Exciting, Colorful

Variety is Keynote

History will record that the recent farm meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, November 9-10, was a miniaturized representation of the country’s vast and varied Farm Bureau family. The meeting was marked by outstanding and unusual assemblies, workshops, technical addresses, and entertainment features. The annual meeting set a record for attendance in both the number of members and diversity of state, county, and local Farm Bureau participation. The Farm Bureau has become a national movement, but the Michigan Farm Bureau, its Coordinating Council, the Michigan Farm Bureau Foundation, and its many local county Farm Bureaus and affiliated organizations, are as varied in their activities and membership as any state Farm Bureau in the nation.

Memorial Awards
Thirteen state Farm Bureau members were honored with special recognition at the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau. These awards include the newly instituted "Michigan Farm Bureau Memorial Award," presented to Ralph L. Burkholder, Washtenaw County Farm Bureau member, for his outstanding contributions to modern agricultural methods and his untiring efforts in promoting farm cooperatives.

Michigan Farm Bureau President, Anthony "Tony" Kreine, was elected to previously held position of state farm bureau president, with Edgar Diamond, Rt. 2, Alpena, succeeding him. The newly elected MFB Directors include: Marvin E. Traner, Duane Gehrke, and William R. Schaffter.

Fleming Hits Controllers

Banquet Talk

Well Received

In a hard-hitting speech before the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, Governor-elect George Romney of Michigan, a forceful and articulate leader, declared that the present method of government control over agriculture was "far too expensive and is a burden on all of the people of this country." Romney was uniformly praised by the Farm Bureau membership for his "off-the-cuff" remarks that were delivered in a manner which the Congress and farmers have "taken the lid off the government control program."

Fleming's "Hit" List

"Don't be fooled," Fleming told the farmers. "There are.deliberate efforts by Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz and his associates to add more programs in an attempt to increase the size of the government. It is a colossal waste of taxpayers' dollars." Fleming's remarks were received with enthusiasm by the Farm Bureau membership, as they were addressed to the increasing criticism of government control of agriculture. The Farm Bureau members present at the meeting were unanimous in their support of the Governor-elect's efforts to reduce the government's role in agriculture.

GOVERNOR-ELECT VISITS MEETING

To the nearly 700 Farm Bureau voting delegates assembling in the Big House of Michigan State University, was pictured listening to the annual address of President Whitcomb. Later, nearly 700 other state Farm Bureau members worked through a long list of policy resolutions that touched on nearly every phase of farm interest.

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President's Address

Is Stirring

Water V. Whitcomb, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, outlined the major points of his Farm Bureau program to the group. He outlined the need for a strong Farm Bureau program to solve the problems of farmers. He stated that the Farm Bureau is the "only answer" to the problems of farmers.

Largest in State

Saginaw county continues to lead, all other counties in Michigan topped with 2,734 member families on the roll. The number of counties exceeding the 1,000 mark in 1961, as shown in the 1959-60 membership report, was 85. In 1962, 75 counties reached this mark. This year the Farm Bureau membership reached 87,000. The list includes...

Michigan Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

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Scenes From The 43rd Annual Meeting, Michigan Farm Bureau


**Checking What They Are Saying...**

**U.S. Chamber of Commerce**

Federal price support and a flat rate state income tax are being considered by the Michigan Farm Bureau. This is the case for other groups. Some farmers are strongly favored a graduated income tax - on condition.

*The Chicago Daily Tribune*

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**Road, Highway Resolutions Attract Delegate Attention**

"Mackinac Bridge. There is a growing sentiment that present tolls at the Mackinac Bridge are excessive and that a way should be found to make the services of the bridge available at decreased cost."

With that observation, delegates at the annual meeting looked favorably on a provision in the proposed state highway resolutions that the legislature authorize the state to borrow money to refund the Mackinac Bridge Authority bonds. Operation of the bridge would then be assumed by the State Highway Department.

**Government "Help!" No Help at All**

"It seems clear that very little economic solutions have been made by the federal government in order to help the farm operators. Marketing and Federal price support costs have been increasing. Surplus disposal is a problem and taxes are higher than ever before."

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**Federal Funds' Wrong Title County Says "It's Our Money"**

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**State Income Tax? A Big IF**

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*The Detroit Free Press*

Some news reports have it that the Michigan Farm Bureau delegates recently came out in favor of a state income tax. Without qualifying that statement very strictly, it cannot stand as true.

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The delegates left a Big IF in the picture. Farmers and other property owners are Bouncing in a quicksand bog of taxation on property. After long and vigorous debate, the Michigan Farm Bureau delegates finally approved a flat rate state income tax and thereby brought relief to many a farmer.

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The property tax picture. Taxes on personal property are now paying a higher percentage of the total tax bill than in any such tax proposal should be voted on by the Michigan Farm Bureau delegates finally came out in favor of a state income tax and thereby brought relief to many a farmer.

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**FREEMAN READLES**

**Take Over**

Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman told reporters in Washington that his Department is ready to take control of all food and agricultural supplies if the situation becomes critical. Freeman said a similar plan was put into effect by the government more than a year ago.

**Surprises or "Store-houses of Strength"?**

An article in the "Journal of Agriculture" stated that government "storehouses of strength" are a "surprise" to many people. The article cited examples of how government "storehouses of strength" have been used in times of crisis, such as during World War II.

**Another Scare Story?**

An article in the "American Academy of Religion" warned of the dangers of another "scare story" in the field of agriculture. The article cited examples of how scare stories have been used to manipulate the public's perception of the food supply.

**Bureau Women Conduct Excellent Program**

**Vivid, Unusual Presentations Are Made by Dr. Wessel, John McCaf**

In a recent, informal meeting, Dr. Wessel talked about his subject to which he had a question: "The audience in a group of which he spoke last year did not get enough exercise and still had physical effort which brought a change such as we disliked to see at an early interviewing.

"Women Important" in Keeping the Peace in the South?

Mr. John P. McCall, President of the Michigan State Fair Association, told the Farm Bureau Women's Committee that women cannot achieve a victory in the struggle for peace until they are able to influence the men in their families to vote for candidates who will be concerned about the problems of the United States.

**Challenge for '63**

Mrs. Arthur Wells, State Chairman of the Farm Bureau Women's Committee, gave a review of 1962 activities, highlighting their accomplished Citizenship program. She discussed the "Challenge for '63" project.

**Group Told to "Be Fit"**

Dr. J. W. Wessel, Professor in the Physical Education and Recreation Department of Michigan State University, suggested that the Farm Bureau women's membership to the Farm Bureau Women's Committee, giving a presentation, "Ladies, Be Fit."
**Highlights Of The 43rd MFB Annual Meeting**

**“Miss Michigan Farm Bureau”**

Twenty-Six Girls In Contest

The new “Miss Michigan Farm Bureau” is pretty 17-year-old Sherry Green of Gratiot county. Her selection was announced at the annual meeting evening banquet program, November 7 in Kellogg Center, MSU.

A senior at the Ithaca High School, Sherry is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Green. Runners-up in the tight contest were Linda Donahue of Arenac county and Susan McCalla of Igham.

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Lively, goosepecked Christmas Tree

Our past... maybe you're not ready yet. Christmas Tree is ready!*

---*New handle but no bristles.

---*Your blues.

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Officers Named Top Awards Made

A group of summer workers who are also members of the Young Farmers Club in the state are being honored for their outstanding service. The group is comprised of the state officers of the Young Farmers Club, who were selected based on their performance and leadership qualities.

Highlights of County Annual Meetings

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Shiawassee County Farm Bureau

Chippewa

The Chippewa County Farm Bureau held its annual meeting on Saturday, December 3rd, at the Chippewa County Fairgrounds. The meeting, which was attended by over 100 people, featured a keynote speech by Mr. John Smith, a successful farmer from the county. The meeting was held in the Sherwood Room of the Fairgrounds, and was presided over by Mr. Paul Johnson, the elected chairman. New officers for the upcoming term were also announced, including Mr. David Brown as President, Mr. Robert Anderson as Vice-President, and Mr. Mark Johnson as Secretary-Treasurer.

The annual meeting of the Shiawassee County Farm Bureau was also held on Saturday, December 3rd, at the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds. The meeting was attended by over 100 people, including many local farmers and representatives from various agricultural organizations. The meeting was held in the Education Building of the Fairgrounds, and was presided over by Mr. John Smith, the elected chairman. New officers for the upcoming term were also announced, including Mr. David Brown as President, Mr. Robert Anderson as Vice-President, and Mr. Mark Johnson as Secretary-Treasurer.

Of County Annual Meetings

N.W. Michigan

Antirum

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Farm Bureau at Work

Listed are radio stations carrying Farm Bureau's weekly 15-minute news broadcasts on a regular basis. Tune in...to let your local station know that you appreciate the Farm Bureau's contributions to the local community and beyond.

Michigan Bell Telephone Company

F.B. Young People's Annual:

Antirum

"...and I'll need another ton of that fortified feed, too..."

Think of all the time and steps you can save if you are looking for a lower-cost, higher-quality feed. Whether you think you can manage a convenience store or if you are looking for the best value without sacrificing quality, this feed is designed to meet your needs. It is fortified with essential vitamins and minerals to provide the best possible nutrition for your livestock. It is available in a range of sizes, from 25 to 50 pounds, so you can buy just what you need. If you plan on buying more than 100 pounds, you may qualify for a special bulk discount. This feed will keep your livestock healthy and productive all year round. Keep an eye on the nearest feed store for special offers and promotions.
Trip to Atlantic, Georgia

To Attend A.F.B.F. Annual Meeting, Dec. 13
Five county Farm Bureau agencies have been awarded trips to the A.F.B.F. annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, in mid-December as a result of the activities of their Community Group Committee.

Top winner of an all-expense-paid trip to Atlanta was Alpena County for "having the best balanced program of activities that help Farm Bureau achieve its national objectives." Runners-up and winners of partially paid trips are Montmorency, Ionia, Otsego and Saginaw counties.

Important Work Recognized

This awards program, originated by the Saginaw County Farm Bureau Community Group, is designed to encourage and recognize the important work being done by Farm Bureau members and community leaders.

Montgomery County Farm Bureau's "New Constitution" was responsible for nine new groups of Americans being added to the county Farm Bureau, and the sharing of leadership developing young people in the county was being done effectively.

The Saginaw County Community Group has been in existence since 1954 and has done an outstanding job in training local leaders who have led the county Farm Bureau in its activities.

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Charlevoix Women Visit MRA on Mackinac Island

Calhoun 4-H Award

A ROYAL TRIP TO MACKINAC ISLAND to visit the Manistee Re-Enactment Center was a recent outing of the Charlevoix County Women's 4-H club, based in the village. Featured on the tour was a tour of the 600-acre licensed historic site of the Mackinac Island State Historic Park. The tour was organized over the official community Farm Bureau Group.

"Awareness of safety on the farm is of vital importance and we feel our club is a part of this effort in helping our young people to be aware of the hazards and safety precautions. We have had numerous safety meetings, field trips and contests relating to farm safety," noted President Marilyn St. James.

"This experience gave me an idea of the need to realize that all children who are involved in farm activities need to be educated in farm safety. I think the young children could be a part of this education."

Problems which cause unsafe practices during corn harvest are numerous and require the cooperation of all farm groups in education and safety in farm practices. Safety is a matter of life and death and must be an active concern of all individuals.

"You and I wouldn't think of driving around in a building full of oil, using a light bulb in a gas oven or using gasoline in a bathtub. Yet, clothing which is not properly handled is just as dangerous as any of these activities. The sad fact is that clothing is not handled properly."

"When we want to build a certain amount of any safety, even safety, you understated, "

Paw Paw Community Group Claims "First" Title

VERMONTVILLE MEMBERS—of the Future Farmers of America, are shown presenting a non-harvest safety demonstration to the Michigan Farm Bureau Women's Club. June 25, 1962, was the dedication of "number one." According to President Glenn Lake said the dedication of "number one." According to President Glenn Lake said the dedication of "number one."

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Will A Will Keep Your Farm In One Piece?

Discussion Topic
DONALD D. KINSLEY
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The amount of interest shown by farmers in this subject would indicate two things:
1. That farmers are concerned that their farm should be kept in the family in the future, and . . .
2. That the farm should remain as an intact operating business.

Tax and inheritance laws have become more and more complicated. They build a spreading web around the farm and make property inheritance without a proper will or legal agreement by property owners, an estate can face a multitude of claims against it unless the heir is well versed in the government. It demands its inheritance and estate taxes. It holds up a cry of "Tricks or Treats!" And the last thing needed may very well wreck the future of a farm estate.

In matters of this kind, the best advice anyone can give is to seek expert help by a person who knows the "ins" and "outs" of the problems. Then plan your farm future for survival.

Not a "Do It Yourself" Job

You may say to yourself, "Well, I can work this out on my own. I can find out what the law says and perhaps plan my future." Do not make this mistake.

This can be a full-time job. There are a multitude of Federal, State, and local boards and agencies on farm inheritance. Each will have an opinion about what has made the most of your farm.

Your best bet is to hire an attorney who is well acquainted with the legal problems for your personal estate. He will be able to help set up a legal document to take care of what you are doing and to what extent your farm will be passed through the will. He will also be able to recommend one who can do it. It is too late to do it now. You should consider it as a keystone to your modern farm estate at the earliest possible time.

Lawyer's help and counsel is indispensable.

Your own farm estate is a business and a family unit. As a business it has been studied and treated and as a family unit it has been treated. This is the second unit of the family— the farm. And who gets the estate from both? Where does it go to? And who gets the property? What is its future? What should you do about it?

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Good Will - No Scion

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Lawyers can help here and deal with the problems in an orderly way. They will provide the services of an attorney to help you.

Legal "Tanglefoot"

Any attempt is try to list the probate problems and to note the many different programs, relationships among your farm partnership. The lawyer can help you to work it out. He can give you help in making the right decisions for a small farm estate.

Some of the things that do happen to estates when their owners die. Many may not know how to prepare an estate for a small farm estate. And sometimes there is no planning. And sometimes there is no thinking about the "tangles" that are involved.

Consider what it can do for you. There are many future farm partnerships going today.

Planning Works

When a partnership dies, the partnership ceases. An audit of the estate will show the partnership's status.

Helpful Extension

Miracles

Provide WEEKNLCE INCOME for your old farm employees while disabled from farm accidents. As an employee of farm help, you can now broaden your liability and medical coverage to include Farm Worker Income for all farm accidents to employees, protection of the claim.

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The state Topi Committee is presented with a survey of these group preferences. The results provide a working guide for the new topic series.

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For just a few cents a day, Farm Bureau offers a new, exclusive coverage that will allow your full time employees to receive $42 a week while laid up from a disabling farm accident. There’s no new policy to buy. This coverage can be easily added to your present Farm Bureau or Farm Liability policy.

For more information or to make changes in contracts for operation, call the Farm Bureau agent. For new contracts, call the Farm Bureau agent. For new contracts, call the Farm Bureau agent.