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Farm Bureau Membership Goal for 1961 is 72,105 Families

Roll Call Starts Jan. 3 With 41,845 Enrolled

Everyone in Farm Bureau Should

Tell the Story of Agriculture in 1961

CLARENCE E. PRENTICE

Secretary - Manager of Michigan Farm Bureau

Agriculture is important to every person. We are all consumers of the products of the farm. The 10% of us who live on farms and produce food are very much concerned that the other 90% have a better understanding of farmers and our agriculture.

We see and hear so many statements about agriculture that are either poor interpretations, or half truths, or even utter falsehoods.

We are much concerned that the 90% of people living off the farm have access to the facts about agriculture. The story must be realistic and honest.

With this in mind, the Michigan Farm Bureau expanded its Information Division in 1960. It added to its Public Relations activities. The employment of Melvin Woell as Coordinator of Radio and Public Relations, and adding able writer Donald Kinsey to the Division has strengthened it, has made a big start on our objective.

The manager of the Information Division is Einar E. Ungren, who has been with the Michigan Farm Bureau for many years. He has charge of the Michigan Farm News.

We now have a regular weekly radio program on 35 stations in Michigan. Many newspapers carry news furnished by Farm Bureau. We take pride in the fact that editors consider Farm Bureau a reliable source of information on agricultural matters.

For example, in the November 20th issue of the Lapeer County Press, Editor Bob Myers said in his Farm Column:



Ken Wagar Gets Farmowners Policy No. 1

Pete Sackett, left, Kalamazoo County Agency Manager for Farm Bureau Insurance, is shown delivering the first Farmowners policy in the state to Mr. Ken Wagar of R. 1, Climax, in Kalamazoo County. . . .

Ken Wagar, well known Kalamazoo County farmer and Farm Bureau "Cooperator of the Year" for District 1, is the first farmer in the state to own the new Farmowners package policy.

Mr. Wagar has been an active member of Kalamazoo County for fifteen years. He has served as a County Board member, member of Farm Supply Committee, as Direct Distribution agent for Farmers Petroleum Co-op, and has also served on the Climax Advisory Board for Farm Bureau Services.

Notice to Farm Bureau Members Award at

January 15, 1961 is an important date to you.

Farm Bureau membership dues for 1961 must be paid to County Farm Bureau Secretaries by that date to continue in good standing for these services through Farm Bureau:

Blue Cross-Blue Shield on group plan.

Farm Bureau Mutual automobile insurance.

AFBF Elects Wightman As Director

Walter W. Wightman, president of Michigan Farm Bureau, was re-elected as director of the American Farm Bureau Federation at the 42nd annual meeting at Denver December 12-15. Mr. Wightman was re-elected for his third two year term. He is one of three directors representing the 12 states Midwestern Region of the AFBF.

Howard Hill, president of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, was re-elected. Olen Monsees, president of the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation, was elected o succeed President W. I. Boone of the Kansas Farm Bureau. Mr Boone retired.

Eighty-seven persons from Michigan attended the AFBF annual meeting. President Wightman was a member of the AFBF Resolutions Committe. Six directors of Michigan Farm Bureau were voting delegates. Secre tary-Manager Clarence E. Prentice and several members of the state staff took part in the convention. The 1961 annual meeting will be at Chicago.

Michigan Wins AFBF Annual

Michigan Farm Bureau received an award at the American Farm Bureau annual meeting at Denver, for outstanding achievement in commodity ac-tivities. The presentation was made to President Walter W. Wightman.

Several activities contributed toward earning the award. Pri-

Teams Start With 58 Percent Of Goal

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"...gan Farm Bureau

They Aim to Invite Every Farm Family to Membership and Benefits in Farm **Bureau's Broad Program**

Several thousand men and women volunteer membership workers in 71 County Farm Bureaus are ready for the Michigan Farm Bureau's 1961 Roll Call for membership, starting January 3.

The goal for 1961 is 72,105 families.

Ladies are Roll Call managers or co-managers in eight County Farm Bureaus: Antrim, Clinton, Lapeer, Oakland, Ottawa, St. Joseph, Van Buren, and Wexford.

County Roll Call managers have reported a total of 41,845 mmberships paid in advance for 1961. That is 58 percent of the state goal.

Included are 1,277 new memberships and 40,577 renewals of membership by mail.

All County Farm Bureaus will have kick - off meetings January 3. They will be attended by several thousand volunteer membership workers.

'Roll Call workers will devote themselves to two jobs in the campaign:

1 - Enroll a total of 6,000 or more new members. They want to give a personal invitation to Farm Bureau membership to every farm family.

2 - Complete the renewal of memberships for 1961.

January 15 is a most important date for Farm Bureau members. Membership dues for 1961 must be paid by January 15 to qualify the member for certain services through Farm Bureau, - Blue Cross-Blue Shield on the group plan, Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company automobile and farm liability insurances, and Direct Distribution from the Farmers Petroleum Cooperative.

"It is the public relations man to whom the newsman turns for much of his information. Two men who have repeatedly helped me are Dick Venne of Michigan Milk Producers Association and E. E. Ungren of Farm Bureau . . . Both can be relied upon to speak the truth and gather the facts for you if they don't have them on hand."

We hope we can continue to merit this type of recognition and confidence.

Farm Bureau can do much more. The staff of hired employees are all public relations folks in carrying out their work and each in his own manner.

Our job is bigger than the staff can ever accomplish. County Farm Bureau Boards of Directors, Executive Committees, and Public Relations Committees are doing a top-notch job. Much credit must be given them for the expanded radio program and our increased emphasis on public relations. believe, however, that we can all intensify our efforts.

This message is directed to every member of Michigan Farm Bureau, and to every one of the individuals in nearly 72,000 families who are members. This means over a quarter of a million persons

Each of you can be a public relations person for agriculture. You can become informed and help "Tell the Story of Agriculture in 1961" - - in truth and with conviction, whether you are in school or are a grandparent.

A quarter of a million public relations agents for agriculture is our goal. You are part of the team. We are sure of your cooperation. What can you do? Well, you can think about it for a month. We shall offer some suggestions in future issues of the Michigan Farm News.

program chairman says that

He notes that all university

events have been arranged for U.S.A."

Jan. 31 Livestock **Day Farmers Week**

Michigan livestock farmers a single day to make it easier for will find Tuesday, Jan. 31, the feature day for them during the Michigan livestock industry. drivers in Gratiot county. Farmers' Week on the Michigan State University campus, Jan. 30 to Feb. 3, 1961

Graydon Blank, departmental entire 5-day event.

The Farmowners policy recenty introduced by Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company, is the first policy of its type in Michigan. It provides broad protection for fire, wind, theft, liability and other perils. It covers, the house and contents, farm personal property, barns and outbuildings, and farm liability. The Farmowners has the unique advantage of combining all coverages necessary on the farm into one policy with one premium. Packaging of coverages into one policy also results in substantial savings for policy holders.

Farm Bureau agents throughout the state are now prepared to present the new Farmowers policy to Michigan farmers.

To Hear Secretaries Of Agr. Feb. 1

Five Secretaries of Agricul from 1933 to today, are to appear together on a Michigan State University Farmers' Week program Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 1, 1961, Thomas K. Cowden, MSU dean of agriculture, announced today.

County Agriculture

paid for them

They are Henry A. Wallace, problem. We can do something Claude R. Wickard, Clinton P. about this \$8 million to \$10 mil-Anderson, Charles F. Brannan lion annual loss in Michigan. and Ezra Taft Benson.

All have accepted invitations The most complete program on to appear together in a non- mastitis ever put together has political discussion of the na- been arranged for Tuesday, Jantion's agriculture, Cowden said. uary 31 of Farmers Week at

The theme of the forum, to be Michigan State University. Every held on Wednesday afternoon of dairy farmer is invited to attend the annual mid-winter educa- the all day meeting starting at tional event will be "Agricul- 9:30 a.m. at the Auditorium. ture in an Uneasy World." Farmers' Week runs from Jan. 30 to

Feb. 3, 1961, on the MSU campus.

Signs Boost Gratiot

"Gratiot County - One of the product to consumers. most Farmers' Week livestock Top Agricultural Counties in the

The seats 4,500 people. Everybody This sign and others like "First will be able to see and hear befarmers to attend and to become in White Bean Yields" and "Home cause of the closed circuit teleacquainted with other groups in of 80 Bushel Wheat Yields" greet vision with large screens.

The entire day is packed with This Edition 73,040 Gratiot County Extension Counherds, flocks and facilities will cil and Gratiot County Farm Bu- things you should know if you copies of the Michigan Farm be open to the public during the reau had the signs printed and are going to lick mastitis. Inci- News were mailed to subscri- the products are purchased by dentally, remove causes of your bers.

Farm Bureau Mutual farm liability insurance.

Direct Distribution Plan of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative.

After December 31 members who have not paid their dues for 1961 are considered delinquent for dues.

County Farm Bureau Secretaries start procedures after January 15 for removing from the membership roll those who have not paid dues for 1961. The Michigan Farm Bureau notifies the Services listed above.

> MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU Membership Division

Attention, All Dairymen!

ture, whose combined length of service in that office stretch Mastitis Meeting for Farmers, MSU, Jan. 31

Thirty dollars per cow is the mastitis troubles before you call estimated loss per year to dairy your veterinarian. farmers because of the mastitis

Your management accounts for about 95% of your success in preventing mastitis. Are you milking your cows right? It's great to have a clean milking

machine, but is it working right? Dan Noorlander from California will be showing you how your

machine operates and how to keep it operating properly all the time. Mr. Noorlander is one of the top authorities on milking machines in the United States.

You will also want to hear Dr. C. Beck of the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine discuss and demonstrate what your veterinarian can do for you on the mastitis problem.

We hope Farm Bureau members will take advantage of the University Auditorium mastitis meeting and other Farmers Week meetings to become acquainted with the latest developments in agriculture.

marily the work of the MFB Market Development Division was considered, but projects of the Farm Bureau Women, Public Relations Committees, and other parts of the organization were important in winning the honor.

Some of the general areas considered in making the award were: (1) Commodity promotion, (2) County committee projects. (3) Cooperation with commodity organizations, (4) Newspaper and radio releases, (5) Legislative efforts, (6) Studies of market organization.

Staff members of the MFB Market Development Division are, Ward Cooper, Donald R Moore and Noel Stuckman.

Would Add Sales Tax to **Farm Supplies**

As members of Michigan Farm Bureau know, the Farm Bureau has in the past warded off re peated attacks on the sales tax exemption on purchases of farm supplies, livestock, and certain farm equipment used in the com mercial production of farm products for sale.

Representative John T. Bow man of Macomb county has been quoted in the newspapers as say ing that he will propose a num ber of revisions to the state tax law to increase state revenues. One would eliminate sales tax exemption on all agricultural items for production except feeds, seeds, and fertilizers.

He was quoted as saying this would bring an additional \$12 million to the state treasury un der the 4% sales tax law.

Stanley Powell of Michigan Farm Bureau has written Repesentative Bowman to say that farmers do not have any advantage from the agricultural exemption. Like industrial processors, farmers buy supplies and equipment to produce prod ucts which go through the regu

lar channels of trade, and on which sales tax is charged when the ultimate consumer.

Farm Bureau members whose dues are not paid are urged to mail the \$12.00 dues for 1961 to their county secretary.

Why do people join Farm Bureau? Most people join because someone invites them to take membership and share in the benefits. Today 63,668 families in Michigan Farm Bureau participate in one or more Farm Bureau service programs.

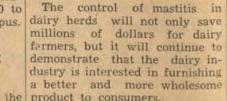
47,250 families in Farm Bureau have Blue Cross-Blue Shield prepaid hospital-surgical-medical service on the M-75 contract on the group plan through Farm Bureau as tre group. The group plan provides far more benefits and longer benefits-in the hospital and at the doctor's office-than does the individual contract for Blue Cross-Blue Shield.

Farm Bureau owners of 61,000 automobiles and trucks enjoy the best of automobile insurance at cost through the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company. Over the years many extra coverages have been added to the policy without extra charge. In 1959 and again in 1960 the Company declared a savings dividend of 10% to policyholders.

Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company's farm liability policy is also limited to members of Farm Bureau.

Farmers Petroleum Cooperative supplies a full line of motor fuels, heating oils, motor oils, greases, tires, and batteries as a service to Farm Bureau members. On business in 1960, the board of directors has distributed to patrons \$139,120 in Allocated Patronage Refund Certificates.

Farm Bureau Services Inc., provides high quality fertilizers, feeds, seeds and other farm supplies. It has an important influence throughout the state on the price for these commodies.



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PURPOSE OF FARM

BUREAU

Sec'y-Mgr.....C. E. Prentice, Okemo DIRECTORS BY DISTRICTS

DIRECTORS AT LARGE

Representing WOMEN OF FARM BUREAU Mrs. Alex Kennedy Posen, R-1

The purpose of this Associa-tion shall be the advancement of our members' interests edu-cationally, legislatively and economically. Representing FARM BUREAU YOUNG PEOPLE Miss Esther Robinson......St. Johns

Today in Farm Bureau

ROGER N. FOERCH

Manager, Organization Division, Michigan Farm Bureau

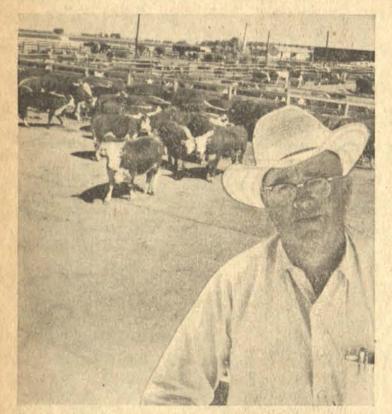
Here we are beginning another year, and I'm sure you have many things to be thankful for as I can assure you I have - one of which is our country and the other, Farm Bureau.

Let's take first things first-MEMBERSHIP. As we look at our progress today, we find 41,845 Farm Bureau families signed up for 1961. This is 58% of our goal. May I emphasize right here that the easiest part of Roll Call is behind us. The real job Bureau goal for 1961 is 72,105 family members. It will be the final percentage. Our Michigan Farm will only be reached if every farmer, who is not a member, is given a personal invitation.

December was an extremely active month. It began with the Michigan Farm Bureau Institute. The two days were spent emphasizing Citizenship and the inauguration of the new "Political Activity" program. You will be hearing more from your County Farm Bureau board.

December 9th, 39 people left the Farm Bureau Center for Chicago and the first lap of the tour to the American Farm Bureau Federation Convention in Denver, Colorado. Upon arrival in Chicago, 27 more members joined the group and, by the time we reached Denver, Michigan had 89 Farm Bureau members including 16 Farm Bureau Young People.

Michigan received one honor at the American Farm Bureau Federation convention this year. It



was in the field of Commodity activities. Our Market Developconvention in the history of the ment deserves a lot of credit for organization. It is evident that bringing this award to Michigan.

there is more enthusiasm dis-This is the "blast off" stage of all our Roll Call preparation. By the time you receive and read this issue of the Michigan Farm News, the 1961 membership drive will be well under way. Have you invited your neighbor to be a member of your County Farm Bureau? If not, do so today. We need to make oup 1961 goal this month

so we can spend the rest of the year on legislative matters and county programs. Here is where the use of our time and energy will pay dividends.

I sincerely hope each one of you had a Merry Christmas. May the new year bring to you and your family all that will make your life a happy one.



C. L. BRODY **Letter of Thanks** From C. L. Brody

A Report from the 42nd AFBF Annual Meet **President's Column**

support programs. It is said that \$1 billion a year is spent by the Commodity Credit Corporation

for storage, supervision and transportation of the huge stockpile of farm commodities that never gets to the farmer at all. The farmer gets a much smaller portion of the budget allocated the farm program than is generally supposed. It is estimated that much less than half of it ever

gets into the farmers' pockets. There is much faith here being expressed in the American way of life. There are some fundamental principles which under-

the convention, "Faith in God, job responsibilities.

ly, Every American, likewise, has the responsibility to defend them. Well, this is a quick sum-up of

played here than we have ever a week of convention activities unity of thought on all important Resolutions Committee for one issues confronting farmers than whole week preceding the con- man; has ever existed. It seems evi- vention. One is impressed with

dent that farmers are beginning the caliber and sound thinking of general farm organization and isfaction and security comes over order to make it an even stronger tunity to be one of them, organization. When we think of the

There has been much concern wisdom needed to solve them. problems confronting us and the Community Group:

the nation debt and the effect in the East until it led them to upon the general inflation or the the Christ Child in a lowly devaluation of the dollar. Defi- manger. Wise men, today, likecit government operations and wise will be seeking the Christ further depreciation of the dollar of the human road and by so domust be stopped, they say. There ing a better and more permahas been more vigorous support nent solution to the problems of than ever before over a plan to human society will be found.

get the government out of agriculture as soon as practicable Well, Merry Christmas, and a and return to a free market again happy and prosperous New in those commodities in which Year to all of you and may God the Commodity Credit Corpora- bless each and every one of you tion has accumulated huge sup- in your personal aspirations and plies under price government accomplishments.

portunity to vote on each bill -

You Elect People to Office Who in Turn Cast Your Vote!

J. DELBERT WELLS Family Program Division

MR. WALTER WIGHTMAN

This is probably the largest

we would have a true demo-Sometimes a mistake can be cracy. We do not have a demoused to emphasize a point. It is cracy. We have a representative board. He should meet with the republic. want to point out a word that I misspelled in a speech I gave at the Michigan Farm Bureau In-

stitute December 6-7. My intention was to close my talk with this statement:

"The future of American Freedom rests on the possibilities of

to vote. having two virile political par-

Responsibility **Of Community**

J. DELBERT WELLS Family Program Division

How important is the chairman of your Community Group? What are his functions? Does he play second fiddle to the discussion leader?

These questions do arise although it is improper that they should. Every person who has an elected or appointive office has a particular job to perform.

There should be no such thing gird the American way. To quote as "most important" or "least Roger Fleming in his report to important" among the various

constitutional government and For the next few months I private competitive enterprise, would like to give short analy-Here are three great pillars of sis of Community Group officers' our Amrican system. They are responsibilities. I hope that these not complex or abstract. They are will point out the responsibilities understandable and every Am- of each officer and better enable erican can stand for them proud- him to do his job.

The chairman has three lines of responsibility:

seen before. Also, there is more here, and the deliberations of the running of the Community Group that selected him as chair

2- He is responsible to the County Farm Bureau Board of to realize the value of a strong the people here. A feeling of sat- Directors on behalf of his group; 3- He has a limited responsiare drawing closer together in us all for having had the oppor- bility to the State Farm Bureau. In analyzing the chairman's When we think of the many responsibility for, running the

expressed here over the fiscal we are mindful of the three Wise the year's schedule of activities He is responsible to see that policies of the United States and Men of old who followed the star for the Community Group are planned at the start of the year. He should see that meeting dates, places, special events, officers, etc., are all determined and working together for a good year round program.

He should see that each meeting is properly programmed and outlined immediately prior to that meeting. He should chairman the meeting, conduct the business and close the meeting,or see that it is done.

> He should also see that all officers are selected, trained, and informed and that they work as a team in running the Community Group.

> In regard to the Community Group Chairman's responsibility to the County Farm Bureau Board:

He speaks on behalf of that If every citizen had the opgroup to the County Farm Bureau board of directors, whether he is or is not on the county casionally, see that his group is Since you do not have the op- "tied in" with county activities portunity to vote directly on and projects. He should see that sssues, you certainly should do problems of his group are all you can to select people to brought to the attention of the vote for you whom you think county board - or to the Comwill vote the way you want them munity Group Committee - as representatives of the board. He

should see that his group helps Second point: The candidates and assists in County Farm Burto the Michigan Farm Bureau is the other members and officers limited.

The Community Group is a ε manner which makes for propart of the County Farm Bureau gress and unity within the Comand primary responsibility munity Group.

However, since the pattern has been established wherein Mich- Cost of Service cussion sheets, package reports, legislative reports, and various

will use this material and make consumer costs from 15 to 20 cents such reports as requested.

that area; and that reports are made when requested. He should likewise see that actions or programs called for by the Michigan

his territory. The Community Group chairman has some limitations as well February

as responsibilities: 1- He should not attempt to lead or dominate the discussion comes between the Christmas bills once he has turned the discussion and the income tax man, is full over to the discussion leader. , of colds, snow and groundhogs, is 2- He should not make re- our shortest month, but usually ports, etc., which encroach on seems the longest. the responsibilities of his other

officers. 1- He is responsible for the rights and responsibilities of MICHIGAN FARM NEWS



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> > inc.

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igan Farm Bureau furnishes dis- In Marketing Eggs The traditional egg marketing cther items direct to some person method from farm through the in each Community Group; it is country receiver to the wholesaler, also understood that the groups then through the retailer to the

It is the responsibility of the A Large whites are worth 30 cents chairman to see that materials a dozen on the farm, they should furnished by the Michigan Farm be priced at 45-50 cents in retail

charge at least most of this same markup.

January 1, 1961

Bureau are used, if of value to stores in cartons. Farm Bureau are activated in

a dozen. This means that if Grade

and help, supervise and assist in

A producer who is going to provide the same services of candling, grading and cartoning should

February is a tough month. It

Grant Heidrick runs the growing feedlot operation for Tieman Cattle Company. As a new pen is put in use, they pave it a strip at a time, starting at the feed bunks.

"Cattle on concrete gain faster!"

says GRANT HEIDRICK, Ft. Morgan, Colorado

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I AM GRATEFUL beyond principles." neasure to my scores of friends

in the Farm Bureau and at Michigan State University and elsepeared in my handwritten draft where for their hopeful messages of the speech and carried over during my recent weeks in the into the typewritten and printed hospital. copies.

Stacks of "get well" cards with According to the dictionary, the word "virile" means strong, notes and letters and various expressions of interest brough agggressive, forthright, etc. The comfort and encouragement word "virulent" means poisonwhen I needed them most. ous, etc.

A profusion of flowers from the Michigan Farm Bureau, the University, the Crime and Delinquency Council, and individuals made the enviroment in gerous, etc. What I hoped to pormy room most pleasant. They tray was the idea that we must served as a constant reminder have two strong, aggressive parthat my friends were thinking of ties if our American system of me and were concerned for my representative government is to recovery. prevail

I thanked God many times that my lot had been cast with the Michigan Farm Bureau and this mistake, please correct it. Michigan State University with the hundreds of helpful contacts stemming from them.

to a discussion of how to get peo-It has been a cherished priple involved in their political vilege to have been associated parties. Some of you may wonwith these two great institutions der why this was done. As a during so much of my lifetime. matter of explanation, I ask that I am now home and on my you consider these points: way to recovery.

Sincerely C. L. BRODY 821 West Ottawa Street

Lansing 33, Michigan December 15, 1960

Mr. Garn MAFC Chmn.

At the organization meeting of the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives' Adminstrative Council, Marten Garn, president of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., was elected chairman. Dale Kirklin, representing Michigan Artificial Breeders Cooperative, was elected vice-chairman. The executive committee is: Marten Garn, Farm Bureau Services, Inc.; Dale Kirklin, Mich-

igan Artificial Breeders Cooperative: Theodore Laursen, Michigan Milk Producers' Association; Bruce Needham, Cherry Growers, Incorporated; Merrill Michigan Production Irwin, Credit Associations; L A Cheney, Secretary, Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives.

The Council unanimously approved a new public/ relations program for farmer cooperatives. This will provide information on farmer cooperatives to every newspaper editor throughout the

for public office who will evendedicated to basic American tually cast votes on your behalf

are generally selected by the Instead, the word virulent appolitical parties. Unless you are an active party worker, your first oppoolunity to help select those officials will be when you to the polls in the election.

> By this time the candidates will have been chosen and the platform drawn. You then have only the choice of voting for the

ne whom you consider the best. It certainly was not my intenfrom among those already tion to imply that the political chosen by the parties. It is cerparties should be poisonous, dantainly an American tragedy that so many good citizens stay out of party affairs.

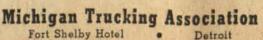
> Let me reaffirm my belief that the future of American Freedom ests with the maintenance of

wo strong political parties. In case you have one of the printed copies of my speech with Farm Bureau people are much aware of the problems facing The first day of our state Farm America than are many other Bureau Institute was given over people. Solution to many of our problems rests with government action or attitudes. The solutions will be determined by the people you select.

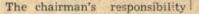
You can only make certain WHO will cast your vote by First, how many bills or issues working through the parties. have YOU ever voted on? In That is why Farm Bureau says: most cases you can't vote on get in and work,-choose your bills or issues - you vote for party and assume your rightful PEOPLE who vote for you. responsibility.

The Inside Story

Next time you see a truck on the road, picture some of the things you buy right along . . . or have in your home . . . or hope to own some day . . . and you'll have the inside story on what that truck's carrying. For it's a fact that everything you eat, wear or use travels part or all of the way to you in trucks. The familiar things that are required to run a householdor a business—they all depend on trucks to get where they're needed. So, you see, the real inside story is that trucks are absolutely essential to your everyday living!



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Services Improves Its Program in '60

"An improved program of service to meet the needs of farmer patrons was the objective of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., in 1960," said Maynard D. Brownlee, general manager, at the 31st annual meeting at Michigan State University, November 29.

Mr. Brownlee said that the total business of \$27,-675,000 was made up of \$13,875,000 wholesale volume to member cooperatives, \$13,050,000 of farm supply and marketing volume by branch stores, and \$750,000 of egg marketing.

More Farm Bureau fertilizer was used in relation to the total consumption in the state than in any previous year. This was in a year-when fertilizer sales were down.

The plant food content of Farm Bureau fertilizers rose to an average of 41 %. The average plant food content of all fertilizers sold in the state, including Farm Bureau, was 36.7%.

If the average plant food content of all fertilizers sold in the state had been the same as Farm Bureau, farmers in Michigan would have handled 68,300 less tons of fertilizer and still have used the same amount of plant food.

This would have represented a savings to Michigan farmers on freight alone of more than \$270,-000.

Farm Bureau fertilizer shipped in bulk form increased to 19%. Only 10% of the total fertilizer sold in Michigan is in the form of bulk. Farm Bureau will continue to promote this time and laborsaving method of distribution.

The continuous maufacturing process for fertilizers was placed in operation at Farm Bureau Services fertilizer plant at Saginaw last January. Both Kalamazoo and Saginaw plants have this process to manufacture high quality fertilizers.

Farm Bureau feed sales were up 6% in a year when total feed sales for the midwestern states were down 11%. Farm Bureau Services Feed Dep't has developed a program of meetings and individual studies to help farmers increase their net returns with Farm Bureau feeds.

The Farm Bureau Services Egg Marketing Division at Jenison at the beginning of its second year, is handling over 2,000 cases of eggs weekly. This amounts to about \$100,000 monthly. This volume is expected to increase by about one third in 1961.

About half the eggs are being marketed under Farm Bureau Services "Michigan Country Queen" label. The remaining half is being marketed under private label through chain store operations. The demand for the Egg Marketing Division's eggs has been in excess of the supply.

Farm Bureau Services made substantial additions in service facilities in 1960 at its branch stores and at local cooperatives operating under management agreements with Farm Bureau Services.

Wholesale warehousing and transportation of supplies were consolidated under the direction of one department for further efficiency and economy in operation.

the calendar year, and that mar-

ried minors must qualify as a

Associate Members

ships. There shall be two classes

of associate memberships:

cepting the right to vote.

Section 3. Associate Member

Class I. Other persons (exclud-

ng persons enumerated in Class

family membership.

Who's Eligible For the Farm Bureau

II) interested in agriculture may Farmers and other persons inbecome associate members by terested in agriculture. This is making application, and, if acthe way they are described as cepted by the board of directors, Members and Associate Members upon execution of the memberin the by-laws of the Michigan ship agreement, will be entitled Farm Bureau. to the rights of membership, ex-

Members

Associate memberships of this Section 1. Membership Qualificlass shall be limited so as not to cations. (1) Only persons engaged exceed 10% of the membership in in the production of agricultural any one county or horticultural products, includ-Class II. Full-time employes of ing lessees and tenants of land this association, or of its subused for production of such prosidiary companies, may become ducts.

associate members by making (2) Or lessors and landlords application, and, if accepted by who receive as rent all or any the board of directors, upon exepart of the crop raised on the cution of the membership agreerented or leased premises, or the ment, will be entitled to the proceeds thereof. rights of membership excepting These people shall be eligible the right to vote.

membership application at the make Dover, England, area fam-

for membership in this association, upon approval of their

direction of the board of direct- ous, also extend into Ireland, Denmark, Germany, and far into Russia. Section 2. Family Membership.

Membership in this association Greenland shall be a family membership

Old records tell us that Greenwhich includes the husband and land of 1,000 years ago was a land wife and minor children: Provided, that an unmarried of orchards and pastures, when minor reaching the age of 21 shall Leif Erickson founded a prosperbe included in his or her family ous colony there. It prospered for membership for the balance of some 300 years.

No Farm Investment Pays \$3 for \$1 as Fertilizer Can

Chemically Combined is Best

JOHN SEXSON

Manager of Plant Food Division, Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

The day of specialized farming is here! Farming is a business. Like any other business, it will survive only if it makes a profit.

If you're a good hog farmer, you're following sound meat-type breeding practices . . . you are using the most modern disease control methods . . . you are investing in modern housing facilities and equipment . . . you are getting maximum production gains through the latest scientific feeding and nutritional practices.

If you're a good dairy farmer, you know that a successful operation requires good breeding, sound management, proper equipment and a balanced feeding program. It just naturally follows that an operation like this pays off in greater milk production, a longer productive life and higher returns over feed costs.

If you're a good cattle raiser, you know that proper feeding is the most essential element in a profitable cattle operation. You're also aware of the importance of good breeding and proper disease control methods. You know when to sell and buy at the best profit margins.

In fact, whatever type of farm- the long-time average return! g you specialize in, you do the

Wouln't it seem sensible,

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then, to follow a good fertil-

izer program?

est job you know how, simply cause you want to make the ighest possible return from our efforts.

Yet, in a recent survey among If you agree that you want to nake the most possible money Corn Belt farmers, almost 50% out of your operation, then it did not know how to correct a stands to reason that you should nitrogen or a potash deficiency be following good fertilizer prac- in their soil. An equal number ices.

One fact is indisputable,-no with the correct grades of ferother investment on your farm The same chalk deposits that tilizer. pays off better than the use of chemically combined fertilizer, whether it be hogs, dairy cattle, "by the seat of your pants" chickens, beef cattle.

greatest single profit-maker you It's been proven year after can use on your farm today! rear, in dry years and in wet

rears, that you can expect any where from \$3.00 to \$5.00 return ward a sound fertilizer program and the oats are on top. for every \$1.00 you invest in is a soil test. By this means you chemically combined fertilizer. can find out what plant foods occurs in blended fertilizer. Your January 1, 1961 Compare that with livestock your soil needs and apply the soil does not get the one, same,

combined fertilizer best suited to with chemically combined fertilcorrect the deficiencies. izer.

Liquid mixed fertilizer also has

which do not lend themselves to

... , have it delivered when

On most land, dry chemically

combined fertilizer is easy to ap-

ply. You need no special rigs or equipment, just a fertilizer

spreader or planter attachment.

come more complex as Michigan

soils become older. Plant food

nutrients such as sulphur, mag-

nesium, iron, boron and manga-

nese will be needed in greater

quantities and can be added to

chemically combined fertilizer

These same plant foods can-

not be put in liquid fertilizer in

larger quantities. It could be a

mistake to take the wrong road

when you buy fertilizer equip-

in the desired amounts.

ment

Fertilizers are certain to be-

Why chemically combined fertilizer? To answer that, let's look many disadvantages. First, liat all three types of fertilizer, quid fertilizer is limited to low (1) chemically combined (2) analyses. It is made up in grades blended and (3) liquid.

a direct comparison with dry Chemically combined fertilizer chemically combined fertilizer. is scientifically formulated so Liquid fertilizer using a water that the granules contain the filler, does not have the large proper ratio of plant foods your amounts of se ridary and trace oil needs. Separation of the elements which come free in dry different plant foods cannot occhemically combined fertilizer. cur. This is important for uniform growth and maturity. There is no storage problem

with chemically combined fer-Furthermore, only chemically tilizer. You can order what you combined fertilizer contains want large amounts of trace elements you want ... use it when you so vital to plant growth. Chemwant . . . winter, spring or fall.



JOHN SEXSON

ically combined fertilizer is also available in all the popular an- the manufacturer and the Michalyses recommended for Michigan soils.

type of fertilizer was misnamed, of farmers relied on the advice separate. plant foods into one tinual inspection by the Michiof their dealers to supply them mixture. This, of course, is impossible because the plant foods weights. If you're still buying fertilizer

ter called "cobbled fertilizer." you're probably overlooking the It's like hauling a wagonload of on the field by truck. corn and oats from the mill.

Such fertilizer might be bet- plies whether the fertilizer is bagged, or in bulk, or if spread Liquid fertilizers are usually Once you're back at the farm, mixed just before being taken to

Soil Test. The first step to the heavier corn is on the bottom the field, and miss analysis inpections completely The same sort of separation 3

feeding where \$1.25 to \$1.50 is exact analysis of chemically uniform application as it does MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

analysis on the bag is the same as the analysis of the fertilizer Blended fertilizer. If ever a in the bag. Dry chemically combined ferit is "blended" fertilizer. An at- tilizer, usually manufactured atempt is made to blend the three head of the season, is under congan Department of Agriculture. All analyses must stay on are usually different sizes and grade . . and must carry a guarantee. This guarantee ap-

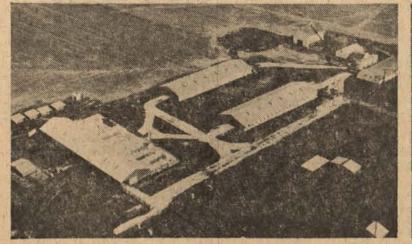


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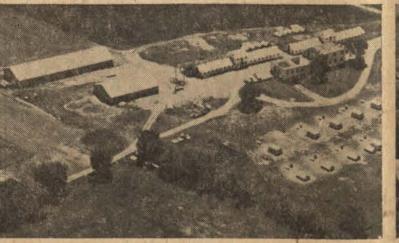
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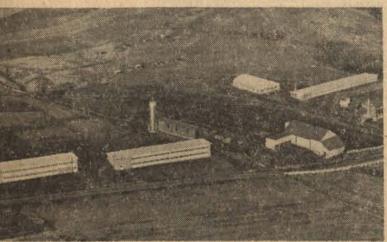
cows were fed, for the most part, ground grains and flour mill by-products . . . hogs and pigs of all ages received only corn and water! Compare the results of these diets with those you are feeding today. Can't help but agree that your research facilities are doing the job you want them to, can you? It would be difficult to find a phase of farming where there has been greater progress than in poultry and livestock nutrition. Your Farm Bureau research facilities have been the leaders in this field. Working unceasingly, probing, checking and rechecking, the men in these facilities have made it possible for you to get the gains you want.



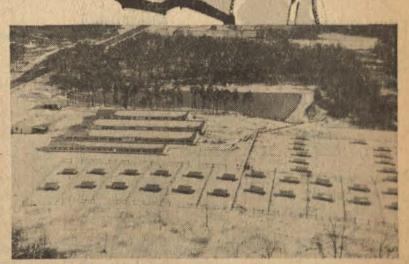
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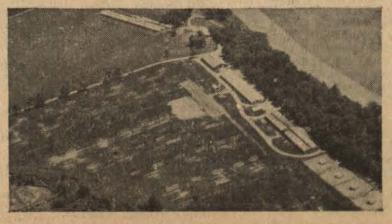
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Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

District 1

Mrs. Lee Cook, Chairman Kalamazoo R-1

Cass County. Mrs. Harry Shor-Mrs. Cluster Ball, Mrs. mon. Murl Spencer, Mrs. Louis Playford and Mrs. Florence Paul were hostesses for the Farm Bureau Women who entertained their husbands or guests to a Christ-to take precautions with Christmas dinner and program at Volina Town Hall, Monday, Decemards. ber 12.

three guests.

blessings.

District 2

Jackson R-8

A traditional Christmas turkey Farm Bureau Information chairman Mrs. Phillips asked dinner was served to fifty at that we all get behind the memtables beautifully decorated with bership drive. A request from candles. Other Christmas ar- Mrs. Drake urged the groups to rangements in the room added to help by reporting new owners of the Christmas scene. farms and to be sure to return

Mrs. Bakeman, Chairman, call- the cards given out. ed the meeting to order with An invitation has been receivprayer and pledge of allegiance. ed from the County Extension Business was conducted in due Board asking if we would like to form as to Camp Kett project, combine our spring tour with year book, and Farm Bureau trip theirs. to Washington.

Mr. Fox gave us a Historical Mrs. Hagberg read several short Picture of Cass County as to its Christmas readings, which gave structure and historical places us all something to think about beginning with the year 1870- and be thankful for our many 1940.

In place of our Christmas gift exchange each committee woman gave a donation towards the happiness of those in the infirmary.

Kalamazoo County Women's Committee met at Chicken Charlie's in Kalamazoo for the Christmas luncheon meeting, Beautiful Mrs. Robert Williarus.

10:00 a.m. St. Joseph County. About 30 women assembled Monday afternoon, December 5, in the Community Building at Centreville before a lighted Christmas trre to hear a Christmas progam directed by Mrs. A. B. Eley. Miss Louise Fry was responsible for the beautifully decorated tree. The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag followed by the roll call by answering-"How old were you when you first learned the truth about netted from our silent auction. Santa Claus and how did it come about?" The Harmonettes from the High School-Connie Snook, Corle Snook, Lynn Weed, Carol Fross entertained us with several ed to be special chairman to atbeautiful numbers. Mrs. Eley read a letter and the answer to eight year old Virginia O'Hara's question,-"Is there a Santa Claus?" - read two Christmas poems and conducted a Christmas contest. Miss Alice Sanders also read a poem. White elephant

gifts from the tree were exchanged and 50c collected for gifts to the Fairview Hospital which amounted to \$16.

Van Buren County Farm Bu- their annual Christmas party. A ject money was donated to purgift exchange.

The meeting was called to or- raising money for the nurses scholder by the Chairman Mrs. More- arship as well as how to finish The flag salute was given our job on Camp Kett buttons and the minutes of the last meet- Entertainment was furnished by



Top Winners at 31st Annual U.P. Potato Show

Top winners of the 31st annual∛-Upper Peninsula Potato Show were honored at a banquet held recently at Escanaba. From left: Henry DeGroot of Marquette

Mrs. Geo. Crisenbery, Chairman county, winner of first place in Division A of the 4-H Premier

Our District Council meeting Arne Penttila of Crystal Falls, will be held Tuesday, January 17 whose farm produced 829 bushels table decorations were made by at Jeanette's Dining Room, 1715 per acre to win the Premier Grow- was a very pleasant experience program was presented and achostesses Mrs. Frank Muir and W. Michigan Avenue, Jackson, ers Contest; Victor Soderman of and I hope to pass as much as cepted. They are saving old and ing quota plans to bring supply Michigan. Meeting will start at Crystal Falls, who had the best possible on to the women.

32 tubers of tablestock; and Diane Branch County Women's Com- Falkeis of Delta county, who won mittee served the lunch to the men first place in Division B of the working on the membership drive 4-H Premier Grower's Contest. which was held December 14 at Mr. Penttila is the president of the the Girard School. Iron County Farm Bureau and

Royal Call was our speaker. He Henry DeGroot and Diane Falkeis presented a chart which had been are from Farm Bureau families. prepared to help us understand.

Your District Chairman).

Oakland County had a Christ-

Plans were made for the Annual

better the problems of agriculture, explaining the ways in which the These women have raised Farm Bureau has helped to solve money to give a fine donation to some of these problems, \$31 was 3 hospitals, . . Mercy Hospital in Monroe, Monroe Memorial esting things to tell us. Hospital and money to Sister

Hillsdale County. At our December meeting we voted to buy Kenny for equipment to be used in the new physical therapy decabinets for the conference room. partment at Pontiac General Mrs. Harold Mann was appoint-Hospital. They also have 6 patients, from their county, at Howtend the board meetings. ell T. B. Sanitorium to whom

December 27 has been set for an all day training meeting for Coun- they send \$3 each month for ty Roll Call beginning at 10 o'clock supplies. (A nice record ladieswith the Farm Bureau women furnishing luncheon at noon.

Mrs. Dorothy Wolf gave an in- mas party December 6 at home teresting talk on the meaning of of Mrs. Berton Brendel of Holly. Christmas. Jackson County Farm Bureau

Women met in the basement audi- the committee will serve Janu-

reau Women's Committee met at basket of groceries was filled for the home of Crystal Hagberg for a polio victim's family and a basa potluck luncheon, short busi- ket of fruit was given to another dren's Hospital. An exchange of ness meeting and a Christmas polio victim. At this meeting we gifts and games were enjoyed. also discussed ways and means of

District 4

District 5 Mrs. Jerold Topliff, Chairman

Eaton Rapids R-1 Growers Contest; Mr. and Mrs. Denver, Colorado, where I at-I have just returned from tended the AFBF convention, representing District 5 women. It priate food and decor. Their 1961

> Eaton County women report a ters of State Institutions for good return from the refresh- their use and enjoyment. ment booth at the County Fair They had a profit of \$478.79. Congratulations.

Recently Miss Mary McLean, a high school student at Char lotte who spent 10 weeks this past summer as a representative of "Youth for Understanding,"

Health recently with Mr. Wallace Watt of the Michigan Department of Health as speaker. Instead of a gift exchange at the December meeting they will papers. ed Children's School.

Ingham County women's lunch. "How do we sell our re-maining Camp Kett buttons?"... doesn't cost ... it pays. It is our greatest Adult Educational Institution." Soil Conservation dinner which

brought up the Camp Kett proj- torium of the County Building for ary 12. For their Christmas pro- Various ideas were presented to

Rev. Sutcliffe, of the Mason Methodist Church, gave us some thoughts on Christmas. Christmas gift exchange was also given in the form of cash to be used to **Glenn** Lake **President** of Nat'l Milk

> Michigan dairy farmer and president of Michigan Milk Producers Association was elected president Federation at the NMPF's annual County. convention in New Orleans November 27-30.

The Federation is the legislative representative in Washington for 800 dairy cooperatives and nearly 500,000 dairy farmers across the nation. It is the largest single commodity group in the country.

In accepting the position of chief spokesman for NMPF. Mr. Lake pledged an all-out effort to make the voice of dairy farmers heard more effectively than Okemos. Some of the community ever before in the nation's capigroups sent money in for this tol.

He called for a concentrated, aggressive effort to obtain sound Shiawassee County Women's legislative action to improve

Committee met December 8 at dairy farmers' income. The most discussed policy redealt with the study of marketnew Christmas cards and trinkets and demand of milk and dairy to send to the Social Service Cen- products into balance.

> Delegates rejected a move to draft legislation to establish a quota law, on the basis that the

District 6

Mrs. Bruce Ruggles, Chairman

project also.

Kingston R-1

Axe, November 29. The new Mr. Ruggles and I had a won- chairman, Mrs. Earl Mausolf spoke to the group. She lived derful trip to Denver. The train opened the meeting. Mrs. Bernwith a German family in West was fascinating. It was the ard Messing, safety chairman, Germany and had many inter- first time we had eaten a meal, stressed fire hazards. Mrs. Mike slept or rode in an observation Ominski gave information about car on the train. The mountains the U.S. Senators.

The May meeting will be a dinner and program on Mentai see them in the summertime and Health recently with Mr. Wals climb a small one. The meet- meeting a picnic.

the reports in the Farm Bureau slides of her recent trip to Germany and Austria. Everyone enesting trip by slides.

be delivered in one day by the Lapeer County Farm Bureau Committee met December 20 in United States." Russia also has Women held a turkey luncheon, used in their programs. the social rooms of the county destructive power. Another Christmas party and exchanged office in Mason with a potluck speaker said, "Farm Bureau gifts on December 16, at the Cen-

There were 89 Farm Bureau nembers at the AFBF conven- Washington D. C., February 26-

purchase some needed items for enjoyed a potluck dinner at the Center Building January 11, members. the Rehabilitation Center at Farm Bureau Building in Bad 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. and at

the Mayfield Group January 12. Missaukee County Farm Bureau Women's Committee met St. Clair County. Mrs. Anna December 13 at the home of Mrs. Pohl entertained the St. Clair Weller Taylor. They displayed a I am very grateful for the pri-County Women's Committee at large number of gifts that were vilege of attending the 42nd ana Christmas Party and exchange to be taken to the State Hospital nual AFBF meeting in Denver, of gifts on December 7. at Traverse City when they had Colorado. Listening to the chal-Mrs. Schunk read Mrs. Ball's their annual Christmas party for lenges presented by the various paper on the Bill of Rights and ward 23. speakers I wondered how many Mrs. Margaret Woodward, St. The Forward group presented of us really appreciate the bless-Clair County Treasurer talked a Christmas program with read- ings and privileges we so often Women of the Michigan Farm home to Metropolitan airport, De- on the tax structure. A collec- ings, Christmas carols and a mes- just take for granted. tion was taken for charity. sage by Rev. R. D. Terpstra of Are we ready and willing in If you wish a cancer check-up the McBain Baptist Church. this crucial time to alert ourselves and do our part to try to

Mrs. A. Clarke gave a report on MICHIGAN FARM NEWS the Michigan Bean Company 4 January 1, 1961

Tour. Mrs. Butcher reported on the quiz on our driving abilities and Camp Kett project. Being some- cautioned us about fire hazards. what behind in sales it was de- Legislative chairman, Mrs. cided to have a potluck supper Harry Kenyon, told about the in January to raise the balance. special session called in Lans-The supper will be held in the ing to levy the extra 1 cent sales Pioneer Room of the Community tax. This will take effect Janu-Building, January 3 at 7:00 p.m. ary 1, 1961. Ivadean Wangler Glenn Lake of North Branch. The West Line Group will be read an article on "Driver's hostesses.

As our Christmas project, food, that we can do without? In a reclothing and some cash was port from the St. John's School of the National Milk Producers given to a needy family in the District, figures show that it cost

Christmas Carols and a reading assume the responsibility of 'Let's Keep Christmas" by Mrs. teaching their children to drive. Stourts was much enjoyed.

Women met at the Tittabawassee Mary Ellen Delsippee, Saginaw allowed hunting licenses.

County Home Extension Agent, very much enjoyed.

lynn Ederer, and 1st place State winner was Janet Nowak of Alpena County.

were appointed to re-write the project. A motion was made to solution at the NMPF convention Farm Bureau Rules changing give \$25 to the American Field date of election of officers to Service.

> June Mrs. Aspin reported on the 3 day annual meeting in Lansing. was at the meeting and told us

District 9

Mrs. Dwight Duddles, Chairman Lake City R-1

The Farm Bureau Women of Northwestern are hard at work planning their camp program for the future. the coming summer. The theme will be "Broaden Our Horizons" with the Four F's. . . Farm-Family-Freedom and Future.

Kalkaska County Women's donate the money to the Retard- thousand times the destructive joyed this educational and inter- direct service to individuals. The with a quiz about our country.

Wexford County Women's

Christmas visit to Dow and the playing of games and gift ex-Mrs. Clare Schoenhals was ap- Mooney Convalescent Homes, taking gifts and favors to all pa-

Benzie County Farm Bureau retary. has plans to establish a Student The film "Communism on the Fund at orthwestern Michigan evening was sent to CARE. Map" will be shown at Elba College at Traverse City in mem-

District 10W

Mrs. Vernon Vance, Chmn.

the Extension building for their

whole matter of quotas required

more discussion and study before it could be proposed to Congress.

Genesse County had a potluck were beautiful. I would like to

ings were very interesting. Read

One speaker stated that, "One power of all wars in history can

tion from Michigan. I wish every Farm Bureau member could attend a national convention.

pointed Camp Kett chairman. There will be another trip to tients.

March 1. Cost \$98.75.

Huron County. Thirty women Town Hall on January 10, at the ory of deceased Farm Bureau

Training." Is this a 'frill'

\$10,000 to teach 180 pupils to A short program of singing drive. Perhaps parents should It was suggested in the article

Saginaw County Farm Bureau that perhaps we are starting a trend, as aleady the Conserva-Memorial Hall November 15, tion Department has suggested, 1960. The Freeland Group served that youngsters should be taught delicious potluck luncheon. to handle guns before they were

The Women's Committee were demonstrated the art of making asked to serve five lunches for Christmas decorations which was the Dairy School at the Selkirk Town Hall. Different groups will The 1st pace Poster Contest take -charge on different days. winner in the County was Rose- About 30 people are to be served per luncheon at \$1 per person.

Presque Isle County. The sec-Mrs. Ed. Little, Mrs. B. H. retary read a letter from Mar-Baker and Mrs. Sedley Aspin jorie Karker on the Camp Kett

> Miss Millicent Raymond, our exchange student to Germany, many things about the family she stayed with and places she visited. She showed some beautiful slides taken on her trip. She thanked the group for donating money to the exchange student

> fund which made her trip possible and that others may go in Mr. Charles Pratt of the State

Department of Social Welfare spoke on the care of foster children. The most important part of

the foster parents is to have Committee met December 12 patience. There is a need for Charles A. Duerr gave a report and anyone interested should on the Michigan United Fund, its contact the Alpena office at 117 purposes and aims. Nineteen per- Water Street, Alpena. Mrs. Hatcent of the money given is used tie Ristau, Citizenship chairman,

for research and about 40% in took us back to our school days rest is divided among service The Radio Hill group had the clubs and organizations to be largest perfect attendance record for the year with 50 members, Centerline was second and

Evergreen was third. The annual Committee made their annual Christmas party followed with change. Mrs. Herbert Paull was presented a gift by the group for her long service as county sec-

The free will offering of the

East Jordan R-3

make secure this freedom and

way of life for which so many of

Antrim County heard a report,

by Mrs. James Rubingh on the

nnual meeting in Lansing.

Christmas carols were sung and

lovely devotions by Mrs. Herman

Van Stedum. Mrs. Richard Wie-

and was the hostess and gifts

Cheboygan County women met

for a potluck dinner and a short

Otsego County Women's Com-

Heyneg, on Safety Committee;

The ladies sat in on the Board

Lansing by Alden Sterzik, Mr.

stein. A Christmas program, ex-

change of gifts and refreshments

at the home of Mrs. Thos. Thei-

sen for their December meeting.

They reported \$40 sent in for

Camp Kett buttons and Mrs.

John Kelso reported on the an-

Four books-"The Naked Com-

After the meeting a delicious

nual meeting.

The Oisego County women met

Committee had their driver edu- and Mr. and Mrs. Arno Harten-

Ogemaw County. Citizenship munist"-will be presented to

were exchanged.

our forefathers gave their all?





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Mrs. McCorkle and Mrs. Faist. Lenawee County Farm Bureau Women met for a Christmas din-Manor.

December 28.

make some changes in our bylaws.

The Northeast District will have a potluck at 7:00 o'clock. Marlie Drew will be the speaker.

District 3

Mrs. Wm. Scramlin, Chairman Holly, R-1

Livingston County Women's used in her county. Committee met December 3 with the Southwest quarter as host-School. He told of the Driver Training Program and their methods and results. Each student must pass a 30 hour class-

room study as well as actual driving, Larry Ewing discussed Wells of the Michigan Farm the Camp Kett program.

was discussed and accepted.

visited by nurses. There is much the group had received \$20 for 1 work on education about cancer

Monroe County Women's Com-Library Building. 16 groups were Santa Claus girls. Mrs. Francis Campau announc-Point Paint Paint Point Point Paint C. trip last Spring.

Mrs. Clare Barton, Chairman Plainwell R-2

Barry County. Mrs. Jesse Smith, Chairman of Kalamazoo County, Mrs. Glenn Homaker, ner. Following the program pre- Chairman of Calhoun County sented by Mrs. Bovee and Mrs. Carpenter the Goodwill Committee Inter the Goodwill Committee Inter the Goodwill Committee Barry County Farm Bureau reported on taking gifts to our a- Barry County Farm Bureau dopted people at Maple Lane women at their November meeting. Mrs. Vernon Morford enter-

We voted to sponsor one 4-H tained the 31 members present, member and send some to Inter- who represented 13 groups at a national Livestock Show in Chi- noon buffet luncheon. Most of cago. We also voted to serve the ladies arrived early to work luncheon for Roll Call meeting on small braided rugs. Roll call was taken with each one present A committee was appointed to responsing with their name and

telling what she would be doing if she weren't at the meeting.

Mrs. Barton discussed the a meeting December 16 at the duties and responsibilities of a Britton High School Cafeteria with Farm Bureau committee woman. Mrs. Smith reminded the

of the things that need doing in

ess. The speaker for the day was atomic attack since radio activity trate most food supplies very

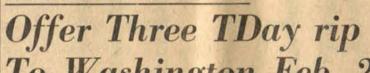
enjoyed. Next year's program this informative film.

Mrs. Schrade, Cancer Chaircer in the county this past year mittee. as 386 and 404 patients were

to be done. mittee met November 16 at the Camp Kett fund and \$10 to the | Address

and Mrs. Smith gave an interest- cess Contest and that entry ing talk on her Washington, D. blanks were available to any County Farm Bureau

WOMEN OF FARM BUREAU



Bureau are sponsoring a three-day troit, and return.

day, Feb. 26, 1961 through Wednesday, March 1, at \$98.75 per

person. The trip is for Farm Bureau families.

The cost of \$98.75 per person is based on a minimum of 25 people cludes the following:

1-Round trip air transportation from Metropolitan airport, Detroit, staff. by Northwest airlines, 1st class, to group that people find time for Washington, and return, including the things they want to do but tax, and complementary meal they must find time to do some service. 2—Sharing twin-bed room at the

order to fulfill our obligation as Hotel Continental for three nights. good citizens. Mrs. Homaker 3-Meals: luncheon furnished passed on some good ideas being Monday, Feb. 27, and evening dinner, Tuesday, Feb. 28. Mrs. Morford reported that

3-Transfers by motorcoach much can be done to survive an from airport to hotel and return. 4-Choice offered those in group Mr. Brissand of Fowlerville High fades rapidly and does not pene- of several sightseeing trips in port 8:25 p. m.

Washington.

far. She also gave a review of the first chapter of "The Naked Communist."

Bureau Family Activities Divi-

Macomb County Women's sion, showed the film, "Commun-Committee met December 7 at ism of the Map" at the November the home of Mrs. Frank Gagilo. meeting of the Farm Bureau 22 groups were present and 16 women. The group met at the visitors. A Christmas party was Ionia Farm Bureau office for

Kent County. Sixteen groups

putting on the lunch at the

I Name Farmers Petroleum meeting. It was voted to donate \$10 to the

farm girl between 16 and 25.

trip by plane to Washington, Sun-

Go to hotel.

(required for the trip), and in-

evening. March 1, Wednesday - Day for

be at the Michigan Farm Bureau NOT INCLUDED in the above office by February 15, each resercost are breakfasts, lunch Tuesday vation accompanied by a deposit and Wednesday, evening meal for \$10. See Reservation form be-Ionia County. Mr. Delbert Monday. Transportation from low for further information.

Reservation Form

Enclosed please find check for \$ for reservations at \$10 each for trip to Washington Feb. 26 through Mar. 1, 1961, at \$98.75 per person. Sponsored by Women of Michigan | furnished by the Salvation Army Farm Bureau. From Metropolitan Airport, Detroit, to Washington were present for the Christmas and return to Detroit, as described in Michigan Farm News Decemman, stated that Dr. Sticker gave the number of deaths from can-the number of deaths from can-ber 1, 1960. Reservations must be at Lansing by February 15. Farm Bureau Women's Com-Full payment must be made at Lansing before boarding plane. Farm Bureau Women's Com- Full payment must be made at Lansing before boarding pland I mittee Mrs. Wieland announced that Bureau.

RFD No.....

TRIP PROGRAM

at the Yates Memorial Clinic Feb. 26. Sunday - Leave Metropolitan airport, Detroit, at 6:40 make arrangements with Mrs. Marvel Whittaker, Lapeer. p.m. Arrive Washington 8:36 p.m.

January 6 is "Open House" at the new Farm Bureau office. Feb. 27, Monday - Morning and

A silver offering was sent to afternoon are at your disposal. Luncheon at Hogate's restaurant at Hillcrest to help with their 12:30 p.m. Visit offices of Amer- Christmas treats.

ican Farm Bureau and meet with

Feb. 28, Tuesday - Day will be pent visiting the Capitol and the Congress and talking with members of Congress. Dinner with

Michigan members of Congress in

Women's Committee met Decemsightseeing tours. At 4:30 p. m. group will be picked up at hotel Adolph Wegner. Roll Call was for airport. Leave Washington at taken with each member re-6:15 p.m. Dinner served on plane.

Reservations for this trip must

sponding by name and relating Arrive at Detroit Metropolitan airvery interesting and amusing.

Mrs. Whitney gave her report explaining the purpose of Camp Kett and Pennies for Friendship.

Plans were made for the Kickoff dinner and committees were "I appointed.

District 8

Mrs. Kenneth Kapplinger,

Chairman

Farwell R-2

The ladies are furnishing staples, vegetables, turkey and other items for Christmas baskets to be delivered to needy fam-I ilies names of which will be or Clearing Bureau.

Gratiot County Farm Bureau how his classes are given and who pays for them. Our driver's were served by the ladies. license fees have been raised one nesday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m. dollar to take care of the exin the Newyork Hall. Mrs. Wm. pense of this class which is remunity singing and a Barberquired. shop quartet provided the group with entertainment. the Willard Klein family of Rust Township to help them

Midland County Farm Bureau with their Christmas. Women's Committee held their I December meeting at the home of Mrs. Seymour Vliers. The chairman, Mrs. Eugene DeMatio, that many High Schools at an "Rules and Regulations for Gov- stressed the importance of get- assembly or PTA meeting. 1 erning the Farm Bureau Wo- ting all of the Camp Kett buttons men's Committee" were read by sold. Lucille Brindley, safety Christmas lunch was served by I the chairman of "Information." chairman, gave the group a the hostess.

District 10E

Mrs. Lee S. LaForge, Chairman Curran

The AFBF convention in Denver was held this December and I will long remember the many impressions it made on me. This was my first opportunity to attend and my husband accompanied me. It is an opportunity no Farm Bureau person should miss. Read about it in the Farm Bureau papers. business meeting, after which we

Alpena County. Each Farm Bu- drove to Harbor Springs with Bay County Farm Bureau reau group brought a Christmas gifts of clothing, candy and toys ber 6, 1960 at the home of Mrs. gift for Travese City hospital for the children at Holy Childpatients at our December meet- hood Mission. We toured the ing.

building and were much inpress-Mrs. Benoit was appointed ed with the wonderful work besome outstanding Christmas in- news reporter for the Women's ing done there through the aid of cident in their lifetime. It was Committee. charity.

State Trooper Rawley showed a film on "The Jackson Prison mittee chairman, Mrs. Arna Har-Riot" and discussed the 'point lenstein, appointed Mrs. Hugh

system.' Iosco County. Mrs. Lloyd Lit- Mrs. Lester Kalbfleish, Legislathe was named Legislative Chair- tive; and Mrs. George Huber, man; Mrs. John Cobb, Citizen- Citizenship, ship Chairman; Mrs. Kenneth

Pringle, Safety Chairman; Mrs. of Directors meeting and heard Clarence Proboast, Information reports of the annual meeting at Montmorency County Women's and Mrs. Bernard Swartfisher

cation teacher Garnet Tripp, tell

The Committee donated \$5 to

Farm Bureau's Proposals for Better Living

They Outline Our **Program of Work**

We present the second installment of the Resolutions on State Affairs adopted at the 41st annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau at Michigan State University November 9-10-11, 1960. The first section was published in our edition for December 1.

Our Resolutions on National Affairs were recommended to the 42nd annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau at Denver, December 12 to 15.

The American Farm Bureau resolutions on national affairs will be published in the Nation's Agriculture, probably in the January edition.

Bonding of **Livestock Buyers**

bond or other evidence of financial salaries and wages, the more mon- the various school districts. responsibility as a prerequisite to ey it has for its own operations. the obtaining of a license to buy livestock commercially.

Keep Government Nearest Home

We believe that the govern- port ... ment which is nearest home is most efficient and that every function of government should be performed by the smallest unit which can do so properly. We warn against the mischievous

anyone anything. vice, the greater the cost for administration and overhead and zens take in it.

Voting on Millage

Michigan's Constitution pro- an efficient program established vides that only property owners and urge others to do likewise. or their spouses living in the

district or territory to be affected may vote on a proposition involving the direct expenditure of public money or the issue of farms are a relatively unsafe place bonds.

At present any elector in the progress has been made in making district affected may vote on farm residents aware of hazards. increasing the property tax Safety devices are common, but ings by utilizing modern devices of officials. We also protest the arbimillage above the 15-mill limita- much remains to be done.

tion. Such a tax rate boost is as much a burden and obligation on real estate and other general be devoted to the following prob-wision, magnetic tapes, films and laws which deprive the citizens of film strips, teaching machines, etc. Teachers' aides and assistants right to make decisions in matters

children in Michigan holds forth the view that all children should have an equal opportunity for an education regardless of their place of residence

Our present State school aid formula does not adequately compensate for inequities that have been created by rapid shifts in our population. Industries, with their broad tax potential, locate in or are annexed to cities.

Working employees take residence in the rural suburbs and townships. The tax base in the areas receiving increased populations is inadequate to provide schools for the mushrooming pupil load. Farms are taxed beyond their capacity to earn. The situation bids fair to become progressively worse.

The formula for distributing State-aid funds should be made more realistic if children are to more, the Commission receives an be given anything that approaches automatic appropriation of 1% of equal opportunity in education. the State payroll to finance its own It would take a deductible millage operations. This gives rise to a factor in the State-aid formula asort of inflationary spiral. The mounting to 8 mills to provide an We favor action to require a higher the Commission raises State approach to parity of finance for

It is reasonable and consistent We believe that the time has with Michigan's educational policy come for a thorough study and re- to add at least one mill to the appraisal of this whole problem. present deductible millage rate of We refer this matter to the Board 31/4 mills and to raise proportionof Directors of the Michigan Farm ately the gross allowance per

for the children of Michigan wher-

School

Reorganization

ization of smaller elementary-

secondary schools which would

Local Control

of Schools

University.

We recognize that, in some in- increasing in which the desires and

Our Voice in Local

School Affairs

Bureau for investigation and re- pupil. This would help to equalize the financial ability of school districts to provide suitable education

ever they may live,

Preparedness

Preparedness is of vital importance to the people of the state philosophy that because money of Michigan. It can mean the comes back from the State or preservation of life, property and Federal treasury, it doesn't cost well-being of the citizens of the state.

stances, reorganization of school decisions of the citizens in local In the event of local disaster or districts in areas of changing popu- school districts are being overruled No government has any funds enemy attack, our food supply lation may make possible a broad- by the authority and decisions of which it does not first take away would become vitally important er teaching program for the pupils. State school officials. from taxpayers. In general, the and certain measures would have larger the unit of government to be taken for the protection of which attempts to perform a ser- food resources, crops and livestock. approaches and with action based or the national government, as a We commend the Michigan of- upon the decisions of the people definite trend which undermines the less the interest which citi- fice of Civil Defense and the Mich- in the local districts rather than the fundamental principles of our igan Department of Agriculture for through directives from a state or American democracy and our

the instructions and information national agency, department or rights to self-government. made available by them. We also authority. commend the counties which have

Farm Safety

near their homes, and make unnecessary long distances travelled According to available statistics, by bus. Such schools could be operated passage of laws which place more on which to live and work. Much

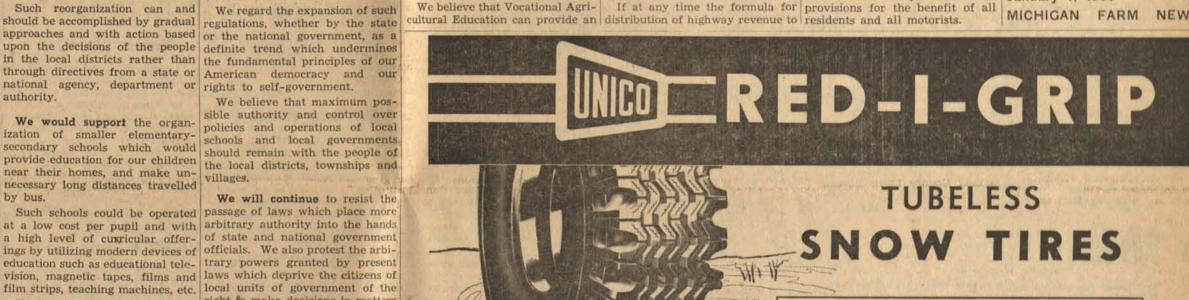
at a low cost per pupil and with arbitrary authority into the hands a high level of curricular offer- of state and national government education such as educational tele- trary powers granted by present vision, magnetic tapes, films and laws which deprive the citizens of

SENATOR PERRY W. from Robert E. Smith of Fowlerused by a school district, it should

board that a highly competent architect or engineer be employ-It appears to us that cases are ed to supervise the construction.

Agriculture

We believe that Vocational Agri-



important service for the farm the various road building units is youth of this generation and the revised, we would urge that an infuture, both to those who will be creased portion be made available the farmers of the future and to for county local roads. The por- life, property damage, and the loss those who may have to leave the tion now going to the county local of hundreds of thousands of manroads is not adequate to provide hours, that there is a dire need for

This program is changing to in- a minimum program of mainten- a further coordinated effort in the clude training for young people in ance and snow removal, leaving field of highway safety. We bethe direction of occupations relat- nothing for construction or im- lieve that traffic safety is still ing to agriculture. The farm youth provement. who may not farm may still be

able to perform a gainful service in these related fields of endeavor and remain a part of our nation's agricultural industry.

When the Legislature in 1958 re-Young men who are planning to pealed 252 obsolete sections of other states to work together to go into farming today need more Michigan's highway laws it was accomplish administrative cointensive training in the operations understood that the next step operation in the field of highway and business procedures than was would be codification of the re- safety. We suggest that the Legistrue in past years if they are to maining highway laws so as to lature might well pass a resolube successful. The Vocational Agri- eliminate confusion, duplication tion setting such a program in culture program, therefore, must and conflict. We regret that for motion. continue to perform an important the past year or so little progress role in their training as future has been made in this direction.

We recommend that the State way Department, County Road As-Legislature increase the appropri- sociation, and Michigan Municipal ation for Vocational Agricultural League assign staff attorneys to Education for the year 1961-62 by this task who will be able to dethe sum of \$674,800 so that this vote the necessary time to this improgram may be continued and portant project so that the legislaexpanded to meet the changing tion may be prepared for introduc-

needs of the industry and the tion. By this procedure we could future generations of farm youth. have a unified and understandable and prevent or reduce rear-end street matters.

Highway Revenues

threat to the financing of our highway system lies in the repeated raids which are attempted on

Then definite corrective legisla-tion should be prepared to bring the laws of all states into sub-

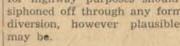
stantial conformity with code If at any time the formula for provisions for the benefit of all

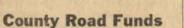
farmers.

Anti-Diversion of

We feel that the most serious Since Michigan is a leading tourweight and gas tax revenues.

We insist that none of the re- promote uniformity of traffic laws. sources which the motorists pay in for highway purposes should be siphoned off through any form of diversion, however plausible it Unified Motor Vehicle Code.





Reflectorized

We urge that the State High-**License Plates**

Codification of

Highway Laws

Traffic Laws

In 1959 the Legislature enacted with Farm Bureau support, a bill providing for reflectorized license plates for motor vehicles. This was promoted as a safety measure which would assist police officials in the apprehension of criminals statute covering highway, road and collisions with unlighted cars left

standing at night on highways. The law provided for an additional 35 cent annual charge per vehicle to finance the increased cost of the new type of plates.

Interstate Compacts

primarily a state responsibility.

More work could be done in

traffic safety through closer liaison

with neighboring states. We

therefore suggest to our state au-

thorities that they enter into

compacts or agreements with

It is evident from the loss of

We understand that thus far onst state and since many of our ly one manufacturer has been able citizens drive cars and trucks in to meet the specifications set up in other states, it is highly important the statute. The cost, both for the that everything possible be done to new equipment and material required to manufacture these spe-We urge an immediate study of cial plates, has been regarded by

Michigan's traffic laws to deter- state officials as excessive and mine how they conform with the prohibitive. The program, originally, scheduled for 1961, was deferred. As

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MICHIGAN FARM NEWS



GREENE of Kent county was ville, vice-president of the Michpresented a citation for outstand- igan Farm Bureau. Also honored ing service to Michigan and to with citations by the Agriculturagriculture at a recent meeting al Conference were Representaof the Michigan Agricultural live Harry J. Phillips of St. Clair Conference at Michigan State and Sanilac counties, and Re-Senator Greene presentative William Romano of (right) accepted the citation Macomb county.

be the serious concern of the school

Vocational

lem areas property as a bond issue or direct expenditure of public money.

We urge an amendment to the Constitution limiting voting to increase the property tax millage rate to property taxpayers.

State Board of Equalization

At present the State Board of Equalization is composed of the When the State Board of Equalithe recommendations of the impurities. State Tax Commission, the 5-Commission.

We reccommend that the State Adequate protection must be pro- school. stead of 2 being appointed to serve along with the 3 members by air impurities. of the State Tax Commission. should be selected so as to give ever, give such drastic powers to affairs would be stronger. representation to all parts of the a governmental agency that un-State.

Civil Service

The Civil Service amendment to Michigan's constitution was adopted by the people in 1940 to end the evils of the so-called "spoils system." Possibly the pendulum may have swung too far and either as a result of constitutional provisions or established procedure, the authority now exercised by the Civil Service Commission may be too far-reaching and arbitrary.

conducts examinations to make fied service and to change those the rolls. rates at will without approval or review by the Legislature.

Our lawmakers have to provide the funds to meet the expanding payrolls with no voice or control

Farm ponds. Staples in food packaging. Lawn mowers. ber of these schools. Agricultural chemicals. The gifted child or the handi-New machine safety devices. As information is developed, we

respectfully request that all avaii-

Air Pollution

It is alleged by several persons costly in that it would not involve three members of the State Tax and groups that air pollution is the transportation of large num-Commission and two other mem- becoming serious. Some evidence bers of children for long distances points toward the need for a de- by bus. It would be far less costly gree of control over practices to transport a few teachers and zation considers and acts upon which unduly load the air with their teaching equipment.

member Board is dominated by We believe the first step in a more truly centers of community the three members of the Tax control program should be an ac- interest. Adult classes could be curate definition of the problem by conducted near to the homes of Thus, we have a group of men highly trained, impartial indi- more of the citizens. With the approving their own recommen- viduals. After this technical and schools closer to the homes, more dations. This makes little sense. complex matter has been decided, children could take part in the realistic legislation can be written. extracurricular activities of the

Board of Equalization be in- vided for human and animal The interest of local citizens in creased to 7 members with 4 in- health. Consideration must also be the affairs of their school, its adgiven to minimizing crop damage ministration and policies would be Such legislation must not, how- the citizen and parent in school

> reasonable regulations can be placed on an industry. Provision should be made for arbitration in disputed cases.

Welfare

welfare recipients should be required to do a reasonable amount of work in order to qualify for assistance. Such work could include mowing weeds on highways, automatically upgrades instruction. cutting brush or any other work pertaining to public improve-

We believe that any recipient of attempt by a tax-fed bureaucracy. ratings and eligibility lists. These county welfare assistance should by manipulation of tax money alfunctions are certainly proper. automatically have his or her ben- locations, to force upon all However, we question whether the efits terminate at the end of each schools its particular fads and of all State personnel in the classi- tigated before being returned to tion of power.

Equal Opportunity For Education

Practically every policy state- ing public programs of their home small charge. in the amount thereof. Further- ment regarding the education of communities.

of local concern. under the guidance of master teaching specialists could make a regular circuit of visits to a num-

villages.

Emphasis in Teaching

We will continue to resist the

capped child could be dealt with Our American emphasis on comin terms of his own learning petitive sports in which only a saable media be used to present the buildings could be constructed world education. We are not emneeds and capacities. School lect group partake is unique in facts to farm operators and their which provide flexible design so phasizing equal incentive in schoas to serve for a variety of teach- lastic achievement and are transing situations and requirements. ferring the emphasis to school

sports. We would do well to con-Such a plan would be far less sider the effective development of the bodies and minds of all children.

Courses of Study

We believe that course offerings Such schools would become to our high school students should require more college preparatory courses of all students, courses such as mathematics, science, languages, English, history and government.

Students should not be permitted to by-pass these courses necessary

to college entrance by taking various lighter and less fundamental elective courses. All American children should be given a sound increased. The personal voice of basic education insofar as their capacity permits.

Americanism Awards

We recommend that the Michigan Farm Bureau establish citi-

We are in favor of good schools, zenship awards to be given to the best we can afford. We hold schools that establish a curricuto the belief that schools should lum whereby the students get a be places of learning, not of enter- sound concept of the basic princi-We believe that all able-bodied tainment. We believe the costliest ples and philosophy of our Amerschools are not necessarily the ican system of self-government best. We are in favor of adequate and the competitive enterprise salaries for teachers. We do not system, and to schools that embelieve a ballooning salary scale ploy teachers that believe in our representative form of government and do not teach anything

We believe in community con- that would degrade or destroy ment. We further feel that tax- trol of schools. Local interest and our American heritage or under-The Commission establishes job payers should avail themselves initiative are needed for schools to mine the basic concepts of our descriptions and classifications and of the right to inspect relief rolls. reach their highest potential. Any American Constitution.

School Building Plans

We recommend that the School Commission should be empowered 12-month period and that each theories of education, is, we be- of Architecture of the University to set the salary and wage rates case should be individually inves- lieve, an unwarranted assump- of Michigan make available various plans of school buildings that

Disbursements of funds gained are kept current and up to date, through taxation should never be and which are approved by the used as a means of destroying the Department of Public Instruction initiative and the rights to make and made available to the school decisions by local people concern- districts throughout the state for a

In the event that such plans are



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Farmers Petroleum Moved Ahead in 1960

"Each year more and more Farm Bureau members are using the services of their Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc.," said Jack C. McKendry general manager at the 12th annual meeting of stockholders at Michigan State University on November 29.

"Your Company had a seven per cent increase in sales this year," Mr. McKendry said. "Our gallonage increase for motor fuels and heating fuels was 1,859,965 gallons over last year for a total of 43,843,643 gallons for the year ending August 31, 1960."

Direct Delivery. An additional 790 Farm Bureau members joined the Farmers Petroleum Direct Delivery from the refinery program last year. More than 4,000 Farm Bureau members are on the Direct Delivery program. Some 10,500,000 gallons of motor and heating fuels were delivered to them.

Mr. McKendry said the Transportation Department of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative continues to play an important part in the economical distribution of liquid fuels. Costs in this Department have been reduced by one-tenth of a cent per gallon, even with an additional 2,000,000 gallons delivered.

FPC's crude oil program continues as an important part in purchasing quality fuels and assuring a steady source of supply.

During the year a complete Class A stock, \$27,130 in Class C appraisal was made on all 366 stock, and \$970,650 in Debentures producing oil wells in which of Farmers Petroleum Coopera-Farmers Petroleum has a major tive.

interest. The appraisal indi- On this investment \$1,890,322 cated that on current production has been returned as patronage and expected decline, some re- refunds. In addition \$415,601 in serves of oil needed to be adjust- dividends has been paid on Class ed down. Each well and produ- A stock and \$195,053 on Debencing field was carefully analyzed tures.

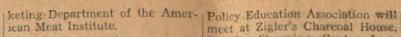
and 5- to 10-year projections On 1960 business, Farmers make up the agricultural econowere made by petroleum engi- Petroleum Cooperative distributneers. This was a major factor ed \$139,120 in Allocated Patronin reducing crude oil earnings age Refund Certificates. This procedure strengthens further the past year. the financial position of the

The drilling program was lim- Company. ited the past year to one well in

"This record indicates," said Mr. Branch county and three in Oceana county. All other work McKendry, "that your Farm Buwas confined to maintenance on reau Oil Company can bring service, quality products and savexisting wells

Mitchell, Aero-Vent Corp., of ials. Net margins for the past year ings to Farm Bureau members. "The past success of Farmers Lansing; Keith McTaggert, direcwere \$306,000, compared to \$600,-081 the previous year. About Petroleum Cooperative can be tor of guidance and counseling at \$304,000 of last year's margins attributed to the support of Pigeon, Elkton and Bay Port Farm Bureau members, local high schools; Richard M. Swenwere from crude oil. In the last 12 years a total of bulk plants and their boards of son, director of resident instruc-\$1,233,590 has been invested by directors, local Farm Bureaus, tion of the College of Agriculfarmers and bulk plant ass'ns in and other farm groups."

The maker or makers of this note shall have the option of making, at any time, additional payments for the reduc-



Frandor Shopping Center, Lan-Thursday morning, Feb. 2, there is to be a program in Fair-child Theatre on wills and estates. Speakers will be Ray-

mond H. McLean, attorney-at- Thursday afternoon there is to law from Mason, E. T. Leip- be a program in Fairchild Theaprandt, Huron county farmer and tre on dairy expansion. Speakers include the Gill Brothers, farm-Kelsey and Hill, There are to be two Thursday- ers from Jackson county; D. L.

Murray of the Dairy Department: noon luncheons. The Michigan Association of Howard Haven, Jackson county Farm Managers and Rural Ap- farmer; and Hoglund, R. G. praisers will meet in the Union Wheeler, L. H. Brown of the Agribuilding and the Michigan Farm cultural Economics Department.

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Farm Bureau's Proposals For Better Living

M. J. FLORY has been appointed purchasing agent and of-

Feed Buyer

FBS Farm Supply Division, an-

company's feed field represen-

tative in the upper part of the

ower peninsula since 1956. He

is a native of Kansas, where he

attended Kansas State Univer-

sity. Jerry brings a great deal of

experience to his new position.

He will report to J. J. Seddon,

manager of Services' Feed De-

partment in the capacity of assis-

Plans Big for

Farmers' Week

Michigan State University Ag-

mics bill announced by Leonard

session will begin in Fairchild

Theatre Tuesday morning, Jan.

31, the second day of Farmers'

Week-with talks on starting a

career in farming or agribusiness.

Speakers include Marvin Lott,

The first agricultural economics

Kyle, program chairman.

keting Utilization Center.

Management Banquet in Kellogg

ins, John N. Ferris, Charles L.

A Wav!"

tant to the manager.

to Feb. 3, 1961.

Farm

Center

state's problems.

"Jerry" Flory has been the

nounced the appointment.

matters now stand, it is assumed that reflectorized plates will be members and on other hunters is fice manager for the Farm Burhelping to build respect for the eau Service's Feed Department. furnished in 1962. Unless the reflectorized plates law. M. J. Buschlen, manager of the

are actually supplied in the near By using the provisions of the of Hillsdale R-3 were among Horton Act, farmers can add to many members of Hillsdale By using the provisions of the tageous, we urge repeal of the re- its value. This will require a many members of Hillsdale quirement and of the additional willingness to carry through on County Farm Bureau who visit the prosecution of violations by ed the new office building on 35c per year charge for each motor the prosecution of violations by M-99 at the "open house" vehicle registered in Michigan.

Highway Safety

cured from the back tag or other (1) As a safety feature to the means, the complaint can be filed motoring public, we request that any time within one year from in future road building contracts the date of the trespass.

it be required that all sideroad approaches be constructed at as near highway level as is econom-Ag. Economics

ically possible.

With each passing year an abundant and adequate supply of (2) We urge that highway authwater of dependable quality beorities keep all intersections free comes increasingly important for from obstruction to vision. Weeds municipal, industrial and agriculand brush should be cut or contural purposes. We urge action trolled by spraying.

Highway Signs

ership thereof. We strongly protest the use of We favor legislation that would should be developed which will brings together the combined land adjacent to public highways legalize the impounding and stor- maintain current records of own- services of the County Farm Buagain will have a full slate of for commercial billboard advertis- age of excess water during pe- ership of such rights, obtain some reau, Farm Bureau Mutual Ining that mars the scenic beauty riods of high flow which could be revenue and tend to return ownof our state. We do not wish to used when most needed and ership of such separated rights exclude directional signs as to mo. would clarify the situation as to to the landowner.

We again go on record as fa-

voring legislation which would require well drillers to maintain a log of soil and rock forma-The materials now being used tion and file that information

subsequent hearing. If identifi-

Water Resources

resources and to clarify the own-

cation of the trespasser can be se-

to remove snow and ice from high- with an appropriate agency. We ways, roads and streets result in believe that this would provide serious rusting of automobiles. We, much needed information on our therefore, urge an accelerated pro- 'underground water resources.

gram of research by the chemical We continue our insistence that ompanies and by our universities our water resources should be in the development of rust-in- recognized as a problem of state that hunting accidents can be re-

Soil and Water

We recommend that the pro- this area.

made on a more restricted basis roadside spraying crews. If "No which would confine the atten- show that he has passed a course tion to the urgent problems of in hunter safety approved by the conservation rather than in- Department of Conservation.

Soil Cons. Districts

Due to the increased construc-Responsibility for the use and tion of utility lines and pipe lines, American Motors, will speak at of severe punishment of persons improvement of land and water Michigan farmers are experiencinvolved in automobile accidents resources rests on all citizens, ur- ing serious problems in connec-



Open House at Hillsdale

Mr. & MRS. CLIFT BROWN

Hillsdale Farm

A constant stream of farm

Bureau during "open house" on

Taxes

Bureau in New the necessary appearance at the cember 1. They are shown paying Farm Bureau dues for 1961 **Office Building** to Mrs. Alvin Wolf of the County Farm Bureau office staff.

> private property, public land and along roadsides. We urge reduc- and city people flowed through tion of the exemption from six to the new \$25,000 office building of the Hillsdale County Farm

Mineral Rights

the first day of December. Weather conditions were The widespread custom of reideal, a further encouragement serving or selling portions of the to attend as was the heightened mineral rights appertaining to curiosity that had grown in redescriptions of property results cent months as the building took in costly confusion of titles and to protect and preserve our water the loss of potential tax revenues. shape west of Hillsdale on M-99.

Completely modern in every We believe that legislation respect, the new office building

We recommend that the owner of separated rights be required to file a certificate of ownership once every five years, and pay a registration fee. Such rights on which registration and fee become delinquent should revert to the owners of the land.

Hunter Safety

Gun safety training has shown per handling of firearms. We

commend voluntary groups which are now doing much in

Lakes and Streams

are among our most attractive

natural resources. We urge that

roads providing public access to

Deer Herd

found, we believe it would be

justifiable to give resident land-

owners, who feed much of the

wildlife, some priority in the

granting of "any deer" hunting

permits, with specific reference

to a requirement that any special

(any deer) season must have the

approval of the board of super-

visors of the affected county be-

Michigan's lakes and streams

We will support legislation to provide that a hunter applying for his first license be required to creased production.

Utility & Pipe Lines

surance and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative.

"There simply is no comparison between what we have now and our old office quarters," said Mrs. Margaret Loveless, County Farm Bureau secretary and office manager. "Our new office in Hillsdale county has given us new prestige, in keeping with the growing importance of Farm Bureau as the state's largest farm organization

Many of those who attended the "open house" paid their 1961 membership dues while on tour.

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Ice Removal

Ingham county farmer; Nolan hibitors or non-damaging mater- rather than national jurisdiction. duced through knowledge of pro-

Roadside Spraying We urge that it be publicized gram of cost-sharing payments to

that property owners have the farmers for approved soil and right to post "No Spraying" signs water conservation measures be which should be respected by ture, and Robert Kramer, director of the MSU Agricultural Mar-Spraying" signs are erected, the The last session will be the property owner should be required to clear his own roadside. annual Thursday night Farm

Drunk Drivers

We deplore the frequent lack

ricultural Economics Department programs to present at the annual MSU Farmers' Week, Jan. 30 tels, cabins, service stations and who would be entitled to engage A new "Meet the Prof" series, scenic spots necessary to the tra- in such practices. several other programs and a veling public's convenience. Management banquet

tion of principal or the payment of the entire principal. Such additional payments shall not reduce the installments of principal provided herein, but shall operate to mature the loan at an earlier date.

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t on "A Bus Looks at the State." Recently where alcoholic beverages are a Romney initiated a non-partisan contributing factor. citizenship movement in Mich-

We recommend that judges reigan designed to identify, study quire that at least part of the and recommend solutions to the punishment be time spent in jail, The "Meet the Prof" series will rather than as so frequently occurs, a fine and suspended senrun Jan. 31, Feb. 1 and 2. Speak-

ers will discuss agricultural eco- tence or probation. nomic subjects with their 50-Litterbugs

minute talks scheduled so that We urge more strict enforcepersons need attend only those they are interested in. All talks ment of the law against strewwill be in Anthony Hall. ing and dumping trash and rub-

Some of the topics to be coverbish along highways. Land owned are: farm programs, cattle and ers and other citizens should cohog prices, rights of way and operate more actively with law land condemnation, pasture sys- enforcement officers in the aptems, research, land prices, keep- prehension of litterbugs. More signs calling attention to the ing a farm in the family, income taxes, leasing out dairy heifers, Michigan law and penalties might for its action in providing partdairy expansion, social security, be helpful.

"Throw-away" beverage botpoultry profits, water rights, careers in agricultural business and tles are a public nuisance. Beleasing property for mineral cause they have no salvage value rights.

they are often discarded along Speakers include William F. highways, camping areas and staff. Reynolds, Lansing office, Internal Revenue Service; Louie E. lakes and streams. When broken, they are a hazard to bathers and Webb, county extension agent from Calhoun county; James Ni- children, as well as to auto and tractor tires, since they never chols, field representative, Landisintegrate. We ask the Legissing Social Security Office; Rolature to act to eliminate this bert Kramer, Clifford R. Humgrowing hazard and nuisance. phrys, Department of Resource Development; and Robert J. Bev-

Farmer-Sportsman Relations

Beer, Ray Hoglund, William Heneberry, E. B. Hill, Lauren H. Organized sportsmen, repre-Brown, Henry Larzelere, Glynn sented by the Michigan United McBride, A. Allan Schmid and Conservation Clubs and its affil-Arthur Mauch, all of the MSU iates, and organized farmers Department of Agricultural Ecothrough Grange and Farm Bureau, are working together to im-

Tuesday afternoon there is to prove farmer - sportsman relabe a program in Fairchild Thea- tions. This joint program has tre on the possibilities and limi- been effective in improving ruraltations of big farming with Har- urban understanding and in rery J. Webb, a Van Buren county ducing farmer-hunter friction.

farmer, and Karl T. Wright, Beer We commend the sportsmen's and David L. Call, all of the agclubs for their efforts in educatricultural economics department. ing hunters as to the rights of At the same time in the Union farmers and promoting the "Ask Building, Myron P. Kelsey of the the Farmer First" program. We Agricultural Economics Departbelieve that better results can be ment will present a program on obtained by landowners who wish "Where There's A Will, There's to post their property if they use signs reading "Hunting With Per-

Tuesday afternoon there is to mission Only" rather than "No be a program in Giltner Hall on Hunting." "Meet Michigan's Markets" in

cooperation with the School of Horton Trespass Act

Home Economics. Speakers will be Robert J. Weber of the Dow Chemical company, Maryann Michigan farmers have a legal Meldrum of the Cooperative Ex- tool to control hunting on farms mated that this loophole results tension service at Kalamazoo and and farm woodlots. Pressure by in the theft of at least 100,000 fairs will be continued in our J. Russell Ives, head of the Mar- conservation clubs on their own Christmas trees annually from edition for February 1, 1961.

ban as well as rural. Cities are tion with laying those lines and dependent on rural lands not cables in such a way as to interonly for food, but for the most of fere with present and future farm land drainage and farm their water supplies. The annual increase in our pop- planning.

ulation places a definite respon-Many companies have been sibility on agriculture and the negligent in outlining and revealnation to safeguard our needed ing their plans of construction future food production facilities. and in following the specifica-Farm owners and farm renters as tions as provided.

well as our urban population Many fields have been crossed must be aware of the need for inwith underground pipes and catelligent use and conservation of ble and the top soil and contour our lands. of the land has been changed

The 76 Soil Conservation Diswithout the knowledge of the tricts now organized in Michigan farm owner at the time of signare efficiently operated by elect- ing the right-of-way easement. ed farmers serving without sal-

We urge that the companies inary and are effective units of soil volved furnish complete details of their plans of construction to saving activity. We commend the Legislature the property owners at the time when the negotiations are being time assistants to aid these volcarried on. unteer officers. We ask that this

financial aid be extended to all districts on a matching basis. To to the purchaser or anyone else, increase the service of the districts, we ask for additional field

Tree Nurseries

We believe that the reforesting not be closed. these waters be maintained and of public lands best adapted to that use is a public service tend-

ing to conserve our natural resources. We also believe that the providing of the planting stock

Problems of deer herd managefor this reforesting is a proper rement continue to concern Farm ponsibility for Soil Conservation Bureau members. These concerns Districts and the Department of range from too few deer in some Conservation. These agencies areas to too many deer in other have provided a source of supply sections. Apparently state-wide when other sources were not a- hunting regulatory, action will vailable and have maintained not serve all needs. "Any deer" standards of quality for all sup- seasons should be carefully adpliers justed to the areas where obvious

We oppose efforts to restrict over-population is a problem. the operation of the nurseries op-If practicable means can be erated by these agencies.

Watershed Program

We endorse the Small Watershed Program as an effective technique for dealing with surface water problems. We believe much more emphasis should be placed on this method of water control.

fore becoming effective. **Christmas Trees** We ask that opinions of our members on game management

The present law permits move- problems, as expressed in the ment of up to six Christmas trees County Farm Bureau resolutions, be forwarded to the Michigan by any person without an accom-In the Horton Trespass Act, panying bill of sale or other evi- Conservation Commission for its dence of ownership. It is esticonsideration.

MFB Resolutions on State Af-



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Vote No in April To Stop Con-Con

STANLEY M. POWELL Legislative Counsel, Michigan Farm Bureau

The Michigan Farm Bureau and 18 other groups which joined in opposing Proposal No. 3, the socalled Con-Con issue, on the November 8 election ballot failed in their efforts to prevent its adoption. Undoubtedly, many voters were much confused as to just what was involved. This was shown by the fact that the total vote on Proposal 3 was far lower than that on either of the other constitutional amendments which were submitted at the same time, and over a million less than the Michigan vote for President of the United States.

Many Michigan citizens mistakenly have the idea that passage of the amendment means that we will be having a constitutional convention in the near future. That matter has not been settled. What was involved, as we stressed throughout the months prior to the election, was that several drastic and farreaching changes were written into the portion of our state constitution which has to do with calling and conducting a Con-Con. Also, there was a builtin provision in the proposal providing that the question of whether or not a Con-Con should be held on the new basis will be submitted to the voters of the state at the April 3, 1961 election.

As the result of one of the son, Genesee, Kalamazoo, Kent, state constitutional convention. changes made in the constitu- Lenawee, and Monroe, over 45% tional provisions by adoption of of those voting on the proposi-Proposal No. 3, next April only tion voted No. In 2 more coun- compromise plan which is an ima majority of those voting on the ties, Calhoun and St. Clair, the provement over the present proposition, rather than a ma- percentage voting No was be- delegate selection method but jority of those voting in the elec- tween 40% and 45%. In only 4 tion, will be required to set the counties in the state, Macomb, For an organization as outspoken machinery for a Con-Con in mo- O a k land, Washtenaw, and as the AFL-CIO, that statement tion.

As a result of one of the other voting No below 40%. changes, the delegates would be selected just as members of the

are apportioned primarily on a voting was by no means lopsided population basis, and since there and the passage of the Proposal evident that the new plan would in the metropolitan area. The insure complete metropolitan state-wide majority was 352,688, domination in any future Con- of which amount Wayne county Con.

How a few of the larger coun- the other 82 counties, the Proties can control what happens in posal squeaked through with Michigan on a state-wide basis only about 50,000 votes to spare. was well illustrated by the vot-

ing on Proposal No. 3 last November 8. Although it carried total vote in Michigan of 3,318,- sidered. state-wide with a majority of 097. Since the total vote on Proover 350,000, actually there were posal No. 3 was 2,271,742, it is leaders at that time, several only 12 counties in which the apparent that 1,046,355 voters rather startling recommenda-Proposal carried. It was voted who voted for President didn't tions were included. For indown in the other 71 counties. vote either way on Proposal No. Of the 12 counties in which it 3.

Yes votes than No votes on this to develop a 20th century per- tion to the calling of which they the board received notice from report between agricultural enparticular issue.

The fact that more than a mil-Ion Michigan voters didn't cast a ballot either for or against Proposal No. 3 indicates that they were sadly confused as to what was involved or they didn't care much what happened reten each member of the Legislagarding the proposed changes.

ture urging that they take action Champions of Proposal No. 3 to have delegates to a Con-Con must admit that their pet nominated at the April election changes were adopted and writat which time the people will ten into the Consitution by the vote on the question of whether affirmative vote of a minority of or not a Con-Con should be held. those participating in the elec-I am sure that you will.im-

mediately see many reasons why Early in the campaign last this would be very undesirable. summer, it was generally under-To promote such an idea would stood, because of statements be equivalent to admitting that Scholle, that the AFL - CIO we expect the proposal for a made by its president, Mr. Gus would be campaigning against Con-Con to carry at the election. Proposal No. 3. I remember A person of modest circumstances would hesitate to camparticipating in at least two panels on which Mr. Scholle's as- paign vigorously for a position which might, or might not, masistant talked with me against Proposal No. 3. Of course, the terialize. Also, any person who considreasons why he was opposing it were entirely different than ered himself as a candidate for ours. I couldn't quite believe one of the delegate positions, would naturally begin to think

would be very desirable.

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that they would continue to fight nearly in line with what they month which each delegate have been demanding. In any event, during the final months of the campaign, their lack of opposition to the Proposal was noticeable and eloquent.

tion.

Since the election, in the No- ing the idea of a Con-Con would vember 10 issue of the Michigan certainly be reluctant to pro-AFL - CIO News, in their com- mote the candidacy of anyone to ments on the outcome of the serve as a delegate to a convenvote on the three constitutional amendments, they said, "The State Labor Organization did not make a ballot recommendation on the third Proposal which changes the rules for calling a Later on in their article, they refer to Proposal No. 3 as being a falls far short of majority rule.

Wayne, was the percent of those did not indicate any definite degree of opposition.

The state-wide average of No Early in December, the Michi-Legislature are apportioned, that votes was 42.2%. Of course, this gan AFL-CIO came out openly is, there would be one for each wasn't as close as the nation- in support of the Con-Con pro-Senator and one for each Repre- wide results in the Presidential posal as it will appear on the Alpena sentative. Since the House seats race but it does indicate that the April election ballot. The decision was announced by the state AFL-CIO's Committee on Politi are over three times as many was made possible only by its cal Education (COPE). In its an-Representatives as Senators, it is support in a handful of counties nouncement the organization stated, "Our major objective shall be the restoration of representative government in Michicontributed a majority of 302,gan." That undoubtedly means that they hope, through a Con-564. Hence, it is obvious, that in Con, to bring about reapportion

ment of both the Senate House seats in the Legislature strictly on a population basis, For President, there was a with no other factors being con-

In statements issued by labor stance, Mr. Scholle was quoted as demanding tearing down

carried, in six of them, Dickin- Actually of the Michigan vot- Michigan's State Capitol and reers participating in the Novem- placing it with a modern struc-

spective." Apparently, he thinks were in opposition. It would be the officials that caretakers will gineers B. A. Stout and W. F that state officials and lawmak- belpful if you would convey be deputized beginning with this Buchele of the MSU Agricultura ers couldn't be expected to think your thinking along this line to season.

such venerable surroundings. tive so that they will not give on resolutions pertaining to local Agricultural Research Service. We're informed that Mr. this unfortunate suggestion any and county affairs. George Romney, President of support. Citizens for Michiban, has writ-

Michigan Farm Bureau, deleates, at their recent state convention, adopted a strong resoution outlining the situation as it now exists in regard to this ather complicated matter and ended with these words:

"In view of the foregoing coniderations, we delegates strong- Hancock and WMAM of Menomly urge that all Farm Bureau ince-Marinette. members vote NO in April, 1961 on the question of calling a Con- we have had the opportunity to stitutional Convention on the study the results. It is interesting new basis and that they should to note that Proposal No. 3, the engage in a strenuous campoign so called Con-Con issue, was deurge others to vote likewise. feated in all the U.P. counties Under the new provision, re- with the exception of Dickinson. fraining from voting on this is- We would also like to point out sue will not count as a vote the fact that Farm Bureau has gainst it. A definite NO vote not been organized in Dickinson

will be required to register op- county position.

Farm Bureau about the salary of \$1,000 a seven and one-half months and In Upper would probably soon get himself into the notion that a Con-Con Peninsula Groups and individuals oppos-HUGO E. KIVI Regional Representativa RADIO

> future. called for a study of the possibili-

llege in the Escanaba area. Meetings have already been held with school officials and commites being set up to make further tudies.

heir

resolution received favorable ac- cover with loose soil.

sults.

New Ideas

Offered for

Shuman on Experiment Station and plant big and progressive thoughts in your Senator and Representa- Other counties are also active physiologist F. W. Snyder of the **Farm Vote**

> Usual planting methods drop Radio Station WMAB of Muni- seeds in loose soil, cover with sing became the fifth station in more loose soil and then pack the U. P. to carry the "Farm Bu- the surface with the press wheels reau at Work" program. This will of the planter. This method may be heard at 1:05 each Friday af- actually cause poor seedling emergence by forming a layer of Other stations in the Upper hard soil that the seedlings can-Peninsula that carry the pronot get through, the researchers gram are WDBC in Escanaba, point out. This layer may also WIKB in Iron River, WMPL in cut down the needed supply of oxygen for the seedlings and help to form surface crust after Since the November 8 election,

"This election should end for all a rain. time the fiction that farmers want Work with the new method more government regulation and shows that firming the seedbed price determination in their busiat seed level promotes maximum ness. The policies of Farm Bureau seedling emergence by bringing have been effectively vindicated as moisture up from below by capaccurately reflecting the thinking illary action. About an inch of of farm people." loose soil over the planted seeds In the light of recent election helps emergence by keeping surresults in major farm states face crusting at a minimum and 'Congress should quickly discard

Which U.P. county will be the by allowing oxygen to circulate such discredited ideas as the recipient of the "Little Brown freely. multiple price certificate plan for Jug" award this year? The effec-These studies also show that wheat, compensatory income pay-

firming the soil, either on the tiveness of your drive on January 3 and 4 may determine this, surface or at the seed level, is of You must make calls to get re- no benefit unless there is mois ture below the seed.

To Honor Three At Farmers' Week

Three Michigan citizens will thorities that it has created in receive citations for distin- years past." guished service to agrculture at a special Michigan State Univer- areas of activity through which sity Farmers' Week ceremony on farmers can improve farm income:

Tuesday morning, Jan. 31, 1961. Glenn Lake, North Branch; nomic climate Veril Baldwin, Stockbridge, and (2) Controll New ideas in crop planting may change some ways for Thomas F. Schweigert, Petosky, costs. Michigan farmers in the near will be presented the citations by Dr. Thomas K. Cowden, dean of and abroad, and produce what

Results of experimental work the College of Agriculture. The at Michigan State University inprogram is to be in the Univerdicate that planting methods sity Auditorium. which pack the soil too much over the seeds may actually be keeping some seedlings from

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of cold water from the ocean Warren Finkbeiner, Clinton, Mich-

inee County Farm Bureau at Best way to plant sugarbeet, annual meeting recom- corn and bean seeds, according mended that caretakers at the to this research, is to press the county parks be deputized. This seeds into firmed soil and then the surface by unswelling currents Michigan Farm News for Dec. 1. ion from the Parks Division and This is a cooperative research depths.

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By their vote in the Novem-

ber recent election, farmers clearly

rejected proposals for increased

government intervention and sub-

sidy in agriculture, Charles B.

Shuman, president of the Amer-

ican Farm Bureau Federation, told

the organization's 42nd annual

ments, comprehensive supply con-

trol and other schemes calling for

increased government interference

in the farming business," Mr.

the Congress to repeal the detri-

mental laws and legislative au-

Mr. Shuman listed four general

(1) Creation of a favorable eco-

(2) Controlling and reducing

(3) Expanding markets at home

(4) Increasing the market pow-

"In addition, we must look to

Shuman said.

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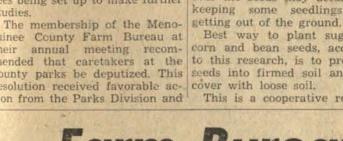
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Annual meetings are past and bunty boards and legislative ommittees have begun to concentrate their efforts on policy execution. A resolution adopted at the Delta County annual meeting 'Farm Bureau at Work' y of setting up a community

7 ber 8 election, less than 40¹/₀ ture. He was quoted as saying. voted for Proposal No. 3. Yet it "They should have torn it down January 1, 1961 MICHIGAN FARM NEWS carried because there were more 20 years ago. The state has got

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Saturday 6:30 a.m.	SHAVER STARCROSS 288 demon- strates its "Well, judge for yourself!"	Laval milker units. Arnold Bassett, Grand Ledge, Michigan. Phone NA 7- 2349. (Eaton County) (1-1t-23p) 18	abov
	In competition with alne major sources of commercial chicks at New		Char J13
Iron River WIBK	Hampshire, Pennsylvaula, Texas, Central Canada, California (floor and	JAMESWAY BULK MILK TANK- 160 gallons. Two years old. Surge	010 1
Monday 11:45 a.m.	stage tests), Western New York and Utah, Shaver's ten entries were	milking parlor, 3 stall, Surge milking machine. Larry Hoxsle, Williams- burg, Michigan, Phone CO 7-5768.	FE
Jackson WIBM	challenged by 33 competitors and ex- celled 74 entries in hen housed egg	(Grand Traverse County)	relia form
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Kalamazoo WKPR	est competitor eight times in 12 tries. Shaver Starcross 288 woo the three	THREE SURGE in line side open- ing milking stalls with Randalls, \$400.	guar
Friday 6:15 a.m.	Shaver Starcross 288 won top quar-	Scott Neff, Delton R-1, Michigan. (Barry County) Telephone MAdison	ketir sell 1
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Ludington WKLA		Phone Crestwood 53122. (Benzie Coun- ty) (1-1t-25p) 18	Bath
Saturday 7:00 a.m.	9 DAIRY EQUIPMENT	BARN FULL of 1st and 2nd cut-	FC
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	4 can McCormick cooler, Reasonable,	22 MAPLE SYRUP	FC
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Muskegon WMUS		LIBERAL DISCOUNT on all orders for new King Evaporators if ordered	.semi
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Owosso WOAP	THERE'S JOY in the canine world	erature, write Sugar Bush Supplies	24
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What Right Do You Have in Use of Water?

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for January

DONALD D. KINSEY Coordinator of Research and Education

Background Material for Program in January by Our **1551** Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups Water is confusing stuff. Like fire, it can be

friend or enemy. It may flood the land, drown people and livestock, destroy buildings and wash away the good earth. At such times everyone wants to be rid of it. In the spring the farmer's wish is"Get thee gone, so I can start plowing!"

Eventually, the water does flow away. It evaporates. Plants, animals and human beings consume it by the ton. Sometimes it becomes polluted and is ruined for human use.

Dry periods come, as they will. The sun glares hot. The sky is brassy. The soil cracks. Streams and lakes go empty.

At such times everyone would like more than his share of the meagre water supply. Everyone can give a good reason why he should have more than he is getting.

When supplies are short, what claim do you have to water? Suppose it becomes a matter that is in conflict and can be a court case. Is the law really clear on the question? Should a sound wateruse law be written for Michigan?

Even Judges Do Not Agree. The problems of water rights are sometimes as overwhelming as a flood, and just as confusing. It is hard to keep water policies in a definite channel. The courts have not kept them there. Court decisions in similar cases flow now this way - now that way. They have left no clear-cut guideline for action.

Many Michigan farmers have | trols frost in fruit. It increases finitions of their rights to use yields generally. It can pay off water. Water is so vital to farm- if . . ing that one of the commonest sayings is that "the farmer de-

pends on the weather." Water is a big element in the weather. The farmer needs plentiful supplies for his livestock. Cows must have it to keep milk production up. The farmer uses it in spraying. His family needs it in the home. Nothing can pinch like a water shortage on the farm.

Irrigation Grows

seeping, moving substance. Its usefulness can be destroyed by pollution from sewage, chemicals, germs of disease. Some ways of using water consume it entirely. Others merely use it for a moment and then it can be returned to the supply source. No one really OWNS the water supply. It is too fluid for ownership. The demand for it is general. Everyone has a legal laim to a "reasonable share" of it for "reasonable purposes".

Cities and industries face many of the same basic problems and questions about water rights as farmers encounter. The cities claims are multiplied by their millions of residents. So are their probems. Residents must be supplied with water not found on each small city lot. Demand increases every day.

Riparian Doctrine

Some land owners get an idea that they are shielded and protected by the old "riparian doctrine" of water rights. A few may get the mistaken notion that it gives them unlimited rights to the use of the water on their land. The riparian doctrine does de-

fine some rights and privileges of the riparian to use water. But it also sets some limits to those rights. And there are some holes" in the doctrine - some confusions and uncertainties.

The "riparian" is the owner or renter of the land which adjoins knock at the door and a court the bank of a body of water — a summons. lake, stream or river. There probably shall never be a law which Commission has not been asked gives anyone an absolute and unuse all through or by his land.

various nations and states reflect stream in Michigan. the influence of the riparian doctrine, but each state adds features peculiar to local use, supplies and needs of the times.

This doctrine is still the back-

bone of the water law in Michigan. The modern version of the realized the need for clearer de- the quatity and quality of crop doctrine states that any riparian has the right "to have the water flow by his property undiminished in quantity and unimpaired in The IF means that problems quality, except for the reasonexist for the farmer irrigator. able needs of other riparians."

Irrigating equipment is costly. If This principle underlies the inou buy equipment to pump terpretation of water rights by 720,000 gallons in a 12 hour day, our Michigan civil courts. there has to be a vast supply

available. If you start pumping, will someone stop you and destroy the value of your investment? Can they stop you? Don't you OWN the water that flows ment of it. But the riparian "upstream"

over, through or under your

Discussion Topics

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

Feb. Can Rising Property Taxes be Avoided?

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

deprived of water have a way of There have been cases where the lodging a complaint with the courts allowed a claim based on personal gain. You see what I court. mean - "confusing"?

Where's Authority?

This predicament often causes the farmer who wishes to irrigate to scratch his head. Should he go ahead and buy equipment? Will the neighbors complain or somebody farther down-

stream? How much can he lower that a farmer can or cannot store the stream and still be "within up water during periods of his rights"?

There is no authority in Michgan that can say how deep a tream must be after someone has pumped it. No one can tell the farmer how many gallons he s entitled to use per day. He just

has to use his judgement and take his chances.

at hand and the crops needing ble comes at the opposite seawater, the temptation is great to son - just when the farmer let her run". Maybe the gains really needs the water - in dry are worth the risk. Then maybe, weather. If he has stored up his tomorrow there is an unwelcome

The Michigan Water Resources

to establish the minimum legal limited right to own, control and depth of streams and lakes the water flowing throughout the state. To do it would involve a gigantic project The riparian doctrine grew Where streams are measured it like Topsy" out of the "common is done in terms of the rate of law" from ancient Rome to flow. It would be difficult and modern times. Water laws in expensive to do this for every

Court Decisions

cases in court are strongly influ- dates or gallonage allotment enced by previous decisions- for pumpers. or "precedent", where cases are similar. This device fails in the instance of water rights. Court decisions conflict. So, if you are haled into court, you can flip a coin, cross your fingers - and hope.

A challenge to a farmer's right to use water may come from a public body - a village or city, This gives other ripariains a or an agency of the state or fedright to protest if your use of eral government. Maybe you water lowers the supply so as to are lowering the level of a interfere with their own "rea- stream or lake so as to interfere sonable needs" or their enjoy- with fishing, swimming, boating or skating.

Pehaps you are destroying the has an advantage. He gets "first places where waterfowl breed crack at the water supply. And and thrive. In such cases the if he can prove that his use is courts have decided that public

It would take a whole regi- ing caused the failure of sur- much water? (B) Water shortment of officials to check users rounding wells.

along each watercourse. Fre- There is need for more inforquent checks would be neces- mation regarding underground over the rights to use water in sary. And the farmer might get waters in Michigan. The Mich- your area? If so, what has been a permit allowing him so little igan well drillers, themselves, water that his equipment invest- are cooperating to draft a proment would be a loss.

The state has already issued their trade. one water-use permit. The iron The well-driller's log — his ore mining industry in the Upper records of underground struc-Peninsula had to have water to tures and water tables would be AFBF Committee refine the lower grade ores, or turned in to the state. Informago out of business. The State tion gained in this maner would granted a permit so as to save be hellpful in drafting future this important industry for laws regarding the pumping of the American Farm Bureau Michigan. rights from water wells.

ages? 3. Has there been any conflict

the problem? 4. If a new water law is writ-

posed law to license the men of ten for Michigan, what features do you think it should include?

Knows Agriculture

reau.

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"The Resolutions Committee is composed of the 48 state Farm Bureau presidents and a number of ladies in Women of Farm Bu-

"This group is familiar with

the 250 products produced by American farmers. The members

mittee can tell you what propos-

ed legislation or regulation for a

commodity will do to the farm-

ers growing it, and to the farm-

ers growing other commodities.'

-Charles Marshall, president of

Quite a number of farm fam-

to incorporate the farm, but it

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A Law to Remove Uncertainties

lands that join on lakes or streams be permitted to pump Many Michigan farmers, including Farm Bureau members, of the AFBF Resolutions Comwhen waters are at high level? They could fill a reservoir for wish to have the confusions and uncertainties of water rights cleared up. They would like to Some say, "Yes" - if they can know where they stand before do it without trespassing. Others investing in water control reservoirs or pumping equipment.

> A permission law need not the Nebraska Farm Bureau. change the rights of water users very much from present pra-**Nearly All Farms** ctices. But it could provide some guideposts for making decisions.

Are Family Operated It would seem clear, however, Ninety-six per cent of all that any proposed law must be American Farms are operated by workable and should not be exfamilies, and that percentage pensive to administer. has changed very little in many

For a number of years now, a committe of people concerned year. with water rights and conservailies are finding it advantageous tion has been at work to prepare

a proposel law. They wish to for tax purposes or other reasons protect the rights of riparians. They do not want a law which remains a family operated farm. level of the "water table" differs would concentrate authority in

> governments. They oppose any idea of binding the legal user of MICHIGAN FARM NEWS water in claims and thus prevent his "reasonable use" of

Questions

1. In how many ways is water used on the farms of our members? List them. 2. What problems have you

be proved that the heavy pump- years? (A) Getting rid of too

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sionally that the state should issue limited water use permits

by the state. But this creates problems. How

do you control water use? Put a have to be a "minimum flow"

Can a Farmer

Store Water?

There are times when cloud-

bursts or heavy continued rains

cause streams and lakes to over-

flow. There is no law which says

supply, he is in a strong position. Water Permits? The suggestion pops up occa-

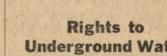
in times of water scarcity - a sort of rationing by law, policed

meter on every pump? To make such a idea work, there would standards for ever water system in the state. Without these you It is generally true that civil could not set necessary shut-off

ble saving of the water. It would seem a bit absurd to prevent a person from saving water that would otherwise

With the irrigating equipment stream and be lost. But the trou-

later use.



say "No" .- FOR A REASON. heavy rainfall or in the spring Suppose waters begin to get low tnaws. No one has ever brough a case to court on this point, apparently. And this is a growing practice with farmers - a sensi-

flood land or flow away down-

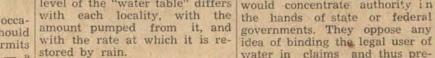
and they insist on pumping. Who has the authority to stop them? The riparian would be shouldered with a new burden. He would have to obtain a court injunction to stop the non-riparian from his which some riparians oppose.

pumping. This raises an issues

Pumping Rights?

Should folks who do not have

Underground Water Most of the water in the ground percolates down through the soil from the surface. The



Heavy pumping from a high-capacity deep well can cause the water to serve his needs. water table to drop and surrounding wells to dry up. Large city or industrial wells, or wells

used for farm irrigation may create such trouble. Some farm

Liability is present if it can had with water in the past

irrigation pumps push out 1,000 gallons or more a minute.

In Michigan

Farmers are now helping to "make their own weather" in a tion for the available water supvery real sense. Many of them plies. The state has more people are irrigating their crops. The New industries spring up wantpractice is growing rapidly on Michigan farms.

The Water Resources Commission reports that in 1960 there through, air conditioning systems were 3,500 irrigation systems on Michigan farms. In 1958, the number was 2,476 and covered courses. It is hosed onto big 68,481 irrigated acres.

For the most part, crops being gallons daily. Some of it they irrigated are fruits and vegetables, potatoes and nursery stock. But some hay and pasture

There is a growing competi-

land?

ing large quantilities of water New uses absorb larger and larger quantities of water.

Demand for Water

Automatic washers pour it use enormous quantities. People irrigate lawns and golf fires. Cities need billions of

Who owns the water that these to convince some judge to accept public interest? Your chances is being irrigated. Irrigation con-people use? Water is a flowing, your view of the matter. People are poor. But wait a minute

able amount"?

'reasonable' and not excessive recreation is a "reasonable use cr wasteful, he may be able to of the water. Recreational use defend this use and continue it. holds a pretty high standing as in the "public interest".

One use of water stands above Listen to Reason! all others in the opinion of the Then the question becomes- courts. Water for drinking is

When is a use reasonable or un- necessary to life for people and reasonable?" What needs of man, for livestock. You cannot deprive beast or nature make it "reason- others of such water without able?" How much is a "reason- liability. You cannot pollute it so as to endanger public health.

But from there on, what is Well, there's the hitch! What may seem reasonable to you may "reasonable" becomes less clear. purify and return to the streams. seem unreasonable to another Could you argue your need for riparian. Both of you have to try profit from a crop against the

President Wightman Takes Columbia Broadcasting to Task on "Harvest of Shame" TV-Show

the American Farm Bureau and accident, but it happened. state Farm Bureau leaders. We we didn't house any spending a whole hour of valu-able TV time exploiting these of Michigan Farm Bureau:

Columbia Broadcasting System 485 Madison Avenue New York City Gentlemen:

Ministry meeting here in Mich- migrants. Nobody seems to be igan we discussed the "Harvest very concerned about teaching people didn't have to get on the of Shame" show of last week. them a better way to live in their bus in the first place. They did Everybody present was asked to own surroundings. express their views to you, both It is only when they try to and one-half days without rest

migrants every year. To me, gets concerned. They try to human relations problems solved this show. . the actual facts, or at least overemphasized the worst possible conditions.

was said that every year some begin to work with them to get These things irritate the producmigrant is killed or injured in them to learn a better and ers. the migrant process, indicat- cleaner way of life. Then they ing a deplorable condition. When will be willing to take care of It will be found that the proturn out to be a casualty.

Editor's Note: November 25 This we don't like to see, but Broadcasting System the death toll for the past holi- been conditions that are not is done in a way to keep them presented nationally a television day weekend was 588 people, good, but I can cite living condi-program "Harvest of Shame", with 430 of them caused by trafproduced by Edward R. Murrow fic accidents. This we don't like grants but permanent citizens, and Fred Friendly. Their pre- to see either. Neither do we like that we would not allow to exist sentation of the migrant labor to see a whole football team, on my own farm. Nobody seems raise cotton, or something else, situation has been criticized by minus two, wiped out by a plane to be concerned about that.

things to influence the public.

The whole show discredited dollar a day looked well-fed, inthe farmer for hiring these peo- deed. This seemed ridiculous. ple. I know what we have to Pickers in our area make a dolcontend with to keep living con- lar or more an hour, not a day.

November 30 in a Migrant ditions halfway respectable for

pro and con, in regard to the better their financial condition and refreshment is ridiculous, by coming to the fruit and ve- too. I am a horticulturist and use getable harvests that somebody We will never get any of our misrepresented make the farmer to be a shame- by misrepresenting conditions ful employer.

We never will make much pro- here and there, and inferring As an example, on the show it gress with these people until we that this is the general condition.

thousands, or hundreds of thou- the facilities the farmer provides accer is much more willing to sit sands of people expose themsel- for them. And when they do, down and discuss these probves to traffic hazards, it is the farmer is going to be much lems, or any other problems, inevitable that somebody may more willing to provide better when other people concerned facilities for them. are willing to do so in a factual

irritated all the time.

Why don't you put on another show to indicate the other side of the picture? Of farmers who but have a slack time and come North to make some extra There are many statements money? Who make \$20 to \$50 a and many questions asked on the day for their families. program for which the obvious

We have written a \$1,500 answer left no chance for elaborcheck for a man and his wife ation or explanation. The woman when they left for Florida. This, who said she made less than a in addition to other checks we had given him, which, together with other money we know he earned, amounted to another \$1,500 or more. Every year he The comparing of human became, he was driving a new Ford ings to cattle is repulsive. The station wagon. For two weeks at a time he and his wife have earned \$50 per day.

If you asked me today how much money I have in my pocket, I would have to answer \$17. Does this mean that I didn't earn \$5,000 or more? Or that I spent the rest in a tavern, or many as a whole, by picking out extaverns, for many things that treme conditions and statements you or I would not think were wise?

> The point is, many would have only \$1.45 left no matter what they may have earned.

I guess what we are trying to say is that the real problem is one of human conduct.

> WALTER W. WIGHTMAN President Michigan Farm Bureau

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