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Driving to Make Goal of 72,927 by March 1

EDITORIAL

Farm Bureau and Agr'l Education

CLARK L. BRODY

When the farmers of the nation initiated the State and American Farm Bureaus in 1919 and 1920 they created an interest in Agricultural Extension far beyond what had existed before.

I experienced this rapid change toward more active cooperation of farm people as County Agricultural Agent of St. Clair County.

During the previous four years a few forward looking farmers had worked with me to interest others in utilizing the results of research recommended by the Michigan Agricultural College and the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

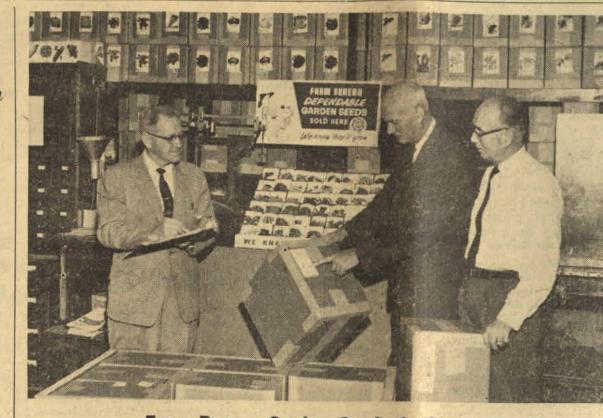
Performing numerous World War I emergency services had developed many friendly contacts, but the resulting interest in an Extension program was largely passive.

Only about 100 people had manifested a feeling of responsibility for its continuation by carrying a 50 cent membership in our informal county farm bureau. 始剧

However, we experienced a revolutionary change when this group of cooperating farmers readily became the nucleus of the Michigan and American Farm Bureaus in December 1919.

Under their leadership 2,300 members were enrolled in St. Clair County Farm Bureau with yearly dues of \$10 pledged for three years. They converted our small Extension County Council into an incorporated unit of the state and national Farm Bureaus.

This sudden seizure of the reins of farm influence by hundreds of farmers practically drafted the County Agricultural Agent to work with the membership in County and State Farm Bureaus. Simultaneously it multiplied my opportunities to interest farmers in Extension projects far beyond what could be realized under former conditions. They were soon calling on my office for such a variety of services that little time remained to initiate projects myself.



Farm Bureau Garden Seeds to Greece

Proposed Constitutional Convention

Advocates Would Write Own Rules?

> STANLEY M. POWELL Legislative Counsel for Michigan Farm Bureau

There has been considerable confusion as to the exact details of a proposal which is being developed for submission in the form of a petition to amend the constitutional convention article of the Michigan Constitution.

I had supposed that this thing was pretty definite although various radio and newspaper reports didn't hang together too well as to just what is provided in the amendment.

Wide publicity was given to the fact that Governor Williams several days ago became the No. 1 signer of the petition. Imagine my surprise when I found that what he signed was only a proof copy of the proposal in a tentative form which had not been accepted and approved by the state Board of Canvassers and the Election Division of the Secretary of State's office.

National Program AFBF Names **5** Objectives For 1960

The new frontiers facing farmers and other Americans today are no less challenging than the frontiers faced by the forefathers, Charles B. Shuman, President of the American Farm Bureau told State Farm Bureau leaders January 7 at Chicago. Mr. Shuman spoke at the opening session of the 1960 national Farm Bureau program kick-off.

Attending the meeting were 144 state Farm Bureau officers and staff members. Presidents of 2 State Farm Bureaus attended Michigan Farm Bureau was represented by President Walter W Wightman, Clarence E. Prentice secretary-manager, Dan E. Reed. associate legislative counsel, and Mrs. Marjorie Karker of Womer RUSSELL HARTZLER, left, of Michigan Farm Bureau.

Christian Rural The two-day conference was overseas Program (CROP) in devoted to Farm Bureau policies Michigan, Dan Reed, center, as-

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arden seeds for farmers and for 1960 and how to get action

President Shuman listed five 'new frontiers" which need the urgent attention of Farm Bureau nembers

its proper role in agriculture. 2-Building markets.

4-Preserving self - govern-

ening Farm Bureau. reaus.

Campaign is for 5,131 Members

Published Monthly by Michigan Farm Bureau

Nine Regions in World Series Contest To Determine Champions for **Membership Work**

> ROGER FOERCH Coordinator of Organization Dep't, MFB

February is the month for completing the job of getting 72,927 members for Michigan Farm Bureau by March 1, 1960.

We have done well to roll up a total of 67,796 as of January 26.

We need 5,131 more!

For 70 County Farm Bureaus that means three renewals or new members for each of 25 working days in February.

There are probably 2,000 or more of our friends who haven't yet renewed their membership by mail. If you know one, ask him to renew. There are many farmers waiting to be invited to join Farm Bureau. We enrolled 4,962 new members in 1959!

Every Farm Bureau member is invited to use the Application on page 6 of the Michigan Farm News to enroll a member.

We have a "World's Series" contest being conducted by membership workers of the nine membership regions the week of February 15-19. New members and renewals count as runs.

County Farm Bureaus and Roll Call managers will set a certain day of that week for their part in the Membership World Series. The teams:

American League vs National League

American League National League Membership Region Membership Region Indians - Thumb Giants - East Central **Tigers** - Northwest **Dodgers** - Northeast Yankees - Southwest Pirates - West Central White Sox - Central **Braves** - Southwest Cubs - Upper Penin.

gricultural workers in northern on policy objections. The shipment of 10,500 packets f vegetable seeds and some flower seeds is a gift from CROP to assist farmers in the mountainous regions of northwestern

Planted politely at first a few 3-Saving the dollar. ears back because they were

ment 5-Reinforcing and strengthegetable seeds from the United

The national kick-off meeting on Farm Bureau policy was to be followed at once by similar meetings in the State Farm Bu-

shipment of Farm Bureau gar-den seeds to Greece.

1-Restoring government to

Even some of the most conservative individuals became active supporters of the annual appropriation for the County Agricultural Agent by the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor John Shepherd who had led strong farmer opposition to the appropriation from the beginning became my close friend and advisor.

However, this sudden affiliation of Agricultural Extension, a public agency, with the militant, privately controlled Farm Bureau was to lead to some later problems.

Soon after I came to the Michigan Farm Bureau staff in 1921 we became engaged in controversial issues such as the initial 2c gas tax, legislative reapportionment and school policies.

In these battles the Farm Bureau's involved relations with the County Agricultural Agents weakened its influence and invited criticism from our opposition. At the same time this close connection with the Farm Bureau was proving detrimental to Agricultural Extension.

The situation led to the setting up of County Advisory Councils for Extension forces in place of the County Farm Bureau, and discontinuing the payments of any portion of County Extension salaries from Farm Bureau funds.

We welcomed the change and it in no way disturbed our friendly cooperative relations.

The Farm Bureau's strong interest in agricultural research and education was reaffirmed by the 41st annual convention of the American Farm Bureau in December, 1959 when the delegates said:

"An adequate agricultural research program is one of the vital needs in American agriculture today."

The delegates from 49 states unanimously re-(Continued on Page 2)

However, I now have a photostatic copy of the latest version of the amendment.

clning. Only 35% of the people It proposes to rewrite Section voting in the November 1958 gia, January 9. Mr. Crouch had 4 of Article XVII of the Constielection favored holding a Con- been manager. tution of the State of Michigan which has to do with holding a the question of holding a Con- record of \$44,648,000 in 1959 for Constitutional Convention. Con was placed on the ballot by sales of Unico paints, fence, barn This wraps up in one package the Legislature, over 40% of the equipment, farm hardware, luseveral features, most all of voters favored the proposal. which would be undesirable from the standpoint of the policy of tion as fundamental as holding state farm cooperatives, includa Convention to rewrite Michi- ing Farm Bureau Services, Inc., the Michigan Farm Bureau with gan's Constitution should not be of Michigan. Patronage refund reference to a Con-Con or legislative reapportionment.

Those two problems are freelection at which this matter is ed to \$50,000,000. quently mentioned in the same submitted favor this idea. breath because they are so close-

ly interlocked. For instance, one 3. The time table for nominat of the objectives of many individing and electing delegates to uals and groups favoring the Con-Con would be speeded up Con-Con is to rewrite the apporthat this complicated and in tionment provision of the State portant process would be carrie Constitution so that both the on in not to exceed four mont Senate and House seats would be following the decision to hold apportioned solely on the basis Con-Con. The convention would of population without any other convene in Lansing on the first factors being given consideration. Tuesday in October.

There is another way in which 4. The basis of electing delethese two matters interlock. If there were a rewriting of the apthree for each Senatorial district Farm Bureau Legislative Comportionment provision relating to Senate districts, that would directly affect the makeup of any ators and 110 Representatives scheduled as follows: subsequent Con-Con because a that would make a convention of provision of the Constitution calls 144 members. for the election of three delegates

The cost of the election at from each Senatorial district. which these proposed changes That is one of the features would be submitted to the voters, which the backers of the new the decision whether or not to petition want to change before have a Con-Con, the nomination any Con-Con is decided upon. and election of delegates, pay-The proposed amendment inment of salaries of delegates and volves five basic changes in the staff, printing, rental of space procedure for bringing about and for meetings of the Convention carrying on a Con-Con. and its committees, publication

1. It proposes that the question of documents and submission of 27 (Larch Street) and Michigan the House by four members of of holding a Con-Con would be its report to the voters for adop- avenue, Lansing. The program submitted to the voters at the tion or rejection would make this spring election in 1961, although an extremely costly procedure. they defeated such a proposal in This does not give recognition national legislation, Stanley M. November, 1958. to the fact that holding a Con-

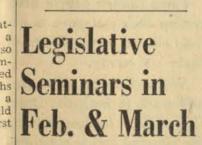
Con would throw individuals and 2. The vote required to carry substantial organizations into unthe Con-Con issue would be re- certainty and confusion over a duced from a majority of those period of many months and disvoting in the election to a major-rupt the orderly functioning of guests. ity of those voting on this pargovernment and our economy. ticular question.

It would appear that interest 5. The date for convening the or the part of the Michigan citi- Con-Con would be set for the State Senate and House of Rep- News were mailed to subscrib-(Continued on Page 8) zens in having a Con-Con is de-

United Co-op Sales Top \$44,000,000

Merritt H. Crouch of Alliance, Ohio was elected executive vicepresident and general manager of United Cooperatives, Inc., by the board of directors at the annual meeting at Atlanta, Geor-

Con. Ten years earlier when Mr. Crouch reported a new bricating oils, farm chemicals, It would seem that a proposi- roofing, etc., to 31 regional and undertaken unless a majority of to member cooperatives was \$1,the voters participating in the 150,750. Sales for 1960 are point-



Southwest membership regions. Feb. 10-Thumb region. Feb. 11-Central region.

Feb. 16-West Central region. Feb. 17-Southeast region. Feb. 25 - Northwest and Northeast regions. March 3-East Central region. Place of meeting is the Famous Grill at the corner of US-

resentatives.

10 a.m.-Review of state and Powell and Dan E. Reed. members of Michigan Legisla-

May Renew Old Battles

STANLEY M. POWELL Legislative Counsel, MFB

The stage is being set to battle again over several of the same issues which were centers of controversy in the 1959 legislative session

The first bill introduced in the Senate is the same subsidy proposal for city and suburban bus lines we had in 1959. It was the only bill passed that year in pite of Farm Bureau opposition. It was vetoed by Governor Williams in line with our recommendations to him and efforts which we made to arouse other substantial groups of highway users and citizens to take similar action. The Michigan Farm Bureau has opposed all raids on highway funds. It would be unfair to utilize revenue collected from all motorists to subsidize bus lines serving a few industrial communities.

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State Parks. Twenty-one Senators introduced S. 1002 which Alpena would authorize the Conserva-Alcona tion Commission to issue not to exceed \$10 million of revenue Mason gates would be changed from inars at Lansing for County bonds for land acquisition and park improvement purposes. to one for each Senator and Rep- mittees of the nine Farm Bureau This bond issue would be retired resentative. As there are 34 Sen- membership regions have been through revenue derived from fees charged motorists patroni-Ogem Feb. 9-Upper Peninula and zing certain designated state Oakla parks. The rate would be \$2 per year or 50c per day per vehicle. Neway Last year there was a similar Cass bill, only the bond issue was limited to \$5 million. It was vetoed by Governor Williams. The Governor at that time backed a \$30 million so-called "faith and credit" bond issue for park St. Clai expansion and improvement. He is again supporting that proposal Calhou Barry his party. It is HJR "F"

Eaton As these bonds would be "faith and credit" rather than Tuscol revenue bonds they would become direct obligations of the 12 noon - Luncheon with State and a Constitutional amendment would be required (Continued on Page 7)

will attend sessions of Michigan copies of the Michigan Farm ers.

We invite every Farm Bureau membership worker and every individual member to help finish the 1960 membership campaign in February. Thank you for your help.

Counties Over Goal

Numi	ber	Num	ber	Numt	ber
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Vexford	30	Missaukee	5	Charlevoix	0
Iontmorency	8	Emmet	4	Delta	0
Benzie	5	Iron	1	Marquette-	
				Alger	0

Need up to 50 for Goal

kinac-		Chippewa	23	Ostego	35
uce	12	Houghton	29	losco	48
kaska	14	Menominee	35		
aga	22				

Need 51 to 100

1.5	52 Cheboygan	73	Gladwin	90
	57 Presque Isle	74	Midland	94
	57 Muskegon	75	Oceana	98
	59 Wayne	78	Manistee	100
180	63 Atrim	79		

Need 101 to 200

aw	111	Mecosta	142	Clinton	172
nd	114	Gratiot	147	Genesee	179
ygo	120	Ingham	153	Montcalm	185
	126	NW Mich.	154	Washtenaw	197
ola	137	Monroe	170		

Need 201 to 300

r	206	St. Joseph	231	Isabella	254
n	208	Kent	238	Kalamazoo	254
	217	Bay	240	Lapeer	276
	219	Jackson	245	Macomb	282
1	220	Shiawassee	250	Ionia	286
				Hillsdale	294

Need 300 or Over

llegan	302	Saginaw	373	Lenawee	386
ivingston	337	Ottawa	380	Sanilac	390
ranch	347	Huron	385	Berrien	440
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ture for counties in region as 2 p.m.-Members of Farm Bureau Legislative Committees This Edition 74,285

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Today in Farm Bureau

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ROGER FOERCH Coordinator of Organization Dep't, MFB

As I begin this article, there is only one thing on my mind, only one project that keeps coming back, no matter how many things need to be written about-MEMBERSHIP.

There are nine counties over goal as of this date, Jan. 26. Here they are in the order of their accomplishment:

1. Iron	6. Benzie
2. Delta	7. Charlevoix
3. Emmet	8. Missaukee
4. Wexford	9. Marguette-Alger

- 5. Montmorency

The "Top 10 Club" this year has some new rules. The Club will consist of only the counties going over goal in the shortest length of time, so here they are:

1.	Emmet	6. Missaukee
2.	Wexford	7. ?
3.	Montmorency	8. ?
	Benzie	9. ?
5.	Charlevoix	10. ?

As you can see, there is still room for four more counties. WHO WILL THEY BE? I hope that the location of these counties will be a challenge to the rest of the state.

I mentioned the above thing first because it is the most important. To do anything, we first need an organization, and an organization is made up of members. This is our job NOW!

| count of the new members writ- but not least, we will be winding What Has Been Happening? ten by our Insurance Agents, I up the membership campaign. To date, we have a record of think we would find they are We have about 5,131 members to over 60 agents who earned an in- responsible for approximately go to reach our 1960 Michigan surance advertising clock. This 700. It is a very good possibility Farm Bureau goal. Our aim is to was accomplished by each agent of this figure being higher. writing 10 or more new Farm Bureau members.

only be done if every farmer, Policy Execution. The state who is not a member, is given the

V.-Pres.R. E. Smith, Fowlerville -Max K. Hood...Paw Paw, R-1 -Blaque Knirk.....Quincy, R-1 -Allen F. Rush...Lake Orion, R-1 -Elton R. Smith...Caledonia, R-1 -Dale Dunckel...Williamston, R-1 Dale Dunckel...Williamston, R-1 Ward G. Hodge....Snover, R-1 Thomas Hahn......Rodney, R-1 Kenneth Johnson...Freeland, R-2 Eugene Roberts...Lake City, R-1 Eugene DeMatio, W. Branch, R-3 Edmund Canad Canad Science

Mrs. Alex Kennedy Posen, R-1 FARM BUREAU YOUNG PEOPLE

ing. Two meetings were held,-

one at Gaylord and one at East

A meeting will be held

February 8 for the legislative

people in the Upper Peninsula.

The meetings have dealt with

state and national issues that we

will deal with in 1960. Those at-

tending were Legislative Com-

mittees, Citizenship Committees,

and members of County Farm

Bureau Executive Committees.

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

County institutes will begin.

This is the time when Commit-

tees discuss their duties and re-

sponsibilities, and develop plans

to carry out a program for the

Legislative seminars will also

be held during the month of

February. This is the one time of

year when Legislative Commit-

tees and Minute Men sit down to

lunch with their legislators and

review the issues that are per-

tinent to agriculture. Following

this meeting, they always visit

the Legislature to see their Legis-

President's Conference. Also,

during the month of February we will hold our annual Presi-

dent's Conference when all Coun-

ty Farm Bureau Presidents are

invited to reveiw existing pro

grams, and to give direction in

Another item of interest, for

the month of February, is the

trip to Washington being spon-

sored by the Farm Bureau Wo-

men's Committee. Those interest-

ed should contact their county

Membership Campaign. Last,

reach it by March 1. This can

Lansing

coming year.

lators in action.

any new areas.

secretary.

President's Column

can't be continually asking or hidden taxes. accepting Government handouts without losing some of the value

of our dollar. It is a well known fact that when any Nation takes more than 25% of the national income for taxes the people are headed for economic ruin.

We are at that point right now in the United States.

Yet we have many politicians who are attempting to buy your votes with your money. We must remember all the time that it is your money! I heard a presidential candidate last week promise a labor organization anything they wanted if he would be elected. This kind

of thing goes on and on. But Federal officials can't give I would like to visit with you you anything that they don't a little while about inflation. take away' from you in the first The delegates at our Michigan approximately 150 people attend- Farm Bureau annual convention place. It is your money and

when it makes the round-trip to Washington a lot of it is left there. You never get it all back. 1957 that Federal aid to schools

under the then proposed Kelly Bill would cost Michigan \$2.00 for every dollar it received un-Young People's der that program.

tween 52c and 57c of the value of the dollar since 1940. There are many things that add to this problem such as increasing the money supply through bank the value of our dollar every manipulations of credit through cooperation with the Federal

Reserve system, deficit spending by the Government, increasing Your life savings are worth wages faster than efficiency in

EDITORIAL

(Continued from Page 1)

affirmed the Farm Bureau's support of Agricultural Extension:

"We urge the Extension Service to keep abreast of technological developments in agriculture, improve on-the-job training programs for extension workers, and adapt its operations to the changing needs of modern agriculture."

Our Michigan Farm Bureau is strongly supporting the efforts of the American Farm Bureau and working for a more adequate research program in our own state.

At our annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau in 1958 over 700 delegates in a unanimous resolution said:

"From 1940 to 1955 Michigan's share of the national agricultural market declined from 2.7% to 2.2% which reduced potential income of Michigan farmers by \$1,500,000.

They urged the Legislature in 1959 to provide our Michigan Experiment Station with "financial support necessary to keep Michigan farmers competitive with our neighboring states."

ing them. come taxes are the main source organizations. State winners tinue to yield the right-of-way of Federal income. Hidden tax- will go to the AFBF convention es are by far the greater part of at Denver in December.

What we as individual taxpay- our tax load. Over half the cost ers soon must realize is that we of many items that we buy is

> Paul Harvey says the best kept secret in the United States is the size of our tax load, and

that for the average wage earner hidden taxes are far more costly than income taxes. We haven't time to go into of all other committees into a

the details of all the things that unified state program. are causing inflation, but let me say that inflation makes the cost of a cow go up from \$100 to \$300.

Sign Responsibility But she doesn't give any more milk.

You may have wondered And the interest on the inwhether your responsibility at a vestment in that \$300 cow is stop sign ends when you have three times what it was on the \$100 cow. The same is true of Bar of Michigan. a tractor or anything else we use on the farm.

Young People.

Court Rules on Stop

Inflation is fun for awhile, but eventually the cost price squeeze gets us. We have lots of dollars

but they are worth nothing. I could go on about how we have priced ourselves out of the market both foreign and domestic and how labor is pricing it-

Congressman Johansen said in self out of the market in the same way. But the Editor says I have used up my space. Any more would be inflation!

We are at the crossroads. We are already spending 25% of our national income. We have been losing an average of near 3% of

Program year for the last 20 years. We can't go much farther.

less than half of what they

For 1960 were when you started sav-

Farm Bureau Young People held their State-Wide Commit-

tee meeting at the Farm Bureau, Lansing, January 9. Thirteen of the 14 committees that plan the program were present. Fortytwo young people took part in the meeting.

State Leadership Camp will be held June 15-19 at Clear Lake Camp at Dowling. Plans are being made for an entirely different type of camp this year.

State-Wide Officers Training Camp will be held on November 25-27 for all county officers.

Tours are being planned to Minnesota for Mid-West Camp on July 29 to August 2, and to Denver, Colorado to the AFBF convention December 8-17.

Ionia Cafeteria. The Young People will operate the cafeteria at the Ionia Free Fair. Proceeds will go into the educational fund.

State Fair. The fruit juice stand will be operated at the Michigan State Fair on September 2-11. We shall sell apples at this stand.

Spring Formal. Date has been set for April 30 at the Union Ballroom at MSU. Van Den Berg Brothers are being contacted to play for the dance.

The State Convention will be

participation in the Talk Meet | crossing a through highway from Let's not get the idea that in- and Talent Find in the county a subordinate street is to conuntil traffic is clear on the main highway. The Resolutions Committee is

The Supreme Court rules equarely on this in a recent case planning to make a new ap-(Churukian vs. LaGest, 357 proach to the resolutions that Mich., 173) in which the Court will be presented to the annual said the party entering the meeting of the Farm Bureau through street from the side street seemed to be acting on The Printed Program is startthe understanding that once the ing to take shape. The commitstop had been made; the driver's tee is coordinating the activities bligation had ended, and thereafter the driver had equal rights

at the crossing with cars on the main highway. "This is not our concept of the intent and purpose of the statute," the Court ruled. The driver's duty to yield the rightof-way continued, and it was her obligation to know that traffic on the main highway was clear stopped your car, says the State before she undertook to cross.

No, says the Michigan Supreme Court. The duty of one entering or 2

Show at 10:00 a.m.

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BRED GILT AND BOAR SALE

All Breeds

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Friday, February 12, 1960

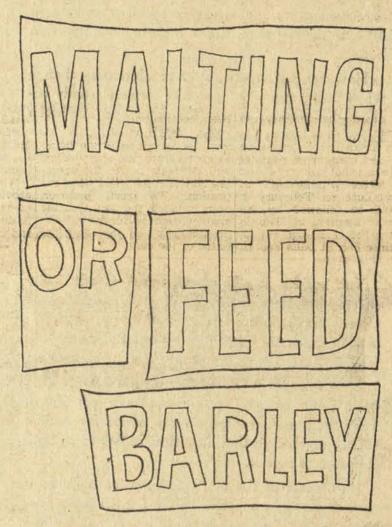
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> Whether You're Planning **To Market**





MR. WIGHTMAN

"Inflation is becoming one

of the greatest enemies of

the American people. It is

eating up the purchasing

We have lost somewhere be-

power of our dollars."

production increases.

in November 1959 said:

If we were to make an actual kick-off meetings were held with opportunity to become one.

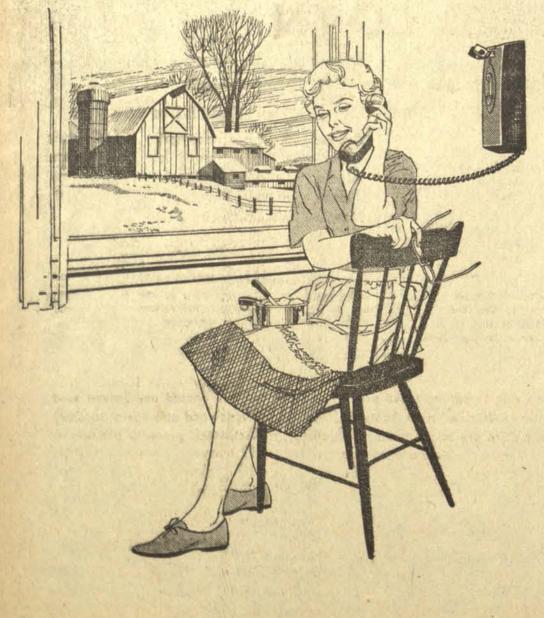
PHONE CALLS BRIGHTEN UP LONELY AFTERNOONS

Minutes before, you were alone in the empty house and feeling lonesome. Suddenly, the most cheerful sound of the day . . . your telephone rings, and it's a neighbor you haven't seen in a while.

the telephone: it's always there, ready to brighten up a winter's day with a friendly chat!

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In registering Michigan Farm Bureau's continued support of Agricultural Extension they said, "New truths are of little value until they are made available to farmers" through Extension and other means.

Adequate programs along these lines can be realized only if we work aggressively for the enactment of sufficient funds to sustain them.

The College of Agriculture of Michigan State University is our key institution for making agricultural research and Extension effective for Michigan farmers.

Farm Bureau people need to be persistent in asserting their influence to get the best qualified citizens elected to the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University.

We need to be active in our local political units and work in both the Democratic and Republican Conventions to nominate high type individuals for the biennial spring elections.

Political parties constitute the agencies through which the voters register their choice of trustees for Michigan State University. It is essential that the people be provided with the best qualified candidates from which to make their selection.

I am glad to report that over many years the deliberations of the Board of Agriculture and Trustees, whether consisting of Democrats or Republicans, or both, have been singularly free from political partisanship.

Certainly, party politics should always end with the election. They have no place on the boards of control of our institutions of higher learning which are training our young people for their responsibilities in the future.

The active support the Farm Bureau has given institutions and policies of agricultural education over the past 40 years has been a basic factor in the advancement of farm people and constructive citizenship.

held on Saturday, November 5 at the Union Building on the Michigan State University campus.

Community Service. Plans are being made for presenting trophies to the counties for participation in the Citizenship, Safety and Recreation Leadership areas of Community Service.

Market Basket will be encouraged in all county groups and at the State Convention to help to tell the story of how food gets from the farm to the consumer

Membership. Preliminary plans for the 1961 membership drive were discussed.

Talk Meet & Talent Find. Plans are being made to increase

Mail Coupon For Free Soil Test Bags

JOHN SEXSON Services Plant Food Division

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Advise the lab management the crop and the yield per acre you're driving at. Apply fertili-zer on basis of need for the crop.

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Farm Bureau In Upper Peninsula

HUGO E. KIVI **Regional Representative**

For the second consecutive year the Upper Peninsula has the first County Farm Bureau over membership goal.

Iron County Farm Bureau made it Jan. 12, followed two days later by Delta County Farm Bureau. Marquette-Alger Farm Bureau is 9th over goal in the state.

The entire membership in Iron and Delta counties deserves congratulations. Special m e ntion goes to Eino Kaski of Iron county and Vincent Rappette of Delta county. They signed up the most new members and collected the most renewals.

Victory parties have been For Dairymen scheduled. Iron County Farm Bureau organized January 29, 1959, has scheduled its party Internet and the scheduled its party January 30 at Crystal Falls bined victory party and a first anniversary party. The Delta celebration will be held in Feb-

We plan to get the U.P. Dis-trict over goal by February 15. County Farm Bureaus have taken an active part in the promotion of dairy products in the area.

tee has been set up to plan the State University. promotion program, with the U. P. divided into six districts with two manufacturing milk produ-Cers.

Representatives of the M.S.U. down the protein in cheap feed Extension Service, A.D.A., Michigan Department of Agriculture and other organizations are assisting.

At Marquette January 15, the committee planned to kick-off the promotion program in June to coincide with the "June is Dairy Month" promotional program

Oren K. Berto of Menominee made. Each County Farm Bucounty is president of the group reau has contacted their legisla- amount. Corn provides the en- week. The FBS Egg Marketing and Morton Scheuren of Delta tors and the responses county is acting as secretary and been encouraging. treasurer

Plans for the Blue Cross-Blue vors the expansion of the labor-Shield re - enrollment meetings atory facilities and every effort have been completed. The first will be made to get the approof the series will be held at priation necessary for this ex-Mackinac-Luce on February 1. pansion. We must, however, This will be followed by the bear in mind the fact that the Chippewa meeting on Feb. 2, appropriation of funds will de- feeding would do a better job, Houghton Feb. 4, Baraga Feb. 5. pend largely on the financial and a cheaper job. Menominee Feb. 10, Delta Feb. 11, status of the state.

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IRON COUNTY FARM BUREAU takes over the Brown Jug from Mackinac-Luce County Farm Bureau for making 1960 membership goal January 12 and being the first in the UP to do it. Hugo Kivi, regional representative, is shown making the presentation to Iron County Farm Bureau President Arne Pentilla of Crystal Falls. Eino Kaski, Roll Call manager, at left.

pounds of feed by the percen-

tage of protein content stated

cost of protein runs about 8 cents

cent protein commercial dairy

mixtures cost about 12 to 15 cents

If you are feeding a good grade

of alfalfa hay, protein supple-

ment is not so important. Pro-

on the label.

per pound of protein.

gume rations.

concentrate feeds.

Per Pound

High protein feeds, such as soybean oil meal and 48 to 55 per cent protein dairy concentrates, are good buys for dairymen, according to Don Hillman, such as corn are cheaper than An Upper Peninsula commit- extension dairyman at Michigan protein for supplementing le-

When buying protein for dairy tein which may not be needed is each district being represented cattle, the price per pound of a waste of money. Extra protein by two fluid milk producers and protein is the most important can be used for energy but corn thing to consider. The bacteria is a much cheaper source of enin the cow's rumen can break ergy.

> just as well as in expensive feeds. To find the cost per pound, simply divide the cost per 100

> Marquette-Alger Feb. 12 and Iron Feb. 15.

Many inquiries have been received concerning the testing aboratory facilities in Escanaba. Definite progress has been

have The organization policy fa-

legume rations, too.

energy which is needed. Grain sold in Grand Rapids.

Farmers' Week 1960 predic-

Looking Ahead

In Farming

FBS Egg Marketing Service Growing

Farm Bureau Services, Inc., started an egg marketing service sample of eggs from every pro-

in August, 1959 to establish a ducer lot received. market for high quality eggs The weight of the eggs plus produced by Farm Bureau mem- the thickness of the white by the bers.

The FBS Egg Marketing Divi-The FBS Egg Marketing Division at Jenison, Ottawa county, the white the better the quality is organized to market eggs for of the egg. Mr. Massey uses a producers who can produce milcrometer to measure the "Fresh Fancy Quality Eggs," a new grade by the U. S. Dep't of There are a number of things Agriculture for highest quality that must be done to meet the

Producers must have at least Among them is the need for fre-1,000 Leghorn hens and have quent egg gathering daily. They mechanical refrigeration on the ments for producing the fresh, per cent. farm, and meet other requirefancy quality grade.

Presently eggs are coming to the Egg Marketing Division from packaged separately with cases marked to identify them. A nine counties, mostly in west picked up every four or five In high concentrate feeds the days by FBS trucks.

week for each flock.

Each carton of eggs sent to market is dated for a period of ten days from date, of testing. Ottawa county: After the ten days the eggs must be removed from the labeled cartons, or the official grade mark must be destroyed. After the eggs are checked for federal standards, they are

candled for blood spots, cracks, and any other defects. The Jeni-



ROBERT MASSEY, federal egg grader, determines quality of eggs at FBS Egg Marketing Division at Jenison.

tions: Truck gardners may soon FBS Egg Marketing Division save thousands of dollars by operates under supervision of picking tomatoes and cucumbers the USDA inspection service. son plant has two candling units FB Services Board, in operation and space for more

The plant employs ten people and is managed by Peter J. Sikkema. It operates on the proposition that Michigan pro-ducers of any crop should aim for and hold all profitable Michigan markets.

Farm Bureaus Place in Farm To Prosper

Five Community Farm Bufederal egg quality program. reaus were among the prize winners in the 20th annual West Michigan Farm-to-Prosper Conmust be cooled immediately and test in 1959.

held at no more than 60 degrees Prizes were awarded at the with a relative humidity of 70 Round-Up for members of participating organizations held at Eggs from each flock must be Muskegon December 29.

The contest is a rural advancecentral Michigan. The largest flock is 7,000 hens. Eggs are

averages 76 Haugh units for of Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, thickness of white, or two such Oceana, and Ottawa counties. samples drawn in consecutive Farm Bureau groups winning Wayne Playford is the poultry weeks average 76 Haugh units, prizes included: Progressive per pound. Linseed or cotton- service man. He works with providing not more than one egg Community Farm Bureau, 3rd measures less than 55 units, and place, and Central Community no egg has a serious yolk defect. Farm Bureau, 4th place, in Ne-Government graders sample waygo county; Friendly Comand test eggs at least once a munity Farm Bureau, 3rd place, and Pioneer Community Farm Bureau, 4th place, in Oceana county; North Chester Community Farm Bureau, 4th place, in

> The sweepstakes winner for all counties was Orchard View PTA of Muskegon county.

Kermit H. Hansen of Washington, administrator of Farm-Home Administration, USDA, was speaker for the Round-Up program. William J Brake, master of Michigan State Grange, presented the awards.

Michigan Farm Bureau was represented at the Round-Up by President Walter Waightman and Dan Reed, associate legislative counsel. Stanley M. Powell, MFB legislative counsel, attended as chairman of the State Grange Executive Committee.

NEW EARLY TOMATO

An extremely early tomato, often ripening big red tomatoes by July 4, has been developed at the Jung Farms in Wisconsin. You can obtain a trial packet of this tomato by sending 10 cents to the Jung Seed Co., Box 43, Randolph, Wisconsin. They will not only send you this tomato seed but also a package of the glorious Glant Hybrid Zinnias and a copy of their 53rd catalog, America's most colorful 1960 seed catalog.

ADA Announces June Dairy Month Theme Officers for 1960 "June's Best Meal Ideas Start with Dairy Foods" is the theme

Stockholders at the annual meeting of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., Dec. 1 at Michigan State University named the Board of Directors of nine members for 1960 as follows: a nation-wide advertising and

Re-Elected Marten Garn of Charlotte; Peter H. DeWeerd of Hudewrille: Welter Honewerd of 24th year. Hudsonville; Walter Harger of Stanwood; Kenneth O. Johnson of Freeland; Blaque Knirk of Quincy; Elton R. Smith of Caledonia; Robert E. Smith of Fowlerville.

Shuman at Clayton E. Healey of East Jordan was elected to succeed **Tax Hearing** Clyde Breining of Ypsilanti, and The House Ways and Means Ward G. Hodge of Snover was

Committee of Congress is holdelected to succeed Walter W. ing hearings on the taxation of Wightman of Fennville. cooperatives February 1-5. Pres-The Board of Directors reident Charles Shuman of the elected these officers: President, American Farm Bureau Federa-

Marten Garn; vice-president, Elton R. Smith; treasurer, L. S Monroe, East Lansing; ass't treasurer, G. F. Griswold, East

Lansing; secretary, Maynard D. Brownlee, Lansing.

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tion will testify February 5.

of June is Dairy Month in 1960.

The American Dairy Associa-

tion and co-sponsoring groups in

the food industry will engage in

sales promotion campaign on

Food stores, restaurants,

dairies, newspapers, magazines,

radio and television will join in

a month-long promotion of sum-

mer dishes using dairy foods.

"My steers make market weight 3 weeks sooner since I paved my feed lot with concrete!"

Says ALFRED ASK, Triumph, Minnesota, eteran teeder of choice and prime cattle



'I put steers into the lot at 650 pounds. On concrete, they double their weight 21 days earlier-and do it on less feed. Besides that, I save at least 30 minutes a day getting feed out, plus cutting my cleaning time in half." On concrete, you can always get feed to cattle easily, even in the worst weather. And in the dry season, there's less dust. Cattle stay healthy the year around.

A concrete feed lot makes cleaning easy, fast. Tractor scoops don't tear it up. No refilling. Concrete is a lifetime investment in efficiency. Yet initial cost is low.

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	ation to improve and extend the uses of concrete pooklet, "Pave Your Barnyard With Concrete."
Also send materia	I on subjects I've listed:
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NAME	

STATE



tein is needed only as a roughage balancer. High energy foods Feeding large amounts of pro-

BUREAU SERVICE MAENETING DIVISION Hillman says so-called "roughage balancers" of about 34 per cent protein are being offered

Michigan farmers at around \$7 EGGS ARE LIFTED by sucper hundred pounds. That's tion cups from case to table for about 20 cents per pound of pro- processing. Special divider in tein compared with about 8 case makes possible use of succents a pound for other high tion cups.

The salesmen are recommend- When operations started in ing four pounds of the "rough- August of 1959, receipts were 260 age balancer." With a corn sil- cases a week. January 1, 1960 age ration, this is a sufficient receipts were over 1,200 cases a ergy requirements and only a Division plant is designed to small amount of concentrate is handle up to 10,000 cases a week. needed to meet the protein re- Farm Bureau Services is marquirements. However, they make keting fresh fancy quality eggs. the same recommendation with in attractive cartons under the

brand name of "Michigan Coun-With alfalfa the four pounds try Queen Eggs." Most of the provides the protein but not the eggs go to Detroit. Some are Operations are carried on in a

new 90 x 150 feet pole type of building, designed for the egg grading, processing, and marketing job. It is equipped with electric equipment for candling, grading, and packing eggs.

for all money needs!

Here's your extra

"hired hand"

PCA's years of

KNOW-HOW

in solving

farm credit problems

It's the "extras" in credit service that count!

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Farm Bureau Is Not Afraid to Be Counted

(Editorial from Saginaw News) country needs more of them! Of all the major farm organizations in Michigan, we know of none which speaks out with greater clairty on prime subjects of current importance to all state citizens than does the Michigan Farm Bureau. In saying that we do not exclude the major political

parties. The 40th annual convention of the Farm Bureau continued to reflect the lively and alert awareness of the membership to matters vital to the concerns of Michigan.

One of the most admirable qualities of this widespread organization is its readiness to take a stand or position on important issues.

The stand may be controversial, but it is most generally constructive because it has been reached with thoughtfulness after exhaustive discussion by local clubs whose combined view are communicated to state delegates.

Another Farm Bureau strength is its dedicated interest in state affairs ranging far beyond ingrown preoccupations with self-serving aids to agriculture.

This is a tribute to the leadership which for years has embraced a position that farm operation can and will succeed without special aids if sound economic and social institutions prevail elsewhere.

The Farm Bureau has reaffirmed its desire to move as rapidly as possible toward elimination of government controls over farm operations "to allow the law of supply and demand to govern prices of farm products.

This key resolution speaks for the sound spirit and independence that once was attributed to all American farmers, Unfortunately not to all of them today. But the Farm Bureau is speaking with an increasingly loud voice in the state and national affairs because of the vigor of the spirit of its members. The

Take issue as you or we may with some positions of the Michigan Farm Bureau, you or we will do so only because its positions are set forth without hedging or evasive qualifications.

Consider some of its stands: 1-Farm price supports will not solve farm surpluses. Eliminate them as rapidly as possible, restore the law of supply and demand, and eliminate government controls.

2-Submit both questions of a penny increase in the sales tax or a state income tax to a vote of the people.

3-Oppose a constitutional convention. Submit, instead, any proposed amendments to voters for individual consideration.

4-Oppose reapportionment of senatorial districts on a population basis because of concentration and resultant legislative control within a few counties.

5-Oppose Federal aid to education and compulsory health insurance.

This farm organization also has called for liquidation of the State's deficit and provision for new revenues to be drawn from "a broad and equitable base."

The Farm Bureau doesn't say what type of taxation it prefers, probably because of divided membership opinion. It is noteworthy that Farm Bureau officers and delegates do not purport to speak for a view lacking membership substatiation.

In that respect also, Farm Bureau is perhaps one of the most truly democratic functioning organizations in existance.

In separate counts, at another time, we would take is sue with some Farm Bureau stands. But it is our intention here to salute a vital organization whose objectives are both purposeful and worthy of all Michigan citizens' attention.

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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. Mrs. Foster explained the International Friendship fund. The trip to Washington that the Farm Bureau Women are sponsoring was discussed.

Chairman Mrs. William Anderson urged members to attend the meeting "Studying Michigan Schools" and pointed out the importance of attendance. A letter from the District Camp Secretary, Mrs. Vernon Morford, announced Camp for March 8 and 9 at Wesley Woods Camp near Dowling. Mrs. Rychly gave an interesting report on the Women of Farm Bureau Convention February 9 held in Chicago.

able.

Cass County Women's Committee January 5 met at the home of Mrs. Russell Leach with 8 groups present. A report was given by the legislative and county building chairmen. Mrs. Shearer was appointed safety chairman for the year. Farm Bureau Women's camp will be held March 8 and 9 at Wesley Woods. Cass County Women's Committee will entertain District 1 in April at the District Meeting.

Mrs. Harley Rutherford, who with her husband and family First settlers came from New leum products. have been doing missionary years showed pictures and told of the work they had been doing. Then they spent 5 years in northern Ethiopia with a the land was \$5 per acre. boy's waif school. The boys are taught to make furniture and their laundry. Mrs. Harvey is home from the hospital. The farm. group has missed her greatly. February meeting at the home of Mrs. Lee Bakeman with Mrs. Chester Ball as co-hostess.

Kalamazoo County. A potluck was enjoyed by 34 members of 26 groups January 11 at the County Center Building.

Miss Trayao Rangsicuta, a student from Thailand who is taking graduate work at Western State University, gave many in-teresting facts about their schools and their methods of farming.

Opal Kakabaker, our Farm Bureau information chairman, Hillsdale and Lenawee had a told of the new County Farm Bureau central office at Portage Place. Open house was held Friday, January 15.

Birgetti Thompson, citizenship also announced the meeting at dom Bookshelf. the County Center Building on January 14 "Know Your Government." Mr. D. Hale Brake will be moderator. Township officials January 8 with husbands as will be present and all phases of guests.

government discussed. entative fro Tenr Farm Bureau Services fertilizer

plant at Kalamazoo and store at Barry County. Sections of Bar-Climax will speak at our next ry county sponsor an attendance contest for each meeting. Mrs. meeting Burgstahler's Southwest Section

St. Joseph County Women's of Barry county won in Novem-Committee heard Dr. Aileen ber with 80% of those groups MacKenzie, St. Joseph County present. This may be good for Health Director, discuss arthother counties to try. ritis at Centreville January 4.

Barry County ladies' braided Arthritis was called rheumarug project will help raise tism. There are two kindsmoney for the new County Farm rheumatoid and osteoarthritis. Bureau building. Rheumatoid is a disease of the

At our December meeting whole body, affecting the joints girls from the Dowling school and tissues as well. It affects entertained. A buffet lunch was younger people as well as older. served, progress on the rug proj-The cause is not known, though ect was discussed. New program heredity plays a part. It somebooks were distributed. times follows severe shock or fa-Other methods of raising

tigue and can affect the whole body before the danger is noticemoney for the new building were planned and \$18.17 was given to the retarded children's New drugs are helpful, under direction of a physician. Patients school.

need emotional support and en-Ionia County women met with couragement from the family. their President, Mrs. Harvey Habenicht, November 18.

Van Buren County Women's Larry Ewing, regional repre-Committee had potluck luncheon at the Van Buren Farm Bureau sentative gave a most interestoffices January 6. Mr. A. J. ing talk on "What Farm Bureau Dowd, of Hartford spoke on Van has done, and is doing for farmers." Buren County history.

Early settlers came to Michi- For example: 1-Sales tax exgan by way of the Erie Canal in emption on farm production sup-New York and the Great Lakes. plies. 2-Lower farm truck li-Michigan was placed in the cense fee. 3-Insurance services. Northwest Territory in 1787. 4-Direct distribution of petro-

Foundation.

York and Canada. Land could be Mrs. Harvey Habenicht, Mrs. work in Ethiopia and Africa for had for \$1.25 per acre, but June Compton and Mrs. Ila about them. great tracts were bought by land Hooper helped with an all-day companies, so when Mr. Dowd's membership meeting in Ionia in himself and learn to live one day family came in 1844 the price of December.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Hoort of Mr. Dowd is engaged in fruit Porland, Mr. and Mrs. John Letfarming and is in partnership son, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Mick, their own clothes. They also do with two of his sons who are and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fahrni, still operating on their centennial all of Clarksville, participated in the M.S.U. sponsored "Christ-

We plan a dinner for this mas Adventure in World Undersummer to raise money for the standing" by entertaining for-Van Buren County Youth eign students in their homes. Camp. We are continuing help to

the Retarded Children program by sending \$100. Each member will bring a gift for the Veterans Administration Hospital for the next meeting.

District 2

Mrs. Geo. Crisenbery, Chairman ly be a fisherman's paradise. Jackson R-8

We held our Spring Council Meeting in Jackson January 19. Ber meeting Mrs. Willard and Faun Burdary organiza- for a good attendance. perfect attendance. Plans were made for Spring District meeting to be held May 10 at the

Methodist Church in Coldwater. We discussed the 1960 projchairman, explained equalized ects - Pennies for Friendship, valuation and urged all as good International Friendship Fund, citizens to get out and vote. She Camp Kett, ACWW, and Free-Branch County Women's Committee met at the 4-H Cabin

thank you note from the Cold-

Christmas gifts.

water Training Center for

St. Clair County. The January meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Martin Colberg of Yale. A men helped to finance the trip. panel discussion of community Kent County ladies are considgroup membership said members ring tours to the Farm Bureau do not read the discussion topics Egg Marketing Plant at Jenison, and are not informed. They are Gerber's Baby Foods Plant at most interested in the things that

at a time with God's help.

District 6

Mrs. Bruce Ruggles, Chairman

Kingston

Fremont and the Sister Kenny affect them personally. Farm Bureau Women accepted Mrs. Robert Peck showed the list of unpaid members and lides taken in Alaska by her volunteered to help the Roll Call ather-in-law. Alaska must tru- Chairman, Mrs. Frank Burrows.

Ottawa County. At the Novem- traced the growth and purpose of Much of the year's work derives safety. Mrs. J. Bauman is safeber meeting Mrs. Willard and Farm Bureau January 13. Be- from this meeting so we hope

highlights of our state annual meeting. Mrs. Willard reported that Michigan Farm Bureau Women had given \$700 for Pennies for Friendship in 1959.

Pictures of Mary Sue Hodge, the National Dairy Princess, were shown.

Mrs. Dykema attended the Farm Bureau Institute at Lansing. She said the Community Groups are the backbone of the Farm Bureau.

Mrs. Albert Busman from the Mrs. Sanford introduced Sher-Deer Creek has been appointed itizonship, chairman, and Mrs home gardener has to do. Suc-slight depression at the top of firmly. Mrs. Sanford introduced Sner-iff Wilhelm who told us some of the duties of his department department of M. Kloster, legislative chairman and Mrs. So much on how they were the result of the soil and water the plant

Award to Winner of Poster Contest

Mr. Floyd Bennett spoke on tion, it has much strength. Alcohol Anonymous and the Legislative Chairman, Mrs. good the organization is accom- Don Tomlinson, reviewed the plishing. It is not based on any talk given by Mrs. Haven Smith one religious faith and can help as printed in the Nations Agrithose who realize their prob- culture. lems and want to do something

your Congressman that unnecesderVlucht won 1st prize in the sary spending and waste be elim-Midwest states region. inated. Mrs. Paul Munson (left), president of Gratiot County

Mrs. Bruce Ruggles read greetings and thanks from our Korean Farm Bureau Women's Commitboy. He received a clothing packtee, made the presentation. To age for Christmas. We voted to the right of Miss VanderVlucht send \$25 for his school fee. are her mother, Mrs. Hans Van-

Letters of thanks were received derVlucht, and Mrs. Harry Johnfrom five 4-H members who won son of St. Louis, state vicethe award trips to Chicago. Tus- chairman of Women of Michigan cola County Farm Bureau Wo-Farm Bureau.

Our February meeting will be on safety. Michigan State Police Mrs. Walter Harger, Chairman

District 7

Stanwood, R-2 Mrs. Walter Hager, Chairman

The Home Flower Garden

On Planting Trees and Shrubs

tionally ill child and how it of-Mecosta County. Women's ten prevents them from being Committee January topic was mentally ill. Parents are urged to bring their children rather ty chairman. Jack Eastway and han wait for schools or authori-Owney Hansen, Farm Bureau ties to send them.

Mason County. Seven brave

ouls, said Secretary, Mrs. Al-

bert Langfeldt, bucked the bliz-

zard to attend the January meet-

ing, Discussion of Roll Call was

the main topic. A dinner for

workers was served that eve-

ning.

half of the root ball will cause soil over the roots, tap the stem

no damage and will soon rot gently so that the soil settles

away. The hole may now be well down among the fiberous

MISS PHYLLIS VANDERV-

LUCHT, 18, of St. Louis, Gratiot

county, is shown receiving a

wrist watch from the American

Farm Bureau for her prize win-

ning poster in the 1959 Teen-Age

insurance agents in Mecosta MICHIGAN FARM NEWS County, were guests. Mr. Eastway spoke on safety and the 4 State Financial Responsibility Act with relation to insurance

on tractors and self-propelled machinery as well as cars and trucks.

Muskegon County. January 13 Mrs. Carl Anderson, information chairman, spoke on auto and portrayal of the Christmas story. We had readings by Mrs. Wilson, windstorm insurance and Farm Bureau cooperatives.

Because farm people live such active lives, the topic "Planning for Retirement" chosen by Mr. S. J. Linek, Sr., of Ravenna, was of booklet containing their proposspecial interest. He stressed ed year's program, information that persons reaching retirement on local projects and officers' age should drop responsibilities names, local and state. but not to stop "doing."

has achieved its 1960 member-Montcalm County. Ray DeWitt ship goal. Mrs. Ruth Whaley was gave an interesting talk on the Rotterdam Trade Center at the Now quick like, fi January meeting. Dorothy Perk- calendar and encircle February ins and Thelma Comstock have 11. been appointed to the Public Relations and Resolutions Committee, respectively, for the Wo

men's Committee and for the Mrs. Lee S. LaForge, Chairman County Farm Bureau.

Due to the ice and snow sev-Osceola county. Mr. Eugene eral of the counties did not have Wiles from the Traverse City of-Women's Committee meetings fice of Social Security spoke at this past month. our January meeting.

District 8

Mrs. Kenneth Kapplinger, Chmn.

Farwell R-2

Bay County Farm Bureau Wo-

men's Committee held their

For the ladies loan closet at

for bed pans and equipment.

mittee met at the Brown Corn-

She is secretary of the board

of directors of the Child Guid-

ance Clinic being set up at Mt.

Pleasant. She told the ladies

clinic about work with the emo-

mittee.

Alpena County. The January meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. DesOrmean.

February 1, 1960

very fine program arranged by

Mrs. Margaret Dunn. This meet-

ing has been the responsibility of

the past chairmen. A group of

young people from the Asbury

Methodist church did a lovely

Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Tompkins,

and carol singing by everyone.

Wexford County has sent a

Wexford County Farm Bureau

Now quick like, find your

District 10-E

Curran

The ladies are asking each member to have a presentable mail box, easily accessible and to have the owner's name on the box.

meeting after they served din-The program planning comner to the members of the Membership Roll Call Kick-off Com- mittee, Mrs. Walter Dant, Mrs. F. Bey, Mrs. Wm. DesOrmean and Mrs. Wegmeyer, presented interesting programs for the

the hospital they have spent \$25 coming year. Mrs. Alfred Thiem and Mrs. Clare County Women's Com-Henry Bedard gave an interesting account of their trip to the er's Community Building on AFBF annual meeting. January 5. Mrs. Atlee spoke.

Iosco County. Mrs. August Lorenz was hostess to the Women's Committee in January. Mrs. Lloyd Little, Legislative Committee chairman, reported on Farm Bureau action on bills of farm interest in the 1959 Legislature.

District 10-W

Mrs. Vernon Vance, Chairman Gratiot County Women's Com-East Jordan, R-3 mittee met December 29 in the Mary Bahlke Club Rooms of the

Antrim County Women's Committee met at the home of Mrs. Carl Conant in January. Royal other youth leaders for their nual meeting resolutions, state work. Camp Kett is being devel- convention resolutions and final-Planting is one of the most filled with soil which should be roots. As additional soil is oped to provide such a training ly American Farm Bureau resolutions. Action is taken by mem-

Charlevoix County Women's

committee enjoyed a summary

by Mrs. Joan Way of legislation

passed last session. We met at

A new project, a week's vaca-

Mr. H. C. Spitler, retired super-

intendent of Petoskey Schools,

spoke on our North Central Com-

munity College in Petoskey. It

opened in September, 1959 in a

remodeled school building at a

cost of \$60,000, with an enroll-

ment of 168 students. The Com-

munity College is fully accredi-

ted and provides the first two

years' work at a much lower cost

to the student than the larger

Emmett County. Miss Kate

Warner, Emmet county nurse,

gave an interesting talk followed

by a question and answer period.

A. Bacon gave their reports of

the annual meeting they attended

District 11

Mrs. Ken Corey, Chairman

Stephenson, R-1

Committee met January 6. Mrs.

Talbot of the Chippewa County

Probate Court gave a very in-

teresting report on probate

Houghton Women's Committee

met January 6 at the Leon H.

Chippewa County Women's

Mrs. Fred Hinkley and Mrs. R.

the home of Mrs. Fred Willis.

important garden operations the made firm by treading. Leave a placed in the hole tread it down place.

Gratiot ladies are urged to bers to put the resolutions into

Bill Bortel from the County Call, MFB District representa-4-H office spoke to us on 4-H tive, described how Farm Bureau Clubs and Camp Kett. We need policy is formed,-beginning with a training center to properly the Community group discustrain and prepare 4-H Club and sions, County Farm Bureau an-

effect.

colleges.

in Lansing.

court.

The District Council meeting Tuscola County. Carl Kentner will be at my home February 17.

A man has to be honest with

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Brauch County has 11 deputies who work on three shifts.

was the first state to reach goal Calhoun County. Mrs. Hompaker gave a review of many in 1959. He urged everyone to State Bills in January. 31 bills write their Senators and Repre- ing October and November is favored by Farm Bureau were sentatives to hold the line on perhaps the best time to plant passed and 61 we opposed were spending. defeated. Mrs. Knapp read a

District 5

Mrs. John C. Watling, Chairman Calhoun Farm Bureau office Bath R-1 has moved into its new building District 5 Council meeting on East Michigan Avenue, Mar-

countries.

gram.

a potluck lunch.

eadership in Congress.

will be held on March 15 at the shall. The women's group will home of the chairman. furnish the drapes. This date will be too late for Hillsdale County Women's some important announcements so please remember the Wash-

Committee met at Allen January 11 with more than 60 in attendance. Spring Camp will be March 8-9 at Westley Woods Camp, Clear Lake

that the AFBF Trade Center at of this meeting. Rotterdam, Holland, promotes orders for U.S. farm products.

office in January. Mr. Backus a part in the program. from the Social Security office gave us much information. A State Trooper will discuss meet. the safety point system for traf-

fic violations at our next meeting.

January 5. Officers met previous for passage of measures to ened committees, the names to be program and to increase the disannounced later. Our chairman,

Mrs. Sawyer, attended the State Institute and reported. The officers will attend the District the way of any far-reaching so-Council meeting in January,

District 4 Mrs. Clare Barton, Chairman Plainwell, R-2

Allegan County. Otto Chase, Allegan Roll Call chairman, said our 1960 goal is 1,967 members. He asked us to help the member-President Max Radsick discussed the work of the County

Farm Bureau and asked our aid on the membership. Mrs. Caroline Barton reviewed ing with Communism and its Clark Brody to the public librchurches, movies, and books.

so much on how they were thoroughly. Ray DeWitt, regional representative, spoke about the 1960 planted. The most important rule of planting is to plant firmmembership drive. Michigan

The fall months, especially dur-

the majority of the larger subjects, but quite often the gardener finds it necessary to do his planting in the Spring.

H. L. R. CHAPMAN

Garden Clubs Lecturer

When this is the case the planting should be done as early as possible, when the weather is favorable and when the soil is sufficiently dry and frost free that it can be easily worked between the roots of the plants.

If weather conditions are unington trip for February 28 thru favorable when the plants ar-March 2, the National Health rive they should be unpacked Conference on February 25-27 at and then "heeled in" in some vathe Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rap- cant spot in the garden. "Heeled ids, Michigan. Farm Bureau in" is an expression used by pro-Mr. Marlie Drew explained women are among the sponsors fessional gardeners and consists

of placing the plant on the soil Also, remember the fun we or the roots in a small hole and had at last Spring Camp at Clear then covering all the roots with is necessary when planting small Lake. The dates are March 8-9 so soil in which condition the plant trees or shrubs with naked roots. Jackson County Women's Com- pack an overnite bag and have will remain until weather con- These will be plants of a decidumittee met at the Farm Bureau fun. Some of our women have ditions improve and the plant ous nature. First inspect the of old garden hose about two can be permanently planted. Sorry only two counties heard from and I have a deadline to

Some plants, especially ever-

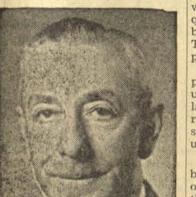
be received balled and burlap-Clinton County Farm Bureau ped. These plants in the nursery women entertained husbands at were dug with soil attached to the January meeting. Congress- the roots and then covered with Lenawee County Farm Bureau man Alvin M. Bentley of Michi- burlap to prevent the soil drying women met at the County office gan's 8th District said he looked out and falling away from the to the noon potluck and prepar- large the conservation reserve the plant suffers a severe check. roots. If the roots become dry

When planting, dig a hole at posal of surplus crops to foreign least one foot. wider and one foot deeper than the root ball. He said two things stand in On the bottom of the hole apply a good dressing,-two handlution to current farm problems. fulls of bone meal. Mix a little represented by the Department Over this place a good layer of of Agriculture and the present old farm yard manure.

Over this place enough soil, so 2.-The inability of the three that when the plant is put into great farm organizations, Farm

the hole it will be at the same Bureau, Grange, and Farmer's level it was before it was dug in Union to agree on a farm prothe nursery.

When the plant is in place fill Shiawassee County Women's in enough soil-and make firm-Committee met at Corunna for until it is half way up the root ball. Now, very carefully cut The Farm Bureau is present- away the binder twine and the The Pentagon Case, a book deal- ing the book written by Mr. excess burlap. If nails were used to hold the burlap in position infiltrations in our schools, ary. Plans for the annual May these should also be removed. caurches, movies, and books. tea were made. The burlap around the low The burlap around the lower





MR. CHAPMAN

A slightly different procedure Next, place the plant in posi-

When the base of the hole has Make the tie only tight enough 1.—The basic disagreement soil into the bone meal and then been prepared place the plant in to prevent it from slipping off race. On the start he passed

please send their favorite recipes Some newly planted trees and to Mrs. Dale Munson, R-2, shrubs, especially fruit trees Ithaca. with long narrow stems, will re-

Alma Library.

quire staking to prevent them Isabella County ladies entertained their husbands and chilbeing damaged in high winds. The stakes should be placed in dren with a party December 29. position during planting. Leonard Schmeige, an ex-Some plants require the sup-

change student, showed picport of a stake for a long time tures and explained his trip and reau family for a boy or girl until the stem is sufficiently stay in Pakistan. Leonard is the probably from town or city. large and strong enough to carson of Mrs. Bertha Schmeige, the ry the head. In this case cedar district past chairman. stakes one inch square should be Saginaw Women's Committee used.

held their December meeting at The points of the stake should the Toymouth Presbyterian be placed between the spread-Church with a Christmas party out roots at a distance of about enjoyed by all with singing and three inches from the stem. Hold games. the stake in an upright position Two petitions were circulated

and drive it down several inches by Women's Civic Committeeinto the firm soil. When plant-(1) protesting the horse racing ing is completed the stake track proposed for Birch Run; should be made absolutely firm. (2) asking supervisors to recon-The stake should be the same

sider the remodeling of the height as shown in Fig. 1 below. court house and church rooms at Quite often mistakes are made least cost to the tax payer. when tying the stem of a large plant to the stake, as shown in **District** 9

Fig. 2. The stem of the tree must not rub against the stake.

RIGHT

Mrs. Oliver Tompkins, Chairman Proper method: Take a piece Traverse City R-1 This is a very peculiar situaroots and any root ends which inches long. Slit it one one side tion. After almost four years,have been damaged should be from end to end. Next place this 46 months to be exact, I find mycut away with a sharp, knife on the stem of the plant where greens, regardless of season, will making the cut on the underside. the tie is to be made, with the slit side toward the stake. Now wrap the tying material,

market-twice around the stake. Then pass one end around the piece of hose on the stem and complete the tie with a secure about a horse we once owned.

The tie should never be so should be planted at the same tight that it pulls the stem of depth it was when growing in the plant against the stake, otherwise damage will result.

Kallungi home. Mrs. Frederick Ahola of the Pilgrim group turnthing in 7 counties. At every d in funds collected from the county fair we lined ourselves. Round Robin project. on the fence to watch him win a Menominee County Women's everything on the track then

cil is coming up. We have things much interested in the Freedom to do and its going to take all of us to do it. February 11 is the date at Julia Denik's home, 11/8

Northwest Michigan held a post-Christmas meeting at the a tour of a county industry is Medical Facility building with a planned.

the home of Mrs. Edmund Sager. Business of the day was prostretch he just bogged down and gram planning for 1960 and sorry to say finished a poor projects to be assumed. Pennies second and sometimes not even for Friendship, International Friendship Fund, Camp Kett and

Book Shelf project. Women's Committee assumed miles south of Boon road, west tend the Studying Michigan task of getting members to at-

Conference at Marquette.

Of course, there's always the weather-we're having an awful lot of that, but let me tell you

that?

self with just two news letters out of a possible six. Nothing like this ever happened before.

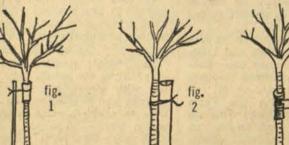
-there are several types on the How can I make news out of

He was a track horse and we loved, fed and groomed that animal until he was the purtiest

when he got into the home

Ninth District Advisory Coun- sumed by committees. We are

Next meeting in March when



WRONG

the nursery. between the administration as cover with one inch of soil. position and place a little fine the piece of hose.

tion in the place where it is to grow and spread out the roots evenly so that they do not cross and mark out a circle one inch larger than the expanded roots. Remove the plant and prepare knot at back of stake as shown membering that the specimen

the hole as described above, re- in Fig. 3.

Resolutions on State Affairs, MFB Annual Meeting, Nov. 10-11, 1959. (Part 3)

Farm Bureau's Proposals for Better Living

They Outline Our **Program of Work**

We present the third installment of the Resolutions on State Affairs adopted at the 40th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau at East Lansing, November 10-11, 1959. The first and second installments of the Resolutions on State Affairs were published in our editions for December 1 and January 1.

paid to the owners of reactor | cattle. **Dairy Inspection**

Duplicating and overlapping appropriation of \$100,000 to coninspections of dairy farms, milk struct the necessary isolation houses, and dairy processing barn and facilities at the M.S.U. plants are costly and result in a Experiment Station to permit lack of uniformity, misunder- the USDA to conduct a research standing and confusion. Many of program to discover new meththe problems and shortcomings ods of diagnosing and eradicatprogram are due to changes in from Michigan herds. the methods of procurement, The USDA has allocated apmilk and dairy products.

Programs

We believe that the Michigan provided the required facilities State Department of Agriculture are made available. should be charged with the responsibility of co-ordinating and directing the complete job of inspection of fluid milk and manufactured milk on a state-wide basis.

Where local units of government have inspection systems and are doing an acceptable job of fluid milk inspection, they should continue doing such inspection work in a co-ordinated state program.

The Director of Agriculture to such local inspection agencies the responsibility for making the milk inspections in a specific area

This local agency could be deputized to enforce all the laws relative to milk production and handling, for the enforcement of which the Department of Agriculture is responsible.

Such a program would provide the most economical and efficient means of insuring a complete and effective job of inspecting the production and handling of milk.

Inasmuch as milk inspection is for the protection of the public, we oppose any effort to shift the cost of inspection to the producers.

Health Regulations & Milk Marketing

We oppose the interstate move-

It enables producers and buy-ers to make more reliable com-effects of 2, 4-D and related MSU Looks chemicals on various crops. parisons of prices. It facilitates the purchases of

of livestock for slaughter or feeding purposes without personal inspection of the animals. operation for operators of spray-It provides a guide for produing or dusting units using 2, cers in their breeding, feeding 4-D and related chemicals. This and marketing operations. code could include such items as: (a) Maximum wind velocity

Therefore, we believe it is to when it would be safe to apply the best interests of the farmer 2, 4-D. and the livestock industry that (b) The effects of high or livestock auction markets in low pressure on drift of the Michigan be offered a grading chemicals to other areas. service on a voluntary basis un-(c) The stage of growth durder the supervision of the Miching which the least amount of igan Department of Agriculture. damage would be sustained by various crops.

Meat Inspection 3. We also recommend that the University carry on an edu-Well-operated meat packing cational program through its Ex-

the State Legislature provide an plants are very important to the well-being of the Michigan livestock industry. We believe that slaughterhouses should be inspected by the Michigan Department of Agriculture. This service should also include a uniof the present milk inspection ing this serious cattle disease and post-mortem inspection of meat animals.

processing and distribution of proximately \$435,000 to be ex- ing slaughtered livestock and pended at our Experiment Stapoultry for their own use should tion during the next three years, be exempt from the above provisions.

Economic Poisons

Brucellosis

We further recommend that

Various chemicals are used by We are gratified that Michigan farmers for the control of insects, was declared Modified Certified diseases, weeds, etc. These chem-Brucellosis-Free on June 30, icals are necessary to produce 1958. We are hopeful that soon high quality foods in an efficient this disease can be completely manner. We recognize, however, eradicated from the cattle herds that if used improperly these in Michigan. Already, 24 Michchemicals can be destructive to igan counties have no Brucellosis life and property.

infected cattle. Ten more counties reported only one or two inshould be authorized to delegate fected herds. There are only found in a relatively small number of counties.

> We urge that the Legislature so that the present control and eradication program can be carried on effectively and success- and consumers. fully. We endorse the budget request of \$127,537 for the 1960-61

Livestock Health Laws

fiscal year.

We would stress the importance and desirability, particularly to breeders of purebred livestock, of bringing about greater uniformity of state laws and regulations relative to vaccina-tion, testing and movement of To Washington Feb. 28 livestock from one state to an-

uniform regulations be devel-

Slaughterhouses

spect slaughterhouses for proper

Crop Reporting We recommend that the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service issue reports for cane and bush fruits similar to the service now existing for other fruits.

> Amendments to **Apple Law**

tension Service to point out the

correct method of handling 2,

4-D and other similar chemicals

showing the effects on commer-

Bean Marketing

We recommend that the Mich-

igan Farm Bureau continue ef-

forts in the field of marketing

and inspection of dry beans, both

navy beans and colored beans.

cial crops.

We urge that all users of these Many apples each year are substances carefully follow the transported in Michigan just as about 250 infected herds in the manufacturer's recommendations they come from the orchard. State and most of these are when making any applications. Because this practice is prevalent Since new products are con- and is technically illegal, we tinually being developed we recommend that the apple kanfurther urge that present laws dling and grading law be amendand regulations be re-examined ed to allow growers to transport appropriate a sufficient amount to make sure that the greatest legally orchard run apples to a

practical amount of protection is packer, repacker or storage. made available to both producers Travel

Offer Three Day Trip

WOMEN OF FARM BUREAU

There was a time when a wag-2, 4-D Damage on trip from Pittsburg to Phila-1. We urge that Michigan delphia in 20 days was considered State University carry on addi- good time.

2. We recommend that the University develop a code of At Dairy Income in '60

Little change in prices of dairy products at the farm is in the offing for this year.

But if there is any change, it may be upward, report farm economists at Michigan State University.

Net income for the dairy farmer should hold about steady and ossibly increase a little, say Glynn McBride and Ray Hoglund. Total production per cow will increase as will gross re-

will help keep net income as high or higher than 1959. The economists base their re-

port on four assumptions: 1. Price support levels will re-

consumption will be about 700 pounds, milk equivalent. 3. Ample supplies of feed will

be available. 4. Employment and consumer

income will tend to be stronger. Decline in cow numbers which egan in 1944 probably will coninue into 1960. Average annual production per cow will also ontinue to move up although in uly and August of 1959 it was

midsummer or fall increase in five years.

Thank you. Michigan Farm News PO Box 960, Lansing, Mich

MFB MEMBERS Will Attend Health Meet, **Grand Rapids**

Many Farm Bureau members will attend the 15th National Conference on Rural Health at Grand Rapids February 25-26-27 at the Pantlind hotel at Grand Rapids. The conference is sponsored by the American Medical

Rural people are invited to attend the sessions. There is no registration fee. Thursday and Friday there will be morning, afternoon and evening meetings, starting at 9:00 a.m. The conference ends with a morning

The theme of the Conference "Meeting Challenges with Responsibility." Topics include food fadism, immunization for 2. Per capita dairy product rural families, health methods in 4-H work, our responsibilities to our older population, and careers in the field of medicine.

Trousers

Trousers were originally rough pull-over pants in the days of formal breeches and silk hose, for protection and warmth when riding horseback.



Michigan Sends

Limestone

Wheat to India Limestone is the most widely Michigan farmers have a big used of all rocks and is found in interest in India and Pakistan. many widely separated areas. Last year, nearly three-quar- Michigan has great deposits of it. ters of the wheat Michigan ex-

ported went to these southeast

Asian countries. Nearly half of MICHIGAN FARM NEWS Michigan's 38,106,000 - bushel February 1, 1960 wheat crop was exported in 1958.

Notice of Annual Meeting

FARM BUREAU MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.

The annual meeting of the policyholders of the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Michigan, a corporation, will be held at its office, 4,000 North Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, on Wednesday, February 24, 1960, beginning at 1:30, for the following purposes:

- 1-To receive reports from officers and management.
- 2-To elect directors.
- 3-To consider such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.
- February 1, 1960 BLAQUE KNIRK Lansing, Michigan

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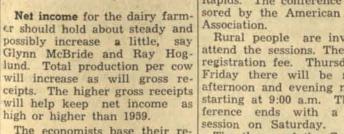


earlier. This was the smallest If You Should Get

Two Copies of News It happens sometimes. For example, James Spencer and J. C. Spencer of Lapeer, R. 2, may or may not be the same person. If they are we have a duplication. It pains us to think of how many

ways that could happen. If you should be receiving two copies of the paper, we'd appreciate a postcard telling us the name and address we should use, and the one which should be discontinued

only 1 per cent above the year



main at 75 per cent of parity.

ment of milk, unless producers and shippers have been inspected by the state receiving the milk, and the milk has passed the local and state inspection age of vaccination. regulations of the receiving market.

Ice Cream Standards

We believe that the present ice cream standards in Michigan are statutes dealing with these matgood and should be maintained. ters.

We urge that the minimum butterfat content be maintained at 12% if it is legally possible without causing a hardship to a responsibility of the Michigan the Michigan dairy industry. Department of Agriculture to in-

Cottage Cheese

We support the enactment of that a slaughterhouse operates legislation to legalize the label- for a considerable period of time ing of cottage cheese as Grade without ever being inspected be-A, if it is made from Grade A cause the Department of Agrimilk. istence or location.

American Dairy Ass'n

Michigan dairy farmers should be encouraged to support the ad- Agriculture. This would make vertising and sales production its location known to the Departprogram of the American Dairy ment and would facilitate en- are breakfasts Monday, Tuesday, parture at 6:05 p.m. Arrive Met-Ass'n.

Bovine T. B. Testing Program

terhouses and the methods em-We are greatly disturbed at the continuing rise in the in- ployed in killing animals for fection rate of tuberculosis in meat purposes.

Michigan cattle. The percentage ing program has increased from

about 1/2 of 1% five years ago

actors.

We recommend an intensified ties where tests conducted with- cause

the disease. ues.

out by salaried State and Fed- without being required to accept eral veterinarians. The balance animals he does not want. of the work will cost the State It provides a basis for more an estimated \$227,403 for con- accurate and useful market re-

other and between this country and Canada. Many breeders have experi-women of the Michigan Fath, Shack with biggins 10:10 p.m., day trip by plane to Washington, Group will be met at airport transferred with baggage (n Sunday, Feb. 28 through Wedenced quarantine and loss of acnesday, March 2 at \$81.45 per creditation due to variations in rules and regulations relative to person.

The trip is open to Farm Bureau families. We urge that model laws and

bed room.

tipping

Monday. No tipping.

7-All taxes are included.

TRIP PROGRAM

Feb. 29, Monday-Visit offices of American Farm Bureau Fed-The cost of \$81.45 per person eration and meet with staff. oped by the proper authorities is based on a minimum of 25 Have lunch together at Casino and be followed as far as pos- people (required for the trip) Royal at noon. Evening free sible in future revision of state and includes the following:

Women of the Michigan Farm | Snack will be served on plane.

time 1-Air coach via Northwest March 1, Tuesday - Day will Airlines from Metropolitan Air- be spent in visiting the Capitol port, Detroit, to Washington and and the Congress and talking return to Metropolitan Airport. with Representatives and Sena-Meals will be served on the re- tors. The Michigan group will An existing statute makes it turn trip at no extra cost. have dinner Tuesday evening at

2-Transportation from Na- the Occidental Restaurant with tional Airport, Washington, to members of Congress from Congressional hotel, and back to Michigan districts represented airport. No need for tipping. by the group. The Occidental is 3-Three night's lodging at the one of the city's older restau-Congressional Hotel in a twin rants and famed for very good food. 4-Lunch at Casino Royal on

Group will be met at airport,

transferred with baggage (no

tipping) to Congressional Hotel,

two blocks from Capitol. Twin

bed rooms with private bath.

March 2, Wednesday - This is 5-Dinner at Occidental Res- the day of the sight-seeing tour taurant Tuesday evening. No of Washington as scheduled in No. 6 of the items provided in 6-Sight-seeing tour of Washthe \$81.45 for the trip. In late afternoon the group will be transferred with baggage (no tipping) from Congressional NOT INCLUDED in above cost Hotel to National Airport for de-

Wednesday, lunch Tuesday and ropolitan Airport at 8:05 p.m. Wednesday noons, evening meal Dinner will be served on the Monday. Transportation from plane. home to Metropolitan Airport,

Reservations for this trip must be at Michigan Farm Bureau office at Lansing by February 19, each reservation accompanied by

Feb. 28, Sunday-Leave De- a deposit of \$10. See Reservatroit, Metropolitan Airport, by tion Form below for further in-Northwest Airlines at 8:25 p.m. formation.

Reservation Form

Michigan Farm Bureau Att: Mrs. Marjorie Karker P. O. Box 960, Lansing, Mich.

Enclosed please find check for \$----- for ----- reservations at \$10 each for trip to Washington, Feb. 28 through March 3, 1960, at \$81.45 per person. Sponsored by Women of Michigan Farm Bureau. From Metropolitan Airport, Detroit, to Washington and return there, as described in Michigan Farm News Feb. 1, 1960. Reservations must be at Lansing by February 19. Full payment must be made before boarding plane. If party is less than 25 February 19, trip will be cancelled and reservations returned. Make checks payable to Michigan Farm Bureau. Name .

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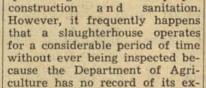
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Producers

We urge that each slaughterhouse be required to be licensed ington on Wednesday.

by the Michigan Department of forcement of the regulatory laws. We applaud the survey which

is to be made by a special interim committee of the House of Representatives to study slaugh- Detroit, and return.

of infection revealed by the test- Markets & Livestock

Markets are in a position to to 1.7% for the period July 1-October 31, 1959. During that assist the many farmer feeders 1 4-months period 17.2% of the in Michigan by indicating the 1 herds tested had one or more re- kind and grades of animals packers are anxious to buy.

Undoubtedly this has resulted, Product quality control is one to a considerable extent, from way in which the smaller live- 1 failure to retest the cattle at stock feeder can compete with I sufficiently frequent intervals. the economies of large scale

operations. Grading livestock may serve retesting program in those coun- this purpose in several ways be- I

in the last four years have shown It provides a means of selling a dangerously high incidence of animals according to their val-

We understand that about 35% It enables the purchaser to I of this testing can be carried buy the class and grade desired I

tractual testing and indeminities ports.

Start Action on Farm Bureau's 1960 Policies

County Leaders at Gaylord & Lansing

"If we can prevent government from wresting the labors of the people under the pretense of caring for them, we shall be happy."

-Thomas Jefferson

Leaders in the Michigan Farm Bureau and County Farm Bureaus have started action on the Farm Bureau's national and state legislative programs for 1960.

This action is designed to help the entire membership of more than 72,000 farm families take part in 1960 in the legislative and election battles to come on these matters:

National

Farm Programs ederal Aid Programs Inflation

At Gaylord January 20 County Farm Bureau officers, Legislative Committee chairmen and committeemen, Citizenship Committee chairmen and committeemen of the County Farm Bureaus north of the Bay-Muskegon line met with Michigan Farm

At East Lansing January 21 the same leadership for County Farm Bureaus south of the Bay-Mus kegon line met with MFB leaders to start the Farm Bureau's drive in behalf of its position on these questions.

We present statements made and discussed at these meetings on each of the six questions:

Farm Bureau and Farm Programs

CLARENCE E. PRENTICE Secretary-Manager of MFB The major objective of Farm reau is to make it possible for rmers to earn high family inme, preserve freedom and iminate government regulaon of farming.

Farm Bureau opposed the heat bill H. R. 7246 in 1959 on ese grounds;

1-The wheat problem cannot solved by reducing acreage id giving high support payents that increase yields;

2-This means more governent in agriculture, not less.

State Reapportioment Constitutional Convention

State Finances

Bureau leaders to consider the above questions.

n 1959-60.

Congress and was vetoed by President Eisenhower.

July 31, 1959 the Commodity Credit Corporation had \$3,217. 000,000 invested in wheat. The problem is stupendous, the solution is difficult.

Farm Bureau recommends: market expansion, reduction of production incentives, minimize and avoid shifting burden other producers.

Farm Bureau recommends: H. R. 22 which provides \$4.4 ouotas.

2-Price support based on teachers' salaries. corn, not less than 120% of corn price support.

Conservation Reserve. About Education Act of 1958 providing \$1.1 billion. It has been calcu- voters and the Junior Chamber question of holding a constitu- The 1958 vote on the Con Con 5% of the cropland was placed student loans and grants over a lated that Michigan would get of Commerce, as reported by the tional convention appears on the has been challenged in the Suin the Conservation Reserve in four-year period, with an addi- \$3,000,000 less out of that than it Detroit Free Press on December ballot every 16 years and re- preme Court on the ground that 1959. It is estimated that about tional three-year obligation to would contribute in taxes. double this amount is required help students finish courses. to get production balanced with

requirements. Farm Bureau's Recommenda- housing bill by Congressman isn't helping to solve any nation is a Conservation Reserve Rains of Alabama. This is in ad-1-Retire cropland. adopted in 1959. President Eisen-

2-Has long time controls. hower vetoed two housing bills 3-Prohibits harvesting OF as inflationary before signing a third modified version.

4-Will take in entire farms. 5-Promotes sufficient participation to accomplish purpose. 6-Payment in commodities. 7-No limitation on payments. of sewage facilities. The Sen-

Public Understanding: Farmers ate-House conference committee epresent only 10% of the popuis considering bills ranging from lation. The difficulty and im-\$80 million to \$100 million. portance for public understanding of their position is very

The high costs of operating the entire U. S. Dep't of Agriculture program, and of the farm price support programs has had cial much publicity. It should be made clear to billion. the general public that much of the USDA cost is in the interest

of consumers and should be charged to them, not to farmers.

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Federal Spending Programs

DAN E. REED Associate Legislative Counsel

It is now forecast that Uncle Sam will operate in the black

The President's proposed budget for 1960-61 will request \$79.8 billion, with revenues estimated at \$84 billion. This suggests a \$4.2 billion surplus to be applied to the national debt of \$285 billion.

The announcement of a postible surplus has set off a new flurry of new spending proposals, to which the Farm Bu-The bill passed both houses of reau is opposed. For example:

> Aid to Education. The U.S. enate expects to consider Senate Bill 8, - Federal Aid to School Construction. It would provide federal aid to school construction at \$500,000,000 annually for two years, covers

matching grants to state for school construction. Strategy of supporters is to economic hardships to farmers, push Senate Bill 8 which applies to only to school construction. Enactment would be a "foot in the

door" to get the House to adopt for school consruction AND

These federal aid programs

3, 1959

Challenge to you. Getting on a constitutional convention on Federal Housing. The House the tractor and plowing the the April 1, 1961 ballot. is expected to consider \$1 billion back forty is important, but it tional, state, or local problems dition to the big housing bill that can cost you a lot of money.

The attitude of not having time for these things is no answer.

If you don't take some time Sewage Plants. Both House to do your part in dealing with to one for each Representative and Senate passed in 1959 bills public questions like inflation, and one for each Senator. to increase federal grants to the time could come when you municipalities for construction won't have a farm to farm.

> In 1861 Abraham Lincoln sent out a call for men who had other things to do. In the course

of four years more than a mil-Social Security. Congress has a lion men came off the farms and record of liberalizing Social Se- off their jobs and businesses in towns and cities to join the Union Army to meet the challenge of that day to the future of the United States:

Reapportionment of State Legislature

STANLEY M. POWELL Legislative Counsel, MFB

For many years the Michigan Farm Bureau membership held that no county should have more than 25% of the seats in the Legislature.

In 1952 we moved to the position that: 1-The House of Representa-

tives should be apportioned on the basis of population. 2-The Senate should be ap-

portioned on the basis of both area and population. This is the Michigan Plan supported by the Michigan Farm Bureau and other groups. It was written into the State Constitu-

tion in the election of 1952. The CIO proposal in that election to reapportion both Houses of the Legislature strictly on the basis of population lost. It lost in all but two of 83 counties.

Of course, the Michigan Plan continues to be under heavy fire from groups who want to reapportion both House and Senate strictly on a basis of population, or who want to abolish the State Senate.

Either of these proposals would center control of the Legislature in four or five counties in southeastern Michigan. So we have a continuing battle.

Situation in 1960. The AFL-CIO continues to drive for reapportionment of the Senate on population basis.

population apportionment of the Michigan Legislature based on the 1950 census would give 51.4% of the representation to four counties in southeastern Michigan. That figure is expected to be higher in 1960. The Legislature will reapportion the House after the 1960 census.

on the question.

3-Speed the whole process by votes. requiring election of delegates within four months after approval of the convention call. 4-Change the delegate basis

5-Require the convention to

meet in Lansing the first Tues-Legislature, over 40 per cent of day in October following the the voters favored the proposal election of delegates.

In 1958 favorable support had Farm Bureau Comment. Under dropped to 35 per cent of those Michigan's Constitution, the voting in the election,

quires a favorable vote by a ma- there were more YES votes than 1-Put the question of calling jority OF ALL THOSE VOTING NO votes for a constitutional IN THE ELECTION to carry. convention. Ten years ago the The question of a Con Con ap- Michigan Supreme Court ruled

2-Change vote requirements peared in the November, 1958 that the proposal must have a to approval of a majority voting election and voters turned down majority of ALL voting in the the proposal by some 350,000 election in order to carry.

> Only 35% of the people voting in the election favored holding a constitutional convention. Ten years ago, when the ques-

the U. S. Constitution. tion of holding a Con Con was (Continued on Page 7) placed on the ballot by the

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MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

August Scholle, president of

the AFL-CIO, isn't having much

luck in trying to get into court

with the charge that the Michi-

gan method of voting on a con-

stitutional convention violates

February 1, 1960



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curity legislation in election years. The Forand bill-H. R. 4700-provides hospital, surgical and nursing home care for So-Security recipients. Estimated cost the first year, \$1.1

Inflation

WALTER W. WIGHTMAN President, Mich. Farm Bureau There are several main causes for the inflation we have: 1-Deficit spending on the

part of the U. S. government. It has balanced the budget five years in the last 15 years. 2-Private debt expansion. 3-The continuous increase in

wages and prices. As wages and prices go up, we price ourselves out of our own and foreign markets. Thirteen

years ago U.S. industry has \$13 billion invested in industry abroad. Today the figure is \$25 billion and means about 1,000,000

jobs gone in the U.S. Between 1940 and 1960 the ederal debt has increased from

\$51 billion to \$285 billions. State and private debts have increased in about the same measure.

The Communists say that to get control of a government there are two steps: Get that government hopelessly in debt, and get control of its agriculture.

The United States has been collecting more than 25% of the national income in taxes, and that is the danger line. We're eating up our capital.

Federal aid in many instances is another way of saying that 1-Eliminate allotments and billion over a four-year period you are using your own money, and maybe coming out on the short end of the deal.

There is a federal aid school are in addition to the Defense bill at Washington that will cost

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In constitutional government t is essential that minorities have protection against willful action of majorities. A majority can take care of itself.

Michigan's pattern of apportionment follows the pattern in Congress. The House is elected on a basis of population, and the Senate is elected with relationship to area and people.

Constitutional **Convention** Issue

STANLEY M. POWELL Legislative Counsel, MFB

The drive for a constitutional convention for Michigan attacks an "old Constitution." As a mat-er of fact, the State Constitution has been amended 60 times by the voters since it was adopted in 1909.

About half the proposals offered have been adopted, the other half rejected.

So the people do weigh these matters.

Some of the things that advocates of a constitutional convention want are things farmers and the Farm Bureau would not like to see happen.

A few years back Democrats wanted a constitutional convention and Republicans were opposed. Now they have flipped positions.

Democrats are now opposed because they want their own brand of reapportionment of the Legislature first.

Present situation. The League of Women Voters and the Junior Chamber of Commerce have joined forces to circulate petitions to place the question of calling a constitutional convention on the ballot April 1, 1961.

Farm Bureau Position. The Farm Bureau resolutions on this subject indicate, that Farm Bureau will oppose signing the petitions, will oppose the changes proposed in the calling of the convention, and will urge that the voters vote "NO."

The plan of action for a constitutional convention as pro-posed by the League of Women one eligible for these special services:

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Attorney General Adams has ruled that this is a matter for the electors to decide and not the courts. If Michigan's method violates the U.S. Constitution, then every state in the Union is in the same position.

State Finances

CLARENCE E. PRENTICE Secretary-Manager, MFB

Government costs in Michigan has increased from \$471,000,000 in 1948 to \$1,055,000,000 in 1958, base an increase of 124%.

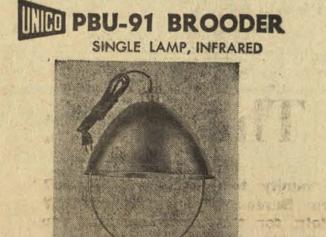
After adjusting for population be conducive to economic growth growth of 25% and inflation of in Michigan. 26%, the expenditures are still up 50%.

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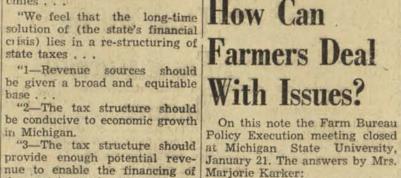
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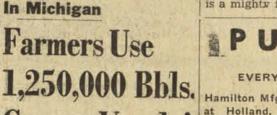
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ple.

2-The money you pay in Farm Bureau dues provides state and national Farm Bureau legislative and other people to help the membership get state and national Farm Bureau policies enacted into law. 3-Farm Bureau legislative chairmen should set up complete "legislative grids" in every county and community to get legislative action from the membership. A legislative grid is a national, state, county, community

set-up that goes into action by telephone or letter.

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Michigan farmers use approximately 1,250,000 barrels of cement annually, enough to build 230 miles of standard 24-foot concrete highway pavement, a luncheon meeting at East Lansing of state agricultural leaders was told Jan. 28 by J. Gardner Martin, Portland Cement Assocition district engineer. A premiere showing of a new Plastic pipe and fittings ation district engineer.

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Agriculture is a major user of concrete because of its low cost and durability for barns, silos, poultry houses, milkhouses, sew- electric motors.

age systems, drains, and fire-safe homes, Mr. Martin said. He estimated farm uses account for 5 to 10 per cent of total cement

Newly developed farm uses of

concrete included paved barnyards on which healthier livestock are raised more efficiently and tilt-up walls which reduce construction cost of farm buildings.

Mr. Martin predicted greater future use of concrete improvedevelops toward larger and more efficient farm units. Continuing research through Portland Cement Ass'n laboratories and in could be imposed by the Legiscooperation with agricultural col- lature. It would be raised from leges already has developed more 3% to 4% by SJR "A", introthan 100 different uses of concrete on the nation's farms.

Members of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Farm in the Senate last December by Bureau, were guests at the luncheon meeting.

Others in attendance were Richard W. Bell, assistant direc-On this note the Farm Bureau tor of the Cooperative Agricul-Policy Execution meeting closed ture Extension Service; Robert at Michigan State University, E. Braden, state administrative officer for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Com-1-Farm Bureau members be- mittee; G. Elwood Bonine, state seph E. Wells, administrative assistant in the Michigan department of agriculture; Milon Grinnell, editor of Michigan Farmer magazine; Clarence E. Prentice, secretary-manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau; E. E. Ungren, editor of the Michigan Farm Bureau News; Stanley Powell, legislative counsel for the Michigan Farm Bureau; and James Osborne, assistant coordinator in the Michigan Farm Bureau in-

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sonable period of time, and give for the policies in state and na- Administration; Dale Ball, assis- action taken last year. Ten Sen- proposes repeal of the Sales Tax those who have to foot the bills February 1, 1960

Schools. Also, four representa- lages and townships.

tives are sponsoring H. 10 which Tax Payer Protection. A pronumber of members of school posed Constitutional amendment boards in school districts of the definitely in line with the posi- Schools. H. 11 would appropri-Fourth Class operating a K-12 tion of the Michigan Farm Bu- ate from the State's General program. Just last year the reau has been introduced by Fund whatever amount of number was raised from 5 to 7 Representatives E. D. O'Brien of money is needed to make the with the thought that this might Detroit, Frederic J. Marshall of school aid formula pay out in help to provide more adequate Allen, Walter H. Nill of Muske- full for the current year. representation from the rural gon Heights, and Martin D. Buth areas surrounding reorganized of Comstock Park. This is HJR

It would specify that only property tax pavers in the area involved or their spouses could milk. millage for school purposes. In many areas throughout the

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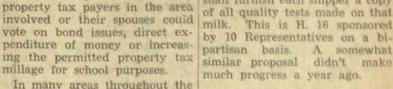
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is distributed to the schools and Amendment of the Constitution one-sixth to the cities and vil- but fell short of the necessary two-thirds vote in the House because of labor union opposition.

Milk. Another old issue has to do with the requirement that each buyer of Grade "A" milk shall furnish each shipper a copy of all quality tests made on that This is H. 16 sponsored

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state non-property owners have taken over elections and have

schools.

Debt Limit. Another familiar the necessary two-thirds of the tional amendment to increase members of both the Senate and the state's legal debt limit. This House it will be initiated by the is now \$250,000. Two democratic petition method, which, of Representatives from Detroit facourse, is quite a sizable under- vor multiplying that by 200 to bring it up to \$50 million. This

early proposals would reverse

A similar proposal was passed a vote of 27 to 2. It is probable that if this is not approved by bill was a proposed Constitu-

License Plates. Two of the

is HJR "A".

Sales Tax Diversion. HJR "B" imposed terrific tax burdens on

ators are sponsoring S. 1003 (diversion amendment. That is for such decisions which would remove the re- the feature of the State Consti-| Last year this proposal was quirement for using reflector- tution which provides that two- reported favorably by the House izing materials on motor vehicle thirds of the Sales Tax revenue Committee. on Revision and (Continued from Page 1) license plates.

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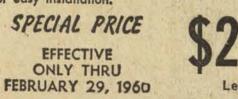
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Present Day Issues in School Reorganization

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for February

Background Material for Program in February by Our 1,572 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

> DONALD D. KINSEY Coordinator of Education and Research

During the 19th century the one-room country school became so deeply rooted in American tradition that it seemed as secure as the Rock of Gibralter. Most American children received their training within its walls. But then-most of the population were farmers.

So confident were rural people that the little country school house would stand forever - unchanged, that they designed a "standard school" building - a "final answer to school building needs." But changes are as sure and as powerful as the movements of a glacier.

The twentieth century saw many new developments - among them the automobile. City folks massed in dense centers of population and soon outnumbered country folks.

Early Consolidations. The motor car has had a powerful effect on the school systems. In the early 1900's it was unthinkable to send a child more than two or three miles to the schoolhouse. Today, in some localities, children travel fifty miles or more to reach the school.

of the sandy homesteads in the northern counties of Michigan, and many farm people moved away. The original school districts had too few pupils left and difficulty in financing their

local school. solidated" into larger school dis- in promoting another amendtricts. The Legislature passed a ment stood the Municipal Lealaw that permitted this sort of gue. re-organization.

law set the groundwork for what for a slice to the cities, villages was to become a major conflict and townships. The new amendover school authority as the ment passed. years went by.

New "City Bred" **Standards**

industrial wealth to provide a rich tax base for the support of dictate its use. schools. There were thousands of children to fill the classrooms. Wealth meant, opportunity to vanced training, advanced facilities for recreational and STATE MONEY IS USED LO-

these districts is endangered be-Farms failed on many of the withdraw as a collector of "property taxes." In their place cause they have no assurance of a high school education. was established a sales tax-by Constitutional amendment. Department of Public Instruc-

Local folks were having some tion, all elementary districts should be compelled by law to too little wealth to support a schools, and local governments annex to a high school district. yearned for a slice of that sales Many of them merged or "con- tax money. Among the leaders **Proposed 1959 Bill** The 1959 school bill, proposed It backed a move to get to the Legislature, would have: part of the sales tax money for 1. Set a deadline date by Oddly enough, this permissive the schools so as to get support which all districts must decide

> This action set the stage for growing conflicts over authority to determine local school policies in the years to come. It must be recognized that whenever a that they must annex to a high

branch of government is em- school district or establish a high Cities concentrated massive powered to distribute money it will also claim the power to subject to the approval by the

Height of the

Conflict

Instruction. This point has been made clear 4. Provide that in case a disin a policy statement of the trict failed to comply, annexaprovide more in the way of fine Michigan Department of Public tion would be enforced by law. buildings, teachers with ad- Instruction, which declares that The school district would be al-- "USE OF STATE TAX lowed to demand a hearing, equipment in classroom and lab- MONEY GIVES ALL TAXPAYhowever. oratory, large libraries, and ERS A VOICE IN THE WAY

5. Provide that the hearing could be held by the county school board and a decision take over the routine jobs. They ALLY." And state officials assume the role of the "voice of made-or appealed to the State free the teacher to give full time Board of Education. So with state-aid for schools 6. Provide that in case the county school board failed to act, the authority would pass to the State Board of Education.

Discussion Topics

These topics were chosen by your State Discussion Topic Committee from the results of the ballots returned by Community Farm Bureaus.

What a Farmer Stands to Lose by a Farm Mar. Accident.

Be sure to read your Discussion Article in the Michigan Farm News. Attend your Community Farm Bureau meet-

ings. Have your voice in Farm Bureau affairs.

dren in rural area schools. The self-disciplined persons-willing project was financed by a grant to tackle tough problems when of \$120,000 from the Ford Founnecessary. dation for the Advancement of

Many of them protest the soft modern doctrines which teach by In the Catskill mountain area 'doing only what you want to of New York State, 27 central do." These, they fear, train the school systems are cooperating child to shun the difficult strugto improve educational opporgles that come in everyone's life. If such ideas are "old-fashioned" to many modern educators-so be Small rural schools cannot hire it! Farm folks are not interested as many teachers of special sub-

in loose character-building apfirst Tuesday in October of 1961. proaches. Farming calls for a Their recommended new Constistrong back bone. tution would be submitted to the

voters at a special election on the Farm Bureau people resist the first Monday in April in 1962 idea of giving way to any authorprovided the convention comity that may advocate a so-called pleted its work 90 days prior to educational approach which that date. If it did not do so the thinks that the child should be trained to become a pliable vote would be held at the November 1962 election. member of a collectivist or socialist society. Last November the delegates

1. What do you think is the fundamental job of the schoolwhat sort of educational opportunities should it provide for rural childern? What subjects should it teach?

igan Farm News, near the begin-2. What do you think of the ning of the main article on that Catskill Plan of Small School page. Operation as outlined in the

article in the Michigan Farm In line with those resolutions Farm Bureau members should re-News? fuse to circulate or sign the pe-

3. How can rural schools take titions for the changes mentionbest advantage of modern de- ed above. If such a proposal vices to improve the instruction should get on the ballot, they in the rural schools? should vote against it and re-



Largest Mail In Congress

Advocates Would

Write Own Rules?

(Continued from Page 1)

AFBF Supports

School Milk Plan

1-In the American competi-The Landrum-Griffith labor tive enterprise system. legislation of 1959 is said to have 2—That man's search brought the all-time record of

now

State Constitution.

progress should be encouraged mail to members of Congress. by maintenance of opportunity, The next largest? Congressmen not hindered by illusions of sesay it was when President Trucurity. man fired General MacArthur.

3-That a person should be rewarded in accordance with his tion is a part of the American productive contribution to sosystem. ciety.

4-That every man is entitled to own property, earn money honestly, save, invest, and spend as he chooses

5-That property rights cannot be taken away without infringing on the rights guaranteed by the Constitution. 6-That the Constitution is

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Notice of Annual Meeting

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tain the safeguards which are the basic law of the land, and

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provide only minimum controls

7-That the government

8-That government's regula-

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10-That government should

stimulate, not discourage, indi-

11-That propagandizing by

government is dangerous to the

maintenance of self-government.

by government, industry, labor,

or agriculture, is dangerous.

12-That monopoly, whether

13-That voluntary coopera-

14-That all candidates for

public office should state their

beliefs with respect to commun-

ism, socialism, and capitalism.

FARM BUREAU LIFE INSURANCE CO.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company of Michigan, a corporation, will be held at its office, 4,000 North Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan on Tuesday, February 23, 1960, beginning at 1:30, for the following purposes:

1-To receive reports from officers and management.

2-To elect directors.

Lansing, Michigan

3-To consider such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

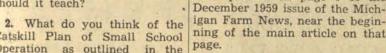
February 1, 1960 L. D. DUNCKEL

President



These

at the 40th Annual Meeting of Questions the Michigan Farm Bureau adopted strong statements with regard to both the Con-Con and reapportionment issues. are found in the 1960 Michigan Farm Bureau Policy Booklet and were printed on page 6 of the



as well as bigger athletic fields and teams. Such city schools set a new

standard for a "good" schoolin the minds of the public. The in force, rural people have been one-room country school? Well, fighting a losing battle to keep folks began to look down their their right to set policies in local nose at it. It was "the fossil re- school matters. mains of a by-gone era."

The Impact of State-Aid

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As the 1950's progressed, bat-The depression years of the tle lines for control of policies '30s saw the State of Michigan became more sharply drawn.

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Opposition

The climax came in the proposal

by the Department of Public In-

struction for legislation to re-

quire all elementary school dis-

tricts to annex to an appoved

high school district (The K-12

What arguments were given

to persuade the Legislators to pass this proposal? The Depart-

ment of Public Instruction de-

clared that-among other things:

to provide adequate and com-

plete educational opportunities

for all children through the 12th

grade, regardless of where they

2. Every state-approved school

Education.

tunities in the rural schools.

jects as large urban schools.

They need to make plans and ar-

rangements to provide their pu-

pils with wide educational op-

The Catskill Plan involves

shared services" provided by

the cooperating central school

system, - but "farmed out" to

Special teachers, materials,

equipment, etc. are rotated

among the cooperating schools.

Schedules are carefully planned.

It is cheaper to transport a few

teachers and equipment than to

bus large numbers of children

Lessons can be sent out on

films, tape recordings and by

television. They can treat with

numerous subjects and be di-

rected to various grade levels.

With these helps, a rural teach-

er can handle a number of class-

es at one time, and give aid to

individual pupils as their prob-

Local schools would have to

have more --- and modern ---

equipment on hand. But costs

could be more than balanced by

savings on transportation and

In this system "master teach-

ers" make tape recordings of

subjects. Educational films and

film strips are employed. Such

things can be run repeatedly and

discussed. Teacher specialists

in music, health, art, shop, read-

ing correction, etc., can go from

school to school. The offerings

can be enriched by this effective

Use of "School Aides"

aides" are used quite extensive-

ly. They are men and women

In the Catskill area, "school

use of teachers in the system.

the local rural schools.

every day.

ems arise.

teacher salaries.

portunities. This can be done.

district should have an adequate

tax base to permit the establish-

3. While the fullest possible

degree of local control should be

maintained, the offering of the

school should be broad and the

cost per pupil at a low figure. It

declares that independent ele-

mentary school districts cannot

do this and are "inefficient.'

School districts should be re-

quired to' report their costs to

the Department of Public In-

4. As long as small rural ele-

mentary schools remain as sepa-

rate districts, the cost per pupil

is bound to remain high. Nearly

85% of Michigan school pupils

are now in K-12 districts. Yet

79% of Michigan school districts

are still of the small elementary

variety with few pupils. The

education of the children in

For these reasons, says the

to annex to high school districts.

tricts not having high schools

3. Require county school

boards to notify such districts

school in their own district-

State Superintendent of Public

in the past year.

2. Require a listing of all dis-

ment of such a school system.

1. All districts should be able

before the Legislature in 1959.

Bill).

live.

struction.

This proposal was laid

advocate that local people should dren and helping them with be left free to work out the their wraps, etc. problems gradually among themselves.

se opposed this bill because it are necessary. And teachers can tain low-valuation districts into drens' problems. their school system. They regarded such districts as a liabil-

ity rather than an asset.

Farm Bureau's **'59 Recommendation**

Commenting on the problems of rural schools and their organization, Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting said in November, 1959;

"We are of the opinion that any reorganization of school disworking out solutions gradually, based on voluntary action on the part of the people involved. of the Catskill Plan . . .

> What is the **Catskill Plan?**

Rural people desire schools that are just as able to provide a good education as any schools anywhere. They are not interested in "taking a back seat,"

nor actually fostering "second-grade schools." They seek an

governmental authority.

Perhaps the heart of the Cat- trends that put tap-dancing, ba-They may strongly protest skill Project for Small Schools ton-twirling, personal grooming, is a promising lead. While the party etiquette, boy and girl replan was not specially designed lationships, etc. into competition for elementary schools, many of with such basic subjects as hisits ideas could be used in helptory, mathematics, geography, ing them. and English. Fundamentally, the Catskill

Program is a plan that seeks to They want their children to be provide improved teaching and equipped as personally compe learning opportunities for chil- tent, responsible, soundly moral,

to work with the pupils. They are hired on a part-time or full-time basis, and do such work as keeping records, helping with library books, distributing materials and equipment, helping to operate equipment, super-This proposal failed to pass. It vising the lunch program, supervas opposed by the Michigan vising study halls and corridors, Farm Bureau. Farm Bureau helping school nurses and docdelegates have consistently op- tors, chaperoning at social activiposed the use of force by gov- ties and on trips, checking abernment in such matters, and sentees, reading to smaller chil-

Folks in the Catskill area say that "school aides" pay off. Since they free the skilled teachers A number of urban districts al- form such tasks, fewer teachers

would force them to accept cer- give their full time to the chil-

Rural School, Up to Date

Under the Catskill - Program the student of exceptional abil-

ity is provided with special materials and helps. He can progress at his own speed and is not held back by the progress of the group.

The use of television as a means of instruction in schools is growtricts should be accomplished by ing rapidly all over the United. States. If properly used, basic instruction in many subjects can be given to many students at the "We would recommend study same time - and explanations can be handled by local teach-

ers. These developments can help rural education to enter a new era on a par with any school

instruction.

Yes-rural people favor the use of all methods that will help

come guaranteed to last as long as you live.

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answer, free from dictation by to improve the rural schools.

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