EDITORIAL

"Toward New Frontiers"

Clark L. Brody

The Chicago Civic Opera House was the scene of a standing ovation accorded President Charles Shumaker as he rose to present his address to the 41st annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation, December 14.

This expression of joy by 5,000 Farm Bureau people from 49 states was a manifestation of the spirit that was to prevail throughout the four day convention. This was inspired by the theme of the meeting "Toward New Frontiers."

They had come to Chicago with the determination to resolve their great variety of interests into a program that would best perpetuate individual opportunity and freedom for our 1,602,177 members and for citizens generally.

This was simply demonstrated in their deliberations on price supports, acreage allotments, conservation programs and surplus disposal policies.

There was general agreement as to the necessity of reducing price supports when and on a scale that would best meet the Farm Bureau's policy of "Free the market" after a long period of years.

There was some divergence of opinion among the delegates and members regarding the methods of accomplishing the above purpose.

For example, some wanted the retirement of "entire farms" into the Conservation Reserve. This would cut in on some current producing areas. Others felt that putting land into a soil bank should be voluntary, and they prevailed.

The harmonious resolving of these varying viewpoints into a common accepted program is the most encouraging demonstration of constructive organization practice.

For example, in advocating the basing of price supports for wheat on "the support level for corn," the delegation was supported by representatives of such states as Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, and Texas, who have interests in the putting of land into a soil bank. This proposal was favorably regarded throughout the convention as a proper solution to the problem of the support of wheat.

The convention program of the meeting was made possible by the experience of Secretary-Manager Dale Dunckel, Elton Smith, Eugene DeMatio, Clarence E. Prentice.

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In addition, others of our Michigan voting delegates at the meeting: Toward New Frontiers.

After having met on 175 days, the Michigan Legislative concluded its 1959 session December 19, in accordance with the Michigan Constitution, the 1960 session will convene January 13.

As you know, the delay in winding up the 1959 session was out of the difficulty in reaching agreement on a tax program to balance the budget for the current year and making at least some start in paying off the accumulated General Fund deficit of around $100 million.

Some months ago the Legislature thought that it had met the fiscal emergency by passing three tax bills, chief of which was a 50-cent increase on the state tax levies paid by consumers. But the action was strongly criticized by the Supreme Court.

The provision which extends the Use Tax to hotel and motel accommodations will stand as do the bills which will bring in some additional revenue through amendments to the Business Activities Tax and the Intangibles Tax.

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MAF WINS MEAT AWARD

Michigan Farm Bureau has been awarded a prize by the Michigan Agricultural Stabilization Committee for the most outstanding Meat Award in the Stabilization Program in 1959.

The prize was presented to the Michigan Farm Bureau at the annual meeting of the Michigan Agricultural Stabilization Committee, December 15, in recognition of the Farm Bureau's outstanding effort in organizing the program in the State of Michigan.
Today in Farm Bureau

ROGER TFECH

Coordinator Education Dept., MFB

Another year has rolled around, with many things to be thankful for. One of which is an organization that is fighting for our freedoms, plus giving its members the opportunity to have a part in its development.

Membership is the most important part of our organization so I’ll put it right at the top. Reminder notices went out of most of the unpaid as of December 1, and many counties are sending our delinquent notices as of December 11.

I hope your dues are paid. If not, you can help your county materially by mailing your $12.00 to your County Farm Bureau Secretary now. Her address is located on page 7 of this issue. Membership in the state office place us just a little ahead of last year at this time—total 43,015.

Let’s do everything possible to have our renewal percentage high by the first report month, which is January 7. This is a big year, membership wise, for Michigan Farm Bureau.

January 12th

Michigan Farm Bureau Services Activity: Farm Bureau Young People Training Camp. Just so we can get in at the press last month, the Young People groups. The purpose was to bring together those off the County Farm Bureau Farm Training Camp. Just as we went through this past year, there was a great number of Young People, others, staff people and other agencies involved with the teen-age production staff.

All this was that year. There was a splendid program arranged which is an organization of our members’ interests educationally. This was that year. There was a splendid program arranged which is an organization of our members’ interests educationally. This was that year. There was a splendid program arranged which is an organization of our members’ interests educationally. This was that year. There was a splendid program arranged which is an organization of our members’ interests educationally. This was that year. There was a splendid program arranged which is an organization of our members’ interests educationally. This was that year. There was a splendid program arranged which is an organization of our members’ interests educationally. This was that year. There was a splendid program arranged which is an organization of our members’ interests educationally. This was that year. There was a splendid program arranged which is an organization of our members’ interests educationally. This was that year. There was a splendid program arranged which is an organization of our members’ interests educationally. This was that year. There was a splendid program arranged which is an organization of our members’ interests educationally. This was that year. There was a splendid program arranged which is an organization of our members’ interests educationally. This was that year. There was a splendid program arranged which is an organization of our members’ interests educationally. This was that year. There was a splendid program arranged which is an organization of our members’ interests educationally. This was that year. There was a splendid program arranged which is an organization of our members’ interests educationally. This was that year. There was a splendid program arranged which is an organization of our members’ interests educationally. This was that year. There was a splendid program arranged which is an organization of our members’ interests educationally. This was that year. There was a splendid program arranged which is an organization of our members’ interests educationally. This was that year. There was a splendid program arranged which is an organization of our members’ interests educationally.
Farm Supplies Service 30 Years Old

FB Services Has A Record Year

Farm Bureau Services sales of Farm supplies for the year ending August 31 were $28,490,000 — a record year — Maynard E. Brownlee, general manager, told the 30th annual meeting of the cooperative at Michigan State University December 1.

Mr. Brownlee said that the sales volume increased 13% over 1958. Net margins, belonging to patrons, increased 14% over 1958 for a total of $515,000.

The distribution of net margins was: Dividends on capital stock $17,141; patronage refunds payable $513,141; and $10,700 to reserve for working capital $626,563; provision for federal income taxes $28,299.

"I'm getting cattle to market weight 15 days faster now that I've got a concrete feed lot!" said Mr. Brownlee, "will be interested

to know that the 14% increase in net margins did not come as a result of increased mark-up on merchandise processed or handled, but from an increase in volume of merchandise sold.

"An entirely new program was initiated by Farm Bureau Services this year. Laboratory studies revealed that Michigan egg producers were gradually losing their egg market. 62% of the eggs consumed in Michigan were produced out of state.

"In keeping up with your aim of organization to service Michigan agriculture, our Board of Directors instructed the management to explore the problem.

"This was done and as a result the Egg Marketing Division of Farm Bureau Services was organized to represent feeders and plant located at Jenison, Ottawa county.

"Historically, with the exception of seed, the operations of Farm Bureau Services have been limited to making quality farm supplies and services available to Michigan farmers. This is an initial attempt by your organization to expand our business into this area. Your Egg Marketing Division provides a complete program for the Michigan egg producer. Every step of the program is farmed by professionals.""
Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

District 1
Mrs. Alice F. Cherney, Chairman

Dane County, Twenty-two women attended the District 1 home Demonstration meeting at the January meeting. Mrs. George Eichorn, District 1 President, was present and plans for the coming year were discussed.

Delaware County, The Eastern Iowa Women's Conference was held at the Craig Hotel on December 9th. Mrs. W. A. F. A., President, was present and the following officers were elected: Chairwoman, Mrs. Alfred H. C. A., Secretary, Mrs. F. P. B., Treasurer, Mrs. C. C. A., and Mrs. C. C. A. A., stewards.

District 2
Mrs. O. C. Brown, Chairman

Branch County, Mrs. Lucille Heidler, County Director, held the first meeting of the year at the woman's home on December 10th. Mrs. F. A. L., County Director, was present and plans for the coming year were discussed.

District 3
Mrs. C. E. Young, Chairman

Linden Township, Mrs. D. E. B., president of the Woman's Club, held the first meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. D. E. B. on December 10th. Mrs. E. R. L., president of the Woman's Club, was present and plans for the coming year were discussed.

Washburn County women met at the home of Mrs. M. A. W. on December 10th. Mrs. M. A. W., president of the Woman's Club, was present and plans for the coming year were discussed.

The Home Flower Garden

Garden Seeds and Ornamentals

Mr. H. E. Chapman, a horticultural expert, talks about the care and feeding of garden seeds and ornamentals.

Light garden furniture. There is nothing easier or more interesting than building your own garden furniture. A little effort will go a long way. With the right materials, you can make a garden bench that will last for years. The materials needed are simple and inexpensive. The only tools required are a hammer, a saw, and a plane. The garden bench can be built from wood or metal. The size of the bench will depend on the amount of space available and the number of people who will use it. The bench should be sturdy and comfortable. The backrest should be high enough to provide support for the back.

The bench should be placed in a sunny location to allow for adequate sunlight. The bench should be positioned so that it can be easily accessed. The bench should be cleaned regularly to remove any dirt or dust. The bench should be painted with a protective coating to prevent rusting. The bench should be moved to a different location periodically to prevent wear and tear.

Another interesting garden project is the construction of a garden path. During the winter season, the ground is frozen and the soil is hard. During the summer season, the soil is soft and the ground is wet. The garden path should be constructed from a material that is hard and dry. The garden path should be wide enough to accommodate two people walking side by side. The garden path should be positioned so that it can be easily accessed. The garden path should be cleaned regularly to remove any dirt or debris. The garden path should be painted with a protective coating to prevent rusting. The garden path should be moved to a different location periodically to prevent wear and tear.

Mr. Chapman will answer any questions you may have about garden seeds and ornamentals. He will be available to answer questions on a variety of topics, including the care and feeding of garden seeds, the construction of garden furniture, and the construction of garden paths. The questions will be answered in a friendly and informative manner.

Send your thanks by telephone

A friendly phone call is a splendid way to send your thanks for gifts that come from out of town. It's easy to find the right words, and the warmth of your voice is in everything you say.

You can call places a day's drive away for less than a dollar. So why put off any longer? Your friends in the distant city will enjoy the conversation as much as you will.
They Outline Our Program of Work

We present the second 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 section was published in our edition of December 1.

Our Resolutions on National Affairs were recommended to the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau at Chicago, December 14 to 17. The American Farm Bureau resolutions on national affairs will be published in the Nation’s Agriculture, probably in the January edition.

School Building Costs and Plans

Many farmers and school authorities are becoming concerned about the high cost of school construction and making plans to bring about economy. We recognize that every means of reducing school costs should be used. It is important for us to know where economies are practiced, let us be sure that we are not at the same time creating weakness and deficits in our school buildings which will lead to eventual repair in the rear future, each expense in addition to the original cost.

It might be of some help to special work with our resolution which have not yet been adopted and yet should be adopted and our local schools should re-present in the hands of the people in the local townships, districts and villages.

We present the trends of legislation and governmental and technical of the State of Wisconsin's Congressman Byrnes, who said “the only way to get politics out of agriculture is for the nation to come to grips with the imminent danger of the communistic conflict with traffic lights or signs. At the same time, we oppose any change in the location of traffic lights.

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The actions of our American Farm Bureau officials and delegates were set in national and international perspective by the outstanding speakers on the programs of the general sessions.

The most serious threat to the Michigan Farm Bureau is the threat of inflation. The most serious threat to the public is the threat of inflation. The most serious threat to the farmers is the threat of inflation.

We would counsel our members to avoid, if possible, any form of diversion. We reiterate our belief that there’s only the next step in this program of the general sessions.

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Our state chairman, Mrs. Alex Kennedy headed the Michigan Farm Bureau of Agriculture, probably in the January edition.

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Small Watershed Protection

We endorse the Small Watershed
Protection Act of 1956. We believe
such legislation should be placed
on this method.

Mineral Rights

The widespread custom of 
winning or selling portions of the
land which extend deep into the earth
should be stopped. We believe that
legislation that considers these be
able, in providing spaces
Agriculture in a holding
properties, and others, and the
that the public and the developer be
referred from the back to
find any time within one year

Hunting Safety Training

Gun safety training has always been
the responsibility of the Department
of Conservation.

We will support legislation to
provide for a first license to be
issued to any person without "descriptive
historical" knowledge, or any person
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Discussion Topics

- Livestock – The Law is Strict
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- Corelessness Most Frequent Cause
  - TheAdmiral,” he said, “that was the most stupid thing I have ever done! I should have my stars except at your own risk. If, however, you get into trouble and can’t get away, you may have been a bit careless. He may think himself too busy to both their farm employment activities. A heavy fine can result from the carelessness of the state.”

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