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Farm Bureau Presents Views to Con-Con

MFB's 42nd Annual Meeting Nov. 8-9-10

Need Relief for Property Tax

Farm Bureau Says Some Other Source of Revenue Must Come; Suggests Study of State Income Tax

Michigan Farm Bureau's Board of Delegates recommended at their 42nd annual meeting November 8-9-10 that the staff, Legislative Committee, and Board of Directors be instructed to STUDY the feasibility of a state income tax to relieve the tax burden on general property. The resolution adopted said, in part:

"Taxes on general property have increased to alarming proportions in recent years. This source is rapidly becoming exhausted as taxes, especially on farm property, are becoming confiscatory.

"Some other source of revenue, exclusive of federal aid, must be found if we are going to provide adequate educational programs for our children.

"A sound tax program must take into consideration the ability of the citizen to pay, as there is no relationship between the levies upon general property and the income derived from the use of that property.

"We believe that the basis of our state and local tax problems is the fact that the tax-paying ability of a large portion of our citizens is being siphoned off by the federal income tax.

"As a result, this segment of our population, who may own practically no general property, contribute very little to the cost of our local governments and our school programs."

Marketing Orders. The delegates voted down a resolution to recommend to the Legislature the passage of enabling legislation to permit state marketing orders in Michigan.

Michigan Farm News Editor Retires



EINAR E. UNGREN of Lansing, editor of the Michigan Farm News, retired from the staff of the Michigan Farm Bureau November 15 under the retirement program effective at 65.

Mr. Ungren was head of the Information Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau for nearly 41 years, and editor of the Michigan Farm News since it was established January 12, 1923.

He was honored at a testimonial banquet November 9th, during the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting. A plaque was presented to him by President Wightman before two-hundred friends from both the state office and County Farm Bureaus from all parts of the state. Wightman told the group that he had known Mr. Ungren since they, together with Stanley Powell, were in Michigan State University together, (known as "Michigan Agricultural College" at that time.)

Powell gave an outline of Mr. Ungren's work as Editor of the Michigan Farm News and other responsibilities over the years. In his remarks Powell recalled: "On June 1, 1932, Mr. Clark L. Brody, the new Executive Secretary of the Michigan Farm Bureau invited Einar to become head of the Information Department, his close association between these two Farm Bureau leaders was to continue until Mr. Brody's retirement 30 years later!"

Powell continued; "During the (Continued on Page 7)

Heads Farm Bureau Information Division



MELVIN L. WOELL was promoted to manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau Information Division, and appointed editor of the Michigan Farm News, effective November 16, 1961.

The announcement was made by Clarence E. Prentice, secretary-manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Mr. Woell succeeds Einar E. Ungren, who retired November 15 as manager of the Information Division and editor of the Michigan Farm News.

Mr. Woell has been coordinator of the Public Relations Department in the Information Division since May 1, 1960. In that position he has helped develop active Public Relations Committees in most County Farm Bureaus.

His 15 minute weekly radio program "Farm Bureau at Work" is carried by 40 radio stations. About 80 weekly and daily newspapers publish Mr. Woell's weekly column "Agriculture in Action."

Mr. Woell came to Michigan from Missouri where he was director of information and editor of the Missouri Farm Bureau News. He is a former County Farm Bureau president in Minnesota. There he developed radio programs to interest farmers in membership in Farm Bureau. He became a regional membership representative in 1945 for the Minnesota Farm Bureau, and later became director of radio and TV programs for Minnesota Farm Bureau.

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Distinguished Service to Agriculture Awards Presented

Distinguished Service to agriculture awards were presented to three outstanding contributors to Michigan farming during the 42nd annual meeting of the Michigan

Farm Bureau. (Pictured left to right) is Farm Bureau president, Walter Wightman. Recipients include dairyman and Farm Bureau lead-

er, Wilbur Randol, Galesburg; Dr. Ernest L. Anthony, former Dean of the School of Agriculture at Michigan State University; and Chas.

Figy, former Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and presently a delegate to the Constitutional Convention.

Elected



Elected as third member of the Executive Committee of the Michigan Farm Bureau is Elton R. Smith, Caledonia, dairy farmer. The Executive committee is empowered to act during the interim between meetings of the state board of directors, dealing with major organizational policy. It is composed of the state Farm Bureau president, vice president, and the third member.

A 20-year Farm Bureau member, Mr. Smith has served on the board of directors since 1955. He farms 380 acres devoted primarily to dairying and poultry. Within the Farm Bureau board he has served on the budget and finance committee and as Farm Bureau representative on the 4-H Foundation board of Trustees.

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At Organization Meet Nov. 20

F. B. Board Elects Wightman & Dunckel

Walter W. Wightman, Allegan county livestock and fruit dealer, was re-elected to his 4th term as president of the Michigan Farm Bureau at the annual reorganization meeting of the Board, November 20th.

The Board also re-named Clarence E. Prentice, Lansing, as secretary-manager. Elton Smith of Caledonia, Michigan, was named as third member of the Executive committee. Leon Monroe was re-elected Treasurer and Gilbert Griswold, Assistant Treasurer. Both are of Lansing.

In other action the Board named Leroy D. Dunckel of Williamston as vice president to replace Robert Smith, Fowlerville farmer, who earlier announced his resignation, to accept the position of Associate Legislative Counsel for the farm organization.

Dunckel is a dairy farmer in Ingham county. He has served on the Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors for six years.

The Board completed its action by naming Dean Pridgen of R.R. 1, Montgomery, to fill the un-

expired term of Smith as 'Director at Large.'

Pridgen, an outstanding Branch County farmer, has won statewide farm awards twice in recent years. In 1957, the State Junior Chamber of Commerce named him Michigan's "Outstanding Farmer."

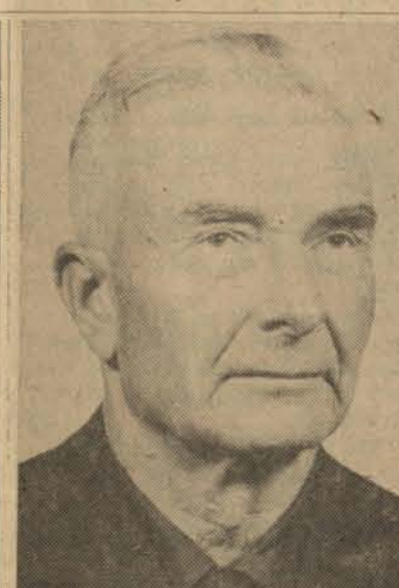
More recently, Mr. and Mrs. Pridgen were selected the State Farm Bureau "Cooperators of the Year." They farm 700 acres, specializing in corn and hogs. Pridgen is a former president of the Branch County Farm Bureau.



Walter W. Wightman of Fennville, Allegan county, was re-elected president of the Michigan Farm Bureau for his fourth term at the annual re-organization meeting of the board, November 20. His farm operations include fruit and beef cattle on 210 acres. Wightman has been a director on the board of the Michigan Farm Bureau for the past 12 years, and a director of the American Farm Bureau Federation representing the Midwest Region since 1956. He has a long history of local and state service to agriculture and has been a member of the Michigan Farm Bureau for 41 years.



Leroy (Dale) Dunckel, Williamston dairy farmer and member of the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors, was elected vice-president of the Michigan Farm Bureau at the reorganization meeting of the board November 20. He replaces Robert Smith, Fowlerville, who earlier announced his resignation from the board to accept the position of Associate Legislative Counsel with the Michigan Farm Bureau. A member of the Michigan Farm Bureau Board for the past six years, Dunckel has served on the Legislative committee of the board, and is president of the Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company.



Guy Freeborn, a fruit and general farmer from Hart, Michigan, Oceana County, was elected to represent the 7th district on the board of directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau. He replaces Thomas E. Hahn of Evart, who was not a candidate to succeed himself. A graduate of the University of Michigan, Freeborn has been active in church, Boy Scouts, the American Legion and community affairs. He has three children including a married son and daughter and one son living at home.

Marge Karker Reports Error . . .

A very bad error was made during the annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau and inasmuch as the meeting can't be held over again for the purpose of correcting this mistake may I use this method to make a public apology?

An award was given to Charlevoix County because it was thought that they had more women present from their county at the fall district meeting than any other county not acting as a host county.

While I would like to congratulate Charlevoix County on their good job in getting women to come to the district meeting, another county, which was not a host county, had a bigger attendance.

Macomb County should have been announced as the winner inasmuch as they had twenty more women present than did Charlevoix.

I am very sorry that this mistake was made. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Macomb County on being the winner and to tell them that the award they earned is being sent to them.

I also want to apologize, not only to Charlevoix and Macomb Counties, but to all the women who were present at this meeting. I hope you will forgive me.

Members of the Constitutional Convention committee dealing with "Legislative Organization" have been told in no uncertain terms that Michigan farmers expect a continuation of the two-House "bi-cameral" Legislature.

In a hearing before that group November 28, Dan E. Reed, Associate Legislative Counsel for the Michigan Farm Bureau, pointed out that the present two-House system provides check-and-balance safeguards lost in a single-House Legislature.

Elsewhere in his testimony he stated that the two Houses of the Legislature should be elected on different bases and that they should not be a "mere duplication or reflection" of each other.

"The purpose of districting in the election of our Legislators is to enable the electors to select capable, qualified men and women of integrity and good judgment, who will act in the best interest of the whole state," Reed told the committee.

He added that only when districts are convenient and of "reasonable size" can electors hope to know the character of individual candidates.

"Dishonest Conclusions" Rapped

Farm Bureau called for the House of Representatives to be elected on a basis of population with recognition of "long political boundaries." It was charged that "real campaigns of deceit" have been conducted to arouse demand for a new system of reapportionment.

In examining the record, Farm Bureau spokesmen cited what were called three deceptions. First, that in Michigan reapportionment is automatic every ten years under the present Constitution, and that the state is currently at the end of a ten-year period of rapid growth and population movement. This has resulted in maladjustments that are not normal and which will automatically be corrected by the next Legislature in the normal course of operations under the present Constitution.

The second deception cited is the misuse of "elector" figures to show inflated numbers of voters in certain areas. This deception is based on the fact that in every one of the 12 Representative Districts in Detroit, each elector (voter) casts either two or three votes for this office since these are "multiple representative" districts. Most of the other electors in the state cast only one vote.

The third attempt at popular deception, the Farm Bureau spokesman told the committee, is the effort to confuse Michigan's situation with litigation now before the United States Supreme Court to force reapportionment in the state of Tennessee.

"In that state, the Constitutional requirement for automatic reapportionment every ten years has been defied for decades," Reed said, "while in Michigan we reapportioned in 1953 and will reapportion in 1963 under the present Constitution." There is no similarity between the two situations, Reed told the Delegates.

The testimony placed Farm Bureau support strongly back of the present method of apportioning House seats, adding that if any change is made, it should come in the direction of single-member districts. This, Farm Bureau said, would permit voters to

select members of the House on a more intelligent and knowledgeable basis.

Senate Districts Should Remain

In other testimony Farm Bureau said that Senate Districts should remain as adopted by the people less than ten years ago.

"The present districting gives much representation to population and some to area. Those who say that the Senate is 'farm' controlled or even 'rural' controlled are simply not facing facts," the Farm Bureau statement said. "It is hard to think of Kalamazoo, Lansing, Grand Rapids, Pontiac, Flint, Marquette, Escanaba, Muskegon, etc., as 'rural areas.' Simply using a figure of 15,000, 20,000 or 25,000 as a basis for designating a rural town or community does not make it rural," the Delegates were told.

Reed pointed out that the present system of apportioning seats in the House and Senate was selected by voters in 1952 when three plans were offered. They included retaining provisions of a plan placing both the House and Senate on a population basis, or they could adopt the present balanced-Legislature plan.

Longer Terms Rebuffed

The testimony was concluded by reporting that Farm Bureau members did not approve longer terms for members of the Legislature,—that the plan had been considered and rejected by the Farm Bureau voting delegates in the recent state convention.

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'Farm Bureau Cooperators of the Year'

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Pridgen of R-1, Montgomery, Michigan. Received this top honor from the Michigan Farm Bureau and affiliated Farm Bureau Services at the recent 42nd annual Meeting, November 9. The award was based on community activities, Church work, leadership in

Farm Bureau activities and use of Farm Bureau Services. More recently, Mr. Pridgen was elected a Director on the board of the Michigan Farm Bureau to fill the unexpired term of Robert Smith, Fowlerville, who resigned as Farm Bureau vice-president

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PURPOSE OF FARM BUREAU

The purpose of this Association shall be the advancement of our members' interests educationally, legislatively and economically.

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Farm Bureau Young People Hold Pilgrimage

"American Heritage Pilgrimage" to Greenfield Village and museum was enjoyed by this group of Farm Bureau Young People, November 18. The tour was sponsored as an activity of Farm-City Week, and to help recall the great heritage Americans have—and the effects of this heritage on the American way of life.

EDITORIAL

We're Stronger Than We Think

How strong is the Michigan Farm Bureau? How potent is the American Farm Bureau Federation? . . . Much stronger, much more potent than most farmers, — even most farm leaders, seem to realize.

There is virtually nothing that organized agriculture cannot do if it properly assesses and recognizes its own ability and then harness that ability.

Farm Bureau membership work proves this. Volunteer visitors to farm neighbors are building more strength into Farm Bureau. Their 1961-62 membership goal of 70,801 farm family memberships in the Michigan Farm Bureau is no less important today than were many of the similar vital issues that required united farm action in the past.

In the prairie country when the nearest neighbor lived many miles away and telephones were unheard of, — community distress signals were arranged. Great-Grandmother sometimes hung a sheet out on the clothes line to let her nearest neighbor know that help was needed.

The farm balance sheet is our modern distress signal. The stress is tied to rising production costs . . . falling farm prices, — actions taken by big labor, big management, big government.

All over Michigan, — all over 49 states and Puerto Rico, farmers are "answering the call" through Farm Bureau. Six out of every eight farmers that belong to any farm organization, belong to Farm Bureau. This compares with only four out of every ten laboring men now members of labor unions.

This farm strength is reflected in the Legislature and in Congress. Farmers have learned that through Farm Bureau, a militant minority aiming at common goals can move legislative mountains.

Of fifty major farm interest-areas, outlined in bills introduced in the last session of Congress, Farm Bureau members received favorable action on 31. Farmers wishes were not respected on ten of the fifty occasions and on nine other issues farmers won only a portion of what they asked.

In the Michigan Legislature the record has been even more spectacular.

No other comparable group has a comparable record.

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Smith Joins Staff

Robert E. Smith, Fowlerville, Vice President of the Michigan Farm Bureau for the past four years, has announced his resignation from the Board to accept the position of "Associate Legislative Counsel" with the Michigan Farm Bureau.

In his new position, Smith joins Stanley Powell, (now on leave of absence as a delegate to the Con-Con)—and Dan Reed, in implementing the Farm Bureau policy through appearances before Legislative and Congressional committees; before commissions and government agencies. At present much of his work will be centered on contacts with the Constitutional Convention.

In recent years he has served on the Michigan Farm Bureau Legislative committee, on the Resolutions, Management and Executive committees, on the state study committee and on the national Poultry Advisory committee.

A life-time farmer, Smith is engaged in general farming on 265 —plus rented acres, devoted primarily to cash-crops and poultry for eggs. He has been active in many areas of local community work including membership on county and state Health Councils. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Michigan Blue Cross.

He served as a Township Supervisor for 7 years and as chairman of the county board of Supervisors. He organized the Northwest Livingston Soil Conservation district and was its first chairman for six years. Currently he is president of the Howell Cooperative and vice president of the Livingston county Board of Education.

President's Column

It is time we gave some recognition to the man who has edited and published the Michigan Farm News since its beginning. Einar Ungren came with the Michigan Farm Bureau in 1921 and has been Editor of the Michigan Farm News ever since except for a short time when he assumed other responsibilities with the organization. Having known him first when we were both in school at Michigan State Agricultural College, now Michigan State University, I have always felt that I had a warm and close relationship with him. We probably became better acquainted because of our affiliation with the Wood Sunday School Class in the old Peoples Church. Mrs. Wood taught the girls and Mr. Wood taught the boys. Stanley Powell was also in this class at the time. Connected with this were the Sunday afternoon get-togethers in the basement of the Wood home as well as weekend parties that will always be remembered by those of us who were there. Some lifetime partnerships were started there too, which have proven successful. In fact we don't remember any that weren't. Married students were unusual in those days, but many lifetime unions were begun there.

Einar Ungren began his work with Michigan Farm Bureau under Clark Brody who is probably responsible for influencing him to cast his lot with the organization. He has always been the quiet hardworking member of the staff, and was always very cooperative and congenial to work with. If he has any enemies, nobody ever heard of them. He was the man who kept us all on the straight and narrow when we wrote articles for the paper.

Once in a while he would say, "Maybe we could change a word or two right there and put more emphasis upon what we are trying to say." Or, he would say, maybe we ought to say it this way. I don't want Farm Bureau



WALTER W. WIGHTMAN

to get sued for libel."

He checked our English, our paragraphing, and our punctuation. But, all in all Einar has a way of making everybody like him and our lives have been much richer because we have known him. In fact, all of Michigan Agriculture is much richer for having known him.

It grieves us all to know that time has brought him to the age of retirement. We regret having to be separated from those we have known and learned to love. Few people have been able to build a record equal to his. He commands the respect of everybody and has caused no resentment from any source. We would be remiss here if we failed to pay tribute to his good wife. She has been a bulwark of strength as she stood by helping her husband over the rough spots that tend to show up from time to time in men's lives. We have learned to respect and love her.

Einar, we are not saying goodbye because we know we will be seeing you often and that you will be finding many good things to occupy your time that you may not have had time for before. Also, you must remember that the many sincere and true

Farm Bureau Says

Keep Foreign Barb Wire On Free List

DAN E. REED

Associate Legislative Counsel

"Why does Farm Bureau oppose an import duty or import restrictions on foreign barb wire when American industry needs the market?" we were asked recently.

Last year Farm Bureau appeared before the U. S. Tariff Commission to ask that no import restrictions be placed on barbed wire.

"The absence of such restrictions has not increased importation so as to cause serious injury to the domestic industry, but imposing restrictions would be a severe hardship on farmers," Farm Bureau said.

The Tariff Commission on August 3, 1960 reported to President Eisenhower that imports of barb wire were not damaging or threatening to damage domestic production and said there was no reason to change the tariff concessions on foreign barb wire.

Agriculture is a principal user of barbed wire and an increase in tariff duties would increase farm costs and reduce net farm income. Substantial quantities of wire have been imported for a number of years.

In general, the quantity has remained fairly steady. It was down in 1958 but up in 1959, due to the steel strike. It would be unfair to impose restrictions be-

cause agricultural needs were met from imports during the strike.

It would cost about \$32 more to fence 40 acres if imports were restricted. This would add to the cost-price squeeze affecting farmers and would disrupt the two-way street of foreign trade which last year took the production of one acre in six on American farms.

"For 47 years barbed wire has been imported into the U.S. without duty," said Farm Bureau.

While the percentage of foreign barbed wire used on American farms has increased, this is due to a reduction in total consumption, not to increased imports.

We are using only about two-thirds as much barb wire as we did in 1954. Use of one-wire electric fence, less use of pasture and other changing practices have reduced tonnage used.

"The domestic industry should check to see if it is supplying the product preferred by the customer," said Farm Bureau. One farmer cooperative said that 80% of the barbed wire they purchased was lighter 15½ gauge, which is not manufactured by any U.S. mill.

It sells for about \$3 per spool less than standard 12½ gauge domestic wire. It is lighter to handle, 40 pounds as compared to the 80 pound standard spool.

The imported barb wire does not kink when unrolled, has double zinc coating and has about the same life as the standard weight.

"We do not believe the Tariff Commission will want to recommend that farmers be deprived of the right to choose this type of wire at a reasonable price," said Farm Bureau.

Tuscola Wins Contest for Co. Program

As was announced at the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women it was impossible to get the entries in the "County Program Contest" judged before November 8th. The chairmen of the committees who submitted their programs in the contest were introduced at the Annual Meeting.

The judging has now been completed and this is to announce that first place was won by the Tuscola County Farm Bureau Women's Committee, Mrs. Clare Carpenter is the County Chairman. They won \$15.00 as first prize.

The second place was won by Jackson County Farm Bureau Women's Committee. Mrs. Dale Crouch is the County Chairman. Their prize was \$10.00 as the second place winner.

The entry submitted by Tuscola County has been sent to the American Farm Bureau Federation, as Michigan's entry in the contest. It is hoped that their entry may be the winning entry in the national contest and we all wish them a great deal of luck.

Seven counties submitted their program of work. We would like to congratulate all of the county Farm Bureau Women's Committees who did such a good job during the year and wish to thank all of the counties who submitted their program for this contest.

friends you have made during your years of service are going to still be your friends. Such is the reward for a life of unselfish service well spent in the service of a great organization.

F.B. Freedom Conference Set

The 1962 Michigan Farm Bureau Freedom Conference will be held on February 21 and 22, at Mt. Pleasant in the C.M.U. Conference Building. Preliminary plans have been made for the use of the facilities, however, final arrangements haven't been made.

The theme of the Conference will be "Economic and Political Freedoms in the United States."

The Conference will feature four speakers and some of the newest films dealing with world affairs.

A preview of the program shows the main speakers to be Dr. Howard Kershner of the Christian Freedom Foundation; Dr. Kenneth Sollett of the First Baptist Church, Midland, Michigan, and Mr. Lucas Meil, president of the Michigan Steel Treating Company. Dr. Sollett will deal with the basic principles underlying a free society. Dr. Kershner, who will speak at two sessions during the meeting, will deal with two topics. His first talk will be based on his book, "God - Gold - Government," wherein he ties together the economic system as it relates to human freedom and government responsibilities. His last talk will deal with the threats to our American competitive economic system from both sides of the iron curtain. Dr. Kershner understands Communism and Socialism and has travelled extensively in foreign countries, both free countries and iron curtain or satellite countries. Dr. Kershner is not only a book author, he is editor of a publication called, "Christian Economics," he is a world traveler, carries a daily radio program on freedom in U.S. and carries a campus seminar program that has been used on many campuses in

the U.S. Following the conference, both he and Dr. Sollett will go direct to Illinois to work for two days with the Illinois Farm Bureau in a similar program.

Mr. Lucas Meil, president of Michigan Steel Treating Company of Michigan, has had extensive experience in the fields of both management and labor and will discuss the challenge of freedom as it affects both management and labor.

It is also planned to have a speaker and discussion dealing with freedom through local political action and perhaps a review of the various types of study programs that are being carried on by the groups around the county.

Last year 275 people were enrolled in the two-day Freedom Conference. A move to Mt. Pleasant will permit us to enroll up to 350 or 400 this year.

Safety Pointers For Driving In Winter

Winter usually brings a rash of auto accidents because drivers are off guard, says an agricultural safety engineer at Michigan State University.

"Failure to adjust to winter driving is one reason why high-way accidents account for about half of all accidental deaths of Michigan rural people," Richard Pfister points out.

It takes maturity and intelligence to heed bad roads when in a hurry. Any snowy or icy road has a "feel" of its own. One needs to try the brakes occasionally and press the accelerator gently in speeding up.

Pfister stresses the need to keep enough distance behind the car ahead. Stopping takes three to twelve times more space on snow and ice than on dry pavement.

Slowing down well ahead of a turn can help avoid a rear-end skid. It's a good idea to pump the breaks instead of applying steady pressure. Then you can steer effectively while the wheels roll between braking intervals.

"As a motorist, you need to do more than check the radiator before winter," Pfister states.

First, put on good tires, preferably snow tires. Check air pressure so all tires have equal traction. Remember that snow and ice demand special care with or without snow tires or chains.

Second, make sure you can see and be seen. Check wiper blades, heater and defroster. And scrape all frost-covered windows before hitting the road. Too many drivers clear off a peep hole and drive like "Periscope Pete."

"A reliable muffler and safety belt are important anytime but crucial in winter," Pfister states.

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"THIS TIME OF YEAR, WE DO OUR VISITING BY PHONE"

"We'd like to go across the state to see the children, or take a few weeks off to visit my sister out west, but this time of year it's pretty hard to get away from the farm. There are so many things that just can't be put off.

"So, instead, we just sit down in the living room and make a Long Distance

call. Within seconds we're talking to people who are miles away—without any bother at all."

It's easy to visit a friend or relative by Long Distance. The rates are lowest after six at night and all day Sunday, when you can call places 1000 miles away for as little as \$1.25.

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Stanley Powell Reports on Con Con Proceedings

Never a day goes by but that several of my well-meaning friends ask me, "How are things going in the Con-Con?"

I never know how to reply. It would take an hour or two to give any intelligent answer and I know that isn't expected or desired.

The 144 delegates to the Constitutional Convention have been in session for a couple of months. About 400 so-called "delegate proposals" have been introduced thus far. Each makes some suggestion as to what should be in our State Constitution.

Upon introduction, each proposal is referred by President Nisbet to one of the committees. In most cases, the committees have been broken down into subcommittees, and each delegate proposal is first considered in the subcommittee and a preliminary decision is reached before it advances to study by the full committee. Usually, the first action is an invitation to the sponsor or sponsors of a proposal to appear and to explain the reasons for its introduction.

On matters of general interest, public hearings are being held in which persons who are thought to have especially valuable information or advice are invited to participate.

Legislative Seats are Hot Issue

Thus far, no one subject has received as much attention as that of Legislative Districting. The committee on Legislative Organization has held several meetings each week and has focused all of its attention on this one subject. They have listened to a great many professors and spokesmen for groups with widely differing points of view.

Recently, I was privileged to testify at some length before that committee. I explained, at the outset, that I am on leave of absence from the Michigan Farm Bureau for the period of the Convention, but I am, of course, familiar with the past and present attitude of Farm Bureau on this vital issue.

I reminded the committee that if present constitutional provisions were left unchanged, the House seats would be reapportioned in 1963 on the basis of the 1960 census figures. I emphasized that the charge frequently made that Senate districts are apportioned on the basis of acres or stumps is a gross exaggeration. Many other factors besides mere area were taken into consideration in mapping State Senatorial Districts. I pointed out that in the 28th Senatorial District, ten counties go together to have one Senator; whereas, the one County of Wayne has seven Senators. Thus, that county has 70 times as great representation as one county in the 28th Senatorial District.

A whole flock of proposals have been introduced embodying various schemes for legislative redistricting. All of them would drastically reduce rural representation and increase metropolitan domination. Some of them are fantastically impractical. For instance, there are proposals which provide that "no State Senatorial District shall be created which shall have more or less population than any other Senatorial District." Other proposals would apply to Representative and Congressional Districts.

In my appearance before the committee, I pointed out to them that in 1952, Michigan voters had presented on the ballot, two proposed amendments dealing with apportionment. They had the choice of voting both of them down, thus retaining the old provisions, or adopting one of the new plans. Proposal No. 2 which provided that Senate and House seats would be apportioned on a strictly population basis was defeated by a decisive vote. It carried in only two of Michigan's 83 counties.

The proposal for a Balanced Legislature promoted by the Michigan Farm Bureau and many other trade and professional groups and citizens' organizations, carried in 80 counties. The total vote on this proposal was for: 1,269,807; against: 975,518. Thus Michigan citizens less than 10 years ago decided how they wanted this subject settled.

The committee held a big public hearing on reapportionment on the evening of November 28. Mr. Dan E. Reed, Associate Legislative Counsel of the Michigan Farm Bureau, presented a very able statement of the official position of the Farm Bureau on this important issue. His testimony is reported in detail in another article in this issue of the Michigan Farm News.

Other committees are holding equally interesting hearings. The committee on Taxation and Finance has had a long parade of witnesses with all sorts of ideas.

The committee on the Executive Branch has listened to the Governor and the surviving former Governors and has wrestled

with a variety of proposals dealing with reducing the number of state agencies from about 120 to 15 or 20, increasing the term of office of Governor and other state officials from 2 to 4 years, and permitting the Governor to appoint most of the other state officials.

The committee on the Judicial Branch has spent most of its time listening to arguments as to how various judges should be selected. There is some support for the so-called Missouri plan whereby judges would be nominated by a group of lawyers and actually selected by the Governor. There are those who favor nominating and electing all judges on a partisan basis, while others would make this selection as non-partisan as possible.

I happen to be a member of the committee on Legislative Powers which has had referred to it a wide variety of proposals, including such controversial issues as legalization of lotteries and granting complete local option to counties to establish their own hours for the sale of liquor.

It is generally agreed that Michigan's Legislature has authority to do anything which is not specifically forbidden by some provision of the constitution. With that understanding it has been pointed out that any provision in the constitution which starts off with the language, "The Legislature may" or "The Legislature shall" is foolish and superfluous. The Legislature would have authority to do this thing that is being mentioned anyway, and there is no way by which the legislature could be compelled to do anything.

Those who advocated holding a Con-Con urged that the constitution be kept short and flexible and devoid of statutory details. In contrast with that idea we find that many individuals and organizations are now trying to convince the delegates that they should write into the new constitution, various provisions which the Legislature, in recent years, has refused to enact as laws.

Con-Con leaders are trying to convince the delegates that they should adopt a schedule involving a series of deadlines which would enable the convention to adjourn by April 1, 1962. An incentive in that direction was provided by a recent ruling from Michigan's Attorney General to the effect that if adjournment is reached by April 1, the new constitution would be submitted to the voters in the November 1962 election. If the Con-Con holds on later than that, their report would not be placed on the ballot until the April 1963 election.

Every provision now in the Constitution will be up for revision by the delegates along with any suggestion that anyone could make as to what ought to be in the new document. History may be a decisive factor in determining the fate of one or more provisions. Do not fail to give your delegate the benefit of your best thinking.

Farm Bureau

Farm Bureau speaks out for the truest and the best, but its voice will be made clearer when YOU speak with the rest.



Several Counties Receive Membership Awards

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS: (Saginaw county with 2,681 members)—to traveling trophies for highest per cent of goal, at the recent Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting. Iron county topped the state with the highest per cent of goal, (as of Jan. 15, 1961)—with Mackinac-Luce in second position and a tie between Montmorency and Isoco counties for third. Chippewa county placed first with the highest per cent of membership maintenance, followed by Iosco and Wayne counties.

Citizenship Thoughts for You To Consider...

Slogans are designed to sell ideas through repetition. Many slogans espouse good ideas. Some espouse ideas not so good.

Two statements came to my attention lately that should be "sloganized" by the American people in regard to our present international situation.

The first of these is "Freedom is the issue—not peace." The other statement is "There is no defense—only an offense." The first was stated by General Walker in his recent speech when he resigned from the army rather than being "retired." (He stated that he chose resignation so that he wouldn't be restricted in his fight for a free America.)

Regardless of our attitude towards General Walker, the Army, and the resignation versus retirement discussions; I think that he pinned it down when he said that only enough respect for their

Every American should recognize that we could have peace, tomorrow if we would condescend to Mr. K's demands even though it would probably be a stagemate and somebody's dishonorable peace.

We must also recognize that our freedoms as we know them today would be gone. With so many people shouting for peace (some even say "peace at any price!") it is time that we rise in righteous indignation and say, "Peace—only with Freedom." Freedom is a precious thing and its price is sometimes high, but let us never sell our heritage of freedom at the gambler's table of a negotiated peace, with a gang of international bandits who have only enough respect for their own agreements to abide by them when it serves their purpose. Peace to the totalitarian is only another phase in the war of world domination.

Our goal as Americans should for all men with a Just Peace that can follow.

The second slogan, "there is no defense—only an offense" was picked out of a recent article. The meaning becomes increasingly

Shuman Raps U.S. Dep't for Dumping Corn

Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation has accused the U.S. Department of Agriculture of dumping surplus corn on the market.

Mr. Shuman told the Harrison County Farm Bureau in Indiana that dumping on the pre-harvest market appeared to be aimed at three out of five corn farmers who rejected the Department's 1962 feed grain program.

The farm program leader said the feed grain program is in reality backfiring, because it is hitting all farmers. In the five months, April through August,

clear as you repeat it over and over.

Our goal as American should be to help create a world wherein men can be free, responsible, useful citizens in the country in which they choose to live. The U.S.A. has had this situation for many years and the resulting progress has been amazing. Within the last 50 years many countries have attempted to follow our pattern. We have exported some good political ideas and much material goods to help some of these countries in their struggle for freedom and independence.

Currently we seem to be exporting much material goods but our offense campaign to export the ideas of individual freedom appears to have slipped. Instead, it seems that we are exporting politically some diluted brands of state socialism as ideals for these countries to work toward as a goal.

Men have a God-Given desire to be free from oppression and tyranny. Police-state actions may suppress this desire and brainwashing may curb it, but it will exist forever in the hearts of men. As a citizen you have the opportunity to get on the offensive. Start by reselling yourself on the virtues of our free American Heritage. Sell these to your school leaders, your elected politicians and others, and it will finally reflect in the United States leaders who are working with other countries. One of my first football coaches taught me that you never win a game by being the best defense. The goal is achieved through offense.

This game of international politics in which we are engaged is very simple. Our goal is individual freedom with its high aims of peace; justice for all and when it serves the society. Their goal is military dictatorship for the world with no individual freedoms, personal privileges allotted by the rulers, and a society completely ruled, regimented and regulated from the cradle to the grave.

Whether you "sloganize" these statements or not, they tell a big story that every American should tell. D. W.

the government sold 163 million bushels of corn on the domestic market, compared to 68 million bushels in the same period last year.

"Now, on the heels of the dumping, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced its intention to step up government sales. To do this now cannot help but seriously disrupt the whole feed grain market.

The effects will not be limited to feed grain producers by any means. The depressed prices resulting from dumping will lead to overproduction and lower incomes for livestock, poultry, and dairy farmers," the AFBF president said.

"Agriculture can best solve its surplus problems and expand its markets by the discontinuance of government price fixing. Agriculture's productive plant is over-expanded in relation to market needs. And government programs are responsible for the expansion."

A Check List May Save Your Home

Farm fires continue to be a costly drain on the American farmer's income. Last year more than \$165,000,000 worth of farm homes, buildings and other property went up in smoke, and a substantial portion of the 6,000 deaths in home fires reported in 1960 occurred in rural areas.

"Most of these fires could have been prevented by taking a few simple precautions," according to Francis Bust, Safety Engineer of Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company. "The best time to think about fire on your farm is before it happens," he advises and offers this Before-the-Fire Check list.

1. Know how to call the fire department; post your fire department number and exchange at the telephone. Make sure your fire department is familiar with the layout of your farm, house and barn exits, and location of water supplies.
2. Check condition of heating equipment including chimneys and flues. Make all repairs necessary for safe operation.
3. Check electric wiring for wear and loads—replace worn and inadequate wiring; use only 15-ampere fuses unless a circuit has been specially designed for larger loads.
4. Your fire fighting tools should be easily accessible in an emergency. Have ladders always ready for escape and fighting roof fires.
5. Have the right extinguishers in the right places. Check them frequently and recharge; protect from freezing where necessary.
6. Always keep cistern (and stock pond) safety full for fire fighting. Make sure water supplies are accessible.

"Carelessness and indifference to fire hazards are the main reasons why most farm fires occur," Francis Bust points out. "If farmers would take time to eliminate the causes of fires, they could realize millions each year in mutual insurance savings—in addition to reducing toll in lost lives and damaged property."

Eleven Agents Attend School At Purdue

Eleven Farm Bureau Insurance agents attended a special two week life insurance school held at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana, October 16-27.

The eleven men who attended the school were LaVerne Spotts, Genesee County; John Lynch, Clinton County; George Lord, Berrien County; Dick Daly, Macomb County; Lavern Clarke, Sanilac County; Louis Neubert, Barry County; Max Bixler, Livingston County; John Carr, Kent County; Irv Witucki, Kalamazoo County; Pete Sackett, Kalamazoo County.

Today in Farm Bureau

By ROGER N. FOERCH
Manager, Organization Division, Michigan Farm Bureau

As we shift to another location in our Michigan Farm News, I hope you will continue to follow us as we try to present Farm Bureau activities in package form.

November was a busy one. The annual meeting and all its preparation made the next week seem like the "lull after a storm." From the reports coming in, the 42nd annual meeting was a good one. We think so, too, but might be a bit biased.

There is still much activity necessary in the area of our membership campaign for new members. There was some work done in October and November, but, with the "open fall", many counties have re-set their campaign for the last of November and first of December. It's a little difficult to give you a progress report on membership because the total changes every day. A more accurate picture can be given next month.

Farm Bureau members are sending in the necessary information for the new membership agreement. As you know, this is an attempt to obtain vital statistics concerning our membership. This information will enable Farm Bureau to be of greater service to you. If you have not answered your County Farm Bureau's request, I urge you to do so.

Farm Bureau Services and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative held their annual meetings last month. Each company is showing real progress. You'll see their reports elsewhere in this issue.

Farmers are well under way for the regular bus trip to the American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting being held in Chicago December 10-15. As of this writing, it looks like a group of about 100-125 will represent Michigan.

Farm-City Week was another activity of your Farm Bureau. It seems that we were asked to share the burden of the promotion this year, at least in the Lansing area. The kick-off luncheon as held with Civic Club members Friday, November 17, and was followed by tours of Michigan State University and some farms in the area.

Recent personnel changes cause the Farm Bureau Center to take on a different look. As you know, Mr. Duggan retired, and we'll miss his council and ready wit. One other change; Carl Kentner leaves the Organization Division to move into the main office and become a part of the Information Division. Carl has been a familiar figure on the field force as a result of his working in two different regions. I can assure you we'll miss him in this capacity.

- A look at December:
1. Membership (new member campaign)
 2. Michigan Farm Bureau Institute December 5 and 6

Telegraph

Millard Fillmore, our 13th President, gave moral and financial aid to Samuel F. B. Morse in his work on the telegraph. Morse named his telegraph signals for the Fillmore children—dots for Dorothy and dashes for Dashiell.

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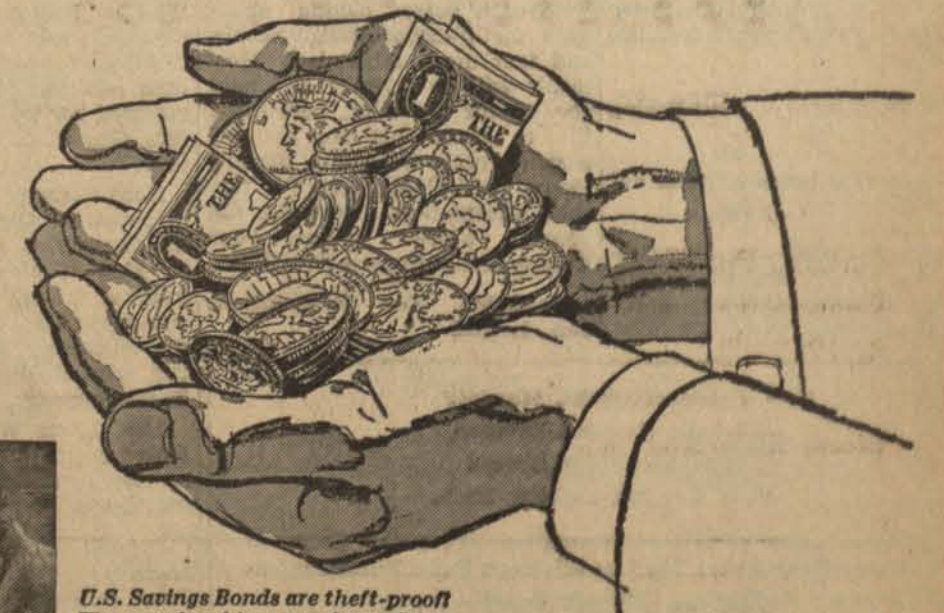
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Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

District 2

Mrs. Glen Hombaker, Chairman
East LeRoy R-1

Branch County. Thirty ladies representing fourteen groups attended the Farm Bureau Women's meeting November 3. A potluck dinner was served at noon. Mrs. Olney conducted the business meeting. Mrs. Wilma Greener reported that Branch County's quota of \$470 for Camp Kett project had been paid.

Calhoun County. Twenty-one members and two guests were present at the Farm Bureau Women's meeting held in the Community Building at Marshall November 14.

During the business meeting conducted by our Chairman Mrs. Chas. Knapp, reports were given by the Legislative, Safety and Citizenship chairmen. Mrs. Ross was appointed United Nations chairman for the coming year. Mrs. Knapp and Mrs. Geo. Smith (treasurer) were installed for 1962-63. Hostesses were appointed for 1962.

Camp Kett quota is all paid, thanks to everyone's cooperation. Mrs. Huntington, program chairman, introduced Mr. O'Leary, Director of Civil Defense. He told us that the county is prepared to take care of a natural disaster, such as a cyclone or flood, because we do have 685 nurses and 125 doctors in the

county. There is need to be prepared for an atomic attack and to know what to do to avoid panic.

Hillsdale County Farm Bureau Women's Committee met at the Osseo Town Hall on November 13 with a luncheon served at 12:30 by the Lakeview, Central and Walton groups. Forty-two women representing 18 groups were present. Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Jay Russell. A motion was made that each community group be asked \$2.00 toward the purchase of plates and silverware for the Conference Room.

Jackson County's meeting was conducted by the chairman, Mrs. Dale Crouch.

The following committees were appointed for 1962: Program, Mrs. W. Moeckel; Health, Mrs. Ruth Day; Scholarship, Mrs. Foist, Mrs. Hamp and Mrs. Reed; Citizenship, Mrs. Throne and Mrs. Forner; Legislative and Resolutions, Mrs. Hatt and Mrs. Mott; Safety, Mrs. Proctor and Mrs. Snow; Education, Mrs. Phelps, Mrs. Dewitt and Mrs. Jenkins; Information, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Kreger; Fair Booth, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Boley. Mrs. Baum, Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Loomis; Reporter, Mrs. Dixon.

District 3

Mrs. Wm. Scramlin, Chairman
Holly R-1

My thanks to all the ladies of this District and others in the State who so kindly helped me in the election of Vice-chairman of Women's Committees in Michigan Farm Bureau. I am looking forward to meeting you and becoming better acquainted in the next two years.

Livingston County Women's Committee met November 3 at the County Court House. Twenty groups answered roll call. Plans were made to exhibit their miniature Farm Bureau float in a store window during Farm-City Week.

Macomb County Women's Committee met November 1 at the home of Mrs. Albert Lander-schier with 18 ladies present.

Oakland County Women's Committee held their November meeting at the home of Mrs. Bako, near Northville, with 35 ladies in attendance. A deputy sheriff from the Safety Division spoke and showed film—"Mouth to Mouth Respiration" and "Car Theft."

Over the hills and far away Wandered the mind of THE LATE farmer Gray.



Women Have Nearly 500 at Convention

An Impressive Crowd — Approximately 500 persons attended the annual Women's Program, November 8, during the annual

meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Speakers included Mrs. Louise Bushnell, National Associ-

ation of Manufacturers, and Congressman August E. Johansen, Representative from Michigan's 3rd

district and member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Axe. New equipment and procedures were explained. The operator dialed New York and then San Francisco and the calls were completed in just a few seconds. The forty women then went to the Farm Bureau building for their business meeting and lunch.

Lapeer County. Our new officers for 1962 are: Chairman, Mrs. U. D. McQuinn; 1st vice-chairman, Mrs. Horace Davis; 2nd vice-chairman, Mrs. Clara Schoenhals; Brown City; sec'y-treas., Mrs. Edw. Preisel, Attica.

Sanilac County Farm Bureau women met for a potluck dinner. The new chairman, Mrs. Russell Scott, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Howard Mahaffy is vice-chairman and Mrs. Roy Thomas is secretary.

It was voted to send the name of Mrs. Mary Lawler as a nominee for the delegate to the A.C.W.W. convention.

Tuscola County Farm Bureau women enjoyed meeting at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Montague in Caro. Reports of Montague in Caro.

Frank and FBI, Mrs. Theron Comden.

Newaygo County. Mrs. L. Oetzel, new chairman, announced their Committee chairmen as follows: Legislative, Mrs. H. Hollinger; FBI, Mrs. E. Schotanus; Safety, Mrs. R. Milles; Citizenship, Mrs. J. F. Bennett; Publicity, Mrs. Kunnen. A committee was appointed to correct and revise by-laws.

Oceana County. This group met at the home of Mrs. T. Tenbrink. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mrs. Carl Reed; vice-chairman, Mrs. T. Hawley; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. R. Tate, and publicity, Mrs. F. Dunham. Mrs. Dunham reported on the Farm Bureau Young People urging each community group to encourage young people to join. Mr. Tom Tenbrink spoke on Farm Bureau Liability Insurance.

Osceola County. A bus chartered 33 women attending the Annual Meeting of Michigan Farm Bureau Women. At their October meeting Mrs. G. Madden reported on Safety, urging fire drills be given in homes. Della Johnson reported on legislative matters. Doris Eggle will be the new Citizenship chairman.

The speaker for the day was Eino Niemitalo, his subject, radio active fall-out. Fall-out dust could be most destructive in many ways said Mr. Niemitalo.

A suggested Christmas project is to help the handicapped children.

District 9

Mrs. Dwight Duddles, Chairman
Lake City R-1

Wexford County Farm Bureau Women met November 1 at the home of Mrs. Charles Gotthard for a dessert lunch. Plans were made to present fruit trays to the patients at the two convalescent homes in the County at Christmas time.

Mrs. Floyd Whaley led a discussion of the problems of Ob-scene Literature.

Benzie County. Mrs. Myron Eggleston opened the meeting by reading "The Open Door" by Faith Baldwin. Mrs. Herbert Potter of Arcadia displayed and gave a most interesting talk on handicrafts made from Michigan grasses, milk weed silk and pods, also, embroidery depicting Michigan birds and flowers.

Manistee County Farm Bureau Women held their annual Thanksgiving dinner at 6:30 p.m. on November 18 at Far Center in Onokama, with their husbands as guests.

Mr. Charles Neblock, Regional Representative, was introduced by Mrs. Bradford.

Missaukee County. Mr. J. Delbert Wells spoke on the Family

Program Division which is one of the five Divisions of Michigan Farm Bureau. The Community Group activities, Women's activities and Young People's activities all come under this department Mr. Wells also conducted a quiz "Check your Knowledge about Farm Bureau."

Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau Women's Committee held their regular meeting at the Medical Care Center in Traverse City. Mrs. Joseph Tiffany introduced our Regional Representative, Mr. Charles Neblock. He reported on the following items: Membership in Farm Bureau for 1962. The new rules for Blue Cross-Blue Shield. A Mid-winter educational tour sponsored by Michigan Farm Bureau from January 29-February 9.

Plans were made for our Christmas luncheon meeting to be held on December 8 with Mrs. Thomas Wieland. Our guest speakers will be representatives of Moral Re-Armament from Mackinaw Island.

Cheboygan County. Mrs. Tom Baker was hostess to a well attended meeting of Farm Bureau women at her home October 6. A potluck lunch was enjoyed with the business meeting following.

Emmet County Farm Bureau Women's Committee met at the Brutus Town Hall November 13, with chairman Blumberg, presiding.

"Roll-Call" is underway Join Farm Bureau Today!

With the annual membership drive in mind, the theme used by the ladies for the 4th County Fair booth was "Is My Name Written There?"

Presque Isle County Women's Committee met at Allis Town Hall. Mrs. Herman Ristau read an article on Citizenship, "Why Don't We Compromise?" Mrs. Hugo Sorgenfrei gave a report on the District Meeting. Mr. Stutesman showed a very helpful film on survival in an atomic disaster. We discussed it at length and the Civil Defense Committee will give you all the information you need.

district meeting were given by our chairman. Bake sales are planned for Petoskey and Levering. Speaker on Con-Con will be the program for a future meeting. Christmas party will be held on December 11 with a gift exchange.

Otsego County Women's Committee met November 14 for their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Thomas Theisen.

We heard an excellent report of the state convention given by Mrs. Eugene Fleming who had attended the three days with her husband as delegates from Otsego County.

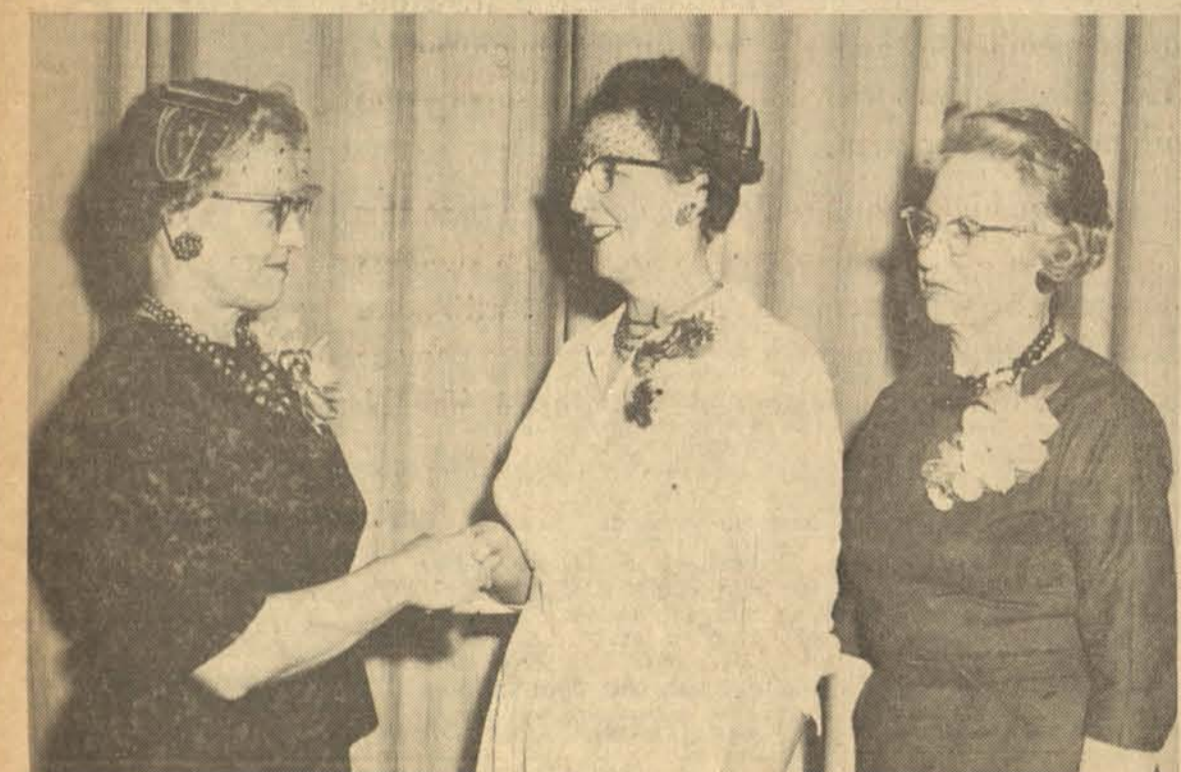
Mrs. Lyle Prebbie, one of our new members, will be the hostess for our December meeting.

District 11E

Mrs. Clifford Postma, Chairman
Rudyard

Farm Bureau Women's Committees of District 11E held their fall meeting at the Chatham Experiment Station. It is nestled among the gorgeous hills east of Marquette. Fall beauty gave us a setting which can only be creat-

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New Chairmen were Elected at Annual Meeting

Congratulations — extended by past State Farm Bureau Women's Chairman, Mrs. Alex Kennedy (left), Posen, to newly elected

State Chairman, Mrs. Arthur Muir, Grant. Also welcomed as committee Vice-Chairman is Mrs. William Scramlin of R.R. 1, Holly,

Michigan. The new officers were named during the Women's Program at the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting.

District 7

Mrs. Walter Harger, Chairman
Stanwood R-2

Mason County. Farm Bureau Women met at the Slagle home with a co-operative luncheon. Mrs. T. H. Ingersoll reported on the State Convention. At their December meeting, toys and articles suitable for baskets will be collected and donated to the Salvation Army at Ludington.

Mecosta County. Our new chairman, Mrs. Kenneth Johnson, presided at the November 13 meeting. The Special Committees are: Legislative, Mrs. Delmer Preston; FBI, Mrs. Vernon Mitchell; Citizenship, Mrs. Otto Benson; Safety, Mrs. Marvin Pruetz; Publicity, Mrs. John Emmons; Devotions, Mrs. R. J. Gardner.

Montcalm County. Zoning was the topic for the November 2 meeting. Mr. Keith King was the speaker and stated that zoning is good land use and that we are losing one million acres a year to highways and municipalities. A zoning board may be set up by the Township Board or by a petition by the people. A zoning committee can then be appointed by the Township Board. Zoning may include the whole or parts of the township. Use of lands which have been zoned can be changed by the Board of Appeals after two public hearings if they see fit.

The retiring chairman, Mrs. Herzog, turned the meeting over to the incoming chairman, Mrs. Arnold Thompson, who announced the appointment of the following chairmen: Legislative, Mrs. Robert Comstock; Citizenship, Mrs. Herbert Perkins; Safety, Mrs. Geo.

District 4

Mrs. Anton Hoort
Portland R-1

Allegan County Women's Committee. Following a potluck dinner, Mr. Chet Ray spoke to the group on "Citizenship."

Barry County. Thirteen groups were represented at the Quimby church for a potluck dinner at the September meeting. The ladies worked making prospect lists for the coming membership drive.

After displaying the large braided rug at the State Fair and receiving an \$8.00 prize, an offer of \$300 has been received. It was voted to sell the rug.

Quarter chairmen were elected as follows: N.W., Mrs. Schuur; N.E., Mrs. Marble; S.E., Mrs. MacKinder; and S.W., Mrs. Dunning.

Ionia County. Marie Drew, Regional Representative from the Central District, spoke to the ladies on their role as members of the Women's Committee.

Mrs. Elvon Rasmussen, chairman of the Camp Kett "disaster" committee, reported that a total of \$200 was raised at the rummage sale recently. Mrs. Ed Roth was re-elected vice-chairman and Mrs. Gardner Compton retained her position as secretary. Mrs. Guy Cook was elected treasurer.

Kent County. Final plans were made at the October meeting for the Camp Kett tour on November 2. New officers were elected as follows: Mrs. Enoch Carlson, chairman; Mrs. Ann Campau, 1st vice-chairman; Mrs. June Huyser, 2nd vice-chairman; Mrs. Robert Reek, secretary.

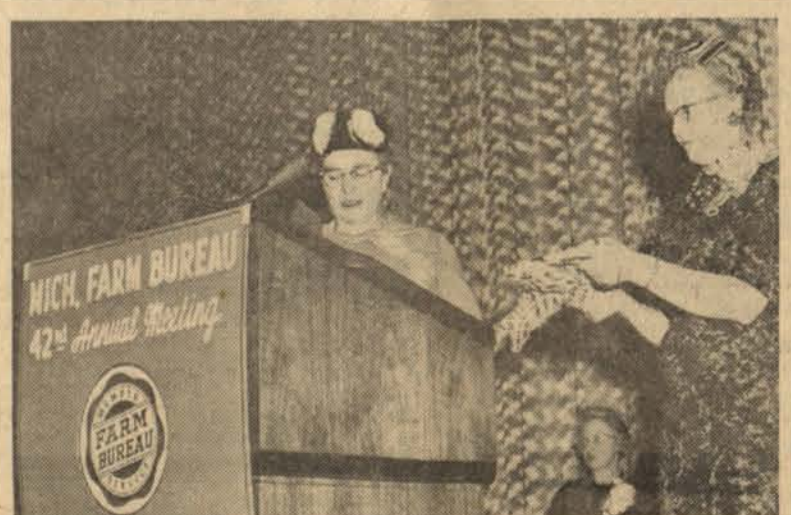
Mrs. Edith Weiland was presented a gift in recognition of her service as chairman for the past two years.

Ottawa County. Following a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Peter DeWeerd, Mrs. Easterly introduced Mrs. Rose Gates of Nunica, who told of her trip to Czechoslovakia with a stopover in Paris.

District 6

Mrs. Bruce Ruggles, Chairman
Kingston R-1

West Huron County Farm Bureau women enjoyed a tour of the Bell Telephone building in Bad



Mrs. Kennedy Will Go to Washington

APPRECIATION — of four years' service as state Chairman of the Farm Bureau Women's Committee is represented in a gift-trip to Washington for Mrs. Alex Kennedy.

Making the presentation is Mrs. Carleton Ball, Albion, former state chairman. The trip set for February 25-28 is sponsored by Farm Bureau women as a project in Citizenship.



Meet Miss Michigan Farm Bureau of West Branch

Gail Priddy, West Branch, is pictured with her court. They in-

clude (from the left) runners-up, Miss Katrene Gall, Saline, Miss

Priddy and Miss Patricia Callan, Milford.

ed by the Perfect Artist.

Donald Kinsey spoke to us on censorship. Each of us had a better concept of this terrible weapon.

Chippewa County Women's Committee has elected these officers: Chairman, Mrs. Raymond Postma; vice-president, Mrs. William Schwiderson; Secretary, Mrs. Bert Ripon; treasurer, Mrs. Ed English.

We revised our rules to invite all Community Farm Bureau Groups to send two members to the Women's Committee instead of one.

Washington Trip Set

The third annual trip to Washington for Farm Bureau families will be sponsored again this year by the Michigan Farm Bureau Women.

Details of the trip itself and the cost, has not yet been worked out but the date has been decided. It will be February 25-28, 1962. Further information will appear in the next issue of the Farm News.

Canada Doubles U. S. Lamb Imports

Canada has nearly doubled its sheep and lamb purchases from the United States.

Over the first five months of this year, Canada imported 23,000 head compared with 11,800 head in 1960 in the same period. Most were feeder lambs from western states which will be grass fattened in Canada.

The relatively low U.S. prices for feeder lambs have encouraged Canadians to buy much more than normal.

That constant charge on the electric fence left Tommy Tucker no defense.

Midwinter Educational Tour

Sponsored by

Michigan Farm Bureau

January 29 through February 9, 1962

Theme - "Seeing America's Greatness"

This tour is designed to combine education with entertainment and to strengthen the members' understanding of certain phases of our American life. The tour will be made by chartered Greyhound bus, leaving Lansing January 29 and returning February 9. Features of the trip will include:

Gary, Indiana—3½-hour tour of U.S. Steel plant, one of most modern in the world.

Chicago—One-day visit to Swift & Company to study the world's largest meat packer.

Omaha, Nebraska—Visit Offutt Air Force Base, Headquarters of Strategic Air Command. Dinner at Base. Picture of operation. Visit Iowa Farm Bureau facilities at Omaha.

Wichita, Kansas—Visit Boeing Aircraft factory.

Fort Worth, Texas—Attend Fat Stock Show and Rodeo.

Searcy, Arkansas—Harding College, dinner and conference with College officers. One day Freedom Conference.

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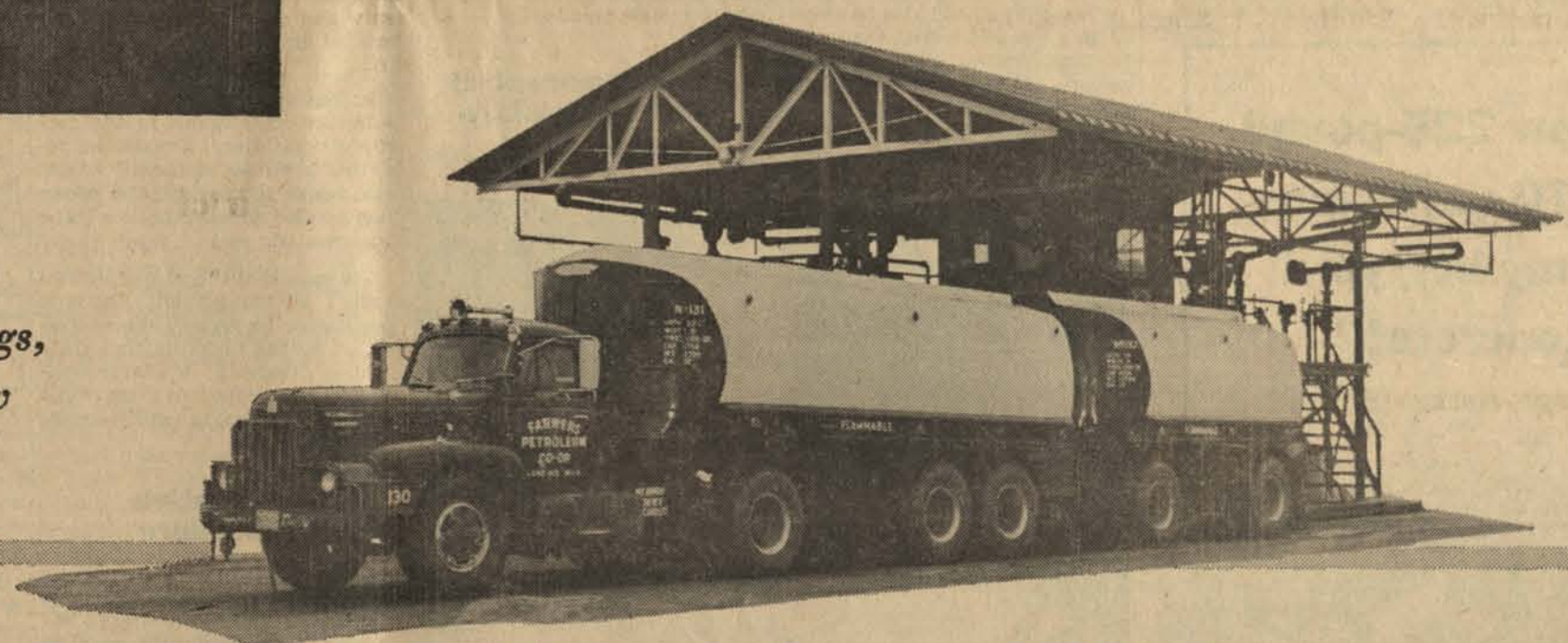
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The products distributed by Farmers Petroleum Cooperative are available to every Farm Bureau member in the lower peninsula through the locations listed below. The petroleum program can be of greater service and savings to members with more participation.

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Farm Bureau's Proposals for A Better Living

They State MFB Program for 1962

We present resolutions on State Affairs adopted at the 42nd annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau at Michigan State University, East Lansing, November 8-9-10, 1961. The resolutions are Farm Bureau policy and program for 1962.

Resolutions were adopted also on national affairs and international affairs. They become recommendations to the American Farm Bureau resolutions committee and to voting delegates representing Michigan at the AFBF convention to be held at Chicago December 10 to 14.

The resolutions approved by the AFBF become Michigan Farm Bureau's policy on national matters.

We can expect that the text of the resolutions adopted by the AFBF will appear in your copy of the Nation's Agriculture for January 1.

Another section of the MFB Resolutions deals with resolutions for the good of the Michigan Farm Bureau organization. The News plans to publish them after we have published the resolutions on State Affairs. Here are the resolutions adopted on State Affairs:

Preservation of Local Government

We believe that government is best which is closest to the people, and that every governmental service should be performed by the smallest unit which can do so efficiently.

Citizens know their own local officials and understand where the public money comes from and how it is being expended. There is always a tendency for governmental funds which come from a distant source to be regarded as manna from heaven which doesn't cost anyone anything. Hence, such public money is not used with the same degree of care and good judgment as that which is raised locally.

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We applaud the serious study which delegates to the Constitutional Convention are giving to problems of local units of government, including counties, townships, cities, and villages. We would not stand in the way of progress, but let us keep as much government as possible close to the people.

Tax Adjustment Study

Taxes on general property have increased to alarming proportions in recent years. This source of revenue is rapidly becoming exhausted as taxes, especially on farm property, are becoming confiscatory.

Some other source of revenue, exclusive of federal aid, must be found if we are going to provide adequate educational programs for



Resolutions Committee Work "Backstage"

Behind the scenes and back of the stage in the Auditorium at Michigan State University, work

continues for Farm Bureau Resolutions committee members. Rewrite, additions to the proposed

resolutions and last-minute reports are all part of the work of

the committee at annual meeting time.

our children.

A sound tax program must take into consideration the ability of the citizen to pay, as there is no relationship between the levies upon general property and the income derived from the use of that property.

We believe that the basis of our state and local tax problems is the fact that the tax paying ability of a large portion of our citizens is being siphoned off by the Federal income tax.

As a result, this segment of our population, who may own practically no general property, contribute very little to the cost of our local governments and our school programs.

We recommend that the staff, the Legislative Committee and the Board of Directors be instructed to study the feasibility of a State income tax that would intercept a large amount of the Federal income tax that now goes to Washington.

This study should also be directed to ways and means that might be employed to relieve property owners of the burden of ever-increasing millage rates being voted upon real property for the operation of our schools.

eral property as would be the approval of a bond issue or a direct expenditure of governmental money, on which matters only property owners may vote.

We urge the delegates at the Constitutional Convention to restrict the voting for added millage outside the 15-mill limitation, to property owners and their spouses in the district affected by such election.

Drainage

Because of urbanization of farm areas, a farmer may find that his property is included in a drainage district created to serve a housing development. The drain may be of little or no use to the farm, but a large part of the cost of the drain may be assessed against it.

We believe that costs of such drains should be assessed in terms of benefits received and not be based on acreage or foot frontage. We suggest that drains might be classified according to their uses, and assessment be based on a use determination made by a local board.

Apportionment of The Legislature

We believe the citizens of Mich-



SERIOUS STUDY—In proposed resolutions were the order-of-the-day November 10, at the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting.

sentation to a major fraction of its ratio and disregards a minor fraction. This is logical and equitable.

There is a definite indication that the outcome of the vote for selection of delegates to the current Constitutional Convention reflected a strong sentiment among Michigan's citizens for the retention of the present basis of apportionment.

We urge that the principles embodied in the present Balanced Legislature be preserved and continued by the Constitutional Convention delegates. We favor election of representatives from single member districts, as nearly square as possible.

Annexation Procedure

One of the most serious threats confronting farm owners in some sections of the state is that of becoming rather helplessly involved in annexation procedures which would place their property within the far-flung municipal limits of some overly ambitious city or village.

Many farmers are finding their property tax burdens almost catastrophic as a result of being taken into an enlarged school district with an expanding budget. A high tax rate multiplied by a large assessment of a sizable and well-equipped farm frequently results in a school tax burden which siphons off much of the receipts of the farming enterprise.

The situation becomes doubly serious when such a farm is absorbed into a city or village and has to pay added taxes for various municipal services which it may not receive and doesn't desire or doesn't need.

Obviously, many cities and villages are continuing to grow and, from time to time, should absorb property being used for industrial, business and residential purposes.

However, the steadfast position of the Farm Bureau in matters of this sort is that of opposition to the inclusion of land which is being used solely for agricultural purposes in such annexation projects.

There are at present several laws under which annexation proceedings are carried out. Frequently the boundaries of annexation projects are cleverly drawn to include property which should not be taken into the municipality but which involve in other portions of the project enough voters to carry the proposal.

We believe that territory to be eligible for annexation should be contiguous to the city or village to which it is proposed to be an-

nexed, and that not less than one-sixth of the aggregate external boundaries of the territory should coincide with existing boundaries of the municipality to which it is proposed to be annexed, and that the boundaries which are not adjacent to the annexing municipality should be as regular as practicable and embrace a compact area.

The registered electors in the area to be annexed should have an opportunity to vote separately on the proposition of annexation, and if the territory involved falls in more than one township, the votes from the persons residing in the involved portions of each township should be counted separately, and the proposal should not carry unless the vote carries in each township directly affected by the proposal.

Present laws relative to annexation, incorporation and consolidation are confusing and conflicting and should be entirely rewritten. Also, the law permitting the disconnection of purely farm land from cities and villages should be made more workable.

Outlaw Communist Party

Since the Supreme Court has held that the Communist party is an agency of the Soviet Union, we ask the Michigan Legislature to consider the advisability of outlawing the Communist party in Michigan.

State Supreme Court Justices

We feel that the average voter is not well enough informed to vote on candidates intelligently on the non-partisan system.

We favor electing State Supreme Court Justices for eight-year terms and recommend that they be elected on a district basis with Senatorial districts making up a judicial district.

Township Planning and Zoning

Since urban population is rapidly expanding into rural areas, it is important that long-range community planning be incorporated for the benefit of all concerned. We support rural township planning and zoning in keeping with the needs of each community and as approved by the voters of each township. All types of business have a place in our modern society, but each should be so located that they will fit into a long-range plan for each community.

Bingo, Lotteries

We stand opposed to legalized lotteries and games of chance in the state.

Public Health

We believe that much information is available through the county and State public health services that should be of value to local Farm Bureau people. We encourage the County Farm Bureaus to utilize the information available through these means and to assist in every way possible in carrying out local health programs.

Civil Defense

We live at a time in history when we are plagued with wars and the threat of war in the various parts of the world including the United States. Although we abhor the war hysteria type of thinking, we should be cognizant of the potential dangers to U.S. citizens, such as possible nuclear fallout and potential acts of aggression against the United States.

We support the idea of a Civilian Defense Program which will familiarize people with the dangers and that will help offer protection if it should become necessary.

We recommend that the Farm Bureau establish state and county committees within our organization to assist in the effective development and implementation of state and local disaster plans.

We should cooperate to the fullest possible extent with the state and U.S. Dept. of Agriculture in the execution of the rural Civil Defense program. It is our understanding that the purpose of this program is to safeguard our food supply. Our members should be encouraged to familiarize themselves with local Civil Defense plans through contacts with the local Civil Defense directors.

We encourage the membership to familiarize themselves with the government authorized fallout shelter program and if they so desire to cooperate in carrying out the program.

We should support state legislation that is consistent with the beliefs established above.

Welfare

We recognize that the administration of publicly financed welfare programs are complex due to

the fact that the various programs are administered by the various county, state or national agencies. We recognize also that this has come about as a result of the enactment of a variety of State and Federal laws.

Since some of these various laws tend to create overlapping and duplication between the welfare service programs, we recommend that these laws be revised so as to eliminate as much overlapping as possible. Consistent with Farm Bureau ideals, we believe that these programs should be administered from the lowest level of government feasible for this purpose.

We believe that all able-bodied welfare recipients should be required to do a reasonable amount of work in order to qualify for assistance.

We should encourage and support those remedial and preventive programs that will keep persons gainfully employed and off of welfare assistance programs insofar as possible.

We are concerned with the ADC program from the standpoint that it supposedly encourages delinquency and more illegitimate children. We believe that some Federal or State regulation should be provided to correct this situation.

We recommend that welfare orders be issued and that duplicate itemized purchase slips or other type of written record be required and returned to the county welfare office for all welfare received by the recipient.

Welfare should be considered as an emergency or "last resort" program and should not become a way of life.

To Be Continued
In The January Issue
of Farm News



"I can grow 225-pound hogs in 170 days since I paved my hog yard with concrete!"

Says HILKO NEVENHOVEN, Aplington, Iowa



Farm Bureau member Nevenhoven farms 140 acres, carries 25 sows in a set-up that includes a 26 x 38-ft. concrete masonry farrowing house surrounded by concrete pavement and concrete masonry walls.

"Hogs waste energy and pounds floundering around in mud. But on concrete everything they eat goes into making weight. At one farrowing, I had 11 sows average 9½ pigs . . . and they produced nearly 12 tons of top-quality pork in just 5½ months. On concrete, hogs are easier to feed and take care of. Keeping the yard clean and sanitary is simple."

A concrete yard is a clean yard . . . and the first step to really effective sanitation. Farmers everywhere report they have healthier hogs on concrete.



MRS. LESLIE AMES—voting delegate from Genesee County, makes a point during the resolutions session at the annual meeting.

Tax Limitations

We recommend to the Constitutional Convention that the state equalized valuation on general property be limited to 50% of its actual cash value.

The burden of taxation on general property has increased at an alarming rate in recent years. It is apparent that if levies continue to increase, it will soon result in considerable tax delinquency.

We recommend to the Constitutional Convention that the 15-mill limitation be maintained in the new Constitution.

Eligibility to Vote Millage Increases

At the present time all registered electors in any district are eligible to vote on a proposal to exceed the property tax limitation. Authorizing such additional tax millage for a given period of years is as much an obligation on gen-

igan are the ones who should decide how they want the State districted for electing members of the Legislature. At the general election in 1952, two alternative proposals were submitted to the voters simultaneously. Michigan citizens approved by a very heavy majority the present Balanced Legislature provisions. This proposal carried in each of 80 counties. At the same time, an opposing proposal to apportion both Senate and House seats on a population basis was defeated by an even more overwhelming vote. It carried in only two of Michigan's 83 counties.

The purpose of legislative districting is to permit citizens to vote intelligently for members of the Senate and House and to have effective representation in the Legislature. Certainly in the formation of senatorial districts, consideration should be given to other factors besides population.

The moiety clause should be retained in allocating House seats. It gives recognition and repre-

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" . . . change from two silos to seven, from fork to barn cleaner, from fork to silo unloader, from milk can to bulk tank, from small wagon boxes to self-unloading boxes, from one tractor to four . . . and, from depending on the weather to dry the hay to conditioning hay.

"These are examples of the changing conditions of farming. Because PCA works so close with the farmer, PCA financing sure helps the farmer adjust to such changes."

Farm Bureau Service Companies Show Substantial Gains for Year

"Most gratifying"—"A great year!"—Statements such as these were common comments during the 32nd annual meeting of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., and the 13th annual meeting of Farmers' Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., November 28.

In a full day and evening of sessions at Michigan State University's Kellogg Center, East Lansing, the two important Farm Bureau service affiliates reported highlights of a busy, successful past 12 months to a crowd of more than 400 farmer-members.

"This past 12 months have proved beyond doubt that Farm Bureau Services is Michigan's largest, most progressive farm supply organization," stated Marten Garn, Charlotte, president of Farm Bureau Services. Garn set the pace for a series of successful division reports of yearly sales totaling \$26,634,000—\$4,000,000 more than combined sales in 1960.

Among the increases noted by M. D. Brownlee, Secretary and General Manager, were fertilizer tonnage up 9%—feed sales up 17%—seed tonnage up 26% and egg marketing volume up by 75%.

Farmers' Petroleum Cooperative members were gratified by equally outstanding reports showing earnings up 28 percent over the previous year, — or \$382,221. Total sales were over 6 1/2 million dollars.

Tom Koning, Farmers Petroleum president, announced that patronage refunds would be paid in 25 percent cash and the balance in allocated refunds. In addition, the association's stockholders received 5% cash dividends on their stock. "Most importantly reported General Manager Jack C. McKendry, "we reduced our long term debt by over one-million dollars. At the start of the year our debt was \$4,903,796. At the end of the year it was \$3,545,786."

Re-elected to the board of directors of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative were: Thos. Koning, president; Allen Rush, vice president; Albert Amrhein, William Bartz, LeRoy Dale Dunckel, Donald Sandbrook, Lloyd Shankel, Ward Hodge and Elton Smith.

Elected to the board of directors of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., was Lloyd Shankel of Wheeler, Michigan, replacing Robert Smith of Fowlerville, who earlier resigned to join the Legislative staff of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Re-elected were Marten Garn, president; Elton R. Smith, vice president; Peter DeWeerd, Herbert Fierke, Walter Harger, Clayton Healey, Ward Hodge and Eugene Roberts.

Michigan Farm News Editor Retires
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administration of Franklin Roosevelt, he had on his staff a group of young men who were said to have a passion for anonymity. I think this phrase pretty well characterizes Einar."

He pointed out that "back in 1926 when Farm Bureau was short of both members and resources, Einar Ungren headed both the "Publicity" and the Accounting Departments of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Presently the Information Division includes these departments: Michigan Farm News; Public Relations, engaged also in press relations, radio and TV; Research and Education, Printing and Mailing.

Melvin L. Woell, co-ordinator of the Public Relations Department, succeeds Mr. Ungren as manager of the Information Division, and as editor of the Michigan Farm News. He will continue in charge of public relations work.

Young People Elect Officers At Meeting

The Michigan Farm Bureau Young People elected their 1962 officers at the Annual Meeting on November 8. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Michigan Farm Bureau Annual Meeting.

James Sparks from Cass County was named Chairman of the group for the coming year. He is a Junior at Michigan State University, majoring in Agricultural Mechanics. He also farms with his father in Cass County.

First Vice-Chairman of the group is Patricia Murphy of Clinton County, Second Vice-Chairman is Cathy Milet of Ingham and third Vice-Chairman is Donald DeMatio of Ogemaw County. Gail Priddy of Ogemaw County was elected Secretary.



NEW DIRECTORS—of Farmers' Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., elected November 28 in a meeting at Kellogg Center on the Michigan State campus include; (left to right)—Albert Amrhein, Washtenaw county; William Bartz, Berrien county; Donald Sandbrook, Isabella county; Thomas Koning, Ottawa county; Jack McKendry, Lansing; Lloyd Shankel, Grafton county; Elton Smith, Kent county; Ward Hodge, Sanilac county; Dale Dunckel, Ingham county; Allen Rush, a director from Macomb county, was absent when this picture was taken.



DIRECTORS—of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., elected November 28 in a meeting at Michigan State University's Kellogg Center, include, (left to right) seated: Ward Hodge, Elton R. Smith, vice president, Marten Garn, president, Herbert Fierke. Standing: Lloyd Shankel, Clayton Healey, Eugene Roberts, Walter Harger and Peter H. DeWeerd.

Michigan Young People's Committee will be held December 27 and 28 at Farm Bureau Center. They will establish projects for the coming year and lay out plans for their execution.

Goldberg Will Investigate Free Mailings

Congressman Melvin Laird, of Wisconsin, called the attention of Secretary of Labor Goldberg to Federal statutes making a criminal offense of the use of tax money to pay "for any... printed matter, or other device, intended or designed to influence in any manner a member of Congress."

Mailed out by the U.S. Department of Labor, at taxpayer expense, Laird referred to an AFL-CIO pamphlet recently. The pamphlet calls the Landrum-Griffin law "anti-labor" and "reactionary" and attacks Congressmen who supported it, including its co-author, Representative Robert Griffin, of Michigan as "reactionary opportunists."

Secretary Goldberg, a former special counsel for the AFL-CIO, said he had not known of the mailings and promised an "investigation."

Farm Bureau in the U. P.

By Hugo E. Kivi Regional Representative

Farm Bureau has made remarkable progress in the Upper Peninsula this past year. This was evident as the U.P. counties received recognition at the Michigan Farm Bureau Annual Meeting.

Five out of the seventeen goal getters in the state were from District 11. They were Iron, Mackinac-Luce, Delta, Marquette-Alger and Chippewa. The first place revolving trophy for membership went to Iron County, with Mackinac-Luce receiving the second place trophy. Chippewa was the recipient of the first place maintenance trophy.

Menominee County was awarded the trophy for highest per cent attendance at community group meetings and the Women's Committee of the U.P. West District received recognition for the highest per cent attendance at their district meet-

ing. Twenty members from the Upper Peninsula attended the convention. Edmund Sager of Menominee County was re-elected director for District 11.

County boards have re-organized and full committee appointments have been made. Programs for the county Farm Bureaus are now being planned.

The county presidents elected at their re-organization meetings are Edgar Williams of Delta, Leonard Veer of Menominee, Chester Kudwa of Iron, Al Hebert of Marquette-Alger, Ernest Hendrickson of Houghton, Robert Godell of Baraga, Franklin Schwiderson of Chippewa and Walter Polchek of Mackinac-Luce.

Membership is the most important project at the present time. At the time of this report, Iron County leads with 75.8% of goal, with Delta and Menominee a very close second and third. All counties appreciate the importance of reaching goal in 1962.

The U.P. membership award, The Little Brown Jug, is still unclaimed. Which county will be the recipient in 1962? The answer is simple. Attitude is important and the county that decides that they will be first will, without a doubt, receive the honor.

Need Relief for Property Tax

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The convention adopted another resolution which stated that the Michigan Farm Bureau believes that any marketing order should include, and what it should be prohibited from doing.

Should Include: Provisions for any or all of the following (1) advertising and promotion programs (2) Development and dissemination of market information (3) establishment of research programs (4) establishment of uniform grades and inspection.

Should Prohibit: Marketing orders and agreements should be prohibited from establishing programs that would include (1) production controls (2) marketing quotas (3) price fixing.

Number of Delegates. The delegates resolved for a third time to keep the MFBA annual meeting on a basis of one delegate for each 100 member families. A number of County Farm Bureaus had suggested one delegate for each 200 member families.

The convention agreed with many delegates who said that the educational, information, and inspiration values of the annual meeting recommended participation by the largest number of delegates.

Affairs resolutions adopted will be published in the Michigan Farm News, beginning with this edition.

Elections. The Board of Delegates elected to the MFBA Board of Directors for two year terms: District 1—Max K. Hood of Paw Paw, re-elected; 3—Allen F. Rush of Lake Orion, re-elected; 5—Dale Dunckel of Williamston, re-elected; 7—Guy Freeborn of Hart, elected to succeed Thomas Hahn of Evart, who retired; 9—Eugene Roberts of Lake City, re-elected; 11—Edmund Sager of Stephenson, re-elected.

Walter W. Wightman of Fowlerville was re-elected as director-at-large.

Mrs. Arthur Muir of Grant was elected as director to represent Woman's Committees of Michigan Farm Bureaus.

James Sparks of Cassopolis was elected as director to represent Young People's Committee of Michigan Farm Bureau.

The delegates heard and approved the annual report of Clarence E. Prentice, secretary-manager of Michigan Farm Bureau. Reports made by managers of Farm Bureau service companies were approved.

Clark L. Brody Scholarship Fund at MSU

Following Mr. Brody's death, there have been requests for information concerning the Margaret and Clark L. Brody scholarship fund at Michigan State University.

Two students are presently benefiting from the fund, one from a hard-pressed rural family. The other also needs the financial assistance and is making a real contribution to a research program in the School of Agriculture. Both are good scholars.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund, (administered through the Scholarship Committee of the College of Agriculture) may do so.

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Patrons of Cooperatives Do Better

Today with the cost-price squeeze on farmers, L A Cheney, secretary of the Michigan Ass'n of Farmer Cooperatives, suggests that we consider what our cooperatives are doing.

Dr. Martin Abrahamson of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, estimates that farm supply cooperatives of the nation are saving their patrons \$150,000,000 a year.

Add to that the savings from such service cooperatives as the Federal Land Bank Associations, Production Credit Associations, Artificial Breeder Ass'n's, Rural Electric groups, Farm Bureau insurance companies. Such savings are substantial, indeed.

The farmers marketing cooperatives are dedicated to increasing farm income, and they do it.

Yardstick of quality. It would be difficult for one to estimate the savings which accrue to the farmer because his cooperatives act as a yardstick for high quality supplies. Farm co-operatives also influence prices.

Cooperative savings are about like an iceberg. The part that can be seen... the direct savings...

Brucellosis Still Threat in Michigan

"Too many farmers think the danger of brucellosis is gone," warns George Parsons, Michigan State University dairy extension specialist. "They quit vaccinating and 'bang'—another outbreak.

That's happened in several northern Michigan areas—the very places where brucellosis is at a low point.

Parsons notes that Michigan now has only 200 infected dairy herds compared to over 7,500 in 1955. Human brucellosis—also known as undulant fever—declined from 347 new cases in 1955 to only 5 in 1960.

He grabbed the stalk that plugged the picker. Few aspirations could be quicker! He rushed the job when he was tired. (That was the day that he expired.)

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Right to Work Laws Versus Labor Monopoly

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for December

Background Material for Program in December by Our 1525 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

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Coordinator of Research and Education

Farm Bureau Delegate Resolution — "The concentration of economic power in labor unions permits measures which, if used by any other economic group, would result in drastic anti-trust action. Such power has been used to increase wage rates in excess of the national gain in productivity, thus denying consumers the benefits of improved technology and contributing to inflationary trends.

"The wage-price inflationary spiral adversely affects all individuals and groups. The higher cost levels thus established reduce our competitive position in world trade and lead to demands for import restrictions.

"Unions, like other groups, should be subject to anti-trust laws. Some reforms have been enacted by Congress; however, further anti-monopolistic measures are essential."

"These include prohibition of (1) compulsory unionism, (2) industry-wide bargaining, (3) interference with the adoption of technological improvements or the efficient utilization of manpower, and (4) restrictions on sales territories or outlets."

A Look at Some History. The flash and fire of exploding arguments and political battles over the right-to-work issue has filled the American scene since the passage of the Taft-Hartley Act in 1947.

This law permitted the establishment of the "union shop" and affirmed the right of labor unions to organize and bargain collectively. But it left to the states the decision as to whether the "closed shop" would be permitted within state boundaries. By 1960, eighteen states had ruled out the closed-shop under right-to-work laws.

When Congress took action to pass "Taft-Hartley" in 1947, it recognized that in labor unions there were abuses of compulsory membership and "a glaring disregard for the minority members of the unions." The Senate Committee report said, "If trade unions were purely fraternal or social organizations, such instances (of forced membership) would not be a matter of Congressional concern, but since membership in unions becomes essential to earn a living, if force is used Congress cannot ignore the existence of such power."

Let's Define Some Terms

There are three criteria affecting the status of union membership which labor authorities define as underlying "union security."

1. "The Closed Shop." In a closed shop employees are permitted to hire union members only — members of the union under contract with the industry. In many cases of the closed shop, hiring must be done through the union itself. The climate of the union hiring-hall is the advantage that union authorities most earnestly seek.

2. "The Union Shop." In this type of union contract an employer may hire workers at large, but the new employees must join the union within a stated period of time.

3. "Maintenance of Membership." Under this provision employees who fail to resign from the union during an "escape period" at the beginning of the collective bargaining agreement, or who join voluntarily afterward, must remain in the union for the duration of the contract.

Closed Shop Promotes Maximum Control

This makes it clear that the "closed shop" gives the union authorities maximum control over the industry and the workers. In states without right-to-work laws, many instances of the closed shop exist.

Repeat of the Taft-Hartley Act would outlaw right-to-work laws in all states, thereby assuring a more absolute control for union authorities on a nationwide scale.

Contrasts

Under our U. S. Constitution, workers have a right to assemble, to discuss, to plan in the interest of their own jobs without interference by the union or anyone else. Nothing in the Constitution provides that a worker must join a union to gain these rights.

The union doctrine declares that no worker can exercise these rights except through the union.

To assure the union of power in bargaining and for "union security," all workers must be compelled to join.

Rights for Whom?

Union documents declare that "union security" is simply an expression of our democratic concept of MAJORITY RULE, the very basis of our society and civilization.

To argue against this is to argue that the minority has even more rights than the majority. Minority rights cannot be allowed to take precedent over majority rights.

Such a statement throws the principle out of focus. It implies, in effect, that minorities have no rights except those granted to them by the majority. This is totally foreign to our basic principle of American government.

American governments have been charged with acting in the interest of ALL citizens — not simply SOME of them. Under a free and equitable government neither a majority nor a minority should override the just and natural rights of the other. Men are born with EQUAL privileges and rights to the protection of the law.

Rights of Minorities

Our Constitution and fair social practice have recognized certain rights of minorities:

Minorities have the right to protection of the law for their persons and property, equal consideration by the courts of the land in defending their rights. They have a right to personal beliefs and to be heard regarding them.

They have equal rights to the necessary services of the government. They have the right to promote programs and policies in their own interest.

Union Doctrine Draws a Line

Compulsory union membership by declaring that no worker should have the right to stand aside and receive benefits of union activi-



Farm Bureau Cooperators of the Year

Representing the 11 districts of the state are pictured following the awards-night presentation at the recent Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting. The program was climaxed by naming Mr. and Mrs. Dean Pridgeon (second couple from right, in back

row) of Branch County as the "Farm Bureau Cooperator Couple of 1961." By districts the winning couples include: DISTRICT 1—Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Krieger, Berrien county; DISTRICT 2 (and also state winners)—Mr. and Mrs. Dean Pridgeon, Branch county; DISTRICT 3—Mr. and Mrs.

Donald Ruhlrig, Washtenaw county; DISTRICT 4—Mr. and Mrs. Theo Yager, Ionia county; DISTRICT 5—Mr. and Mrs. Edmund F. Miller, Jr., Eaton county; DISTRICT 6—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Erbe, Sanilac county; DISTRICT 7—Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rader, Montcalm county; DISTRICT 8—

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sandbrook, Isabella county; DISTRICT 9—Mr. and Mrs. Keith Shugart, Northwest Michigan; DISTRICT 10—Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bey, Alpena county; DISTRICT 11—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hendrickson, Houghton county.

ties without paying dues. "Dues," they say, "are like paying taxes in a democratic state."

Again, the focus is blurred. If a union can justify compulsory membership because of benefits provided, then every organization that claims a benefit to people can claim compulsory membership. Even the members of a union would protest if they had to join every organization that worked to bring them some sort of benefit.

Dues are not taxes. The union is not a sovereign government providing services for all the people. The union is a group within a government.

If it seeks a monopoly within the state which directly clashes with the public interest, it sets itself in opposition to the main purposes of government. Union dues are collected for internal purposes only.

Discipline of Minorities

One reason given by union authorities for the necessity of compulsory membership and union regulations is to keep the dissenting or "recalcitrant" workers in line, preventing discord and interference with production contracts.

But will this "disciplinary authority" stop with work contract conditions? Has it? The McClellan Congressional investigations of 1958 seemed to find otherwise. Instances were revealed in which such action was taken against members for disagreeing with union policies, such as making assessments for partisan political activities.

What happens to minority dissenters in the event of a strike? The McClellan record reveals sanctions against those who disagree with strike action—cars overturned, workers beaten, windows smashed, homes defaced with paint—even an occasional shooting. Majority rule may thus become "mob rule" on occasion, against a powerless minority.

Events such as this led to the passage of the Taft-Hartley Act and the Landrum-Griffin Act, as well as right-to-work laws in various states. Part of the prompting came also from the growing recognition that unions were gaining dangerous monopoly powers.

What's a Monopoly?

Any group holding a monopoly is in a position to gain advantage for itself beyond that available to others—and usually at the expense of others. In the long run, such a monopoly can undermine and destroy the economy, for demands made by the monopolistic

group throw the economy out of balance.

The Clayton Act

Had it not been for the passage of the Clayton Act in 1914, labor unions would have been subject to the Sherman Anti-Trust Laws in the same way as other citizens are affected. But the Clayton Act gave labor unions immunity to legal liabilities to which everyone else must comply. It declared that:

"The labor of a human being is not a commodity or article of commerce." This meant that labor unions "could not be held as creating mergers or conspiracies in restraint of trade under the anti-trust laws."

Whether the Clayton Act so defines them or not, labor unions indulged in practices with monopolistic objectives. When a group achieves power to control the supply or fix the price on needed goods and services used in public commerce, it becomes monopolistic.

"We'll Demand More and More"

Wage rates set by the unions set the price for the services of the worker. To justify their existence, union authorities must insist on continually rising wage rates and extra benefits with every new contract.

These increases often bear no relation to increases in output of goods per hour. Then, too, an "escalator clause" in the contract guarantees additional wage increases as the cost of living rises during the contract period.

Since the rising costs of production must be recovered in the prices of consumer goods, the public must pay constantly inflating prices—or go without. This is the impact of any monopoly.

Bargaining

The A. F. of L. and C. I. O. merged so that there could be a massive control over the labor supply under one bargaining system. Eargaining, these days, has become industry-wide.

Employers and employees must accept contracts set by the international union. The authority is fully centralized. A local union has little to say if it does not like the terms of the agreement.

Restraint or Trade?

Labor unions resort to restraint of trade in many ways to force their demands—boycotts, and secondary boycotts against related industries, "blackmail

Any monopoly gives the group that gains it a tyranny of privilege over the rest of the people of the nation.

Unions a Minority

The membership of labor unions does not represent a majority of the American public. There are only about 13 to 14 million union members in the whole population. In the worker force itself only about 4 out of 10 workers belong to unions.

The organized unions are a militant and demanding minority, well streamlined to push their demands. Their power lies in skillful organizations and they finance themselves thoroughly.

Labor unions, operating under the same restraints against monopoly as the rest of the nation, can perform a very useful service. They can help to keep economic power in balance.

They can provide a vehicle of influence to protect the interests of the worker in industrial life. But one monopoly is just as dangerous to the nation as another.

Labor leaders would surely construe this statement as an attack on labor unions, as such. It is not. It is merely a protest against the monopolistic powers and practices of some unions as they have come to be.

The government of our nation should concern itself with the interests of all the people. Its laws should not favor the advantage of any group by granting it powers above the rest of the public. Especially when actions taken threaten the rights, the persons and the property of other people.

Right-to-work laws in less than 40% of our states are a very flimsy defense against such a monopoly. The Landrum-Griffin Act was a step in the right direction to correct some of the most glaring abuses.

The Farm Bureau resolution with which this article began points out some other corrective steps that still remain necessary to bring the situation under control.

Questions

A special discussion report form will be sent to your Discussion Leader.

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Unrestricted Liberty?

I often wonder if Emancipation came too soon, but perhaps it didn't. Possibly it was complete and unrestricted liberty that did the damage to these "long-subjected" men — who, while yet unready, were burdened with a responsibility greater than they'd ever borne before. But, at any rate, it plagues us still today.—Jim Hood, Paw Paw

Ocean Harvest

During an average year fishermen from Boston alone will harvest from 150 to 160 million pounds of cod and haddock, valued at \$15,000,000.

Berrien County Young People To Hold Camp

The Berrien County Farm Bureau Young People are holding their annual winter camp at the Yankee Springs Recreation Area on December 29, 30 and 31. They would like to invite all Farm Bureau Young People to join them for a weekend of education and recreation.

The program has not been completed at this date, but it will include some good speakers, tobogganing, ice skating, dancing and other recreation. You are asked to bring your own bed roll and personal items.

Reservations should be received by the Berrien County Farm Bureau, P.O. Box 213, Berrien Springs, by December 15. The total camp fee of \$6.00 must accompany your reservation.

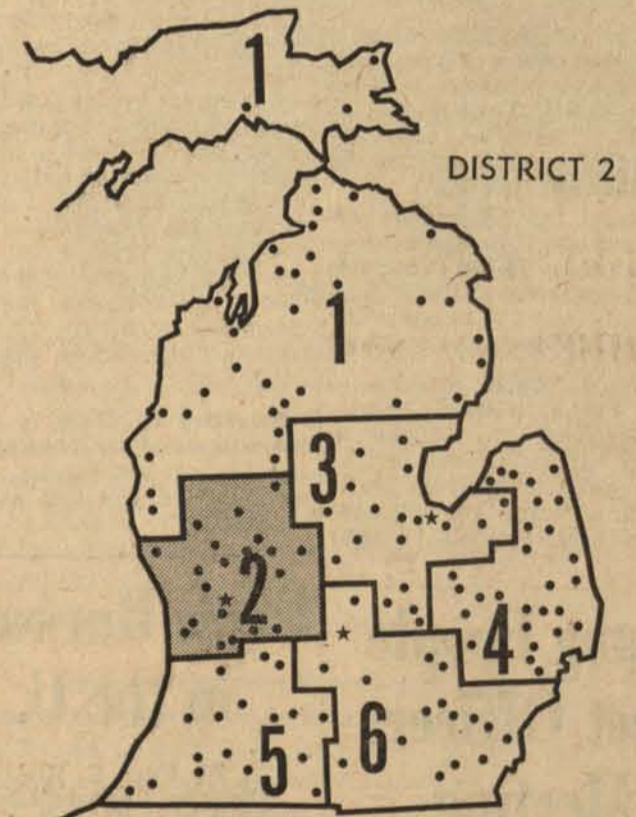
Threat per Century?

Business gave us our threat of monopoly in the nineteenth century. The anti-monopoly laws. This was vitally necessary to the growth of our nation.

In the twentieth century labor unions seek the same justice which this article began to point out. Whatever the group that seizes such power, it can leech the strength of the nation for its own benefit.

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Feb. Challenges to Americanism in our Schools.

Be sure to read your discussion article in the Michigan Farm News. Attend your Community Farm Bureau meetings. THEY ARE THE KEY TO UNITED MEMBER ACTION.