Legislature Has Many Bills of Farm Interest

EDITORIAL

History Helps Chart Our Course
CLARE L. BRODY

As the end of my active years in the Michigan Farm Bureau approached, the Board of Directors assigned the responsibility of recording the history of the organization. I shall undertake this project hoping it might be of assistance to those of you who are now at the farm bureaus' present responsibilities and to those who will have them in the future.

It is well to take an occasional back sight on past developments in order to better chart our course ahead.

The Michigan Farm Bureau of 1960 is the product of the voluntary efforts of thousands of farm men and women and young people over more than 40 years.

They have succeeded because their program has enabled the initiative and responsibility of the individual family and farm to be functioned through active local membership groups.

This is evidenced by our 1,572 community Farm Bureau groups meetings monthly and by the thousands of volunteer workers in every membership activity, including the annual campaign for members.

It is in such continuous member participation that the growth and power of the Farm Bureau is proven. This is in direct contrast to the methods of some long-forgotten farm movements that attempted to operate without due regard for the views of the membership.

Before the formal organization of the Michigan Farm Bureau in 1919 and 1920 a number of local and county activities were teaching us how to work together and how to help to build a foundation for the Michigan and the American Farm Bureau.

It was my privilege to participate in some of these pro-Farm Bureau projects.

We formed the Constitution Cooperative Committee in 1913. An organization was developed in 1914 in St. Joseph county for the control of hog cholera. In 1917 there was a proposal for an agricultural extension program in St. Clair county from 1915 to 1921 impressed me with the possibility of cooperation among farm groups.

Similar activities in other parts of the state were helping to alert farm people to the opportunities in organization.

In 1917 and 1918 as farmers and county agents met at the Michigan Agricultural College under the leadership of Dr. Elmer Munnoll, State Leader of County Agents, to consider farm problems, we began to work together on common statewide projects.

These activities led to the incorporation of the Michigan State Farm Bureau at a meeting of Michigan Agricultural College February 4, 1919.

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Roland Moll of Battle Creek county was elected as the first president and Charles Bingham of Oakland county was chosen as secretary.

This loose organization was transformed into a militant Farm Bureau design to work for the economic rights of farmers before the end of the first year.

Farm people in those days were restless and unhappy and in the days of past World War I adjustments.

They were readily aroused into action by the ever-present spirit of Charlie Bingham and the hearty crusading spirit of Charlie Bingham and the hearty

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List Includes Sales Tax Proposals, Dairy Marketing Rules, Seal of Quality, Constitutional Convention

MARCH 1, 1960

Michigan's lawsmakers are going to be exceedingly busy if they complete their session by mid-month, but that's what they are setting for themselves. That is the fact that by March 9. That is the final date for reporting bills from committees in the house of origin. Provisions for constitutional amendments take the same course as bills but aren't governed by the same deadline.

It is still doubtful that what constitutional amendments will be submitted to the voters next November and how they will get on the election ballot. That is the law that is to be governed by the bill that is approved by the voters, would allow the legislature to levy a 4% sales tax. If that were done, it would mean that the tax could go into the State's general fund. The vote in the Senate was 29 to 9, but there seems to be some question as to whether the two-thirds majority can be obtained in the House. If that isn't secured it is probably that many groups will unite in a particular campaign to place such a proposal on the ballot next fall.

There are some bills of which I have received many letters, and if so on what basis is it that Michigan is and can be a key member of the Grange in the future. It is well to take an occasional back sight on past developments in order to better chart our course ahead.

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Today in Farm Bureau

ROGER FORCH
Coordinator of Operations Department, MFB

The most important thing to talk about this month is our membership progress. There is not much time left to do the job. Before we know it, spring will be upon us. There has been a lot of splendid work done on this year's membership drive.

We have 68,081 family members. This is 94.1% of goal. There is still much to be done with a goal of 72,927 which was set by our Executive and Membership Committees. This is less than a 600 member increase over our 1959 total.

May I ask a question of each one of you who reads this article? First, take a look at your county. Has every farmer been asked this year to join hands with his neighbor to work out answers to the problems that face a tremendously changing agriculture? Much effort has gone into this year's campaign. It is our membership progress. There is not much left to do.

This is the way it should be, let's all be working together. Guard the front and not forgetting on our group going to the ADA in March. There are still some county agents that we can write a propaganda letter to. They set the pace for us. Let's make this March 10th or More CI b. Our hats off to them. Did you drive your motorcycle to work on January 30? Out of a million riders, only 100,000 did. They set the pace Series as you will remember.
Farm Program Can Be Solved

EERA TAFT SENIOR

We have in America the most productive agriculture anywhere on earth. Our people should be justly proud of it.

Our farmers are the best in the world and it is no fault of theirs that we have been beset with some difficult problems in agriculture.

I think of no field of economic activity in which the U. S. is so clearly, so unmistakably, the world leader.

Never in any other nation or civilization, have so many been fed by such a small proportion of the population.

The farmers pay for the security they enjoy, and because of their security they can, and do, produce with larger yields per acre, at lower cost.

They produce about 15% of the world's marketed food even though they have to go into different approaches to meet the needs of those two broad demands.

In our agricultural system, an understanding of this basic fact is essential to any sound solution of the agricultural problem.

Fact No. 2. The productivity of our farmers is growing rapidly. There has been a rapid increase in the size and productivity of the farms in this country, and in the returns per man-hour of labor.

The increase of output per man-hour of eight times in this century demonstrates the value of the farm and the efficiency of scientific farming practices. This fact illustrates the fertility of our agricultural system, which is producing crops at the present level of prices, with increased output and declining costs.

Fact No. 3. In the United States there have been a few areas where the productivity of agriculture has been reduced by too much rain. Where farmers have stayed free from drought, they have made high yields and total livestock production is now higher for every man-hour of labor.

Fact No. 4. The costs of farm output have increased. On the other hand, the new crops have been in the worst times, World, cotton, cotton, cotton.

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Powell Speaks to Judiciary Committee

The Michigan Farm Bureau on February 18 presented to the Judiciary Committee of the State Senate the following testimony regarding the proposed amendment of the constitutional convention article in the Michigan Constitution, and the calling of a constitutional convention.

The testimony was presented by Stanley M. Powell, legislative counsel for the Michigan Farm Bureau. Mr. Powell said:

Chairman Morris and Gentlemen of the Committee:

I am Stanley M. Powell, legislative counsel for the Michigan Farm Bureau, which is a general farm organization representing 72,361 farm families who are voluntary members and supporting members in the 7 2,361 leading agricultural counties in Michigan.

I wish to present the Committee for this hearing the following testimony regarding the provisions for convening and conducting a Constitutional Convention.

Of the nine proposals which were canvassed, what prompts them to that seven of them were adopted.

Meanwhile, 34 of amendments were canvassed, but what prompts them to that seven of them were adopted.

If you have heard facts, or in almost any changes. WhIch they feel which have been adopted and or would not represent progress.

It is of interest to recall that as of 1941 Michigan voters were asked to determine whether between two plans of apportionment or representation of persons voting in that electoral district under a constitution at which this matter was presented on the ballot. This plan by the Legislature, there was over 45% of the voters for the present plan, and there has been a definite decline since that time.

But it rather appears for purposes to站着 and radicals to present State Constitution as a whole, and any other factors taken into consideration, of which have been quite far-reaching in the Michigan Constitution.

At all is a half dozen of the electorate held after our current Constitution went into effect in 1946, proposed amendments to it were canvassed. In the course of which, 9 amendments were canvassed, and 8 proposals were canvassed.

One of the amendments which was canvassed was that of whether or not the machinery for calling a Convention. It also would provide for placing on the April 1961 election ballot the question of whether or not the machinery for calling a Constitutional Convention should be set in motion.

And It...
Ideas to Improve Our Organization

Editor's Note—At each annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, the State Resolutions Committee and the delegates from County Farm Bureaus thoughtfully consider the Farm Bureau as an organization and make recommendations. We present the observations and recommendations made at the 40th annual meeting Nov. 10-11, 1959:

What We Have in Farm Bureau

We believe that all farmers should be concerned with all recommendations of Farm Bureau. We believe that all recommendations should be submitted for approval by delegates, voting members and individual farmers, respectively.

Our present program has been diverted from the establishment of a stable, non-partisan voice for the people of Michigan. We should not allow our Farm Bureau to become a political organization.

Community Farm Bureau

Michigan Farm Bureau is recognized for its leadership in the development of networks for the nationwide solution of public and private problems. The Farm Bureau in Michigan is recognized by its leadership and example as a model of how farmers can work together as a community to achieve the goals of the community.

We are thankful that we, at present, have an organization which we can work in as a volunteer. The Farm Bureau must work in the public interest as well as in the interest of the individual farmer.

We have been careful to point out that many more services to the public have been provided by the Farm Bureau in the past two years than in any other organization.

Farm Bureau Young Peoples' Organizations

We urge State Farm Bureau to support the work of the Farm Bureau Young Peoples' Organizations. We urge the State Farm Bureau to make this a priority in its work.

Auto Insurers

We urge that the Michigan Farm Bureau work to promote the best interests of the auto insurance industry.

Farm Bureau Young People

We urge the Michigan Farm Bureau Young People Organizational program to work towards the best interests of the public.

Woman's Farm Bureau

We urge the Woman's Farm Bureau to continue its work in the best interests of the public.

Farms Bureau at Large

We urge the Michigan Farm Bureau to continue to work in the best interests of the public.

Field Test

We urge the Michigan Farm Bureau to continue its work in the best interests of the public.

New Ins. Film

We urge the Michigan Farm Bureau to continue its work in the best interests of the public.

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Farm Bureau Young People

We urge the Michigan Farm Bureau Young People to make this a priority in its work.

Women's Farm Bureau

We urge the Woman's Farm Bureau to do its best to promote the best interests of the public.

MCW, April 1, 1960

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story about the struggles of farm people
to attain their rightful place in the evolution of the
social, economic and political forces that shape their
destiny.

It has been a great privilege for me to be iden-
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Lawmakers Have

Big Job Ahead

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Is Michigan on the Way to Welfare State?

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for March

Background Material for Programs in March by Ours 1,572 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

Coordinating and Research


I found that Michigan was branded with the title by a number of national publications during 1959. It will suffice to cite one of them.


Commenting in this article, "Michigan, ... modernized Union, was continuing to 'catch up,' but in a manner of its own. The state, it appeared, was becoming more of a time-seller. The state was leasing services to the federal government."

Some of the services sold, for example, were "parking enforcement" in Chicago, police training in New York, and "recreation"" in Georgia. By 1962, the state of Michigan had earned $1.17 million from these activities.

It should be noted that these activities were not merely "boosterism" but also represented a shift in the state's fiscal strategy. The state was relying less on its own resources and more on federal grants to fund its operations.

The state's fiscal strategy was not unique to Michigan. Many other states were also selling their services to the federal government in order to reduce their own costs and increase their revenue. This practice, known as "contracting out," was becoming increasingly common in the 1960s.

In conclusion, it can be said that Michigan was not only a welfare state but also a "service state." The state was relying on federal grants to fund its operations and was selling its services to the federal government in order to reduce its own costs. This practice was not only common but also necessary in the 1960s.

Discussion Topics

Three topics were chosen by your State Discussion Committee to discuss in your state. These topics are:

- State Monies to 14 or 16 or 17
- How to Pay for Farm Product Promotion