Third Freedom Conference At Lansing February 7 and 8

J. DELBERT WELLS

Family Program Division

Third Freedom Conference at the Michigan Farm Bureau's headquarters in Lansing February 7 and 8 will attempt to solve the problem of world food shortages. The conference will feature expansion of agricultural development for world food. It will be an opportunity for members to exchange ideas and enter upon the task of solving the food problem.

The conference will be held at the Hotel Cooper at 8:30 a.m. on February 7 and at 9 a.m. on February 8. Directors will meet on both days.

The program will consist of talks and discussions on topics such as soil, crop, and livestock production. The keynote speaker will be Dr. John Moore, associate professor of agriculture at the University of Connecticut.

The conference will be open to all members and will provide an opportunity for them to discuss and learn about the problems facing agriculture today.

Saginaw Credit Union Distributes $23,800

The Saginaw Credit Union has distributed $23,800 to the Saginaw County farming community. This is the largest distribution to the county in recent years.

The money was distributed to farmers in the form of low-interest loans. The loans were made available to farmers who needed funds to purchase seed, fertilizer, and other supplies.

Legislative Seminars in Feb. & March

The annual legislative seminars of the Michigan Farm Bureau are scheduled for February and March. These seminars are designed to provide members with an understanding of the legislative process and to help them become involved in the legislative process.

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**Today in Farm Bureau**

**ROGER N. FOERCH**
Manager of Organization Division, Michigan Farm Bureau

January has been a very important month to Farm Bureau. Why? The 1961 membership campaign began. As you will notice from the article on the front page, the job isn’t done.

As this issue goes to press, we stand at 92.1% of our goal. This is a total of 66,432 paid in family memberships. This is approximately 1,300 behind last year at this time.

This also means that we are just 5,613 members short of goal. (Check your county’s need on the front page.) Let’s remember, that our work isn’t done until every prospect has had a personal invitation.

By the time you read this, your County Farm Bureau will be conducting a “Clean Up” campaign with the emphasis on new and renewals. Have you made a contact this year? Let’s finish our Roll Call representing this month, so we can count the rest of the year building campaigns at the county level.

During the month of January, a series of meetings for county boards were held to discuss a very important question: Does the definition of a regular Farm Bureau member and associate member need amending?

A. The type of organization: 
1. What its objective program is; 
2. What it serves as.

Fall Profits Are Made Now... You’re Ready for Spring

**ASK FARMERS ON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

“Michigan farmers have less than three months to become the second in the nation to have a Conservation Commission. Michigan’s three-month deadline is June 15.

Most of the work that protects the soil and water of our state may still be considered ‘unimportant’ or ‘unnecessary’ by Michigan farmers. It’s funny. With all the talk about conservation, it’s easy to forget how much our way of life depends on it.

If you are interested in serving on a Commission, come down to the Farm Bureau office and talk about it with me. I think it will be an important job for you and your community.”

**Rate Increase Points**

Blue Cross - Blue Shield Benefits

Michigan Blue Cross - Blue Shield have asked for a rate increase. The increase is for coverage of hospital, medical, surgical, and family plans.

**Discussion Leader Has Key Role**

1. **DELBERT WELLS**
Family Finance Division

A good discussion leader is one who gets the other people to talk. This is the specific role of the Discussion Leader of Farm Bureau. It is important that the leader not dominate but let the group carry on.

It is suggested that if an individual will go along with the leader, a leader is not needed. If the group is small and a leader is needed, the leader will need to do more than just lead.

**FARM SAFETY ON TRAIL FARMERS WEEK**

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Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

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Mrs. M. L. Macomber, Chairman
Kalamazoo R-3

Berrien County Women's Committee met at the Old Bank Building on January 16. The group presented a report of the trip to Washington. Mrs. Robert Kneib, a member of the Women's Committee, was chairman. Mrs. Charles Stasey gave a brief report on the visit to Washington, which was well received.

Cass County, Mrs. C. M. Huffman and Mrs. Charles Bell entertained the Women's Committee at a potluck on January 18 at the home of Mrs. Huffman. The committee was in attendance and helped serve the lunch for the group.

Kalamazoo County Women's Committee met at the County Commissioner's Building on January 20. Mrs. Charles Bell entertained the group for lunch at the home of Mrs. Bell. The committee was in attendance and helped serve the lunch.

District 2
Mrs. H. C. Crumley, Chairman

Manistee County Women's Committee met on January 27. The committee presented a report of the trip to Washington. Mrs. Robert Kneib, a member of the Women's Committee, was chairman. Mrs. Charles Stasey gave a brief report on the visit to Washington, which was well received.

Oceana County Women's Committee met on January 28. The committee presented a report of the trip to Washington. Mrs. Robert Kneib, a member of the Women's Committee, was chairman. Mrs. Charles Stasey gave a brief report on the visit to Washington, which was well received.

District 3
Mrs. W. S. Robinson, Chairman

Hillsdale County Farm Bureau Women's Committee met on January 30. The committee presented a report of the trip to Washington. Mrs. Robert Kneib, a member of the Women's Committee, was chairman. Mrs. Charles Stasey gave a brief report on the visit to Washington, which was well received.

Reserve Form

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Resolutions on MFB Affairs at the Annual Meeting

Recommendations For Michigan Farm Bureau

Editor's Note — At each annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, the State Resolutions Committee and the delegates overwhelmingly resolve to make recommendations. We reproduce those recommendations that we think are worth considering. This program has contributed much to the success and growth of Farm Bureau in Michigan.

The Community Farm Bureau program should be developed as vigorously as possible. Various meetings could be supplied in part by the Farm Bureau for these contributions in building up to the annual meetings.

We urge the County Farm Bureau to do everything within their power to increase member attendance at these group meetings, and to aid in positive and encouraging program development and administration.

We would urge our staff to work with the Farm Bureau in the upsurge to increase the number of Community Farm Bureaus with them in this movement. This increasing bi-partisan effort should be continued for participation.

We would suggest that the plans of the Community Farm Bureau be brought of to the attention of the Community Farm Bureau. The County Farm Bureau Committee should be familiar with the work of the committee as a whole and be aware of the importance of the position of the committee for the organization.

We urge the County Farm Bureau to take advantage of the opportunity to aid the Farm Bureau in the coming year in developing the social life of the community.

We recommend the County Farm Bureau to us a scholarship board to be developed, and also to the teachers in the school, the ability of the community to take advantage of this program.

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**FARM BUREAU Proposals for Better Living**

**They Outline Our Program of Work**

We present the third and final installment of the Resolutions on State Affairs adopted at the 41st annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau at Michigan Farm Bureau at Michigan State University, November 9-10, 1960. The first and second installments of the Resolutions on State Affairs were published in our editions for December 1 and January 1.

**Predatory Animals**

We recommend the retention of present laws and regulations on predatory animals.

**Quail Hunting**

We believe that conditions should be established to eliminate the quail population of the state.

**Raccoon Season**

We believe any attempt to injure animals or quail hunting to be detrimental to the interests of quail hunting.

**Apple and Cherry Commissions**

We recommend the retention of the commissions now in operation.

**U. P. Lab**

We recommend the establishment of a laboratory for the improvement of the quality of Michigan produced furs.

**Licensing and Meat Inspection**

In the existing situation, all meat products should be thoroughly examined before they are offered for sale.

**Def't of Agriculture**

We maintain our position in the fact that Michigan has been affected by an unprecedented increase in the prices of agricultural products. It is essential that the Department of Agriculture be expanded in all phases.

**Damage by Birds**

Yellow and red-winged blackbirds are a menace to Michigan crops.

**Potato Industry**

We feel it is necessary to work closely with the potato industry to improve the quality of Michigan potatoes.

**Farm Bureau Services, Inc.**

The annual meeting of the board of directors of the Farm Bureau Services, Inc., will be held at the Hotel Statler, Detroit, on Wednesday, February 28, 1961, at 1:30 p.m.

**Seal of Quality**

A committee of the Farm Bureau has been appointed to develop a seal of quality for Michigan products.

**St. Lawrence Seaway**

We regard the St. Lawrence Seaway as advantageous to Michigan agriculture.

**School Building Plans**

We urge the Michigan Legislature to provide for balanced school building plans which would meet the needs of the state's educational system.

**Michigan Men at Nat'l Council of Co-ops**

Michigan members are active at the Nat’l Council of Co-ops.

**EEI Law**

For cape consumption, we support the EEI law in order to ensure the highest quality eggs for the consumer.

**Michigan Women**

We oppose any attempt to in-crease the number of women board members in the Farm Bureau.

**Wine Week**

We support the Wine Week program which encourages wine consumption.

**Michigan at the Farm Bureau**

Michigan is well represented at the Farm Bureau meetings.

**Farm Bureau for livestock and poultry**

We urge the take-over of livestock and poultry by the Farm Bureau.

**Farm Bureau for Consumer Protection**

We recommend that the Farm Bureau be exempt from the above program.

**Farm Bureau for Environmental Protection**

We urge the Michigan Farm Bureau to join the Farm Bureau for Environmental Protection.

**Farm Bureau for Education**

We recommend the establishment of a Farm Bureau for Education.

**Farm Bureau for Safety and Health**

We urge the establishment of a Farm Bureau for Safety and Health.

**Farm Bureau for Social Security**

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**Farm Bureau for Recreation**

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**Farm Bureau for International Relations**

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**Farm Bureau for Research and Education**

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Notices and Annual Meeting
FARM BUREAU LIFE INSURANCE CO.

The Annual meeting of the stockholders of Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company of Michigan, a corpora-
tion, will be held at its office, 400 North Grand Avenue, Lansing, Michigan on Tuesday February 10, 1961, beginning at 10:30 for the following purposes:

1. To receive reports from officers and management.
2. To elect directors.
3. To consider other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

February 2, 1961
L. D. DUNNERS
President

Lansing, Michigan

Appropriations
Preserving, feeding, sheltering, and protecting the animals of the farm and ranch.

Education: Francis, Boudin, Schwengler, Schreiner.

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Highways: Nichols, Golden, McArthur, Eller, Hon-

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Ralph Barnes, 211-2-12, Algoma, Michigan. 

It was my pleasure to have been present at the official opening of the White House Conference at a time when the country was going through a period of uncertainty. The Conference was attended by many leaders in various fields of endeavor, including agriculture, industry, and labor. The Conference was sponsored by the Michigan Farm Bureau and was held in cooperation with the Michigan State University.

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Can Our Rising Property Taxes be Reduced?

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for February

Background Material for Program in February by Our 1489 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

DONALD D. KIRNER
Coordinator of Research

Why do farmers bite their nails and tear their hair over property taxes? Is there really anything to get excited about?

Let's judge the farmer's reaction in the light of some facts. Property taxes bite into incomes already squeezed until they squeak. Prices paid by farmers for farm land and what it can produce have increased greatly since 1959. But farm property taxes rose 56% in that time.

The depth of the bite becomes clearer if we look at what happened to property taxes per $100 of assessed valuation. In 1955, property taxes were $5.67 on every $100 of assessed valuation. In 1965, property taxes rose to $11.75 per $100 of valuation. This is a 101% increase.

In some parts of the state, the percentage was higher. Recent figures show that property taxes are 50% higher in the metro areas than in the nonurban areas of the state. Property taxes are much higher than the other property taxes, sales taxes, and personal income taxes.

Property Taxes Are Fair?

One of the factors in determining if a tax is fair is its relationship to income. Some people feel that property taxes are too high because they feel that property taxes are not based on ability to pay. But what are the "facts" about the property tax?

1. There is the fact that taxes are a function of assessed valuation. Whether the tax is large or small depends on the assessed valuation. Some of the farmers have complained about this but what about the city folks who live in equally valuable homes?

2. Another "fact" is that there are no comparable services rendered for these taxes. But what about property owners who pay sales taxes and income taxes. These taxes are based on some comparable service.

It is possible to think of the property tax as a tax on the ability to pay. If you have more income, you can pay more. This is true in the case of the property tax.

Where to Turn?

Some farmers have turned in large, painful, property taxes. One of the reasons they paid these taxes was probably because they did not understand the signs of a property tax relief. The signs of property tax relief are:

1. The property tax is a local tax. The local tax collected is proportionate to local needs. If the state government were imposing the same level of taxes, each town in the state would have to pay the same amount.

2. The property tax is a progressive tax. The state collects an income tax and a sales tax, which are both progressive. The property tax is a progressive tax as well. It is more progressive than the income tax and less progressive than the sales tax.

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Pare vanilla is extracted from the seeds of a variety of orchid. But vanilla extract may be made by other means as well. This includes using the seeds from the island of Madagascar, which is an offshore island of Africa. The production of vanilla is an agricultural activity.

Discussions Topics

These topics were chosen by your State Discussion Topic Committee for the series of talks to be held during the summer by local Community Farm Bureau groups.

Mar. Issues on the Ballot in the April Election.
Apr. Farm Labor and Child Labor on the Farm.
May Proposals for Changes in the Program of State Taxes.
Jun. The Role of Local Government in Our Schools.
Jul. Why Farmers Need A Public Relations Program.
Aug. Farm Markets and the Importance of Foreign Trade.

One policy cuts bookwork and saves money

"One policy covering all my farming operations is a big convenience. Not only does it save me from writing checks on page after page, but it also makes it easier for me to be sure that I am completely covered," said Mr. Mage. "Of course, I am also pleased with the fact that this package policy gives me more protection for less money. It's an ideal way to protect my entire farm."

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