranged for District Camp September 21 and 22 at the Methodist Camp on Lake Huron. Sanilac County is hostess. Start saving your money and planning your time so you can attend.

**Huron County East and West Side Farm Bureau Women** met for a Rural-Urban program in June. West Side ladies were hostesses. Seventy-five women enjoyed the luncheon.

Mrs. Marjorie Karker, gave a very interesting report of her trip to the A.C.W.W. Conference in Scotland.

Rules for the 1960 State Bean Cook-off were given to the group chairman. Forty dollars was collected for Camp Kett.

**Lapeer County.** Mrs. Marvel Whittaker showed pictures of European areas she has visited. Thirteen ladies who attended Northwest Camp at Twin Lakes, reported a very nice time. Mrs.

**District 7**  
**Mrs. Walter Harger, Chairman**  
 Stanwood R-2

I would like to mention again that some of the items mentioned may seem a little old but most counties in my District hold their meetings late in the month, too late to meet the deadline. But I feel they are noteworthy, so I include them.

District Council will meet August 9. The ladies who make up the program committee this fall will also be invited to attend. Your County Women's Chairman will notify you of the place and final arrangements.

**Mason County Women's Committee** on June 20 held its last meeting, until September, at the home of Mrs. Mary Lundberg. Plans were made for a meeting July 12, when candidates running for public office were to be interviewed. Mr. DeWitt and Mrs. Karker were to moderate at this meeting. Special Committee reports were given by Mrs. Ray Brandt, Mrs. J. Eschels and Mrs. Elmer Slagle. Mrs. H. P. Anderson gave the directors' report, stating that \$50 will be given to the fund for Philip Eikenberry, an exchange student from Poland.

**Mecosta County Women's Committee** met at School Section Lake for their annual picnic July 11. This was the day for school elections. Mrs. Don Bush, citizens chairman, reminded us of our duty. The Farm Bureau information report was given by Mrs. Geo. McLachlan, and the legislative report by Mrs. Lewis Cramer. Mrs. Velma Mitchell reported on the Farmer-Clergy Conference at Lansing. State Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Harry Johnson, was our speaker and reminded us of our responsibilities as a citizen. Our influence in the community is felt even though he may not realize it.

**Montcalm County.** R. M. Hartzler, director of the CROP executive committee, spoke at our July meeting. He spoke on international relations and the place of CROP in the world today. We are placing nine copies of the book, "Naked Communist" in the high schools.

**Muskegon County.** Daily calcium count cards were handed out by Mrs. Elizabeth Nickel, home agent for Muskegon county. Each lady was to report her calcium intake the previous day. Mrs. Thompson, secretary, did not report the results but it would be interesting. Mrs. Nickel said that camp projects may participate in the federal milk program.

**Newaygo County Women's Committee** toured County Fresh Dairy in Grand Rapids and the Farm Bureau Egg Grading Plant at Ocean Springs, June 27.

**Oceana County.** Two films, "Take it Easy" and "Be Your Age" were shown at our June meeting. Both films dealt with the ability to live with a bad

heart, and still enjoy life.

Mrs. Wm. Schrupf reported on legislation. Mrs. Tate on safety, and Mrs. Robert Eider on the Convalescent Auxiliary. It was suggested that we have a booth in the 4-H Building at the county fair and make a special effort to sell Camp Kett buttons.

Mrs. Ann Johnson reported that Mr. Clark Brody's book, "In the Interest of Farmers" is available at the libraries in the county. There will be no August meeting.

**District 9**  
**Mrs. Oliver Tompkins, Chairman**  
 Traverse City R-1

District Advisory Council meeting for District 9 is scheduled for Thursday, August 18, in Benzie county.

Program planning committees are included in this year's council which, together with the chairman, vice-chairman and secretary, will prepare an agenda for the fall meeting. More about this in the mail after August 1.

**35,000 migrant workers** are moving into Peninsula township this month and cherry harvest is in full swing.

I read with much trepidation about the labor situation in California where Mexicans are kept from moving the crops.

Whatever would happen to us if such a situation developed here? 25 mechanical pickers are operating in this area, but this hardly seems the answer with three-fifths of the world's population non-white. It's too bad we do not learn to live together.

Yes, the national cherry queen is a kissin' cousin and we are very proud of her.

**Edith Grisham** reporting for Kalkaska County relates that they had Sheriff Woodman explain the point system in traffic safety. Safety begins in the home and then group action can be taken.

**Manistee County** had a report from Mrs. Bertker on the three days spent at Twin Lakes Camp. Mrs. Marshall of the Welfare Board showed blue prints of the medical center and expressed the need of an auxiliary to help furnish it.

Mrs. Jenks, director of Social Aid, spoke on social security and old age pensions.

**Northwest Michigan** will not meet again until September, but new officers were installed at the June meeting. Mrs. Willard Gill is the new vice-chairman, all others are retained.

Mrs. Louis Dunn presented a group of Girl Scouts who work among the children of migrant workers.

**Miss Barbara Brzezinski**, our first nurse to be trained under the Farm Bureau sponsorship, reports that she has passed her exams. Plans are underway to start another nurse under the same program.

**Wexford County** has made a contribution to CROP for milk. They planned a picnic lunch to be held at Camp Kett July 5.

Six groups were represented at this meeting after which they all attended the opening session of Twin Lakes camp.

Now I must mail a box of slides to Miss Turner in England, all about the Cherry Festival.

**District 10-E**  
**Mrs. Lee S. LaForge, Chairman**  
 Curran

**Alcona County Women's Committee** met with Mrs. Ervin Somers, Probate Judge Manford Emery, spoke very interestingly on the work of the probate court. The work is two fold; First, the settlement of estates; second, the work with juveniles.

**Ogemaw County Women's Committee** met with Mrs. Eugene Dematio. The citizenship chairman, Ividean Wangler, said that we should urge the 21 year old group to register so they can vote in the November elections. She also reported that our Camp Kett buttons are selling slowly and that we should begin to push them.

Safety chairman, Lucille Brindley, read an article on the value of humor in our safety slogans.

Betty Tucker, legislative chairman, read a letter from Congressman Cederburg about the recessing of Congress until after the convention.

The County Farm Bureau picnic is to be held August 28 at Hardwood Lake at 1 p.m. with the Women's Committee furnishing the prizes.

Enid Kenyon and Minnie Clemens reported on the camp held at Twin Lakes.

A committee composed of Minnie Clemens, Betty Tucker and Dorothy Lickfeldt chose Mrs. Eugene DeMatio as Queen for the coming year with Lucille Brindley and Betty Mathews as her attendants.

**Presque Isle County Women's Committee** meeting began with a tour of the Karsten's Dairy and Roger's Laundromat after which they went to the city park for the meeting. The winners of the Teenage Food Poster Contest

were announced — Lorinda Freeman, 1st — Jean Walter, 2nd — and Theresa Muljer, 3rd. Congratulations to all three. A report was given on the progress of the Camp Kett buttons.

**District 10-W**  
**Mrs. Eleanore Vance, Chairman**  
 East Jordan R-3

**Antrim County Women's Committee** met June 15 at the home of Mrs. Bryce C. Vance with 18 ladies present. Reports on Northwest Camp at Twin Lakes were given by three of the five ladies who attended from the county.

**Charlevoix County Women's Committee** met July 8 at Whiting Park for a picnic dinner. They made plans for their "Country Store" at the annual Venetian Night celebration at Charlevoix July 29-30.

Booths will be set up and many products and items contributed by Farm Bureau members will be for sale. Camp Kett buttons are being sold and will be available at the booths.

We enjoyed a tour of the Northern Michigan Electric plant. Plant Manager, Mr. Norman Davis, gave a very informative talk. We were shown through the plant by Mr. John Clark, who explained the process of manufacturing electricity.

Copies of "The Naked Communist" have been purchased and placed in each high school in the county.

**Emmett County Women's Committee** has turned in \$19.50 to Mrs. Evers, county chairman, for Camp Kett buttons; 305 buttons are in the hands of community groups to sell.

Our County Farm Bureau picnic will be July 31 at 1:30 o'clock at Lincoln Park, Carp Lake. Mr. Clark Mast, Sr. will speak on "Con-Con."

**Personal Debt Rise and Cost Of Borrowing**  
**DONALD D. KINSEY**  
 Research & Education, MFB

The personal debt of American people has been rising more than twice as fast as their disposable income during the 1950's, says Consumers Reports for January, 1960.

We learn from Consumers Reports that the cost of living has risen 25% during the last ten years. Money left after taxes increased 61%. But the amount of personal debt went up 160%.

**U. S. consumers owe nearly \$175 billion** today, mostly for housing and mortgages. But nearly \$50 billion is for installment purchases of autos, appliances, etc. Family bankruptcies have climbed 300% during this same period.

Back in 1950, family bankruptcies amounted to about 75% of the failures. In 1959 family bankruptcies climbed to 88.3% of the total failures. This has raised the question for the need of credit controls.

Consumers added \$5 billion of new debt to their short-term obligations during 1959. A spending splurge always is followed by a retrenchment when consumers buying drops off. This puts a crimp in the markets and upsets production and sales schedules for industry and business. The result is a depressant effect on the economy.

The 1957-58 recession followed naturally from an over-spending spree in the 1956-57 period. Industry had to move 7 1/2 million new cars in that period.

Nearly every department store has become a banker. The charges run as much as 18% true annual interest. Even teen-agers are offered credit cards on signature up to \$50 without a parent's signature. Sales pressures of all kinds have increased in their persuasive power.

Money and credit loaned to the public today may involve heavy "carrying charges." Often the consumer is fooled by a statement that the rate is 1 1/2% when the actual charge runs up to 18% or 20% per year.

Consumers Report recommends that legislation be passed to make it illegal to describe the cost of consumer credit except at its true annual interest cost rate.

If consumers knew how much the purchase was really costing them, they might use better judgment in running up unwieldy debts.

The public is entitled to know what it pays for credit. It seems fraudulent to conceal high interest rates behind a mask of low stated rates for consumer "service charges."

**Great Salt Lake**  
 Great Salt Lake is the remains of a lake once as large as Lake Michigan. Along the mountainsides are terraces showing where the lake level once stood.

**Time to Begin Considering Amendments at Election Nov. 8**  
**Proposals Deal With State Borrowing For Schools; Increasing Sales Tax; State Constitution**  
**STANLEY M. POWELL**  
 Legislative Counsel for Michigan Farm Bureau

It is none too early to begin studying the two or three proposals which will be submitted to Michigan voters at the general election November 8.

There will be two constitutional amendments on the ballot as the result of action taken by the Legislature at its 1960 session. In order to be submitted to the voters by that method, a resolution involving submission of a specific amendment has to be approved by a two-thirds vote of the members of each branch of the Legislature.

Right now there is a little question about whether or not a third proposal will find its way onto the ballot.

This is the proposed constitutional convention amendment, which was sponsored by the League of Women Voters and several other groups, which involves various changes in provisions of the constitution dealing with calling and conducting a constitutional convention. The proposed amendment was promoted by the petition method. At present there is some controversy as to whether or not the number of valid signatures obtained or the petitions was adequate to bring about submission of this amendment to the voters on the November election ballot.

Proposal No. 1 is intended to make it easier and cheaper for school districts to finance new construction projects. Roughly, it provides for continuation for an additional period of ten years of provisions which were written into the Michigan Constitution by an amendment adopted by the voters in November 1955 by a vote of 455,868 to 382,093.

By its terms that proposal expires July 1, 1962 and the new and quite similar amendment would, if adopted, go into effect at that time and run until July 1, 1972.

This proposal would allow the state to borrow such amounts as might be required for the purpose of making loans to school districts for capital expenditures. A school district would not be eligible to borrow any of this money from the state unless the amount which it would have to levy to pay principal and interest on its qualified bonds, including any necessary allowances for estimated tax delinquencies, exceeds 13 mills on each dollar of its state equalized valuation, or such lower millage as the Legislature may prescribe.

There is no change in the existing requirement that any bond issue would have to be approved in advance by a majority vote of affected taxpayers and their spouses. The proposal would remove the necessity of a separate vote on raising the tax limitation for meeting the principal and interest payments.

The Legislative Committee and Board of Directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau have studied this proposal very carefully and recommend a YES vote.

Proposal No. 2 would amend the constitution to permit the Legislature to fix the rate of the state sales tax anywhere up to 4%. If this amendment were adopted it would not directly change the sales tax rate but would allow the Legislature to fix the rate at 3 1/2 or 4% or any other figure not exceeding 4%.

Unless there were some further change in the existing law, all of the added revenue would go into the State's general fund. The yield from a 2% tax goes into the School Aid Fund while the proceeds of a levy of one-half of 1% are distributed to the cities, villages, and townships on a population basis. Thus, at present, only the yield of a half of 1% is left for state purposes.

No one can predict accurately just what would happen if this amendment is voted down. In view of the present substantial deficit in the State's general fund, and since the various emergency taxes enacted one year ago are scheduled to expire on June 30, 1961; it is generally agreed that if this amendment should be defeated at the November election, the stage would very definitely be set for consideration of some type of State income tax legislation early during the 1961 session.

Proposal No. 3, if it is decided that sufficient valid signatures have been filed, would involve submission to the voters in one package of several amendments

to the section of the State Constitution having to do with convening and conducting a constitutional convention.

The legislative committee and Board of Directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau, several months ago, studied these proposed changes very carefully and decided that all of them would be definitely undesirable from the Farm Bureau standpoint and are in conflict with the position taken by the voting delegates at recent annual meetings of the Michigan Farm Bureau relative to constitutional revision and legislative reapportionment.

A built-in feature of this rather involved amendment provides that if it is adopted in November the question of calling a constitutional convention on the new basis would be automatically submitted to Michigan voters at the April 1961 election, without any further opportunity for them to indicate whether or not they desire such a Con-Con.

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**State Areas Get Sewage Subsidies**  
 Nine Michigan municipalities are scheduled to receive Federal subsidies for construction of sewage facilities under the 1960 program. As announced recently, the following grants have been authorized from the \$45 million appropriation:  
 Detroit - treatment plant enlargement - \$250,000.  
 Paw Paw for treatment plant enlargement and interceptor sewer - \$106,200.  
 Ypsilanti - Township for interceptor sewer - \$157,156.  
 Communities whose projects have not been approved for 1960 are on the waiting list for next year. The House has passed a \$45 million grant bill, but the measure still faces Senate action. The House bill would provide nearly \$1,500,000 for Michigan.  
 Farm Bureau has emphasized that the building of sewage treatment plants should be a local responsibility rather than be financed with Federal funds, and has opposed passage of the bill, which would be administered by the Bureau of Health, Education and Welfare.

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Today we can overcome gravity, make stars in the spaces of the universe, energy out of a grain of sand, cure tuberculosis.

We can prevent polio, breed cows from dead bulls, see beyond the clouds, use hormones to make a male or female out of a fertilized egg.

We can cause insects to destroy their own race, drop a bomb on a target on the other side of the world, speak into a box and be heard and seen by millions, control the evolution of a superior seed, improve soils by using them, cover the earth with food and so on.

Each day brings forth new magic. Miracles have become commonplace. Tomorrow we cover the earth with more people, more masses of a creature who can become a master of his emotions and his destiny or a slave to his stupidity.

Why Go That Extra Mile? The stakes are high. The issues are a matter of happiness or woe. The solutions start with every person.

The time for man to awaken to his own dormant potentials is now. This refers not to someone else, to any special social, industrial or political group, but to you and me as individuals.

The common man is common only when he sleeps. When he is awake he can observe and learn.

The big difference between people is what they do with

their time when awake. This becomes the key to every person's tomorrow.

The most extraordinary phenomenon of creation is growth. Our physical growth is largely a matter of inheritance and influenced by environment. We grow to become man, corn, or a million different species of growing physiological types. The growth stops at a certain stage and the species is said to be mature.

Man is the one creature en-

dowed above all other species to be given the extraordinary capacity to grow in intellect and in that indefinable quality we call character and regard for his neighbor.

In man's highest ideal there is room for the Golden Rule, common to most religions, or to love every man as oneself, even to love and forgive an enemy.

There is no stage in man's life where the growth of his intellectual, cultural or spiritual life is stopped except by his own indifference, apathy, love of the easy moment, diversion of his



MR. SCARSETH

time by fruitless interests.

The cheerful note in this attempted analysis of ourselves is that no one of us, not the least of us, has a bottleneck on his opportunity to grow as a worthy person. It should be an inspiration that all growth starts small.

At no time in a life need we despair and say, "I'm too old to learn, to grow, to be more than I now am." The choice is truly one of our own making.

Nobody is a worse enemy of yours than yourself. You are the one who signs your own death warrant in the growth of your character and your services to mankind as an important person.

About 350 years ago, John Milton was turning blind, and he cried out in despair that his life was half spent and he was becoming blind before he had served his God.

Then patience whispered, "God does not need either man's work or his own gifts." Yet, it was this burden on Milton that caused him to do all his thinking and writing and to become an immortal inspiration to all who "best bear their mild yoke as they serve Him best."

This is the age of things, things to make life easier and longer. We can make more things than we can consume. We chase happiness by going into debt personally and as a nation seeking to find happiness in having more things.

Dorothy Thompson said in the Ladies Home Journal for June, 1960 our "sole aim of life becomes personal security, personal pleasure, personal success, personal self-indulgence."

But all these self-seeking goals are not the ingredients which made America the miracle it is.

That Extra Mile Has Rewards. Many have made sacrifices as individuals along the path of our history in a response to duty beyond call. Many gave all in wars to keep us a free people.

In the humdrum of daily life no great issue calls us to go the extra mile. We look at those who "get more" than ourselves. We seldom look the other way to see that most people, even to a billion or more, have less and not even a chance to better themselves.

I live in a beautiful house which is my own home and sleep under an electric blanket when it's cold and cool my house with another electrical something when it's too hot. About 40 or more electrical motors (counting those in the clocks) are my servants. We have a spare bedroom for guests in case you come to visit us.

None of this is free and you can have all of it before I'll give up the system which made it possible to earn what this requires.

These material things came by the simple rule of going an extra mile, where only one mile was asked. This included going through much so-called swampy land before the dry ground and the hilltop were reached.

These swamps were often disheartening, but with perseverance, sincerity, attention to duty, with an extra measure frequently thrown in, the land became firmer, and so did the spirit.

Two distasteful dishes frequently became the fare. One was to "eat crow" to correct an error so as to be right, and the other was to forget one's own self-importance and not take one's self too seriously.

These dishes have a way of improving in flavor after a bit of experience.

Out of all these material gains none compares to the greater gain in finding that life is more than the bread and bed. This is what America stands for.

There was much reward outside of material gain in the pioneer life of our forefathers. To be a good neighbor was rewarding. To be responsible citizen brought recognition.

The secret of our very successful youth agencies as the Boy Scouts and the 4-H Clubs, the Future Farmers and similar organizations may be that they organize the worthiness of any achievement or the extra mile of any individual.

In a government-controlled system much of this may be lost, because why go an extra mile when some get rewards just because they exist? This is why we do not want a system of government where the State and its agents make the rules.

To avoid such an order we must each of us become individuals who make it a part of our character to go the extra mile on every road and do every task beyond the call of duty, not just for a state or organization, or institution, or company, but for much more than these, for the dignity of man and his chance to be worthy of being free to choose.

The reward for the extra miles may come in promotions and increased pay, but more than such remunerations will be the compensation that will come out of growing inward satisfaction and the respect and love of our neighbors. These ingredients must be earned.

## Know Your County Presidents



MYRON M. EGGLESTON of Rogers Road, Beulah, is president of Benzie County Farm Bureau, and a fruit farmer. He was a widely travelled engineer from 1929 to 1953.

Born at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, he was graduated from Kenyon College and from Ohio State University with degrees in science and ceramic engineering.

In 1929 Mr. Eggleston was employed by A. C. Spark Plug Company at Flint as a ceramic engineer. He was married to Agnes Garner at Vassar in 1930. In the years following he was with tile plants in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He was in Panama for four years to build and operate a tile plant. Returned to the States in 1942. At San Antonio, Texas, he built and operated tile and sanitary ware plants. Went to Sao Paulo, Brazil, with his family in 1951 for 18 months to demonstrate a special ceramics process.

In 1953 the Egglestons bought a 175 acre farm near Beulah, with 40 acres in fruit, mostly cherries and apples and some peaches. This year their apple and cherry orchards were dusted by helicopter, sharing the service with next door neighbor A. J. Rogers III. It's been very effective and satisfactory as to cost.

Mr. and Mrs. Eggleston have been members of Benzie County Farm Bureau for six years. Mr. Eggleston has been discussion leader, delegate to the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting, delegate to MPB Institute, committee chairman, and president of the County Farm Bureau.

The Egglestons are members of the Episcopal church. Their daughter, Mrs. Harold S. Boyne of Ann Arbor, is a graduate of the University of Michigan. Son, Patrick, is a student at Michigan State University and is interested in fruit farming.

## Farmer Clubs Give Hunters Tickets

About 1,500 southern Michigan farmers will pass out guest hunting tickets this fall.

The farmers belong to nearly 50 hunting clubs sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service and the Michigan Conservation Department.

Persons forming new clubs must apply to the department by September 1 to take part this year.

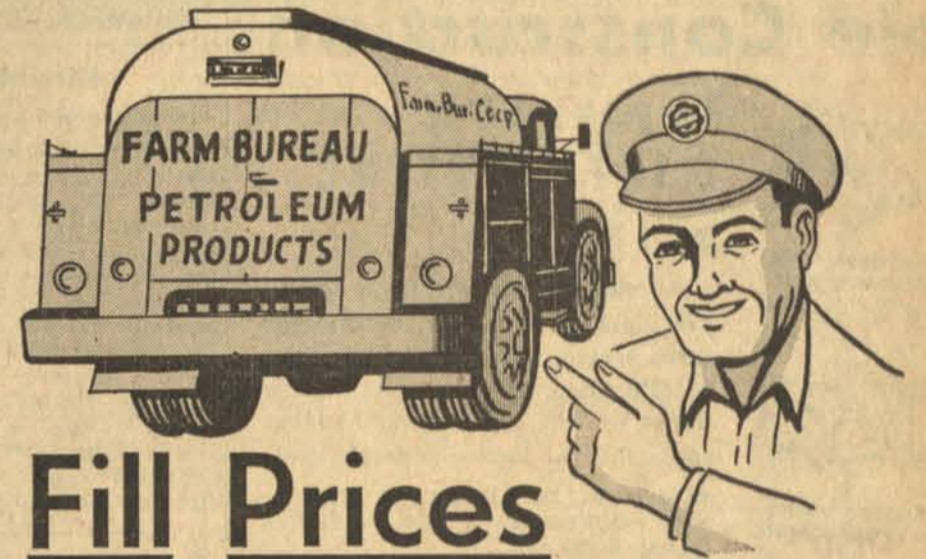
Last year the clubs opened at least 130,000 acres to responsible sportsmen. Farmer members were able to control the number and type of hunters on their land.

Various varieties of fish are known to be able to swim backwards, but none do so normally.

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# Do Your Politics Show?

**J. DELBERT WELLS**  
MFB Family Program Division

Four University of Michigan social scientists have published recently a most interesting book entitled "The American Voter."

Among the statements made in the book are these:

1—Democrats now outnumber Republicans in the United States by a margin of 3 to 2,—and that margin remains almost constant.

2—Seven of 10 young people who have registered the last few years have registered as Democrats.

3—One out of five voters changes his party affiliation during his lifetime, and the switch is generally from Democrat to Republican. Hence over the years the 3 to 2 ratio remains about constant.

These statistics seem to challenge each party to get and to hold members.

Other information brought out by the book:

In the 1956 election the Democrat share of the presidential vote

was about 20% higher among labor union members than it was among other voters of similar occupations and income.

In referring further to voting by various groups, it was said:

Voters tend to respond to issues or candidates which affect them directly, and not necessarily to pleas from group leaders.

Farmers respond more to local economic issues and conditions, hence there is generally no farm bloc vote.

In reporting on trends to liberalism or conservatism, the book said that only one person in 50 keeps his thinking and voting consistent.

The average voter may have strong convictions in one area of public policy, social welfare, for example. But he is inclined to be inconsistent in other matters.

The Michigan Farm Bureau Citizenship Program for 1960, which is under the direction of Mrs. Marjorie Karker, is designed:

1—To get people to understand the issues;

2—To get Farm Bureau members active in the political party of their choice;

3—To build bi-partisan support for candidates who support sound American ideals as interpreted by Farm Bureau policies.

**What can you do to make your politics show?**

1—Assist your County Farm Bureau Citizenship Committee in its 1960 projects.

2—Volunteer your services as well as your vote.

3—Assist your party with your services, vote, and contributions.

4—Work with other groups in

getting your friends involved in politics.

**Do you need some "interest getters" to spur you along?**

Ford Motor Car Company has recently released a film entitled "Where Were You?" It is free on a loan basis.

Harding College of Searcy, Arkansas, has a film strip entitled "A Citizen's Political Responsibilities." Rent \$2.00 per day.

Harding College also has a motion picture entitled "The Responsibility of American Citizenship." This may be rented or purchased.

Let your politics show in 1960!



**Elevator Exchange Open House**

**J. STANLEY SHERMAN**, left, general manager of the Michigan Elevator Exchange, welcomes **Walter W. Wightman**, right, president of Michigan Farm Bureau, and **Maynard Brownlee**, general manager of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., July 6 at the open house at the new offices of the Exchange at 2724 East Michigan avenue, Lansing. The Elevator Exchange started business in the Farm Bureau building at 221 North Cedar Street, Lansing, in 1921 and occupied 2nd floor offices there for 39 years.

## Information On Oil and Gas Leases

There has been a rise in activity in the leasing of land for oil and gas exploration. New production fields have been opened. Many farmers are having offers and inquiries regarding the leasing of their land for this purpose.

So many inquiries have come to the Michigan Farm Bureau about this problem that it seems best to publish a statement for the benefit of our membership.

Leases vary considerably, and particular offers are hard to include in a general statement. For this reason, it is always best to consult a lawyer if you expect to get a good evaluation of a lease offer.

Here are some matters which are usually covered in such leases:

1. The lease is usually for five years. This varies—sometimes more—sometimes less.
2. Usually the lessor gets 1/3 of the gross proceeds of all oil and gas, free of any cost.
3. There is usually an agreement that if a well is not commenced within a definite period of time (generally one year), yearly rental must be paid in advance at a rate agreed upon. The amount of the rental usually depends on how close the productive field is to your farm. Rental of \$1.00 per acre is common—but may differ up or downward from this figure.
4. There is usually a dry hole

5. The lease has the right to use for his operation oil, water and gas produced from any well drilled.
6. The lease usually prohibits drilling within 200 feet of any buildings of the lessor.
7. Leases usually contain a clause for putting a number of leases together for drilling purposes. An oil drilling unit consists of about 40 acres and gas drilling units from 160 to 640 acres. The lessor usually shares in the production on the 1/4 basis depending on the number of acres he contributes to the drilling unit.
8. There is often a provision calling for an annual payment of \$100 for every well on the farm which is used as a brine disposal unit. Dry holes are usually used for this purpose.
9. The lease gives the lessee the right to come onto the land to drill wherever he decides is the proper place. The lessee, however, is usually required to pay for any damages to growing crops.
10. The lessee is also given the right to remove his equipment and close down the well at any time.
11. At the time of signing the lease there is usually paid the equivalent of one year's rent to the lessor.

Farms near to active, producing fields may be able to negotiate more favorable contracts. In the formation of such contracts it is wise for the lessor to consult and employ the services of a competent lawyer.

## Eleven Young People at AIC In California

Eleven outstanding young people from the Future Farmers of America and the 4-H Clubs in Michigan will attend the annual summer conference of the American Institute of Cooperation at University of California at Berkeley, August 9 to 11.

The group is sponsored by the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives and local farm cooperatives. The group and chaperones will travel from Chicago by jet plane.

The Institute will be attended by about 2,000 men and women and a thousand young people representing farm cooperatives throughout the United States and Canada.

The Michigan young people include: Miss Janet McConkey, Cass City; Miss Margie Bird, Belding; Gayle Korn, Niles; Jerry Flack, Mendon; Stephen Morris, White Pigeon; Norman Veliquette, Kewadin; Donald Gifford, Blanchard; Perry Ward, Bitely; Terry Renn, Pigeon; Roger Steed, Buckley; Kenneth Waite, Jr., Williamston.

Chaperones are: Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Cheney and Mrs. Jo Schorr of Williamston; Arvid Norton of Three Rivers.

Kenneth Waite, Jr. will receive recognition as the winner of the American Institute of Cooperation award in Michigan for outstanding work in cooperatives.

Reese FFA Chapter will receive the Michigan FFA cooperative

award for outstanding cooperative activities in the chapter.

**Clarence E. Prentice**, secretary-manager of Michigan Farm Bureau, will speak to one of the Institute meetings on the youth activities of Michigan farm cooperatives.

**L. A. Cheney**, secretary of Michigan Ass'n of Farmer Cooperatives, will be a discussion leader on school-related activities of farmer cooperatives.

Farm cooperatives who made the young people's trip possible are:

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- Cross Farmers Co-op Elevator
- Cass City — Farm Bureau Services
- Cherryland Rural Electric Co-op
- Constantine Co-op Creamery
- Cooperative Creamery Company — Elkton
- Eikton Cooperative Farm Produce Company
- Kalamazoo Production Credit Ass'n
- Lansing Production Credit Ass'n
- Michigan Artificial Breeders Ass'n
- Michigan Elevator Exchange
- Michigan Livestock Exchange
- Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n
- North Michigan Rural Electric Co-operative
- O and A Electric Cooperative
- Traverse City — F B Services
- Tri-County Electric Cooperative
- Top-of-Michigan Rural Electric Cooperative

## Follow Good Plan to Have Sound Building

Do-it-yourself construction of farm buildings works fine if a well-engineered plan is followed, according to Robert Aldrich, extension agricultural engineer at Michigan State University.

Aldrich estimates that farmers put up about one-half of their buildings. Perhaps one-half of these do-it-yourself builders use plans from county extension offices and commercial sources.

In a recent survey, M.S.U. engineers and county extension agents found that Michigan farmers invested at least \$5,000,000 in new farm buildings during the 12-month period that ended July 1, 1959.

"A majority of these home-planned, home-made buildings can stand the snow and ice of Michigan's worst winters," Aldrich points out. "A few may not. These few would have been safe if they'd received some careful planning plus very little added investment."

Farmers in the Carolinas and Georgia learned the hard way last winter. Record February and March snows toppled hundreds of lightly-constructed poultry and livestock buildings. One North Carolina survey showed \$300,000 damage to poultry buildings alone.

"The North Carolina study found no reports of damage to buildings constructed according to good engineering design," Mr. Aldrich said.

Almost all failures occurred at joints—the part of building construction least understood by carpenters and farmers, says Aldrich. That's one big reason why it's important to get an expert plan and follow it closely.

"A lot of people feel a large beam or rafter insures sturdiness," the engineer adds. "But the strongest pieces of lumber in the world do little good unless they're fastened together securely."

The North Carolina survey revealed four common types of failure:

1. Rafter ties gave way or nails fastening ties to rafters pulled out.
2. Beams supporting rafters failed because nails fastening them to supporting posts pulled out.
3. Nailed trusses gave way because nails came out.
4. Pole buildings sometimes be-

gan to collapse when the poles punched into the ground because of inadequate footing.

## Attending Institute of Cooperation

The nation's largest farm business conference will be held at the University of California at Berkeley, August 7-10 when the American Institute of Cooperation holds its 33rd annual meeting.

The Institute attracts some 2,000 men and women from farm cooperatives throughout the United States and Canada. The cooperatives send about a thousand young people to the youth sessions of the Institute.

Nearly 200 people of interest to the many fields of farm cooperative business will address the general and sectional meetings of the Institute.

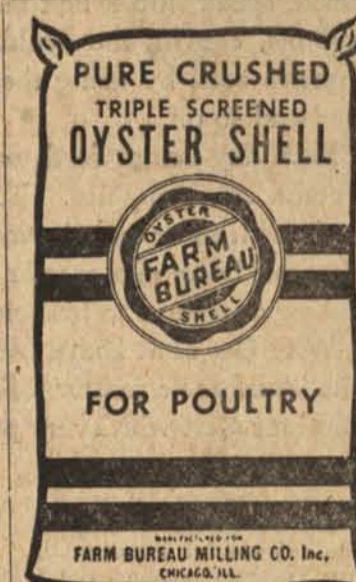
Michigan will be represented by President **Walter W. Wightman** and Secretary - Manager **Clarence E. Prentice** of the Michigan Farm Bureau; **Norman Peterson** of the Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n; **L. A. Cheney** of the Michigan Ass'n of Farmer Cooperatives; **Robert Koenigshof** of Buchanan Co-ops, Inc.; **Arvid Norton** of Constantine Cooperative Creamery, Inc.; **Andrew Loh-**

gan of Hamilton Farm Bureau. The Institute is in fact an annual information conference for more than 10,000 farm cooperatives. It has been termed "a university without a campus." It will meet in 1961 at the University of Minnesota.

## All Calves Should Be Vaccinated

Calveed vaccination is the key to eventually wiping out brucellosis, says **George Parsons**, MSU dairy specialist. Farmers vaccinated only 82,000 calves in 1959. They should have treated 250,000.

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# Community Groups Are Vital to Farm Bureau

## Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for August

Background Material for Program in August by Our 1750 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

DONALD D. KINSEY  
Coordinator of Education and Research

Someone wrote a verse which ended with two lines in the form of a question:

Are you an active member,—  
Or do you 'just belong'?

This is a good question for Farm Bureau people to consider. It is a personal question. In the case of our Michigan Farm Bureau the way has been made open for active membership. Let's examine it.

In a free and voluntary organization, the member is never forced to undertake an active role. But a clear-cut avenue for member participation should be provided.

**Personal Responsibility Required.** Community Farm Bureaus were developed 24 years ago. They provide a direct OPPORTUNITY for members to take an active role in building Farm Bureau. But opportunity must be grasped personally to yield any benefit. The seed of opportunity must fall on fertile ground. The member must desire to make his organization strong to serve the needs of the membership as a whole.

Let's look ourselves in the eye. Even where members may decide to organize a Community Farm Bureau, it may yield little to them or to the growth of their organization. There must be strong purposes, a real vision of what the group is and may accomplish, if it is to play any vital part in helping its organization to achieve goals desired by the members.

Without such qualities to bring life to the group, its meetings may prove sterile of any real accomplishment. Opportunity is there—but it dies easily unless it is nourished by PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY. This, then, is our "fertile ground" in which our Community Farm Bureaus can flourish and bring forth fruits of achievement in abundance.

### How Our Community Groups Were Born

The year was 1936. Michigan Farm Bureau was then 17 years old. The early years had been marked by explorations into supply and marketing services as well as informational and legislative programs. Much good was done. But some ventures were disastrous failures and almost proved fatal to the young organization. These taught important lessons, too.

In that year of 1936 two men of vision, sat down to consider

Farm Bureau's future. These men were Jack Yaeger and Keith Tanner. In past Farm Bureau ventures, something was missing,—but what? They agreed that the missing key to success was the fact that the MEMBER was not IN the program. He was too remote—too far away. He needed an opportunity to help build, a chance to pin-point the problems needing action and a part in suggesting how to tackle them.

Leaders of County Farm Bureaus were called to a meeting to discuss this proposition. They reacted with enthusiasm.

Keith Tanner had found a possible "pattern" that could be used for our groups. He had spent the year of 1935 in Denmark. Rural people in Denmark organized themselves into neighborhood groups (Volkgruppen). These groups got together regularly to discuss and plan how to handle their farm and community problems by joint action. The County Farm Bureau leaders of Michigan decided "This fits our needs!"

They went to twenty four counties in 1936. Twenty Community Farm Bureaus were founded in that year. Members were enthusiastic about it. Organization work spread to other counties of Michigan. Other state Farm Bureaus watched, and came to discover how Michigan was "getting the Michigan into the act."

### Voluntary

Organization work was carried on by the County Farm Bureaus. They offered to help members organize, but the decision must come from the members. Members had to decide that the idea was good, and provide responsible local leadership to bring the group to life and spark its program.

### Benefits ?

Benefits to members? They are not automatic. But they have vast possibilities. The benefits depend upon what the members do as a group—what life they infuse into their meetings, what problems they tackle, their spirit of adventure and the discovery of new ideas, and the actions they undertake together.

Some groups have not only become the "pillars" of their County Farm Bureaus, but have also become the most constructive force in their own communities, to their own benefit.

A Michigan adult educator said to me, "The Community Farm Bureaus are a fine development! Your group members become better informed on public affairs than most of our general public." Is this a benefit? I think so. A SELF-GOVERNING PEOPLE MUST BE AN INFORMED PEOPLE!

### Increasing the Power to Do

The early founders of Michigan Farm Bureau cited a broad benefit resulting from united action. "We have provided a new power for ourselves. We can accomplish many things by pooling our abilities, our resources and our efforts which would be impossible for one of us to do alone."

We have yet to learn to tap that power to the full. It can come only when the mutual efforts of all members are constructively given to the support of common purposes and objectives.

### An Effective Force In Farm Bureau

Community Farm Bureaus could be a more potent force in helping County Farm Bureaus build more active and beneficial programs in the county. These groups are units of the County Farm Bureau— which sponsors them, and in which the group members hold their basic membership.

The actual working relationship in program planning should be much closer between the local group and the county organization than it is between the group and the Michigan Farm Bureau. Neglect or misunderstanding of this may prevent it from functioning as it should.

The County Farm Bureau should form a Council made up of leaders of the Community Farm Bureaus. The County Board of Directors should invite the Council to meet with them three or four times a year to propose and help develop county programs of action.

Such programs might work on many things— better marketing and bargaining activities, improved farm supply services, programs for farm young people, health and safety projects, farm management and business aids and services, community improvement projects, civic affairs of the county and united action on local and county government problems, etc.

If an effective relationship of this kind were developed, there would be less asking "Why don't they...?" and more deciding "Why don't we...?" Community Farm Bureaus should be the County Farm Bureau's most fruitful source of program-building ideas.

### Policy Action, Too

The same active, close relationship should exist in proposing future policy positions or resolutions of the County Farm Bureau. Every group meeting is an opportunity for Community



Start Building Camp Kett

J. C. CAHILL of Detroit, president of the 4-H Club Foundation of Michigan, turned the first shovel of earth at ground breaking ceremonies July 19 for the building of Camp Kett at Center Lake, Osceola county. Camp Kett is a \$350,000 leadership training center for volunteer adult leaders for 4-H clubs and other youth groups in Michigan.

Women's Committees of Michigan Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Young People are raising funds to build a dormitory estimated at \$25,000 for Camp Kett. One project is the sale of Camp Kett lapel buttons at 50 cents each.

Group members to suggest to the County Farm Bureau what they think should be done to meet the common problems of farm people at the county, state, national or international levels.

This opportunity—this responsibility—is too often bypassed or neglected. Every discussion report sheet sent to the County Resolutions Committee. Most of the sheets are returned with the space for this left blank.

If a farm organization is to represent farmers, actually there should be at least 51% of the membership in a position to help develop the policies. This means many more members attending group and county meetings than have taken advantage of the opportunity up to the present time.

Work needs doing to realize such a goal. Opportunities of this sort have a peculiar feature. The opportunity must be SOLD in order to be discovered and realized. Those who can sell it best are the members who have tried it out to the best advantage to themselves.

### Groups Can Help Members Organize

Community Farm Bureaus are a program development of the County Farm Bureau. The main promotion, the sponsorship and the organization work mainly come from that source.

But much of the new-group organization work has been done by established Community Farm Bureaus. They have encouraged other neighbor-members to organize. They have helped them to get started,— "have shown them the ropes." They have explained how the member becomes a personal force in his organization through the group action.

Groups that do this organizing are the ones which have discovered the real value of organization. They have found that Community Farm Bureaus may not unite their neighborhood in fellowship, but that it can be a fellowship of united action. By working together, their voice and their abilities are magnified.

This discovery, when based on positive and constructive effort, packs a lot of "wallop." Community Farm Bureaus that really "caught fire" on it quickly discovered that there is more to it than "meetin', seatin', eatin', gripin', snipin', and fightin'." Working together in the group brings real rewards.

### The Future

An organization with a dedicated purpose always looks to its future vitality. Farm Bureau's future rests with its young farm families. Some of them may not know that they are invited to use this opportunity for active membership. Yet among them lie the future leaders of the organization. The policies and the program growth of the future will rest on their decisions.

Farm Bureau needs them in the active member role—in Community Farm Bureaus. The Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors has asked that an intensified effort be made to or-

Farm Bureau can be a highway to good citizenship.

### Questions

The question-report sheet for this will be of a special type that cannot be published in proper form with this article in the Michigan Farm News.

### School Vote Spots Failure In Citizenship

DONALD D. KINSEY  
Education & Research

The indifference of American citizens to important matters of local government is most vividly reflected at the polls—in their voting records.

Responsible citizens will, at least, show enough interest in local civic programs and needs to get out and vote.

The recent vote on a school bonding issue in North Lansing is a sad example of citizen neglect in self-government.

June 29th, the State Journal at Lansing announced the coming of a proposed millage vote for a \$1,000,000 long range bonding program in the community. The proposal would increase the millage levied by 1.75 mills. The vote would also elect two new members to the school board of the area. Voters were warned in the State Journal article that it might become necessary to cut school to half-day sessions and lay off some teachers.

The result? Came the voting day on July 11th. The State Journal reported the results in its issue the next day. The millage increase was passed. But how?

Said the Journal, "Only a trickle of voters turned out Mon-

day for three Lansing area school elections. . . North school district voters approved a 13 mill tax proposal for operations by a vote of 69 to 36. The vote turnout was 105 out of an estimated 1,200 voters."

Let's not leave this story with a finger pointing at North Lansing. It is only an example. Similar instances of the breakdown in fundamental American citizenship could be found in many communities.

### Letters to The News

Mr. Donald Kinsey:

Orchids to you for your article in the July 1 Michigan Farm News,— "Vote at the August 2nd Primary. Don't Sleep Through the Main Act!"

It is timely, cleverly written, and Oh, so true!

Will you kindly tell me where I could send for a copy of "How to Win" as set forth by the C.I.O. Committee on Political Education? Perhaps we can apply some of the techniques to the way we conduct our local elections.

It is heartening to note that more and more interest is becoming evident with regard to our primary elections. The old phrase,— "It's only a primary and not very important!" is being heard less frequently.

MRS ROBERT A. HUTTON  
June 30, 1950  
Jones, R-1, Mich.

Courtesy sometimes consists in telling a little white lie exceptionally well.

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### Membership Awards

NEIL STERLE, left, of the state membership committee of the Farm Bureau Young People, presents a traveling membership trophy to Wayne Erny, center, of Van Buren County Young People's group. It had the highest percentage of 1960. Dale Cramer, right, received for Mecosta county, the award for highest per cent of goal for 1960. The awards were made at the Young People's formal party at Michigan State University.

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