

Children Need Right to Work

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Some time ago I attended a conference where one of the topics was "Who Has the Answer to Delinquency Prevention?"

The audience included judges of probate courts who I felt would, if given the opportunity,

Rate Shows It Pays To be Careful

About one farm family in four will suffer an accident during the next year. That could include yours.

The average farmer hears a lot about safety, according to Richard Pfister, agricultural engineer at Michigan State University.

"Next time you catch yourself doing something unsafe," Pfister urges, "think how it might seem to 'Sleep with a painfully infected hand.'"

Clean Lawn Before Winter Arrives

Leaving branches, leaves or straw on lawn grasses for winter protection may cause severe injury to grass from smothering.

This is especially true in the case of shade-tolerant grasses under trees.

It's a good practice to remove all leaves and rubbish from the lawn before it becomes covered with snow.

confirm my suspicion that the pattern of delinquency is usually established by the time a youngster reaches 14.

So I asked, "Why does society make it difficult... by a minimum-age work law for youngsters 10 to 14 years to work if they want to?"

For some reason, as soon as work for children of this age group is mentioned, a listener promptly visualizes children surrounded with massive machinery, conveyor belts and high voltage electricity.

There was also a remark that children introduced to 4-H work had no "extra" time. The fact that children are allowed to work on newspapers (probably meant newspaper carriers) was posed as the exception, followed by an effort at fairness by asking me, "Where else are there jobs suitable for children at that age?"

I knew that I was supposed to surrender with a simple nod of defeat... and I also realized that there was a time limit to the workshop. But I ventured the information that although my four children are now grown up young men and women, I could well remember that the years that caused me anxiety were during the 10 to 14 stage.

I also took time to explain that all four had been in Scouting and one girl had five years of 4-H projects... but even with that, plus school, they had extra steam that needed an outlet. I finished by saying:

"They all wanted to work. And they found work. But less determined youngsters would probably have given up. It certainly was not easy to find work that was not governed by the minimum-wage law."

I never did get a hoped-for opinion from one of the probate judges.

What I wanted was the second of my thought that the

answer to preventing a great deal of delinquency might lie in allowing children to enter the work-world at whatever age they desire to make this step.

Then there would be no spare time for "looking for excitement" or just plain "something to do."

There are many places fit for children of this 10-14 age group. Almost every gas station has a car wash stall. Boys of 12 can wash cars to raise money for a boys' organization, but it is not legal to do the same thing at a gas station for a salary.

When I was working in the promotion department of the Grand Rapids Herald, one of my responsibilities was editing a monthly, miniature newspaper for the approximately 1,000 Herald newspaper boys.

In the course of writing editorial material, I often pointed to great men of our nation who in their youth were newspaper boys. It would be of interest to know what percentage of newspaper boys ever became cause for concern as delinquents.

But the number of newspaper boys needed is not equal to the number of boys and girls who would rather work than "loaf."

LADY, WHOSE CHILD IS IT?



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Wins Petroleum Scholarship

DAVID VERMEESCH, 18, of 6566 Emmel Road, Yale, St. Clair county, is shown receiving a \$600 scholarship from Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., for the Petroleum Distribution Course of two years at Western State University at Kalamazoo.

Lightning Cost State Farmers \$2,000,000

Lightning frequently strikes twice in the same place. However, once is usually more than enough.

How Your Lawmakers Voted in the 86th Congress

Here is the record of how your Representatives and Senators voted on bills of importance to the nation's farm families during the 86th Congress.

Compiled from the pages of the Congressional Record by the editors of the Nation's Agriculture, these voting records indicate both widespread support for and opposition to Farm Bureau's policy recommendations.

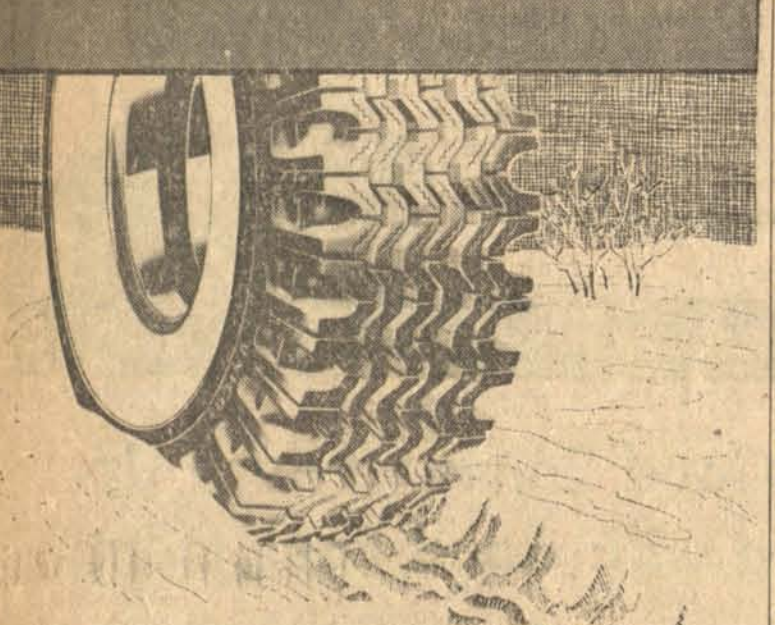
House vote on key issues...

Table showing House vote on key issues for various Michigan representatives, including Machrowicz, Meader, Johnson, Hoffman, Ford, Chamberlain, O'Hara, Bentley, Griffin, Cederberg, Knox, Bennet, Diggs, Rabaut, Dingell, Lesinski, Griffiths, and Broomfield.

Senate vote on key issues

Table showing Senate vote on key issues for Michigan senators McNamara and Hart, including their party affiliation and votes on various bills.

EXTRA TRACTION WHEN IT COUNTS...



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Farm Bureau Mutual Extends 10% Dividend

The Board of Directors of Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company have extended the current 10% dividend on certain classes of autos and pickup trucks for an additional six months period.

The extension of this 10% dividend will bring total savings to members in one year to more than \$225,000.

The dividend was originally declared on April 1, 1960 and ran through September 30. The extension for another six months begins October 1, 1960 and runs through March 31, 1961.

N. L. Vermillion, administrative vice president for Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance, announced that the new dividend will be paid as a credit on auto renewal premiums due during this six months period.

"Announcement of this dividend extension is further evidence of the ability of Farm Bureau members to provide quality service for themselves at the lowest possible cost," Mr. Vermillion said.

Like to Go to Denver For AFBF in December?

Are you interested in a possible week long tour to Denver, Colorado, Friday, December 9 through Thursday, December 15 to attend the 42nd annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation?

Michigan Farm Bureau members are considering such a tour by railroad. Tentative plans are to leave Michigan early December 9 and arrive in Denver on Saturday morning, December 10.

The round trip for the group will be around \$70 by coach. Sleeper coach accommodations (reclining seats) are available \$9 for one, and \$16 for two, extra, for the round trip. Pullman accommodations would be available at Pullman fare and berth additional. The Michigan group will have rooms at the Auditorium hotel.

A coupon form for requesting information about the proposed tour of Michigan Farm Bureau members to the American Farm Bureau Convention at Denver, including fields for Name, Street, Post Office, and County.

