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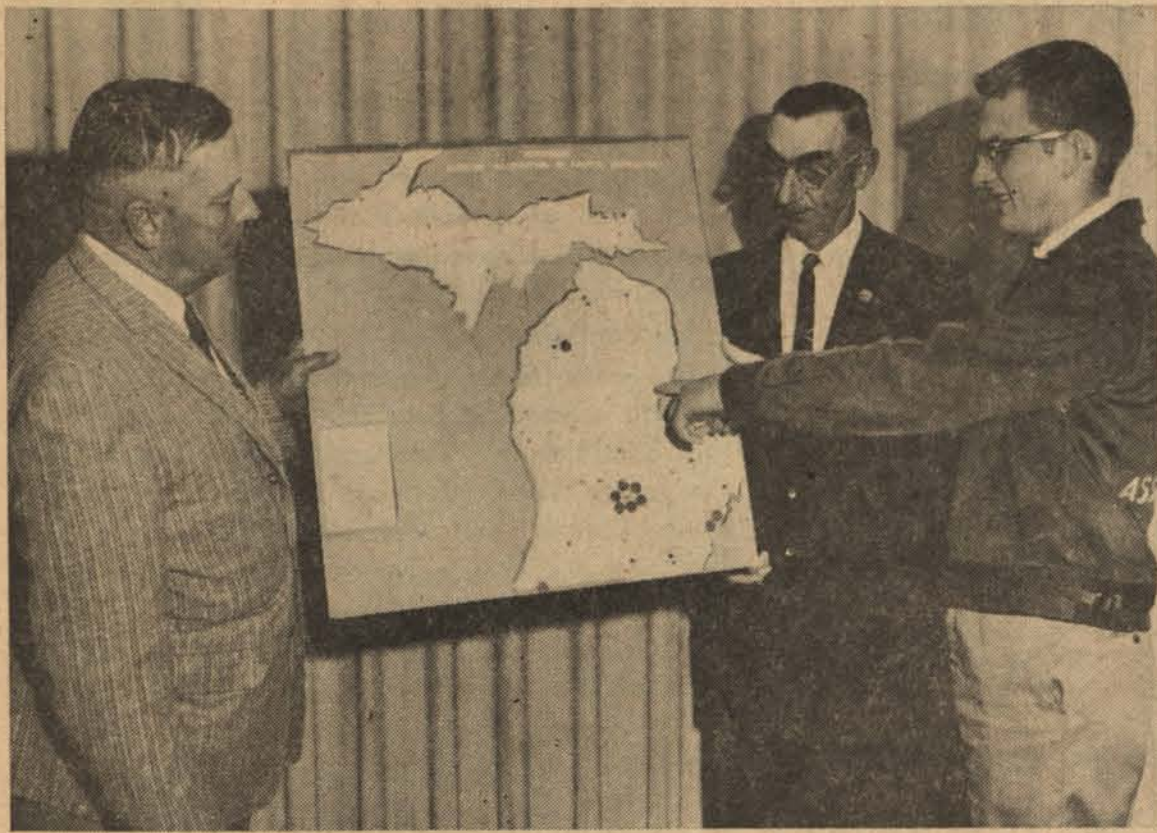
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## THREE PRESIDENTS CONFER

**PINPOINTING HIS FARM** — in Bay County, is Victor Lutz (right), president of the Michigan Association of Future Farmers of America. He is joined by president Walter Wightman, (left) of the Michigan Farm Bureau, and by Marten Garn, president of Farm Bureau Services and chairman of the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives.

Earlier, Lutz, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Lutz, are active in the Bay County Farm Bureau, (—brother Don served on the State Farm Bureau Young People's Committee) had introduced the 13 young-farmer members of the state FFA Executive Committee. The occasion was a joint meeting at Farm Bureau Center, Lansing, of officers and members of the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives and of the FFA officers

and advisors. Purpose of the meeting was to acquaint Cooperative Leaders with the Future Farmer program, and provide an opportunity for the young farmers to tell of Association activities.

Besides Lutz as president, the 1962-63 officers of the Michigan FFA Association and their Chapters include: Vice presidents Larry Bean, Plainwell; Karl Schmidt, Springport; James Leo, Crosswell-Lexington; William Byrum, Leslie; Leo Mulholland, Lakeview; James Shoup, Mason Co.; John Willford, Gladwin and Roger Blomquist, Felch.

Other officers include Wilfred Smith, Ovid, Secretary; Gary Benjamin, Williamston, Treasurer; Thomas Kempf, Fremont, Reporter; and Robert Barr, Yale, Sentinel.

## Farmers Score Impressive Record In 1962 State Legislative Sessions

### 45 Bills Favored by Farm Bureau Passed

#### Record Hailed "Most Impressive Ever Made"

To members of Farm Bureau's Legislative staff, 1962 shall be remembered as the year of the three-year circus, — the year when the legislature never did really adjourn, — when Supreme Court rulings "invalidated" the State Senate, — when both the Constitutional Convention and Congress added periodic powder-kegs.

Although at times confusion appeared to rule supreme, farmers were able to turn in a superb record of legislative success topping all previous years. In the state legislature it included:

Passage of 45 important measures favored by Farm Bureau. Successful opposition to 91 measures that were eventually killed or sidetracked.

#### Unfinished Business

Despite this unprecedented record, farmers didn't find everything going their way. Records show that 63 bills favored by Farm Bureau were not enacted. They remain on the list of unfinished business.

A majority of these issues will continue to be prime Farm Bureau objectives and if past performance is the criteria, will become law in future sessions.

#### Government

##### By Veto?

Hazards of the 1962 legislative session included vetoes and threats of veto by the Governor. For example, among major issues favored by Farm Bureau was one dealing with "strip" annexation of property located near large cities. A bill, passed with strong bi-partisan support, would have required higher percentage of voter approval and a one-sixth contiguous boundary. The bill became one of nine vetoed by the Governor. Others also vetoed would have required approval of Administrative rules by the Legislature, another would have divided the state into 19 Congressional Districts.

#### Majority is Key

It is obvious that working alone, the Michigan Farm Bureau legislative staff of three men could not produce the kind of results consistently achieved. Further, this past legislative session found veteran Legislative Counsel Stanley Powell primarily involved in the Con-Con where he served with distinction as a delegate on leave of absence from Farm

Bureau, October 1 to mid-May. In the interim, Associate Counsels Dan Reed and Robert Smith divided other legislative work between them. Reed centered much of his attention on Congress and the Legislature with Smith assigned primarily to the Constitutional Convention plus secondary work in the Legislature.

Backing this hard-hitting trio is the real strength of Farm Bureau, found in 71 county Farm Bureau organizations and more than 1,500 well-informed community Farm Bureau groups.

#### "Nothing Succeeds

##### Like Success"

Harder to pinpoint, but very much in evidence, is the positive attitude of competence that surrounds Farm Bureau's legislative efforts, resulting in an air of public acceptance. A tabulation of Farm Bureau's legislative record over more than a decade shows that better than 300 bills favored by the organization became law, a record equaled by few, if any organization.

Promotion of laws basic to the public interest,—work on these issues in a truly bi-partisan basis, and careful presentation of facts, play major roles in Farm Bureau's legislative program.

#### Policy Development Important

Even more basic is the method by which Farm Bureau policy is made, beginning in group discussion, crystallized in county annual meetings, and translated into a hard-hitting state-wide program of work at the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting.

## County News Notes

### About Farm Bureau People and Places

#### KENT

Congratulations to Donald Jost, son of F. B. member, Mrs. Raymond Jost, Comstock Park. He was one of ten young people in the nation to receive a \$300 scholarship from the Institute of Food Technology and will attend Michigan State University this fall. He also received a \$300 MSU Alumni Award scholarship and a \$100 Junior Achievement Award.

#### VAN BUREN

Tyrrell Hughes, editor of the VanBuren county F. B. News, recently toured Washington, D. C. His impression of Mount Vernon: "It is a symbol of a lost time—a time when beauty and silence and God were loved by man. . . . Stand in Washington's garden, . . . contemplate what he knew; . . . that man is helpless to create even the delicate depth of color that is in just one petal of one flower. . . ."

#### JACKSON

The Jackson County Farm Bureau passed a great loss with the passing of Cecil Rainey of Horton. Mr. Rainey was a faithful member of Farm Bureau for many years, having served on various committees, community group activities, county board of directors and delegate to the state convention.

#### IRON

Carol Kurtz of Buck Lake has been chosen Iron County Farm Bureau beauty queen with Donna Serena of Gibbs City as runner-up. Regional competition among four counties, (Iron, Houghton, Baraga and Menominee) will follow, with the winner competing for district honors at the U. P. State Fair, August 13-19.

#### ST. CLAIR

John Wismer of station WCLS, Port Huron, acted as "MC" at a recent Freedom meeting sponsored by the Port Huron and Marysville Chambers of Commerce, the St. Clair County Medical Association, the Manufacturers Association and the St. Clair County Farm Bureau. The 175 persons attending the gathering heard such subjects discussed as our American Heritage, the Medicare bill and business climate in Michigan.

#### HILLSDALE

We salute Lester M. Rogers of Camden, Michigan, who celebrated his 96th birthday July 9. An active member of the Hillsdale County Farm Bureau for many years, Mr. Rogers was former publisher of the Camden Advance, (now known as the "Farmers Advance"),—is still greatly interested in national, state and local affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have been married 53 years, have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

## National Potato Order Advanced by Freeman

### "You Can't Be FOR Cull Potatoes"

"We intend to win." With these words, Agricultural Secretary Freeman answered newsmen who asked "what next?" following the defeat of his food and farm control schemes tied to the farm bill.

Undaunted by the strong rebuff from turkey producers who turned thumbs down on a proposed national turkey marketing order, USDA officials have decided to resume hearings on a national marketing order for potatoes. Hearings are to be in Denver, either "prior to September 15, or after November 15," according to the recommendations of a national "Potato Advisory Committee."

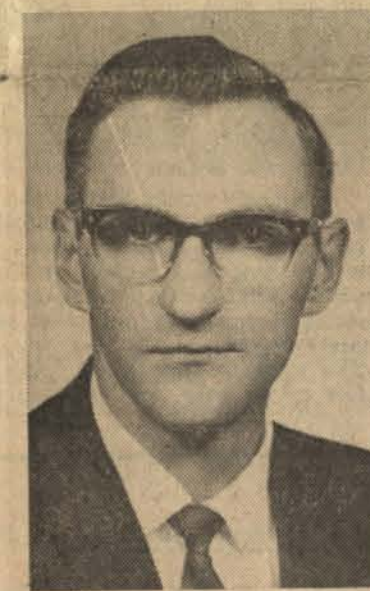
To add palatability, the proposed order is built around prohibiting the marketing of cull potatoes. As one grower remarked, "the strategy is



ASSOCIATE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL,—Dan E. Reed, is pictured as he appeared recently before county Resolutions Committee members in one of a series of meetings to highlight issues of farm importance.

The meetings, dealing with many phases of Farm Bureau policy development, have been well attended. (Turn to page 3 for more pictures.)

## Coordinator Named



LARRY EWING

MFB Regional Representative Larry Ewing, has been promoted to the position of Coordinator with the Market-Development Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau, Lansing, according to Donald Moore, division manager.

Ewing, who has served as regional representative for the past four years, will work primarily in livestock and field crop activities. He will assume his new title and duties August 20.

Born and raised on a general farm in Marquette county, Ewing graduated from Michigan State University in 1955 with a degree in agricultural economics.

## New Insurance Company Formed

Announcement of the formation of the new "Community Service" Insurance Company has been made by Nile L. Vermillion, Administrative Vice President for Farm Bureau Insurance.

Vermillion stated that the new facility would "create new dimensions in service for the Farm Bureau Insurance program in Michigan."

To meet changes in the needs of members, the Board of Directors approved organization of the Community Service Company. This new facility will make it possible to continue to offer low auto rates for safe driving members in Farm Bureau Mutual while providing insurance in the Community Service Company for those members who temporarily are unable to qualify for standard rates in the Mutual Company.

"The new Community Service Insurance Company is an affiliate of Farm Bureau Mutual," Mr. Vermillion said. "Both companies will advance the purposes and benefits of the present Farm Bureau auto insurance program."



## Picking the Best of 500,000

ROYAL SEARCH.—Although finding the best among a half-million bees isn't easy, it becomes routine work to George and Margaret Seidelman, Ionia County Farm Bureau members. They are shown selecting the best queen, her workers and hatch brood for display at the Ionia Free Fair, opening August 6 for six days. Farm Bureau Young People will again sponsor a full-scale cafeteria at the fair, serving two complete meals daily to fairgoers.

## Sept. 7

## Foreign Trade Tour, -- Workshop Planned

### Port Commission Extends Invitation

An invitation to participate in a day-long "Foreign Trade Tour" and workshop has been extended to the Michigan Farm Bureau by the Detroit-Wayne County Port Commission.

The invitation has been accepted, according to Clarence E. Prentice, Secretary-Manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau, with the date of September 7 set for examination of foreign trade activities and possibilities originating in the Detroit Port area.

Coordinating arrangements is Noel Stuckman of the Market - Development Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Besides members of the board of directors and other officials representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, the workshop group is expected to include top Detroit city and Port Commission officials, their staffs and representatives of the press.

Farm Bureau officials feel that the tour is further evidence of farmers' growing prominence in the fields of foreign trade and recognition of the farm impact on world markets.

A tentative tour agenda includes a two-hour boat tour of the Detroit Harbor riverfront to view harbor and dock facilities, and a possible tour of one of the terminals.

## Charcoal-Broiled Chicken

THE MICHIGAN ALLIED POULTRY INDUSTRIES will serve charcoal-broiled chicken during the last four days of the Ionia Free Fair, August 8-9-10-11. Fairgoers are invited to look for the serving stand in a location just east of the Floral Building, Volunteer help for the project is donated by people of the poultry industry,—all proceeds go toward promoting poultry products in Michigan. (See advertisement, page 5.)

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## August 7

## State Primary to be Held; Heavy Vote Urged

### Your Ballot, a Basic Responsibility . . .

All of the confusion concerning the Supreme ruling on the Senate reapportionment notwithstanding, Michigan voters are reminded that the Primary Election will still be held. In it, voters may not cast ballots for State Senators, but will vote on all other primary candidates who will appear in the general election November 7.

Those who fail to vote in the primary shirk basic responsibilities. All are urged to vote, and to help others to get to the polls.

## HR 12391

## Just Another Farm Bill

The House of Representatives, by a vote of 229 to 163, has passed another version of the farm bill which has engendered little enthusiasm by either party on Capitol Hill.

To some, it contains too many controls,—too much regimentation. To others, not nearly enough. In any event an objective analysis would indicate that it contains little new, little of real worth, and at best is a remixing of the same old ingredients in different proportions, as went into the earlier rejected version.

What will become of the bill when it reaches the Senate is anyone's guess — ranging from complete rejection to attempts to load it with amendments containing the strict controls carried in the Senate bill.

### Dairy Quotas

The new farm bill, HR 12391 contains a dairy for a supply-management scheme complete with compulsory milk quotas. Although voluntary for the first year, the dairy section plainly opens the door by establishing quotas for all dairy farmers. It appears so designed that the end result would be another upswing in production, placing farmers in position for government to point to high cost figures to support pleas for tight controls.

Farm Bureau has been in open opposition to the bill, which at best would be another costly attempt by government to fit a political program into an economic situation.

### Costs Cited

The bill extends the "emergency" feed grains program for another year, a program which the Administration called "entirely too costly" when it proposed its abandonment earlier in the session. Farm Bureau contends that the original analysis was correct, pointing to figures that indicate a cost to taxpayers of \$3.30 per bushel, for each bushel of surplus reduction received.

### Why Any Bill?

"Rather than have this kind of bill become law, we strongly urge that no new farm legislation be passed this session," Farm Bureau stated in testimony opposing the bill.

Were this allowed to happen, the Agricultural Act of 1958 would go into effect for corn and other feed grains in 1963. "If given opportunity to work, this program would be preferable to the costly and ineffective 'emergency' feed grain program," Farm Bureau said.

# EDITORIAL

## High Supports, --- Who Benefits?

In June, Congress threw out the first drastic proposal for a farm bill of 1962.

The House of Representatives in a bi-partisan action voted to "recommit" the bill to the House Agriculture Committee.

As some wrongly supposed, this has not been the end of the matter.

The pot was upset, but power-pushers quickly set it upright and began spooning ingredients for another mess. Then, to get it back on the Congressional fire.

What about farmer - opinion? Is there any support for Federal Supports?

Farmers have come to realize that government support programs contain a constant threat both to their living incomes and to their rights to manage their own operations. The supports have continually stimulated the accumulation of bin-busting surpluses. These surpluses give politicians a platform from which to shout, "Farmers must accept controls to cut the costs to the public!" Repeatedly, this music goes round and round, year after year, and it comes out there.

### CREATING AN IMAGE FOR THE PUBLIC ....



Who is it that really claps hands at the idea of continued high supports and welcomes the surpluses?

It is the Billie Sol Estes's — those who own and operate vast grain storage facilities and get fat government checks in payment for storage of government grain. This is a lucrative "gravy train," and they do not want to see the end of a "good thing."

Had the first "Omnibus" Farm Bill of 1962 passed, it could have been the big livestock producers — the "integrated" operators. Under that bill, the Secretary of Agriculture could have dumped vast quantities of wheat and feed grains on the market at below the going price.

But the average grain farmer would not only go broke because of a ruined market price on his product, he would be squeezed out of business in any plan to feed his own grain to livestock on the farm.

Rarely does the average, independent farmer benefit long or greatly from government support programs. He faces enforced cut-backs on his production, while his investment costs continue to rise, his production costs mount, and inflation undermines the value of the dollars he receives. His living income shrinks rather than grows.

Farm-wise, the biggest benefits of supports go to big land-holders with heavy production allotments. The average farmer stands to lose more than he would gain in earnings or freedoms.

Thus, when the first farm bill of 1962 was before Congress, the average American farmer flooded Congressional halls with protests. With the defeat of the first bill, his job is not done. He now knows that he must be wary. The Food and Farmer Control Bill of 1962 laid the track along which some politicians intend to have the government farm program run in the future.

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### PURPOSE OF FARM BUREAU

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

# Checking What They Are Saying....

## Road To Chaos

(Reprinted from the State Journal, Lansing)

In a historic decision, the state supreme court ruled that the people of Michigan are no longer in control of their political destiny—that they may no longer design the machinery of their own self-government.

By overturning a system of senate apportionment selected by a 1,269,807 to 975,518 vote of the people in 1952, the state's high court has decreed that not even a majority of the people may assign any factor to legislative apportionment other than the strict rule of population.

This decision, which came by a four-to-three vote along strict party lines, could place control of both the senate and the house of representatives in the four most populous counties of the state — Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Genesee.

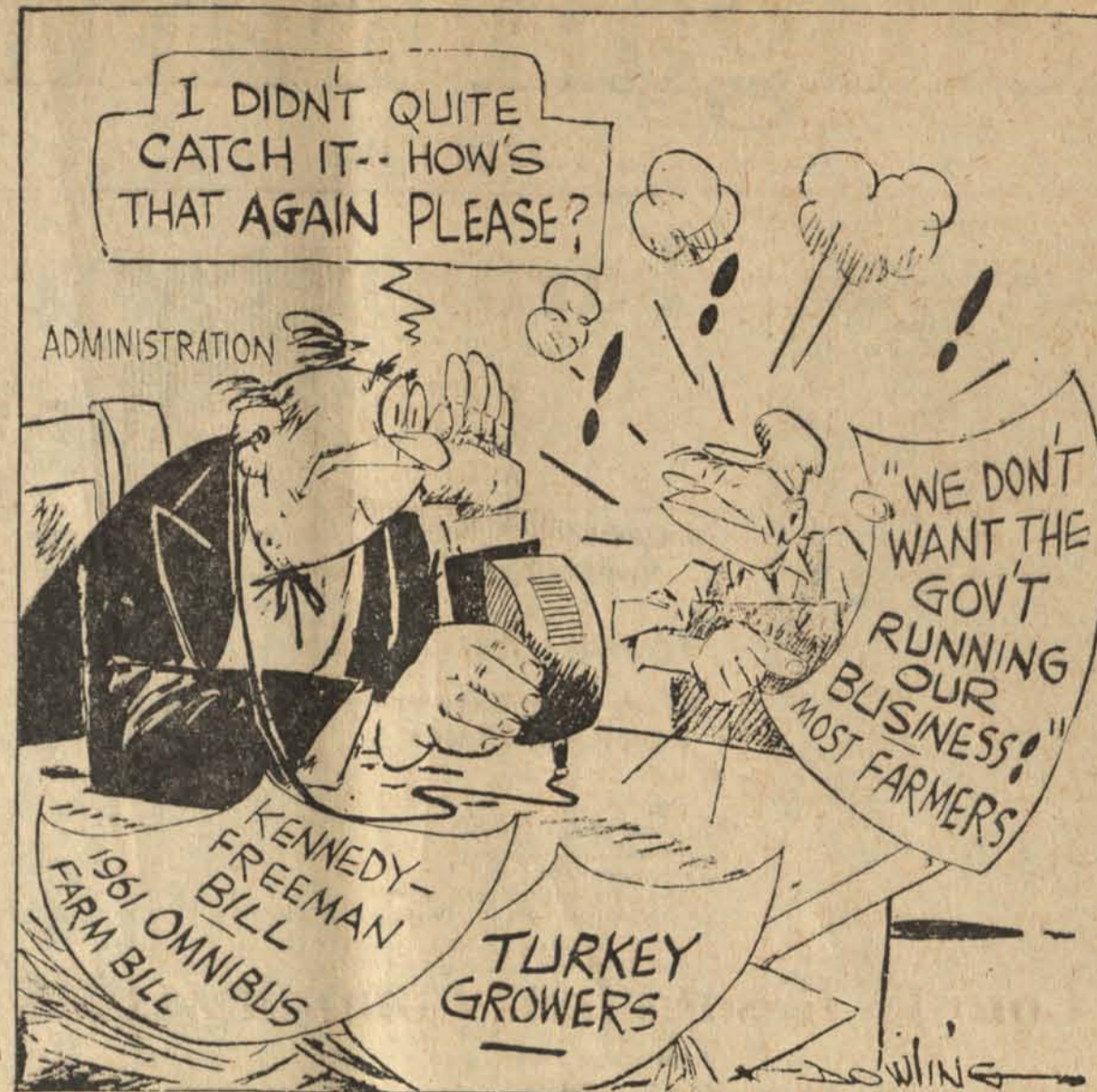
In the decision, the four Democratic prevailing justices found that the 14th amendment of the United States Constitution must be applied literally to the Michigan legislative process. They based their decision on the theory that the federal constitution provides equal protection for all persons — in this case equal votes.

And yet, the same federal constitution provides for a United States senate which gives the same two senatorial seats to sparsely populated Nevada or Utah as it does to heavily populated New York state.

If the judgment of the Michigan justices is correct, are we now faced with the prospect of a federal senate in violation of the constitution? Was it not, in fact, the specific and special intent of our nation's founders that the basic difference in the election of members of the senate and the house was a necessary and vital safeguard to equal representation of area as well as population density?

Should this judgment prevail, we in Michigan will find a legislature where one house becomes a mirror image of the other—in effect, almost, a unicameral system. And that has been found highly undesirable and ineffective.

This decision represents, too, a further subjugation of the state's legislative process to rules which the justices apparently find outlined by the federal constitution. It removes from the state another measure



### THINK WE'RE GETTING THROUGH?

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of self-determination and delegates it instead to the super authority of the vast, ponderous and remote federal government.

Equally grave, there is reason to deplore the court's precipitous action when traditionally this high tribunal has proceeded with judicial restraint, even on the most pressing of issues. In the past the court in effect has said: "The Supreme court cannot be allowed to make decisions while under pressure."

And yet there has been a seemingly unjust haste in this matter of apportionment, a precipitate action which has wrested from the people an opportunity to express again their views through a vote on the apportionment proposal to be submitted by the constitutional convention.

This hasty action came when a law approved overwhelmingly by the people was in effect, a law that had stood for 10 years. It came when the people were preparing to vote for a possible change in that law. The question must be: "Was this action wise, was it necessary, was it well-timed?"

But the fact is that the highest court in the state has ruled, and its judgment is the law of the state until or unless it is reversed by the higher authority of the U. S. supreme court. And here it is noteworthy to observe that the federal court has yet to rule on an actual case of legislative apportionment.

Because of this fact, and regardless of impassioned oratory and invective, an emergency of the gravest order confronts the state. Its legislature must turn immediately to the matter of finding an acceptable apportionment proposal to prevent the chaos which would result from an at-large election of Michigan senators.

This, Justice Kavanaugh has explained, is the alternative presented by the court's ruling. Should alternative become fact, the probable outlook would be election of all of the state's 32 senators from those four counties which contain 4.1 million of the state's 7.8 million people.

While it found no reasonable

basis for the 1952 constitutional apportionment plan, the high court did provide in its judgment some slight leeway for drawing new senate districts. Despite its primary ruling in favor of strict population apportionment, the majority opinion noted that a population disparity between districts of as much as two-to-one would be reasonable on the basis of previous Michigan court cases.

Underlying legislative preparations for emergency action is the apportionment proposal probably to be offered as a part of the proposed new Michigan constitution.

On the basis of this decision it is reasonable to believe that certain other provisions of the proposed new state constitution could be declared unconstitutional by a politically-minded supreme court.

If future decisions of this body are based on politics instead of law, then Michigan may well consider itself on the road to chaos.

## Finance Bet Overlooked

### Fee Increase Stricken

The financially hard-pressed Legislature overlooked a bet when it permitted H. 844, introduced by Rep. Arnel Engstrom, Traverse City, for the House Ways and Means Committee, (of which he is Chairman) to die in the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

This measure would have increased the fees charged for registration of economic poison formulations. At present, the annual charge to a manufacturer is \$5.00 for the first ten formulations and \$2.00 each thereafter.

The bill proposed to raise this registration fee to \$20.00 per formulation, which is the fee now charged feed and fertilizer manufacturers. These fees helped to build the Department of Agriculture testing laboratory, one of the most modern in the United States. The laboratory is not being used to its fullest extent because it has not been fully equipped or staffed and little testing is done on economic poisons because the fees simply are inadequate.

In discussing the bill, Representative Charles J. Davis, of the 2nd District of Ingham County, a dairyman and Vice President of the McDonald Cooperative Dairy, pointed out the importance of knowing that the contents of the economic poison package actually correspond to the ingredients listed on the label.

He referred to shipments of milk in interstate commerce where even a trace of certain spray or dust chemicals had caused the confiscation of the entire shipment.

The bill was opposed by some agricultural chemical manufacturers and distributors.

Laboratory testing of the complicated chemical formulations of today's economic poisons takes a great deal of time and is costly.

In other States, where reasonably adequate testing programs are in effect, published reports show that samples from 10-20% of the packages did not conform to the label.

Farm Bureau supported the measure.

### Throw-Away Bottles

Throw-away bottles and other litter cost Michigan taxpayers nearly \$1,000 per day during 1961 on State highways alone, according to the State Highway Department.

Not counting the cost of traffic accidents and damage to highway maintenance equipment attributable to litter, the Department spent \$322,000 to clean up litter on State trunklines in 1961.

Samplings of contents of clean-up trucks working on highways indicate that half or more of the refuse is beer bottles, beer cans and cartons. Throw-away bottles are especially numerous, probably because they have no value for return.

### MCCOAL

"Michigan Citizens' Council on Agricultural Labor," a voluntary organization of representatives of farm, labor, church and social aid groups, is moving to draw together facts regarding farm labor in our State.

MCCOAL has asked Governor Swainson to request the co-operation of the various agencies of State government which are concerned with problems and programs involving Mexican labor and in-state and out-state domestic workers.

Michigan ranks third among the States in the number of jobs it provides for farm workers.

# President's Column

## Governments Can't Farm

The forty year old Republican candidate for Governor of Texas says, "The great majority of Americans are Conservative. The great majority put conservation of liberty above all other political values. "Why then, he asks, is the Government not conservative? What is the explanation for the fact that the National government and most State governments do not reflect the overwhelming desire on the part of the American people to preserve their liberty?"



Walter Wightman

He continues, "There is a trend in the United States today for the people to forget the power they have in controlling government, and leave politics to the politicians. This trend does not mean that the people do not still have the power. It simply means they are not exercising it."

This business of leaving politics to the politicians can easily be one of the greatest evils in our system. Most of the great movements in history had their beginnings at the grass root's level. The most carefully prepared political programs, and the best organized political pressure to legislate those programs into law have gone to ignominious defeat when public opinion became aroused.

The best example of this is the recent defeat of the Administration's Farm Bill in Washington.

We have never seen such organized pressure put into action as was done in this particular instance. The Administration had the machine so well organized that they were sure they were going to win. They even brought the Postal Department into the act. Writing a newsletter to his constituents, a New York Representative said,

"During the past year and a half I have frequently stated that one of the most enjoyable aspects of this job has been the lack of political pressure from the Administration seeking votes in one direction or the other. Things have changed." He told of receiving phone calls and a visit from a Post Office Department Aide who didn't want to talk about the eight new applications for post offices in this district which were pending. He wanted to talk about the Farm Bill.

He concluded, "The arm aches this week, but the voice is still loud and clear."

However, in spite of all this, the Farm Bill was defeated. Probably it was defeated for one reason only and that was the almost universal ground swell of opposition from the grass roots to its application to farm business. The results so far indicate that the present administration has been successful in its legislative programs only when they have been approved by a majority of the voting public. In other words, efforts to force legislation against the will of the people have failed.

Agriculture, taken in its entirety, is the largest business interest in the United States, and if we determine not to leave politics to the politicians, but to take an active interest in them ourselves, we can materially aid in the wave of conservatism that is spreading over the country.

Farmers are one of the largest really conservative groups that are left. Educational institutions as a group are not. Churches as a group apparently are not, judging by their frequent pronouncements at least by the National Council of Churches. Labor organizations are not conservative, and even Industry has not stood as strong against the wave of socialism as Agriculture and Agricultural Industry has. This does not mean, however, that we don't have substantial numbers of friends in all of these groups who are as concerned about the trend of the times as we are.

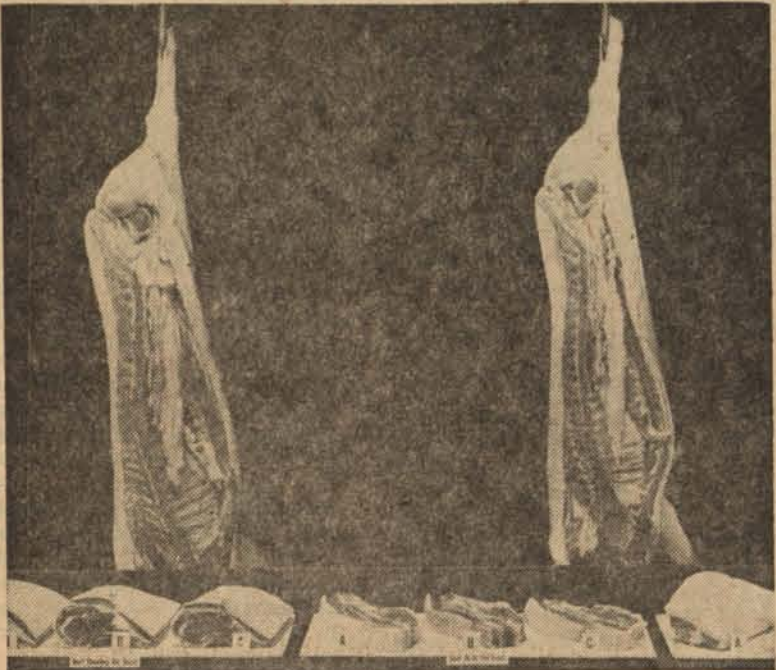
So it behooves us as patriotic citizens of this great country established upon the basic principles of freedom to keep everlastingly working in order to preserve it.

We have all heard too many people say that politics are rotten and you can't do anything about it. "Anyhow I only have one vote, so what is the use?", they say. Every human being is endowed with many God-given rights. One of these is the right to choose. If we persist in sitting idly by and let somebody else do our choosing for us there can be only one conclusion. The end result will be that we will lose our freedom of choice and be regimented into a Federal program that will affect every segment of the economy with all the decisions made in Washington, D.C.

The Farm Journal in a recent issue observes that: "For thirty years the United States government has tried to reduce farm output to certain goals and has failed. For forty years the Russian government has tried to raise farm output to certain goals and has failed. Before long (suggests Farm Journal) someone may conclude that the government can't farm."

# Public Would Benefit From Meat Inspection

Among bills which died in committee the recent session of the Legislature was H. 65, which would have provided for licensing of slaughterhouses and state-wide meat inspection. Since 1906, meat packing plants which ship meat or meat products in interstate commerce have had Federal inspection. The purpose is to protect the public by making absolutely certain that meat and meat products are clean, healthful and free from disease.



# Serve on Important Committees

Two Michigan Farm Bureau staff members—Stanley Powell and Dan Reed, both of the Public Affairs Division, have played an important part in strengthening the Michigan State Fair. The fair opens at Detroit the evening of Friday, August 24, closes on Labor Day, September 3,—and promises to be "bigger and better than ever."

Last fall Governor Swainson appointed Dan Reed to the Michigan State Fairgrounds Development Commission, to help study and recommend a long-range program and to increase use of and make improvements in the State Fairgrounds.

That Commission developed Senate bill 1403, providing for a State Fair Authority which would be empowered to issue revenue bonds for financing capital improvements. The

# Farm Bureau Leaders Active on State Fair Policy Boards



STANLEY POWELL—is caught by the photographer as he polishes the horns of a prize herd bull which headed his Ingleside Farm Exhibit of Milking Shorthorn cattle at the Michigan State Fair. Powell has exhibited cattle continuously for the past 36 years. His herd has won the Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor awards many times at the Michigan State Fair.

bonds would be based on long-time leases for the facilities.

The Michigan Farm Bureau supported S. 1403 and it was enacted by the Legislature and approved recently by the Governor and is now in effect.

### Powell is "Dean"

Stanley M. Powell, Legislative Counsel of the Michigan Farm Bureau, is the dean of the Governing Board of the State Fair. When he was first appointed to this position in

1944, it was known as the Board of Managers of the Michigan State Fair.

In 1956 the law was revised giving this Board year around control of the Fairgrounds and its facilities and changing the name to the "State Fair Commission." Under the new law the name has again been changed to the "State Fair Authority."

### Fair Location

The State fairgrounds consists of 164 acres located at the intersection of Woodward Avenue and 8-Mile Road in northwest Detroit. It has a large number of valuable and suitable buildings, although they are in need of considerable repair and additional facilities would help make an even better fair than is now possible.

Under the new plan all revenue from the fair and the rental and leasing of State Fair facilities will be retained by the fair management and will be available for improvements and expansion. Heretofore, all such revenues have reverted to the State's General Fund.

Some of the new buildings

which are under consideration are a Home Arts Building, a Youth Center, Agricultural and Horticultural exhibit areas, an Automobile Display Building, a Merchandise Mart and an 80,000 capacity stadium.

There is a possibility that it may become the site of the Olympic Games and the World's Fair in future years.

### New Dates Set

The dates for the 1962 Michigan State Fair have been advanced one week.

Instead of opening on the Friday preceding Labor Day, as has been the schedule for previous years, the fair will open on the evening of Friday, August 24 and will close on the evening of Labor Day, September 3.

Already livestock entries have flooded the State Fair office and there is every indication that there will be capacity exhibits of horses, beef and dairy cattle, sheep, swine and poultry as well as agricultural and horticultural products and home arts, not to mention the Junior Show.

### Top Shows Booked

Top nationally known entertainers will provide the program in the Coliseum the first 3 days of the fair and the second weekend, with a farm and horse show sandwiched in on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

On Labor Day the State Fair Class A Horse Show is scheduled for both afternoon and evening. The grandstand shows will be free, except for the 250-mile new car auto race scheduled for Sunday, September 2, with the rain date of September 3.

The Michigan State Fair traditionally brings together the best specimens from the herds and flocks that have been exhibited at County fairs throughout the State.

It is the showcase for Michigan Agriculture and the place where farmers and residents of the metropolitan area get together to exhibit their top products and to get better acquainted with each other. Such a fair is a unique American institution and is deserving of our attendance and participation.

# County Resolutions Committees Meet



### District Policy Development Meetings Held

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE.—Royal Call, (standing) chats with County Farm Bureau officers and Resolutions Committee members prior to the formal part of the Policy Development meeting for the 5th district. Top attendance was noted in the series of ten meetings held in July for all parts of the lower Peninsula.

Farm Bureau's exceptional success in recent legislative work was lauded but measures still

to be enacted were marked for further work. Pictured are, (left to right) Fred Ruthig, Pres. Ingham Co. Farm Bureau; Clarence Manning, Clinton County resolutions committee; Royal Call, MFB; Melvin Anderson, Eaton county resolutions committee and Howard Bentley, Genesee resolutions committee. Final meetings in the series will be held in the Upper Peninsula on the dates of August 22 and 23.

### WORK NOW TOWARD RESOLUTIONS

Community Farm Bureau should be at work now on expressions of opinion to be presented to their County Farm Bureau organizations as the basis for official resolutions.



### Resolutions Committeemen Visit—Study

NEAR NEIGHBORS—find time to visit prior to a meeting for Resolutions Committee members. Later, talk of crops and weather turned to such policy discussions as taxes, the proposed Constitution and similar state and national issues. Pictured visiting are, (front row) Lawrence Maier and Ernest Carter, both of Clinton county. Seated in the back, (from left) are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ruthig and Clifford Ward, all of Ingham county.

MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU POLICY—urges enactment of legislation to provide for inspection by the Michigan Department of Agriculture of those meat animals slaughtered in the state which are not under Federal inspection. "Farmers slaughtering or having slaughtered livestock and poultry for their own use should be inspected," the policy states.

### 31 States Have Laws

Meat inspection has been recognized as a benefit and protection for the public, and Federal statutes specify that the cost of the inspection shall be borne by taxpayers. This service, rendered by the Department of Agriculture, presently costs about \$28 million annually.

Thirty-one States have meat inspection laws covering meat processed and marketed within the State. In most cases, a single State inspection permits packers to ship meat from one area of the State to another without restriction.

Michigan, seventh in population among the States, does not have a State meat inspection program. Inspection in our State is carried on under local government authorization. Various Michigan cities and counties have local inspection and licensing programs which result in confusion and duplication of inspections in some areas while in other areas of the State there is no meat inspection at all.

It is estimated that 20-25% of the meat sold and consumed in our State is not inspected. In other situations, meat may

be inspected more than once if the packer wishes to ship into different inspection jurisdictions.

### Unified Inspection Needed

H. 65 would have provided for a unified inspection program which would permit Michigan packers to compete for markets throughout the State. It would assure that all meat sold and consumed in Michigan would be inspected, both before slaughter and after slaughter. It is estimated that a unified meat inspection program would add about 1/10 of a cent per pound to the cost of meat to the consumer.

Both the licensing of slaughterhouses and a unified inspection of meat have been supported by Farm Bureau as being necessary to a healthy, growing livestock industry in Michigan.

"We urge that legislation be enacted providing for ante mortem and post mortem inspection by the Michigan Department of Agriculture of those meat animals slaughtered in Michigan which are not under Federal inspection," said MFB convention delegates.



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# Michigan Farmers Active in Foreign Affairs

## Japanese Farmer to Visit Shankel Farm

To Attend Fall Term at MSU

Lloyd Shankel, Michigan Farm Bureau board director of District 8, has an extra "hired hand" for part of August. Mr. Hiroyuki Nishimura from Japan will stay at the Shankel farm near Wheeler, Michigan, until he begins the fall term at Michigan State University.

The Council on Economic and Cultural Affairs, established by John D. Rockefeller, is sponsoring Mr. Nishimura's stay in this country.

"The fellow will expect to live on the farm as though he were the farmer's son, — not as a guest, — and will do the best he can to help with the work of the farm . . ." the Council said in making preparations for his visit here.

Oranges are one of the principal cash crops in the region of Japan where Mr. Nishimura lives. He has recently completed a farm management study of a group of these farms.

## Farm Leaders Take Goodwill Tour

Many F.B. Members Among Those to Visit Europe

By DONNA WILBER

A "goodwill mission" dedicated to improving relations and understanding between America and the people of Eastern and Western Europe will be undertaken by a group of 39 Michigan agricultural leaders in September. A majority of the group scheduled to participate in the tour are Farm Bureau members.

Among the prominent farmers who will participate in the three-week tour are Allen Rush, member of the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors, and Frank Merriman, Sanilac county farm leader and member of the board of Trustees, Michigan State University.

Leaving Lansing September 8 and returning September 30, the Michigan delegation of the "People-to-People" project will visit the farms and cities of Belgium, Hungary, Soviet Union, Poland, Germany and France.

Delegation host-leader, B. Dale Ball, Deputy Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, states, "It is an opportunity for Michigan agricultural leaders to express their belief in democracy, to combat communist propaganda and to tell the important story of the 'American Way of Life.'"

The mission, privately sponsored and organized by the People-to-People Travel Program, will implement the aims and purposes of the United States Cultural Visitation Exchange Program and the People-to-People Foundation.

First stop will be at Brussels, Belgium, — Western Europe's capital for the European Common Market. The farm delegation will receive a briefing on the objectives and relationships of the European Common Market to American foreign trade.

### Iron Curtain Visit

At Kiev, capital of the Soviet Ukraine, the "bread-basket for all the Soviet Union" — the group will be guests of farm managers and government agriculture officials as they visit some of the largest grain and general-purpose farms in the Soviet Union. A full day will be spent visiting collective and state general purpose farms in Kharkov, providing an on-the-spot survey of how a Soviet farm is managed and worked.

During their stay in Moscow, capital city of the Soviet Union, the delegation will visit the USSR Agricultural Exhibition and meet with several Russian and United States Embassy agriculture officials. Time will also be spent on sightseeing excursions throughout the city, the highlight of which will be a tour of the famous Kremlin and the Lenin-Stalin Mausoleum.

A tour of Hungarian agricultural enterprises in Budapest will also give the group a look at life behind the "Iron Curtain." They will attend a "Welcome to Hungary" dinner party with government officials and agricultural representatives. Warsaw, Berlin and Paris are among other scheduled stops on the tour.

### Tour Roster

Farm leaders participating in the mission are (by county): Fred Collier, Allegan; Homer J. Becker, Lloyd Gaskill, Barry, Harry Nye, Charles Zollar, Berrien; Oliver Angell, Merle H. Green, Clinton; George Miller, Eaton; Christian Jensen, Emmet; Charles H. Coy, H. W. Miller, Hillsdale; B. Dale Ball, James D. Ball, Dwight Ballard, Howard J. Cook and Hugh Oesterle, Ingham.

Others include: Howard Hall, Morris Whitney, Jackson; Raymond Alpers, John Cosgrove, Oswald Herkner, Northwest Michigan; Alfred Goldner, Stuart Hutchins, Allen Rush, Oakland; Harold Braeutigam, Saginaw; Frank Merriman, Sanilac; Robert Johnson, St. Clair; Harold Blaylock, Edgar Mantey, Alton Reavey, Tuscola; Harold Sill, Everett Wiles, Jonathon Woodman, Wm. Burnette, Alfred Hope, Van Buren; Albert Gall, Neil Nixon, Lloyd Steiner, Washtenaw; and G. T. McCarty, Wayne county.

## Yorkshireman Visits



NEVILLE STONE, — young farmer from Yorkshire, England, spent part of a recent day in offices of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Marketing methods were of special interest to Stone, (right) pictured in animated conversation with Robert Braden, Field Services Director for the Michigan Cooperative Agricultural Marketing Association (MACMA).

## "England and U.S. Much Alike"

"I chose to visit the United States because we have so much in common," reports Neville Stone, youthful English farmer who has spent several months touring farming regions of this country. "In some things you're ahead of us, — some behind, but in the main we're on the same paths," he said.

Stone seemed surprised that Michigan farmers were not alarmed at developments within the European Common Mar-

ket, where through lowered internal trade barriers, a group of nations will provide sharp competition in international trade.

When chided about strong government control of agriculture and most other industries, Stone answered back with a logic difficult to answer. "True, our railroads are an economic mess, (they're nationalized) — but so are yours, and one thing, . . . we don't have useless 'firemen' riding along on our diesel locomotives just to create another job . . ."

Fellow farmers in the Yorkshire area sponsored his trip to America as part of a long-time international search for better farming ideas and as an exercise in international understanding.

## Trade Office Offers Challenge Europe Market Growing

Evert Vander Meulen, former Michigan resident and now Assistant Manager of the Farm Bureau Trade Development Corporation, (brother Ruvert Vander Meulen is president of the Missaukee County Farm Bureau,) — recently toured Europe to observe potential markets available to U. S. farmers.

His report indicates that the European market for consumer food products is growing, with increased purchasing power and desire for better and more convenient foods one of the important factors.

"This growing market will not be served to the United States or any other export country on a 'silver platter,'" explains Vander Meulen, who adds that good, sound merchandising and salesmanship programs are essential for entering and maintaining such markets.

Many other countries looking to Europe with an "eager eye" are developing extensive marketing programs of their own. On many of the important food items, the United States no longer has the exclusive on products and quality, he pointed out.

### "Competition and Profit"

"The European market is a competitive one and it is essential that we recognize this fact, — then consider the fundamental procedures for developing a marketing program under such conditions," he said.

Vander Meulen explained that although it is a competitive market, it is also a profitable market, — profitable when considering the sales on its own merit and the effect the sales may have on the domestic market.



E. VANDER MEULEN

"Most European buyers are international traders with considerable experience in the art of marketing," said Vander Meulen, "with a knowledge of local, U.S. and world prices. The very fact that many European countries must procure a very high percent of their food and fibre from world sources makes it paramount that they know world markets," he added.

According to Vander Meulen, principal European importers include "import merchants" — those who buy from exporters and sell to the wholesale trade and manufacturers, "import wholesalers" — who buy from exporters and sell primarily to the retail trade, and "import brokers" — people who sell in behalf of exporters to manufacturers and wholesalers.

### Rapid Market Changes

"The European market, especially in food distribution, is changing rapidly with supermarkets and self-service stores becoming the new pattern of food distribution," he said. "Many of the so-called 'old established' importers are quite concerned about this food distribution evolution. It will be necessary for farmers to

evaluate carefully the channel of distribution and changes taking place in the procurement and distribution of food."

Many large U.S. firms, such as Campbell Soup, Libbys, Hunt, Cal-Pak, Sunkist and Birds-Eye, are well established in Europe and some have processing and distribution plants there.

"There is increased trading between Eastern and Western Europe," Vander Meulen explained. "Eastern traders (which are in most cases governments) price to sell. The quality of their products has been up-graded in recent years and is well received by Western trade. Western European buyers are finding it very easy to trade with the satellite countries and when complaints arise they are usually resolved in favor of the buyer," he said.

"European consumers are somewhat more conservative than those of the United States and slow to change," said Vander Meulen, "and for this reason, it may be more difficult to establish a marketing program on a new product." He explained that Europeans are apt to "buy and eat with their eyes" and that color of product, package and label are very important.

Vander Meulen points out that Europe today, with a sound economy and gold reserves is demanding better trading terms and is getting it. "We in the United States must recognize this important factor and meet our competitors on the same or better trading basis," he said.

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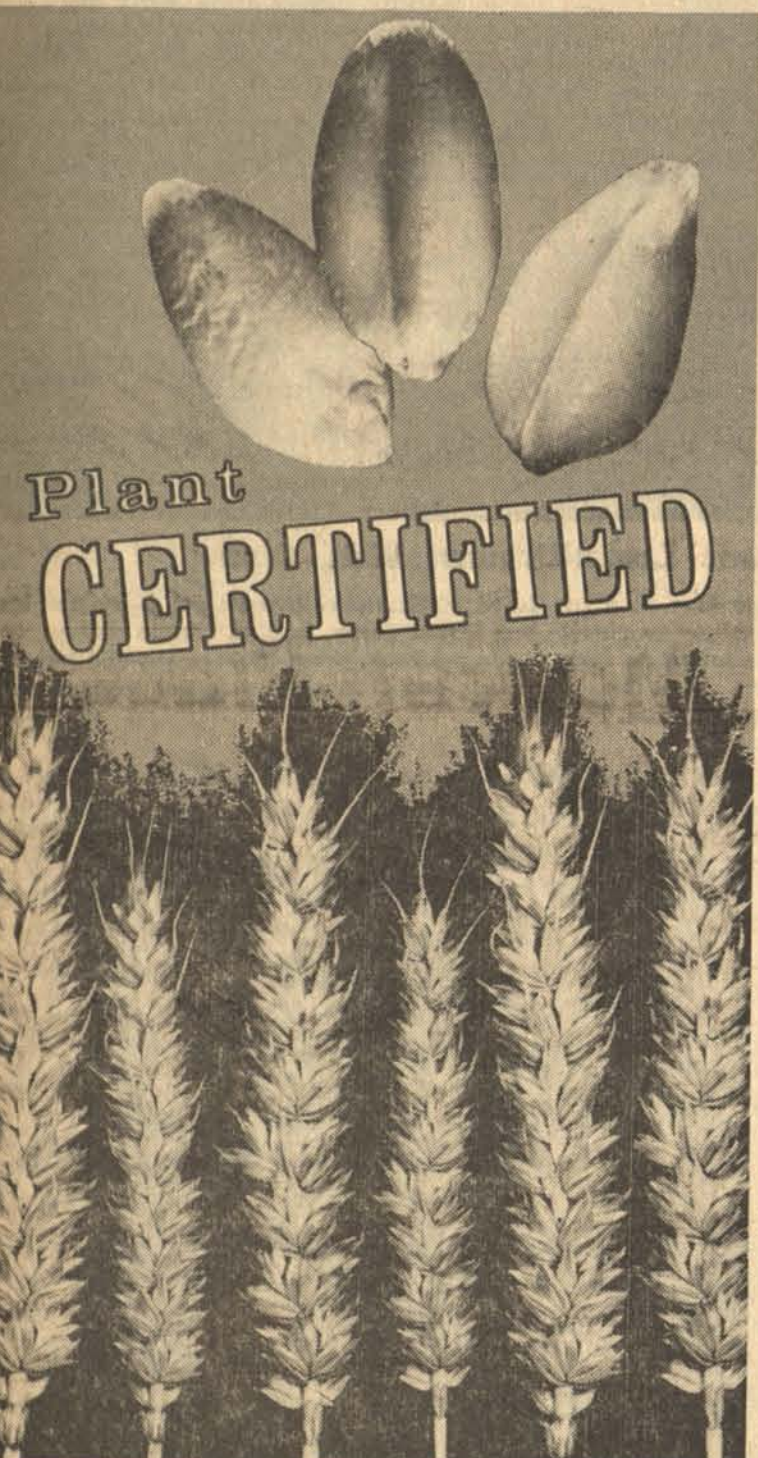
"The European market, — country by country, and commodity by commodity, — has certain marketing preference," said Vander Meulen, "and the very nature of the market with its trading barriers, marketing systems, product preferences and others, makes it essential to know each market for developing a satisfactory merchandising program."

In view of the European market situation, it is essential for the suppliers to visit the European markets as soon as possible, Vander Meulen feels. He invites them to take advantage of the Rotterdam office as a "home away from home."

Vander Meulen pointed out the importance of suppliers and the Farm Bureau Trade Development Corporation being on the same marketing "wave length" for the best performance. "It will require an understanding of objectives, problems and opportunities whereby, as a team, we will be able to all go in the same direction at the same time."

### We Must Remember

Those who hope to take advantage of European trade must remember that Europe is not ONE market, it is several very complex markets. In the near future, a "United States of Europe" may emerge to change the picture still more.



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### Dial-and-Write

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Telex, the fast growing dial-direct method of writing messages, is an important means of communication between U. S. farmers and world traders in the Rotterdam office of Farm Bureau's Trade Development Corporation.

Through Telex, one dials direct to buyers or suppliers, getting through to anyone on the network in about 8 seconds. There is no minimum charge for this "talk-in-writing" — with only actual "wire" time charged users.

The method offers all of the advantages of instantaneous communication plus the accuracy of a written message. The Rotterdam office has telex no. 22074 — used quite extensively for European communications.

Eventually it is visualized that direct written communication may be possible between the Trade Office and most major U. S. farm product suppliers.

### Districts For

## Allied Poultry Industries

In historic action that speaks well for the future, egg producers in the northwestern area of lower Michigan banded together to organize the "District 7 Egg Producers Committee" in the latter part of June.

This group became the first district of what planners indicate will become ten such districts organized over the state. Raymond DeWitt, Executive

Secretary-Treasurer of Michigan Allied Poultry Industries talked to the group of over 50 egg producers present at the District 7 meeting, chaired by Arthur Glidden, Grand Traverse Extension Director.

District officers and committee members elected include: Chairman, Ray Thomas, Antrim County; Vice Chairman, Darwin Norman, Osceola; Executive Committee member, Gordon Turnquist, Traverse; other committeemen include: Kenneth Zwerveen, Missaukee; Steve Smecker, Wexford; Charles Yonker, Leelanau; Ernest Lemponen, Manistee, and Darrell Fuller, Kalkaska.

### July 27

## Holstein Show Held One of Largest Shows in the Nation

Michigan's biggest Holstein event of the year, the Black and White Show, was held July 27 in the Ann Arbor-Saline area with a record crowd in attendance. One of the largest Black and White shows in the nation, the event was under the chairmanship of Howard Wilkie, Milan dairyman and member of the Washtenaw County Farm Bureau.

Visitors saw nearly 300 of the state's best Holsteins and were well-accommodated at the fairgrounds with picnic tables, shade trees and seats around the show ring. Free cold milk was furnished by the American Dairy Association of Michigan and the Michigan Holstein-Friesian Association.

A special program including a judging contest was held for 4-H and FFA members.

## Farm Bureau Women District 6

Mrs. Bruce Ruggies, Chairman HURON COUNTY, East and West, — entertained urban friends at a pot-luck luncheon, featuring a program by the Michigan Diabetes Association. LAPER women toured the Lapeer State Home and Training School following a luncheon at the Center Building.

SANILAC held a meeting on Civil Defense with Sheriff Quincy Hoffman as speaker and another on Medicare with Dr. McCrea. ST. CLAIR Women heard Miss Vera Andrus, Con-Con delegate, tell of the changes that are made in the proposed new Constitution.

TUSCOLA hosted the Huron County Women at a picnic followed with a tour of the Walbro Fuel Pump and Carburetor Plant. THE DISTRICT COUNCIL met July 17 to plan the Camp program to be held at Skinner Lake in Lapeer County September 26-27. Cost of the camp is \$8.55, — make plans now to attend.



## Michigan Products in Europe

EVART VANDER MEULEN, — (left) Assistant Managing Director of the Farm Bureau Trade Development Corporation, visits with Paul Findlen, Assistant Agricultural Attache for the United States Trade Center, London. The topic? Michigan beans and cherries in foreign trade.

"On some products," Vander Meulen reports, "Europe is not quite ready for our premium quality grades. They would like them, but cannot afford them. Therefore, it is essential to establish the quality and then the pricing structure which fits the market for volume sales. Perhaps in five years or more, Europe will be on a par with the United States as to quality demands."

## Sales Promotion Planned

A "program of visits" to establish sales contacts in London, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Copenhagen and Stockholm, has been planned by the Trade Development Corporation of the American Farm Bureau, during the month of October.

The international sales effort will center in seventeen days of the month, October 3-21. Taking part will be representatives of agricultural firms under agreement with the Farm Bureau affiliate. Invitations include five Michigan firms.

A special sales promotion event is to be arranged at the United States Trade Center, London, for display of farm products offered on world markets.

## Brand Labels Popular

He stated that European consumers are responding well to the American system of merchandising and that many buyers prefer the American brand label, thus gaining a certain

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# Young-Farmer Activities

## 4-H Youth Honored

At Michigan 4-H Week

Sixteen outstanding 4-H members, several of whom are sons and daughters of Farm Bureau members, received awards and scholarships during the recent Michigan 4-H Club Week at Michigan State University.

Four college scholarships of \$250 each, based on need, high school scholarship and determination to attend college, were awarded by the Women's National Farm and Garden Association.

The scholarships were received by Maurice Bennick, Coopersville; Norris Blackledge, Marion; Karen Briggs, Dansville; and Susan Johnson of Chio.

Phillip Weinberg of Bronson won a trip to the American Institute of Cooperation meeting at Columbus, Ohio, an award given annually by the institute for outstanding marketing projects.

Two 4-Hers, Patricia Johnson of Kalamazoo and Andrew Lenington of Mancelona, won scholarships to a leadership training camp conducted by the American Youth Foundation at Camp Miniwanca near Shelby.

The Prairie Farmer magazine awarded \$25 savings bonds for leadership achievement to: Sue Bayley, Homer; Rose Nardizzi, Indian River; Judy Brown, Mason; and Carol Brooks, Almont.

Other recipients of the savings bond award included: Janet Walter, West Branch; Judy Marks, Scottsville; Norris Blackledge, Marion; Jeanne Innes, Deckerville; and Thomas Morris of Romulus.

A total of 1,200 youth from all over Michigan attended the annual event which featured classes and discussions on career and skill, international affairs and young peoples' social adjustment.

Typical of the resourceful, dedicated people on the committee is Mrs. Walter Harger, representing district 7. Although the Hargers are kept busy on their 200-acre farm near Stanwood, they have found time to participate in every phase of Farm Bureau activity.

Currently, besides serving on the Topic Committee, Mrs. Harger is chairman of her district's Women's Activities; both Hargers are on the Public Relations committee; Mr. Harger is on the Service Committee and son Bruce serves on the Citizenship Committee.

When asked why she felt it important to take time from her already busy schedule to act on the State Topic Committee, Mrs. Harger replied, "I feel it is an honor to serve on this committee. Our community groups are the 'back-bone' of Farm Bureau and the topics they discuss can determine legislation which will affect all of us."

The strength of Farm Bureau lies in direct proportion to the intelligent participation of its members.

## Ag Career Opportunities Examined at Midwest Camp

Large Group is Expected to Attend

Michigan Farm Bureau Young People are invited to attend the 1962 Midwest Camp, scheduled for September 7-10 at Merom Institute, Merom, Indiana. The campsite is located 40 miles south of Terre Haute on the banks of the Wabash River.

"Career Opportunities in Agriculture" is the theme for the program, open to young people from the Midwest states, both single and married, between the ages of 17-30.

Although not in a training program, it is hoped that through exchange of ideas and experiences, the young people will gain much information for bettering their local Farm Bureau programs.

Key speakers at the camp will be Professor J. W. Hicks of the Agricultural Economics Department at Purdue University and Harold Jordan of the Indiana Farm Bureau Co-op Association. President of the Indiana Farm Bureau, George Doup, recently returned from India where he studied the agricultural situation, will speak on "Farm Programs — United States and India."

Swimming, softball, stunts and dancing are other activities scheduled for the camp which begins with registration on Friday, September 7 from 3 to 7 p.m. and closes with breakfast on Monday.

Cost of the Midwest Young People's Camp is \$15. Those interested may contact their county Farm Bureau secretary or Lester Bollwahn, coordinator of Farm Bureau Young People, Michigan Farm Bureau.

## Farm Youth Attend National Conference

Cooperative Groups Sponsor Trip

Fifteen young Michigan farmers, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Cheney of Williamston, are attending the 34th annual meeting of the American Institute of Cooperation at Ohio State University, Columbus, August 5-9.

The trip is underwritten by cooperatives in their areas including the Production Credit Associations, Rural Electric Cooperatives and the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives.

Ruth Ann Schmidt, White Pigeon, Michigan; Karen Gadsen, White Pigeon, Michigan; John Peebles, Jr., Charlevoix, Michigan; Karen Abrahamson, Grand Marais, Michigan; Richard Price, Eagle, Michigan; Larry Wolkins, Jones, Michigan.

The Bath FFA Chapter, the National Regional winner will receive special recognition for outstanding work in Farmer Cooperatives. The group will be represented by Norman Brown, Advisor, Ron Nordin, President, Laingsburg; Michael Dames, Bath; James Nichols, Bath; Dennis Rethamel, Bath.

Outstanding Michigan young people who have demonstrated leadership ability to earn the trip are:

Phillip Weinberg, 4-H AIC Scholarship winner, Bronson, Michigan; Victor Lutz, State FFA President, Turner, Michigan; Larry Bean, State FFA Vice-President, Kalamazoo, Michigan; Ruth Ann VanAken, Eaton Rapids; David Morgan, Sears, Michigan; Gill Van Wagoner, Alpena, Michigan; Harry Steele, Jr., Caro, Michigan; John Malinowski, Kalkaska, Michigan; Larry Richmond, Pigeon, Michigan.

"We're starting to move... we're breaking loose in a number of areas, membership among them. We expect a distinct break-through in the field of marketing within the next few months."

"I sometimes think we spend too much time working on 'get-out-the-vote' projects and too little educating people on election issues. There are some people that I just as soon don't vote."

Important in this effective method of "making heard the voice of the Farm Bureau member" is the State Topic Committee. The function of this appointed committee is to arrange a schedule of discussion topics for the 1500 community groups.

On July 20, this committee met at Farm Bureau Center in Lansing to set up a schedule for September 1962 through February 1963. Topics as suggested by the community groups themselves were correlated, discussed and scheduled for this period of time.

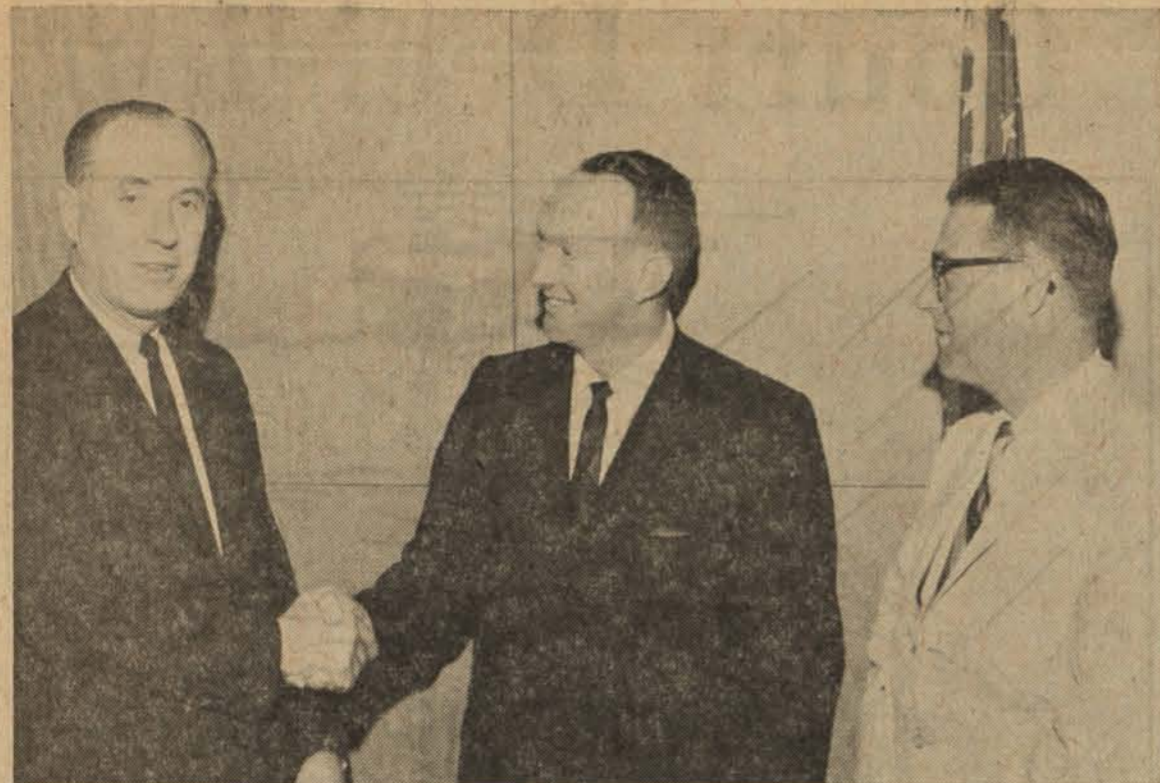
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JOINS MICHIGAN BAR ASSOCIATION.— Jack Cote, (center) Litigation Supervisor for the claims division of Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company, is pictured shortly after being sworn in as a member of the Michigan Bar Association. Circuit Judge Marvin J. Salmon of Lansing, left, officiated at the ceremony. Howard Brown, an Attorney and Claim Manager for Farm Bureau Insurance, served as Sponsor for Mr. Cote.

A graduate of the Detroit College of Law, Cote joined the Farm Bureau Insurance Claims Division in 1954 as an adjuster. He is the past president of the Michigan Adjusters Association.

## 1500 STRONG Community Groups Meet

Discuss, Decide

By DONNA WILBER

This month and every month, over 1500 such groups scattered throughout Michigan from the borders of Ohio and Indiana, to the edges of Canada and of Wisconsin in the Upper Peninsula—meet and review timely topics.

This month specifically, the topic will be "reapportionment" and legal questions tied to a court case that threatens the people's constitutional rights.

Eventually, the understanding that local farmers have of such issues will reflect into resolutions of their county Farm Bureau, through it into the resolutions sessions of the Michigan Farm Bureau and in turn, the powerful American Farm Bureau Federations of states.

Important in this effective method of "making heard the voice of the Farm Bureau member" is the State Topic Committee. The function of this appointed committee is to arrange a schedule of discussion topics for the 1500 community groups.

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# Disturbing Developments in Court Decision

## Court Threatens Voter Rights

### Discussion Topic

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Time — 11 a.m., July 18, 1962. The State Supreme Court has just exploded a bombshell at the heart of Michigan Constitutional law.

The majority decision of the Court blasts the action and the rights of Michigan voters under the Constitution to smithereens. It is a devastating blow to our republic.

On July 2, Mr. August Scholle, state president of the AFL-CIO, placed his second demand in two years before the Court. In each case he demanded that our State Senate be ruled illegal and that new senatorial districts be established, based on strict numbers of population within them. The July 18th Court decision was 4 to 3, with 4 Justices abiding by Mr. Scholle's demands. The issue was a political one.

#### Justices Bow to Demands

The Court threw out the Constitutional amendment passed by the voters in 1952, establishing 34 Senatorial districts based on population plus area. The Court rules that the primary election of August 7th shall be suspended, so far as State Senators are concerned.

It rules that the Legislature shall reapportion the Senate seats by August 20th. If the Legislature fails to do this, the Court rules that Senators for 32 districts — (1908 Constitution) — shall be nominated "at-large" in a special primary on September 11th. In fact, by its own decision, THE COURT RULES IN MICHIGAN TODAY.

Neither the U.S. Constitution nor the State Constitution vests any powers in the Courts to take over supervision of the legislative branch. Courts have no Constitutional authority to overrule decisions of the voters, properly performed under the Constitution. But recent decisions of the Courts have swept away any such limits on their powers.

#### Senate Districts Established Legally

Under the present 34 Senatorial districts, 20 Senators come from cities of 100,000 population or more. The present State Senatorial districts were established as required by the Constitution through approval of a majority of citizens voting on the question in 1952.

At that time, an alternate proposal was also on the ballot. It asked the voters to establish Senatorial districts based on strict population. The voters chose. They rejected the latter proposal. They established the districts that have been in force since 1952.

#### Just Four Men Decide the Matter

The 1952 decision was made by thousands of our citizens according to Constitutional procedure. The Supreme Court which made this decision today, consists of eight men. Three of them ruled that the present apportionment was a legal expression of the Michigan voters. One did not vote.

Justice Paul L. Adams was disqualified. He gave his opinion in the 1960 case when he was Attorney General. He fulfilled his oath to defend our Constitution, regardless of any party allegiance. That leaves four men who took unto themselves the authority to overrule the voters.

#### With Four Results—

The decisions of these four men, in effect does four things:

1. They have, in effect, amended the State Constitution to comply with party objectives.

2. They have, in effect, disenfranchised every voter who approved the present apportionment of Senate seats in 1952.

3. Their ruling — opposed by 3 Justices — reverses the decision of the Supreme Court given in 1960.

4. They have attacked and, by their own authority, disqualified one part of our Constitution.

IF THIS CAN BE DONE, WHERE, INDEED, LIES THE SECURITY OF ANY PART — OR THE WHOLE — OF THE BASIC LAW OF OUR STATE? ANY SECTION BECOMES VULNERABLE TO THE SAME SORT OF ATTACK.

#### The Party or the Law?

Have we come to the point where officials in office are willing to say, "If Constitutional provisions or other laws stand in the way of party purposes, step around them?" It

ator shall have one vote." No domination of the Senate by high population possible in that!

#### The 1960 Michigan Court Decision

In the case brought before our State Court in 1960, a basic principle was stated:

"If the composition of the U.S. Senate and many other State Legislatures in which representation is based on other factors than population do not offend the 14th amendment (of the U.S. Constitution), then the State Senate apportionment does not. We consider that it lies with the people of the State to determine the basis upon which the legislative districts are to be established, and that their will is final provided they make appropriate amendment of the Constitution by the procedure prescribed by the Constitution for adopting amendments."

Other Court decisions also declare that the issue is "TOO INVOLVED IN POLITICS" to be a matter for Court decision.

#### Confusing Politics With Law

The fact that we are seeing political issues settled by Court decision rather than by the normal process of political action and decision at the polls is a sign of serious deterioration in our governmental process.

When such matters are appealed to the Courts, a confusion arises both the normal operation of politics and in the role of Constitutional law. Political demands challenge the authority and the security of the law. The law can collapse under biased attack by determined men.

The Court's decision contains a power-packed political wallop. What if the Legislature does not apportion according to the doctrine of the Court? What if all Senators are nominated "at-large" on a "bed sheet ballot"?

Under such conditions, all Senators could come from the metropolitan area around Detroit. This would help assure a Court-initiated landslide for the AFL-CIO.

The Legislature RECESSED in June. It did not adjourn. The Court decision was then "on the fire." Adjournment would allow the Governor to call a special session, limiting the Legislature to an assigned task. By recessing, the legislators could choose their line of action.

#### The Basis of Our Republic

The men who have furthered this Court decision have preached that America is a "Democracy." By this they mean that we should have a government based on the power of numbers — MAJORITY RULE.

In such a government, people living in areas containing a minority can have only such rights or such consideration as the majority areas are willing to grant to them. An area in power is apt to think only of its own interests.

The United States was never a democracy. Our Constitution establishes it as a republic: It is the republic that such men would destroy.

Those who were the architects of our republic were careful to establish a government based on LAW—not a government based on the will or authority of a few men nor selected masses of men.

The function of a State Legislature in any light of freedom is that of representing and furthering the interests of the people of the State AS A WHOLE — and not merely the interests of some specially-privileged section.

#### Can the People Correct It?

Yes. Despite the Supreme Court decision, the people of Michigan can reinstate a government of fairness to the state as a whole. They can go to work vigorously and politically to nominate and elect men, regardless of party, who have the interest of ALL the people at heart and have no bias to favor any group by class or locality of residence.

#### Questions for Discussion

1. Previous to the year of 1962, the Supreme Courts, in

their decisions, looked upon the matter of apportionment of State Legislatures as being political in nature, and not a matter for Court decision. Serious thought has been given by some people in government as to the following proposal.

Should Farm Bureau work to amend the U. S. Constitution denying the Supreme Court jurisdiction over cases of

apportionment of Legislatures and safeguarding the separation of the powers of the Courts from the lawmaking branch of government?

2. Can your group suggest other lines of action for citizens to take to protect the Constitutional rights of the people against political attacks by individuals or officials of various branches of government?

### Future Discussion Topics

(Established by the State Topic Committee)

September — What Things Affect Net Farm Income?

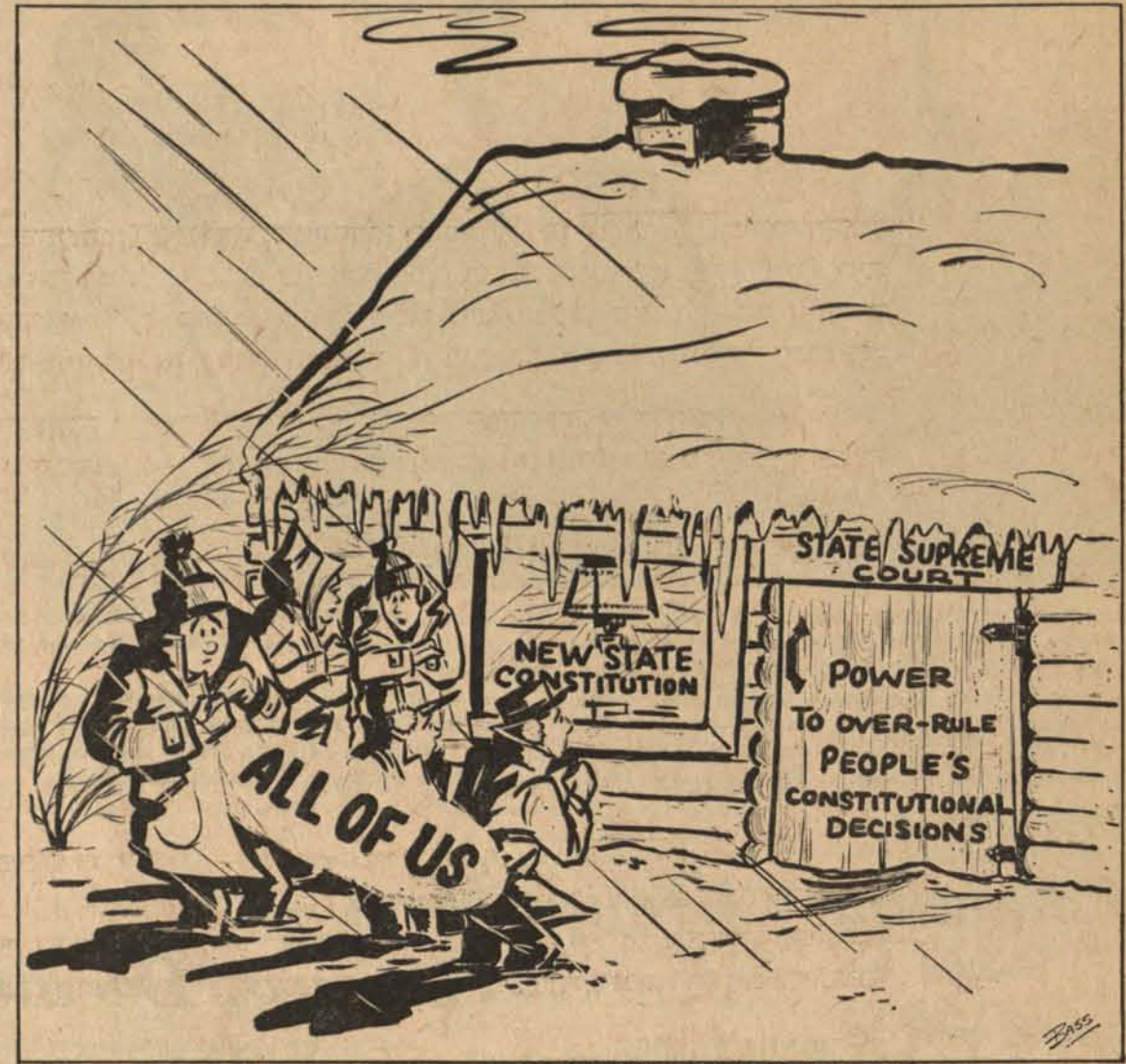
October — Meaningful Issues in the November General Election

November — Challenges to Free, Voluntary Farm Organizations

December — Solving Problems of Farm Inheritance

January — Should the Executive Branch of Governments Have Increased Powers?

February — The Meaning of a Vote on Michigan's New Constitution (or What Has Happened to Michigan's New Constitution)

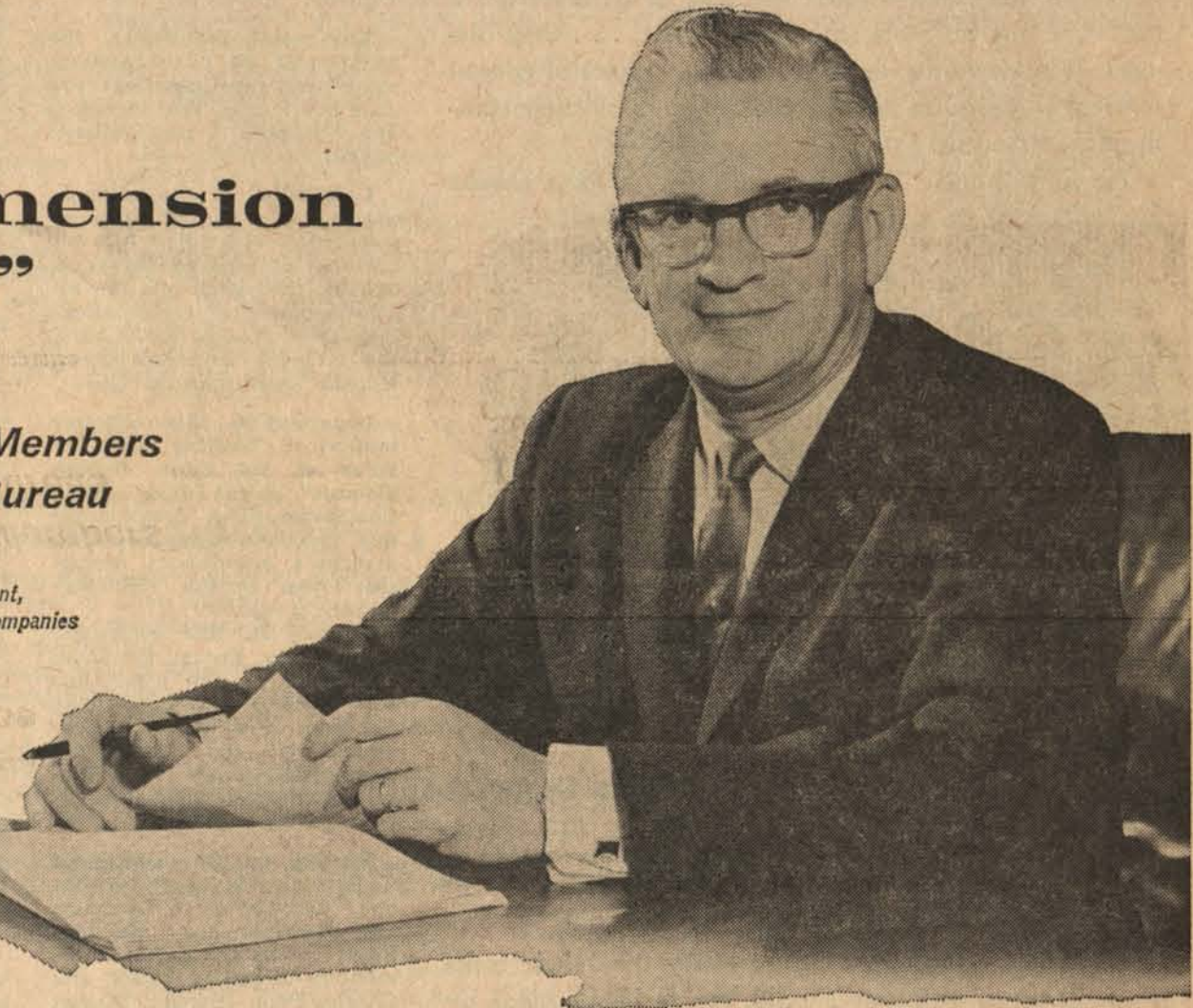


"Baby, It's Cold Outside!"

## "A New Dimension in Service"

An Open Letter to the Members of the Michigan Farm Bureau from Nile L. Vermillion

Administrative Vice President,  
Farm Bureau Insurance Companies



Dear Farm Bureau Member:

I am extremely proud to announce progress in the Farm Bureau Insurance program which will create NEW DIMENSIONS IN SERVICE.

In slightly more than thirteen years, Farm Bureau Insurance in Michigan has made remarkable progress. Farm Bureau Mutual and Farm Bureau Life have advanced with the dynamic changes in farming and today stand as solid proof of the ability of farmers to build and maintain a sound, progressive insurance program. But conditions continue to change and we must change in order to serve effectively.

After much research and study, we are convinced that new facilities are needed if we are to effectively serve the auto insurance needs of all Farm Bureau Members. To meet these changes, your Board of Directors have approved the organization of the new COMMUNITY SERVICE INSURANCE COMPANY.

This new facility will make it possible to continue to provide the lowest possible auto rates for safe driving Members in Farm Bureau Mutual and to continue to insure Members who temporarily can't qualify for standard rates in the Community Service Insurance Company.

This new Company is an affiliate of Farm Bureau Mutual and both Companies will work hand in hand to serve rural Michigan. Together, they will advance the purposes and benefits of the present Farm Bureau auto insurance program. Farm Bureau Mutual will remain an exclusive service for Members.

This expanded service will strengthen the Michigan Farm Bureau by providing insurance services for your entire rural community. If your relatives, friends and neighbors can qualify for a Farm Bureau Membership, they can enjoy the privilege of Farm Bureau Mutual auto insurance. Otherwise, they can purchase auto insurance from the new Community Service Insurance Company at competitive rates based on their driving records.

Farm Bureau now can provide insurance for all Michigan rural residents. Help us to spread this important news. Tell your relatives, friends and neighbors and be sure to give them the name of the nearest Farm Bureau insurance agent.

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