Legislature Has Many Bills of Farm. Interest

MARCH 1, 1960

EDITORIAL

History Helps Chart Our Course

CLARK L. BRODY

As the end of my active years in the Michigan Farm Bureau approached, the Board of Directors assigned me the opportunity to record its history.

I was glad to undertake the project hoping it might be of assistance to you who are carrying the Farm Bureau's present responsibilities and to those who carry on 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, women and young people over more than 40

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

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

It is in such continuous member participation that the growth and power of the Farm Bureau is generated. 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 their members.

Preceding 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 helping to build a foundation for the Michigan and the American Farm Bureaus.

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

We formed the Constantine Cooperative Creamery in 1913. An organization was developed in 1914 in St. Joseph county for the control of hog cholera. Various agricultural extension programs in St. Clair county from 1915 to 1921 impressed me with the possibilities of cooperation among farm people.

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

In 1917 and 1918 as farmers and county agents met at the Michigan Agricultural College under the leadership of Dr. Eben Mumford, State Leader of County Agents, to consider war 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 at Michigan Agricultural College February 4-5, 1919.

One hundred seventy-three farmers from 57 counties adopted the constitution and by-laws and elected officers and an Executive Committee and set the annual dues at \$50 per county.

Roland Morrill of Berrien county was elected as the first president and Charles Bingham of Oakland county was chosen as secretary.

This loosely organized association was converted into a militant Farm Bureau designed to work for the economic rights of farmers before the end of the

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

They were readily aroused into action by the crusading spirit of Charlie Bingham and the hearty cooperation of his Executive Committee.

Beginning October 15, 1919 and during 1920 over 80,000 farmers signed memberships each pledging annual dues of \$10 for 3 years.

We have recorded in the Farm Bureau history the trial and error experiences and significant events since 1919 that have carried Farm Bureau to its present peak of influence and service.

The Board of Directors has provided for the publication of the Michigan Farm Bureau story in a book under the title "In the Service of the Farmer,"

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Discuss Farm Labor Legislation at Washington

FARM LABOR legislation was discussed by American Farm Bureau Board of Directors mem-Representative E. C. Gathings of Arkansas, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee's subcommittee on farm labor. Mr. Gathings is seated, 3rd from the left. Second from the left is To Members of AFBF Director Walter W. Wight- Michigan Legislature: man of Michigan.

Heads Family Relations Dep't For MFB



J. DELBERT WELLS will join the staff of the Michigan Farm Bureau March 1 as Coordinator Clarence E. Prentice, secretary-

Mr. Wells will have charge of the Community Farm Bureau program and will direct the Women's and Young People of Farm Bureau programs.

Mr. Wells comes to Michigan from South Dakota Farm Bureau forth in the prospectus. where he was secretary, and manager of the South Dakota be obtained from Farm Bureau in the House of Representatives Farm Bureau Insurance Com- Services, Inc., licensed salesmen, at Lansing.

His experience in Farm Bu- Michigan. reau has been broad. He was a charter member of Oklahoma Bureau Services, Inc., believes Farm Bureau. Moved to Kansas that the past and current records to farm and became president of of business and net margins plants. Herbs are the leaves of McIntire of Maine (H.R. 9875), his County Farm Bureau. He realized indicate a good future plants that grow in the temperate and by Congressman Gathings of joined the staff of the Ameri- for the organization. The cor- zones. can Farm Bureau as field man poration has a record of payment for three years, and was secre-tary-treasurer of Minnesota for stock and debentures over a four years before going to South period of the past fifteen years, Dakota in 1957.

Oklahoma Agricultural and in securities of the organization. Mechanical College, and is a former teacher of vocational agriculture. In Kansas he farmed 720 acres near Dodge City and specialized in certified seed wheat and registered Milking

Mr. Prentice said, "I believe that Mr. Wells' wealth of experience in Farm Bureau will be of great benefit to our program. He will be available to county boards of directors in the development of Community Farm Bureau, Women's, and Young People's programs.'

This Edition 75,490

copies of the Michigan Farm News were mailed to subscri- industry to set its own prices.

Altitude

the same floral zones he would seven days advance notice. Georgia to central Ontario.

Bureau Board of Directors members recently at a meeting with MFB Urges Tax Choice On November Ballot

Farm Bureau feel strongly that the members of the Legislature ture to reach the necessary have a responsibility to the citizens of Michigan to permit those citizens to have an opportunity to express their preference as to a definite solution to Michigan's tax problem at the November, 1960 election.

It was generally realized that the package of tax bills passed last year represented a stop-gap approach to this problem. As you know, the various tax bills enacted during the 1959 session will expire on June 30, 1961.

The Directors of the Michigan arm Bureau strongly urge that he members of the Legislature ake the necessary action to place on the November 1960 election ballot proposals which

cause of failure of the Legisla-

would permit the citizens to exress their desires as to a solu-Yours truly,

President,

for months in drafting a bill that

would allow the dairy industry

to set its own prices and prevent

in drafting the bill.

Spices & Herbs

Michigan Farm Bureau

There was a popular demand tend to create monopoly in the FB Services dairy industry. These practices include any device to get business through gifts of any kind to Offers 51/2% "loss leader" items. Debentures The Michigan Farm Bureau cord with the actu worked with the dairy industry Congress,

Farm Bureau Services, Inc., is offering for sale \$1,000,000 of Series "A" Debentures, issue of 1960. They are payable 15 years from date of issue. The debentures bear 5½% simple interest, payable annually September 1 of Directors worked with committees of three from the Dairy wages, transportation or other t

The proceeds of this financing Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n farm workers. will be used for working capital of the Family Relations Dep't. and to modernize facilities of The announcement was made by Farm Bureau Services, Inc., according to Maynard Brownlee, general manager.

> This announcement is not an When distributors and stores enoffer to sell, and not a solicita- gage in price wars and below tion of an offer to buy any of cost selling, it is bound to dethese securities.

> This offering is made only in cheaper milk and react unfavoraccordance with the terms set able to the producer.

> A copy of the prospectus may will be held March 2 at 7:30 p.m. or at the main office at Lansing,

The management of the Farm and distributing substantial pa-Mr. Wells is a graduate of tronage refunds to its patrons

MFB SUPPORTS

Unfair Trade Practices Bill

The Michigan Farm Bureau is supporting the Dairy Industry Unfair Trade Practices bill H-220, introduced in the Legislature Feb. 11.

The bill is not a price fixing bill. It would allow the dairy Milk dealers would be required

unfair trade practices which to 1960. He was the leader in made the presentation.

Legislation Major Issue

Farm Labor

In Congress

Michigan is the third state in the union in the use of seasonal farm labor.

The new domestic farm labor regulations approved by Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell became effective December 20, 1959. Farm labor legislation is one of the major issues to be considered by Congress.

The regulations by Secretary Mitchell were issued under the asserted authority of the Wagner-Peyser Act of 1933. This was the Act that created the federalstate employment service.

It is doubtful that any member of the House of Representatives or the U.S. Senate who voted for the Wagner-Peyser Act had any idea there was anything in the Act that could be construed to authorize what Secretary Mitchell is doing.

The regulations approved by one or more tax proposals at the Secretary Mitchell would re-April, 1959 election, but this was quire any farmer wishing to re-The Directors of the Michigan denied to Michigan citizens beployment Service to:

1-Pay prevailing wages.

agreement on any proposal to be 2-Provide housing meeting state standards. If there are no state standards, the State Employment Service shall establish standards, giving "full consideration" to specified federal standards.

3-Offer to pay transportation to workers in accord with preon of Michigan's tax problems. Vailing practice in either the area in which workers are to be WALTER W. WIGHTMAN workers are to be recruited. employed, or in areas in which

4 Provide other terms and conditions of employment not less favorable than those pre-

vailing in the area. Farm Bureau says this is too much power to be vested on one the merchant. It prohibits the decide important policy issues, . . . That Congress should

tees of three from the Dairy wages, transportation, or other ballot in November the question Farmers Federation of which the working conditions of domestic of whether or not a Con-Con

is a key member, and the Grange 2-That the Secretary of Agriculture should participate with The bill does not directly afrectly it could be very helpful. tary of Labor.

velop tremendous pressure for A public hearing on Bill H-220 conditions of domestic agricul-

Bills to accomplish this obective have been introduced by holding a Con-Con. Spices are roots, stems, leaves, Congressmen Dixon of Utah bark, buds, or fruits of tropical (H.R. 9869), by Representative Arkansas (H.R. 9871).

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

Lawmakers Have

STANLEY M. POWELL Legislative Counsel for Michigan Farm Bureau

Michigan's lawmakers are going to be exceedingly busy if they complete their session by mid-April. They have 797 bills and about a score of proposed constitutional amendments to consider. Although many of these bills aren't even printed yet the committees have to reach a decision as to their fate by March 9. That is the final date for reporting bills from committee in the house of origin. Proposed constitutional amendments take the same course as bills but aren't governed by the same dead-

It is still doubtful what constitutional amendments will be submitted to the voters next November and how they will get on the election ballot. The Senate passed SJR "A", an amendment which, if approved by the voters, would allow the Legislature to levy a 4% Sales Tax. If that were done, all of the revenue from the extra cent would go into the State's general fund. The vote in the Senate was 29 to 5, but there seems to be some question whether or not the necessary two-thirds majority can be obtained in the House. If that isn't secured it is probable that many groups will unite in a petition campaign to place such a proposal on the ballot next fall.

There are all sorts of ideas as to what ought to be done about

it should be held.

A proposal similar to that be- date. Women Voters and by some Jun-1-That neither Public Law 78 ior Chamber of Commerce chap-

should be held. There are those that insist that the Secretary of Labor in joint there is a tremendous demand fect milk producers, but indi- approval of any farm labor for a Con-Con. The facts hardly regulations issued by the Secre- support that statement. For instance, in 1948 when the question 3-That Public Law 78 be of holding a Con-Con was on amended to provide legislative the ballot, over 78% of those votcriteria and standards to be used ing in that election voted one in determining whether or not way or the other on the Conthe employment of Mexican Na- Con issue. Ten years later, in tional labor will "adversely af- 1958, when a simlar issue was fect" the wages and working again submitted to the voters, less than 62% of those particitural workers similarlly employ- pating in the election bothered to vote one way or the other on

> Seal of Quality. The House took a big step toward carrying out a major plank in the Farm Bureau's legislative program when it passed H. 20, the Seal of Quality, bill, by a vote of 80 to 16. There had been much discussion on the provisions and purposes of the bill.

letter presenting arguments for House Committee on Agriculture. the bill and urging its passage On the final roll call the Representatives voted as follows:

YEAS - 80

E. A., Fitzpatrick, J. J., Folks, promotional programs. Giachino, Gilbert, Gillis, Hayward, Hitchcock, Holmes, Horrigan, Mrs. Hunsinger, Jackson, Jacobetti, Jefferies, Kilborn, Kowalski, Law, Lesinski, Mahoney, A., Mahoney, R. D.

Meggison, Mezzano, Montgomery, industry council for promotion Morris, Morrison, Nakkula, New-CHARLES E. STONE (right), bringing the ADA of Michigan ton, Nill, Novak, O'Brien, E. D.,

NAYS - 16

Arnett, Bassett, Cobb, Dunn revising Michigan's Constitution Engstrom, Gillespie, Green, Hanand as to whether or not a Con- dy, Hubbell, Hungerford, Lonstitutional Convention should be man, Marshall, Mielock, Root, C. called and if so on what basis H., Root, E. V. Jr., Warner.

This bill is now pending in Elsewhere in this issue of the the Senate Committee on Agri-Michigan Farm News the testi- culture. They will undoubtedly use of milk or dairy products as and heads of agencies should endeavor to administer laws in ac-cord with the actual intent of ary on this subject is printed. However, it is none too ing advocated by the League of soon for Farm Bureau folks to let their Senators know that they

> Milk Marketing. Another major bill supported by the Mich igan Farm Bureau is receiving careful consideration in the House Committee on Agriculture, This is H. 220, which is intended Michigan. It would require price posting and would outlaw 18 listed unfair trade practices. It is a totally different bill than the one which the Farm Bureau helped defeat last year. That bill proposed establishment of a Milk Marketing Commission with au-

On page 1 is a separate article with reference to this bill. Copies of it have been sent to each member of County Farm Bureau Legislative Committees and Dairy Committees

portant dairy bill supported by Farm Bureau is H. 127 which provides for unified inspection of dairy farms and processing plants. The responsibility would be placed in the Michigan De-The Michigan Farm Bureau partment of Agriculture. It too sent each Representative a strong is being carefully studied in the

Cherry Promotion. Cherry interests are favoring some changes in their promotional program They have introduced a bill Allen, Anderson, Baird, Beadle, H. 328, to raise the rate of deduc-Bolt, Borgman, Bowerman, Bow- tion from \$2 to \$3 per ton. Also man, Boyer, Bradley, Brigham, they want to eliminate the escape Clarkson, Conlin, Cooper, Cope- clause so as to make the program land, Currie, DeMaso, Edwards, compulsory. The Farm Bureau Emmons, Erlandsen, Fitzpatrick, has always favored voluntary

Potato Promotion. Potato interests are also anxious to establish their own promotional program. H. 507 has been introduced by several Representatives from Mrs. McCollough, McNeeley, ties. It would create a potato leading potato producing counand market development purposes. This would be carried on ment of Agriculture. There would acre of commercially produced potatoes to finance the program

> Sales Tax Exemption. A new (Continued on Page 7)

ADA Honors Charles E. Stone

to post their wholesale and retail prices with the State Dep't Dairy Ass'n of Michigan at its top dairying states regarding O'Connor, Olsen, Parker, Penof Agriculture and with their annual meeting at MSU February farmer participation in the czak, Petri, Phillips, Raap, Rob-Climbing any of the higher competitors. These posted prices 5. Mr. Stone was presented American Dairy Ass'n sales pro- erts, Romano, Ryan, Sallade, mountains in the southern Appa- would become legal prices and lachians takes the hiker through could not be changed without Service to the Dairy Industry. would become legal prices and with a plaque for Distinguished motion program for dairy products. Mr. Stone retired in Feb- Strange, Sumeracki, Terbush, He was secretary-manager of the ruary. B. F. Beach of the Mich- Thorne, Townsend, Wagner, Wilobserve by traveling from central The bill outlaws a long list of Michigan organization from 1942 igan Producers Dairy at Adrian liams. Wisti, Wozniak, Wurzel, threat to the Sales Tax exemp-

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PURPOSE OF FARM BUREAU

The purpose of this Associa-tion shall be the advancement of our members' interests edu-cationally, legislatively and economically.

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Representing FARM BUREAU YOUNG PEOPLE

as of February 17.

Marquette-Alger-0.

tenaw-48.

Counties Over Goal

Missaukee - 9, Emmet - 8,

Montmorency — 7. Benzie — 6,

Wexford-6, Charlevoix-2, Del-

ta-1, Iron-1, Chippewa-0,

Need up to 50 for Goal

inac-Luce-11, Otsego-11, Pres-

boygan-40, Midland-41, Wash-

Need 51 to 100

Gratiot-55, Newaygo-55, N.

W. Michigan—55, Genesee—58,

Monroe-60, Tuscola-63, Kala-

mazoo-67, Cass-68, Shiawassee

Calhoun-78, Ingham-79, Clin-

-68, Lapeer-72, Mecosta-73,

Kalkaska-4, Mason-9, Mack-

In thinking back over some of the events of history, I often think of the exodus of the Chilonly region to have exceeded dren of Israel from Egypt into both agricultural and industrial field. last year's membership (103% of the promised land which was re- products for all our needs and quota). This is a splendid record, ported to be a land flowing with desires.

All this was proven to be true how to use the resources that we Let's take a look at the num- by the spies who were sent into have for the good of all conber to go by counties. This is the land to bring back a report cerned. We must not allow our as to the conditions that existed moral and religious standards to

> It's a long story but eventually that surround us. How well we this chosen band of people mov- do this will determine whether ed into this land of plenty in we survive or fall as a nation. spite of the discouraging report of all the spies except two that people. It might well be that we the difficulties in attaining the are expected to lead the way on *prized land were too great to surmount.

They eventually lost their herique Isle-11, Alcona-12, Iosco tage for several reasons. Living Wayne-19, Clare-20, off the fat of the land they began Manistee - 20, Oakland - 20, to erode the moral stamina of the Muskegon-21, Menominee-22, people by sumptuous and riotous Baraga-24, Arenac-28, Oge- living and by disregarding the maw-28, Houghton-28, Oceana moral and religious laws they any is demonstrating this today -29, Gladwin-32, Alpena-34, had been given to govern their in its accomplishments on the

Saginaw-39, Antrim-40, Che- conduct. They also destroyed the pro- ination. ductive ability of the fertile land Let us remember that the presthey had been given by bad agricultural practices that allowed the fertility to erode and wash down the slopes into the rivers and streams until the soil was no longer able to produce sufficient- precious privileges that we hold ly to support the nation.

> The final result was that a the leadership in this direction. nation that had been the chosen We as farmers have an important people of God were scattered in- role here also.

> > schools.

for leadership.

These Health Conference and school meetings are very imortant, and would be beneficial any one who could find time attend.

road back from Socialistic dom-

to almost every country in the

There could be a parallel drawn

We are living in a land of

plenty as far as all things that go

to supply the necessities of life

and also those things contributing

to our high standard of living. I think we are more liable to

gripe about our surpluses than to

look upon them as a real bless-

With a population of 170,000,-

000 people and increasing at the rate of 3,500,000 each year, our

ability to produce food and fiber

should be looked upon as a god-

given blessing. In many of the

heavily populated countries the

between the events described

above and the situation we are

living in today.

world as had been prophesied

Young Farmer

Michigan's outstanding young farmers will be honored and 1st, ican Dairy Ass'n of Michigan review our expanded program 2nd, 3rd and 4th place winners February 4 by the board of di-February started with Farm- and give some direction to some will be announced at the Awards rectors. He succeeds Charles E. ers' Week, and Farm Bureau fol- new programs that are being Banquet at Tecumseh, March 5.

This annual event is a project of the Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce. County Farm Bu- as membership director and then reaus have made nominations as assistant secretary-manager.

Of the 24 candidates nominated by all groups at the 1959 Awards Banquet at Owosso in March, 1959, twenty-two of them were members of Farm Bureau, including winners of the first our places.

The first motorcycle was built Peninsula meetings being held for the pur- in 1900. Earlier models were pro-

DONALD MOORE of Lansing ability to obtain food and fiber will join the staff of the Michieven for the bare necessities of life becomes a serious problem. gan Farm Bureau March 1 as assistant coordinator in the Com-And so we live in a land that modity Department. His work literally flows with milk and will be largely in the dairy honey with ability to produce The announcement was made

Joins MFB Staff

by Clarence E. Prentice, secretary-manager, Mr. Prentice said, I thank our big job is to learn "Mr. Moore will be working with Ward Cooper, Coordinator of the Commodity Dep't. Mr. Moore brings very valuable experience in the dairy field which should be eroded because of the riches be great help in the expansion of our commodity work.'

Mr. Moore is a graduate of the dairy course at Michigan State We could well be God's chosen University, and has a master's degree in dairy technology and the road of human progress, economics from the University Many nations are looking to us of Illinois.

His experience includes employment with Prairie Farms There are reasons why we have Creameries in Illinois as special made unprecedented progress in assistant in plant, office, and America. The free enterprise field; special assistant in plant system has always contributed to of Lansing Dairy Company for the most progress. Western Germtwo years; field representative for American Dairy Ass'n of Michigan for three years; vice-president of Capital Business Service at Lansing for two years.



ADA Manager

BOYD RICE was appointed secretary-manager of the Amer-

Mr. Rice joined the ADA staff in December, 1958, serving first

Farm Bureau

HUGO E. KIVI Regional Representative

County Farm Bureaus in the Upper Peninsula welcome the new regional representative for the Bridge Region, Charles Burkett. Chuck will work with the Chippewa and Mackinac - Luce Farm Bureaus and five units below the straights

The "World Series" game is on. According to the February 15 report, Iron County Farm Bureau leads with 12 runs. Marquette-Alger is second with 6, Delta is third with 5, Chippewa has 3 and Menominee has 2. The final results will be reported in the next issue of Farm News.

The U.P. District has, according to the February 15 report four counties over goal. They are Iron, Delta, Marquette-Alger and Chippewa. Menominee has made an increase over last year but had not reached goal.

The U.P. District was the first in the state to make an increase over last year's membership. On February 15, the district had 103. 15% of quota.

The members of the Iron County Farm Bureau held a Victory Party on January 30. Out of a membership of 84 on that date. 158 adult members attended. Also in attendance were District Director Edmund Sager and Mrs. Sager, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Corey, representatives of the press and radio and Hugo E. Kivi,

U.P. regional representative. The Marquette - Alger Victory Party was February 27 and the Chippewa celebration has been scheduled for March 5. No definite date has been set for the Delta party.

Menominee, Chippewa and Delta Farm Bureaus participated in the Junior Chamber of Commerce Young Farmer contest. The county winners were Sheldon Klein

of Menominee, Robert Sharp of Show for Vegetable Chippewa and Carl VanDrese of

Farm Bureau organization in March 28 for all vegetable growsolving local problems. The po- ers. Suppliers will exhibit. tato growers in the St. Nicholas Theme of the show is "Pointers area were forced to ship part for Profitable Produce Producloads of potatoes to distant mar- tion, they had to drive over.

assistance of the Farm Bureau ine State Growers. legislative staff and our legislators, the restriction was lifted and MICHIGAN FARM NEWS the growers could ship full loads 2 to the market.

Growers at Detroit

A one-day Vegetable Growers Delta County had a good ex- Supply and Equipment show is ample of the effectiveness of the planned at Detroit Monday,

kets due to a load restriction on The show will be at Eastern two miles of Class B highway Market, on Russell near Vernor street from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Sponsors are the City of Detroit. Through action of the Delta Bureau of Markets, Cooperative County Farm Bureau, with the Extension Service, and Wolver-

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Safety Is No Accident

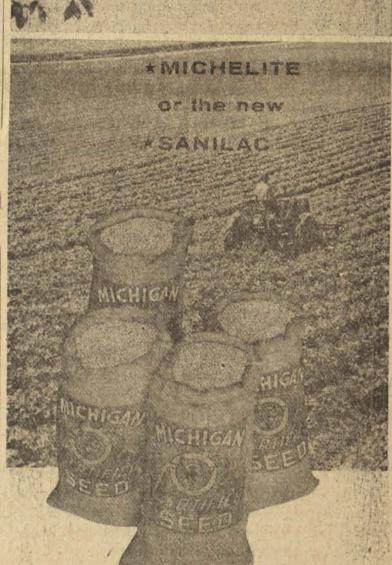
With Michigan continuing to rank high on the list in traffic deaths, it is time each of us who drives a motor vehicle takes a solemn oath to do something about it . . . Like the professional truck driver who makes his livelihood piloting a truck or truck-trailer over our streets and highways, we need to know the rules of safe driving and practice them. Safety is no accident - it's planned that way . . . Obey all traffic laws, be courteous, drive "defensively" (trying to anticipate the other fellow's move), be sure your vehicle is in good mechanical condition. There are other sound rules, but these are four of the most important and if you'll practice them conscientiously you'll help to save a life — and it may be yours!

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Today in Farm Bureau ROGER FOERCH Coordinator of Organization Department, MFB

and the folks in the north are milk and honey. The most important thing to talk about this month te be congratulated.

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 68,631 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 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. For example, our Insurance Agency force has written approximately 1,500 new members, and 68 of these Agents have been awarded one or two clocks for their splendid efforts. This was a project carried on jointly by the Insurance Company and Michigan Farm Bureau.

edly write many more during their spring work. Most importent, many volunteer people have written the bulk of our new member total.

This is the way it should be. -all of us working together sharing the load and not depending on one group alone to do the So there are still more needed. Let's show our service company agents that we can write proportionately as many

for us. Let's match them. reau workers who each year do soon as I get it here. a tremendous job of writing new

Club. We want to publish the Farmers Petroleum Coopera- name of every Farm Bureau St. Joseph-87, Bay-88, Monttive agents have accounted for member who writes 10 or more quite a few and will undoubt- new members in 1960. Here is the score so far:

Cass-Harold Shannon Ottawa-John W. Laug Oceana-Frank Aertz Montcalm-Earl Herzog

If you know of any one who has written ten or more, please contact me so that we can give him proper recognition.

as they did. They set the pace Series as you will remember Ten or More Club. Our hats this issue so your Roll Call Man- lowed this by filling the calen- discussed. co off to the faithful Farm Bu- ager will receive the report as dar with:

ton-81, Osceola-86, Eaton-87, calm-88, Barry-89, Hillsdale-93, Isabella-94, Branch-96, Ma-

We are involved in a World from last month's paper. Our irst report will be too late for

Allegan-Tinus VanderWoode Kalamazoo-Francis Bingham

Lapeer-Mrs. Horace Davis

comb-98.

Need 101 to 220 St. Clair-107, Jackson - 124, Lenawee-128, Livingston-133, Kent-134, Ionia-139, Allegan -144, Huron - 149, Ottawa -158, Van Buren-160, Sanilac-191, Berrien-219.

As you can see, there are a few who are just a breath away County will be first?

Farm Bureau Activities

ous committees.

2. Roll Call clean-up meetings which were geared to our World Legislative Seminars at which

which time Legislative Committees met in Lansing and had lunch with their Legislators. The Presidents' Conference was from going over goal. What held at Gull Lake Biological Sta-

tion where over 50 County Farm Bureau Presidents attended to

Bureau Women.

Grand Rapids, attended by many

Schools. During February and

1. County Institutes which over 40 people from 19 counties members for us. This year, we Progress by Regions—The Up- were held in many counties for headed for Washington, D.C., on for 1960. are inaugurating a Ten or More per, Peninsula is the first and the purpose of training the vari- a trip sponsored by the Farm

> Farm Bureau people. March, there are very important

February 28 was the date that February 27 was the National Health Conference held at

Awards March 5

pose of studying Michigan pelled by steam.



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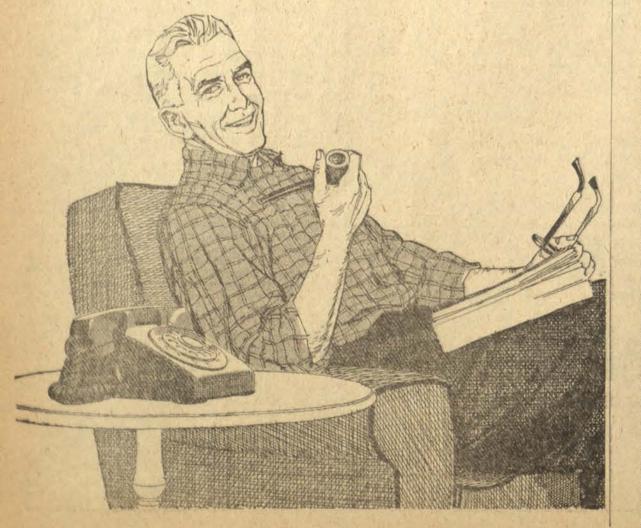
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EZRA TAFT BENSON Secretary of Agriculture

Last fall some members of my staff and I had a first-hand look at agriculture in three communist countries,-Russia, Yugoslavia, and Poland.

We came home all the more convinced of the superiority of our system of privately-owned family farms, the profit motive, competitive markets, and freedom for farmers to decide what they want to grow and market.

We have in America the most productive agriculture anywhere on earth. Our people should be unstinting in praise of the skill, hard work, and initiative of American farmers.

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 can 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 so well by such a small proportion of the population.

7 of the past 20 years the prices

farmers received for their prod-

Facing the Facts

The other side is that agricul-

ture, and the whole American

The Russians are paying us the settlements, high prices of maour commercial agriculture. They have hurt farmers, imitate in order to compete. They acknowledge us as the world leader. Everywhere we went on the Soviet collective farms we saw posters urging the Russians to catch up and surpass the United States in agricultural side of the picture. production.

But I feel sure they will never equal or surpass our production levels under their present system of agriculture. They cannot duplicate the efficiency and productive ingenuity which are people, are beginning to face up called forth in a free society.

I am confident of the inevitable judgment of a well informed triumph of the free American public-a public that has the farmer in this competition-pro- facts. But it is not easy to drive vided we preserve our freedom- the facts home. We need to keep provided we do not put an eco- firmly in mind such facts as nomic straitjacket on our agri- these:

How fortunate we are to live Fact No. 1. There are two major in this land, choice above all groups in U. S. agriculture. others. How grateful we should Roughly 40 percent of our farms be and how determined to keep produce 90 percent of the farm peanuts, and tobacco are the program has failed. our country free and strong.

We Have Problems

This does not mean that we ing fairly well. have no serious farm problems. Roughly 60 percent of agricul- ample. Thirty years ago farm-We do, and we must not mini- ture consists of part-time farm- ers harvested cotton on 43 milmize them. Many farmers have ers, residential farmers, those on lion acres of U. S. farm land. not shared properly in our na- poor soil in isolated areas, those In 1959 we harvested cotton on tional prosperity. Agriculture in handicapped by age or illness, less than 15 million acres. And general has been caught in a families with limited resources, still we have a surplus,

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of calves.

dime on upkeep."

ployment, not surpluses, is their big problem.

derstanding of this basic fact is fensible. essential to any sound solution of the agricultural problem.

Fact No. 2. The productivity of our farmers is growing about three times as fast as the productivity of workers in industry. Since 1950, output per man-hour in non-agricultural industry has risen at a rate of 2 percent per year. The increase of out-put per man hour in agriculture has av-

eraged 7 percent per year.

This fact illustrates the futility of attempting to control total production by the present system of acreage allotments and marketing quotas.

Four-fifths of agriculture is free from all controls.



MR. BENSON

products marketed. These are crops that have had chronic the more productive, well man- problems. They are also the corn consumption is increasing Cooperating in the promotion aged, commercial farms and crops that have depended the ranches that in general are do- most on supports and controls. Let me give you just one ex-

Our cotton used to hold 60 per-

percent of the market. In the program to do the job: past three years, as a result of an old outmoded program, the cost | 1. We need to expand the Con-

Fact No. 4. The costs of farm prices and income stabilization

They produce about 10% of the government inventory or under velop more new markets and products marketed. Underem- loan

The cost of storage, handling, and interest on these stocks is Obviously, we need two very over a billion dollars a yeardifferent approaches to meet the this is just the overhead cost of needs of these two broad divis- holding the surpluses. Such a ions in our agriculture. An un- situation is fantastic and inde-

> By next July we will have about \$31/2 billion tied up in surplus wheat alone. And the carryover of wheat will be large enough to provide about 500 loaves of bread for every man, woman, and child in the United

Third of Farms Get Most Price Support

Fact No. 5. About one-third of One fourth of the cotton farms It will help promote a prosper-Fact No. 3. Where our farmers of the farms with wheat allot- socially, economically, and spirhave stayed free they have made ments have nine-tenths of the itually sound. their biggest and best advances allotted acres. Thus, a relatively in efficiency, in markets, and in few farms account for practically all of the government price support outlays.

Fact No. 6. We have made some Bargaining Co-ops progress toward sounder farm On the other hand, those com- programs, but it has been limited modities that have been least and painfully slow. The Agrisupreme compliment of imitating chinery and high operating costs ble. Wheat, cotton, corn, rice, 1958 provided only a fraction of free have been in the worst trou- cultural Acts of 1954, 1956, and the program we asked for and what farmers need. Our full program has never been put into

Only Congress Can Revise Farm Program

These six facts make it vividly clear that we must complete our revision of the farm programs without delay. Only Congress can do this job. It is later than many people think. Unless the needed changes are promptly made, disaster could result for the producers of some commod-Wheat particularly is in an extremely critical position.

A new corn program enabled National Egg Month will be obfarmers in 1959 to plant all the served in March to promote the corn they wished. Because in- sale of eggs. creased acreage and record yields | The Poultry and Egg National in a year of unusually good Board is promoting advertising weather resulted in a peak corn by the food trade in newspapers, crop, our critics contend the corn magazines, radio and television,

They overlook the fact that stores to sell more eggs. both at home and abroad. The are the U. S. Department of Agrinew corn program is a step in culture, state agricultural extenthe right direction. It will get sion forces, Farm Bureau, and sound results.

Five Point Answer To Farm Problem

The farm problem is not hopelessly complicated. It can be cent or more of the world mar- solved. We must give freedom ket. Now, even with the aid of back to farmers. We must get heavily subsidized export pro- rid of government's stranglehold grams, we hold only about 30 on agriculture. Here is a 5-point

to the taxpayers of programs servation Reserve of the Soil to keep U. S. cotton competitive Bank. This will enable farmers in world markets has been about to retire additional cropland and put it into grass or cover until the time when it will be needed.

2. We need to use food for programs have risen dangerously peace more effectively-to make high. We have over \$9 billion better use of our surpluses in of surplus farm commodities in helping our friends abroad meet

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their food needs and develop their economics so as to become better customers in the future.

3. We need more aggressive and imaginative research to demore new uses for farm products.

4. We need to expand and improve the Rural Development Program which we started in 1955. This program is designed to aid the long forgotten 60 percent of our farm people by developing their skills, helping communities establish new industries, and providing better economic opportunities both on and off the land.

5. We need realistic, up-to-date price support programs - programs relating support to market prices in recent years, not to the obsolete parity formula bases on conditions that existed in 1910

This 5-point program is needed our farms account for nearly all now. It can solve the farm probof our price support outlays. lem. It will preserve freedom. have three-fourths of the cotton ous, expanding, and free America ress. acreage allotments. Two-fifths -an America, under God, that is

AFBF to Aid

Agriculture has a stake in aking our society more competitive-not less, according to Kenneth Hood of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

"Accordingly," he said during Farmers' Week at Michigan State University, "our efforts to urb monopoly in labor, business and government will be inensified.

The job can be done best, he vention. clared, through an expansion of farmer - owned, farmer - conrolled cooperatives. That may often mean merging of cooperatives into larger, more efficient reau. bargaining units

Promoting Egg Sales in March

and point of sale materials in

food groups.

For Con Con

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau has urged members of our organization not to circulate or sign petitions dealing with the holding and conducting of a Constitutional Convention.

For many years Farm Bureau has favored considering proposed amendments to the state Constitution individually and on their merits.

It has said that a general revision of the Constitution undoubtedly would contain a mixture of desirable and undesirable features. Voters would have difficulty in determining whether or not adoption of the new document would represent prog-

The Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting of November 10-11, 1959 opposed holding a Constitutional Convention for the above reasons.

The proposed amendment would submit to the voters at the April, 1961 election the question of holding a Constitutional

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Convention, despite the fact that such a proposal failed in November, 1958. At that time only 35% of the people voting, favored holding a Constitutional Con-

The Board of Directors said the proposed amendment has several changes in procedure which are opposed by Farm Bu-

1-The Constitution now provides that a proposal to hold a Constitutional Convention re quires a majority vote of ALL those participating in the election. The proposed amendment would change that to a mere majority of those voting on that particular question.

2-Another proposed change is the number of delegates and their basis of selection. Instead of having three from each Sena-

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torial District, there would be MICHIGAN FARM NEWS one for each Senator and Representative. That would very definitely increase the metropolitan domination in a future Con Con.

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Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

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

Berrien County Women met February 9. Sgt. Middleton of safety and showed a film on various kinds of drivers. The

Slaughter on the highways must stop and the only way it can be done is for everyone to be safety conscious and obey

Postmaster Ervin Kubath of St. Joseph said that it is surprising the amount of obscene postoffice. Anyone receiving such mail should report it to the postal authorities.

It was decided to pay half of the expenses of the women attending the Camp at Wesley Woods Camp on March 8 and 9.

Cass County Farm Bureau Women's Committee met February 2 with Mrs. Lee.

Harold Shannon talked to the bership needed reminding them of the work to be done. Mrs. Shannon reported the Council Meeting and listed the 1960

Mrs. Fields, retarded children's teacher, showed pictures of the work they are doing.

Kalamazoo County, Women's Committee met February 8 at the County Center Building. Freeman Lytle of Climax Farm Bureau Services and John Young of the Kalamazoo Farm Bureau Services described the complete line of farm supplies. They explained the patronage dividends and told of the progress in pole offered on seeds, feeds, and fer-

The Cancer Society appealed for volunteer help in conveying patients for x-ray, to and from hospitals, etc.

Mrs. Kennedy, State Chairman, will show pictures in March of

Women's Camp for Districts 1-2-4-5

just off M-37 between Battle Fair. Creek and Hastings. Farm Bureau women are invited to attend. A tour of Upjohn's is inciuded. One speaker is an expert in "Human Engineering." for overnight, which includes

registration. Coffee hour and registration starts at 9 a. m. Please bring sheets, blankets and pillow. The meals are good and tions to Wesley Woods Camp, Dowling R-1, Mich. by March 4.

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truck driver is the safest type Maxine Lang, St. Joseph County generously. Sanitarian, to St. Joseph County Farm Bureau Women's Committee February 1. The cranberry mittee met for pot-luck lunchincident was probably a blessing eon. Mrs. Harry Cornprobst rein disguise, she said, because it ported on program planning. brought to the public's attention We plan to visit the Sister Kenny what happens when instructions Foundation at Farmington by

nies for Friendship, The Inter- March 22 and 23. national Friendship Fund, presenting a delegate to the ACWW; showed a film called "No Stopthe Camp Kett project.

Van Buren County Women's Committee met at the Glendale Methodist Church as guests of Mrs. Loretta Chase for a lunchthat Allan B. Kline, former ing out. Don't take children's AFBF president will be in Paw diseases lightly. Even colds can group about Farm Bureau mem- Paw on May 12th at 8 P. M. to cause injury to the heart. High speak for the Coterie Club.

> esting report on the Chicago AF- reasons for heart trouble. BF convention held in December. He was impressed by the caliber of speakers, members from all over the U.S. and program.

Mrs. Ted Roosevelt is chairman of the \$10 per plate dinner Schnoor announced that there would be an open meeting at the Farm Bureau Building sponsored meeting on Migrant Study on Jager were appointed. March 15th.

steel bowls.

District 2 Mrs. George Crisenbery, Chmn. Jackson R-8

Branch County. Robert Green- ties of a trooper. rich discussed with us in February the special education proin the county.

Camp for Districts 1-2-4-5 will odist Church in Coldwater. The resented be held March 8 and 9 at Wes- next regular meeting will be

> Calhoun Farm Bureau Women met at the Community Building in Marshall. Mrs. Brandt re. of the Ionia State Police Post ported on citizenship.

ized camp. The charge is \$6.50 scribed the new mental health at the January meeting. If anybuilding at Ann Arbor. The re- one has 12 points against him in search carried on here is in close two years the Secretary of State connection with the U. of M. can revoke his driver's license. Michigan Association for Retard-This is the largest mental health laws containing to sofety ed Children. research center in the U.S.

Hillsdale County, Mrs. Donihue health and safety. announced the National Health Our February meeting topic the new Farm Bureau Building breeders have made much prog-Conference at Grand Rapids Feb- concerned citizenship, — under- at Northgate, Bad Axe. Mrs. Ger- ress in developing new and Its maximum growth is about 15 mildew. ruary 25-27. Trooper Olks of the standing the importance of polithart Baur, chairman, presided. worthwhile varieties of plants feet. State Police explained the point ical parties in our form of gov- 59 members present representing for our gardens. Some of these lations. Records regarding each drivers license are kept by the Secretary of State. Getting 12 points against one's record withpoints against one's record withMrs. John C. Watling, Chairman al bills on which Michigan Farm are disease resistant. When one has 9 points he is

called before the appeal board. Jackson County. Our February Women met February 2 in St. meeting was held at the County Johns for an all-day session with Office. Mrs. Hartman announced 23 groups represented. A total camp will be held March 8 and of \$178.66 has been collected 9 at Wesley Woods, Clear Lake. from the Community Groups for

Lenawee County Women's Committee met at the County Building. We voted to adopt five people from the home for aged to look after their needs and

Several groups donated a total of \$93 toward cupboard for our

Our April meeting will be held show, were announced. March 31 at Consumers Power Michigan State Police gave a In February 40 members rep-Stanley Powell will speak.

Sheriff Robert Stites spoke on safety in driving. He reminded tions. He also showed movies of asked to try to get one new us of our duty to emphasize to a school bus in operation and Farm Bureau member. A film relative of the above and a newour children the dangers that can some of the dangers involved about T.B. was shown. come from reckless driving. He with narrow roads, blind corfavors drivers training courses in the school in the school.

District 3

Mt. Clemens R-2

Livingston County. Dan Reed, Michigan Farm Bureau, spoke on tics. We can help make sure that

Having elected a representive, Two big Michigan issues will accidents. call for personal letters:

tax for Michigan.

2. Shall we have a Constitutional Convention?

the Scotland trip to the A.C.W.W. | tion showed film regarding treat-

ment and care of Parkinson's disease or shaking palsy. We St. Joseph County. "Contamin- were thrilled over the results of ants in food and milk-especially a brain operation and the work those related to insecticides and of the nurses in bringing about Michigan State Police spoke on antibiotics, undoubtedly were cure for the disease. One lady brought to your attention by the said "We are going back to our cranberry incident," said Mrs. group to support this cause more

Monroe County Women's Comchartered bus March 31 if the The group voted to participate bus is available. District 3 woliterature that goes through the in the following projects: Pen- men vacation at Haven Hill

Michigan State Troopers ping" and explained how to and how not to drive on the new expressways.

Oakland County. Mrs. Puray spoke on heart diseases and how Mrs. Buskirk announced we can save our heart from wearblood pressure, rheumatic fever George Fritz, Jr. gave an inter- and coronary trouble are main

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

and reported on progress. Mrs. Billett, chairman of the safety our leisure hours. There is a committee, asked for appoint- tendency to become self-cenment of members from various tered. parts of the county to assist with by the Michigan First Group to safety survey. Mrs. Dora Wood, hear John Fleming conduct a Mrs. Myrtle Tourtelotte and Mrs.

Mrs. Walter Wightman gave a Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buskirk review in partliamentary procedhave presented the Farm Bureau ure on how to state a motion and building and financing program kitchen with a set of stainless how to amend it. Mrs. Walter Wightman and Mrs. Clare Barton gave some highlights of the National Farm Bureau convention.

State Trooper Smith from the Wayland Post showed a movie explaining the training and du-

Barry County. In January gram for Branch county. There Barry county ladies entertained are 1,037 handicapped children their husbands at the Parish House in Hastings. 58 people men have helped serve several The District meeting will be were in attendance for the pot- dinners in the new Farm Bureau The Farm Bureau Women's May 10 (not May 2) at Meth- luck supper with 16 groups rep- building at Bad Axe. At their

ley Woods Camp on Clear Lake, March 11 at the home of Mrs. ton was the guest speaker for Mrs. W. Gillingham and Mrs. teresting facts about Michigan.

> Ionia County. Laurence Glover gave an interesting talk on safe-A report on mental health de- ty and Michigan's point system laws pertaining to safety.

Mrs. Baungartner and Mrs. Special committee women are: Borden of the Cancer Society Mrs. Ella Pitch, citizenship; Mrs. showed the film, Horizon of Anton Hoort, Farm Bureau Information; Mrs. Gardner Compton, legislation; Mrs. Art Hooper,

District 5

Bath R-1

Clinton County Farm Bureau

vention at Chicago and gave a given school children, of the xvery interesting report of her rays to be given reactors. impressions. Plans for an eve-

Sergeant Deleman of the x-ray talk on the point system and resenting 22 groups enjoyed a one in her floral arrangements.

Genesee County Women's Committee met at the home of Mrs. Mrs. Celestine Young, Chairman Douglas Weatherhead for a potluck lunch. Fred VanAsdale, chief, Driver Improvement Conassociate legislative counsel for State, discussed Michigan's point trol, Michigan Department of citizenship. It is important to Points for violations range from system for traffic violations. take part actively in party poli- 2 to 6, if they add up to 12 over a two-year period the driver's snow we had almost perfect at about 2 feet tall. The flowers are

a potluck dinner.

Macomb County, Mr. W. E. Owosso, spoke on mental health Church at Shelby April 10, with Snider of Sister Kenny Founda- in the middle years, Mrs. Oat- a good program,



GAY GARDNER (right) Direc- | sistant Director of Extension in or of Public Relations for the charge of the 4-H Club program. Michigan Livestock Exchange, plaque by Russell Mawby, As- Livestock Show.

man said there are 50 million people in the U. S. over 45 years ruary 15, at the Scottville State of age. 70 years is the average Bank. Two new Community life expectancy.

later years we must cultivate Allegan County. Mrs. Fred outside interests and hobbies for

Ingham County Women's Committee met at the Farm Bureau social rooms. \$78.96 has been received from the Community Group members for rest pillows which will be presented to the Ingham County Hospital.

young people buying the ma-Social Security was our March meeting. terial. discussion topic.

District 6 Mrs. Bruce Ruggles, Chairman Kingston

Huron County East Side Woo last meeting they had a salad Representative Carroll New- bowl shower for the kitchen.

the evening. He told many in- N. Fleming of Bad Axe told about the Retarded Children's School at Kilmanagh. The school opened in January for one-half day sessions. There are eight pupils enrolled with room for three more. There are five volunteer teachers on the staff. Transportation is the only cost.

> The school was started with a collected in cannisters and 1,700 boxes of candy were sold.

> Huron West Side ladies met towel for the kitchen.

lative chairman, discussed sever- others are valuable because they bright rose, and a white throat. bushy plant is of medium height, Bureau takes a definite position and urged women to write their on pending legislation.

the meeting February 26.

Sanilac County. 28 members the Retarded Children's Day representing 19 groups enjoyed a Mrs. Joseph Fitzpartick, viceCounty nurses, Mrs. Eleanor flowers, grows about 18 inches with salmon pink flowers and flowering county flowers and flowering county flowers. potluck dinner in January. chairman, represented women of Lowalski and Mrs. Helen Diem, the county at the A. F. B. F. con- told of the T. B. skin test to be

Farm Bureau Women helped

how it adds up for traffic viola- potluck dinner. Each lady was

the county.

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

our parties have chosen reliable license may be suspended or re- tendance at our District Council globular about 5 inches across sitizens for public office. We must be alert, observe the aws, and want to improve to be ingressed.

Meeting. You have to look long and almost as deep and are rufaced aws, and want to improve to be ingressed. write him expressing your views. laws, and want to improve to be ing to assume responsibility and flowers is a pleasing shade of fective than names on a petition. a good driver and help cut down be as cooperative as those we crange with slightly darker cenhave on the Farm Bureau Wom- ters. For best results plant this en's committees. Because of this newcomer in rich soil where it Shiawassee County Women's and the help of Mrs. Karker and will receive lots of sunshine and 1. Citizens should be able to Committee met at Extension Ray Dewitt, our regional directive soil never allowed to bevote their choice for any new Hall, Corunna, February 1 with tor we were able to wind up a come dry. It is also advisable full day's work by 2:30. Our to disbud a few plants to get the Mrs. Jacqueline Oatman, from Spring District meeting will be largest and best flowers. the Child Guidance Center at held in the Congregational

was presented a citation for out- supporter of 4-H work. For the noon luncheon. standing service to 4-H at the past three years he has been a Detroit Junior Livestock Show. member of the board of direc- in another 576 bandages. The bed Then there's the weather which come to this important meeting. Mr. Gardner was presented the tors and treasurer of the Junior pans have been received for the

Groups have been formed, always For good mental health in good news. John Ashley of Ludington, manager of the General Telephone Company, and Miss Margery Houseman of Muskegon presented instructive and interesting talks on telephone service and correct use of telephones.

Mason County Women met Feb-

account books up to date was home February 3. stressed by County Extension Director James Myers when he sheriff, explained the point sys-Committee will be guests at the license.

man, editor of the Montcalm Hall for its quarterly open meet- ing at Grand Rapids, February County Record, spoke on propa- ing with potluck dinner at noon. 25-27. ganda, good versus bad. A question period followed. Programs interesting legislative meeting for the year were passed out.

Legislative Chairman, Mrs. David lators informed on our views. Chisbro, urged members to write their Senators on bills now be-L. Oetzel. Miss Annie Becker, dinner.

of the Newaygo Welfare Commission, spoke on the need of the Michigan State Police ex-

Oceana County. Mrs. Fred Weirich, vice-chairman of the Farm Bureau Women, outlined the program for the year. Oceana wom-

Osceola County. Mrs. Fred Johnson reported for the Citizenship Committee, stating more on citizenship should be taught in schools. A report on legislation was given by Mrs. R. Gingrich. An officer of the Michigan State ties with their bean contest. Police talked on safety.

District 8

Farwell R-2

Bay County Women's Committee met February 2 at the home Mr. Gardner has long been a of Mrs. Blanche Cnudde with a

Mrs. Bauer reported she took loan closet. This is a wonderful job the ladies are doing.

We are planning a husband night for March 10th. Dr. Gamble spoke on Heart Disease.

Clare County Women's Committee met Frebuary 2 at the home of Mrs. Virgil Newmans. We made plans for serving a luncheon of the Michigan Livestock Exchange February 12.

Gladwin County Farm Bureau Mecosta County. Keeping farm ladies met at Mrs. Carl Bailey's

Victor Edick, Gladwin county spoke in February on this subject tem of rating drivers license. He and on computing your income impressed on each one what a ing agent, at the February 12 The ladies will have a curtain tax. Board members and wives great responsibility we have in meeting. She spoke on freezmaking day at the hall with the and husbands of the Women's our driving in order to keep our ing foods and how to cook

Gratiot County Women's Com-

Mrs. Davenport reported on an she attended in Lansing, Janu- Mrs. Burtker on the Washington, tive Mielock represents District ary 21, 1960. Farm people should D. C. tour. Mrs. Hommel report-Newaygo County Women's watch all proposals. "Farmers ed on the Chicago convention, ator Prescott works with commit-Committee will entertain their must get into politics to get poli- State Trooper Rolandson spoke tees on marine affairs, and roads husbands and Board members tics out of farming," said Stan- on education, engineering, enand wives at the March meeting. ley Powell. Let's keep our legis- forcement for highway safety.

Midland County Women's teresting booklet in which each

new Medical Care Facility, tell- plained the point system and ing of the inadequacy of the pres- duties of a patrolman. The Cerebral Palsy Association thanked our Women's Committee for their Christmas gifts.

committee met January 26 with selection of gourds made into en will be hostesses for the Spring bird feeders. There were quilts the Town Line Tribe group for pot luck dipner.

was discussed with Mr. Alvin items with an instructive resume Neiver, Chairman of Crop Com- of the uses of copper. mittee. Women's help is needed in promoting the sale of beans. We decided to help other coun-

District 9

Mrs. Kenneth Kapplinger, Chmn. Mrs. Oliver Tompkins, Chairman

Traverse City R-1

Let nothing I say be held against me. We have had four made it necessary to postpone Advisory Council meeting to March 7, same place, same time.

Benzie County sent a representative to the Gaylord meeting, Mrs. LaRue briefed the women on the facts covered, the year's safety survey. emphasis being mostly on inflation.

A polio benefit party planned for February 27. Royal Call spoke on the fundamentals of Farm Bureau.

Kalkaska County has its former secretary back, Mrs. Bertha Nave. We heard Mrs. Ruth Hunsberger, consumer's marketthem, and how to compare prices and weights when buying.

Missaukee County has an in-

fore Congress. The program for Committee met February 2, at month's program is planned. the year was presented by Mrs. Mrs. Ray Harms' for potluck This group has many health and

New Varieties for the 1960 Garden

The Home Flower Garden

H. L. R. CHAPMAN

Garden Clubs Lecturer 30 groups and each brought a plants have greater vigor and the flowers better color and sub-Mrs. Charles Leipprandt, legis- stance than their parents, while

The 1960 seed and plant cat- comer, produces flowers which with large purple-blue flowers. Representative, Senators and logs contain so many new and are closer to true blue than any Congressmen stating their views glamorous items. The follow-other petunia. A style show was planned for Some of them are new for 1960.

ANNUALS

Aster - Clinton Blue. This new Blooms measure 4 to 5 inches about 12 inches.

ning meeting on March 22, with the traveling x-ray when it visa dinner followed by a style ited the county in February. mahogany flowers on long stems. Everyone is urged to have a chest Truly a spectacular plant which of the house will love to use this

> comer for 1960. The flowers are Tuscola County did not have a rich golden yellow about 5 inchmeeting in January because of es across with dark velvety censtormy weather. The ladies are ters. It grows 3 feet tall. All helping with the x-ray unit in Gloriosa daisy seeds should be sown early and the young plants Hair styling demonstration will grown on inside singly in fourbe given at the March meeting. inch pots until all danger of frost has passed. Plant 20 inches apart in a sunny part of the bor-

Marigold Toreador. A new hy-In spite of plenty of wind and brid marigold which grows

> Morning Glory - Flying Saucer. A new annual vine for the trei-

lis. The 4-inch flowers contain liant red flowered zinnia proproduces its flowers early in the valuable to many home garden-

Petunia - Grandiflora Holiday. This is an early flowering single

Petunia - Red Riches. This double bright red petunia presents a striking show of color,

and the flowers do not fade. Phlox - Annual - Glamour. This tall and is early flowering exceptional foliage. Its height is



H. L. R. CHAPMAN

in snapdragons are three varieties with double flowers. Those they are sensational. Each of the three varieties grow 3 feet tall.

Highlife. Cream-colored flowers with a yellow lip. Vanguard. Rich cerise - rose

Venus. Soft pink flowers with a yellow lip.

patterns in bright blue and pow- duces medium-large double and Rapids February 25-27. dery white stripes suggestive of semi-double flowers on bushy whirling motion. This novelty plants 2 feet tall. It will be Rifle River Group March 8. season and continues until frost. ers due to its high resistance to

PERENNIALS

Anchusa - Loddon Royalist. This is a new form of the wellfelet reported on Dr. Wells' Petunia - Mercury. This new- about 3 feet, and well-covered speech on Family Life in Russia. It is a strong grower and needs no support.

> Dicentra Bountiful. This new perpetual flowering Bleeding Heart has fuchsia-red flowers on stalks about 18 inches high. It has handsome dark blue-green foliage and forms a clump about 18 inches in diameter. Enjoys sunshine.

Roses. Many new and splendid very interesting talk. roses have been introduced within the past few years, so it s with difficulty that the fol- all members and friends. Mrs. lowing varieties have been chos- John Luecke, traveler and lec-

Rose - Garden Party: This new hybrid tea rose has a strong constitution and produces huge well-shaped flowers up to 6. inches or more across. The petals of the flower are rich ivory in color, tinted with just enough appleblossom pink to give the flower appealing charm. Rose - Kordes Perfecta, During

the past year this hybrid tea rose proved itself superior both for its keeping qualities in the garden and for its use as an exhibition piece in flower shows The petals of the large high centered blooms, are a combination of creamy-white edged with carmine-pink and tinted with Snapdragons. Something new soft yellow at the base.

Rose - Golden Girl. This new who like double flowers will say striking yellow grandiflora, appears to be the finest yellow rose yet developed in its class. The plant is somewhat tall, bushy, and very vigorous in growth. It Switzerland, Germany, Belthroughout the season.

fully double flowers produced in tor coach. For details write Mrs. heavy clusters. The color of the Whittaker at 1914 West Genesee Zinnia - Trail Blazer, This bril- flowers is vermillion.

March 1, 1960

Northwest Michigan had a hobby program with a large group Saginaw County Women's participation, Mrs. Cote had a Promotion in Marketing Beans Old Mission showed copper

> Invitations for the 15th annual camp at Twin Lakes will go out in April. Mrs. G. Mennen Williams will be the key-note speaker. She will be presented by Mrs. Michigan of 1958.

District 10-E

Mrs. Lee LaForge, Chairman

The District Advisory Council

meeting will be held March 17 weeks of illness and the Lord of at the home of Mrs. August Lorthe Manse is just beginning to enz in Iosco county. I hope all sit up and take nourishment. women who are to be there can Alpena County Women's Com-

Committee met at Green Township Hall with Mrs. Walter Dant as hostess. The Safety Chairman, Mrs. Gail McDonald, summarized the final conclusions on last

We are sending one of our ladies to the National Conference on Rural Health at Grand Rapids February 25-27. The Home Nursing Course will be given at the Red Cross office.

All interested, please inform Mrs. Esther Kennedy. Allen Walker of Alpena Rotary Club spoke on the Functioning and Financing of Crippled children, and the March of Dimes.

Iosco County. Mrs. Marvin Davenport was hostess to the Women's Committee, February 2. Mrs. Lloyd Little, chairman of LaVerne Ryckman will attend the legislative committee report-Montcalm County. Mr. Chap- mittee met January 26 in Newark the National Rural Health meet- ed on the duties of Senator T. Prescott and Representative John Mielock. Senator Prescott, representing District No. 28, in-Manistee County is sending cluding 10 counties. Representa-10 and includes 3 counties, Senand bridges.

Ogemaw County. The committee met with Prior Creek Group at

the home of Betty Tucker. Our Rural-Urban Banquet will be held April 20. The committee for the banquet is Lou DeMatio and Ivadean Wangler. Each Farm Bureau member should try to bring some business man and

Ivadean Wangler, Citizenship Chairman, is going to try and get each member of the Committee a copy of Elfort Cederberg's book, "Your Congress in Action.

wife.

Lois Beatelyon is our delegate to the National Conference on Rural Health meeting at Grand Next meeting will be with the

Presque Isle County Women's Committee will sponsor the Teenage Food Poster Contest this Mrs. Radka gave a book report on "Masters of Deceit," the plans Russia has on what to do to the American Government, Mrs. Tra-

vaccination of hogs for hog chol-District 11

Ronald Sorgenfrei reported on

Mrs. Ken Corey, Chairman Stephenson Delta County Women's Committee met January 8th at Rapid River. Mrs. John Olson, delegate to the state convention, gave a

Program for March meeting

will be an evening meeting for

turer, will present an illustrated talk on the Fiji Islands. Chippewa County Women met February 3 in the First National Bank Building, Mrs. Kay Wallbom presided. We planned a Victory Dinner to celebrate our suc-

bership campaign for 1960. Houghton County Women's Committee met Feb. 3 at the home of Mrs. Waino Ruuska. Projects for 1960 were discussed. There is much interest in support for the Freedom Book Shelf.

cess in the Farm Bureau mem-

Mrs. Whittaker Plans Tour of Europe Mrs. Marvel Whittaker, form-

er state chairman of Women of

Farm Bureau, is conducting another tour of southern Europe this summer for between 10 and 14 passengers. The tour includes France, Spain, Italy, Austria, blooms almost continuously gium, Holland. The group will leave on the S. S. United States July 21 and return on the S.S. Rose - Fire King. A new lusty America September 20. The leigrowing floribunda with large surely tour will be done by mo-Street, Lapeer, after March 15.

MFB Tells Senators Why It Opposes Con Con

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 amending 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 of Ionia, legislative counsel of the Michigan Farm Bureau, which is a general farm organization representing 72,361 farm families who are voluntary dues paying members in the 74 leading agricultural counties in Michigan.

I wish to commend the Committee for arranging and conducting this series of hearings. I feel that they are accomplishing much in dispelling the fog and confusion whicr has developed in this whole area of constitutional amendment proposals and the holding of a Con-Con.

Many folks still have the idea that the proposition which may be presented to the voters in November will directly involve the holding of a Con-Con. I trust that the testimony presented at this hearing will further clarify the fact that what is being urged by the League of Women Voters and some Junior Chamber of Commerce Chapters involves various changes in the provisions for convening and conducting a Con-Con. It also would provide for placing on the April 1961 election ballot the question of whether or not the machinery for calling a Con-Con should be set in motion.

of the Michigan Farm Bureau is that the most intelligent way proximately 50 years, 122 profor Michigan's citizens to carry posals have been submitted of out any changes which they feel should be made in the content of 56 have been rejected by the our Constitution is through con- voters. sidering each proposal on its If a complete revision voter would regard as a mixture fit. This same method will almind whether its adoption would basic law. or would not represent progress.

Our Constitution A Living Document

1909, proposed amendments to it character? have been submitted to the voters. In all, there have been 122 such amendments considered at the polls.

Eighty-eight proposed amendments were placed on the ballot

The well-established position od. Nine of them were adopted. representation in both branches of the Legislature would be Thus, during this period of apsolely on a population basis, consideration. which 66 have been adopted and

This demonstrates that Michcf the Constitution were to be igan citizens not only could, but made, the new document would do, change their Constitution undoubtedly contain what each from time to time as they see of desirable and undesirable ways be available as changing features so that it would be dif- conditions bring about a desire ficult for him to make up his for some revision in Michigan's

Isn't it rather ludicrous for anyone to deride and ridicule our present State Constitution as decisive vote. It carried in only being 50 years old when during two of Michigan's 83 counties that period it has been modified in line with the wishes of the 924,242; against: 1,415,355. At all but a half dozen of the voters by the adoption of 66 elections held since our current amendments, some of which Constitution went into effect in have been quite far-reaching in

Who Wants to Change What?

When some individual or and professional groups and citiby legislative action. Fifty- group starts agitating for some zens' organizations, carried in 80 counties. The total vote on this seven of them were adopted change, I like to find out, if I Meanwhile, 34 proposals were can, what prompts them to that proposal was, for: 1,269,807; submitted by the petition meth- course of action. From time to

AFBF Directors Meet with Representative Barden

ers is: a desire to:

units of government;

townships and,

epairs and construction;

Drastic reduction in the num-

between two plans of apportion-

ment which were submitted

simultaneously. The first was

sponsored and promoted by the

C. I. O. and provided for appor-

tioning both Senate and House

on a population basis with no

other element being considered.

down the C.I.O. proposal by a

The state-wide totals were, for:

Voters Favored

Balanced Legislature

At the same time a proposal

for a balanced Legislature, sup-

ported by the Michigan Farm

Bureau and many other trade

It appears that the folks who should decide how they want the

legislative districts apportioned

are the citizens of the state. They had an opportunity to ex-

press themselves on this issue

and did so in a convincing and

Some of those advocating a

Con-Con hold up as an ideal a so-called model state constitu-

tion developed by the National Municipal League. One of the

important features of this model constitution is that it provides

state having a unicameral legis-

lative body is Nebraska and, from what I have been able to

learn, I doubt if that is proving

to be a wonderful success which

all the other states should imi-

Another suggestion being pro-

moted by advocates of a consti-

tutional convention is elimination of the long ballot, which, of

course, means that we would

vote directly for less of our pub-

Sponsors Vague

As to Purposes

I was very much interested to

observe that in your question-

ing of Mr. A. Frederick Warner, president of the Junior

lic officials.

for a one-house Legislature. At the present time, the only

against: 975,518.

conclusive manner.

At that time the voters turned

North Carolina, chairman of the American Farm Bureau Board of gan is at the far right of the pic-House Education and Labor Directors at a recent meeting in ture. Committee in Congress, discuss- his office. Mr. Barden is fourth ed labor-management relations from the left. AFBF Director

REP. GRAHAM BARDEN of legislation with members of the Walter W. Wightman of Michi-

time I have heard folks talk, or constitutions more recent than have read editorial comments, Michigan's. Thus Michigan's Confavoring a constitutional con-stitution is younger than that of 41 other states. As we all know I have observed that among it is less than one-third as old the objectives of such promot- as our Federal Constitution.

The proposed amendment be-Get rid of what remains of the protection afforded by the 15-Women Voters and by some Junmill limitation amendment relaior Chamber of Commerce tive to general property taxes; Chapters embodies a built-in Elimination of the sales tax provision which provides for distribution to schools and local submitting to Michigan's voters at the April 1961 election the

Repeal of the anti-diversion question of holding a Con-Con.

amendment relative to restrict- Such a proposal failed to carry ing highway revenues for road as recently as November 1958 At that time only 35% of the people voting in that election per of counties or curtailment favored holding a Con-Con. Ten f the number or functions of years earlier when a similar question was placed on the bal-Probably most important of lot by the Legislature, there all, a revamping of provisions were over 40% of the voters in relative to legislative district- favor of the proposal . Thus ing and apportionment so that there has been a definite decline in support for the idea during

the past decade. These facts are in decided conwith no other factors taken into trast to the great hullabaloo which is being raised which It is interesting to recall that tries to make it appear that in the general election in No- there is a growing demand for a vember of 1952 Michigan voters Con-Con. The trend at the polls had the opportunity of choosing was decidedly in the other di-

Shouldn't Be Made Too Easy

The Constitution now provides that a proposal to hold a Con-Con requires a majority vote of all those participating in the ing promoted by the League of election. The proposed amendment would reduce that requirement to a mere majority of those voting on this particular ques-

> fundamental as holding a con- their merits rather than to at-Constitution should not be un- document which would undoubtdertaken unless a majority of edly contain a mixture of desirthe voters participating in the able and undesirable features. submitted favor this idea.

> on many important questions a whether the losses would outgreater than a majority vote is weigh any gains. required. For instance, to place a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot by legislative action requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of sions of our State Constitution, the members of both houses of let him promote it and have it the Legislature.

for which a similar two-thirds method. vote requirement prevails.

the voters participating in the its without having it encumber-

ested in that proposition.

Another change being proposed would have to do with the number of delegates and the basis of their selection. The number would be increased from 102 to 144.

Instead of three for each Senatorial District, there would be one for each Senator and one for each Representative. That of course would very definitely increase the metropolitan domination in a future Con-Con.

The Directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau have studied the proposed changes which are being advocated and have compared them with the resolutions adopted by the delegates at our annual meeting last November relative to a Constitutional Convention and Reapportionment.

The Directors concluded that none of the changes being proposed are in conformity Farm Bureau Policy and they have warned their members against being influenced to circulate or sign the petitions now being circulated.

Let Each Change Stand on Merits

The Michigan Farm Bureau has for years favored consider-The Michigan Farm Bureau ing proposed amendments to the insists that a proposition as constitution individually and on vention to re-write Michigan's tempt a general revision of the election at which this matter is Voters would have difficulty in determining whether or not It is a well-established prin- adoption of the new document ciple of good government that would represent progress or

If anybody feels that he has an idea which would provide an improvement in some provisubmitted to the voters by legis-There are certain types of bills lative action, or by the petition

Then we will all have a If a substantial proportion of chance to consider it on its mer-

of a Con-Con, it is evident that make it very difficult for us to they are not very deeply inter- come to any intelligent conclu-

County Presidents Meet at Gull Lake

The annual County Farm Bureau presidents' conference with March 1, 1960 the Michigan Farm Bureau mem-

general election fail to vote on ed with a lot of other simultan- bership staff at Gull Lake Feb a proposal involving the holding eous innovations which would 23-24 discussed the Farm Bureau program and methods for advancing it, particularly in the fields of Community Farm Bureaus, Young People's work, and the new Local Affairs Program.

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Address

Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Howard Lichterman, president of the Michigan League of Women voters, they persistently avoided committing themselves as to the specific changes which should be made in Michigan's constitution.

They gave the impression that it was outdated, despite the fact that it has been modified by the adoption of 66 amendments, an average of well over one per

Only 8 states in the Union, including Hawaii and Alaska, have

Recommendations for Michigan Farm Bureau

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:

reports covering one to three

year yield averages show

that the most productive

growing conditions are

corn hybrids for Michigan's

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What We Have In Farm Bureau

We believe that all farmers should be concerned with and have a voice in establishing policies dealing with all commod-

We would remind those whose approach to the farm problem is on the commodity by commodity basis that whenever a commodity is subsidized, controlled, members about their organizaor supported, it is bound to af- tion as well as a willing action fect some other commodity or and cooperation in building its possibly several of them.

production of wheat or corn by our Farm Bureau is: our present program have been "A free, independent, non-govused for the production of other ernmental, voluntary organiza-

Field

Test

COUNTY

Kalamaz'o

Monroe

Cass

Ottawa

Ingham

Saginaw

Sanilac

Newaygo

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feed grains. We would also point

We are thankful that we, as farmers, have an organization which we may join by free choice.

We realize that in a voluntary organization strength depends upon a sound knowledge by the program and policies. It is well We have only to point out that that we look to and appreciate many acres diverted from the our stated purposes. They say

tion of farm and ranch families community or county at the mounited for the purpose of ana- ment when problems exist. lyzing their problems and formulating action to achieve educaimprovement, economic non-secret in character."

Community Farm Bureaus

Michigan Farm Bureau is recognized for its leadership in out that any government pro-gram of subsidy and production Bureaus to keep its members incontrol is Socialistic in nature formed of developments, active and of deep concern to all of in stating their viewpoints on public and agricultural problems, and united to give support to policies decided upon by our members and delegates.

Numerous other states have studied our Community Farm Bureau plan and have followed our lead in organizing their own Community Farm Bureau systems. We believe that our membership should hold our Community Farm Bureau system in the same high regard.

We urge that County Farm Bureaus give strong support to the development and strengthening of our Community Farm Bu-

We urge all members to take an active part in these groups, and all officers of these groups to build interesting and effective programs that will attract and hold the attendance at their regular monthly meetings.

Women of Farm Bureau

We recognize the strength and vigor given to our Michigan Farm Bureau by the Women of Farm Bureau through their constructive program efforts over

They have done much to make the communities better places in which to live. Their work is recognized by other groups of our state as being of great civic importance to programs in health, mental health, safety, citizenship, education, public relations and international under-

ship together to achieve common and constructive purposes and better understanding of our Farm Bureau organization it-

We wish to express our appreciation to the Women of Farm Bureau for these contributions in Mutual Insurance Company to action possible be taken to

Farm Bureau Young People

We look to our Farm Bureau Young People as a source for competent and inspired leadership in the Farm Bureau of the future. We do not look upon our youth organization as a vehicle by which we can impose any political or social doctrine upon the minds of our youth.

ples' organization has provided period of time. for our farm youth an opportunity for original planning and execution of self-developed pro-

We are proud that under this advantage. freedom of action our Farm Bureau Young People have shown vision and initiative in developing and carrying through worthwhile projects in citizenship, safety, community improvement and public service.

These young people are worthy of our fullest support and cooperation in their efforts to build must take every opportunity to their organization and perform be a part of those organizations, their constructive projects.

We urge the Michigan Farm will safeguard our freedom. Bureau Board of Directors, the several County Boards and all voters in general should work of the local and county groups for, nominate, and elect persons and committees of our organiza- of integrity and character to tion to give their fullest encour- public office, and should thereagement and support to the task after keep close track of the of making a strong and active service which they render and Farm Bureau Young Peoples' or- inform these public officials curganization in Michigan.

Program on Local Affairs

organization Farm Bureau dele- Me." gates have subscribed to the policy of maintaining strong local governments under the control tions made in a recent talk beof local citizens.

The influence of citizens in government at all levels starts with their effective control and action in local government and affairs.

should take the initiative in or- lic affairs. Encourage much ganizing our people into effect more political action by young tive action groups to cope with people." community and local government problems. These problems may differ with each commun- as part of their Citizenship pro- bor. ity, and hence action taken needs gram, to study their county tax

We recommend that each property County Farm Bureau establish opportunity, and social advance- a Committee on Local Affairs. ment, thereby promoting the na- which may serve as the basic tional welfare. Farm Bureau is citizenship committee of the local, national and international County Farm Bureau, and that in scope and influence, and is the Michigan Farm Bureau give non-partisan, non-sectarian, and aid to these committees in organizing approaches to their

We recommend also that at least one discussion topic each year be given to the consideration of matters of local concern.

Welcome to New Secretary-Manager

We extend our cordial welcome to our new Secretary-Man- and our freedoms. ager of Michigan Farm Bureau, Mr. Clarence E. Prentice.

We wish him success and Farm Bureau members and assure him of our co-operation and

Farm Bureau Safety Program

Each year hundreds of accidents are maining and killing members of our farm families. cent efforts to bring about har-We recommend the start that mony in policies between the was made in the study of farm Michigan Farm Bureau and our Insurance Companies.

We request continuation and expansion of farm safety programs by our Farm Bureau, Farm Bureau Women, Farm Buttions of our state Commodity reau Young People, and Com- Committees as a means of chan-

Auto Ins. Limited To FB Members

We urge all County Farm Bureaus to require that each application for membership accompanying an application for automobile insurance be acted on by the County Farm Bureau Board of Directors before the premium information which will affect is accepted and the insurance thus becomes in force.

should not be a time lag involved by the applicant seeking competing interests of producers auto insurance, we ask that of different commodities into They have provided a link County Farm Bureaus set up which has bound our member- definite procedures to make prompt decisions regarding such applications. Without such promptness our insurance company would be at a serious competative disadvantage with other companies.

We urge the Farm Bureau insurance agents in the performance of this stated policy. Ciontinued

Member Insurance Rate Incentive

We request that the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company study the feasibility of providing special reduced rates on automobile insurance for members who hold safe - driving Our Farm Bureau Young Peo- records for a reasonably long

> We believe that this special rate would provide an incentive to maintain a safe-driving record for persons having such a rate

Citizenship

We urge Farm Bureau members to participate in government and political activities, especially at the local

Freedom - loving Americans programs, and activities which

Farm Bureau members and rently of their views on pending

It has been said that in the tarial and office programs and election year of 1960 the theme our community group discussong of every pressure group dinned into the ears of every Throughout the history of our candidate will be, "Oh, Promise

> We endorse the recommendafore the Detroit Economic Club by Secretary of Commerce Mueller. His 4-point program of personal political action was:

"Think much more deeply on nual meeting. public questions. Speak up more frequently on vital issues. Play We believe that Farm Bureau a much more active role in pub-

We urge County Farm Bureaus, to be fitted to the needs of any structure, with special emphasis sonville.

I. Uniform assessment of man, Grand Ledge.

2. County equalization 3. County welfare costs 4. School taxes

Farm Bureau Freedom Conferences

We commend the Michigan Farm Bureau for planning and conducting a Freedom Conference for our members in February of 1959.

We believe that this sort of a conference is of value in helping us to realize the needed action on the part of citizens to combat efforts of subversive groups who would destroy our American constitutional government

We request that other such conferences be held at the Michihappiness in his association with gan Farm Bureau level and that encouragement and help be given to County Farm Bureaus in promoting and conducting simi-

Co-operation With Commodity Groups

We wish to commend the resafety by our Michigan Farm state commodity organizations Bureau and our Farm Bureau through joint meetings of the Board of Directors and staff of these organizations and those of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

We appreciate also the funcmunity Groups, and affiliated neling the viewpoints of our farm commodity producers to our leaders at state and county

We ask that the members of these Commodity Committees, both state and county, carefully study the viewpoints of producers in their areas so that they may represent the consensus of thinking in matters of commodity policies, as well as facts and the soundness of these policies in the future.

We recognize the problems Since we recognize that there that develop in a general farm organization in trying to bring harmony. Compromises must be made, at times. This takes extensive study and discussion among the leaders of the commodity

We urge that where important issues of commodity marketing policies develop, the promptest require the co-operation of local achieve such compromises and that the membership be fully informed of developments and their viewpoints be sounded out to the maximum extent possible or allowable by the need for deision or action.

Farm Bureau and Commodity Bargaining

We request that the Michigan arm Bureau stand ready to erve as an organizing and/or advisory agent for farm commodity producers wherever bargaining services are not now provided by existing commodity organizations and at the request and with the co-operation of commodity producers of our

Integration Contract

We recommend that the Michgan Farm Bureau set up a comnittee to study integration conracts and make the resulting information available to its members. This committee could work with Michigan Farm Bureau staff, Michigan State University personnel, and others having necessary information.

Commendation of Staff

We commend the staff of the Michigan Farm Bureau office for unstinting efforts and unswerving loyalty to our Michigan Farm Bureau and its pro-

We believe our county secresions are the better for their work in these areas.

Reaffirmation

We reaffirm the resolutions adopted at previous annual meetings that are now in force, except insofar as they are modified or supplemented by the resolutions adopted at this an-

Resolutions Committee

District 1-Paul C. Kline, Mendon. 2-George C. Crisenbery,

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Committee Members at Large L. Dale Dunckel, Vice-Chair-

Allen F. Rush, Lake Orion. Farm Bureau Young People Harry F. Foster, East Lansing.

Robert E. Smith, Fowlerville

*Mr. Ronald W. Clark of District 11 attended the August and September meeting of the State Resolutions Committee but was unable to serve further because of illness.

Farm Co-op Meets to Plan For 1960's

"Cooperatives Plan for the 60's" is the theme for a series of meetings for managers and di- Lansing, Feb. 17. rectors of farmer cooperatives in March, said L A Cheney, secre- wives, county presidents and tary of the Michigan Ass'n of Farmer Cooperatives.

The program will include fu- members and wives attended. ture plans for two state-wide cooperatives and a period for exchange of ideas from local coclude a tour of a local cooperaluncheon and program at noon. ers.

Schedule of Meetings

March 1-At Ypsilanti. Tour Washtenaw Farmers Oil Co. Lunch and meeting place at Huron hotel.

March 2 - Benton Harbor. Tour Berrien County Milk Producers Ass'n, with lunch and meeting there. March 3 - Coldwater. NO

TOUR. Meet at Batavia Grange Hall at 10:30 a.m. March 4-Lansing. Tour Farm strip and record.

Bureau Services, Inc., 4,000 No. Grand River Avenue. Lunch and ty agency manager, won the Dismeeting place, Albert Pick Mo- tinguished Sales Award, also the

March 10-Chesaning.

McDonald Dairy Milk Products agency in the state. plant. Lunch and meeting, Odd-

March 16-Remus. Tour Remus Cooperative Creamery. Lunch and meeting at town hall. March 17-Grand Rapids area. Tour Farm Bureau Services Egg

Marketing Division at Jenison.

Lunch and meeting at Kenmarr House, Grandville. March 22-Pinconning. Tour Farm Bureau Services plant. Lunch and meeting, Chick's

March 23—Imlay City, Tour Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n. Washington Lunch and meeting at Home-

stead restaurant. March 29-East Jordan. Tour Jordan Valley Cooperative Creamery. Lunch and meeting at

Methodist church. March 30-Gladstone. Tour alger-Delta Electric Cooperative Ass'n. Lunch and meeting at

New Ins. Film Shown at Agents Meet

"Working together was the theme of the 1960 Farm Bureau Insurance state-wide meeting at

More than 400 wives, county secretaries and husbands and Insurance Board

Blaque Knirk, president of Farm Bureau Mutual, Leroy D. Dunckel, president of Farm Buoperatives. Each session will in- reau Life, and N. L. Vermillion, administrative vice - president tive from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and for both companies, were speak-

> A new 14-minute film strip, with voice and music, to promote the complete Farm Bureau Insurance program, was introduced to the agency force. The film "Working Together" is designed to explain the program to Farm Bureau members and will be shown in Community Group meetings throughout the state within the next eight months.

All agents who own projectors now have a copy of the film

Wendell Smith, Calhoun coun-

Top Agency Life Trophy for Tour having the top life insurance

Joe Marzec, Calhoun county agent, was the leading producer in a special life insurance contest and received the Life Pace

Setter Trophy. Special agency awards went to Junior Clemens, manager for Iosco, Ogemaw, Arenac and Roscommon counties. Also, to Wilbur Lohr agency manager for Monroe county. Both agencies reached their objectives for auto, life, fire, and farm liability insurance

Some 35 beautiful houses in Washington, D. C. are never lived in, yet have beautiful lawns and are kept well painted. They are sub-stations for power plants, built as nice homes to improve the appearance of the neighborhood.

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EDITORIAL

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published by the Michigan State University Press at East Lansing.

We have endeavored to make this a human interest story built around the struggles of farm people to attain their rightful place in the evolution of the social, economic and political forces that shape their

It has been a great privilege for me to be identified with their efforts.

Lawmakers Have Big Job Ahead

(Continued from Page 1) tion for supplies and equipment and since the lawmakers seem used in agricultural production determined to bring the session has appeared. Representative Ed- to a close by April 15, things ward H. Jeffries of Detroit has introduced HJR "P" which proposes to amend the State Constite e rooms during the next six tution to provide that all exemptions, exclusions and deductions now in the Sales Tax Act would expire on July 1, 1961 and not be reinserted into the law without a two-thirds vote of the Leg- Allan Kline Speaks

A couple other bills not in line with Farm Bureau Policy were the last two introduced before the deadline shutting off introproperty, the job now done by Paw Paw Coterie Club. the Township Supervisors. H.

March 1, 1960

Since there are such a large number of bills, many of which were introduced just before the deadline for presenting measures, weeks. Don't delay letting your Senator and Representative know how you feel about pending mat-

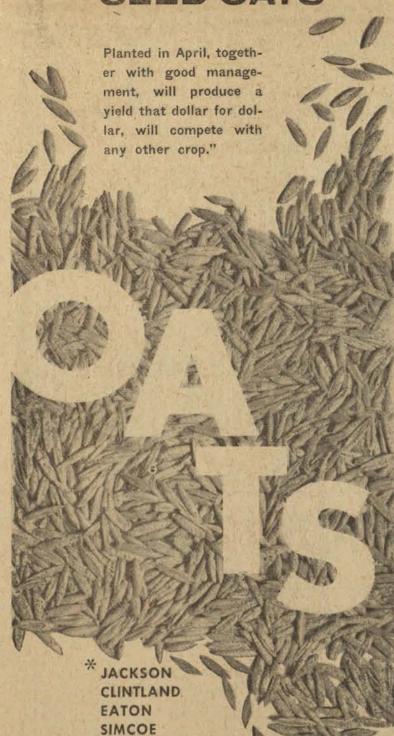
At Paw Paw May 12

Allan B. Kline, former presduction of bills. H. 551 would Paw Paw, Van Buren county, reau Services, \$10,000; Michigan create the office of County As- the evening of May 12 at 8 Livestock Exchange \$5,000. sessor to assess real and personal o'clock at the invitation of the

Mr. Kline, one of the great 552, would permit the hunting of speakers of the day, will speak er the end of the feeding period, quail in certain southern Mich- on "Today and Tomorrow." The sows become fertile. public is invited. Tickets \$1 for MICHICAN FARM NEWS adults, 50 cents for children .-Mrs. Carl E. Buskirk, publicity 7 chairman, Paw Paw R-2.

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Plan Artificial Insemination Of Swine

Artificial insemination of swine s the objective of a grant of \$32,500 made to Michigan State ident of the American Farm Bu- University by Michigan Artificial reau, is making a return visit to Breeders Ass'n, \$17,500; Farm Bu-

The project utilizes a hormone product consumed by sows in their feed. Within four days aft-

"Knowledge of this type will provide farmers with a measure of control over stock production, cost factors, and the calendar never before possible," said Dr. Ronald Nelson, head of the MSU cepting the gift.

It also makes possible the artificial insemination of large numbers of sows at a central location in a single, mass production

A portion of the grant will be | Hamilton Mfg. & Supply Company used to construct a boar building at Holland, Michigan, has the and a small swine research lab- largest stock and best service for oratory. Work on the project will be conducted by Drs. Neal First, J. A. Hoefer, and John Neller of the Animal Husbandry

Increase Use Of Fertilizer Three Times

Michigan farmers use three times as much fertilizer now as pumps (large and small) and also they did in 1950.

"That's one of many marked HAMILTON MFG. & SUPPLY Co. changes in fertilizer technology over the last decade or two,' Ray L. Cook, head of the Michigan State University soil science department, said at a

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION of swine will be studied at Michigan State University through a grant of \$32,500 by 3 Michigan co-operatives. Dr. Ronald Nelson (right) professor of animal husbandry is shown receiving checks Farmers Week from Allen Rush (left), vice president of the Michigan Live Stock Exchange; Marten Garn, president of Farm Bureau Services; and Douglas Pierson, treasurer of Michigan Artificial Breeders Ass'n.

Farmers' Week program.

"In the 1930's," Cook stated, many farmers used little or no fertilizer. Low-grade ammonium sulfate supplied most of the nitrogen. Superphosphate provided the phosphorous. No one had ever heard of using more than 250 pounds per acre."

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300-600 pound total applications have become common."

starve for nitrogen unless they followed legumes," he recalled. "Corn often suffered that fate."

Today, non-legumes are replacing legumes on many farms. nitrogen now receive 100 to 150

"The good manager fertilizes most plant food on his best here."

"What's more," added Cook, Father & Son "Non-legume crops used to Raise 1.000 Hogs A Year

A Branch county farmer exsand hogs a year.

Maurice Arendt of Bronson,

tons of pork produced each age of about 8.5 pigs. school student.

Corn is the big crop, with are in converted barns, about 220 acres planted each year. Arendt farms 185 acres with his father, owns 140 and Shenandoah Valley Acres that once got 5 pounds of plained to a Farmers' Week au- rents 100 more. Most feeds are audience how a father - son ground and mixed on the farm The Shenandoah Valley of Virpounds from commercial fertili- combination feeds out a thou- using home-made labor saving ginia is one of the most scenic devices.

in proportion to yield," Cook pointed out. "That is, he puts the soils. Soil tests play a big part row every four weeks. Using and much farm land and is a mostly Yorkshire gilts and meat- historical area.

appearing on a panel "Making type boars, the pigs are weared Hogs Pay," related that the 200 at four weeks with a litter aver-

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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 Our 1,572 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups DONALD D. KINSEY

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Michigan,—a Welfare State? Those are strong words, pardner! I was browsing through the Reader's Guide at the State Library, looking for some information. I looked up "Welfare State." It said simply, - "See Socialism."

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.

The U. S. News and World Report of February 13, 1959, page 49, gives voice to the accusing title: "A Welfare State Runs Into Trouble - Michigan Government Out of Money. Living Off the Cuff." Comments in this article said: "Michigan . . . suddenly found out that, while it was continuing to spend freely, it had run out of money to meet its bills. Spending from Michigan's General Fund ran ahead of income by \$21 million in 1957-58.

"For 1958-59, the Governor called for still higher spending. Over the past 10 years, State spending has increased from about \$500 million to \$1.17 billion.

"Michigan's spending for many state services has run well ahead of the average for other states. Most recent figures show that Michigan's spending for education was the highest of all the states—at about \$61 per capita, compared with a nation-wide average of \$37.41 per capita."

Note—this is \$61 per person in the population, not \$61 per pupil. more "aid" from Federal or State

And So It Goes

tempt to cut this figure down, aid. the Veteran's Trust Fund is being tapped for \$40.5 million, This still leaves the state with a pros-

Fund is a "stop gap" measure. (Inflation). This fund will yield no revenues for the future, and the money will somehow have to be made

A Welfare State

groups, or as units of govern- wealth to tax. or entirely, at public expense. tionary trend. It does so when group in society is clamoring for aid from the federal government

for state and local programs. Not a small amount of Michigan's operating revenue is now dependent on "kickbacks" of federal funds.

Levels of Dependence

Government "support for the people" may involve the passing of money from various levels down to smaller government units-or to groups or to persons. units or to groups or to persons There are numerous combina-

1. The federal government may make "grants" to a state for general or special purposes—as, for example, to finance highways.

2. The federal government may make "grants" to units of local government directly. Grants to cities for sewage disposal systems is an example.

3. The federal government makes payments to persons - as in the case of Social Security

4. The state may administer and pass along (under strict rules and regulations) certain federal funds to local units of govern-- Public Welfare or Public

ment, to groups or to individuals, Health programs are examples. 5. The state may make grants of funds to local governments or groups or to individuals from its own collected revenues, - state-

aid for schools, Veteran's ben-

6. Local governments may make payments to groups or to individuals on an aid basis. Local support for public welfare

Welfare grants are the sort that are made without the expected return of goods, services or other values. The only requirement is to obey the laws and regulations relating to the "donations."

Welfare Aid Is Not New

Governments are not producers local governments did all the pro-It would appear that there is of wealth. People can use them viding for "hardship cases." The no sign of a halt to the spending. cooperatively to render some hardship had to be recognized as The Governor's State Budget services. But they raise nothing; genuine. Accepting a "hand-out" statement for 1959-60 anticipates produce nothing. So their source —an admission of failure. People an operating deficit of \$16.7 mil- they manufacture nothing; they was regarded as rather low-grade lion dollars for the year. This of income must be gained, in one who took such help tried to hide would put the total accumulated way or another, from the very the fact. But where it was given, deficit at \$112.2 million. In an at- people who call upon them for the local government paid the

Governments can extract the Today, the number of people money from the people either by and groups in our society who taxing them or by devaluating plead hardship and the need for the individuals who receive this pective deficit of \$71.7 million for thet currency — in which case aid is increasing endlessly. And aid. It is undoubtedly proper the money is really collected over these demands are coming at a and necessary that many of them Use of the Veteran's Trust the counter of the local store time when the communities of should be given the help. The prosperous. Any unit of government can

tax its people. But only the Federal government has the author- much on any real hardship as on Dependent Children, Aid to the ity to recover money by creating the unwillingness of people to Blind, Aid to the Disabled, Hoscurrency and lowering its purpay their own way for programs. pital and Medical Care, Direct noted that high federal taxing that they can have their cake and A welfare state is one in which of many things has left local gov- eat it, too. Cities, states, villages, the people (as individuals, as ernments with little sources of townships, school districts, employment groups and business ment) become supported, in part A State can add to the infla-groups—all have joined the "Pa-

Everyone looks to the larger Today, almost every influential it demands or accepts financial unit of government as a source of wealth to be tapped. A false notion has arisen that the state and national governments can be cast in the role of the "rich parent." The idea is to put the "bee" on the treasury for an increase in "our allowance."

It has been said that "a government that has the power to do everything for you, has the power to take everything from you.'

Federal Kickback

No one could easily, discover how much money the Federal government takes out of Michigan in a year. Rest assured that it is much, much more than is returned in "grants" with strings tied to them. The same money kept at home would go much farther to provide for local needs. The Michigan state budget says that the federal government paid to the State of Michigan \$133 million in 1958-59. This is over 10% of all the State's operating funds. And this does not include any monies paid directly to local government units or to individuals.

In spite of rising taxes, inflation and debt, the clamor for more goes on. The most recent demand is for more Federal aid for schools. On February 4, 1960, the U. S. Senate passed a bill calling for \$1.83 billion to cover a two year program for school \$12.6 million. construction and teachers' sal-

In this Senate bill, no matching state money would be re- \$7.7 million. quired the first year. Matching of about 25% by the states would \$33.3 million. be called for in the second year. The House has yet to consider the bill.

Should this bill pass, it will bid fair to spawn a new breed of cats-the Federal School Investigator. And it should not and regulated by federal and surprise teachers and parents if state laws. It is designed for the their methods and their teachings special benefit of the industrial are policed more closely as the labor force. Other working peo-

ruled that "what the government must fend for themselves and subsidizes, it has the authority find another source of income. to regulate." We deceive our- The State of Michigan makes selves mercilessly if we assume no direct appropriations for this that there will be no increase program - except for certain

Discussion Topics

Is Michigan Becoming a Welfare State?

Working Effectively in a Political Party.

Urban Annexation Laws Can Hit Farmers.

Be sure to read your discussion article in the Michigan Farm News. Attend your Community Farm Bureau meetings. Have a voice in Farm Bureau affairs.

State Monies to **Local Governments**

monies from state sources.

make up the fund for State Aid charged back to the public in for Schools. Local school disthis fund in 1958-59.

Welfare Payments To Individuals

We make no case here for tre worthiness or unworthiness of America have never been more question is-where does the bulk of the money come from?

The appeals are based not so clue Old Age Assistance, Aid to Public Welfare programs in-Relief, Foster Child Care and Services for the Blind.

Total funds paid out to these people in 1958-59 in Michigan summed up to \$159.6 million. Of this amount, the Federal government furnished \$56.9 million. The State share was \$69.3 million. And the Counties paid \$33.37 million or 20.9% of the total from local funds. Of course local people pay the other sums, too,but by way of Lansing and Wash

Roads and Highways

Road and highway programs right down to the local level receive funds from State and Federal collected revenues. The monies come mainly from individuals through gasoline taxes and weight taxes on vehicles. The State collects, uses and dispenses these funds for road building and maintenance. The taxes are set aside for these pur-

Use and distribution of these funds: (1958-59)

State Funds

The State Trunkline Fund, \$94

To County Road Commissions \$69 million. To Cities and Villages, \$36 mil-

Grants for Snow Removal, \$545 thousand.

Federal Funds

For Federal Interstate Highways in Michigan, \$70.3 million. For Primary Road Systems, For Urban Road Systems, \$10.5

For Secondary Road Systems, To Michigan Trunkline Fund,

Unemployment Compensation

This program is established ple are not eligible. If others The U. S. Supreme Court has lose their jobs or "go bust." they

in Federal control of schools. | state employee groups. But the

These topics were chosen by your State Discussion Topic Committee from the results of the ballots returned by Community Farm Bureaus . . . and the requests of the delegates at the MFB annual meeting.

Spotting State-Supported Local Programs.

Jul. How to Pay for Farm Product Promotion?

Aug. Community Groups Vital to Farm Bureau.

State does collect the tax from employing industries and dispenses the money to workers

The State of Michigan collects who are eligible under the regumany forms of revenue and dis- lations. tributes many funds to local gov- A worker is not eligible if his ernments. These funds are too own local union is out on strike. numerous to list here in detail. But strikes of other unions A more detailed account is being which stop his work do make kept only by the federal governsent to the Community Farm Bu- him eligible. Steel strikes have reau Discussion leaders. Some tied up the auto and other indus- cipate. local government programs re-ceive the major share of their have made deep in-roads into this fund in Michigan.

Education

A major share of the sales tax amount, unemployment checks and some special taxes (on to- were paid to workers amounting bacco, liquor, etc.) combine to to \$133.3 million. Costs are tricts received \$250 million from

It did not fulfill the amount called for by the gross allowance and the deductible millage -so \$25 million was appropriated and added from the State Gen-For quite a number of years, eral fund. Then there was \$52 million from the Primary School Interest Fund. The Michigan State Budget states that 72.5% of all the State money for education went to the school districts.

Forty-four Michigan cities and support of this kind.

Local Projects

ministered in Michigan in 1958-

59 was \$140 million. From this

illages received \$5.57 million in the past four years from the in our history when a citizen has for printing, word came that a Federal government to aid in had to pay more for the privilege Joint Resolution has been placed

systems. They did not seem to taxes plain and taxes hidden- Representatives (HJR-J). It prothink that they could do it alone. and inflation. Governments con- poses thaat an amendment to the The required matching ratio was | tinue to demand a larger and | State Constitution be placed on one federal dollar for every larger share of all earned ineight local dollars.

Federal money for local airoffered Michigan communities \$2 million each year for 4 years to improve and build airports and terminals. To get it, the \$1 milion and the local communities with another \$1 million. The Michigan Legislature appropriated \$781,000 in 1958-59 for this purpose.

munities? Published reports states are getting a larger share have said that costs are often higher to local people than if the federal treasury. Some folks they had done the job alone. use his as an excuse to holler for Why? Because they had to build more hand-outs. They put presaccording to extravagant Fed- sure on Congressmen. The whole people would tax themselves loeral plans and exacting labor process pyramids upward enor- cally to support present prostandards set by Federal regu-

and slum clearance? How much and demand more roads, schools, money does Michigan get? This sewage systems and services information seem to be hard to The value of the dollar is going MICHIGAN FARM NEWS get. The Michigan Municipal down. Services cost more. Finance Commission seems to have no compiled record of it. Apparently such reports are ment and the cities which parti-

But, it seems obvious that you don't tear down acres of old homes and build new and mod-The total fund which was ad- ern apartments for "peanuts."

Creating The Welfare State

provide their ways and means, sink it. And Federal Support The welfare state is created by every popular demand for more

Never has there been a time building their sewage disposal of living in the nation. There are before the Michigan House of

Simply "taxing the rich" doesports? The federal government n't foot the bill. There are too few of them. We can no longer "take it out of the other fellow." Mr. Average Citizen is finding out that he IS the "other fellow." State would have to match with This is what always happens in a "welfare state."

Michigan?

Why pinpoint Michigan as a welfare state? The trend is na-How much did it save the com- tional. In fact, many other Welfare State"? of their working capital out of mously.

We have an increasing popula-What about federal housing tion. They fill the countryside

Instead of overhauling their own tax structure and living within their means, local governments take the "easy route." They appeal to the state and nation for "aid."

Just good "common sense" will tell anybody that the federal and state governments cannot work like the "miraculous pitcher" and stay full every time somebody empties them of their treasure.

Just so long as people in every special group continue to try to Such records as we have cited work this scheme of "aid for evare only a few samples of the erybody," we shall have a "well-extent to which local people are fare state." And when too many looking to big governments to people climb in the boat, they'll

> SPECIAL BULLETIN: As I was preparing to submit this article

the ballot for this fall which, if adopted, would require the State to pay ALL costs of public welfare relief, except administrative

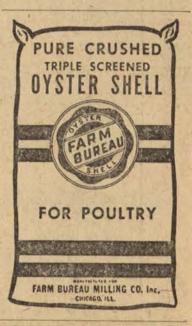
Questions

1. After studying the degree of federal and state support for local programs and discussing the matter, do you or do you not agree with the U.S. News and World Report that "Michigan is a

2. If the state and federal governments would agree to release governments, do you think that present forms of taxation to local grams and services?

If not, which programs and services would local people be willing to support by local taxes?

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