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Vote "NO" on Con-Con Proposal April 3 Map Shows Areas That Would Dominate Proposed Con-Con



Prepared by Michigan Townships Association

This map shows graphically the distribution of delegates to any future constitutional convention which would be held in Michigan.

Each dot indicates the location of a delegate to any Con-Con which would be held under the terms of the new provisions of the constitution which were embodied in Proposal No. 3 which was adopted by a rather weak vote last November 8.

Hereafter, there would be one delegate for each of the 34 Senators and one for each of the 110 Representatives in the State Legislature. Thus, over three-fourths of the delegates would come from House Districts which are apportioned primarily on a population basis.

This concentration is well-intended to insure complete metropolitan domination of any future Con-Con.

The concentration of dots in the Detroit metropolitan area shows that there would be 56 delegates from the three metropolitan counties of Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb. The distribution would be 45 from Wayne, 7 from Oakland, and 4 from Macomb.

Three of the other largest delegations would come from counties contiguous to this central core of metropolitan strength. Genesee would be entitled to 5, Saginaw 3, and Washtenaw 3 delegates. Kent county would have 6 delegates.

Thus, those 7 counties would have 73 delegates to any future Con-Con, which would be more than a majority of the 144 total. The remaining 76 counties would elect only 71 delegates.

Of course, in practice, Wayne, Oakland and Macomb, with a total of 56 delegates would have so much influence that it would be easy for them

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Michigan Apples to California

THE FIRST TRUCKLOAD of Michigan apples ever sent to California markets left the state early in February for Los Angeles. One of five such refrigerated units, this truck was loaded with McIntosh apples from controlled atmosphere storage at Bailey, Muskegon county.

At the send-off were, left to right: Jack Willobe, South Haven; Rodney Bull, Casnovia grower-shipper; Fred Hasler, director of merchandising, Michigan State Apple Commission; Mrs. Jack Brown, Sparta grower; Edwin Mawby, Rockford grower; Willard Braman, Belding shipper; H. F. Patterson, secretary-manager of the Apple Commission.

Mr. Patterson said opening of California markets to Michigan apples held in controlled atmosphere storage is a vast new potential for marketing.

Public is Invited Sen. Goldwater Speaks at MSU March 7

U. S. citizens have lost claim to their own money because moral principles are omitted today from discussions of increased governmental taxation.

Citizens have been persuaded that the government has an unlimited claim on the wealth of the people.

This is the position that U. S. Senator Barry Goldwater will clarify as he speaks at the Michigan State University Auditorium on Tuesday evening, March 7 at 8:00 p.m. under the auspices of the Michigan State Conservation Club. The public is invited. Admission is free.

Senator Goldwater has chosen as his topic "Conservatism in This Age."

"It is only through a determined assault on the principle of unlimited government that the American people will obtain relief from high taxes and will start making progress toward regaining their freedom," Senator Goldwater says.

This Edition 73,817 copies of the Michigan Farm News were mailed to subscribers.

Blue Cross Option Will be Made Available

The Michigan Farm Bureau has been advised by the Michigan Hospital Service that its Board of Trustees at a recent meeting approved the offering of a high benefit contract with a high cost, and a lower benefit contract with a lower cost, as an option on an individual choice basis.

Farm Bureau has urged Michigan Hospital Service to develop an optional plan. After a recent conference with Blue Cross officials, the Board of Trustees considered this matter and approved the idea.

There has been no announcement as to the difference in benefits and the difference in cost, but it is expected that the difference will be great enough so that the optional low cost plan will be accepted favorably by many Farm Bureau members.

Further information regarding the plan and its cost will be announced as soon as the Michigan Hospital Service can develop this information. We will assist in keeping Farm Bureau members informed.

250 Attend MFB Freedom Conference

"The source of our freedom is religion, and particularly the Christian religion," said Dr. Russell Kirk, professor of political science at C. W. Post College, at Michigan Farm Bureau's 3rd annual Freedom Conference at Lansing February 7 and 8.

The conference brought together 250 leaders from County Farm Bureaus. They wanted information and inspiration as to what individual persons can do in the United States, a fight against Communist propaganda, and how to inform themselves and others in the fight to keep our American form of government strong.

"The whole life of the citizen in Communist nations is subject to the Communist propaganda machine," said Dr. Richard Starna, professor of political science at Emory University. "A man's work is controlled by the state. Nothing appears in written or spoken form without Communist party approval."

Dr. Starna made it plain that a soft attitude toward Russia is a one-way street. "We cannot agree to stop telling the truth about Communism," he said, "if the other side agrees to stop telling their lies."

"No one wants to lose his freedom," said MFB President Walter Wightman, but here are some ideas that will bring complete control by government:

- 1-The idea that government has money for everything. It gets money from you.
- 2-That idea that government aid doesn't bring control by government.
- 3-The idea that government can do better for us than we can do for ourselves.

Tractor Accidents

Since 1950, tractors crushed to death at least 22 pre-kindergarten children in Michigan, say Michigan State University farm safety specialists.

MFB Organizes New Agr'l Marketing Association

Michigan Agricultural Marketing Association, the state's newest farm marketing organization, was started February 21 as an affiliate of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Incorporation papers for the new Association will be filed under Michigan's agricultural cooperative laws.

The new organization will promote better marketing conditions and relationships for Michigan producers and processors. It will enable growers to organize voluntarily and bargain collectively with buyers. It is expected to strengthen the bargaining position of producers through methods now in the planning stage.

Walter W. Wightman of Fennville is president of Michigan Agricultural Marketing Ass'n. Robert Smith of Clawrenceville is vice-president; Florence Prentice of Lansing, secretary-manager; Lee Monroe of Lansing, treasurer.

Work of the Association will be coordinated by the Marketing Development Division of Michigan Farm Bureau. Ward Cooper is manager.

President Wightman said the new marketing and bargaining Association is the result of action taken by the Board of Delegates at the 1959 annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

"The delegates adopted a resolution urging Farm Bureau to become more active in strengthening existing marketing facilities, and to assume a position of leadership in bringing together representatives for commodity groups that have not yet acquired sufficient strength to bargain for the growers they represent," Mr. Wightman said.

The new officers said the Agr'l Marketing Association will cooperate with and extend the efforts of the American Agricultural Marketing Association—a nation-wide effort launched by the American Farm Bureau a year ago.

Together they will work to place Michigan farm products in

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Legislature Receives Over 300 Proposals

The Way the Wind Blows on Farm Program

The winds blow unfavorably at times on President Kennedy's platform proposals for higher farm support prices and more government controls for agriculture.

1 — January 26 Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman had a conference with national and regional farm leaders for "recommendations" to the Administration regarding the farm program.

Secretary Freeman got plenty of recommendations, but no agreement, between Farm Bureau, Farmers Union, Grange, and the farmers' cooperative groups regarding what the government should do to increase farm income, curb overproduction of some crops, and how to dispose of surpluses.

The American Farm Bureau (1,600,000 member families) said its first recommendation is that the government take effective steps to stabilize the value of the dollar, and consider the possible effects on farm costs in its policy decisions.

"Farmers have been hurt more by rising costs than by falling prices," said AFBF President Charles B. Shuman.

Farm Bureau urged voluntary reduction in cropland in amount to bring farm production in balance with demand.

Farm Bureau opposed higher price supports as leading to more surpluses. It opposed compulsory production and marketing controls as steps leading to increased government control over individual farming operations, with reduced efficiency and smaller markets.

National Farmers Union (400,000 members) favored 100% parity price supports and production and marketing controls by government.

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New Markets Open For Onions, Apples

Wider markets for at least two Michigan farm products were realized early in February with movement of about 50 cars of onions to Europe and shipment of apples to California, according to G. S. McIntyre, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Shipment of both products carried certificates of Federal-State inspection service, and in the case of apples there was an accompanying certification of the Michigan Department of Agriculture that the fruit complied with California's bureau of plant quarantine standards. Under those standards only certified controlled atmosphere (C/A) storage apples are eligible.

The onions were being moved to New York for export to the Netherlands, Germany, and Sweden.

Farm Bureau for Some of Them

Well Over Half Are Described as Undesirable from Farm Bureau Point of View

STANLEY M. POWELL

Legislative Counsel of Michigan Farm Bureau

Although there has been some criticism that the Michigan Legislature is not making much progress, over 300 bills and proposed constitutional amendments have been introduced and are receiving committee consideration.

While some of these measures are in line with Farm Bureau policy, well over half are undesirable from our point of view. Certainly that could be said of most of the 30 proposed constitutional amendments which have been introduced to date.

Many of them would lengthen the term of office of elected state and county officials, or greatly broaden the Governor's power to appoint members of the state administrative board and Supreme Court justices, all of whom are now elected directly by the people.

The very first proposed constitutional amendment introduced in the House, HJR "A", would not only lengthen the term of members of the Legislature from two to four years, but would provide for apportioning both the Senate and the House on a strictly population basis, with no other factors being taken into consideration.

HJR "D" would remove the debt ceiling established in the Constitution and permit incurring a debt of any size without having it approved in advance by the voters.

Among all the proposed constitutional amendments there is one that is directly in line with Farm Bureau policy. This is HJR "F" which would restrict the qualifications for voting on increasing property tax millage for school operation purposes. At present, any qualified elector can vote to raise the millage above that approved by the county tax allocation board.

This proposal would limit voting on such a question to the property tax payers, and their spouses, living in the district affected by the proposed tax rate increase. That is the same qualification as now prevails for voting on a bond issue or the direct expenditure of public money.

Another proposal definitely in line with the Farm Bureau's legislative policy is H. 8 which is intended to discourage stealing of Christmas trees from roadsides and private and public property. At present, up to six Christmas trees can be transported by any person without a bill of sale or other evidence of ownership.

This bill provides an exemption for the transporting by any person of not more than two Christmas trees between November 30 and December 31 of any year. This bill has been reported favorably by the House Committee on Agriculture.

Another proposal directly in line with Farm Bureau policy is H. 37 which would establish a self-financing potato promotional program to be administered through the Michigan Department of Agriculture. Even before this bill had been printed, a very well attended public hearing was

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AAMA Asparagus Advisory Committee

AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL Marketing Association's asparagus advisory committee is pictured during a meeting December 30, in Chicago. Seated (from left) are Floyd Phillips, Sandwich, Illinois; Keith Reeve, Stockton, California; Charles B. Shuman, president of the American

can Farm Bureau Federation and the Marketing Association; Bela Kennedy, Bangor, Michigan; William Hancock, Morristown, New Jersey; and Gene R. Coe, Washington Asparagus Growers Association. Standing (from left) are Kenneth Hood, AFBF commodity division director; Harold

J. Hartley, assistant director, AFBF Commodity division, and Wayne Tyler, AAMA field director. AAMA is an affiliate of AFBF. Unable to attend were John Mancuso, Tracy, California, and Richard Garrison, Sunny-side, Washington. (See related Story Page 2.)



AAMA Tomato Advisory Committee

THE TOMATO ADVISORY committee of the American Agricultural Marketing Association are shown as they met December 29, at Chicago. Seated (from left) are Donald Nesbitt, Albion, New York; R. Robert Cousins, LaSalle, Michigan; Robert Sumner, Tiffin, Ohio; William Bleier, New Tripoli, Pennsylvania; and Charles B. Shuman, American

can Farm Bureau Federation president and president of the Marketing Association, an AFBF affiliate. Standing (from left) are Wayne Tyler, AAMA field director; John Pew, Jr., Mount Holly, New Jersey; Kenneth Hood, AFBF commodity division director; Wilford Egbert, West Jordan, Utah; Harold J. Hartley,

assistant director, AFBF commodity division; Albert Elzings, Dyer, Indiana; Leonard D. Carmichael, Rochelle, Illinois; George S. McConnell, Dell City, Texas; and Keith Reeve, Stockton, California. Willard Oakley, Salisbury, Maryland, the other committee member, was unable to attend. (See related Story Page 2.)

Michigan Farm Bureau



PURPOSE OF FARM BUREAU

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

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President's Column



WALTER W. WIGHTMAN

The wheels of most of the state legislatures and the Congress are beginning to turn. The number of bills that will be dumped into the hopper are too numerous to mention. Most will never be heard of.

Over 260 bills have already been introduced into the Michigan Legislature. Some will be ruled out. The more important ones will come to the top and be acted upon.

In the Congress, 1,500 bills have already been dumped into the hopper. Sometimes, many Congressmen will put in bills of similar nature on the same subject. Obviously, only one would eventually get consideration, or one that is composed of parts all of them.

Some Congressman or Senator has to let his constituency know that he is doing something. So he writes up a bill and throws it in the hopper even if he knows ten or fifteen others have put in a similar one on the same subject. And, so the public often suffers from the effect of unwise legislation that we could do better without.

The political attitude in Congress is to do all things for everybody, when the real responsibility of government should be only to pass or make such laws as will make it possible for its citizens to better help themselves.

made special efforts to build their organization. With 12 remaining to reach goal, Carlton VanDrese went out one afternoon and returned with 6 new memberships.

The following morning he added two more. With this "shot in the arm" and only 4 remaining to reach goal, Delta reached goal the following day.

Houghton County Farm Bureau initiated a project that may have a lasting effect on agriculture in Houghton county. The Board of Directors purchased a pure bred Holstein heifer calf from the U.P. Experiment Station at Chatham which was presented to the 4-H Council to be given to a young 4-H member in the dairy project. The recipient of this calf is to give the first heifer calf to the Council to be given to another young 4-H member. It is hoped that this project will be carried on over a period of years.

Citizenship activities have been strengthened in the area through a series of meetings held this past month where "Communism on the Map" and "Understanding the American Way" were shown. A discussion led by J. Delbert Wells followed the showing of the slides. The general public was invited to the meetings. Indications are that this activity will increase.

Looking back over the years, it seems the urge to do something for farmers by the politicians has resulted in doing more harm than good. When we study some of the laws that have been put on the books, with intent to help farmers, we find that many of them have worked the other way.

It is almost impossible to write a law affecting agriculture that the farmers can't find a way to circumvent and, in effect, make it useless.

We never have had a federal law that has really controlled production. There never has been a law that says a farmer can't put twice as much fertilizer on less acres and, in the end, produce more. Most price support programs have helped the larger producer make more money but have done very little for the little guy that they were supposed to help. In the end, they have only caused more trouble. The wheat situation is a good example.

Then, again, if somebody writes a farm bill that could help solve some farm problem, as the American Farm Bureau Federation has often done, it is almost impossible to get it passed without the politicians messing it up so it can't do what it was intended to do.

Wheeler McMillen, in the last issue of Farm Journal, said, "Any law that limits the citizen's right to choose is likely to bring bad consequences. Farmers have solved millions more problems for themselves than government ever solved for them."

This is something that we could well think over. Those bad, stormy days and evenings in the winter could be the most valuable days of the year if we spent them planning how we could improve the economic condition of our individual farms next year. If we are not doing just that, maybe we are not using one of the best opportunities that we have to help ourselves.

Incidentally, you have a lot of friends, both in the State Legislature and in Congress. It's a good idea to let them hear from you on any issues you are interested in.

tion to solve their marketing problems.

(2) Report on and get understanding among growers on economic conditions in each of the areas that affect producers of tomatoes, apples, and asparagus.

(3) Exchange information that will assist growers in their business operations.

"The value of the work of these advisory committees and of State Farm Bureau leaders in helping to organize the operations of this Association on the soundest possible basis cannot be overstated," Mr. Shuman said.

"With responsible bargaining power, farmers themselves can do much to eliminate devastating price fluctuations and to earn a better income by tailoring the quality and quantity of production to needs of the market."

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Agr'l Marketing
 AFBF Advisory
 Committees
 Start Work

Marketing problems of the nation's fruit and vegetable growers are coming in for intensive discussion these days by newly-formed advisory committees of the American Agricultural Marketing Association.

Advisory committee members—leading growers in their respective commodity fields—were nominated by State Farm Bureau presidents and appointed by Charles B. Shuman, president of the marketing association. The association is an affiliate of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Members of the Association's apple advisory committee held their first meeting February 10 at Chicago. Meetings of the tomato advisory committee and the asparagus advisory committee were held during the last week in December.

The meetings are designed

(1) Enable each committee member to present ideas that will put growers in a better position

to all Farm Bureau women.

This looks like enough information and activity for this writing. I would like to finish by making this comment—The most important thing Farm Bureau members can do, between now and the next Roll Call, is: BUILD A COUNTY PROGRAM.

Farm Bureau
 In Upper
 Peninsula

Two outstanding young farmers were honored at a recognition banquet held at Escanaba February 4. This annual event is sponsored by the Escanaba Junior Chamber of Commerce with the assistance of the Delta and Menominee County Farm Bureaus.

George Terrien was chosen the outstanding young farmer of Delta County and Norman Tuinstra received the recognition as Menominee's young farmer of the year.

Iron County was the first county in the U.P. District to reach membership goal and celebrated with a Victory Party February 11. Over 150 persons attended, including representatives of the press and radio.

Dinner music was provided by Kathy Strom on the Hammond organ. All the entertainment was provided by members of Farm Bureau families. It was encouraging to find such talent within the organization.

Special recognition was given to two individuals who signed up a total of 25 new members in the drive. Eino Kaski turned in 13 new applicants and Herman Reimers, was credited with 12 new members. Who said it couldn't be done? Our hats are off for some of our dedicated membership workers.

Delta County was second to reach goal. Here too, special recognition is due individuals who

to exchange ideas and methods that would strengthen farmers' bargaining power.

Washington Trip—31 Farm Bureau members from 11 counties will be going to Washington Feb. 26-March 1 to see Congress in action and visit our American Farm Bureau Federation offices.

MARCH MEETINGS

The Spring Institutes are being held on a district basis for the purpose of discussing the duties and responsibilities of the following committees: Executive, Membership, Community Group, Resolutions, and Farm Bureau Young People Advisors.

Dairy Seminar—The meeting will be made up of the State Dairy Committee and other outstanding dairy leaders.

Women's District Council meetings—These are always held at this time mainly to prepare the way for the Spring District Women's meetings which are open

Today in Farm Bureau

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

I would like to begin this article by calling your attention to the membership picture, — 67,700 paid or 93.8% of goal. There is still a group of unpaid 1960 members totaling 6,700. This is a 9.5% cancellation. This is too high.

As you read this, we have just completed the final state-wide drive to reach our 1961 membership goal. I have not received the final total, so am not sure where we stand in relation to our Michigan Farm Bureau goal of 72,105.

May I express my appreciation to everyone who had a part in the 1961 campaign. Remember, it is voluntary leaders that get the job done, not paid staff.

Before I leave this subject, let me add, that no matter what our membership total is, I'm sure there are still a few farmers who aren't members and should be invited yet this year. Have you invited one yet?

These are busy days for Farm Bureau with some very important meetings.

FEBRUARY MEETINGS

The Freedom Conference was held Feb. 7 and 8 with the largest attendance of the three held so far, plus the many comments saying it was an excellent meeting.

Presidents' Conference — 54 County Farm Bureaus were represented by their President or substitute. Many subjects were discussed such as:

Membership definition
 Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting and delegates
 Roll Call
 Service-to-member programs
 Plus many others of interest to them

Marketing Seminar sponsored by our Market Development Division Feb. 23. Those in attendance were boards of directors of marketing associations and other interested agricultural leaders. The purpose of the meeting was

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

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

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- acted during the meeting;
- 2—Record all motions made and by whom;
- 3—Keep an attendance record;
- 4—Read the minutes of the previous meeting;
- 5—Read correspondence as requested by the chairman (and keep on file if that is considered desirable);
- 6—Read the current minutes for approval before the group adjourns so that they can correct if necessary.

Between Group meetings the Community Group secretary may have some jobs to do:

- 1—She will answer correspondence or write letters in line

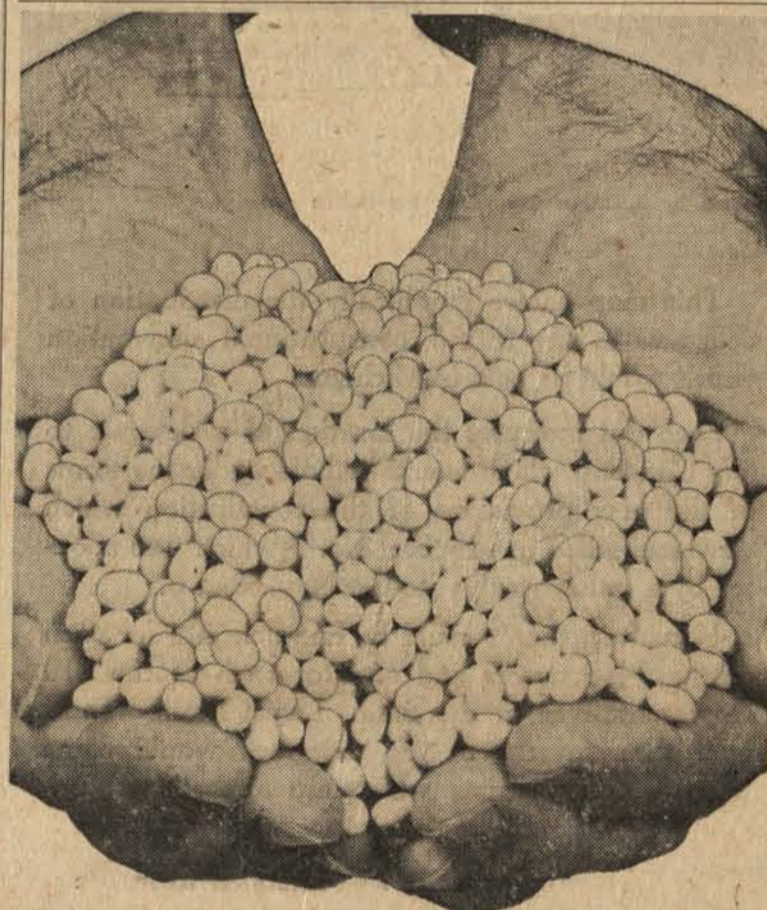
- with the request of the group;
- 2—She should attend and record meetings of officers or committees;
- 3—She should send minutes to the county and state offices in line with adopted procedures;
- 4—She may even be asked to transact business or make contact as directed by the group or the officers.

Finally, as a Community Group officer, she is generally responsible for calling the meeting to order if the chairman and vice-chairman are both absent.

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Next time you see a truck or truck-trailer on the road, remember—everything you eat, wear, or use comes all or part of the way to you by truck transport.

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Saves Labor Applying Fertilizer

New Machine Spreads 30 to 50 Feet Wide

The new improvement in Farm Bureau's plant food service is a fast, accurate, and uniform method of broadcasting fertilizer. It is a time and labor saver.

After months of research and field-testing, Farm Bureau Services has the answer in a piece of equipment that is available through most Farm Bureau Services fertilizer dealers.

It is the Belt Brod-Kastor which spreads fertilizer from 30 to 50 feet in width in a controlled pattern.

Soil compaction is reduced because of the equipment's light weight and the few trips needed to spread a field.

In a recent survey conducted by the FBS Plant Food Division, 71% of the farmers interviewed wanted fertilizer spread by such equipment to save labor and time.

In a test conducted several weeks ago on the farm of Elton R. Smith near Caledonia, Kent county, the Belt Brod-Kastor was put through its paces. Farmers and the fertilizer dealers present were satisfied that the equipment would spread fertilizer faster, more efficiently, and in the desired pattern.

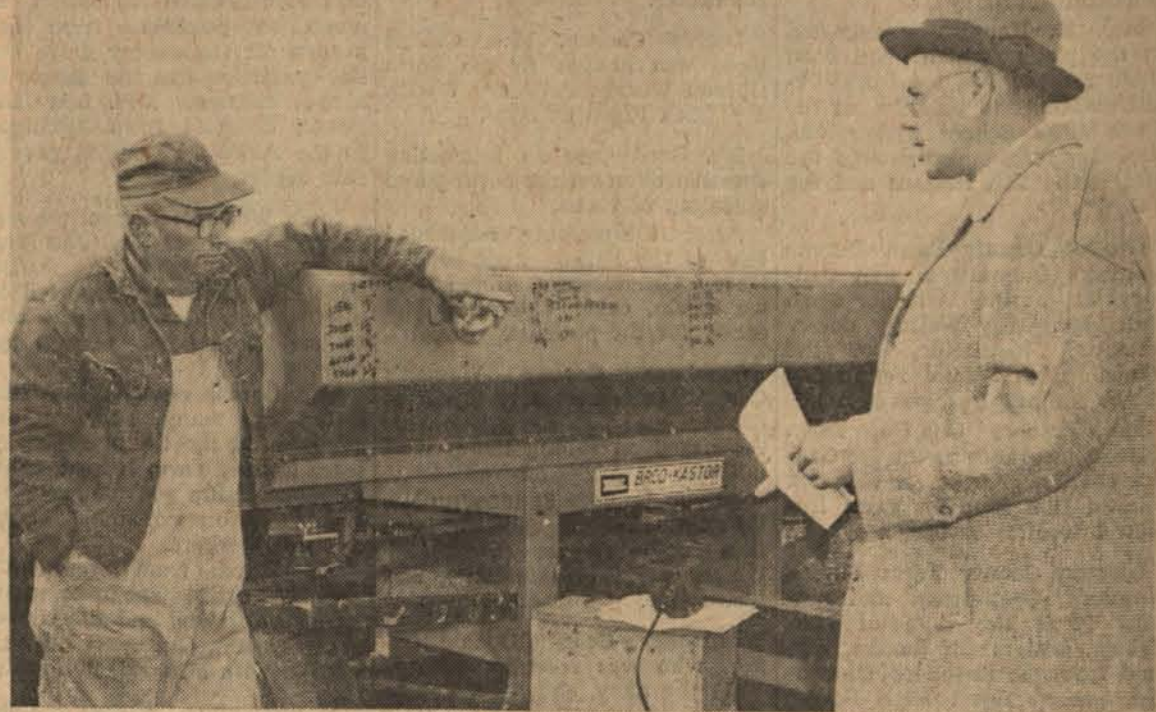
Farm Bureau has made three major improvements in fertilizers to help farmers make more money:

1—By manufacturing only high analysis fertilizers to provide more plant food per ton and to reduce transportation and handling costs. In 1960 Farm Bureau fertilizers averaged 41% plant food per ton. The state average was 37%.

2—Farm Bureau Services was

Tomato from Seed - 70 Days

A new, extra early tomato that actually produced ripe fruit in 70 days from seed sown outside. This year grow your tomatoes from seed. Send 10 cents for trial packet to Jung Seed Co., Box 210-T, Randolph, Wisconsin, the developer. You will also receive pkt. of Giant Hybrid Zinnias and Jung's 54th full color catalog. Try Jung's this year for the best in seeds, bulbs, shrubs, trees at a saving.



ELTON R. SMITH (left) of Caledonia, Kent county, discusses the operation of the Belt Brod-Kastor fertilizer spreader with Don Cook, manager of fertilizer distribution for Farm Bureau Services, Inc. The machine broadcasts fertilizer in a controlled pattern for 30 to 50 feet in width. Its function is to save labor and time, and money.

one of the first to equip its plants to manufacture fertilizers in which the ingredients are chemically combined in the granules for uniform fertilizer.

3—Farm Bureau has been one of the first to promote the economies of bulk spreading of fertilizer . . . and continues to make improvements in that field.

Traction
A sack of chicken grit in the car may come in handy when you get stuck, say Michigan State University farm safety specialists. Grit often provides better traction than sand.

Water Use Up
Americans now use at least 400 per cent more water each day than they did in 1900, and needs may double by 1975, say Michigan State University conservation specialists.

Railroad
Switzerland was among the very first of the world's nations to establish a railroad.



THIS TOP VIEW of the Belt Brod-Kastor fertilizer spreader shows the ease of loading it. The large hopper works as well for bagged fertilizer as it does for



BELT BROD-KASTOR is described as spreading pellet or granular fertilizer four times faster than the usual application equipment. It spreads fertilizer up to 50 feet in width, depending upon the nature of the material.

Alpena's 4-Day Blitz Fires Up County Farm Bureau Program

Alpena County Farm Bureau county and Community Farm Bureau leaders held a 4-day "blitz" the week of January 23 for the purpose of strengthening the County Farm Bureau program.

Starting Monday evening, January 23, the County Executive Committee, Community Group Committee, and one person from each Community group gathered in the County Extension office to review their total Farm Bureau program. They reviewed the Farm Bureau structure, makeup, programs, and responsibilities of the various committees and officers.

Tuesday afternoon the County Citizenship Committee, along with one person per Community Group met at the Adolore Rouleau home in Alpena and reviewed the Citizenship program and set up their long range plans for action.

Tuesday night the Community group met and was visited by one of the Community Group Committee officers and a state staff member.

Wednesday afternoon the chairman of the County Legislative Committee was contacted by one County Board member and one state staff member and plans and problems were reviewed for activating the legislative program in the county.

Wednesday night a new Community group was established south of Alpena using five young farmers and their wives as a nucleus. Representatives from the Wolf Creek Community group had made the contacts and called the meeting and are helping the new group get started.

Thursday a Community Group Officer's training school was held at the Wilson town hall with 61 people in attendance. The meeting ran from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The day was spent (1) discussing the overall Farm Bureau program and plan of operations, (2) special training for

Young People Announce Coming Events

This issue of the Michigan Farm News is carrying the first of a series of articles on Young People's activities. Since the membership of Michigan Farm Bureau includes all young people from Farm Bureau families, it is not possible to send the Torch as has been the practice in the past.

This column will carry news of the Farm Bureau Young People's activities from the counties, districts and state. If your county has an interesting project that you are carrying out, please inform the state office.

A spring Leadership Conference and the Leadership Formal will be held Saturday, May 13. The all-day meeting will be designed to assist county committee members in performing their duties in the county. The Spring Formal will be held in the evening for all Farm Bureau Young People.

Cathy Milet of Lapeer county is chairman of the committee. Details will be announced in the next edition of the Farm News.

Camps. Plans for the Farm Bureau Young People's Camp are progressing rapidly. The dates and location are all set. The committee plans on having all details worked out by the April district Young People's meetings. The camps will be limited to about 100 people each and will be on a first come—first served basis. All young people 14 years of age and older who are members of a Farm Bureau family will be eligible to attend a camp.

Clear Lake Camp at Dowling, Barry county, will be the site of the southern camp and will open Wednesday afternoon, June 14 and close Sunday morning, June 18. This camp has been used by the Farm Bureau Young People for several years and provides many good facilities.

Camp Kett. The Young People will have the privilege of being one of the first groups to use Camp Kett for the northern camp this year. The dates of this camp will be June 21 to June 25.

Folders describing the camp and pre-registration forms will be available at the district meetings and all county offices and secretaries after the meeting. The Camp Committee is: Patricia Murphy of Hastings, chair-

man; Nancy Hutchins, Rochester; Bertha Milet, Lansing; and Tom Jeffries, West Branch.

District Meetings. The spring series of Farm Bureau Young People's district meetings will be held during April. The new Young People's Program will be presented to the young people's committees or interested young people in the counties. The State Committeeman from the district will be in charge of the meeting. Lester Bollwahn, coordinator of Farm Bureau Young People, will lead a discussion on the Young People's Program.

The location of the meetings have not been set, but dates for each district are as follows:

- 1 — April 11
- 2 — April 20
- 3 — April 10
- 4 — April 3
- 5 — April 12
- 6 — April 22
- 7 — April 6
- 8 — April 17
- 9 — April 19
- 10 — April 18

575 Enroll in MSU Agr'l Short Courses

About 575 Michigan young people are taking advantage of a special opportunity to prepare for jobs related to agriculture.

"That number will have enrolled in Michigan State University's 1960-61 short course program," says Harold A. Henne-

About 216 young men are enrolling this year in a practical farm short course. They spend from 8 to 32 weeks on campus.

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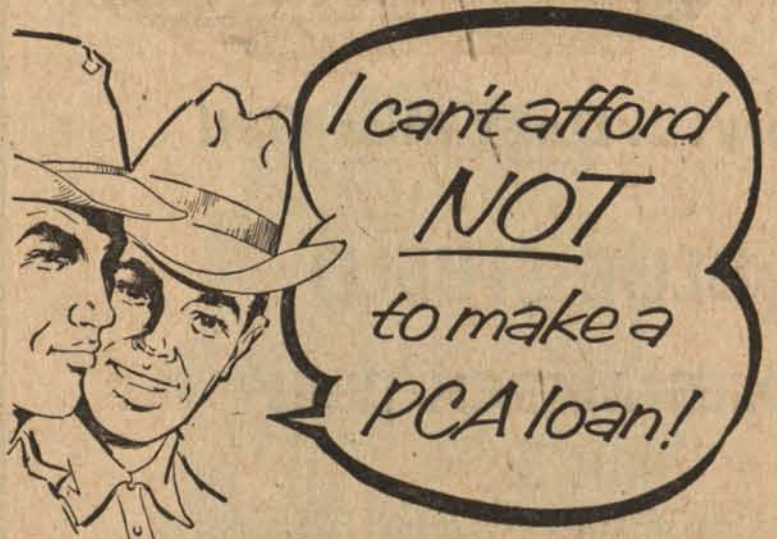
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responsibilities of each office (3) reviewing the Citizenship and Young Peoples program (4) practicing singing the Farm Bureau song under the skillful direction of Rev. Schultz, a local pastor (5) reviewing the slide presentation "What Does Liberty Mean to You."

Thursday night a meeting was held with young farmers who were Farm Bureau members but not members of Farm Bureau groups. This meeting was designed to get the young farmers better informed on the total Farm Bureau program, to acquaint them with some of the issues of the day and review the possibilities of establishing some more Community groups of young farmers. Invitations were sent to 60 young farmers by the Community Group Committee. Due to an extremely bad night, there were about 25 people present.

One new group is being formed in the Green township area as a result of the meeting. The "blitz" was sponsored by the County Community Group Committee. Mrs. Alex Kennedy, secretary of the County Committee, coordinated the activities for the week. Mrs. Kennedy attended all of the meetings. They were assisted throughout the week by J. Delbert Wells, Michigan Farm Bureau staff member in charge of Family Program Division.

The Farm Bureau visual aids were used during the week. The slide topic presentation entitled, "Understanding the American Way" was used Monday night; "What is Freedom Worth You?" was shown Thursday at the training school, and "Communism on the Map" was shown to the young farmers on Thursday night.

Thursday a Community Group Officer's training school was held at the Wilson town hall with 61 people in attendance. The meeting ran from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The day was spent (1) discussing the overall Farm Bureau program and plan of operations, (2) special training for

Mastitis
The belief that higher daily milk yields by a cow may dispose her toward mastitis has not been proved, according to Earl Weaver, Michigan State University dairy professor.

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Offers Farm Interphone to Help Farmers

Michigan Bell Telephone Company has introduced a new communications system for the farm.

The new system is called the Farm Interphone. It combines for the first time the household telephone's role of handling outside calls with a wide range of intercommunications for the farm family.

The system was viewed by thousands of visitors at Michigan State University's annual Farmers' Week Jan. 31 through Feb. 3.

Michigan Bell has filed an application with the Michigan Public Service Commission asking authorization to offer the Farm Interphone and said it plans to introduce the new system to its farm customers early this spring.

With the new system, which includes telephones and loudspeaker-microphone units, farm families can talk to and from any telephone on the farm, call someone to the phone, or talk on a private or "broadcast" basis between different points on the farm.

Farm Interphone also can be used to monitor the barn, other buildings, or selected outdoor areas at all times.

Farm Interphone enables the farmer to remain in constant touch with outside contacts. For example, his wife can answer in coming call and hold the call on the line while talking over the intercom system to her husband in the barn or barnyard. Her voice is "broadcast" throughout the farm wherever there is an Interphone or outside loudspeaker.

The farmer can hear and answer without stopping work or touching the communications system. His wife can either relay his message to the caller, or the farmer can go to the nearest



Farm Interphone 2-Way Loudspeaker

phone and handle the call himself.

The basic Farm Interphone system includes a master phone in the house, an extension in the barn or another building, a two-way loudspeaker located outdoors, and a transistorized control unit. Each phone is equipped with a special loudspeaker microphone and a button which enables the phone to be used for intercom purposes or regular phone calls. Additional phones and loudspeakers are available.

The system permits either private or "broadcast" intercom calls. If both parties use the telephones, their conversation is private. Otherwise, only one party needs to use the telephone, and the message is "broadcast" over all the interphone units.

Another advantage is that calls aren't missed as the telephone ring can be heard throughout the farm and answered wherever there's a phone.

The basic charge for the new system is \$11.50 a month, with a one-time installation fee of \$25. Additional extension phones with speaker-microphone units are \$1.50 a month each. Added outdoor loudspeakers are \$2 a

THOMAS P. MacLACHLAN of Michigan Bell Telephone Company explains to Judy Peck the Farm Interphone system's two-way loudspeaker - microphone. Located in the barn or outdoors, it permits the farmer to hear and answer his wife over the intercom system. The loudspeaker also broadcasts the telephone ring.

month each, and additional indoor-type speaker - microphone units \$1.25 a month each. The Farm Interphone is tax deductible as a business expense for farmers when used in the business operation of their farms.

Legislature Receives Over 300 Proposals

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held on it by the Senate and House Committees on Agriculture.

There was a large attendance of growers, handlers, and processors and the preponderance of testimony was very definitely in support of the proposal.

Dairy. Thus far, the two important dairy proposals which are favored by the Michigan Farm Bureau, have not been introduced. They are the proposal to provide a unified inspection program for dairy farms and processing plants under control of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, and a bill to improve dairy marketing conditions by providing for price posting and the outlawing of certain specified unfair trade practices which have wrought havoc with the dairy prices in many markets.

From now on we can expect developments in the Michigan Legislature to come quite thick and fast as the lawmakers begin to think of a schedule for winding up the work of the 1961 session. This means that we should not delay letting our Senators and Representatives know our thinking on proposals which have been, or should be, introduced.

Map Shows Areas

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to completely dominate a convention. Their delegates would undoubtedly be very definitely pro-labor in their attitude and philosophy on all important constitutional provisions.

One of the provisions of Proposal No. 3, adopted by the voters last fall, is that the question of calling a Con-Con under the new setup and rules will be submitted to the voters at the April 3, 1961 election.

The Michigan Farm Bureau strongly urges defeat of this proposal.

The Farm Bureau points out that it is far better to consider each proposed change individually on its own merits, as Michigan citizens have been doing year by year, rather than to submit an entirely new document which would contain so many changes that there would be wide-spread confusion as to all that might be involved.

Those opposing a Con-Con must vote "No" to register their wishes. Failure to vote will not be sufficient, as the result of the election will depend on whether there are more YES than NO votes on this issue.

Way Wind Blows On Farm Program

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ernment in terms of pounds, bushels, bales allowed for sale. National Grange (800,000 members) took a middle ground.

2—In Congress February 1 leaders for both parties for farm legislation advised building on existing farm legislation. They saw little prospect for any major changes.

3—An Administration study committee on agriculture studied increases in price supports for major commodities. It's opinion is that farmers will not support drastic controls by government on production and marketing, which have been expressed in terms of "pounds, bushels, and bales, etc."

Appointments by Secretary Freeman have included two men who believe in higher farm prices if accompanied by strict controls on production and marketing. They are:

Dr. Willard W. Cochrane, agricultural economist at the University of Minnesota. His job is economic advisor to the Secretary.

Fred. Heinkel, president of the Missouri Farmers Association. His job is to develop a program to raise grain prices, to prevent surpluses and to dispose of surplus grains.

Jackson CoFB Calls Meeting On Con-Con

The Jackson County Farm Bureau is once more engaged in an all-out campaign to inform the citizen's of the county as to why they should all vote NO on April 3 on the proposal to hold a constitutional convention.

Prior to the November 8 election they did such a good job in opposition to Proposal No. 3 that although Jackson is an industrial county and the Jackson daily newspaper was crusading actively and constantly for the Con-Con proposal, 52 per cent of the Jackson county voters who cast a ballot on this issue voted NO.

As a feature of their campaign against the proposal to hold a Con-Con which will be submitted to Michigan voters at the April 3 election, the Jackson County Farm Bureau is arranging a big meeting to be held at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, March 23, in the Jackson County Building with Mr. Joseph A. Parisi, Jr., Director of the Michigan Townships Association, as the speaker. Mr. Parisi is very well informed on this issue and is a very eloquent and forceful speaker.

Several other organizations are cooperating with the Farm Bureau in promoting this rally. It will be open to the public and everyone is invited.

This is a sample of the good work being done in various parts of the state to inform voters as to the seriousness of this proposal to hold a Con-Con and why it would be best to vote NO on this question at the April 3 election.

Opportunities in Farm Related Jobs

Farm related jobs are increasing at least twice as fast as the number of persons qualified to fill them, say Michigan State University agricultural school officials.

Value of Corn Dry or in Silage

Corn grain is just as valuable in corn silage as it is as ground dry corn, say Michigan State University dairy specialists.

land.

However, water used for farm irrigation, manufacturing or other "artificial" uses falls into a different category. "Reasonable" use in these areas depends on the particular situation.

"The Legislature has taken some interest in improving water laws," said Dan Reed, associate legislative counsel for the Michigan Farm Bureau. "However, proposed legislation which may go before the Legislature this year is only a beginning."

In 1959, the Senate passed a bill that would have made lake and stream water available to anyone during flood periods. The bill also would have given legal status to trapping and storing runoff water. It did not become law.

Russell Hill, MSU conservationist, said Michigan farmers are now taking advantage of a 6-year-old federal law in sol-

The law—Congressional Act 566—provides financial and technical aid to communities with flood problems. It stresses the need for land treatment as well as drains and control structures.

Heavy Protein Feeding Not Mastitis Cause

Dairy research at Michigan State University, Oklahoma and the U.S. Department of Agriculture at Beltsville, Md., has shown that heavy protein feeding does not cause mastitis in dairy cows.

C. F. Huffman, MSU dairy researcher, told a Farmers' Week audience that a herd of cows at

the Michigan State Agricultural Experiment Station was fed heavy rations of cottonseed and linseed meal. Not one of the cows getting the high-protein ration got mastitis, although other animals in the herd had this disease.

Some dairymen think that heavy corn feeding "burns out" dairy cows and also brings on mastitis, Huffman said. In the MSU cottonseed experiment, heavy producing cows ate 17 pounds of cottonseed meal and as much as 15 pounds of corn in addition. This 30 pounds of concentrates a day at the height of milk production did not cause any mastitis.

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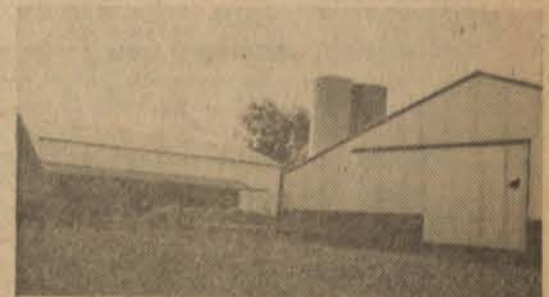
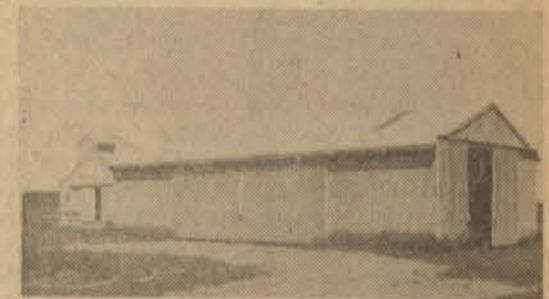
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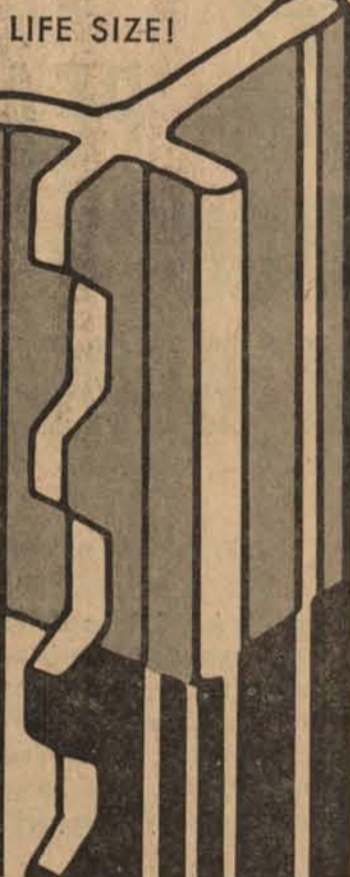
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Farm Bureau's Crop Land Adjustment Program proposes to remove the basic continuing cause of low farm income by starting an immediate reduction of the agricultural plant to a size which will better fit farm output to market needs and open the way for an orderly liquidation of accumulated government stocks.

The Farm Bureau program provides for voluntary participation by all producers, but requires producers who wish to qualify for price supports on wheat, feed grains, soybeans, and flax to participate.

The greatest emphasis is placed on retirement of land now producing wheat and feed grains because these are in the most difficulty at present.

What is the Farm Bureau Crop Land Adjustment proposal and how would it affect your farm? Here are the main features:

- 1-Every farm is eligible to retire crop land from production and get paid for it in cash or "in kind" with grain.
2-If you raise wheat, corn, feed grains, you must reduce crop land acres if you are to receive government price supports on those crops.
3-You are not forced to reduce total crop land acres. You can still market your crops, but without benefit of government price support.

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Women Hear Reed On Con-Con Proposal

Lansing Business and Professional Women heard Farm Bureau's reasons for opposing a Con-Con at their February meeting, held at the Jack Tar Hotel in Lansing on February 21. About 75 members and guests heard Dan E. Reed, Associate Legislative Counsel, urge a NO vote on the Con-Con proposal on the April 3 ballot.

Reed pointed out that a Con-Con would probably cost \$3 to \$4 million dollars and would require two special state-wide elections. "Anything that can be done by a Constitutional Convention can be done by the amendment process," said Reed.

Farm Bureau Opposes Min. Wage Bill

The American Farm Bureau informed Congress February 23 that it opposes House Bill 3935, minimum wage and hour legislation, to increase minimum wages to \$1.25 over a three-year period.

Farm Bureau said the proposal would perpetuate the price-cost squeeze in agriculture.

"Farmers have a major stake in this issue since the price of products they buy for production and use, and the cost of marketing farm products is involved," said Matt Triggs of the AFBF.

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Committees Get Report on Tax Revision

Farm Bureau Legislative Committee members and Minutemen have received a digest of the proposed tax revision program offered by Governor Swainson to the Michigan Legislature in the joint session on February 1. The report was prepared by Dan E. Reed, Associate Legislative Counsel, after an all-day hearing on the plan held at Kellogg Center in East Lansing on February 11.

The Governor insisted that if the only portion of his proposed package which was enacted was the suggested 3% income tax levy, he would veto the bill. He insists that all, or at least a very substantial part of his package must be enacted if it is to receive his approval.

A member of the audience asked whether "our present Constitution would not hamper the enactment of tax reforms." Ira Polley, State Controller and a member of the panel of experts who presented the package said: "I do not believe the present Constitution provides a

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Rogers City WHAK Farm Program 12:00 noon
Saginaw WKNX Saturday 12:40 p.m.
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Tawas City WIOS Saturday 12:15 p.m.

straightjacket on action needed in this area. A Constitutional Convention would not be a panacea for our tax problems."

Propose Migratory Labor Commission

A bill proposing a Migratory Labor Commission has been introduced in the Michigan Legislature by Senators Ryan, Dzendzel, Miron, Brown and Steeh.

Known as S. 1106, the bill was introduced on February 21. Printed copies should be available soon.

Importance of the Group Secretary

(Continued from Page 2) sent. She generally sees that a temporary Chairman is appointed to conduct the meeting so that she can assume her secretarial duties.

The Community Group secretary may be either a man or woman. Without their untiring effort in doing the jobs as outlined above, the Community Group would probably bog down.

Many Attend Legislative Seminars

Excellent attendance is reported at the 1961 legislative seminars. These scheduled meetings bring members of County Farm Bureau Legislative Committees to Lansing to meet with their Legislators and to visit the Capitol and attend sessions of the House and Senate.

Discussions of Governor Swainson's tax revision proposals have been an important part of most of the seminars. The Legislative Committee members have also given consideration to the importance of a strong NO vote on the Constitutional Convention proposal as it will appear on the ballot on April 3.

Farm Bureau opposes a Constitutional Convention because it would not permit voters to pass on each change proposed in our basic document, but would require a vote on a package of proposed changes.

H. J. Webb On Growth In Farming

Expansion in farming can be either a spectacular jump or a steady process of improvement, Harry J. Webb, Van Buren county dairy farmer at Paw Paw told a Farmers' Week audience at Michigan State University.

Mr. Webb said at a forum on "big farming" that farmers must grow at the rate of two or three per cent every year just to stay even with the rest of the economy.

He said that since 1940 he has increased milk production nearly six times with the same amount of labor. In 1940 he milked seven cows on his 90 acres. Last year he had expanded to 256 acres and was milking 35 cows to produce more than a thousand pounds of milk a day with almost no purchased feed.

His crop yields showed a steady increase over the years.

His total investment in farming increased more than four times in the last 20 years.

Spectacular expansion, with more land, new buildings and more livestock, requires more capital and superior management. These resources are available to very few farmers, Webb said.

The more practical approach, he said, is a constant study of the farm business with good records to improve both crop and livestock production. Most farms have almost unlimited possibilities in improving labor efficiency as a means of cutting costs.

Off-Flavor

Any strong-colored feed can cause off-flavors in milk if fed too close to milking time, say Michigan State University dairy specialists.

Kelp

Kelp (sea weed) often reaches a total length of 700 feet, making it one of the longest (tallest) plants known.



Crude Oil

DUANE COHOON is managing the Crude Oil Production and FPC crude oil production and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc. His appointment was announced recently by Jack C. McKendry, general manager.

"This new department," said Mr. McKendry, "is responsible for administrative supervision of FPC crude oil production and marketing. He will also work with petroleum engineers on new development."

Mr. Cohoon was employed by Farm Bureau Services, Inc., in 1955 in accounting. In November, 1960 he joined Farmers Petroleum as chief accountant.



Manager at Sterling

STEPHEN T. HASKELL has been appointed manager of the Farm Bureau Services Branch at Sterling, Arenac county. The appointment was announced by R. B. Bohnsack, manager of the retail division of Farm Bureau Services.

Mr. Haskell is a graduate of the Elevator and Farm Supply course at Michigan State University, and a former employee of the FBS Branch at Pincenning. For the past year he was assistant manager there. He was born and raised on a farm near Eaton Rapids, Eaton county.

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Call a Con-Con? Voters Will Decide April 3

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for March

Background Material for Program in March by Our 1518 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

DONALD D. KINSEY
Coordinator of Education and Research

Don't run away! That's right, we discussed this Con-Con matter only last fall. But some people need to get straightened out, and we need to get organized for the real showdown on the question. That comes on April 3rd.

I hear people say, "Why! We voted in November about calling a Constitutional Convention!" Not so! Well, then, what did happen?

1. Voters passed an amendment to make it easier to call a Con-Con.
2. They changed the delegate body so as to increase the urban majority in the Convention.
3. They made necessary a special election to elect delegates within four months after a Con-Con is called by the voters.
4. They Put the Question of Calling a Con-Con on the Ballot for this coming April 3rd.

Task 1. — Rid yourself of the error in thinking that the issue of calling a Con-Con has been settled.

Task 2. — Since the issues that face people who are friends of local government do challenge their voice in government affairs, everyone must go to work RIGHT NOW to alert the people to the issues.

Absolutely necessary: A full-scale local campaign not only to get every voter properly informed about the issues if a Con-Con is called, but to get a "NO" vote!

More Than A Party Issue

A Con-Con is more than a party issue. What is done can affect everyone in Michigan. Moves are afoot to reduce the self-governing features of our republic. To see why this is so, we must examine the aims of groups who are anxious to have a Con-Con called.

I shall not cover the whole "waterfront" in this article. Many points of information I shall leave to Stanley Powell and Dan Reed. Copies of Stanley Powell's pamphlet "Why Vote 'NO' on Con-Con Proposal" are being sent to your Discussion Leader and Minuteman. Study the issues thoroughly. In this article I shall try to add to rather than repeat what Mr. Powell has said.

If voters do approve a Con-Con in April, the issue will come to the voters twice more. There will be an election to choose the convention delegates within four months after the April election. And the rewritten document will come to the voters for approval or rejection at the next general election after the Convention adjourns.

Why Some People Want a Con-Con

What are some groups shooting at in their anxiety to call a Con-Con? If we "hot up" various expressed aims, it becomes clear that there is a movement to centralize our state government.

The voice of the voter would be diluted in various ways. Local and county governments would be weakened. Some would like to see them abolished in their present form.

Local and county governments vest their authority, and their very right to exist in the State Constitution and in laws passed by the Legislature. Every act to centralize government power is an act that reduces the power of the people.

Proposals have been made by some groups that there should be a reduction of the number of counties in the State. Some propose that the legal door be opened to convert county governments into municipal-type governments with a "Manager" in charge who is appointed, not elected.

He would have authority over all administrative affairs. He would appoint the administrative officials of the county—the people would not elect them.

A study of the "Constitutional Revision Campaign of 1958" was published by the University of Michigan in 1960. In this document, the Michigan Community League is quoted as favoring a Constitution which would leave a county free to establish a municipal-type government, if it chooses to do so. This may be all right.

On page 16, the above document says: "The Municipal League favors county home rule because it dislikes the present form of county government in which executive authority is divided among the large board of

supervisors and other elected and appointed officials.

"Under a home rule system, executive authority, vested in a county manager, can be centralized and vigorous. The League is also currently dissatisfied with the composition of boards of supervisors. Each township is entitled to one representative on the board regardless of population, whereas with cities representation is according to a population scheme. The present system results in over-representation of rural areas on the board. The Municipal League would prefer election of the board members from districts of equal population."

Sounds Like Reapportionment

Regardless of whether you favor the League's proposal or not, it clearly reduces the voice of the voter in local government affairs.

Spread the same principles out, apply them at the state level, and you have the idea of centralizing power there, too, and the idea of reapportioning the whole Legislature on a strict population basis.

This would leave minority areas of the State with no effective means of protecting their interests.

Reapportionment of the Legislature is bound to be an issue at any Con-Con. In the February 14th Lansing State Journal, one state official was quoted as saying, "If we accomplish nothing else in a Constitutional Convention except reapportionment by population, the Constitutional Convention will be worthwhile."

In the 1952 reapportionment battle, the effort was made to apportion both House and Senate on a strict population basis. This would have made the Senate a mere "rubber stamp" for the House.

In 1960, August Scholle, president of the Michigan UAW-CIO, carried a case to the State Supreme Court, seeking to have the Senate declared "unconstitutional."

In defending the case, Attorney General Paul L. Adams said that the voters of Michigan decided to have a republican form of government which uses "area" representation. He considered it a "political decision" which can be changed only by the voters. He called it "the people's right to be WRONG!", according to the Detroit Free Press of February 4, 1960.

The idea has been expressed, too, that Michigan should have a one-house Legislature. All such proposals would concentrate control of State government in a few heavily populated counties. They could dictate all government policies and actions.

The interest of most counties—about 79 of the 83—would not count. This would be a monopoly of government by a privileged segment of Michigan's population.

Many people agree that the "majority clause" in the Constitution has prevented representation

in the House from operating on a population basis as it should. It is difficult to argue against that point. But the representation in the Senate is not strictly on an area basis either. Wayne County has 7 Senators. In another case, 10 counties are represented by a single Senator.

Our U. S. Senate is set up strictly on an area basis to protect the rights and interest of minority states. But then, many of these same people want to change that, too, and create a government of monopoly by the majority.

Should Funds Be Earmarked?

At the present time certain funds are earmarked by our Constitution for special uses only, and cannot be used for general State purposes. Schools and local governments receive 2½ cents of the sales tax revenue. Gasoline and weight tax revenues are set aside for building and maintaining road and highways.

These "set-asides" are being strongly challenged in spite of the fact that they were originally voted into the Constitution by the people.

Take away the earmarking—and then what? The annual fight is on for a larger share of appropriations from the General Fund on the part of every vested interest.

The Michigan Education Association favors the discontinuance of earmarking—including the school's share of the sales tax. The MEA says that the sales tax "does not return enough."

The MEA is confident that in a fight for appropriations, public pressure and sympathy for the school program will get them more. Well, other spending groups always want more, too. And the State collects just so much revenue—unless, of course, you continue to tax more and more heavily.

In regard to the earmarking of road funds, Dan Reed says, "It is interesting to speculate what might have happened to funds for highways during Michigan's financial crisis in 1959 had there been no constitutional earmarking of gas and weight revenues." One thing for sure—there would be an increase in the number of folks lobbying for public programs at the State Capitol.

15 Mill Limitation

The Michigan Education Association, among others, seeks to abolish the 15 mill limitation on property taxes. They say, "It should be abolished because of problems that arise in allocating shares of the property tax revenues among school districts, townships and counties. Rigid allocations of revenue to school districts place undue restrictions on school budgets."

Such folks attack the 15 mill limitation as though it were rigid under our present Constitution. It is not.

School districts can bond, BY A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE, for any amount the voters consider reasonable and within the tax resource base of the district. But the MEA position appears to be impatient in having to depend on a vote of the people and wants unlimited taxing power without the vote of the people.

Farmers, looking at present property tax bills, can shudder when they think of property taxing powers with no limit. At least no other limit seems to have been suggested.

And this links to another proposal. Some folks are pushing for a county assessor to replace the township supervisor. Some counties have established tax departments, not to oust the supervisor, but to help him.

Still more, "taxwise." Some want to do away with the Constitutional provision which requires that taxes shall be levied on a "uniform basis." These folks want the right to levy a state or local income tax on a "graduated" scale.

If this provision were removed from the Constitution the stage would be set for a "graduated property tax on farms"—a tax which could increase with every added acre that you own. Thus the state could limit the number of acres any farmer could afford.

The gate is open for socialistic "economic leveling" on the farm. Groups have been trying to force through a graduated property tax on farm land in North Dakota for 20 years and more.

Elect or Appoint Officials?

Mr. D. Hale Brake, president of the Michigan Institute for Local Government, says: "One of the big drives in a Con-Con will be for centralization of authority in the governor's office. To a

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of reformers, our present administrative board is a 'pain in the neck'."

Governor Groesbeck set up this board, including elected state officials, with the idea of bringing "top-level" plans, especially in finance, to view where everyone could see them. The board acts in an advisory capacity, but also has supervisory control over the administrative branch of State government. Thus it provides a very vital part of our system of checks and balances.

The "reformers", on the other hand, would have officers, other than the governor and lieutenant governor, appointed by the governor. Boards and commissions for state programs which involve elected and appointed officials would no longer exist.

The programs would be run by administrative staffs — appointed by the governor. Thus, control by the party in power and the governor in office could be practically air-tight, with no interference by elected state officials of the other party.

Similarly, the proposal is made that we go back to the system in which the governor appoints the Director of Agriculture. This used to be done early in the 1930's. A new director came in every time the governor changed. There was no continuous policy for the Department of Agriculture. Since the law gave authority to appoint the director, however, there has been greater stability in the Department.

All this is a push to center more power in the hands of one man—and less in the hands of the people. Add to it the proposal that we elect state officers for 4-year terms rather than the present 2-year terms, and the powers would be made more permanent.

The appointment of key state officials, rather than electing them, would create a vast party spoils system. It would destroy the checks and balances provided by our two-party system in many ways.

Some people do not like to have any opposition to hold them in bounds. Dictators don't like it. But it does protect the people from a man in power who wants to go beyond his rightful authority. In a totalitarian government, you have no right to disagree.

Elect Judges?

We can go on. The same idea crops up with regard to state judges. "Don't elect them. Let the governor appoint them—or let a board or commission appoint them and let the governor appoint the commission."

You see, if a judge owes his job to a man of a certain party, his decisions are likely to back the policies of that party. It becomes part of the same picture.

D. Hale Brake points out that there is one absurd feature about the way in which we now elect Justices of the State Supreme Court. We nominate them at party conventions. Then suddenly, on the ballot they are "non-partisan candidates." Either we should nominate and elect them as party candidates, or else both nomination and election should be non-partisan, he says.

Would Voters Approve This?

These are just SOME of the major ideas that people say they want to change in our State Constitution. It should be clear that many people today want to get control of the government for themselves. The spirit has become "all for me and none for you."

The idea of a republic in which the rights of the minority are respected and protected is now "horse and buggy." A Con-Con will see folks trying to create a

If a new document is offered the public, someone will get out the big brass bands. There will be whooping and hollering for its passage. Many will listen to the well-prepared oratory and the tub-thumping and decide that they cannot read the whole document. Then they will vote.

We Need Informed, Active Opposition

Pessimism? Not at all! A pessimist throws up his hands and quits. We should take the warning and prepare ourselves for an effective, fighting campaign to block this first expensive step,—the calling of a Con-Con. Nothing should be taken for granted. We must work to keep self-government alive.

Work teams must be organized at the local and county level RIGHT NOW to go out and canvass every voter. Voters must be told what this issue means to them, their families and the future of their government.

They must be gotten to the polls to the man on April 3rd. They must know why a "NO" vote on the Con-Con proposal is important.

The old "bugaboo" that spring elections are "minor" elections must be cast out of the window for once and forever. There never was an "unimportant" election in the history of our nation. Your ballot is a shield which protects your rights as a free, self-governing citizen.

If you are going to meet this challenge, you can't put it off till tomorrow.

Questions

Rather than questions, a special work-plan document is being placed in the hands of the Community Farm Bureau Discussion Leader.

Woodpeckers are native to all parts of the world except Madagascar.

ADA of Mich. Elects Jackson President

Andrew Jackson of Howell was elected president of the American Dairy Ass'n of Michigan at its 19th annual meeting at Michigan State University February 3.

Mr. Jackson succeeds Ernest Girbach of Saline who gave the Association able leadership during his terms as president.

Andrew Jackson owns a 720 acre dairy farm at Howell. He

represents the Michigan Milk Producers to ADA. He is a director of the Michigan Producers Dairy and is vice-president of the Howell Cooperative Company.

Herman Koenn of Chelsea was elected vice-president, to succeed Mr. Jackson. Mr. Koenn represents the Michigan State Grange on the ADA of Michigan board of directors. He is also representative of the Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n sales committee for Washtenaw county.

William Barr of the Farmers Cooperative Creamery at Big Rapids was elected to the board of directors. Boyd Rice of Lansing continues as secretary-manager of ADA of Michigan.



AMERICAN DAIRY ASS'N of Michigan officers for 1961 are, left to right: Treasurer, George Austin of Ovid; Vice-President,

Herman Koenn of Chelsea; President, Andrew Jackson of Howell; Secretary-Manager, Boyd Rice of Lansing.

Tree Hedger Interests Farmers

Michigan fruit growers are showing much interest in a new mechanical fruit tree hedger recently developed at Michigan State University.

This pruner is operated by a tractor, can be easily attached and detached, costs less and doesn't take as much power as other powered pruning equipment.

The growers are interested because orchard pruning must be done during the coldest months of the year.

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