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EDITORIAL

We Need to Do Our Part

CLARK L. BRODY

The 18 men and women comprising the 1960 Michigan Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee are setting an example in accepting the responsibilities of good citizenship.

This was well evidenced when Chairman Donald L. Piper called on them to describe their farm operations and community activities at their first meeting August 16 at Farm Bureau Center at Lansing.

They reported substantial family farm enterprises and leadership in a wide variety of service projects for the advancement of their communities and the state.

The committee represents farms ranging from 100 to 600 acres with varying types of agriculture, including fruit, poultry, dairying, livestock, and general farming.

They are engaged in extension advisory councils, boards of education, county fair boards, leaders in 4-H clubs, hospital insurance administration, township offices, taxation committees, and other services in their areas.

They serve in all phases of Farm Bureau work, such as volunteer membership workers, Roll Call manager, Community and County Farm Bureau responsibilities and various committees and boards. All are interested in church activities.

Enlistment in such services benefits the person engaged in them as well as the community and state.

It develops individual responsibility and leads to personal advancement that otherwise might not be realized. Movements are initiated that live long after the founders are gone. I recall how a few farmers in 1919 undertook to remedy unsatisfactory post war farm conditions.

The Michigan Farm Bureau grew out of their pioneering in farm organization.

Now, 40 years later, it has reached a magnitude that could not have been imagined by Roland Morrill, Charles Bingham, and County Agent Leader Dr. Eben Mumford,—its original leaders.

Let us hope that our efforts will endure to provide opportunities for those who follow us.

One of our most important responsibilities today is to maintain a citizenship that will preserve our freedom under self government. The activities of our state Resolutions Committee members in their home communities show that they recognize this responsibility.

Allan B. Kline, former president of the American Farm Bureau, has emphasized that we cannot discharge our political responsibilities "just by voting... This is the least of our responsibilities."

Good citizenship requires year around study of public issues and scrutiny of their administration.

We need to participate in formulating government policies and to participate in the determination of what is placed on the ballot. This involves the nomination of qualified delegates and candidates at caucuses and conventions as stressed by President Kline.

Interest grows with individual activity in public affairs. Satisfaction and enjoyment come with the accomplishment of improved public service.

The Michigan Farm Bureau is providing an opportunity for each member to enlist in preserving representative government for our grandchildren as well as ourselves.

It is leading the way with its citizenship and freedom program. As Donald Kinsey said in his excellent article last month, "The Community Farm

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Over 70,000 in 4-H Club Work

Four-H Club boys and girls in Michigan completed 135,220 projects last year, Russell G. Mawby, 4-H Club leader at Michigan State University, announced. Total state enrollment was 70,465 members. Adults played an important

part in the 4-H Club program as 12,034 adults served as volunteer leaders of clubs.

Urban and rural non-farm youth are taking an increasing interest in 4-H work. In 1959, farm youth made up 44 per cent of the membership while urban and rural non-farm youth made up 56 per cent.



Michigan Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee for 1960

THIS PICTURE was taken at the Farm Bureau Center at Lansing August 16 at the first meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee for 1960. The committee will make its report to the 41st annual meeting at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Nov. 9-10-11. Members of the Committee are,

- left to right: Leroy Dale Duncel, Director of Michigan Farm Bureau.
- Miss Esther Robinson, Farm Bureau Young People.
- Robert E. Smith, MFB Director.
- Clarence Herford, Membership District 2.
- Ralph Peckens, District 3.
- Mrs. Clare Barton, District 4.
- Glenn Williams, District 5.
- Donald C. Kreiner, District 6.
- Dan E. Reed (standing) Associate Legislative Counsel.
- Donald L. Piper, Chairman, District 1.
- Stanley M. Powell (standing) Legislative Counsel.
- Allen F. Rush, MFB Director.
- R. L. Alberts, District 7.
- Mrs. Samuel Nash, District 8.
- Robert Snell, District 9.
- Willard Wangler, District 10.
- Ronald Clark, District 11.
- Representing Women of Michigan Farm Bureau: Mrs. Margaret Muir, Mrs. William Scramlin, Mrs. Hattie Ristow.

Aim at Unfair Dairy Trade Practices

An improved "dairy industry unfair trade practices" bill is in the making for introduction in the Legislature at the 1961 session.

In the 1960 session the Legislature had before it House Bill 220 to outlaw unfair trade practices in the dairy industry. The bill was sponsored by the Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n, Michigan Farm Bureau, State Grange, and several milk dealers.

The House Committee on Agriculture reported H-220 to the House. Unfortunately, it did not come up for a vote before the deadline of midnight, March 17.

The bill listed a number of practices that were held to lessen competition, tend to create monopoly, etc. Violation of any provision of the bill was termed a misdemeanor, and subject to a fine of \$25 up to \$1,000 upon conviction. Each day the violation continued was termed a separate misdemeanor.

Crops & Soils Field Day at MSU Sept. 8

The Michigan State University Crops - Soils Field Day, which highlights fall maturing crops this year, is to be September 8 on the MSU campus at East Lansing.

Late research in crops and soils has top billing on the field day program. At stops on tours of research plots, scientists who are doing studies will point out some of the results and tell what these may mean to farmers.

Starting time for farm tours is 9:30 a.m. on the crops and soils research farm.

Plots to be visited will include those dealing with research on row spacing fertilizer placement, nitrogen response on corn and soybeans, crop growth as affected by soil moisture levels, and corn root growth and distribution in soil.

Chemical weed control of quack grass in corn, forage substitution tests, variety performance trials on red clover, alfalfa, corn and forage grasses and green chop forage production are on the program.

Farm Forum Notice

The first of Farm Bureaus FARM FORUM radio programs for 1960-61 will be heard over WKAR Monday, September 12, at 1:00 p.m. 870 on the dial. After that the first Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. WKAR is closed on Labor Day which is September 5.

The first Monday of each month Farm Forum deals with the Community Farm Bureau Discussion topic for the month. Topic for September is "State Issues in the 1960 Election."

COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Meetings in October To Feature Candidates

J. DELBERT WELLS
Manager, Family Program Division, MFB

Many of the County Farm Bureaus will feature "Know the Candidates" meetings during the month of October.

In keeping with the Good Citizenship objectives of the Michigan Farm Bureau several of the counties will disband their Community Group meetings for October and will convene in a central place to meet with and review the position of the various candidates.

The State Farm Bureau has recommended that these county-wide "Know the Candidates" meetings feature mainly the persons who are running for state offices. The purposes of the meetings will be:

- (1) To let those in attendance meet and know something about the candidates themselves;
- (2) To attempt to determine and understand the various candidates' positions on the major state issues.

The meetings are held during October in order to precede the November election.

Some County Farm Bureaus have already had "Meet the Candidates" meetings and will not follow this procedure during October. You should check to see what your County Farm Bureau is going to do.

If you are a member of a Community Group, your attendance at the county-wide meeting will count as your attendance at the regular group meeting. Instructions have been sent to all chairmen of the Community Group Committees in regard to the attendance registry.

Republican Platform Committee

Hears Farm Bureau on State Issues

"The property tax is no longer reflective of earning ability, ability to pay or services used," Farm Bureau told the pre-convention resolutions committee of the Michigan Republican party at Detroit August 15.

Farm Bureau and other organizations were invited to present their views on state issues to four subcommittees: Labor; Health and Education; Economic Climate and Taxation, and Civil Rights and Humanities.

Dan E. Reed, Associate Legislative Counsel of Farm Bureau, appeared before three of the four subcommittees to outline Farm Bureau policy.

Economic Climate & Taxation. In addition to urging the devel-

Who Wins Award?

Farm Bureau Cooperator Of the Year

Some family in Farm Bureau will be announced as winner of the Farm Bureau Cooperator of the Year Award at the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting at Michigan State University November 9-10-11.

The award will be given by Farm Bureau Services, Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, and the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies in 1960 and following years.

Purpose of the award is to recognize publicly a number of families for their participation in the whole Farm Bureau program.

This will include activities in the Community, County, and Michigan Farm Bureaus. It will include the family's use of Farm Bureau Services and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative supplies in farming operations.

It will include use of Farm Bureau insurance services for family protection and for insuring cars, trucks and farm property. Work in local cooperative organizations and community affairs will be considered in making the award.

The Farm Bureau Cooperator of the Year Award will be made first at the County Farm Bureau level. Winners of the county awards will be judged by membership districts for the district award. The eleven district winners will be judged for the state award.

The award proposal was presented to County Farm Bureau boards of directors at their meetings in August. Counties planning to participate will make their nominees and complete judging by October 1.

County winners (husband and wife) will be recognized at the County Farm Bureau annual meetings and will be presented with a certificate.

District winners (husband and wife) will be guests of the Farm Bureau service companies at the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting in November and will be given recognition at some session of the convention.

The State winner of the Farm Bureau Cooperator of the Year Award will be announced at the MFB annual meeting. He and his wife will be guests of the Farm Bureau service companies at the 1960 American Farm Bureau Convention at Denver December 11-15, and guests at the annual meetings of the Farm Bureau Services and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative at Michigan State University November 29.

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Political Efforts Have Failed

Makes Ten Recommendations on What Should Be Done Regarding Future of Farming

Vice-President Richard Nixon invited President Charles B. Shuman of the American Farm Bureau Federation to confer with him at Washington, August 19 regarding the future of agriculture.

Mr. Shuman made this statement to Mr. Nixon: "For approximately 30 years the federal government has been trying to create farm prosperity through a variety of efforts to guarantee prices and ration the right to produce. Fortunately, these activities have been restricted to a relatively few commodities.

"We have tried almost every political panacea imaginable — quotas, allotments, income payments, export subsidies, high price supports, two-price plans and other schemes to replace the market system. The result in every case has been new problems.

"Market prices have proved to be the only satisfactory means of bringing about the adjustments that are constantly needed to balance production and consumption.

"On the basis of past experience we recommend use of the following principles in determining what should be done in this area of public policy:

"1. Farm production cannot be balanced with effective demand by legislation as long as increased production is encouraged by government guarantees. Price-fixing programs of the past have failed to control production and have failed to protect farmers against reduced incomes.

"2. We should move in the direction of eliminating government quota controls on agricultural commodities. Our experience in this regard clearly indicates that political determination of the right to produce is the road to low — not high — per family farm income.

"3. Our farm plant is over-expanded in relation to current markets — including the extraordinary "markets" made possible by special export aids. Land retirement programs, such as the conservation reserve, are not a cure-all.

"Nevertheless, a sizeable land retirement program is urgently needed as a temporary measure to help farmers make the adjustments that must be made to correct the adverse results of past programs.

"To achieve the best results per dollar of public expenditure such a program should be voluntary and should permit the retirement of whole farms.

"4. Where price support and production adjustment programs are used, they should be designed to facilitate orderly marketing rather than to fix prices.

"Price support levels should take account of competitive conditions, supply and demand, and market trends.

"They should not be based on formulas which ignore these factors but be left completely to the discretion of any Secretary of Agriculture.

"5. With less interference from government, the marketing system will be freer to operate effectively and efficiently. This will encourage the expansion of market outlets and the production of quality products in line with market demands. Thus, we can better meet competition at home and abroad.

"6. Where special export pricing is necessary to regain or maintain foreign markets we should return to a one-price system as rapidly as possible.

"7. Individual commodity programs must be in harmony with the interest of agriculture generally; however, these programs must also recognize the inherent differences among various farm commodities.

"8. Congress should retain responsibility for determining major provisions of commodity programs as it is the only body which represents all the people affected by such programs. The assumption that producers of a commodity are the only people interested in programs for that

commodity is fallacious.

"The general public has a legitimate interest in any program which affects the nation's food and federal expenditures. All farmers are affected by individual commodity control programs.

"Such programs can and do shift resources from production of the controlled commodity to the production of other products.

"The livestock farmer obviously has an interest in the program for feed grains, and the feed grain producer has an equally direct interest in livestock programs.

"9. We strongly oppose the establishment of maximums on price support loans, either in total or as applied to individual farmers. A ceiling on individual loans would not remove the basic causes of high program costs. More significantly it would tend to reduce the size of farm units and thus lower production efficiency.

"10. The compensatory or direct production payment approach is unsound and dangerous to our economic and political system.

"Regardless of the form in which it is presented, a direct payment program would be fantastically expensive. It would stimulate production, increase unit costs, depress market prices, and make farmers dependent on Congressional appropriations for their net farm income and a part of their production costs as well.

"The payment approach carries a 'cheap' food philosophy; however, in actual practice it would encourage inefficiency and thereby result in high food and fiber costs. Limitations on payments to individuals are inevitable in payment programs. Such limitations would place a ceiling on opportunity in agriculture and level individual farm incomes downward.

"The issue is clear! Are we going to have a government-planned, licensed and regimented agriculture run from Washington, or are we going to solve farm problems in a way that will preserve freedom and increase opportunity for farmers to earn and get high per family net income?

"Farmers are in a price-cost

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PURPOSE OF FARM BUREAU

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WALTER W. WIGHTMAN

Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc. is another of the farmer owned service companies owned by Michigan Farm Bureau and its stockholder members. It supplies all kinds of petroleum products, tires, batteries, etc. to its patrons.

It has experienced some phenomenal progress and growth in many ways. In the last ten years Farmers Petroleum Cooperative has acquired and developed 10 producing oil fields with 400 producing oil wells with a daily production of 3,800 barrels of crude oil.

The oil fields are located in Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. The estimated reserves and crude oil in these fields are 4,500,000 barrels.

At the end of the last fiscal year, ending August 31, 1959, the total accumulated assets amounted to \$8,700,399.

The volume of liquid fuels sold by F.P.C. has more than doubled in the last ten years. It has increased from 19,500,000 gallons in 1950 to over 41,000,000 gallons in 1959. Total net margins have increased from \$45,000 in 1950 to \$600,081 in 1959.

The total net margins for the ten years have been \$2,544,260. Of this, \$1,703,563 has been paid back in patronage refunds of one kind or another.

Farmers Petroleum Cooperative's home office and warehouse are located at the Farm Bureau Center at Lansing. There are 10 district offices and warehouses throughout the state in order to give better service to patrons.

Farmers Petroleum distributes motor fuels, heating fuels, motor oils and greases, tires, batteries, etc., to 41 locally owned bulk plants.

In addition to all this, Farmers Petroleum has 43 direct distribution outlets in 48 counties. The direct distribution plan, as most of us probably understand, is simply a program by which gasoline, diesel fuel, and heating oils are delivered by FPC transport truck direct from the refinery to the farmer patron.

The savings have been rather spectacular, so far amounting to about 11% to the farmer. Direct distribution service is available to Farm Bureau members only.

Through this program, as in other Farm Bureau supply services, the Farm Bureau member is guaranteed the best quality in fuels, oils, and greases and other automotive supplies that money can buy.

As we have said of the other Farm Bureau companies, Farm Bureau members in Michigan have nearly \$2 million invested in their Petroleum Cooperative. It is well established financially and well equipped to give satisfactory service in ways that no other company thus far has been able to compete with.

The investment in crude oil production has not been made solely to make money but rather to guarantee a source of supply for the refined products.

With this arrangement, we can depend on the supply, and we can depend on the quality, and we can be sure that nobody can give us better service.

There is every reason for us, as farmers and owners, to support our own company. The profits go back to the owners as in any business. In this case, the owners are the farmer patrons. This will guarantee that the business will grow in the future as it has in the past.

Mr. Shuman has said he would welcome an opportunity to discuss with Senator Kennedy the American Farm Bureau's recommendations for agriculture.

Know Your County Presidents



LLOYD W. SMITH of Battle Creek R-9 is president of Calhoun County Farm Bureau. He has been a member for 20 years.

As Lloyd tells it, he has always farmed. In high school his major subject was agriculture. He was hired man 7 years, tenant 16 years, owner 7 years.

He owns 344 acres in partnership with his son, LaVern, 23. The farming operation is mostly dairying, with 40 cows and plans for expansion to 80 cows.

In Farm Bureau, Lloyd has always worked in membership campaigns. He has been Roll Call manager. He has been a Community Group discussion chairman, member of the county board of directors, and president for the past three years. He has been a delegate to annual meetings of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

He was active in the program to build the new County Farm Bureau office at the east edge of Marshall.

His other organization activities are many. Member of his church board, member of the school board, Director and past president of Marshall Farm Bureau Oil Company. Past member of Michigan Milk Producers state resolutions committee, 4-H Club leader 10 years. Past president of DHIA board. Lloyd helped organize the Co-op Council this year. He has worked for CROP, is a member of the Calhoun County Safety Commission, and is a past president of the Methodist Men's Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of Convis Methodist church. They have three sons, LaVern W., married and farm partner; Lynn H. and Larry J., at home. One daughter, Mrs. Sanford Burrill, lives at Battle Creek.

Bees of U. S. gather some 500 million pounds yearly for their own use—plus the 700 to 800 million man harvests.

Urge Congress To Extend Cons. Reserve

DAN E. REED

"The very least Congress should do before it goes home is to extend, if not expand, the Conservation Reserve." Farm Bureau spokesmen are telling both Democrats and Republicans at Washington.

Farm Bureau favors an expansion of the Conservation Reserve to 70 million acres in connection with a wheat program. If the wheat program is not enacted, Farm Bureau supports a more modest expansion.

Congress, however, has refused even to extend the present program after Dec. 31. Both political parties have approved the principle of land retirement through a conservation reserve. Such a bill could, if the leadership in Congress chooses, be passed in a matter of hours.

It is much less costly to retire land from production under the Conservation Reserve than to provide government storage for the produce of the same acres. If the program is not extended,

land which has been retired will begin to come back into production.

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Today in Farm Bureau

ROGER N. FOERCH
 Manager of Organization Division, MFB

1960 membership final — 70,839 — This is the membership total for the Michigan Farm Bureau for the year 1959-60. This is 96.9% of goal. Here are the regional standings:

Northwest	99.9%	Thumb	97.0%
Northeast	99.5%	Central	95.83%
Bridge	98.9%	South West	95.82%
South East	98.0%	West Central	95.3%
East Central	97.4%	U. Peninsula	94.2%

The County Farm Bureaus making goal are:

1. Iron
2. Delta
3. Emmett
4. Wexford
5. Montmorency
6. Benzie
7. Charlevoix
8. Missaukee
9. Marquette - Alger
10. Chippewa
11. Mason
12. Oakland
13. Presque Isle
14. Otsego
15. Wayne
16. Kalkaska
17. Ogemaw
18. Monroe
19. Alcona
20. Muskegon
21. Calhoun

Three additional counties passed their last year's membership but missed goal — Cass, Gratiot, and Menominee.

Today in Farm Bureau is a busy one as we close our books and total the activities for the year. This is also true at the county level. Plus the fact that September is the month that Community Groups reorganize—setting themselves up for the coming year.

Activities in the Marketing Development Division are picking up. A successful dairy tour has just been completed—contacting plants in Ovid, Flint, and in the Detroit area.

There is increased activity and interest in the fruit and vegetable area, especially with the recent organizing of the Michigan Processing Apple Marketing Cooperative.

Farm Bureau Young People have completed another year with their cafeteria at the Ionia Fair. The figures are not all totaled yet but everything indicates a pretty good year. They are now preparing for the fruit juice stand at the State Fair. (If you visit the Fair, stop in.)

Another activity of note is the meeting of the State Resolutions Committee. Their first meeting was August 16. They will be a busy group of people from now on doing research work on agricultural needs and preparing themselves for the resolutions that will be coming in from County Annual Meetings.

1961 Membership. Another reason for increased Farm Bureau activity, at this time, is the preparation for the membership campaign for 1961. Membership Committees have already met and most of the Roll Call Managers have been selected, and are preparing to attend the Roll Call Managers' Conference in mid-September.

One other activity coming up

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Know Your County Presidents



FRANK MERRIMAN of Deckerville has been president of Sanilac County Farm Bureau for nine years. He has been a member for 15 years.

He was elected recently to the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University.

Mr. Merriman owns and operates a 200-acre dairy farm near Deckerville and is a lifelong resident of the area.

Frank joined Farm Bureau in 1945. He has held office in the Community Farm Bureau, served on the Michigan Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee and on the MFB State Study Committee. During his terms as County Farm Bureau president the Sanilac Farm Bureau office building has been built and paid for.

Back in 1939 Frank was named Star Farmer in the Michigan Future Farmers of America. He was elected American Farmer in 1940. Served terms as president and as secretary of the Michigan FFA.

He has served as chairman and is a member of the State Agricultural Advisory Council, secretary of the state board of Michigan Artificial Breeders Ass'n. He has served on the Michigan Civil Rights Commission, White House Conference on Children and Youth, and Citizens for Michigan. He is secretary of the school board.

Mr. and Mrs. Merriman have one son, Phillip. They are members of the Presbyterian church.

Plants 4 Million Pine Seedlings

Pointing up the increased interest in tree farming, reforestation and soil conservation, Gordon McCurdy of the McCurdy Bros. Nurseries at Manton, says he custom planted over four million pine seedlings in North-Central Michigan during the past spring planting period. The area planted covered some 3,000 acres.

Adjust Speed to Traffic Conditions

The "nonconformist driver" who chooses his speed without regard for traffic conditions is a menace to everyone on the road, says Herb Schindler, Jr., president of the Michigan Trucking Ass'n.

"The driver who speeds causes accidents — the driver who travels too slowly contributes to traffic congestion and possibility of an accident on heavily traveled highways.

Illinois has more stored corn than any other state.

YOU'LL WANT TO ATTEND

Sept. & Oct. Meetings Of Community Groups

J. DELBERT WELLS
 MFB Family Program Division

The State Topic Committee met at Lansing July 29 and selected the discussion topics for the next six months. See page 8 of this edition.

The September and October topics were specifically selected to help promote the citizenship program.

The October meeting topic is "National Issues—Meet the Candidates." In many counties the October meeting will be a joint meeting of all community groups on a county-wide basis to meet the candidates.

This is designed so that all Farm Bureau members may have a chance to meet and get acquainted with persons running for office in that area. It is anticipated that these meetings will feature both state and local candidates.

Credit will be given for community group attendance if you attend the county-wide meeting.

In preparation for the October "Meet your Candidate" meeting, the September discussion topic will deal with "Knowing the State Issues." Farm Bureau people can render a real service to the public if the issues which are in question can be clearly analyzed and discussed.

Special effort should be made to see that all Farm Bureau members in the county attend these two meetings. The issues are complicated as well as controversial.

In most cases you have a good group of candidates from which to choose. Invite your neighbors to attend. Do that extra "something" which will show your interest in your community group program and in the citizenship effort.

EDITORIAL

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Bureau can be a highway to good citizenship."

As to the future, we must look to citizen initiative for the basic strength to cope with the baffling problems of the 1960's.

An informed, alert and active citizenship is the best antidote for Premier Krushchev's threat that "In two more generations the United States will be living under Communism."

It is our best assurance that Herbert Hoover was right when he said that Krushchev's boast was "Not so!" Our republic is not in its decline and fall.

"Let's go to work," said President Allan Kline.

Shuman States

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squeeze because excessive production stimulated by government programs has depressed farm prices, while inflation stimulated by deficit spending and the special privileges permitted labor unions has been boosting farm costs.

"The facts are that gross farm income has gone up \$2.5 billion since 1947 — the peak year for realized net income — but production expenses have increased \$8.9 billion in the same period, realized net farm income from farming is down as a consequence.

"Farmers want and deserve constructive action to correct the squeeze on their incomes. This requires agreeable action on many fronts — but particularly on all factors affecting farmers' costs.

It is morally wrong to attempt

to delude farmers into thinking that their long-time interests can be best served by policies which hold out the lure of bigger government farm program benefits.

"The delusion is especially cruel when offered to farmers in conjunction with other policies that inevitably would increase dramatically the cost of things farmers buy and at the same time jeopardize the future of the private competitive enterprise system by feeding the fires of inflation.

"Farm Bureau is not interested in platitudes, slogans, or political panaceas. We are interested in CLEARING the roadblocks to higher per family net farm income by finding economic solutions to economic problems.

"Those who put their faith in government price - fixing, payments, and regimentation are pointing the way to peasantry — not the way to high per family



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Urge All Dairy Inspection by Dep't of Agr.

DONALD R. MOORE
Market Development Division

The next session of the Legislature will be asked to place all dairy inspection in charge of the State Department of Agriculture. If this is enacted, it should benefit farmers substantially.

Inspectors would be assigned on a local basis. Their inspections would be acceptable anywhere in the state. Farmers would no longer be caught in the middle by differing interpretations of regulations.

The Michigan Farm Bureau at its annual meeting in 1959 said "the Michigan Department of Agriculture should be charged with the responsibility of coordinating and directing the complete job of inspection of fluid milk and manufactured milk on a state-wide basis."

The situation which necessitates dairy farm inspection by several different government agencies has plagued farmers for many years. Milk producers are subject to Michigan Dep't of Agriculture inspection and as many city and county health inspections as there are communities in which the milk is sold.

An attempt was made at the 1960 session of the Legislature to relieve this situation. There was little opposition to the measure, but considerable question as to how the new inspection program should be financed.

Dairy plants did not want to be charged twice. Under present law, communities license dairy plants to support the inspection. Plant owners feared that if local governments no longer must finance an inspection, they may not want to give up the revenue. If the plants must also pay a state inspection, it would be burdensome.

There is a feeling that dairy inspection should be financed by public appropriation since the purpose is to protect the public and assure consumers a high quality product that meets standards set by law. The proposed law would bar local communities from making an assessment for inspection.

Since the Farm Bureau said that milk inspection is for protection of the public, it would oppose passing the cost of in-

spection to the producers.

July 1 Grand Rapids suspended its dairy inspection because the cost had become a burden and the city was no longer willing to assume it.

The Michigan Dep't of Agriculture assumed complete responsibility. It is anticipated that the cost of inspection will be about a third of what the city has been paying, with no decline in the quality of service.

Since Grand Rapids turned its dairy inspection program over to the State Department of Agriculture, the city of Battle Creek and Oakland county outside of Pontiac have taken similar action. The cities of Kalamazoo and Lansing have turned farm inspection over to the Department of Agriculture.

Know Your County Presidents



Merrill R. Smith of 11,212 Lewis avenue, Temperance, is president of Monroe County Farm Bureau. He has been a member for 14 years.

Merrill says he has farmed all his life within three miles of where he was born in Ida township. He owns 110 acres and rents 80. He does general grain farming with clover seed as a sideline. Yorkshire hogs for livestock.

Speaking of livestock, between 1933 and 1946 he was a co-owner and operator of a sawmill in Monroe county.

In County Farm Bureau the Merrill Smiths are charter members of Able Neighbor Community Farm Bureau. Merrill was elected to the County Farm Bureau board of directors in 1954. He was elected president in 1957 and again in 1958 and 1959. He has been a member of the State Advisory Committee since 1958.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith attended the 1958 and 1959 conventions of the American Farm Bureaus. They have been 4-H club lead-

Shall We License Farmers?

LOUIS A. ROZZONI
Pres., California Farm Bureau

I thank my lucky stars that I was able to spend my younger days under a freer enterprise system—one in which a person could at least change his occupation if he wanted.

If some of the proposals now coming before Congress are accepted, young people of today are going to find their freedom to change seriously restricted!

In addition to its proposal for 100 percent government control of agriculture, the National Farmers' Union is now pressing for the licensing of farmers.

In a recent public statement on this measure, its president, James G. Patton, said, "No one not engaged in active farming would be licensed. That would eliminate the doctors, lawyers, and other businessmen who have invaded farming, bidding up the price of land and adding to production."

On the surface, this may not seem so bad to some people, however,

I would like to point out that with the power to license goes the power to grant or deny people the right to farm.

I still shudder when I think what my life would have been if it had been mandatory for me to continue to make my living as a window washer after a frightening experience high up on the outside ledge of the Wells Fargo Building in San Francisco.

I managed to reach safety, but for 10 years. Their son, Leslie, is very much interested in 4-H club work.

Paul A. Miller Heads Farm, City Group

The Michigan Farm - City Relations Committee for 1960 has selected Dr. Paul A. Miller, provost of Michigan State University, as its chairman. Arthur B. Boroughs, farm editor of WKAR, continues as secretary.

The Committee is encouraging participation in Farm - City Week, beginning Friday, No-

but I knew I would never again have the assurance needed to wash windows. Fortunately, there was no restriction against my entering another occupation.

This change gave birth to a new enterprise—the Western Button Manufacturing Company. Because of the war in Europe, the normal import supply of buttons was interrupted, creating a need for their manufacture here. I managed to get financing and in time expanded this business to provide employment for over 100 people.

After World War I, Japan and Europe recaptured their button market here and the profits of my business turned to losses. Although buttons could be stored, in those days the government did not provide a market.

I decided to close out that business even though it was an extremely hard decision to reach, for I had invested so much of my time and energy in it.

Having had experience in machine shop work, I next got a job at the Moore Shipyard in Oakland. They accepted me, but in accordance with the union contract, I was asked to join the Machinists' Union.

I applied for membership, but the union agent told me they already had too many machinists.

So I looked around for a need in a business area not subject to closed shops. This led me to peddling fruits and vegetables.

It wasn't much of a business, but I managed to reach safety, but for 10 years. Their son, Leslie, is very much interested in 4-H club work.

September 18 and ending with Thanksgiving Day, November 24. Other members of the Committee are:

- Albert Boyd, Ch. of Commerce, Lansing
- William Brake, Michigan State Grange
- Richard Cook, Michigan Retailers Ass'n
- John Daneke, General Motors Corporation
- Robert J. Furlong, Michigan Tourist Council
- Milton Grinnell, Michigan Farmers
- Russell Kleis, Dep't Teacher Education, MSU
- Harold McKinney, Mich. Council of Churches
- Ferry Tobias, Mich. Dep't of Conservation
- Stephen Nisbet, Gerber Products
- Norman Peterson, Michigan Milk Producers
- Sam Rabinovitch, Michigan Youth Commission
- Dan E. Reed, Michigan Farm Bureau
- Ernest Sawyer, Michigan Farmers Union
- Forrest A. Smith, Michigan Chain Stores & Michigan Agr'l Conference
- Don Stevens, Michigan AFL-CIO
- Mrs. Peter Task, Michigan Home Economics Extension Council

at first, but it did let me support my family. However, because I had the economic freedom to expand, to try new things, to adjust to market demand, my peddling business grew into grocery, fruit and vegetable stores and meat shops.

As most of us do when things are going well and the future looks bright, I followed the trend of the times, which, in the late twenties, was to invest in stock. I also bought a farm which the bank had taken over from some one who felt farming had no future for him.

By 1932, I would almost have agreed with the previous owner of my farm, but as my stocks were worthless and I had severed my connection with the retail and wholesale business in the city, I decided to stay on that farm even though it was highly mortgaged.

Although not a farmer, I felt that my business experience coupled with my like for the work could make that farm pay. This enthusiasm, as well as a trust in the future, was shared by my family and those financing me. And, in time, this venture proved successful for all concerned.

The people who now propose legislation to curb the freedom of trying something new, to freeze an individual's capital, energy, interests and know-how, are doing a disservice to humanity.

The flow of people from one place to another, from one occupation to another, has built this great country.

I wonder where the proponents of these restrictive measures would be today if their opportunities and rights to make decisions had been frozen some years ago.

As a person who knows what the privilege of economic freedom can mean, I plead with you to exercise extreme caution before, no matter what sugar-coating is put on them.

The idea of a government freeing jobs or directly controlling business operations is not new. We do not have to look very far back in history to find these same ideas being tried and observe their failing.

There is no question about the need for improving the net income of certain groups of farmers—the reason for the National Farmers' Union proposal for licensing farmers as well as its proposal for 100 percent government controls.

But this is not the answer. It is from too much government interference that we find ourselves in our present income dilemma.

We must raise the net income of farmers, but we must do it by sound planning and proper understanding.

We must not depend on or let the government tell people what to produce, who is to produce it, how and where to produce it or what price to charge.

These decisions must be left for the individual to make within the conditions determined by the market.

Will Seaway Bring Animal, Plant Pests?

A special committee created by the Michigan State Senate met in Detroit August 11 to study the threat of damage by foreign plant and animal pests carried to Michigan's coast line by St. Lawrence Seaway shipping.

Senator Dehmel, Unionville, chairman of the committee, called the meeting to hear representatives of the Michigan and U. S. Department of Agriculture and industry representatives discuss the need for tightening inspection provisions on imports.

Farm Bureau was represented at the hearing by Dan E. Reed, associate legislative counsel.

Half of the food and fiber produced in the United States is grown in 11 states which will be benefited by the opening of St. Lawrence Seaway ports. There is

a fear that the Seaway may expose our agricultural heartland to foreign insects and diseases. Only a few months after the Seaway was opened, the Khapra beetle, the world's worst pest of stored grain, was intercepted at Cleveland, Ohio.

Relatively few of the thousands of insects and diseases known throughout the temperate climates of the world are now present in Michigan.

Mrs. Martha Griffiths, member of Congress from Detroit and Wayne county, indicated interest in providing additional funds for the Department of Agriculture for plant and animal inspection and quarantine protection.

Nearly 1,000 foreign vessels entered the St. Lawrence Seaway from 43 foreign countries during 1959. Federal plant and animal quarantine inspectors were stationed at only four of the many U. S. ports along the Seaway where these vessels unloaded cargo.

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ADA Starts September Sales Campaign

The American Dairy Association of Michigan has scheduled a gigantic milk advertising and promotion campaign during September, said Boyd Rice, state manager.

The big milk selling campaign is timed to tie in with the national program which will begin the first week in September and continue throughout the month.

Theme of the promotion will be ADA's successful, "Get More Milk For Weekend," which reminds Michigan families not to run out of milk — before the milkman comes or the store opens.

During September 45 Michigan cities will be blanketed with full color billboards. In addition, newspaper ads will run in 45 Michigan newspapers reaching 2,470,000 homes.

Full page four color magazine ads in Reader's Digest, Coronet, This Week and Suburbia Today, plus television commercials on Dave Garfway's "Today" show, plus announcements on the Marshall Wells show over WJR and the Michigan Farmer and Michigan Farm News complete the program.

The ADA merchandising service has made point-of-sale materials available to dairies and grocers. Publicity releases are available to all the state's publications and radio stations.

The present milk promotion is the climax of a campaign begun six months ago with ADA and the dairy industry of Michigan working together to bring the story of the goodness of all dairy products to the consumers of Michigan.

Mr. Rice said that the current milk promotion is an example of the type of program that should be maintained on a year-around basis. "Continued and increased support on the part of everyone in the dairy industry of Michigan is essential if we are to succeed in our efforts to increase the consumption of Michigan milk and dairy products," he stated.

"Producers not now members of ADA are being urged through their marketing organizations to get behind the program to sell more Michigan milk."

Aluminum Coated Farm Fence is New

Farm Bureau Services, Inc., has announced that it will distribute the new aluminum coated woven wire and barb wire fence manufactured by the American Steel & Wire Division of the United States Steel Corporation.

U. S. Steel developed aluminum coated fence in 1952 as a farm production tool that should have much longer life and cost less to maintain than zinc coated galvanized fence.

The manufacturer says that

The Farmer

GEORGE D. SCARSETH
Director, American Farm Research Association

He may be the first to go broke, but the last to starve.

He must stay close to home, has much privacy, and is free from time cards.

He knows storms, cold, rains and mud, but his air is free from cancer-producing gases.

He uses labor saving machines, but farms bigger, so works as hard as ever. Hard work doesn't kill anyone with a good heart — good in spirit and good by use.

His work is steady, so he isn't soft. (Many city people in the North die shoveling snow.)

He can forego comforts and have much freedom, or he can trade his independence for more things. (His family and others keep him on the treadmill . . . most of us will do anything for our family.)

He does not need a vacation in the country, but would like to see the "bright lights" occasionally.

He can't time to go fishing, but there is nobody saying . . . "You can't go."

He used to be regarded as a "hayseed" but many of our national leaders got started from hard times on the farm.

He can't hide his property from the tax collector, and is taxed to death for the tools he uses to produce a taxable income.

Inflation increases the value of his land, but in turn increases the taxes and the cost of farm supplies.

If he conserves his soil or builds its productivity, he gets no tax deduction; instead, the taxes go up because the farm is worth more.

He is a disciplined man. He can't cheat on the laws of nature, and as such doesn't like orders from confused man-made regulations; he hates bureaucrats, and is suspicious of "do-good leadership."

He believes in God. Of all men, the farmer must still work with God as a partner who will not strike.

eight years of testing throughout the United States has revealed that aluminum coated fence should last 3 to 5 times longer than galvanized fence. Maintenance costs are lower. It keeps its attractive appearance.

First carloads of aluminum fencing were to be shipped to Farm Bureau Services dealers early in September.

Fence is an important tool in cutting livestock production costs according to studies compiled by U. S. Steel. It says:

Pasture fencing for hog production is worth as much as an 85 bushel per acre corn crop.

Rotational grazing will return up to \$16 per acre over continuous grazing and makes 20% more efficient use of forage.

Grazing cattle saves \$19.12 per acre over hay feeding; \$13.76 per acre over silage feeding; \$8.96 per acre over green chop feeding.

Gleaning corn fields with cattle and hogs will return up to \$1.90 profit per acre. 60% of field grain losses can be recovered by gleaning. In addition, the cattle get the extra benefit of fodder without harvesting cost.

George Brooks Was Farm Co-op Leader

George H. Brooks, 72, for many years a leader among farm cooperatives in Michigan, died at his home at St. Johns, August 9.

Mr. Brooks was secretary, treasurer, and manager of the St. Johns Cooperative Elevator

for 39 years. He retired in 1959.

He was a director of the Michigan Elevator Exchange for 18 years. He served as secretary for 11 years and retired from that post in 1959. He retired as a director in February, 1960.

Mr. Brooks was a member of Clinton County Farm Bureau and the Grange. He served two terms as mayor of St. Johns and 12 years as a city commissioner.

He is survived by his wife, Goldie, one daughter, Maralyse, and a sister, Miss Amelia Brooks of St. Johns.

Know Your County Presidents



JOA PENZIEN of 17,660 25-Mile Road, Mt. Clemens, is president of Macomb County Farm Bureau.

He owns and lives on the 253-acre farm where he was born. Joa worked with his father until 1942, then bought the farm and personal property from him. Joa was 28. Today he rents another 250 acres. Has 80 Holstein cattle, 38 milking. Raises 80 acres of potatoes and 40 acres of vegetables.

Joa has been in Farm Bureau 15 years, member of the county board of directors for six years, and served two years as vice-president.

He is a past president of the Washington local of Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n; treasurer of Macomb Cooperative Milk Hauling Ass'n for 18 years; member of Agr'l Stabilization and Conservation Committee three years, past president of Macomb County Branch of Michigan Livestock Exchange.

Mr. Penzien is active in the Lutheran church. An elder for 12 years, finance committee six years, president of Men's Club 10 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Penzien have three children, Janet, James, and Judith.

189 Water Accidents Reported in State

Forty-nine boating and water accidents added 18 deaths and 25 injured persons to the list of water victims in Michigan in a two-and-a-half-week period, a State Police accident compilation discloses.

Up through July 26 this year there have been 189 reportable water accidents which have claimed 90 lives and injured 99 persons. Forty-six of the accidents were property damage only.

Included in the 90 fatalities were 21 swimmers or waders, 13 boat operators, 11 boat passengers, 11 who fell into rivers, six children who strayed from parents and into water and 28 who drowned in miscellaneous mishaps.

With water sports activity normally heavy in August, the State Police again emphasize the importance of vigilant safety practices to prevent needless injuries and loss of life and curb the growing toll.

Youngs Heads FBS Warehouse And Transport

Farm Bureau Services Warehouse and Transport Dept., a new department, starts operations September 1, said Maynard D. Brownlee, general manager of FBS.

The new department will supervise Farm Bureau Services' wholesale warehousing and trucking activities. The objective is to improve our wholesale warehouse operations, Mr. Brownlee said.

John Youngs heads the Warehouse and Transport Dept., under the supervision of M. J. Buschlen, manager of the Farm Bureau Services Farm Supplies Division.

R. B. Bohnsack, manager of Services Retail Division, will continue to supervise the organization's retail outlets.

Farm Bureau Services has regional wholesale warehouses at Emmett, Essexville, Jenson, Lansing, and Traverse City. Branch store operations at Kalamazoo have been limited to retail services.

Effective September 1 wholesale warehouse operations at Saginaw will be transferred to 608 Borton street, Essexville, with Roy Swanson in charge.

In the Saginaw area, FBS retail

Farming is Important In Upper Peninsula

HUGO E. KIVI
U. P. Regional Representative

Farming is important and growing business in the Upper Peninsula.

Anyone who thinks that U. P. farming has slipped has mistaken change for loss. True, there are fewer farms than there were. Upper Peninsula farming has consolidated its agricultural production into fewer units and made them more efficient.

F. L. Parson, director of research for the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, spoke recently to Upper Peninsula bankers at Ishpeming and Iron Mountain.

In 1929, said Parson, the value of agricultural products sold by Upper Peninsula farmers was \$10,907,000. In 1939 - this figure

services at 800 South Washington street and the elevator at 220 Bristol street will continue there under the management of Reuben Preutz.

At Lansing's Farm Bureau Center, Marshall Warren, who has been manager of wholesale and retail services, will manage the wholesale business and warehouse. Don Hammaker will manage the retail store and elevator.

slipped to \$7,088,000.

Farm income bounced back in 1949 to \$19,971,000 and in 1959 it rose to an all time high of \$22,933,000. Who said, "Farming is slowly fading out of the picture in the U. P.?"

U. P. farmers have maintained and increased their gross income despite a fall of nearly a million bushels in the U. P. potato harvest. In 1949, Houghton county grew 1,300,000 bushels of potatoes with 3 million bushels grown in the U. P. that year. Last year the total harvest for the U. P. was a little over 2 million bushels.

Chippewa county which once had approximately 3,000 acres of flax has only about 100 acres now, according to William Cargo, crops specialist of Michigan State University Extension Service in the Upper Peninsula. Chippewa's once great hay production has dwindled drastically. But dairy and livestock have made Chippewa one of the best Upper Peninsula counties.

Menominee county used to raise winter wheat but now puts all of its grain through cattle. Menominee now grows increasing amounts of alfalfa, oats and

corn for cattle feeding.

The largest segment of U. P. farm income is livestock and livestock products which amounted to \$18,158,000 in 1959 while crops accounted for \$3,231,000.

U. P. farmers have realized that they must produce what the market demands and be able to convert their operations to meet these demands if they expect to be successful operators.

New Chemicals May Control Quack Grass

New weed-killing chemicals soon may have quack grass — a Michigan weed of long-standing — well under control, tests at Michigan State University indicate.

This is shown in corn plot experiments by William F. Meggitt, MSU weed control researcher in the farm crops department. In the plots, Meggitt has been trying various combinations of chemical weed killers, some still not approved for farm use, and varying times and rates of application.

In some plots, Meggitt has obtained nearly 100 per cent quack grass control. In others, using cheaper application methods, he has almost complete control. Untreated comparison plots are over-

run with quack.

These plots will be shown as one of the four stops at the Crops-Soils Field day at MSU September 8.

Meggitt's aim is to find a combination that will effectively control quack grass in corn and still be cheap enough for farmers to afford.

One chemical that shows the most promise is yet to be approved by the federal government. However, it may be cleared for marketing and use on corn land next year.

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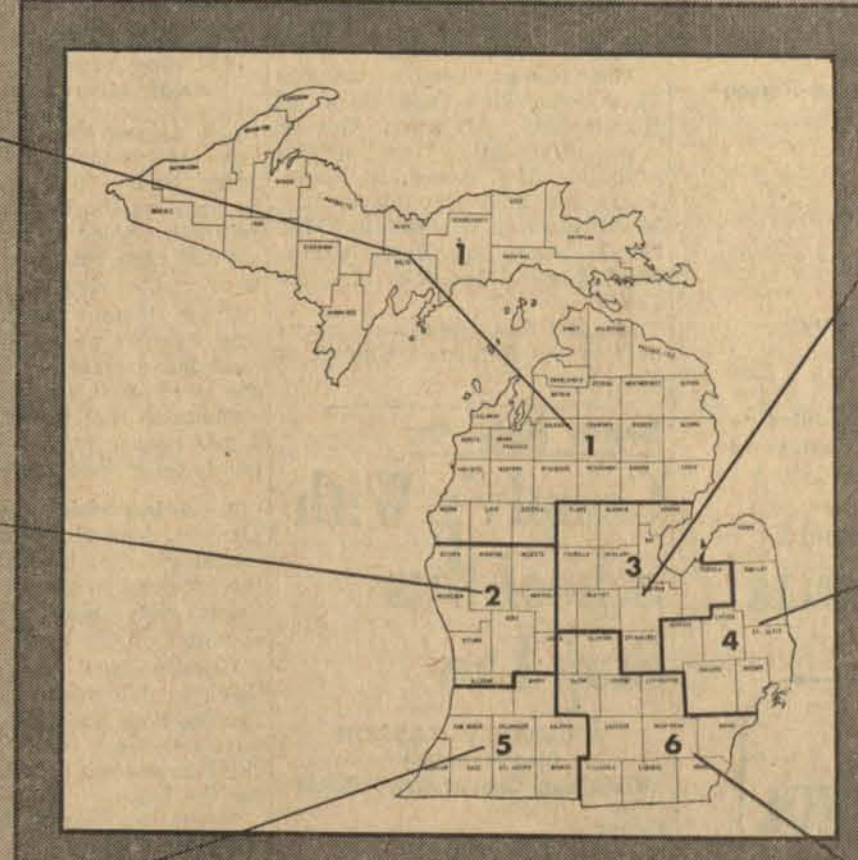
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Farm Bureau In Upper Peninsula

HUGO E. KIVI
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Bruce Crandall of Daggett, a Farm Bureau leader in Menominee county and a former member of our State Dairy Committee, was pictured on the front page of the August 6 issue of the Michigan Farmer.

Mr. Crandall's farm was one of the three farms chosen for the Upper Peninsula Farm Management Tour August 17. Those attending the tour saw mechanization that has changed the life of today's dairy farmer.

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MFB Family Program Division

American patriotism, — love for one's country—is a thought that seems to be slipping from the mind of many Americans.

Recently a church event and a school program have helped to renew my faith in this great cause and to give me renewed hope for the appreciation of this great nation.

One of the members of Grace Methodist church in Lansing presented the church two new flags—the Christian flag and the new 50-star American flag. These are beautiful flags. They are silk with gold fringe, each mounted on a staff; one surmounted by a cross and the other by an eagle.

The minister preached on the meaning and symbols of the flags. The congregation stood and reverently saluted each of the flags with the appropriate pledge.

The flags were presented by one member on behalf of a deceased member and received by another member on behalf of the church. The flags were dedicated by the minister. The entire scene was very inspiring.

The two flags will not only

continue to grace the pulpit and add much lasting beauty to the church, but will be a constant sermon to the world that we do consider God and His Church supreme and that, "One Nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all" is still held in high regard by dedicated people.

With the new 50 star flag becoming official on July 4, now is a good time to rededicate yourself to the cause of Americanism and see that new, beautiful flags get put where they should be.

Why don't you—or your organization exert your influence in this direction? Let your patriotism for America show.

The second instance that came to my attention and drove home the Americanism theme came from the Springfield, Missouri, public schools.

Eight years ago the school board and teachers of the Springfield community decided that their school should rightly take its place as a leader in educating its students for their responsibilities as American citizens.

Many people felt that the school systems had been slipping in performing this responsibility.

When Professor Willard J. Graff was selected to head the school system, he asked that a committee of citizens and teachers draft some principles of philosophy by which the school activities would be guided.

It is worthy of note that the preamble to this set of principles reads like this: "Aware of the world-wide struggle between the forces of freedom and tyranny, the administrators and teachers in the Springfield school system are earnestly committed to teaching the meaning of freedom and the 'know-how' required to remain free."

Further in the set of principles the thought is reiterated again and this paragraph was added to it:

"This concern was expressed by our founding fathers—Washington, Jefferson and Madison and others—that the people are capable of governing themselves ONLY if sufficiently enlightened, and that a Republic here could exist ONLY with an active and informed citizenry.

"Education, therefore, should strive to produce informed, thinking individuals who are capable of participating in deci-

sions and policy formation and who recognize their duty for doing so.

"The Springfield public schools accept these major purposes as the basis for subjects taught, for the contents of these subjects and for the methods used,—to the end that each pupil may acquire the information, skills, and attitudes that will help him to become a successful individual and a worthy citizen."

It might be interesting if Farm Bureau members would check on their local school and see how closely it subscribes to this philosophy.

It might also be interesting if Farm Bureau leaders would attempt to determine what the schools are doing to carry out these principles.

Eight years of effort shows much real progress and many side benefits for the Springfield program.

For more information about the Springfield project, its objectives, plans and procedures, write to Family Program Division, Michigan Farm Bureau, P. O. Box 960, Lansing, Michigan, for the booklet published by the Springfield, Missouri schools.

John B. Strange Was Agricultural Leader

John B. Strange, 80, of Grand Ledge, Eaton county, died August 9. He was a member of Michigan Farm Bureau from the beginning in 1919.

Mr. Strange was a member of the Legislature in 1933 and 1934. He was Commissioner of Agriculture under Governor Frank Murphy.

Mr. Strange had a great interest in 4-H club work. He and the late Hans Kardel, Eaton county agr'l agent, and others organized the Eaton County 4-H Society 30 years ago. One of its first projects was to revive the Eaton county fair with emphasis on youth projects.

The fair became very successful as the largest community enterprise in the county with everyone working in it on a volunteer basis. Mr. Strange was president for 23 years.

He was a former officer of Eaton County Farm Bureau, and president of the Grand Ledge Produce Company for many years. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, one daughter, Mrs. Frances Catey of Grand Ledge, nine grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Soybeans Not Part Of Farm Problem

Since World War II the soybean crop has increased from 200 million bushels to almost 600 million bushels, and may double again, says the American Soybean Association.

They are no part of the farm surplus program. The Association says that a realistic pricing policy and vigorous marketing program has kept soybeans moving to the markets and not into government storage.

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Know Your County Presidents



GUY HOMAN of New Era is president of Oceana County Farm Bureau. He has been a member for 16 years.

Guy includes in his general farming on 97 acres livestock, grain crops, cherries, and asparagus. He was born in Oceana county and grew up in farming. He worked for the Oceana County Highway Dep't for a number of years and returned to farming 16 years ago.

In Farm Bureau Mr. Homan has been a Community Group chairman, legislative Minute Man, and now county president.

Mr. and Mrs. Homan had four sons in the armed forces. All served overseas and returned safely. The eldest son, Leo, passed away two years ago.

The Homan family includes three sons: Glen and Max of Birmingham, Alabama; Gerald, returned recently from service with the U.S. Army in Korea. There are three daughters: Mrs. Marie Ramsey of Shelby, Mrs. Carol Miller of Battle Creek, Mrs. Nancy J. Jonseck of New Era.

Mr. and Mrs. Homan are members of the Reformed Church at New Era.

State Committee Elected at Mid-Year Meetings

The State Committee is a standing committee of the Michigan Farm Bureau. It consists of County Farm Bureau leaders elected from each membership district and those appointed from the Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

The Committee's responsibility is to review and make recommendations concerning relations between County Farm Bureaus and the Michigan Farm Bureau, such as:

- 1 - County Relationship Agreement.
- 2 - County Office Agreement.
- 3 - Farmers Petroleum Cooperative Relationship Agreement.
- 4 - Insurance Service Agreement.
- 5 - Memorandum of Understanding on Blue Cross -Blue Shield Program.

State Committee members for 1960-61 were elected by Executive Committees of each membership district at the mid-year meetings in June for County Farm Bureau leaders:

- District**
- 1 - Francis Finch, Van Buren county; John Handy, Berrien county, alternate.
 - 2 - LaVerne Kramer, Hillsdale county; Mrs. Ruth Day, Jackson county, alternate.
 - 3 - Merrill Smith, Monroe county; Ed Bourns, Oakland county, alternate.
 - 4 - Theo Yager, Ionia county; Ralph Moore, Barry county, alternate.
 - 5 - Leslie Ames, Genesee county; Robert Reese, Clinton county, alternate.
 - 6 - Bruce Ruggles, Tuscola county; Ernest Miller, Huron county, alternate.
 - 7 - Austin Greenhoe, Montcalm county; Elmer McLachlan, Osceola county, alternate.
 - 8 - Donald Sandbrook, Isabella county; Frank Blessing, Saginaw county, alternate.
 - 9 - Earl Bacon, NW Michigan; Ruvert Vandermeulen, Missaukee county, alternate.
 - 10 - Adolph Siegrist, Iosco county; Clark Most, Cheboygan county, alternate.
 - 11 - Mrs. John Olsen, Delta county.
- President Walter Wightman has appointed these members of the state Board of Directors to the State Committee:
- Dale Duncel**, Ingham county, Director from District 5.
- Thomas Hahn**, Mecosta county, Director from District 7.

Compulsory or Voluntary Land Retirement

DAN E. REED
Associate Legislative Counsel

The Conservation Reserve plan of retiring unneeded farm production has developed strong support among farmers, conservation-minded citizens, and some members of Congress. It is also an important plank in the platform of the Republican party.

There is some difference of opinion as to whether it should be a voluntary or a compulsory program. Some people feel that only a compulsory program will retire the necessary amount of production. Let's look at both proposals:

Under the voluntary plan, the farmer makes his own choice, based on his own situation. If he has a little more land than he can handle well, he may decide to put it in Conservation Reserve rather than hire more help or buy a larger tractor. Or he may, for reasons of health, age, lack of capital to expand, or any number of other reasons, decide to bid for a contract covering his whole farm.

Last year when Conservation Reserve bidding was announced, more land was available than could be accepted and the cost, per unit of production, was lower than expected. We now have about 28 million acres in C.R. It has been estimated that 80 million acres in the C.R. would be needed to bring our production in line with market demands.

It is expected that this would, in general, be the less productive land. Experience has shown that it costs Uncle Sam much less per unit of production to retire marginal land as high producing lands. When entire farms are placed in C.R., the problem and expense of checking and measuring fields is practically eliminated.

Compulsory land retirement would mean a required percentage of every farm. A farmer may have built his farm unit so that it is a balanced unit. Forcing him to reduce his crop acreage might mean that he could not quite afford an extra hand, but could not quite handle the job alone.

Checking compliance on every farm would increase costs tremendously and would encourage violations, both intentional and unintentional.

Under a compulsory program, portions of our best land would be idled while less productive land continued in crops.

Estelle Elected to Midwest Committee

Ed Estelle of Gaylord was elected chairman of the Midwest Farm Bureau Young People's camp planning committee for 1961. The election was at the 1960 camp at Onama, Minnesota, July 29-31. Mr. Estelle is president of the Young People of Michigan Farm Bureau.

Attending the Midwest camp from Michigan were Miss Elaine Erny and Miss Caroline Filbrandt of South Haven, Miss Barbara Landis of Homer, Alvin Johnson and Max Hartner of Saginaw. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bollwahn were chaperons for the group.

Legume Crops Pay Well for Fertilizer

Legume forage crops return almost \$1.50 worth of plant food per dollar spent of fertilizer, according to a report from Michigan State University soil scientists.

Some Help On Comply'g With School Bus Stop Law

WILLIAM H. TAYLOR
Superintendent
Vicksburg Community Schools

Editor Michigan Farm News:

The driving public seems to be uncertain about the exact meaning of the school bus stop law. The points needing emphasis seem to be these:

1. The driver turns on the flashing lights near the top of the bus at a considerable distance before he reaches his stopping point in order that other vehicles may have due and timely notice that he is about to stop for the purpose of picking up or letting off children.
- Other drivers usually can tell about where the bus will stop, either by children standing there in the morning, or by a residence or crossroad a short distance ahead of the bus in the afternoon. They should pass the bus before it reaches that stop if possible.
- If they see they cannot pass it safely before it reaches that stop, they should slow down and stop in plenty of time.
- It is illegal to pass the bus from either way after it has come to a full stop, until it has finished picking up or discharging students.
- By common practice the bus driver will turn off the flashing

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Corn for Worthy Cause on Friendship Acres

RALPH PENNOCK, Ray Hartwell, and Barry County Agr'l Agent Arthur Steeby are shown putting up a Christian Rural Overseas "Friendship Acres" sign for five acres of corn nine Nashville farmers are giving CROP for its relief program.

Church World Service says that hundreds of thousands of refugees in Hong Kong could use a carload of cooking oil a week.

The corn will be shipped to Staley Brothers in Illinois to be exchanged for corn oil and corn syrup for CROP. Distribution overseas is through church agencies. A bushel of corn produces

about two quarts of corn oil and one pint of corn syrup. Ray Hartwell gave the five acres of land. Arden and Victor Schantz plowed the field. James Rizor gave the fertilizer. Albert Bell harvested the seed and will harvest the crop. Ralph and Wayne Pennock prepared the seed bed and planted it with Floyd Shilton's planter. William Swift did the cultivating. This is one of a number of Friendship Acres projects in Michigan. Arthur Lathrop of Delton is county chairman in Barry county. Arthur Steeby assists as agricultural agent and with publicity.

2. Be alert always for unusual odors. Stay away from a silo if a yellowish-brown gas with a burning, choking odor appears. This is nitrogen dioxide.

3. If it seems that unusual gases may be forming, get a good-sized fan to circulate air while working.

4. Keep children from climbing into silos, especially right after filling.

5. If there is a silo room, open a door or window while filling to help keep gases from accumulating in the room.

6. Don't work in a silo unless someone is nearby. And before entering, remove the door at silage level for a quick exit if necessary.

Death can result from suffocation as well as from poisoning, explains Erwin J. Benne, MSU agricultural chemist.

Excessive carbon dioxide from ensilage can cause suffocation since it replaces oxygen in the air.

"Nitrogen dioxide can be both suffocating and poisonous," Benne adds. "This gas comes from the breakdown of excessive nitrates in plant tissue."

Benne suspects that high nitrogen fertilization and drought may contribute to nitrate concentrations. He is planning to explore this further in a research project.

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MAURICE HENHEN of West Branch is president of Ogemaw County Farm Bureau. He has been a member for 10 years.

Maurice owns the homestead farm of 120 acres and rents another 160. It's diversified farming, with the dairy herd as the main source of income.

In Farm Bureau, Maurice has served three years as community group discussion leader. He was elected to the county board of directors in 1956, and was vice-chairman in 1958. He has served on the board's farm supplies committee.

He attended the American Farm Bureau convention at Boston in 1958, and has attended all Michigan Farm Bureau annual meetings but one since being elected to the county board.

Mr. and Mrs. Hennen have two daughters and a son. Maureen and Lois are active in 4-H club work. Mark is 4½. Lois has dairy and saddle horse projects in 4-H. She is "ramrod" for the farm when Dad is away for Farm Bureau.

The Hennen family was host in 1958 to Shimson Ben Osher, International Foreign Youth Exchange student from Israel. Their participation in this people-to-people program was most interesting and educational.

The Hennens are members of the Catholic church.

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13 FARM MACHINERY

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Hears Farm Bureau On Silo Issues

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of adequate Bang's and T. B. cattle testing; need for earmarking of research and extension funds and new research to provide Michigan agriculture with new varieties, market knowledge and disease controls to keep our farmers competitive in the markets.

Farm Bureau asked for a voluntary Seal of Quality program for agricultural products; and an expanded Conservation Reserve Program. Also for elimination of multiple dairy farm inspections and an end to "gerrymandered" annexations by cities to grab high value properties.

High and Education. Farm Bureau supported use of a greater equalization factor in distributing State aid for schools. Reorganizations should result from voluntary action of those involved, and control should remain in the hands of local people.

Federal aid for schools is not needed, said Farm Bureau. The astounding gains in school building and the lower birthrate mean that needs are being met. Teachers' salaries have been constant-

ly increasing.

Labor Committee. The family farm comprises 96% of the Nation's farm units. Farm Bureau told the Subcommittee on Labor, but many of these farms need supplemental harvest help. Minimum wages should not be applied to agriculture, since many people who are unemployed in other industries can find work in farms and orchards. If a farmer is forced to pay a minimum wage, many folks will simply not be employed.

Application of the child labor law to agriculture would mean that no youngster under 14 could work at any time on a farm not owned by his parents. This would eliminate many who pick fruit and vegetables at no hazard to health.

President Eisenhower that imports of Elbered wire are not damaging or threatening to seriously injure domestic production.

For this reason the Commission made no recommendation for changing tariff concessions on foreign barb wire. The Commission said its investigation revealed that the decline in sales of U. S.-made barb wire was 3 1/4 times the increase in imports of barb wire. It mentioned as contributing causes the decreasing use of electric fence, the increasing number of farms, and the trend toward larger fields.

The National Council of Farmer Cooperatives opposed an import duty or an import quota on foreign barb wire. The Council said it saves farmers up to 24% of the cost of wire produced in the United States.

No Cause For Action on Barb Imports

The United States Tariff Commission on August 3 reported to

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28 WOMEN

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29 WORK WANTED

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Beware of Gas Danger In Silo

A silo can be perfectly safe. It can be a death trap without adequate air circulation.

"Michigan has had several cases of serious poisoning from silo gases in the last few years," said Richard Pfister, agricultural engineering safety specialist at Michigan State University. "At least two were fatal."

"Not long ago, a young Lenawee county man went down into a silo in which silage had settled two doors. The door at silage level was closed, and gas killed the farmer before he could escape."

Pfister suggests several silo precautions:

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Claude Nash Was Organization Director

Claude Nash, 75, died February 28 at Bradenton, Florida. Funeral services were at Lansing. Mr. Nash was director of organization for the Michigan Farm Bureau 1927 through 1930. For the next 18 years he was in extension work for the Agr'l Economics Dept at Michigan State University. He retired in 1949.

Vital Decisions Face Voters in State Election

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for September

Background Material for Program in September by Our 1564 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

DONALD D. KINSEY
Coordinator of Education and Research for MFB

The national political party conventions are now history. They are over. But not so the tumult and the shouting, the campaign ranting and the propaganda framed for the listening ears of the voting public.

Campaign statements fall into the same class as the size of the fish caught by the blue-ribbon champion of the Tall Story Club.

An election year is a poor time to listen to political statements of the issues. In the clash and fire of campaign debate the truth often gets twisted rather severely. It is better to gather your facts from various reliable sources, check and verify them under the calmer skies of pre-election years.

If we do this, we know what should be taken with a pinch of salt and a glass of water as we sit before a TV screen or read newspaper stories revealing campaign oratory and debate.

As this goes to press, we have about two months before we fold our ballots and tuck them away with our hopes and fears riding on the results. Probably the most interesting thing that we could do in our September and October meetings of the Community Farm Bureaus is to study the elections,—the issues and the candidates.

In September, let's take a look at some of the major State issues. In October, we can review some of the important national issues.

Amend State Constitution? Voters face three proposals to amend our State Constitution when they pick up their ballots on November 8.

Proposal No. 1 School Finance

Proposal No. 1 asks in effect, "Shall the State of Michigan renew the authority for bonding to provide aid to distressed school districts?"

The Legislative Committee and the Board of Directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau examined this proposal and decided in favor of it.

Proposal No. 2 Increase Sales Tax?

Proposal No. 2 puts before the voters a tax question upon which the Legislature was deadlocked for at least two years. Voters will decide, "Shall Michigan authorize an increase of up to one cent on the dollar in sales tax to provide operating revenue for State services and programs, and to retire the debt of \$110 million?"

In a very real way, this proposal may involve a double decision by the voters. Some Legislators have declared that if the

voters reject the 4 cent sales tax, it must be regarded as a mandate for the passage of a state income tax.

No voter should get the idea that he is voting for a sales tax as opposed to no added taxes, say these Legislators.

The hawk on the midway at the fair says, "You pay your money and you take your choice!" In this case you make your choice—but you will pay your money.

When the Legislature got "jammed" on this issue and could not decide, Farm Bureau proposed that the question be taken to the voters. But it took no position as to what the decision ought to be. In recent years, the delegates have tabled proposals regarding new taxes.

Proposal No. 3 Revise Constitution

Like a Jack-in-the-box, the issue of a state constitutional convention pops its head up just about every time somebody twists the crank. This time it appears wearing a new face.

What is involved in Proposal 3 on the November 8th ballot? Maybe we should say first what is NOT involved.

Some folks have a mistaken idea that Proposal 3 is a vote to call a constitutional convention right away. Not so! But the proposal is even more important. It involves a number of critical issues.

Change Delegate Body?

If the voters were to approve Proposal 3, the delegate body would be larger, costlier and contain an increased percentage of delegates from cities and urban areas. The present Constitution provides for 3 delegates from each of the 34 Senatorial districts of Michigan. This adds up to a convention of 102 delegates.

Proposal 3 would seat one delegate for each Senator (34) and one for each member of the House of Representatives (110). This would total 144 convention delegates.

Since Representative districts are apportioned by population numbers, and most of the delegates would come from these districts, urban majorities would increase for any future convention.

If we use census figures and total city vs. township populations in the Senatorial districts, we can see that cities already hold a majority of the delegate seats under present provisions of the Constitution.

The result of Proposal 3 would be to shift the balance farther off center in the same direction.

With a larger body of delegates receiving pay and expenses, the costs of holding a Con-Con would be increased sharply. One estimate puts it at about \$17,000 per delegate. Then, a larger meeting place would be required. A convention hall would have to be rented, since no State-owned building could house a convention of 144 delegates. The House of Representatives could seat 102 delegates.

Estimated costs of a Con-Con rate in excess of \$2 million. Taxpayers would have another bill to meet. Complications arise, too, since the present Constitution calls for the convention to meet "at the capitol" and that is the state house.

Changing the Vote Requirement

This is a second feature of Proposal 3. Under present constitutional requirements it takes a majority of those VOTING IN THE ELECTION to approve the calling of a Con-Con.

Proposal 3 would change this. It would take a simple majority of "yes" votes ON THE QUESTION of calling a convention to do the job. A majority voting on the QUESTION instead of a majority VOTING IN THE ELECTION.

Farm Bureau has taken the position that unless voters are concerned enough about holding a Con-Con to show a majority of votes in the election, they don't want one very much, and one should not be called. The voters are NOW in a position to call a Con-Con if they really feel the need. They have rejected the proposals in recent years.

Stanley Powell points up a very important consideration when he says, "In 1948 over 40% of the voters expressed themselves as in favor of a Con-Con. In 1958 less than 35% voted favorably."

"In 1948 over 78% of those voting cast a ballot either for or against a Con-Con. In 1958 less than 62% of those voting bothered to cast a ballot either for or against a Con-Con."

"That would indicate that the general public has a declining interest in this matter. It is obvious that if a simple majority of those voting on the issue could prevail, then one-half of less than 62% of the voters, or less than 31% of those voting in the election would have ordered a Con-Con if this provision had been in effect in 1958."

New Constitution Not Automatic

Expensive as it is, a Con-Con does not automatically provide us with a new State Constitution. The document, the product of the convention, must be placed before the voters in a general election.

Few voters will ever read the massive document. Desirable and undesirable features would be intermingled for the voter. Voters have rejected proposed new Constitutions and have voided the work of conventions on two past occasions.

Over \$2 million in expenses could go by the board with nothing gained. Perhaps it would be considerably more than \$2 million. Here's why:

Speed-up Tactics

A feature of Proposal 3 would be the method of selecting delegates

Discussion Topics

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

- Sept. State Issues in the 1960 Election.
- Oct. National Issues . . . and Meet the Candidates.
- Nov. How Can Members Use their Farm Bureau Organization?
- Dec. Unfair Trade Practices as a Problem for Michigan Farmers.
- Jan. Michigan's Water Rights Problems Grow.
- Feb. Can Rising Property Taxes be Avoided?

Read your Discussion Article in the Michigan Farm News. Attend your Community Farm Bureau meetings.

require that delegates be chosen within four months after the voters had approved the calling of a Con-Con. What does this mean?

It means holding special primary and general elections to nominate and elect the delegates. The estimated cost of such elections runs around \$750,000.

Under present provisions of the Constitution there is little added cost of this kind. Delegates are elected at regular election times.

But Proposal 3 says "Hurry, hurry! and why worry?" about extra expense and added taxes. What's two or three million dollars to a State that is already broke and owes \$110 million?

Hurry-Up, — Why?

In spite of the fact that voters rejected the calling of a Con-Con as recently as 1958, Proposal 3 would hurry the question back on the ballot for the April election of 1961.

Demands for such urgent action always raise the question "Why?" Has someone an axe to grind? And whose "old pine tree" are they looking at?

People in a hurry are usually seeking some personal or political advantage to be gained by the haste. No matter if others are to be hurt by the action. One prominent idea, for example, is to do away with the 15 mill limitation on property tax levies.

Many of the folks most strongly advocating this would have their own programs fattened by the action. Very few of them own a farm or know how hard hit the farmer is by property taxation even as things stand today.

Some have said, "So what? What does it matter? The majority would be better served if taxes promoted some farmers to move off the land and make it available for a 'higher use'."

Whether it's higher or not, depends on where you stand. If you look deeply enough below the surface you can usually find the self-interest that prompts the "hurry" in the promoters of such measures.

Things Some Folks Want Changed

Look over some of the things that have been proposed as "needed changes" in the Constitution. Here are some prominent ones,—for better or for worse:

- 1—To do away with the sales tax distribution to schools and local governments.
- 2—To stop "earmarking" gas and weight tax revenues for road building and repair.
- 3—To reduce the number of counties in Michigan.
- 4—To limit the powers and operations of township governments.
- 5—To re-apportion the Legislature, putting both Senate and House on a strict population basis. This would overwhelm the voice of all rural areas in the Legislature. Voters turned down such a proposition only eight years ago.

Yes, some folks want a Con-Con as soon as possible to grind these political axes. And there are those who care very little if others get seriously hurt.

Vote "NO" on Proposal 3

Farmers and people in the rural towns and villages stand to lose in every feature of Proposal 3. The Legislative Committee and the Board of Directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau studied the proposal carefully and found its provisions out of line with Farm Bureau policy.

The Michigan Farm Bureau adopted a resolution at its November, 1959 annual meeting which said:

"We . . . oppose any constitutional amendment which would provide for the calling of a constitutional convention by a simple majority of the votes cast upon the question itself rather than a majority of all voters participating in the election, as presently provided. We also oppose any change in

some state departments or service agencies and their programs.

From where I sit, it seems rather absurd to assume that if you cannot save \$110 million, it is therefore senseless to try to save anything nor to practice efficiencies within government and remove waste.

Every thousand dollars saved helps to lighten the load on the taxpayer. It is not necessary to destroy departments to work toward economical practices within the departments.

The Little Hoover Commission Report found that such internal economies were possible, and that money could be saved. But a philosophy has grown in which the only thing considered is the spending side of the problem.

With taxes mounting and \$110 million of debt staring Michigan citizens in the face, economy DOES become an issue of the 1960 election.

Summary

Proposal 1. There seems to be a good deal of public support for this one.

Proposal 2. The sales tax increase proposal. You can help people study carefully the alternatives,—either more sales tax or a probable state income tax.

Proposal 3. The outcome of the vote regarding a constitutional convention is of critical importance to rural people.

Proposal 3 shifts the delegate power more to the urban side than is already present.

It would force another Con-Con vote on the ballot in April next year.

It will increase the costs of any Con-Con when held by increasing the number of delegates and requiring special elections.

Questions

What will your group do to help

people understand the seriousness of the issue and oppose Proposal 3 with their vote in November?

Economy in government? Spending and higher taxes?

You can do something about this by voting for lawmakers who will not advocate needless and uncontrolled spending in government. The questions on this matter should go from you to your candidates rather than from here to you.

Lay Camp Kett Cornerstone Sept. 17

The public is invited to ceremonies for laying the cornerstone at Camp Kett Saturday, the 17th at 2:00 p.m. The site is just off M-61, three miles east of Tustin, Osceola county. Roads will be marked.

Speakers include Russell Mawby, state 4-H Club leader, J. C. Cahill, president of the 4-H Club Foundation of Michigan, Medford Pfister of Adrian, president of the State 4-H Club Leaders Council.

Career Choices In Agriculture

Agriculture, the nation's largest industry, offers nearly a complete range of career prospects, declares a Michigan State University agricultural educator.

Agriculture can use farmers, engineers, scientists, management consultants, editors, conservation specialists, and many other callings.

Lawns Mowed Too Often, Too Short

Many lawns are ruined by being mowed too often and too short. Mow bluegrass lawns at a height of about two inches and mow only often enough to keep the lawn from becoming unsightly, advise turf specialists at Michigan State University.

Young People's Cafeteria Successful

LESTER BOLLWAHN

Michigan Farm Bureau Young People have just completed another successful year in operating the cafeteria at the Ionia Free Fair. The cafeteria served two good meals a day to fair-goers and gave them a chance to come in and rest.

A typical cafeteria dinner included a choice of meat, choice of vegetable, salad, rolls and butter, dessert and beverage. Patrons could select a full meal or a snack.

The cafeteria was operated by the Farm Bureau Young People. A full time staff of 12 young people filled key positions and they were aided by volunteer workers from the various county groups.

Miss Esther Robinson, of St. Johns managed the cafeteria and Paul Dowling of Akron was her assistant. Nancy Hutchins of Rochester was the cashier.

Other full time workers included Mary Ann Barron, Livingston county; Sharon Krull, Donna Schmidt, Wanda Gowell and Dorothy Huizenga of Oceana county; Don Parrish, Leonard Thuemmel and Duane Schulze of Huron county and Jack Lehman of Ogemaw county. Forty-five volunteer workers from Allegan, Barry, Bay, Clinton, Huron, Ionia, Jackson, Kalkaska, Mecosta, Oceana and Tuscola counties helped out.

Eureka, California, is the nation's most westerly city—and has a 40 acre grove of redwoods within its city limits.

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