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**AT 43rd ANNUAL MEETING** 

40th Year

**DECEMBER 1, 1962** 

# Farm Bureau Calls for Property Tax Kelief



### Auditorium Convention Scene at Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

PART OF THE CROWD,-that attended the 43rd annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, held November 7-8-9 in the Auditorium of Michigan State University, is pictured listening to

Exciting, Colorful

### Variety Is Keynote

History will record that the recent 43rd annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, November 7-8-9 was a colorful, constructive and smoothly conducted business and information meeting.

Work of the convention ranged from presentation of four awards for Distinguished Service to Michigan Agriculture, an appearance by Governor-elect George Romney, outstanding talks by prominent speakers and a resolution session that was classic for its serious consider-

trophies, with Iron county awarded a traveling-trophy for securing the highest percentage of goal by January 15. Other counties in the top-winner's circle were Charlevoix and Antrim counties in second and third position.

Counties receiving trophies for the highest percentage of membership maintenance for the year were Menominee, Washtenaw and Wexford, in that order. Menominee set an unprecedented record with 100% re-enrollment of its previous year's membership.

### ficial Delegates worked through a long list of policy resolutions that touched on nearly every phase of farm interest. Meeting Annual

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the annual address of President Wightman. Later, nearly 700 of-

### **New Directors**

Elected Much interest was shown in seats on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau, with two new directors named along with others who were reelected to previously held positions.

Anthony ("Tony") Kreiner, Brown City, was elected to one of two "at-large" designations, and Edgar Diamond, Rt. 2, Al pena, was elected to represent District 10.

### **President's Address**

### **Fleming Hits Controllers**

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well may reject the multiple

price plan for wheat when they vote on it in a referendum next

Additionally, another group

of farmers-this time turkey

producers-rejected in refer-

endum efforts by the Adminis-

tration to place them under

"The central question now at

issue," Fleming declared, "is

whether we, as a people, are to

try to perfect the market sys-

tem, or whether we are to en-

gage in activities which will

"Farm Bureau members sin-

cerely believe in this economic

system of ours whereby-large-

ly through the operation of the

market-production and con-

sumption are brought into bal-

ance. Reliance on relative

prices to guide production and

distribution is the key to the

"If consumers want less of a

product, prices go down. As a

consequence, farmers produce

less. Such a system operates

effectively-although in some

cases it takes longer than in

others because of the produc-

tion cycle of the commodity and for other reasons. Further-

more, it operates impersonally,

in sharp contrast to national

planning and political price

"More is involved here than

dollars and cents. Economic

freedom and political freedom

are the Siamese twins of the

American way. You can't have

one without the other."

workability of this system.

jeopardize that system.

### **Banquet Talk Well Received**

In a hard-hitting speech before the large crowd attending the evening banquet program of the 43rd annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, Nov. 7, Roger Fleming, Secretary-Treasurer of the American Farm Bureau defended the market-price system against "supply-managers."

He said that despite recent set-backs, the objectives of these Washington "controllers" remain constant

"Don't be fooled," Fleming said. "Recent defeats handed to Secretary of Agriculture Freeman and the controllers who surround him have not deterred them from their basic objective of managing the farms of America from Washington. They may call their approach new, but it will be the same old 'supply management' by government.'

He itemized for the farmers and their families the ways in which the Congress and farmers had "taken the bloom off the government control rose."

In 1962, the most significant setback to the planners and price fixers, he said, came when Congress defeated compulsory feed grain controls and cow quotas.

Then, he added, wheat growers dramatically reduced the percentage by which they approved wheat allotments in referendum, an indication, he said, that the wheat producers

### **GOVERNOR-ELECT VISITS MEETING**

fixing.'

He added:

To the nearly 700 Farm Bureau voting delegates working their way through a long list of policy resolutions, the surprise visit of Governor-elect George Romney, November 9, was a welcome diversion.

# State Income Tax May be the Answer

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Relief for property taxpayers was a major recommendation at the 43rd annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, November 7-8-9 at Michigan State University.

Farm Bureau delegates in their resolution on tax reforms urged repeal of the personal property tax, lowering of the general property tax, and other changes.

They set very strict conditions upon any call for a state income tax. Foremost, they said it must bring relief to the property tax picture.

They looked favorably on a broad-based, flat rate state income tax as the most equitable method of replacing tax revenues lost. The resolution carried by a 3 to 2 majority.

The State Resolutions Committee laid it on the line when it described what is happening to property taxpayers, and what should be done about it.

No one can state it better than the resolution itself, which the delegates debated more than an hour, and adopted as presented:

#### - Tax Reform -

"Tax Reform. Michigan has had many tax studies, all of which agree on one thing, Property is carrying too great a share of the costs of government.

"Farm Bureau's study shows that property is now paying more than 47% of all taxes in the State, even though the increased 4% sales tax yields 23% of the total taxes.

"Property taxes for schools are nearly five times those for 1948. Township taxes are up approximately six times.

"Property taxes are a greater "4-Provide new sources of burden on the farmer than any revenue for local and school other group. Latest USDA fiuse. gures show that in 1950 property taxes took 4.9% of farmers' income. By 1961 this had soared up to 12.6%.

"We recognize that repeal of certain taxes and lowering of others will require new sources

cut excessive spending.

However, there is little doubt

that true tax reform is needed

in Michigan. Property tax can-

not continue to carry an ever-

form in Michigan should:

"We believe any fiscal re-

"1-Repeal the business ac

"2-Repeal or significantly

"3-Return a portion of the

present sales tax to the coun-

ties on a per capita basis, to be

used to lower property taxes.

tivities and the intangibles tax.

lower the personal property

increasing load.

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of revenue

ation of policy issues.

Michigan Supreme Court Justice John A. Dethmers officially presented Don Kinsey. Coordinator of Education and Research for the Michigan Farm Bureau, with a Gold Medal "Honor Certificate" on behalf of the Freedoms Foundation. The award was in recognition of Mr. Kinsey's work in citizenship promotion.

### **Membership Awards**

Thirteen county Farm Bu-reaus received Membership

ceiving honorable mention for high percentages of membership maintenance include Saginaw, with 93.92% of last year's sign-up, Oakland with 93.73%, Chippewa with 93.65%, Clinton with 93.64%, Ottawa with 93-.54% and Monroe with 93.62%. Applauding spectators wondered how much closer figures could be split to determine such honors!

### Largest in State

Saginaw county continues to

County Farm Bureaus re-Montmorency Cheboygan Clinton Washtenaw Oakland Ingham Saginaw Ogemaw Arenac Manistee Iosco Wexford

cludes:

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stand ahead of all others as Michigan's largest, with 2,728 Antrim 101% 101% 101 % 101% 101% 101% 101% 101% 101% 101% 101% 100% 100% Alpena 100% Kalamazoo 100%

member families on the rolls.

The number of counties reach-

ing, or topping membership

goal, exceeded the previous

year by a wide margin. In 1961.

17 counties made it. In 1962,

there were 26 counties that

reached "Goal." The list in-

Marquette-Alger

Charlevoix

Chippewa .

Kalkaska

Delta

Otsego

Alcona

Benzie

Monroe

Northwest Mich

### **Is Stirring**

Walter W. Wightman, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, challenged Delegates and guests to examine farm problems in the light of world conditions. He pointed to problems faced by American farmers if they are to hold their place in a troubled world.

"We must find means to help others to better use their own resources to raise themselves to our own level, or they will surely pull us down to theirs." he said. His entire address was broadcast at time of delivery and a portion was televised.

Romney's "off - the - cuff" remarks were enthusiastically received with prolonged applause. "I share the basic philosophical convictions that Farm Bureau has expressed," he said. "I am convinced we will be further ahead by solving our own problems than by having them shifted to Washington."

He said he disagreed with those who feel the interests of rural people are fundamentally different from those who live in metropolitan urban areas.

"Based on income, farmers pay two to three times more property tax than any other group

"There was an increase of 14.8% from 1959 to 1960 in farm real estate taxes. All predictions indicate a continued increase based on our present tax structure.

### **Tax Reform** Needed

"We applaud the Legislative Committee studying economy in State spending, and urge that every effort be put forth

"We believe a broad-based flat rate State income tax is the. most equitable method of replacing the lost revenue.

"We believe that counties should be allowed to 'piggyback' this tax only by vote of the people and only for the purpose of shifting increasing county and school costs from

### property.

"We believe a complete tax reform program will balance our tax structure and make it more equitable to all Michigan citizens.





#### **Newly Elected MFB Directors**

NEWLY ELECTED DIRECTORS-pictured shortly after their election November 9, are: left to right (seated); Dean Pridgeon, Montgomery, Director - at - large; Elton Smith, Caledonia, District No. 4: Ward Hodge, Snover, District No. 6: Lloyd Shankel, Wheeler, District No. 8, Wilbur Smith, Burlington, District No. 2: (standing) James Sparks, Cassopolis, Farm Bureau Young People: Edgar Diamond, Alpena, District No. 10: and Anthony Kreiner, Brown City, Director - at - large. New directors other than the "at-large" position were named in caucus and confirmed by the voting delegates. Up for election this year were the even-numbered districts.



### **Distinguished Service Awards**

PRESENTED WITH AWARDS - for Distinguished Service were (left to right): Fred VanderMeulen, retired president of the Falmouth Cooperative Company: Glenn Lake, president of the Michigan Milk Producers Association and the National Milk Producers Federation; Milon Grinnell, editor of the Michigan Farmer; and Einar E. Ungren, retired manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau's Information Division. Walter W. Wightman (center), Farm Bureau President, made the presentations before an overflow crowd attending the annual banquet held in the Big Ten Room of Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, Wednesday night, November 7.

### **Governor-Elect Romney Visits**

GOVERNOR-ELECT .-- George Romney told the annual meeting delegates, who had taken time out from a busy schedule of policy recommendations, that Michigan's great product diversity makes it a favorite agricultural state. But, he said, its vigor depends on a high state economic level because a large percentage of its agricultural output is sold within the state itself. He said he disagreed with those who feel that the interests of rural people are fundamentally different from those who live in the metropolitan urban areas. "There is a need for a fresh new approach as American citizens," Romney said. There was general favorable reaction to his impromptu 15-minute speech.



### **A.F.B.F. Secretary Fleming Speaks**

ROGER FLEMING,-Secretary of the American Farm Bureau Federation, and head of the Washington office, is pictured making the featured address before the more than 900 persons who attended the annual Banquet program. Fleming reported on national farm legislation of concern to Michigan farmers. In an earlier televised press interview, Fleming stated that in the Nov. 6 elections, "Those Congressmen who supported Farm Bureau's position in opposition to increased government intervention in agriculture, did very well at the polls." He indicated that where voters had a clear-cut choice between candidates favoring more, or less government farm controls, they favored more freedom for agriculture.

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#### December 1, 1962 MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

### **EDITORIAL**

### State Income Tax? A Big IF

Mention the word "tax" and most people flash a red light. And if the term is "tax reform," it helps but little. People have a feeling that "reform" programs usually cost more money these days.

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.

The delegates left a big IF in the picture.

Farmers and other property owners are floundering 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 - on condition.

They pointed out that property is now paying 47% of all taxes in the state in spite of the sales tax yield of 23%. The rate of rise in property taxes is enough to set off the alarm bell. School taxes are up nearly five times the level of 1948 and township taxes up nearly six times.

Farmers are hardest hit. Property taxes take from two to three times more of their income than is the case for other groups. Some farmers are having to "divvy up" as much as 17% of their income to pay the property tax bills.

For over ten years, farm property taxes have been rising at the average rate of 9 per cent per year. Net farm incomes have been shrinking due to rising costs of operation.

The property tax picture has been a very real part of the cost-price squeeze faced by farmers. Taxes have to be added to the farmer's 'costs of operation.

Population expansion and suburbanization create unprecedented demands for new schools, streets, sewers, water service, police and fire protection the services of a new city.

New properties in such areas often go untaxed for two years. The farmer is asked to carry this load meanwhile. There are overbalanced assessments of farm lands as compared to urban property. All this spells tax disaster to many a farmer.

Economists declare that property taxes have only one way to go under our present Michigan tax system-UP. County and local governments have no other basis of revenue. But such revenue at its present rate of inflation can totally burst the farmer's income balloon.

Hence a number of BIG IF's set forth by the Michigan Farm Bureau delegates. Some people fear an outright tax hunger by government people with little regard for the impact on taxpayers - a taking of more without surrendering anything they already have.

### **Checking What They Are Saying... U.S.** Chamber

### Price Supports THE FARMERS INTERES TARMERS IN THE BETTER ERDPS Examined Federal price support and acreage diversion programs are putting people out of work on farms, a spokesman for the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, reports.

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Robert C. Woodworth of Minneapolis, a member of the Agricul-National Chamber's ture Committee, said:

"Though it is seldom mentioned, an acceptance of continued migration from farm to city has been implicit in most of our agricultural legislation to date. It is inherent in the theory of price supports.

#### **Supports Benefit** Large Producers

"Certainly, supports benefit most those who produce the most, and least those who produce the least.

"In fact, price supports and acreage diversion have actually accelerated development of the technology of agriculture and with it the rate by which people have been displaced by machines and chemicals.

Mr. Woodworth is Senior Vice President of Cargill, Inc., Minneapolis grain merchant and feed manufacturer. He spoke on the National Chamber's radio program, "What's the Issue?" (MBS). The program is broadcast nationwide from 3:05 to 3:30 Sunday afternoons

With Mr. Woodworth on the program was Walter B. Garver, manager of the National Chamber's Agriculture and Natural Resources Department. He said:

. . . agricultural discontent seems to be about as great today as at almost any time in our history. The developments of recent years and the experience that we've accumulated with farm programs and farm policies brought us to-a point where an about face is called for. Positive and constructive approaches in the direction of freedom and progress are sorely needed.

### **Government "Help"** No Help at All

"It seems clear that very little, if any contribution to reasonable solutions have been made by combinations of such things as price supports, acreallotments, age marketing quotas, soil banks and land diversion, surplus disposal or the

### **Great Annual Meetings**

**President's Column** 

Another year has come and gone, and with it, the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

This annual meeting was unique in some respects and somewhat different from most any other meet-

Walter Wightman ing in the past. It seems to those of us who were in a position to observe what was going on, the meeting registered much more enthusiasm than any we had seen in a long time.

This was demonstrated by the fact that we undoubtedly had the largest attendance we ever have had in the history of the organization. The annual banquet held on Wednesday, November 7th, was attended by over 900 people.

There were many interesting features in the 3day convention, but perhaps the most important of all was the discussion and the voting upon resolutions. Members of the Michigan Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee are chosen from each of the regions in the state.

They spend usually a total of 6 days, at different times, analyzing the resolution process and the many resolutions that come in from the 71 organized counties in the state. This year about 100 more resolutions came in from counties, making a total of nearly 1,000 county resolutions.

From this large volume of material, the Resolutions Committee worked long hours dissecting, digesting and developing resolutions as they thought would conform to the expressions of the counties.

Eventually, the State Resolutions Committee succeeded in developing 128 resolutions on state and national legislation and on Michigan Farm Bureau policy. These were presented to the delegate body which discussed them and passed or rejected them as they saw fit.

Some were amended, some were rejected. Some resolutions were laid on the table for further consideration some other time.

Those resolutions accepted by the Delegates, now move to the American Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee, in Atlanta, Georgia. There, I will join with 49 other state Farm Bureau Presidents making up the Committee. We will begin discussion December 3 and work to develop a nation-wide book of proposed resolutions for consideration of Delegates to the national convention.

The American Farm Bureau Convention begins with Vesper Services Sunday, December 9, and continues through Thursday, December 13.

Here again, resolutions will be passed, accepted,

-The Chicago Daily Drovers Journal **Farm Bureau Public Information Program** 

In resolutions adopted at the recent 43rd annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, voting delegates recognized the need for a continued program of farm public relations. They noted that much is being done by other groups to distort the image of agriculture and of the farmer, in the public mind. They stated that "We are gratified" with the progress shown by the Michigan Farm Bureau and encouraged such work to continue and expand.

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

DAN E. REED Associate Legislative Counsel

### **Resolution Focuses Attention on Debt**

"Stop using the false term 'Federal Funds' and use the correct term - 'Taxpayers' Money' "urged Manistee County Farm Bureau.

M.F.B. Convention delegates agreed and adopted a proposed resolution focusing attention on the public debt of more than \$300 billion. The debt limit was raised three times in the past two years.

Nearly \$15 million of this "Taxpayers' Money" is sought by Michigan municipalities to help them build sewage treatment works. A little more than \$2½ million was allocated to Michigan this year. At that rate, it will be five years be**Road, Highway Resolutions Attract Delegate Attention** 

### The concern farmers feel toward road and highway problems was evident in the close attention voting delegates to the recent 43rd annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, gave to fifteen resolutions dealing with such diverse topics as highway safety, proper signs and road markers, and "throwaway bottles."

"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."





Local governments and schools might get some means of changing the picture if a permissive law were passed to allow local taxes on income. But any such tax proposal should be voted on by the people rather than imposed by officials, said the delegates.

They set very strict conditions upon any nod toward a state income tax. It must bring relief to the property tax picture. Taxes on personal property and business activities must be repealed, if the income tax is adopted.

The delegate action gives the Michigan Farm Bureau a definite stand in case a proposal for an income tax is thrown on the floor of the Legislature in the future. And this is a very likely development. Labor has strongly favored a graduated income tax and has urged action for such a tax.

When you come right down to it, Farm Bureau delegates do not favor any form of state income tax, as such. Rather, there is a cautious acceptance of such a tax only if it can be used to ease the increasingly desperate situation facing property. D. K.

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fore all applicants can be served.

> In the meantime, communities not on the "accepted" list are helping to pay for facilities elsewhere. Some may go ahead "on their own" and build the facilities they need. Others will put off building the needed plants and will continue polluting the State's streams.

### **Horton Hunter Trespass Act**

"In the Horton Hunter Trespass Act, Michigan farmers have a legal tool to control hunting on farms and farm woodlots," said the 1962 M.F.B. Convention.

Delegates pointed out that a complaint against trespassing hunters can be made any time up to a year from the date of trespass. Back tag or car license may provide identification.

To create respect for the Horton law, farmers must be willing to carry through with the prosecution of violators Posting of land is not a legal requirement for the control of hunting on farms.

Among those who will probably have more respect for the need to "ask the farmer first" are two hunters in Eaton County who each paid \$9.30 and court costs in Charlotte Municipal Court. The men pleaded guilty to trespassing while hunting on October 20 and were arraigned on November 8.

With that observation, delegates at the annual meeting looked favorably on a provision in the proposed new State Constitution.

In it, the Legislature may authorize the state to borrow money to refund the Mackinac Bridge Authority bonds. Operations of the bridge would then be assumed by the State Highway Department.

### Elsewhere they observed:

Highway signs. Let's have all new numbered signs erected on State highways marked for North, South, East or West.

We urge blacktop roads be marked with white lines on the outside and down the center, and a center yellow line on hills and curves where roads merit this action.

Throw-away bottles are a public nuisance! A costly hazard to tires, farm livestock and a danger to children and adults. We ask the Legislature to require all glass-bottled beverages sold in Michigan to be delivered in returnable bottles with a deposit value of five cents a bottle or more.

Driver Education. We urge Michigan State University to reinstate its course for training instructors for driver education courses in high schools. Persons who have taken this course are better drivers and have fewer accidents.

Rights of Way. We oppose any change in laws which would make it more difficult and expensive for the property owner to protect his rights.

Safety. We recommend that farmers eliminate the practice of using rural roads for headlands, and planting corn on the right of way at intersections.

Drunk Drivers. Present laws covering drunk drivers are inadequate and unworkable. We support the Uniform Traffic Code regarding drunk drivers.

Littering. We urge strict enforcement of littering laws covering highways, parks, public and private property, and more signs to state the penalties. We approve signs showing location of litter barrels.

various combinations of these elements.

"Meanwhile, the free and effective marketing agencies have been progressively impaired; agricultural production and marketing at home and abroad have been progressively distorted and disrupted; everincreasing costs of federal farm programs have burdened the economy; and the taxpayer. and even farmers themselves, have become disillusioned by what seems to them to have degenerated into a political tug of war.

"Now they find themselves, as do consumers, threatened or menaced with a scheme of complete regimentation by the coercive state in the name of solving the farm problem.

### Examining **The Road Ahead**

"It is pretty clear that farmers have come themselves, as businessmen and as citizens, to dilemma, to a showdown from which there are only two ways to go.

"One is the hard realistic way of facing up to markets, learning to live with them, to adjust their costs and their operations accordingly.

"The other is to go the fancy road that they are being lured into by the notion that somehow government should take this whole thing over and run

### A REAL PUZZLER

"For some time we've been puzzled by the farm program. Not merely confused by the doubtful economic logic of the whole program, but by the vague misleading verbiage and used in explaining it . . . A short course in concise report writing might be required for all civil service employees so that all rules might be easily read and understood.

"Then those who may be the shearling sheep might at least be well - informed sheep."

(Fredonia, Kansas Citizen)

amended or rejected as is done in the state. This along with many outstanding speakers and other programs connected with the American Farm Bureau Convention makes it one of the most impressive affairs that any person with an interest in agriculture could attend.

The American Farm Bureau Federation has had a profound influence on national legislation, and particularly that part that affects agriculture.

There isn't any question but what the American Farm Bureau Federation is recognized today as the strongest national farm organization that exists in this country and even in the world.

This places a heavy responsibility upon us, because if we are important, it is imperative that we do not make mistakes. In this, the Michigan Farm Bureau plays an important part through repesentation on the American Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

These Directors deliberate and discuss national farm problems and attempt to digest and understand the meaning of the resolutions that the delegates to the national convention pass.

Having worked with these State Farm Bureau Presidents, (49 of them besides myself, and the 26 members of the American Farm Bureau Federation Board) we realize that these people are the most outstanding leaders in American agriculture, and that no better leaders, or more well-informed people could be found anywhere.

No other organization that I know of is spending the time, money and effort to study all of our agricultural problems, so that we understand them to the point where we can be certain that the decisions we make will be right.

It seems miraculous when we stop to think of it, -just what it is that keeps a vast national farm organization of this sort together when nobody is forced to belong to it; - nobody is required to belong to it. There is no mandatory check-off in order to get the dues to support the organization. It is entirely a free will organization!

By the time you are reading this, we will have already been on our way to Atlanta, Georgia, and the American Farm Bureau Federation national convention. W. W.

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## National Viewpoint

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### **Freeman Readies**

**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 war should come. Freeman said a master plan was worked out more than a year ago.

### Surpluses or 'Storehouses of Strength?'

Asset? or Liability? The "huge, burdensome surpluses" of wheat, corn and feed grains changed overnight into an "enormous strategic asset" (Lansing State Journal) when the Cuban crisis first flared.

Commodity Credit Corporation-the Government's grain trading mechanism - temporarily suspended sales of Government corn and feed grains and there were discussions on the advisability of abandoning wheat acreage reductions for 1963.

There has never been any question about the need to have an adequate grain carryover to provide an assured supply. There is a serious question as to whether this should be held by Government, where it can be a political tool, or whether it ought to be in private ownership, subject to the market demands.

An error in a recent Kiplinger Agricultural Letter created the false impression that an important part of the potato crop had been seized by the Food and Drug Administration as carrying illegal chemical resi-

**Another Scare Story?** 

The figure used in the Letter was 200,000 tons, or more than 6,600,000 bushel. Two weeks later Kiplinger apologized, say-ing that the amount was only 200,000 pounds, or about 3,300 bushels—a very small fraction of a percentage of the crop.

Unfortunately, corrections of this kind never catch up with all the readers of the original story. While there has been no consumer outcry yet, potato growers might understandably be concerned about the possibility of another "cranberry fiasco.

### **Surplus of Gov't**

Poland, once a leading exporter of grain, now is buying heavily from Canada and the U.S. Polish Communist leader Gomulka says-"Every fourth loaf of bread used in Poland is made from imported grain." He said \$175 million was spent to buy grain abroad last year and that the figure may be as high this year.

The chronic farm production problems in Poland and other Communist satellites are usually charged to the program of collective farms following the Soviet pattern.

#### MICHIGAN FARM NEWS December 1, 1962 THREE **Bureau Women Conduct Excellent Program**

### **Vivid, Unusual Presentations** Are Made by Dr. Wessel, John McGoff By DONNA WILBER

The 18th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women was held at Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, November 7.

A record attendance, outstanding speakers and the presentation of awards were ingredients of an excellent program.

"Challenge for '63"

Mrs. Arthur Muir, State Chairman of the Farm Bureau Women's Committee, gave a review of 1962 activities, highlighting their accelerated Citizenship program and the Camp Kett project.

Stressing the importance of membership to the Farm Bureau organization, Mrs. Muir presented the group with a "Challenge for '63." She urged the Women to make their main project for the coming year,-"helping Farm Bureau reach membership goal in 1963."

### **Group Told** "Be Fit"

Dr. Janet Wessel, Professor in the Physical Educational and Recreation Department at. Michigan State University, completely captivated her audience with a presentation, "Lady, Be

Fit." In a relaxed, informal manner, Dr. Wessel talked strictly "woman-to-woman" on a subject which appealed to their natural vanity.

Speaking to a group of which she called "all shapes and sizes," Dr. Wessel pointed out that the average woman does not get enough exercise and explained that physical activity can be adapted to everyday chores such as dishwashing, driving a car or even telephon-

### "Women Important" **Says Broadcaster**

Mr. John P. McGoff, President of the Mid-State Broadcasting Corporation, told the Farm Bureau Women that freedom cannot thrive under a strong, centralized government. Likening strict FCC controls

on radio stations to government regulation of agriculture, Mc-Goff said that personal freedoms are being threatened by three groups of our society.

He said they are: (1) the "indifferent" people, (2) agressive opponents of free enterand personal freedom, prise and (3) those who are concerned but don't know what to do.

McGoff urged the Women to encourage young people's support of the free enterprise system and to seek leaders of high moral values who realize the



MR. JOHN MCGOFF, - President of the Mid-State Broadcasting Corporation, East Lansing, emphasized the need for strong support of the "free enterprise" system during his address to the Women's session of the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting.

"If we fail to do this," Mc-Her many good deeds will live Goff said, "ruthless enemies on in the memory of all Farm await outside the gates-with-Bureau folks." in 90 miles of our shores, in fact."

**Tribute to** 

Mrs. Myus

man of District No. 6 Women,

paid tribute to a great lady

who will be greatly missed by

the entire Farm Bureau organ-

October 7, 1962 in Lapeer Gen-

"I wish to pay tribute to Mrs. Frank (Pearl) Myus who died

Mrs. Bruce Ruggles, Chair-

### State Awards Presented

Mrs. Marjorie Karker, Coordinator of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women's Activities, presented awards to counties for outstanding achievements during the past year.

Top winner for the best overall county Women's program was Tuscola County with Oceana and Oakland counties as runners-up.

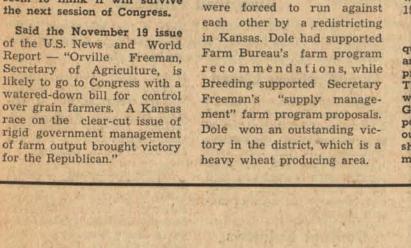
Awards for best attendance at district meetings went to



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eral Hospital.

Carpenter, Tuscola county, for first place award in the Farm Bureau Women's program evaluation



gressman Bob Dole (R). Both

are members of the House

Agriculture Committee and

TOL REPORT

**Observations On The National Scene** 

By Dan E. Reed

Associate Legislative Counsel

Michigan Farm Bureau

FARM BUREAU

**How Permanent?** 

ries so-called "permanent leg-

islation," due to become effec-

tive for 1964 crops, few people

seem to think it will survive

for the Republican.'

While the 1962 Farm Bill car-





The article referred to the race between Congressman Floyd Breeding (D) and Con-

## **Petroleum Cooperative**

### AND

## SHARE IN THESE

# SAVINGS

for the past year

**NET MARGINS** 

\$358,66797

FARMERS PETROLEUM LANSING, MICHIGAN

The gift represents a trip to Atlanta, Georgia, and the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau. Forty-three counties participated. MFB Women's Coordinator, Mrs. Marjorie Karker, (right) looks on.

### So We Asked The Women

### Personal **Sacrifice for Principles**

Why does a busy farm wife, with an already full schedule, feel she should take time to attend the Farm Bureau state annual meeting? What arrangements must she make at home to attend the three-day convention?

Is her attendance prompted by the urge for a "break" in the routine of an average housewife?-Or does she have a deep-seated conviction that her presence at this important meeting is part of her responsibility as an active Farm Bureau woman?

The four women we asked these questions may well be speaking for their fellow-members, as they voice convictions regarding their responsibilities as active participants of an organization in which they believe and for which they give their time, talent and energy.

Mrs. Alex Kennedy of Alpena, at the state annual meeting for the 17th time, considersit important to attend be-

cause, "I like Irs. Alex Kennedy to be a part of making the decisions and feel better equipped to help in our own county as a result of my attendance."

Mrs. Kennedy finds the speeches at the meeting informational and interesting and "last, but not least, it gives me the opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones." In her home county, she is involved in all Farm Bureau programs but is especially devoted to Women, Community Group, Citizenship and Membership activities. Her position as Alpena County Farm Bureau secretary, as well as her duties as a farm wife, means that she must do much planning to have three days work done ahead of schedule

prior to coming to Lansing for the MFB annual meeting.

An unusually busy woman at the c onvention this year was Mrs. Thomas Wieland from Charlevoix. Besides her

activities as a Mrs. T. Wieland district chairman for the Women's Committee, she was a member of the State Resolutions Committee, a job which involved much time and work before and during the 3-day meeting.

As the mother of two small daughters, (Tammy, 5 and Wendy, 2½) being away from home for three days can become complicated, especially when the measles decide to converge upon the Wieland household. The fact that her husband's mother is a nextdoor neighbor is a blessing, says Mrs. Wieland.

Not aware that such an organization as Farm Bureau existed before she married Thomas Wieland six years ago, Ardeth is now one of the mainsprings of the Charlevoix County Farm Bureau.

Asked why she considered it important to attend the annual meeting, Mrs. Wieland said, "Just to be a part of this friendly, sincere and dedicated group of people brings enthusiasm and you return to your county inspired and ready to work even harder to make your local programs success-

> Mrs. John Watling of Bath attended her 15th annual meeting this year. In Clinton county, she is active on the Woman's Pro-

Mrs. John Watling gram and is a member of the important State Discussion Topic Committee. Because she is fortunate to

live only nine miles from

ful.'

Michigan State University, site of the state . annual meeting, Mrs. Watling has no particular problems in making arrangements to be away from home for three days except to see that her husband has his noon meal prepared ahead of time.

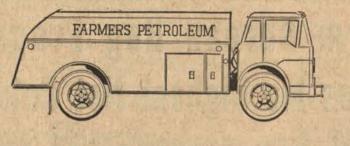
Mrs. Watling has acted as a voting delegate at the state annual meeting several times during her 25 years as a Farm Bureau member. "I'm especially interested in the progress reports given at the meeting," states Mrs. Watling, "and, of course, the good speakers and general sociability.'

Missing from the annual meeting scene for the first time in many years, Mrs. Charles Gotthard of Traverse City was still there

Mrs. C. Gotthard in spirit. Writing from St. Louis, Missouri, where she was enroute to Sacramento and a meeting of the Auxiliary of National Association of Conservation Districts, of which she is president Mrs. Gotthard had this to say:

"I believe that membership in an organization calls for an acceptance of responsibility in making that organization a success,-whether it be the lowliest of jobs on a local basis or as an officer or delegate on state or nation level. The organization can be a fruitful undertaking only if its members work together to make it such.

It would seem that the "testimonies" of these four average Farm Bureau Women indicate that although they thoroughly enjoy the contacts with old friends and acquaintances, their attendance at the state annual meeting is motivated by a strong feeling of responsibility to their organization and the conviction that they will better serve their local groups because of the inspiration and knowledge they have received.





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# Highlights Of The 43rd MFB Annual Meeting

### **Commodity Day Programs Draw Heavy Attendance**

### Interesting, Varied Program Offered By PAUL RIVAS

Eenie, meenie, minie, moe, may well have been the feeling of Farm Bureau members attending the Commodity Day programs highlighting the first day of the Michigan Farm Bureau's 43rd annual meeting.

Simultaneous programs in Dairy, Field Crops, Fruits and Vegetables, and Livestock, presented the attending farmers an almost bewildering selection of informal meetings on current subjects vital to agriculture.

One of the stimulating, if not controversial, topics was "New Horizons and Their Implications to the Dairy Farmer," presented by C. A. Lassiter, Dept. of Dairy, MSU.

there been a significant drop

"The only thing that has kept

the dairy industry out of trou-

ble in recent years," said Las-

siter, "has been the population

The decreasing consumption

cited by Lassiter becomes

frightening when projected against Michigan's dairy indus-

"At present population lev-

els," said Lassiter, "a drop in consumption of 10 pounds per

explosion."

try.

in whole milk consumption.

### **A Problem of** Underconsumption

"Over production is not the real problem facing the American Dairy industry," said Lassiter. "I refer to the problem of consumption."

Total consumption of dairy products has been decreasing steadily over the last five years, said Lassiter. While the decrease has occurred with most dairy products, it has been most evident in the high fat products such as butter and

capita would eliminate the cream, and only recently has need for 6,000 dairy farmers

SPEAKING TO AN OVERFLOW CROWD,-of attentive Farm Bureau members, Howard J. Stoddard, President, Michigan National Bank, opened the Commodity Day Conference with a sharp historical analysis of the European Common Market. Stoddard said he saw the "common market" as an opportunity for the western



DR. GORDON F. GUYER, Chairman, Entomology Department, MSU, stresses a point in his criticism of the book, "The Silent "Is it fact or fiction?" Dr. Guyer asked. He was one of Spring." many excellent speakers offered at the Commodity Day programs.

with 30-cow herds producing farm products. Milk must be 300,000 pounds of milk per

"This means that the equivalent of 1/4 of all commercial dairy farms in Michigan would be going out of business every year," he said.

year.

Lassiter listed a few general facts that he thought the dairy industry must face and accept.

(1) Milk and milk products are no longer "sacred" components of the American diet.

(2) Legislation will not save us. Some assistance from the law is needed, but more of the "enabling" type.

(3) The diet of the average American family is changing toward fewer calories, and this means less fat intake.

(4) Milk and milk products must be considered as competitive food buys.

(5) Are we supplying the consumer with the type of product she wants? (6) What are the buying hab-

its of people in respect to dairy products, particularly fluid milk?

"There is a need for lots of 'solid' research," said Lassiter.

"The future of the dairy industry is not gloomy, at least if we face up to our problems. The next few years are going to be critical years for the industry

"This is no time for us to bog down in family disputes. There will be differences of opinion if progress is to be

### free of pesticide residue. A more recent problem con-

cerning the expanded use of pesticides is the result of an expanding world market for our products. Ships stopping at our ports to load our produce, also unload foreign produce-and foreign pests.

"All of this means more and more usage of pesticides," Guyer said, "and the ensuing problems."

Of the complaints now being circulated, Guyer said he felt that they fell into three basic groups.

(1) Pesticides destroy the balance of nature. This is true to a degree, but what, he continued, has been the effect of our road-building and suburb construction? When natural habitat is destroyed, so is the balance of nature.

(2) Pesticides destroy wildlife. Certain programs, such as the spraying for "dutch elm disease" will cause problems with wildlife. But in saving one form of wildlife, others suffer. Guyer suggested that more research is needed in this area.

(3) Pesticides poison our food. America never need fear "a slow death caused by chemical profiteers," he said. Many safeguards protect the food we eat. Guyer traced a hypothetical pesticide from the time of its discovery through its actual use in the field.

"To begin," he said, "the chemical people screen the new

# "Miss Michigan Farm Bureau"

### **Twenty-Six Girls In Contest**

The new "Miss Michigan Farm Bureau" is pretty 17-year-old Sherilyn 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, Sherilyn 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 Ingham.



### 'Miss Farm Bureau' and Court

AFTER IT WAS ALL OVER, the new "Miss Michigan Farm Bureau," Sherilyn Green, Gratiot County, and runners-up, Linda Donahue of Arenac county (left), and Susan McCalla of Ingham county (right), pose happily amidst flashing bulbs,



### **Surprised Princess**

IT WAS A SURPRISED SHERILYN that was caught in the camera's eye as the former "Miss Michigan Farm Bureau," Gail Priddy (hidden), placed the crown on her head,

### **Qualifications Listed**

Crowning of the new 1962-63 "Miss Farm Bureau" climaxed a half-day of judging of the 26 girls who entered the contest. To qualify for the title, each was first selected by their county, were members of a Farm Bureau family, single, and between the ages of sixteen and thirty.

### **Contest Entrants**

Besides the honor of repretrip to Atlanta, Georgia, and the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation.



Wayne; Gertrude Nowak, Otsego; Avis Ann Muterspaugh, Isabella; Annette Gaipa, Berrien; Janet Oliver, Gladwin and Joyce Balko, Oakland. Others competing included: Jo Ann Wright, Kalamazoo; Marilyn Kay Dixon, Jackson; Rose Marie Green, Ogemaw;

phrey, Bay; Marilyn Laing, Calhoun; Beverly Miller,

Beverly Oudman, Missaukee; Carol Marie Ford, Upper Peninsula; Wilma J. Schultz, Alpena; Beverly Ferris, Barry; senting Michigan's largest farm Mary Jane Marcy, Midland; organization, "Miss Farm Bureau" receives an all-expense Mary Lanna Kramer, Tuscola; Lynn Waters, Iosco; Della Dohm, Northwest Michigan;

Eileen Ruth Hoort, Ionia; Janet Smith, Montmorency; Doris Contestants and counties they Ann McBride, Charlevoix; and Rose Ann Horny, Saginaw. represented were: Norene Um-

powers to successfully halt the spreading threat of Communism.

### Weekly Income F.B. Services For Disabled And Exchange **Re-Unify Farm Workers**

Announcement of a new coverage known as Supplemental Employers' Liability has been made by N. L. Vermillion, Administrative Vice-President for Farm Bureau Insurance.

This new coverage fills an important gap in the protection program carried by most farmers. It provides farmers an opportunity to secure coverage which will provide up to \$42 weekly income to a farm employee while disabled from a farm accident. The coverage can be easily added to a farmer's present Farmowners or Farm Liability policy. There's no new policy to buy.

### **Added Protection**

Supplemental Employers' Liability provides protection where regular liability stops. It covers accidents in which there is no liability and no negligence. Weekly income is provided for the totally disabled farm employees, regardless of the cause of the accident.

This is not a substitute for Workmen's Compensation. Rather, it gives the farmer-employer an opportunity to meet and solve a problem on his own through independent action.

All Farm Bureau Insurance agents have details on this important new protection offered by Farm Bureau Mutual. Members are urged to contact a local agent for additional information.

### **Fir-Fire**

Lovely, gorgeous **Christmas** Tree How pleasing to Our gaze . . . . How very dry your Needles are, How flashing hot Your blaze . . .

Stockholders of Farm Bureau Services, Inc.,-completed the long pending union of the Michigan Elevator Exchange at the 33rd annual meeting at Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, November 27.

Farm Bureau Services, Inc., and the Michigan Elevator Exchange have had a close work-ing relationship for many years. The Exchange, a cooperation grain and bean marketing organization, was 42 years old this year and had sales totalling \$33 million. It will operate as the Michigan Elevator Exchange Division of Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

In connection with the merging business.

These directors were elected Heuvelhorst, Hudsonville; Al-

### **Services Report**

### **Another Good Year** Maynard Brownlee, General

Manager of Farm Bureau Services, reported sales of \$28,525,-000 in farm supplies, grain and beans, and eggs for the past year.

made, but we must put away 'petty' differences and move forward for the good of the total industry."

### The 'Silent Spring'

Another Commodity Day program "hot potato" was handled neatly by Dr. Gordon F. Guyer, Chairman, Entomology Dept., MSU, as he took a close look at "The Silent Spring-Fact or Fiction?"

"The use of pesticides in Michigan faces many problems," said Guyer, "and these problems need attention."

In the state, he pointed out, there are many adjacent farm areas, many producing different products, and therefore using different types of pesticides. A large wildlife population, native to the state, also comes in contact with these pesticides.

Michigan is highly selective, he said, about "clean" produce -there can be no moths, worms, animal parts, etc. in

County

News Notes

Charlevoix County was well

represented among the 100 wo-

men who gathered at the fall

district meeting of Michigan

Farm Bureau Women at Petos-

The meeting, which also in-cluded Antrim, Emmet, Che-

boygan and Otsego counties,

was hosted by the women of

Emmet county. Mr. Stanley

Powell, recent delegate to the

Constitutional Convention, was

the guest speaker and presented

a "Comparison of the Old and

CHARLEVOIX

key in late October.

**Board** is Expanded

er, Farm Bureau Services expanded its Board of Directors from 9 to 13 members and changed the close of its fiscal year from August 31 to June 30 to better suit grain market-

at the annual Meeting: John M. Converse, Union City: Marten Garn, Charlotte; Walter Harger, Stanwood; Clayton Healey, East Jordan; James fred Roberts, Pigeon; Ward Hodge, Snover; Max Hood, Paw Paw: Dean Pridgeon, Montgomery; Eugene Roberts. Lake City; Allen Rush, Lake Orion; Lloyd Shankel, Wheeler and Elton R. Smith, Caledonia.

### New Constitutions." Mrs. Marjorie Karker, State Coordinator of Farm Bureau Women's activities also ad-

#### dressed the group regarding the F.B. annual meeting and election issues.

The Charlevoix County Women, chosen hostesses for the spring district meeting, took home the attendance prize.

pesticide for possible uses." It is next evaluated for safety by a tough battery of tests designed to show up any detrimental effects.

Another series of laboratory tests is made, and detailed work in toxicology involving rabbits and mice is conducted from eight to ten months. No public exposure has been made yet.

Small quantities are now distributed to experimental stations for controlled usage. Paralleling this is residue studies using higher than normal limits.

The chemical company now applies for a label from the USDA. The Federal Food & Drug Administration and the state are also contacted, and more testing is made.

After three or four years and millions of dollars, the federal government will approve the product, and set the higherthan-normal tolerance limits.

In order to create a stabilized pesticide program, farmers must do four things, Guyer said.

(1) They must recognize the problem areas, and avoid enlarging them if possible.

(2) Because of rapid changes and new developments, farmers must keep informed.

(3) The greatest protection lies in the farmer's stake in fundamental research.

(4) And last, the consumer must be relieved and shown the crossfire between the use of pesticides and the contamination of animal parts.

A lively question and answer period followed Guyer's talk.

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## "Farm Bureau Hog Program **Gives Me Highest Net Returns**"

### - George Mathews, Union City

George Mathews, Rt. 1, Union City, has a 405 acre farm in Branch County. He farrowed 80 sows last year and sold 1,065 market hogs with one of the lowest feed conversion rates in the State.

Here are the facts as verified by the Michigan State University Farm Accounting System.

- · His feed conversion rate was a low 3.36 lbs. of feed per pound of pork produced.
- To get one pig to market, it took only 46 lbs. of Farm Bureau Supplement and that included sow, boar and creep feeds.
- Mr. Mathews feed cost was only \$9.22 per 100 lbs. of pork marketed, with boar and sow feed included.

No wonder George Mathews is one of the State leaders in income over feed cost, and he does it with Farm Bureau feeds. You can too!

Typical of the Farm Bureau network of research facilities across the country is this cooperative feed testing farm for swine research at Lexington, Ill. Feed and management problems are explored under controlled conditions to bring you the finest feeds.



See Your Local Farm Bureau Dealer for Quality Feeds at Economical Prices





# F.B. Young People's Annual Highlights Of County

## **Top** Awards Made

A grey, overcast day failed to dampen the spirits of the large group of determined Michigan Farm Bureau Young People when they held their annual meeting at Delta College, near Bay City, Saturday, November

Registration early Saturday morning, was handled by Lester Bollwahn, Coordinator of Farm Bureau Young People's Activities. Voting delegations from eight of the eleven districts registered along with many non-voting members in one of the largest turn-outs recorded in recent years.

#### A Look Ahead

Roll call was followed by the report of the Rules Committee, the adoption of the agenda, and the Secretary's report.

"Where do we go from here?" summed up Chairman James Sparks' address, as he asked serious questions of the group. Touching on such points as the need for a Citizenship Seminar, past programs, and the future of the Young People in an active Farm Bureau, Sparks called for a constant awareness of both urban and rural problems.

The "Talk Meet" finals were a pleasant change of pace, when finalists gave their talks before the attending members and delegates.

Competing for the honor of representing the MFB Young People at the AFBF Talk Meet finals to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, were James Horny, Saginaw; Jack Lehman, Ogemaw; Gertrude Nowak, Otsego; and Lyle Dickenson, Ionia.

The first place winner was James Horny, speaking on the topic of "Adapting Farm Bureau to new opportunities and responsibilities at the National level." Second place went to Jack Lehman.

### **'Talent Find' Winner**

POPULAR SONGS are performed by popular singer, Miss Vickie Sheppard, of West Branch. She is pictured performing before the crowd of Young People gathered in the Delta College Auditorium, November 3. Her solo, "The Theme From Exodus," won her a trip to Atlanta, Georgia, and performances in the American Farm Bureau talent display. Miss Sheppard and a neighbor, Rose Mary Good, took Blue Ribbon honors two years ago at the State 4-H Achievement Day program "Search for Talent."

day's business.

contest.

tricia Jurek, Otsego, was uncontested as she performed her accordion solo.

The Senior division produced

As winner of the Talent Find contest, Vickie Sheppard will perform in the AFBF talent

December.

Secretary.

ond place.

award

display at Atlanta, Georgia, in

**Officers Selected** 

District delegations moved in-

to caucus after the entertain-

ment to select the new slate of

Representing District No. 2

will be Bruce Landis, Calhoun;

District No. 4, Lyle Murphy,

Ionia: District No. 5, Bertha

Milett, Ingham; District No. 6,

Dave Seddon, Tuscola; District

No. 8, Jake Willford, Gladwin;

District No. 9, Darrell Fuller,

Kalkaska; and District No. 10,

Chosen to lead the Young

People's committee for the

coming year were Patricia Murphy, Chairman; Jack Leh-

man, 1st Vice-Chairman; Dar-

**Outstanding Youths** 

went to Rose Marie Green, who

was also a candidate for the

Miss Farm Bureau title. Pa-

tricia Murphy was runner-up.

Ralph Holewinski was named

Outstanding Boy of the year,

and Lyle Dickenson took sec-

cola County. Dave Seddon.

county President, accepted the

MFB President Wightman spoke to the group in an eve-

Ralph Holewinski, Otsego.

district committeemen.

An important part of that business was the Talent Find

In the Junior division, Pa-

a tight contest as Vickie Sheppard, Ogemaw, took top honors with her vocal rendition of the theme from "Exodus." George Horny, Saginaw, came in a strong second with two piano solos, one of which was the stirring "Saber Dance."





Committee reports immediately followed the afternoon Call to Order as the delegations settled down to finish off the

mittee Chairman and Dawson Way, regional representative. After the business meeting Don Deifried of Central Lake gave a talk and showed pictures of his two years as teacher in a little Eskimo village

### Van Buren

on an island off the north-

western part of Alaska.

year were made by Mrs. Tom

Wieland, District Women's

committee chairman; Mrs. Wm.

Parsons, County Women's Com-

Charlevoix

Donald Piper, Bangor, was re-elected president of the Van Buren County Farm Bureau at the group's annual meeting, Saturday evening, October 13, at the Farm Bureau building west of Paw Paw. Waldo Dick, Lawrence, was re-elected vicepresident and Mrs. Katherine Johansen, Bangor, secretarytreasurer.

Also elected to the Board of Directors were John Dickerson, Bloomingdale, representing the townships of Almena, Bloomingdale, Pine Grove and Waverly Randolph Hay, Bangor-Arlington, Bangor, Columbia, Covert and South Haven townships.

rell Fuller, 2nd Vice-Chairman; Don DeMatio, 3rd Vice-Chair-Others elected were: Harry man; and Rose Marie Green, Webb, Paw Paw-Antwerp, Decatur, Paw Paw and Porter townships; and Waldo Dick, Lawrence - Hamilton, Hartford, Keeler and Lawrence townships. The Outstanding Girl award

Lyle Walker, Mattawan, and Ernest McCubbin, Hartford, were elected directors at large. Mrs. Arthur Dowd, Jr., Hartford, Chairman of the County Women's Committee, was also elected to the Board.

### Shiawassee Deciding on the same officers

for another year and an appeal for CROP were the highlights Charlevoix School cafof Thursday's annual reorganization dinner meeting of the Shiawassee County Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

Motions were passed that Merl Byington, Earl Reed and Glenn Williams all continue for another year as president, vice president and third member of the board, respectively. The Rev. Marshall Saunders,

District No. 9.

mittee.

mittee.

the business meeting.

ognition was given to various

committee representatives at

Gene Roberts, regional direc-

tor, spoke briefly and said that

more than 51 percent of all

farmers belong to Farm Bureau.

Elected by unanimous ballot

were Keith Shugart, President;

Harry Hartzell, vice-president;

and David Anderson as 3rd

member of the Executive Com-

Cass

conducted the meeting.

Officers elected for the next

year are: Walter Stoner, Pres-

ident: Richard Leach, Vice-

President; Robert Burton, 3rd

member of the Executive Com-

Everyone was urged to vote

at the November election with

particular attention focused on

Jackson

Ten members of the press,

radio, and television were in-

vited guests at the Jackson

County Farm Bureau annual

meeting held at the Western

High School, with 215 members

Miss Marilyn Dixon of Hen-

Resolutions included those

dealing with income tax, Social

Security, tightening of the fi-

rietta was crowned "Miss Farm Bureau."

the bi-partisan ballot.

in attendance.

Methodist minister from Henderson, who opened the meeting with a prayer, made an appeal for CROP, which is sponsored by the Michigan Council of Churches. He is asking for one bushel from every five acres of corn which would total grown, about 4,700 bushels for the county. He said the pickup would be held the third week of December. The board voted

to support the program. Activity reports for 1961 chairmen.

sentative, spoke on the proposed changes in the county regulations agreement in respect to the county settlement.

### Kalkaska

Accomplishments of the 1962 year were reported by committees at the Kalkaska County Farm Bureau annual meeting, which featured guest speakers Charles Neblock, regional representative, and Eugene Roberts, district director.

The Women's Committee highlighted their projects dealing with Medicare, the Constitutional Convention, a spring smorgasbord and a Rural-Ur-

ban picnic held in cooperation with the Rotary Club. Outstanding project of the year, as reported by the Kalkaska Farm Bureau Young People, was their "safety

check" of cars, trucks and

Resolutions passed at the county annual meeting included: disposing of dilapidated farm buildings, zoning in Kalnancial responsibility laws for kaska County and better views on rural road intersections. motor vehicles and the addi-

The four directors seated

### N.W. Michigan Antrim

F.B. Annual Meetings

The annual meeting of North-Antrim County Farm Bureau west Michigan Farm Bureau, starts out the\*new year with almost all new officers. For the held at Twin Lakes, was attended by more than 140 peo-County Womens Committee, ple. Preceding the business Mrs. Richard Wieland was remeeting, Miss Della Dohm, elected chairman. New officers daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred elected were, Vice-Chairman, Dohm of Ogdensburg, was Mrs. Walter Chellis; Secretaryelected Miss Farm Bureau for Treasurer, Mrs S. VanderHeide and director to the county board, Mrs. Carl Conant. Following the contest, rec-

> Newly elected to the county board are, Chairman, Richard Wieland, succeeding B. C. Veliquette: 1st Vice-Chairman, Lloyd Mencke of Elk Rapids; 2nd Vice-Chairman, Arthur De-Vries, Atwood. Ruth Staudenmeyer was rehired as Secretary-Treasurer.

> > Branch

Enthusiastic participation of nearly 140 Farm Bureau members made the Branch County Annual Meeting a successful event which included resolutions, reports of officers, elections, musical entertainment, picture presentations and prizes. The meeting was held at the 4-H Cabin in Coldwater,

County President Wilfred Miller expressed appreciation to the board of directors for an excellent attendance record.

He presented Farm Bureau pins to perfect - attendance members, Stanley Preston, Leslie Olney, Marvin Wade, Warren Hard, Merrill Wade and Mrs. Leslie Olney.

Women's Committee Chairman, Mrs. Leslie Olney, reported excellent cooperation and enthusiasm on money - raising projects, 4-H Fair booth and Michigan Day program.

D. Duane Robison, Insurance Agency Manager, reported a year of growth and expansion throughout the county and state.

Elected as Delegates-at-large to the county board were: Stanley Preston, Rolland Norton and Marvin Wade. Other board members elected are: Clayton Straw, John Frost, Merrill Wade, Lynda Loucks, J. Lynn Farwell, Wilfred Miller, Warren Hard, Kenneth Coler, Ivan Cox, J. Ripley, Don Hunker, and Arthur Hagerman.

#### December 1, 1962 FIVE

### Chippewa The Chippewa County Farm Bureau held its sixth annual meeting recently at the Kin-

ross 4-H Building. The meeting, which 126 people attended, was called to order by Franklin Schwiderson, president. Activity reports for 1961 were given by the com-

mittee chairmen. New board members elected are: Orville Bawks, District I: Sid Hungerford, District 3; William Schwiderson, District 5. Clyde Ball was elected to finish the term of District 2. John Rye was elected as member-at-

**Counties Plan** For Growth

large.

Dec. 6-7

The Fourteenth Annual Michigan Farm Bureau Institute is slated for Kellogg Center, East Lansing, December 6 and 7. The purpose of this Institute is to aid leadership of the County Farm Bureaus in effective program building.

The general theme for this year's Institute, "Program Growth," fits this purpose. Attending the Institute will be members of the Exe-

cutive Committees of the County Farm Bureau boards of directors, new board members, chairmen of the committees on Resolutions, Legislation and Information (Public Relations).

Features on the agenda include a presentation by Clarence Prentice, Secre-tary - m a n a g e r, Michigan Farm Bureau, on "Program Growth," a flannel board discussion by Don Kinsey, Coordinator of Education and Research; "What is Your County Farm Bureau?" panels by county leaders on how to make programs go; and a presentation by MSU Dean of Agriculture, Thomas K. Cowden on "A Free Agriculture in America.'

C. William Swank, Organization Director of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. will present the closing address under the catchy title, "You Gotta Wannal" It is expected that about 350 County Farm Bureau leaders will be in attend-

ance.



### **'Talk Meet' Entrants**

FARM BUREAU YOUNG PEOPLE,-entered in this year's state " Talk Meet" finals, were (from left) James Horny, Saginaw; Jack Lehman, Ogemaw; Gertrude Nowak, Otsego and Lyle Dickenson, Ionia. First place winner and recipient of a trip to Atlanta, Georgia, where he will compete in national finals, is James Horny. In his talk he cited the adverse reactions of "city cousins" to current government farm programs. "It is the duty of Farm Bureau members to correctly inform the public," he said.

ning banquet, closing on a serious note as he warned the Young People's group of the necessity of an education as a prerequisite to success in our highly technical society. Agriculture is no longer rural in nature, but big business — "Agribusiness," he called it. As headlighted cars pulled away from the darkened college, plans were already being discussed for next year's meeting and fellowship.

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Friday 11:55 a.m.

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Saginaw; Dial 1210 ...... WKNX

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gar Diamond, Rt. 2, Alpena.

were: Norma Broder, Mrs. Robert Hall, Earl Hendricks and Harry Hall.

### **New MFB Directors**

farms.

Director "At-Large"

Elected to an "at-large" position on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau, Anthony "Tony" Kreiner, Brown City, Michigan. A lifetime farm resident, Kreiner operates 220 acres in dairy and general farming.

A former member of the Board of Directors of the "Junior" Farm Bureau Kreiner is past president of the Lapeer County Farm Bureau and has served on the Michigan Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee. He was employed for 71/2 years as a farmer-fieldman for the Michigan Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, - meanwhile maintaining his farming activities. Under similar circumstances he more recently served as a Regional Representative for the Michigan Farm Bureau in the

Mrs. Kreiner, (Mary) is a former rural school teacher. Together they are active in local church and school affairs. Their family includes 3 daughters and one son.

tion of an older student to assist children to and from school buses.

In other action, incumbent directors G. P. Dorr, Carlton Moe, Dwain Dancer, and Clyde Thomas were re-elected.

The evening's entertainment included singing by the Sherwood Girls' trio, Merrilee Wagaman, Cheryl Robbins and Lynda Egell accompanied by Sharon Wagaman.



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ANTHONY KREINER

### December 1, 1962 **MICHIGAN FARM NEWS** Saginaw County Installs **Community Group Officers**

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### PRETTY GIRLS LEAD THE PROCESSION

EACH YEAR an unusual "Installation" ceremony is conducted by the Saginaw County Farm Bureau Community Group Committee, for all local Group officers. The occasion places local leaders in the spotlight to be "charged" with their duties for the coming year.

Pictured are "Miss Farm Bureau," (front left) - Susan Wichman, and (right) Miss Carol Gross, Saginaw County Bean Queen, - as they escort one set of officers to the room-front where Mrs. B. H. Baker presides as installing officer. Group Chairmen, Vice Chairmen, Secretaries, Discussion Leaders, Minutemen, Women's Committee members and others, were installed in separate portions of the candlelighting ceremony.

Appropriate to the predominately German area in which the program was held, the evening began with music by a "Little German Band" c osed with lunch served to the 130 persons attending, by the Nelson Community Group.



HONORING THEIR FIRST CHAIRMAN,-Mrs. Herbert Fisher, (center) are members of the original Saginaw County Farm Bureau Community Group Committee. A corsage and note of appreciation was presented by Mrs. Alfred Schmiege, while Mrs. B. H. Baker adds appropriate comments. The occasion was the recent installation ceremonies for all Community Group officers of Saginaw county.



### A.F.B.F. **Annual Meeting to Georgia**

Saturday, December 8, at 3:45 p.m. - a large group of Michigan farmers will board the C & El train at Dearborn Station in Chicago, for an all-night trip to Atlanta, Georgia, and the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Sunday evening, December 9, they will attend Vesper Services and witness the annual Farm Bureau Young People's display of talent. The rest of the week will be taken by a wide variety of conferences and activities.

Michigan farmers will mingle with representatives from all other state Farm Bureau organizations including Hawaii and Puerto Rico. They will hear annual reports from Charles Shuman, A.F.B.F. President, and Roger Fleming, Secretary-Treasurer. Other speakers include W. Willard Wirtz, Secretary of Labor, and William Blackie, president of the Caterpillar Company.

Although trip reservations should have already been made, it is possible that additional persons be added to the tour. You are invited to contact the Michigan Farm Bureau at once.

## Atlanta Trips Won **By Five Counties**

### To Attend A.F.B.F. Annual Meeting, Dec. 9-13

Five county Farm Bureaus have been awarded trips to the AFBF annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, in mid-December as a result of the activities of their Community Group Committees.

Top winner of an all-expense paid trip to Atlanta was Alpena County for having "the best balanced program of action carried out by any Community Group Committee." Runners-up and winners of partially paid trips are Montmorency, Ionia, Ottawa and Saginaw.

county.

### **Important Work**

### Recognized

This awards program, originated this year, gives recognition to Community Group Committees and the important work they do in promoting the county Farm Bureau and its programs through community groups.

The committees are responsible for organizing new community groups, training officers, developing programs and utilizing group member-

trated mainly on Young Farm-

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ent officer training sessions and

have been aggressive in setting

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Mr. George Schultz, former

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Michigan Farm Bureau, told of

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"What Farm Bureau Stands

For" was the topic of J. Del-

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**Precious Golden Years** 





MR. AND MRS. GEORGE C. SCHULTZ

### **Two Prominent Farm Bureau Couples Celebrate Golden Anniversaries**

On Sunday, December 16th, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar F. Buschlen of Snover will celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary. Three children, eleven grandchildren, friends, neighbors and business associates will gather in the auditorium of the Sandusky School on the afternoon of the 16th to greet them.

MR. AND MRS. OSCAR BUSCHLEN

When the first Michigan Farm Bureau member-ship solicitor. (a Mr. Scott) came into Sanilac County, he was met by Oscar Buschlen. The two of them toured the county, meeting the farm leaders of the area. Thus the first membership drive of the Michigan Farm Bureau was started. The Buschlens have been active farmers over

the years. Oscar was always an ardent supporter of the Extension Service programs of M.S.U. He was the driving force behind the movement which secured for Sanilac County its first County Agricultural Agent.

Mr. Buschlen was the first president of the Snover Cooperative. He served as County Clerk for Sanilac County during the past twenty years, a post he recently relinquished. All through these years, Oscar maintained an active interest in the family farm and still does.

So that they will be able to catch up on the vacations they have missed, Mr. and Mrs. Buschlen plan to spend the winter months in S. Calif.

Fifty years ago in October, Hazel Florence Fountain became the bride of George C. Schultz at her St. Paul home, in a ceremony performed by the Rev. George Lutz.

Their Golden Anniversary has been shared with friends recently at an open house celebration at at the Farm Bureau building in Paw Paw.

The Schultzes, who have been Michigan residents since 1929, have been continuous members of Farm Bureau since 1943. George served as District Representative for Michigan Farm Bureau in five southwestern counties for 11 years, a position from which he retired in 1948.

Instrumental in setting up some of the first community Farm Bureau groups in the state, he and Mrs. Schultz recently took part in a 25th anniversary celebration of their local group. Reconstructing the events of 25 years ago, George Schultz stepped back into the pages of time to become the regional man who helped to organize the "Michigan First" community group.

As is generally true of successful partnerships, George and Florence have spent the past fifty years sharing in community and club activities and hobbies. They still enjoy fishing together in Canada and Brownsville, Texas, where they spend

### **Busy Months Foreseen By Family Program Division**

### "Freedom," Education, Young Farmer Conference Scheduled

"There are busy months ahead for Farm Bureau members," reports J. Delbert Wells, Manager of the Family Program Division,-which includes Community Group, Women's and Young People's activities, as well as a number of special projects.

A Freedom Conference has been scheduled for February 7-8, at Central Michigan College, Mt. Pleasant. The conference will be beamed at "training for political action"-with special speakers and workshop sessions on working within political party machines.

"We believe that with the current tensions of world events,-the threat of Communism and the challenge to American freedoms is becoming clearer to most people," states Wells. "It is also becoming better understood that the people we elect to office will make the ultimate decisions for us as to what we do about these threats,"

ics as: "Goals of Our Public Schools," "School Board Member Responsibilities," "New State Laws Governing Our School Systems" and "How the Russian Educational Sys-

tem Compares to Ours." Wells points out that the purpose of these conferences is to present a challenge to citizens concerning their part in the public education field.

Farm Bureau Women, under the leadership of Marjorie Karker, will again sponsor a Washington Legislative Tour, tentatively set for the last week in February. Plans call for a plane trip to Washington, D.C. with three days spent in briefing sessions with legislators and American Farm Bureau representatives.

### Winter Tour

Eight meetings in a week-A winter "Educational Tour" long series blanketing the enwill again be held, similar to tire lower part of Michigan are the one conducted last year, --planned for young farmers and to visit industry, meet and vistheir wives sometime before it with other state Farm Bu-January. Topics to be covered reau groups and view types of are "The New Constitution," agriculture in various areas. "Market Expansion Possibili-With the emphasis on underties," "Farm Programs and standing and appreciating our Congress" and "Farm Bureau American Heritage, the tour Promotion." will feature visits to Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, Bos-Further information on these ton, New York City and a onespecial programs will appear day conference sponsored by in the Michigan Farm News the Freedom Foundation at as plans are completed.

their community groups. The committee meets monthly to discuss and plan activities and makes regularly scheduled visits to the groups of the

Montmorency County Farm Bureau has organized the largest number of new groups in the state this year and has been successful in training leaders and servicing the groups.

The Ionia Community Group Committee, in addition to carrying out a good training program, has pioneered the "Community Group Scoring System."

Valley Forge.

On January 2-3-4, a confer-ence will be held for Young Farmer Community Group chairmen and their wives. A three-day program designed to inform young farm leaders of all phases of Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Services programs will be held in Lansing and will feature visits to Farm Bureau facilities.

### **Teen-Age Program**

A teen-age leadership conference is scheduled at Camp Kett on January 19-20 for county Farm Bureau Young People's programs. The meeting will concentrate on several phases of leadership development with many of the subjects also adaptable to leadership roles outside of Farm Bureau.

### Constitution

The Chippewa County Farm Bureau and Mr. Robert Wilson, Farm Bureau Mutual Agent, sponsored the appearance of three Con-Con delegates at the Kinross 4-H Center recently.

Aimed at helping the public understand the changes made in the proposed new Constitution, the delegates and their subjects of discussion were: Clarence B. Dell of St. Ignace, "Local Government;" Harold J. Stevens, 12th District of Wayne County, "Executive and Legislative;" Harold Radka of Rogers City, "Finance and Taxation."

A "Meet Your Candidate" meeting was an additional feature of the evening, with candidates of both parties given five minutes to speak to the audience.

It is the hope of the Chippewa county Farm Bureau that future meetings of this kind can be arranged. The reaction of the audience was gratifying, with everyone agreeing that the meeting had been of value.

### F. B. Services Staff **Attend Soil Seminar**

#### **Cooperate with MSU Soil-Sciences Department**

Twenty-three members of Farm Bureau Services' field and dealer personnel force have completed three 2-day sessions of a Soil Service Seminar. The sessions were held at Michigan State's Kellogg Center under the conference direction of Mr. Robert C. Immel.

Sponsored by the Plant Food Department of Farm Bureau Services, the Seminar was conducted by the Soil Science Department of Michigan State University.

Included in the Seminar were tours of the University's soil Farm, Muck Farm, Testing Laboratories and I.B.M. data processing laboratory. Classroom work featured the lectures by

M.S.U. personnel on various phases of soils, soil-testing, fertilizers, plant foods, farm chemicals, etc. Personnel include Dr. Robert E. Lucas, Dr. L. Robertson and other members of the Soil Science Department together with Dr. A. L. Kentworthy of the Horticulture De-

#### partment. This Seminar was sponsored by the Plant Food Department of Services to provide its field and dealer personnel with upto-date background in soils and kindred subject. With this background the men are in a position to intelligently offer their patrons a soil fertility program that provides the lat-

est in service and crop manage-

ment counsel.

R. B. Bohnsack, manager of the Retail Division of Farm Bureau Services, has announced the appointment of James Schultz as manager of the organization's Lansing branch. Mr. Bohnsack, at the same time, announced that Ron Walter will continue with the company as the Assistant Manager of the Lansing branch.

Jim Schultz brings to Farm **Bureau** Services n. an extensive background of retail store manage m e n t. He is a graduate of Saginaw

High School and of several JAMES SCHULTZ accounting courses at the University of Michigan.

Mr. Bohnsack states that since August 16, when Ron Walters took over the Lansing branch, he has done an exceptionally fine job and has shown commendable ability while he was carrying this responsibility until a permanent manager could be secured.

Dates are Feb. 24-27 Plans are underway for the 1963 Washington Air Tour, scheduled by Michigan 'Farm

Bureau Women for Sunday, February 24 through Wednesday, February 27. According to Mrs. Marjorie Karker, Coordinator of Farm Bureau Women's Activities, the tour will leave from the Detroit Metropolitan airport, with the Continental Hotel located within the general Capitol area

as tour headquarters. Preliminary details do not include costs, which along with parts of the agenda are still incomplete. The trip has been designed

by the Farm Bureau Women's Committee to meet four basic objectives:

To give Farm Bureau members an opportunity to become better acquainted with American Farm Bureau staff members. One day has been set aside for visits to the AFBF offices.

To meet Michigan Congressmen and Senators personally, and to talk with them about Farm Bureau policies. To observe the process of gov-

ernment, particularly the Legislative Branch. To view the nation's capitol

city and observe historic landmarks. Over the years dozens of

Farm Bureau members have participated. They have been able to inform members in their home communities about problems and methods necessary for effective legislative work.

For further information about this trip, please contact Mrs. Marjorie Karker: Michigan Farm Bureau, Box 960, Lansing, Michigan.

#### **Two Dollars Out One Dollar In**

A sample of modern "economics" at work is given by U. S. News and World Report: Investment in surplus farm products in the year ended June 30, 1962 was reduced by \$381 million. But: to reduce the surplus that much, the loss from price support programs was increased \$726 million. It cost about \$2 for each \$1 cut in surpluses.

They have taken over the Cit-The Alpena County Comizenship program and are utilizmunity Group Committee has ing the community groups in an outstanding record for orthis endeavor. ganizing new groups, concen-

Saginaw County, with its large number of groups has been active in setting up new Young Farmer groups and have held a leader "Installation" membership programs through service and training program.

## Farmer-Clergyman **Conference** Called

The Van Buren County Farm Bureau acted as host to 24 clergymen and their wives at a "Farmer-Clergy Day."

Under the leadership of Mrs. Ruth Dowd, chairman of the county Women's Committee, an outstanding dinner and program were provided for the 68 persons who attended the affair.

change to fit the needs of the Donald Piper, president of time Van Buren County Farm Bu-

Wells further explained, "In a house, we change the color of the walls and sometimes even the walls themselves to fit our present needs . . . but the basement foundation or the bedrock under the house is seldom changed."

Clergymen attending the meeting were: Rev. and Mrs. Robert Garbold, Hartford Federated Church; Rev. Joseph Robb, St. Mary's, Paw Paw; Rev. and Mrs. Charles G. Bennett, St. Mark's, Paw Paw; Rev. Linus Ceru, Sacred Heart, Bangor; Rev. and Mrs. Stan-ford Closson, Paw Paw Methodist; Rev. Chester V. Thomasgeiski, St. Mary's, Paw Paw; Rev. and Mrs. Guy Udell, Hartford Full Gospel Assembly.

Also present were: Rev. and Mrs. Maurice Peterson, Covert Hill Baptist; Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Entenman, Hartford Keeler Methodist; Rev. and Mrs. Homer Cross, Decatur First Baptist; Rev. A. E. Grice, Covert Community Church; Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Dove, East Arlington Baptist, Lawrence; Rev. and Mrs. John Nayette, Lawrence Methodist and Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Rohrig, Holy Family Church, Decatur.

### **Education Conference** Planned

District Education Conferences are planned for the winter months to discuss such top-

**Fall Meeting** Excellent

The Maybee Congregational Church was the location chosen by the Monroe County women when they were hostesses to the District III Fall Meeting of Farm Bureau Women. One hundred forty-five women attended the day-long program.

A morning feature was a presentation by Dr. Lloyd Steiner of Saline, who gave a color slide program of his recent tour of Russia and other countries behind the iron curtain. Dr. Steiner was one of forty farmers who made the "People to People" tour of Communist-dominated countries.

The afternoon speaker, Reverend Robert Richards, a Dundee minister, spoke on "My American Heritage." A native of Wales, Dr. Richards migrated to America in 1925. In Wales he was working in the mines for \$5.00 a week and Detroit became his goal upon hearing that the late Henry Ford was paying the then unheard of wage of \$5.00 a day. He told the District III women that "Taxation is a Godgiven privilege" and that he would "rather be taxed to the, ears than live anywhere else in the world."

Larry Ewing, Coordinator of Marketing Division, moderated the session during which all six counties of the district gave project reports made interesting by audience participation in the game "Pass Word."

Officers elected for the next two years are: Chairman: Mrs. Wm. Scramlin of Oakland County; Vice-Chairman: Mrs. Clayton Anderson, Livingston County; Secretary: Mrs. Allen Parker, Oakland County and Treasurer: Mrs. Merrill Smith, Monroe County.

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### Charlevoix Women Visit Calhoun 4-H Award **MRA on Mackinac Island**



A BOAT TRIP TO MACKINAC ISLAND to visit the Moral Re-Armament center there was a recent activity of the Charlevoix County Farm Bureau Women. Pictured on the boat are a few of the 31 ladies who took the tour. The group viewed the film, "The Crowning Experience," followed by a luncheon with each two Farm Bureau Women hosted by three M.R.A. people. Mrs. William Parsons of Charlevoix summed up the trip with this statement, "This experience gave us all a feeling of hope, to realize a force as strong as this is putting forth so much time and hard work . . . to try to make the world a better place in which to live.

#### F.F.A. Chapter Members



Marilyn Laing and Duane Shepard have received identical awards from the Calhoun County Farm Bureau for outstanding achievement in 4-H Club-Work in 1962. Lynn Smith, shown making the presentation, is the son of Calhoun County Farm Bureau president, Lloyd Smith.

Marilyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs Charles Laing, Jr., of Marshall. Duane is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Shepard of Battle Creek. Both families have been active in Farm Bureau for many years.

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**Promote Safe Corn Harvest** 

### **Future Farmers Promote Safety**

"Safety is fun, only accidents are serious," according to members of the Vermontville, Mich. Chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

"Awareness of safety on the farm is of vital importance and this year our chapter is carrying out a vigorous program to help area farmers to be safetyconscious," reports Loren Lehman, publicity committee chairman. Lehman, along with fellow members Troy Foster and Charles Tubbs, has been suiting action to words by assisting in a series of corn-harvest safety demonstrations.

Problems which cause unsafe actions during corn harvest are discussed and solutions demonstrated. Tight clothing, fatigue prevention; and racing to beat bad weather are just a few of the angles.

"Just as you wouldn't think of shoveling snow in a bathing suit, neither would you want to harvest corn in ragged, loose and improper clothing," Tubbs sug-Loose clothing when gests. caught by picker rolls or unshielded power take-off shafts can be fatal, the young farmers point out.

"When we mention taking a coffee break to stay alert," says team member Foster, "we alSIX PACK

VERMONTVILLE MEMBERS,-of the Future Farmers of America, are shown presenting a corn-harvest safety demonstration. Chapter members Troy Foster, Charles Tubbs, and Loren Lehman have made numerous appearances before Farm Bureau Community Groups, Lions Clubs, P.T.A. and other Civic organizations. The project is part of a state-wide safety campaign.

ways get a chuckle from the tion of "safety six-packs" containing "gimmicks" designed audience." Such breaks away from hard work can save lives to aid people to remember corn harvest safety points. For through added alertness, they indicate. Frequently farmers example, a paper clip is attachwork much longer than their reactions can be maintained at peak efficiency. Slowed reactions coupled with the carelessness that comes with weariness,

add greatly to the corn-harvest accident toll. Audience participation is encouraged through the distribuAMPLIFIER

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 5003; (Van E 5003; ed to one note that reads "Don't let an accident clip you." Five similiar bits of advice are enclosed in the pack. Burr Hartenburg, Vocational Agricultural instructor at Vermontville, reports much favor-

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30 SEED POTATOES FARM BUREAU DUES are small potatoes compared to the results. Year after year a full crop of farm legislative climate through Farm Bureau, the organization of action. Other farm groups are "thermome-ters,"—only measure the problem. Farm Bureau acts as a thermostat. Farm Bureau. (10-2t-36b)



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17 UNIT MOTEL plus living quar-ters, very attractive setting, original owners, main year around State high-way. Inquire for more information and details. Priced right, Small down

### **Paw Paw Community Group Claims "First" Title**



ORIGINAL MEMBERS of the "Michigan First" Community Group, which recently celebrated its 25th Anniversary, are pictured above: Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Pugsley, Mr. and Mrs. George Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Max Hood and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schnoor. Present at the celebration but not pictured was Mrs. Goldia Tapper, also one of the original members of Michigan's first official community Farm Bureau Group.

Twenty-five years ago, Michigan's first official Community Farm Bureau group, the "Michigan First" Group of Paw Paw in Van Buren County, was established.

Earlier, a number of groups had been organized over the state, on a less formal basis, but the Paw Paw group became the first of those officially chartered by the Michigan Farm Bureau, and bears the designation of "number one."

A year earlier, in 1936, delegates to the 19th annual meet-• ing of the Michigan Farm Bureau set the stage for Group expansion by stating, "The genuine conversion of the member to the cause can come only through giving him an opporfunity to worry and work for the legislation, cooperative business, or other results along with his county, state and na. tional officials and employees at the time the fires of battle are raging. We must get more of our members actually participating in the fight rather than merely accepting the results . . . The solution of the problem of membership morale lies to a large extent in an active local unit of the Farm Bu-reau . . . "

According to this policy resolution, an expanded Community Group program was launched.

Regional Representative George Schultz was present to assist in setting up procedures to make the new Paw Paw group an active and important part of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Max Hood, now a director on the Michigan Farm Bureau Board, was elected first President.

This October, twenty - five years later, the "Michigan First" Community Group reconstructed this event, carefully following procedures recorded in the minutes of their first meeting.

Conducting the meeting, as in 1937, was Max Hood and present were these original members: Mr. and Mrs. George Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Pugsley, Mrs. Goldia Tapper, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schnoor, and Mr. and Mrs. Max Hood.

Bringing the 25 people who had gathered to celebrate this 25th anniversary back from fond memories of the past to the current problems of the '60's, Max Hood closed the meeting with the discussion topic, "1962 Election Will Decide Vital Issues."

Bureau groups. Three Community Groups have witnessed the demonstration to date.

were told at the cooperative's

annual meeting in East Lansing.

capacity audience of 432 dele-

gates and 175 guests, MMPA

President Glenn Lake said

farmers can best solve their

problems through their own ef-

forts and proven dairy cooper-

"If we have the courage and

vision to build on this founda-

tion we need not accept just

anybody's program - or one

that is of doubtful value - to

improve farmers' income,"

The MMPA president scored

National Farmer's Organization

(NFO), saying the approach be-

ing used by NFO to solve the

farm problem "is unsound and

hundred for milk, but lightly

pass over the all - important question of 'How?'," Lake

pointed out. "Essentially, NFO

is saying to dairy cooperatives,

'Give us everything you have.

If we succeed, we will take the

credit. If we fail, you can take

In a major policy decision,

delegates voted against nation-

al production quotas because

proposals made so far "pro-

vide no assurance of any im-

provement in dairy farmers'

net income . . . and would de-

prive farmers of any voice in

their administration or inter-

pretation to meet local condi-

In the only election to come

before delegates, Glenn Lake

was re - elected Director-at-

Large on the State Board of

tions."

Directors.

the blame and pay the bill'."

"They glibly promise \$6.00 a

doomed to failure."

atives.

Lake said.

In a keynote address to a

**Michigan Milk** 

**11 FARM EQUIPMENT** 

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 ADD THE MOST IMPORTANT

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 Join Farm Bureau!

 (10-2t-21b)

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**MMPA** Annual YOUR INFLUENCE in important farm legislation which affects YOU, if you fail to join Farm Bureau! (10-2t-16b)

### **Meeting Held** 11A FARM BUILDINGS

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#### **13 FARM MACHINERY** Milk Producers Association

FARM BUREAU "BUZZ-SAW"-uses membership chain-reaction. Join the 1½ million satisfied farm family users! (10-2t-16b)

#### 15 FARM FOR SALE

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200 ACRES for \$30,000 with \$7,000 down. Good loam, about 190 acres till-able, 10 acres woods. Eight room house, bath, furnace. Milk house, four stanchion milking parlor, older loaf-ing barn. Several other farms for sale including a large beef cattle farm. Oril Ferguson, Broker. Phone Dexter, Michigan, HA 6-3102 anytime. (Ldy-ingston County) (12-1t-49p) 15 A REAL CHANCE TO HELP YOURSELF—by working with your neighbors in Farm Bureau. Keep op-portunity in agriculture. Protect your farm future through membership in Fam Bureau! (10-2t-27b) 22 MAPLE PRODUCERS

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21 JOB OPPORTUNITIES

FARM WOMEN do important work through Farm Bureau. Each county has an active Farm Bureau Women's program. Your help is needed! (10-2t-21b)

FEEDER SALE. Coming up-one more feeder sale at the stockyards in Lincoln, Michigan on Thursday, De-cember 12. All buyers welcome. The last chance to get some of our good feeders this year. Sale starts 2:00 p.m. (Alcona County) (12-11-37p) 23

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Precast concrete barrel shells over Colorado cattle pens portray the look of the future. Many of tomorrow's farm structures will be precast in parts, hauled to the job and erected within the day.



PORTLAND CEMENTASSOCIATION Stoddard Building, Lansing 23, Michigan A national organization to improve and extend the uses of concrete

County News Notes **About Farm Bureau People and Places** 

INGHAM Don Williams of Webberville has been elected chairman of the Midwest Farm Bureau Young People's Camp for the coming year. Plans for this annual affair are still in the tentative state. Watch the Michigan Farm News for furth-

### er information. WASHTENAW

Frank Geiger was honored recently by his community group for "faithfully and gen-erously giving of his time as a 4-H leader for the past 25 years." The Worden Community Group passed a resolution to express their appreciation "for his efforts to lead the youth of our community."

FOR SALE

ONE YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP in Michigan's largest farm organization, Reasonable cost for opportunity to keep agriculture free and strong. (10-2t-18b)

23 LIVESTOCK

# Will A Will Keep Your Farm In One Piece?

### **Discussion Topic** DONALD D. KINSEY

Coordinator, Education and Research

The amount of interest shown by farmers in this subject would indicate two things:

1. That most 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 unit.

Tax and inheritance laws have become more and more complicated. They build a spreading web around the matter of property inheritance. Without a proper will or legal agreement by property owners, an estate can face a multitude of claims against it. Included among the claimants is the government. It demands its inheritance and estate taxes. It holds these bags open with a cry of "Tricks or Treats!" And the size of the treat demanded may very well wreck the future of a farm estate.

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

load.

sources. Farming costs run high

enough without such a burden.

The average farm is not large.

But costs of inheritance trans-

fer are just as large for a small

as for a big farm. And the

smaller farm yields less with

which to handle such a debt

Good Will - No

Solution

Sometimes the division of a

farm estate poses a conundrum

for all the heirs. They don't

want to break up the farm.

The means of paying off every-

one is lacking without selling

the farm. And who gets the in-

come from the farm? How

Such "undivided ownership"

may continue for years. And all

the heirs then remain "co-own-

ers," each having a right to

pay another for the use of the

farm unless an agreement has

been made and signed to that

effect. It's a fuse to a keg of

much, and when?

dynamite!

### Not a "Do It Yourself" Job

You may think to yourself, "Well, I can work this out on my own. Save expense! There are good bulletins and pamphlets to help me."

This can be a fatal halftruth. Yes, there are excellent bulletins on farm inheritance from Michigan State University and other colleges. Your Extension Agent can help you obtain them. They serve as excellent guides for you in general ways. But, they all say -"Get expert help and counselle 

Your own farm estate is a special case. It needs individual study, planning and treatment. There is a particular set of relationships among your heirs. There may be a variety of existing claims against your estate. You may have a business working agreement with some member of the familyand this is special to you.

And there are those complicated tax and inheritance laws! Can you interpret them accurately? Do you know the best way to arrange your estate so as to pay the minimum rather than the maximum amount of tax? As Molly used to say, "It ain't simple, Mc-

### **Bleeding the Farm** of Value

Or consider this. In case a farm owner dies, there are numerous things that can shrink the value of the farm estate

1. Any debts against the estate automatically become due and payable.

2. Final medical and/or funeral expenses must be met before the estate can be claimed by the heirs.

3. Expenses for administration and lawyer's fees involved in settling the estate must be paid. A poor will, or none, can add vastly to such expenses. It is a time-bomb in any estate.

4. All Federal and State taxes must be paid from the estate before it is free and clear. If unpaid, these taxes remain at a lein against the estate and threaten title to its ownership.

The Federal Estate tax form (706) declares, "The tax is due 15 months after the date of the decedent's death, and must be paid within such period unless an extension of time for payment thereof has been granted by the District Director, or unless the executor has properly elected . . . to pay in installments."

And the amount of inheritance tax you may have to pay can shock you. You cannot calculate the value of the property by what you paid for it a few years ago. The inheritance tax must be paid on the present "fair market value." Inflation and demand for land boost this

value. The government makes the appraisal and sets the value on which you pay the tax.

### **Cash to Carry** This Load?

When a farm changes hands by inheritance, the family planning to operate it will need cash. There is always expense. What shall the farmer do to get it?

possess the farm, regardless of Sell off livestock and equipthe size of his share. He may ment? But that would cripple take action to have his share the farm operation. How can partitioned off, if he is not you make a farm pay added granted full possession. Yet one costs when stripped of its proheir has no legal obligation to ductive tools?

> Our farmer would be lucky if he had savings, stocks or bonds to cash for the emergency. The trouble is, not many

Lawyers can help you over say nothing of the trouble.

And, let's talk about where

value of life insurance. You believe in it when you see it solve the problems of a farm family and ease them over serious trouble spots. Insurance, too, is a part of a good "Plan Ahead" program. It can cover the claims of all heirs, take care of expenses and pay

the inheritance taxes when a farm changes hands by descent. An adequate life insurance

program can give the farm family cash to "get in the clear" and continue the farm as an operating unit. But to make it work, it has to be set up by you-the present generation. It is a keystone to modern "planned inheritance."

Consider what it can do for a farm partnership, for example. There are many fatherson farm partnerships going today.

### **Planning Works** Miracles

When a partner dies, the partnership ceases. An audit of the business assets and debts of the partnership must be made. The surviving partner may lack funds to buy out his deceased partner's interests. Yet, the heirs can claim shares in the business and its assets.

But such a problem can be erased before it happens.

The partners can draft and sign a "buy-sell agreement" in advance. Then each partner can take life insurance to cover the other's share of the business, naming him beneficiary. If either partner dies, the life insurance does its magic and the business goes on.

the Family. Life insurance can be written so as to meet a wide variety of relationships and problems to heritance of Farm Property in keep the farm and the family Michigan. whole. The idea of life insurance merely as a means of paying funeral expenses is as old-Have two or three members fashioned as a buggy whip. in your group tell what they

### **Helpful Extension Bulletins**

See your County Extension Agent. He can help you get them.

Special Bulletin No. 424-The Impact of Taxes and Legal

### **Committee Selects**

### **Membership Helps Pick Discussion Topics**

Since the beginning of the Community Farm Bureau discussion program in 1938, topics for the groups have been selected by a committee of members. To spread the nature of the topics and to assure interest of all Farm Bureau members in Michigan, members of the topic committee are elected from all districts.

Committee members repre-

In the early days this com-

mittee attempted to meet

yearly to select 12 topics. But

problems arose. Many of the

topics would no longer be

timely when their scheduled

month arrived Nearly

twenty years ago the com-

mittee began meeting every

six months to correct this de-

Since those early days the

committee has expanded

from seven to eleven mem-

Costs on Farm Transfers and

Special Bulletin No. 436-

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Questions

have done to help keep the

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Family Farm Transfers and

Some Tax Considerations.

Incorporate the Farm?

and Operation.

family.

Estate Settlements.

sent producers of all kinds of

farm commodities.

ficiency.

bers, representing each of the eleven districts. The present committee will meet Friday, January 18th, to set up a topic series for the months from March to August. Topics remaining on the schedule will cover the period until the committee meets.

January's topic raises the question whether we in America should center more power in our Executive office.

In February, the groups examine features of the proposed new Constitution.

Each six months, ballots are sent to all the Community Farm Bureau groups, 1,500 of them. The ballot lists suggestions, and invites groups to list areas of concern.

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

fect the future of the farm? Does the will cover them? 2. How is the deed to the

property held? a. Is the declaration of ownership on the deed the best arrangement for the make-up of the family, if some son or daughter will work the farm in future years? b. Will the present provisions of the will and the deed help to save on inheritance and Federal Estate taxes?

3. Have provisions been made to cover the costs of transferring the ownership of the property by inheritance-and the payment of taxes?

Special Bulletin No. 388-In-4. If your members do not know the answers to these questions, to whom would you turn for help in answering them?

### FARM FORUM

Community Farm Bureau **Discussion Topic** 

#### **Radio Station WKAR** In their arrangements:

1:00 P. M. 1. Is the will up to date? How 1st Monday each Month old is it? Have there been September through June changes in contracts for operating the farm since the will was 870 on Your Dial made? Would such changes af-

DON KINSEY-Coordinator of Education and Research for the Michigan Farm Bureau, and author of these Discussion Topic articles, is pictured checking facts for this month's topic. With him, (right) is William Fitzgerald, Farm Bureau Insurance estate expert. Fitzgerald is the former Assistant Director of the nationally-known Life Insurance Marketing Institute at Purdue University.

young farmers, starting out in would sell every farmer on the business, are that "well-heeled."

Borrow the money? But this still leaves a big debt and interest to pay. Can he shoulder this and other costs too? It could be the straw that breaks the camel's back.

**Thoughtfulness for** 

**Family and Farm** 

Farm sons and daughters would not be forced into such head-scratching if the parents would provide to head off such problems. Proper planning can do it. It is too late to do it when the problem is in your lap. In this case the job must be done in advance.

these humps. They know the ropes. Yes, they charge fees. But the, fees can be a small fraction of the losses and the charges the estate may face, to

insurance fits in. I am going to sing its praises without a blush or a reservation. If I could, I

### Legal "Tanglefoot"

Any attempt to try to list here the things which threaten farm estates can only end in picking a few things "out of the blue" - chances are that such a list would omit many a vital one bearing on your own estate

Hundreds of things do happen to estates when their owners die. Many get tangled up in probate court for eight to ten years. In such cases there was poor planning. And sometimes the tax collector saws the limb off behind you-and down she goes!

Take a case where a will is lacking-or just as bad-one where a will is not properly drafted, lacks witnesses and bears no notary's seal and signature. Such a will is as full of loopholes as a sieve and as promising of trouble as opening Pandora's box.

A proper will should not only be drafted by a person trained in law, but must also be kept up to date as to changes in partnerships, heirs, mortgages, other investments, etc.

### **Mix-ups on The** "Heir-line"

What kind of trouble can come to the farm family when a proper will is lacking? Who can claim a share? Maybe lots of folks. Spouse-childreneven grandchildren where their parent in the line of descent has died. The situation becomes set for dicing up the farm into an unsavory legal stew

Where many have a finger in the farm estate pie and no way is provided for satisfying their claims, who is going to run the farm? Suppose you had planned that a certain son or daughter should carry on, and they thought so, too. But they may be snowed under by the obligation to pay off the claims of all the other heirs. For, where a proper will is lacking, the law defines how the shares are divided.

Pay off the others? The average farmer may be hard hit by such a drain on his re-



### Provides WEEKLY INCOME for your farm employees while disabled from farm accidents

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