East Lansing, Mich

**Records Modernized** 

# High-Speed Data Processing Planned

Additional "farm and family" status information is flowing into county Farm Bureau offices at a fast pace and through them, into Farm Bureau Center, Lansing. It is planned that soon it will flow into punch-coding on IBM data cards to allow more effective services back to the same Michigan farmers who originally supplied the important facts and details.

New membership applications received at the Member - Service division of the Michigan Farm Bureau contain valuable local data "pictures" that add up in a collective sense to an accurate composite of Michigan farming.

Renewal members are cooperating in adding more detail to already existing records to round out the farming picture report.

"We are most grateful to Farm Bureau members, - new or renewal, who are volunteering this farm and family information as requested by their county Farm Bureau boards of directors and Roll-Call workers," reports Roger Foerch, Manager of the Organization Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau. He reports that most farmers seem to welcome the possibilities for expanded services opened to them through the new method.

"I am pleased to find that Michigan farmers are modern-minded and well aware that fast communications are the means to fast action," Foerch said. He pointed out that under the new system it will be possible to be selective in special service - areas. That, for example, all cattle feeders or just those famers most interested in fruit, could be contacted within hours should something of real importance in their field warrant it.

He added that by knowing local farmer program preferences, county boards could "appoint most effective advisory committees" in areas ranging from citizenship and legislation through the wide range of commodity interests.

Although the newly gained information loses its identity in a series of holes on electronic data cards, in a collective sense they can guide both county and State Farm Bureau organizations in swift decisionmaking. This will be particularly true in commodity fields where fast-moving programs often demand up-to-the-minute information.

**Young Farmers Tour** 



VISITORS TO THE IBM Data-Processing Center in the Farm Bureau building, Lansing, were this group of young farmers,-part of a group of 30 from more than a dozen counties that toured Farm Bureau facilities in early January. Besides seeing machines similar to those to be used in correlating farm and family data for future Farm Bureau programs, the young couples studied the entire Farm Bureau program and toured the Farm Bureau Services Warehouse and Seed Plant; Leonard Refineries, Alma, and the Egg-Marketing division plant at Jenison. The two-day and evening program was sponsored by the Michigan Farm Bureau and affiliated companies.

**Washington Trip** 

### Air-Tour Tickets Still Available

Reservations are still available for the Washington Air-Tour planned for February 25-28 by Michigan Farm Bureau Women and open to all Farm Bureau members.

"With the new Congress in session the tour provides an unusual opportunity for Michigan farm people to see their Congressional Delegation in action," comments Mrs. Marjorie Karker, Coordinator of Women's Activities for the Michigan Farm Bureau and one of two staff persons acting as hosts for the trip.

Dan Reed, Associate Legislative Counsel for the Michigan Farm Bureau, will act as the other staff host. Through his work with Farm Bureau in National Affairs, Reed is well versed in Washington matters.

A visit to the Washington office of the American Farm Bu- Congratulations. tion's capitol, Monday, February 26, will provide a briefing concerning the kind of legislation farmers can expect from the Second Session of the 87th

Later in the day the group will visit the huge, bustling building - complex that houses the U.S. Department of Agri-

The final day, Wednesday, February 28, will be set aside for an all-day sight-seeing tour of Washington and area. The group will tour historic sights before going directly to the Washington National Airport for the trip by plane back to Detroit and Lansing.

Since during the week family rates apply to airline travel, couples will have a slight cost advantage on the trip. From Lansing returning to Lansing, is \$114.30 per person or \$214.52 for a married couple. Costs from Detroit back to Detroit total \$92.75 per person or \$174-.11 per couple.

Those planning to make reservations or needing further information should contact Mrs Marjorie Karker, P.O. Box 960,

-To the Farm Bureaus of Otsego and Antrim counties,-second and third in the state to reach membership goal

At press-time, Charlevoix County, under the leadership of Women's Committee Chairman, Mrs. William Parsons, is within a few members of goal, possibly bringing the number-four honor to the Bridge Region.

January 22-26

# Roll Call 'Alert' Sounded

**Honor Conferred** 

## Wightman Receives MSU Ag. Service Award

Michigan Farm Bureau president Walter Wightman, Fennville farmer, was one of five farm leaders of the state to receive special honors during the 47th annual Farmers Week program at Michigan State University.

Besides Wightman, Bernie F. Beach, Adrian; and Reisener Brothers & Hopp, Rogers City, received the "Distinguished Service to Agriculture" awards as a highlight of the Wednesday program, January 31.

The awards were presented to the outstanding rural leaders by Dean T. K. Cowden of the MSU College of Agriculture. The awards program preceded the address of Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman in the University audi-

Wightman operates 270 acres in Allegan county, devoted primarily to fruit and livestock. Beach, a 1915 MSU graduate, has made many contributions to the dairy industry. The partnership of Fred and David Reisener and brother-in-law, Ervin Hopp, was honored for their pioneer efforts in Michigan potato growing.



#### Walter Wightman

The Presque Isle county trio have been long-time producers of certified seed and have been instrumental in the development of new varieties. Both the Katahdin and Pontiac potato have become popular varieties among Michigan growers as a result of testing

# 1962 Program Kick-Off Meeting Series Held

Mich. Well Represented at Chicago

Members of the Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors and key staff people were among more than 100 Midwest Farm Bureau leaders attending the 1962 "Program Kick-off" meeting in Chicago, January 17-19.

The meeting was one in a series of eight regional gatherings of state Farm Bureau leaders called by the American Farm Bureau during January. It was part of an annual signal-checking effort conducted nation-wide by Farm Bureau shortly following the first of the year.

Problems of major concern to policy resolution. Areas checked included nation-wide marketing orders, health services, commodity promotions, member participation and policy development and execution.

Roger Fleming, Secretary of the American Farm Bureau and Director of the Washington office, discussed policies and problems relating to Farm Bureau's landretirement proposals, cooperative

taxation and international trade In speaking of the importance of the European Common Market, Fleming reported that U.S. farmers ship a high percent of all export products to the six Market countries of France, Italy, West Germany, Belgium, Luxemburg

He pointed out that these countries contain 170-million people in an area only one-seventh the size of the United States. He added that one-fourth of these people are engaged in farming. 'Half of these farmers operate arms of ten acres or less in size,

It was reported that between 25 and 50 per cent of all wheat, corn, barley and grain sorghums currently exported by the United States, are sold to the six Common Market countries.

Concern was expressed for extension of the Reciprocal Trade Act, scheduled before Congress in

Membership progress reports from the midwest region indicated that Farm Bureau is continuing to grow in size and strength. Most states, including Michigan, reported membership totals ahead of last year at the same date. A summary of Farm Bureau membership in the United States revealed that the organization now represents more than 65 per cent of all commercial farms in the

### MFB Board Activates "Telephone Grid"

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau activated the state-wide Telephone Grid, January 22, in a sweeping membership Roll-Call effort aimed at a goal of 70,801 family membership for the 1962 year.

The Grid operation began with a telephone call from MFB President Walter Wightman to members of the Michigan Farm Bureau board in each district of the state. It ended four days later, January 26, following completion of a potential 5,000 telephone and personal calls.

In his calls opening the Grid, Wightman stressed the importance of strengthening Farm Bureau through membership work. He challenged each director to push the state across the finish line to goal by personally signing at least one new member in the following few days and to continue the telephone "alert" by passing on the call to every County Farm Bureau president in the state.

MFB Board members in turn made personal visits or called each County Farm Bureau president in their district. Each was challenged to make personal membership contacts and to secure at least one new member in this manner. County presidents, relaying the call, contacted their Excutive Committee members, Roll-Call Managers, Membership Committee chairmen and Community Group chairmen. In each case they repeated the "charge" originated by Wightman and the Board.

The Telephone Grid operration spread further when Executive Committee members called all other directors on the county board. Roll-Call Managers carried out the "alert" by contacting their Area Captains. Membership Committee chairmen contacted each of their committee co-workers who in turn passed along the word to their local volunteer membership workers.

Simultaneously, Michigan Farm Bureau Women, activated by their State Committee Chairman, Mrs. Arthur Muir, contacted each County Chairman in their districts. The county chairmen called all officers of each county Women's Committee.

Results of the Telephone Grid alert were reported January 26 by reversing the order of the calls. Although incomplete, the tally at press time showed the state at 92 per cent of goal, with 65,136 Farm Bureau members enrolled. Two additional county Farm Bureaus, Otsego and Antrim, both of the Bridge Region, - joined Iron county in announcing "over-goal" for the 1962 year. At 94 per cent of goal, the Bridge Region tops the state in percentage of members signed.

### Representative In **Thumb Region**

Duane D. Sugden

A Tuscola county farmer and farm leader has been named Regional Field Representative for the Thumb area. He is Duane "Dewey" Sugden, Mayville. He has served his community and county in a number of capacities. His Farm Bureau background includes work as Roll-Call captain, Discussion Leader and chairman of the Public Relations committee. In both 1954 and 1956 he was a delegate to the Michigan Farm Bureau convention.

Sugden, (49) replaces Carl Kentner who was promoted to the position of Coordinator of Printing and Mailing for the Mich. Farm Bureau.

### This Month . . .

72,425 copies of this issue of the Michigan Farm News were mailed to subscribers.

### "All Members Welcome" - To Freedom Conference the sessions and checked against the yardstick of Farm Bureau Broad, Varied Program Promised Those Who Attend

The 4th annual Freedom Conference, scheduled Feb. 21 - 22 at Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, is open to all Farm Bureau members, the Family Program Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau reminds those interested.

"There may be a feeling that perhaps the Conference is limited to people who have attended in previous years or to those who work in Farm Bureau's Citizenship proreports J. Delbert Wells, Manager of the Family Program Division which sponsors the conference.

"This is not true," Wells points out. "While the Freedom Conferences are designed to be of specific help to those people actively engaged in citizenship programs, they are broad enough to be of value and interest to every citizen.'

Wells adds that a desired goal would be one or more persons attending the conference from every county Farm Bureau since there is much of value that can be returned to every community.

This year the conference features discussions on the private enterprise system and threats to it. There will be a review of several freedom study groups-programs now

Featured speakers on the two-day program include two prominent Michigan men,— Lucas S. Miel, president of the Commercial Steel Treating Corporation of Detroit, and Dr. Kenneth W. Sollitt, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Midland. Dr. Howard

Kershner, Editor of "Christian Economics," will be featured speaker for the banquet scheduled for the night of February 21.



Lucas S. Miel

Lucas Miel has a long history of community service. He is a director and past president of the Michigan Epilepsy Center; director and past national chairman of the Council of Profit-Sharing Industries; director of "Junior Achievement" of Southeastern Michigan and director and president of the Employ-

ers Association of Detroit. Dr. Kenneth Sollitt is much sought-after as an inspirational speaker and is heard frequently from national platforms. Most recently he was featured on the opening Vesper Service program at the annual meeting of the Ameri-

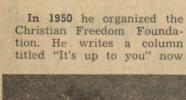


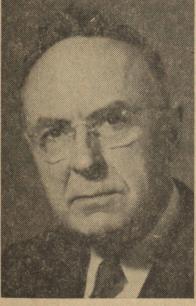
Kenneth W. Sollitt

can Farm Bureau Federation. Born on an Iowa farm, Sollitt is a graduate of Sioux Falls College and Rochester Divinity School. He is a teacher of Speech and Art in Religious Education. He is the author of a publication called "Preaching from Pictures," and has won Freedom Foundation awards on five occasions for "outstanding achievements in bringing about a better understanding of the American Way of Life.

ed as Editor and Publisher of the Dodge City (Kansas) Journal for several years. He was Assistant Chief of the newspaper section of the War Industries Board during World War I. Later he became a builder and manufacturer and operated a realestate company. He retired in 1938 and since then has been a leader in international projects to provide food for children in destitute countries.

Dr. Howard Kershner serv-





Howard E. Kershner

carried by 205 daily and 410 weekly newspapers. His "Sermonette" is supplied as reprints to more than 1,500 churches each week. He has been given 6 awards by the Freedom Foundation.

Dr. Kershner will speak at two sessions of the Conference, dealing with two topics. His first talk will be based on his book, "God-Gold-Government," tying together the economic system as it relates to human freedom and gov-ernment. His last talk will deal with the threats to our American competitive economic system from both sides of the Iron Curtain.





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## Bay Co. "Open House" February 17

The public is invited to the "Open House" at the new office building of the Bay County Farm Bureau, 2 miles west of Bay City on the Midland Road, hours of 1 to 4:00 p. m.—Sat., February 17.

Clarence Prentice, Secretary - manager, Michigan Farm Bureau, will participate in the afternoon dedication program. Luncheon will be served. An evening variety program will feature "Fritz's Little German Band.'

### **EDITORIAL**

### What Do I Get For My \$12.00?

Very often in my wanderings among the faithful and sometimes unfaithful members of Farm Bureau, I hear that old question, "What do I get out of the \$12.00 that I pay for dues each year?" and sometimes in more basic English, "What do you guys do with the twelve bucks?"

Perhaps I will never earn fame as a columnist or a diplomat, but I would like to ask these gentlemen: "What can YOU do with \$12.00? Can you appoach any other organization and say to them: "Now, here I am a farmer — that's my business. My money is invested in it. It's all I have to show for my life's work and I expect to be a farmer as long as I live. I want you to take this twelve dollars and do something for me that I cannot possibly do for myself.

"I want you to use this money to work for a better system of taxation for me - that my annual tax bill won't be so high; especially do I want you to try to lift more of the burden of taxation from property and place it where it really belongs.

"I want you to represent me at public hearings when such matters as freight rates, tariffs, and matters of public service are discussed, and which directly affect my farm income.

"I want you to use my twelve dollars to be on hand to see that I get a square deal in legislative matters, since I know that this is the era of lobbies, pressure groups, and other interests who are grinding their own axes and unless somebody is looking out for mine, I can expect the 'axe in the neck.'

"I want you to try to develop better marketing facilities for my produce - to protect me from the inroads that other sections and foreign countries might otherwise ruin my market.

"I want you to take that twelve dollars and go to Washington and inject yourself into the maelstrom of hearings and bureaus, committees and investigations, codes, agreements, rearrangements, credits, amendments and what not. I want you to be there to look out for my interests and to keep me advised as to what is best for me, as an individual farmer, to

"I want you to do this same thing for me in Lansing, and in my county you can use part of the twelve dollars for this.

"I am not kidding myself that all these things can be worked exactly as I would like to have them, or right away, but I am intelligent enough to know that unless someone is doing these things for me, which, as an individual farmer, I cannot possibly do for myself, I cannot expect to get far these days.

"For all this I will cooperate by paying you twelve dollars a year and augment it with my personal talents whenever and wherever possible in community, county, and state Farm Bureau affairs."

### Just WHO Is A Capitalist? You Are A Capitalist If ...

You have a bank savings account - and that includes 22 million of us.

You own, or are buying your home - as are 25 million more Americans.

You own stock in any business, - and 12.5 million Americans do.

You have an insurance policy, - and 110 mil-

lion Americans are protected. You are paid proportionally for the work you do

or the goods you sell. You own a car - and what American doesn't?

Take a look around you. You and 180 million other Capitalists have done quite a job in building the most prosperous nation in the history of man.



Con-Con Delegates J. Burton Richards and Lee Boothby, (second and third from left) visit with F.B. Associate Legislative counsels, Dan Reed and Robert Smith.

Right-To-Work Becomes Issue

## "Voluntary Unionism" Proposals Placed Before Constitutional Convention

The following is a transcript of a visit with Constitutional Convention Delegate Lee Boothby, who represents the 7th Senatorial District of Berrien and Cass counties and J. Burton Richards, Delegate from the 2nd Representative District of Berrien County. These men, along with the Delegates Rockwell T. Gust, Grosse Point Farms, and Don Batchelor, Grand Blanc, have stirred the Convention by coauthoring and introducing several "Right-to-Work" proposals. They were interviewed concerning these proposals by Associate Legislative Counsels, Dan Reed and Robert Smith, of the Michigan Farm Bu-

REED: "What are these Right-to-proposal, No. 1809—which, if Work' proposals?"

BOOTHBY: "We prefer to call be required to contribute to a them 'non-discriminatory.' We have placed three voluntary- organization which uses any part unionism proposals before the of its funds to support a political convention, which would prevent a union organization from fice. This frees the working man ence not to join in an association hibition prevents both the corto which he feels he can not be- poration from forcing a junior long in good conscience. These executive to fork over to a proposals will allow a working political fund, or a union from bowing to the tyranny of any ing it to elect people to office,-

the Convention?"

BOOTHBY: "Well, there are three proposals which are in the ed' to him by union leaders, or nature of a Right-to-Work law. Proposals-1804, 1807 and 1808. These proposals amend three the right to a job? Is this a guarother proposals regarding discrimination and give protection for the laboring man from being RICHARDS: "Not at all. It is a organization as a condition of the right to prevent you from employment. These proposals taking a job if the prospective and conscience to the individual. capable of doing that job and ers?'

privilege of holding a job.' REED: "Since you are obviously RICHARDS: "What concerns us

> is "certified" as the collective bargaining agent in that shop, within a certain period of time after employment. The unfairness stems from the union having compelled the employer to enter into a contract to limit workers employer and the union. parties upon the other. The have the right to compel have the right to earn a living."

pressures that can be used?"

contribution to a political party." castle'—he should have the right employees, by one means or to hold a job and to earn money without this right being 'grant- another, that they should be recognized. When this is done, under the Taft-Hartley Law,-if SMITH: "What do you mean by 'right-to-work' shop, then they can force the other 49 per cent of the people to go along with them.

compelled to belong to a labor guarantee that no person has SMITH: "If those 49 per cent of the people refuse to belong to the union at this stage, are they would restore freedom of choice employer agrees that you are dropped from the rolls as work-

fulfilling its responsibilities. A BOOTHBY: "That's right. If you man should not be forced to pay don't 'join up' within a certain tribute to any other man for the period of time you lose your employment.

referring to what you consider is that in a 'union' state, the doccurrent union practices, what is trine and theory of majority rule the situation faced by a Michigan gives them the right to compel worker seeking employment in a the minority to belong to their organization, -yet this concept is completely foreign to our BOOTHBY: "In a 'union' shop, country. We've always respected you must belong and pay dues minority rights here. Bills of to whatever union organization Rights in state and federal government place a check on the will of a majority to prevent it from becoming a 'tyranny of the majority,' -yet this is an element missing from most labor organizations.

to only those who are members BOOTHBY: 'I'd like to make an of the union. It's not a free con- analogy to the federal governtract any longer between the ment. Unions say in effect, 'since we have a doctrine of majority contract FORCED by one of the rule in the United States, we worker coming into the plant minority to join as long as this has no part in the contract, yet minority reaps the same benethere is compulsion to belong to fits as the majority.' Now, apply dividual because of his preferto a political party. The protions. Would it be proper when one political party gains a majority to automatically force SMITH: "When you speak of a everybody in the United States man to earn for himself and his making an individual pay dues union forcing such an agreement to become a member of the same family a decent living without and then turning around and us- upon an employer,—what are the party? After all, they enjoy the same benefits of living and working here.

BOOTHBY: "Well, there are the RICHARDS: "I've heard it said REED: "Just what are the pro- Just as every American has a standard techniques of picket- that 'power corrupts' -and that posals you have introduced and basic right to own property and ing, strikes and the like. All a 'absolute power corrupts absolutehow do they fit into the work of to have his own home as his union has to do to get in a plant ly.' I wouldn't say that unions, or would say that there are danger ous tendencies where people must pay dues to an organization to hold their jobs. It would be the state does not provide for a very easy for leaders to ignore the wishes of the people, to promote powers for themselves to make it very difficult to be displaced. "In time, it might even cause their corruption. So perhaps here is a chance for labor unions to take a leaf from farmer's notebooks and invite people to join their organizations because they believe in them and not because they must join to hold a job.'

> REED: "Without the power of the 'closed shop' behind them, would unions lose their power or

BOOTHBY: "-By no means There is no evidence to that effect. There are 19 states now that have adopted a 'Right to Work' law. Their experience is that unions have not died off, that in fact, they have increased in membership. In Texas, for instance, there is a Right to Work law and unions trere have never grown so fast in their history. In Indiana, there has been such a law in operation since 1958 and again unions have never grown so fast before."

REED: "Would the inclusion of these proposals make the new Constitution more or less difficult to 'sell' to the voters?"

RICHARDS: "Although I think a majority of the people believe in this basic right and will support it, there will be groups of people, primarily union leaders, that will work against it."

BOOTHBY: "You might be interested in knowing what the great Father of the Labor movement, Samuel Gompers said when he was living. He felt that unionism must be voluntary and that compulsory unionism would actually destroy the union movement. I think it is significant that one of the founders of the labor movement recognized this need for the inidviduals 'right to work.'

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Shortly after this interview, the "Right-To-Work" proposals under discussion were defeated January 18, by a vote in the committee on Rights and Suffrage. The Committee took the view that the matter is "statutory in nature," and not necessarily a Constitutional matter.)

## President's Column

What is Security?

Now that the holiday season is over, we look forward to the new year. As we make our plans and discuss the problems that lie ahead, and listen to the discussion on every hand about what is going to happen to agriculture and the economy in Walter Wightman general, we begin to wonder.



There are those who would like to protect agriculture by establishing price supports along with mandatory production and marketing controls. Some farmers are willing to give up their freedom to operate, in order to build a protective fence around themselves and their farming operations, probably not realizing what the ultimate cost would

Many labor leaders would like to have laws that would allow them to force every laboring man to belong to a labor union with a mandatory checkoff for dues. In other words, they build a protective fence around themselves that would keep them in power, no matter how well or how poorly they serve their constituents. Some organizations that seek to promote the sale of agricultural commodities, try to do the same thing by the same means. All of this tends to stifle initiative and puts a damper on progress.

To quote William Palmer, Executive Secretary of the Associated Petroleum Industries of Michigan:

"In the final analysis, the public is benefited by competition. The public will not be benefited by the dream of some distressed businessman, that government controls will provide them with a guarded profit."

So, we begin to wonder if our whole society has become so soft that we are afraid of freedom. Are we afraid of the things that our forebearers came to our shores to establish? Are we afraid of the thing that has given human initiative the incentive to develop an economy that has never been equaled in any country in the world up to this time?

We come to another question. What is security - real security?

Is security something that a paternalistic government can give us - something that it must take away from us before it can give part of it back? Does security come by leaning too much on a government that can take away our earnings and investment capital until industry is unable to keep machinery and equipment up-to-date? told that our industrial equipment today is out-of date in many case's, as compared with that of Europe. Even our security for old age, guaranteed under the Social Security program, has been questioned by many as to how much real security it offers. The money is not earmarked, but goes into the regular treasury. We have no guarantee that it will be there when we need it. We hope it will be.

Real security comes from faith. Faith in oneself to do the work of his choosing. Faith that he will be free to do it. Faith in the Creator who gave him the ability to reason and choose. Faith that the God of the Universe still rules and is concerned for man's welfare. Faith that somehow He will guide us through any problem or controversy. It has been said that the scenes and dreams of men have seemingly fallen apart because there has been no central guiding hand to direct their course. As we look at the turmoil and strife and atrocities in the world today, we can come to but one conclusion, either we get back to God and seek His omnipotent, guiding hand, or witness the destruction of the human race.

As we go about our planning for the New Year, let us take a little time out to reflect what real secur-

And perhaps it is our only security.

### Tax and Tax, Spend and Spend

Again there will be a big gap between federal income and outgo. While budget receipts to the Federal Treasury are forecast at \$82.1 billion, spending for fiscal 1962 is planned at the level of \$89 billion. This is the highest peacetime total spending in history.

A year ago, plans were reported for a \$1.5 billion surplus. All of which evaporated into a planned deficit of \$6.9 billion.

Deficit spending of this sort cannot be done without eroding away the purchasing power of every dollar. The deficit must be made up either in taxation or inflation - taking the loss out of the value of money that people spend and save.

### What about . . .

# The 19th Congressional District?

islature during the 1961 session

and eight bills were introduced,

but none of the different plans

generated enough support for

passage. The Legislature was

also conscious of the possibility

Many Legislators felt that

the Congressional re-districting

job could be put off until this

year. This is true, providing

the problem is faced early

enough in the present session

so that nomination and election

deadlines can be met. It seems

doubtful that it will be any

easier for the Legislature to

arrive at the necessary com-

promises in 1962—an election

year-than it would have been

have not expressed support for

any particular plan or proposal,

the establishment of a district-

at-large would not seem to be

in the best interest of the State,

and would not provide the most

A candidate for a State-wide

district-at-large would have to

responsive representation.

While Farm Bureau members

of a veto by the Governor.

"Then there is an additional

adopted, guarantees that no man,

as a condition of his employment,

political organization or to any

party or candidate for public of-

which actually is a compulsory

anyone else.'

antee of a job?"

Michigan's 19th Congressional District is the subject of a good deal of interest to members of the Michigan Legislature. Nine of the 159 bills which have been introduced at this date propose plans for re-districting the State in order to provide a district for the new Michigan Congressman.

Under the 1960 census results, Michigan is entitled to an additional seat in Congress. Unless the Legislature acts quickly to re-district the State, a Michigan elector in November, 1962, will find himself voting for a Congressman-at-large, in addition to voting to fill the Congressional seat representing his present District.

Several proposals were dis-

cussed by members of the Leg-Michigan Farm Bureau

President......W. W. Wightman

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The purpose of this Associa-on shall be the advancement four members' interests edu-ationally, legislatively and

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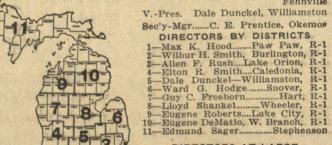
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James Sparks......Cassopolis, R-4

conduct a very exhausting and expensive campaign. He would be running for a two-year term, as compared to our two United States Senators who campaign State-wide but do so only once each six years. Electors would find it more difficult to hold a Congressman-

at-Large responsible for his voting record. Representing the entire State, most of his constituents would rarely, if ever, have an opportunity to meet and discuss issues with him.

Failure to re-district would mean that present districts which have high population

would not be given consideration. Population in some cities has been decreasing while suburban areas, such as Oakland and Macomb Counties, have grown tremendously.

Re - districting is difficult. Even members of the same party do not see eye to eye on the job should be done, and many observers believe that any plan acceptable to Republican Legislators will not be approved by a Democratic Gov-

While re-districting is badly needed, to avoid the problems resulting from the election of a Congressman-at-Large, careful probable effect of some of the plans proposed. At least one of the bills now introduced would appear to result in the election of two or three additional Congressmen who would be much more receptive to the demands the pleadings of suburban and rural voters.

S. 1007, introduced by Senapointed out that the geograph-

a 19th Congressional District, but should carefully review the plans proposed.

study needs to be given to the of big city constituents than to

tors Morris and Roberts (Republicans) and Ryan, Dzendzel and Rozycki (Democrats) would create one Representative District composed of all of the counties of the Upper Peninsula plus eight Lower Peninsula counties. It has been ical area of this District would be larger than many entire

Michigan citizens have a lot to gain in good government through the establishment of

# Predicting a Fabulous Farming Future

#### Wheel-Less Farm Machines?

By the year 2,000 — one American farmer may well be producing enough food for 100 persons. This is not dreaming or someone's idea of a shocking statement. It is cold fact based on the rising productivity of those in agriculture.

For example, it took 100 years prior to 1920 to double farm production to a point where one farmer supplied food and fiber for eight persons instead of the previous four.

In the last forty years the figure has risen from eight to 25 persons.

Right now one truly "commercial" farmer is actually feeding 40 persons and this productivity will soon become average.

How can farmers continue this fantastic production? First off, it is a phenomenon that bears the label "strictly made in America." It is not found anywhere else in the world. Many factors are involved, of course. But no one can discount the part that free farmers using private initiative play

Once, when comparing American swine production methods to Russian, Allan Kline, (former president of the American Farm Bureau) said -"We American farmers are good animal husbandmen because we have a personal stake in what happens to our stock. Does the farmer in this country sit up all night when the sows are farrowing because he loves the sows? — Or because he really doesn't care for sleep? Of course not. He knows that the number of pigs he saves will register in his personal cash books, - will add up to personal profit or loss. We never forget that's the kind of system we have, one of 'profit or loss.' "

As an after thought he added, "Can you imagine the Russian farmer sitting up all night for a week with the government's pigs?"

Other than the incentive system, — what do American farmers have in their favor? Unlimited opportunity to innovate, for one thing. Some of the more predictable farming innovations were recently unveiled at the Winter Meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers in Chicago.

A report from Dr. William Bertelsen of Illinois, serves to illustrate. Dr. Bertelsen is now pondering the question if perhaps one day we may consider the wheel a retarding device instead of an aid to

"Wheel-less" machines are his delight and other scientists join in agreeing that ground-friction is a waste of materials and energy. Such men consider the moving wheel as only a slight step above the sledge and suggest that the real answer is to go back to the sledge after having provided it with an air-cushion to float it off the ground and away from friction. Such air-cushions will have many applications in future farming.



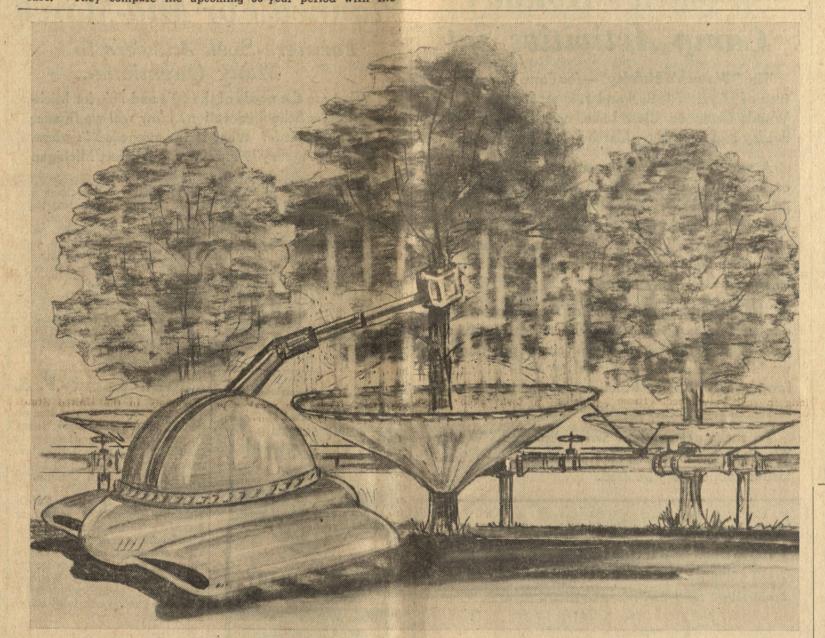
ARTISTS CONCEPTION-of one form of "air plow." Using forced air over the mold-board, the plow is almost frictionfree. Some of the same compressed air "floats" the wheel-less machine over the ground and airconditions the cab where the farmer sits in living-room comfort. Farm Bureau staff artist Sam Bass, pictures not one but more than a dozen furrows turned at the same time by this super plow, in keeping with reports by farm scientists that up to 14 bottoms are already possible with modern power equipment. As many farm machines of the future, the air-plow is equipped for remote control operation on the less complicated jobs. Television "sensors" relay a continuous picture of both machine and job to the farming center.

Bertelsen has invented an "Aeroplow" - a machine which almost eliminates the friction of plowing by using compressed air to "lubricate" the passage of earth over the plow. An air compressor hitched to the tractor's power take-off, pumps air to the plenum box behind the mold-board, allowing direct pressurization under the furrow slice to keep



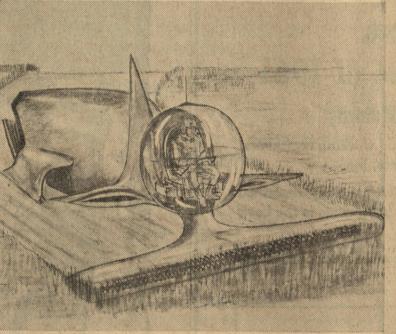
BY THE YEAR 2000—one farmer may provide the food and fiber for 100 others if farmers' production potential is not damaged some scientists now predict. It is generally agreed that "science has not begun to show what can be done in agriculture." They compare the upcoming 38-year period with the

increased farm production efficiency of the past 40-year period to make their prediction. American farm efficiency is unmatched in the world where food shortages, not food surpluses are common



FRUIT PICKER OF THE FUTURE—using continuous flows of air and water to prevent damage to easily bruised fruit. Michigan State University scientists have built a prototype of this impression by Farm Bureau staff artist, Sam Bass. He pictures a boom-and-claw shaker to combine with pulsating air currents, to remove the fruit and reduce the pull of gravity as it falls. Fruit drifts slowly into "catcher funnels" to be further cushioned by a flowing stream of water. Air and

water also clean the crop. Part of the air blast is directed downward in this artist's conception, to allow the harvest machine to "float" slightly off the ground on a thin cushion of air. Remote? Not at all. Preliminary tests of a similar device shows the pulsating air method efficiently removes cherries and apricots from branches. An added bonus:-since unripe fruit is harder to remove, selective harvesting may be possible.



COMBINE-MILLER,—this artist impression of tomorrow's harvester is multi-purpose. It combines the grain, cleans, dries and mills it into a variety of forms for immediate use. Again, forced air does much of the job. Air provides a vacuum-cleaner type suction to pick up stray kernels and to remove ground friction by "floating" the body of the machine.

it off the plow itself after it leaves the actual point of the plow-share.

Add to such innovations a step-up in farm automation that will make today's self-unloading silos and barn cleaners appear toy-like in comparison.

Farmers will always be necessary, but their productive ability will remain closely tied to their ability to change. If this ability is not hindered or impared by government action or otherwise, each of tomorrow's farmers will find it easy to feed 100 per-

#### **Farmers Report**

# Starter Fertilizer Shows Results

Over 90 per cent (92.8%) of added growth factors found to

with the American Farm Research Association and other of past-management state Farm Bureau Service com-

Of the 7.2 per cent who indicated that they were less than "Soil Test, - Don't Guess!"completely satisfied with the re- reads the heading on each of the sults, a detailed study showed new Corn-Starter bags. "Have that these persons had failed to your soil tested through your follow the use-program as out- County Agent," the instructions lined on the back of each continue. Other recommendations fertilizer bag.

The survey revealed that ap- moisture by minimum tillage. proximately 50 per cent of those (3) Plant only adapted corn using the new fertilizer for the varieties, (recommended Michfirst time had never before had igan certified hybrids are listed their soil tested for available by growing zones.) (4) Sufficient fertility. As a result the im- plan population to insure adeproved fertilizer bag instructions quate stand for desired yield. now place more emphasis on (5) Weed control through culseeking soil tests before attempt- tivation and chemical weed killing any comprehensive fertility ers. (6) Adequate insect control

This year the Special Corn attention to moisture Starter fertilizer will contain mechanical losses.

farmers replying to a recent sur- increase corn yields by from ten vey of those who have used Farm to 30 per cent, Sexson reported. Bureau Services Special Corn A deliberate "de-emphasis" has Starter fertilizer last year, re- been placed on fertilizer analysis ported excellent results, accord- in the case of the special cornng to John Sexson, manager of starter fertilizer, according to Farm Bureau Services fertilizer Sexson, -"to emphasize the importance of carrying out a com-Farm Bureau Services were plete fertility program." Formerhe first to introduce a corn ly, he indicated, people became starter fertilizer in Michigan. The involved in "analysis" instead of improved special corn starter "program" —and in some cases was developed in conjunction they felt that analysis alone assured adequate yield regardless which affect the available nutrients used in producing a

> include: (1) Lime according to soil test. (2) Conserve soil and and (7) Harvest and save all of the available crop through close

# Agronomics Adventure

#### **Dreaming With The Dreamers**

"Plant growth will be tightly controlled" on the fabulous farm of the future, according to Don Cook of Farm Bureau Services. Cook, who manages the sales department of the Plant Food and Feed division for Farm Bureau Services, agreed to project results of current research projects into guesses concerning what the future will bring farmers in the field of plant science.

Among the "predictions" made by Cook were these possibilities:

"Solid plantings" will take the place of many present row-crop plantings, with solid stands planted in corn, potatoes, beets, beans and vegetables.

Special plants will be "engineered" to make full use of the sun's energy. These plants will be tailored to fit arid or moist regions. In some cases the plants will be able to grow throughout the winter season, - and to grow as fast in the dark as in the direct sunlight.

Artificial "triggering" of the photo-synthesis process will become a well-developed art. This may be done through additive chemicals with fluorescent characteristics, and by flood light beams sweeping across huge fields where the light-sensitized plants are grown. Once triggered the growth process will continue without additional light until the next timed beam repeats.

Fertilizers of the future will supply plants with long-term fertility released slowly over an entire crop rotation. A plant frost "protectant" can be expected as an additive to prevent cell damage during frost periods. Future fertilizers will contain insect repellants and other chemicals in a wide range of "systemics" absorbed by cells for protective purposes. Deadly to certain insects, the repellants will be selective and some will be highly beneficial to

Cook concedes that although all these things are highly possible, they will appear a long time in the future for most Michigan farmers. "On the other hand, those in agriculture-although always with their feet firmly on the ground, have been the great dreamers of our nation. Their dreams have made our present fantastic production possible," Cook

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# Michigan Farm Bureau Women --- Citizenship

# Work-Program Outlined

**Dozen Project Recommendations Made** 

Women of the Michigan Farm Bureau have outlined a comprehensive and decidedly challenging program for the 1962 year. The outline stemmed from recommendations to the Women's Committee by a state-wide "Program Planning" group that met in Lansing, January 3-4. Later, material suggested by this planning group was reviewed and accepted by the over-all State Farm Bureau Women's Com-

In reporting-out the work outline, the Committee noted that it was placing its stamp of approval on a heavy program, but one they felt would be sufficiently challenging to help County Farm Bureau Women "fulfill their responsibilities and potentiality." They added: "The Committee hopes that these program recommenuations will be fun, informational and interesting, and provide such challenges that at the end of the year county Farm Bureau Women can look back and say that no opportunity was wasted."

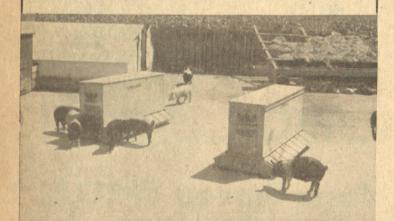
Work areas listed in the recommended program range from Safety to Civil Defense. They include. -Con-Con "education"; -a study of the philosophy, policies and structure of Farm Bureau; -increased activity in "the political party of your choice," and in areas of understanding the election

Other suggested program areas are: -agricultural promotion, including a study of the significance of Federal Marketing Orders, county product promotions, (bean smorgasbords, cherry - dairy events, dairy days, etc.;) -legal matters, including family wills. In the Safety area, the committee suggests a study of the use of safety belts in automobiles, with the possibility of group purchase of the belts to gain price advantages.

Since the "Medicare" program is high on the list of federal proposals it is suggested that Farm Bureau Women might want to work in opposition to this and similar legislation that might open the door to any form of socialized medicine.

Listed program areas are "suggestions" only and meant to be guidelines for county Farm Bureau Women's Committees,-which are free to use as many as they might wish.

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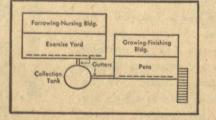
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More than 4% faster weight gains in confinement than on pasture—that's how hogs did at recent Purdue University tests. And farmers everywhere are finding that, on concrete, more pigs are weaned per litter, more hogs are marketed.

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STATE PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE—for Michigan Farm Bureau Women are pictured enjoying hot coffee after cold drives to get to Lansing on a blustery winter day. The committee met January 3-4 to suggest program areas for the 1962 year. The group includes (seated, left to right) Mrs. Clinton Falor, Lenawee; Mrs. Charles Gotthard, Wexford; Mrs. George Southworth, Huron; Mrs. Fred Billett, Allegan; Mrs. William Scramlin, state

Vice Chairman and chairman of the program-planning committee, Oakland, and Mrs. Lewis Babbitt, Clinton.

BACK ROW (left to right) Mrs. Marjorie Karker (pouring coffee)—Coordinator Farm Bureau Women's Activities; Mrs. Norman Harvey, Cass; Mrs. Elmer Peterson, Mecosta; Mrs. B. H. Baker, Saginaw and Mrs. Herman Ristow, Presque Isle.

### **Outstanding Program Planned**

## "Women's Holiday" Camp Activities Set

The "Women's Holiday"—for Farm Bureau Women of Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5, is set for the Wesley Woods Camp on Clear Lake, near Dowling Wednesday and Thursday, March 7-8.

A new fun-feature this year is the 'Tote Bag' or 'Guess What' bag. Each county is to bring a gift of something their county produces, as a gift for each camper, (for example, apples from one county famed for fruit). A full-time recreation leader has been engaged, and campers are warned to come comfortably dressed.

"Urban Planning" - one of the topics, will be discussed by a specialist on the topic from Michigan State University. The evening program on world travels will be presented by Mrs. Whittaker, former State Women's Chairman. She is scheduled to show pictures of her conducted tours.

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### **Education Forum Is** Planned For Mid-March

Farmers Seek Answers to Many Questions...

What are the needs of the 60's and 70's for Michigan Public School education? How will we finance our school needs? What is the proposed "Federal Education Agency"? How would it affect Michigan

These and similar questions will form the basis of a Conference on Education to be sponsored by the Michigan Farm Bureau in mid-March this year.

In view of resolutions passed at recent Farm Bureau Conventions it is felt that a valuable service could be rendered to Farm Bureau members through a conference designed to study and analyze education problems.

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been completed at this time, however, speakers and resource people familiar with the problems have been contacted with a date tentatively set for March 15-16. The conference will be open to all Farm Bureau members. Farm Bureau leaders, especially those serving on school boards or otherwise interested in school affairs, are urged to

Conference details have not

#### Antrim County F. B. Mrs. Carl Conant, Reporting

Mr. and Mrs. David Graham attended the Farm Bureau Young Farmers' tour and conference in Lansing, Jan. 3-4-5. They are young dairy farmers and members of the Vance Community

Members of the Antrim Women's Committee served the luncheon for the annual Antrim-Charlevoix A.B.A. meeting, Jan. 17. A speaker from Camp Roy-al appeared on the program for the Jan. meeting of the Women's Committee, using pictures to illustrate their work with crippled children.

# February's

**Great Philosophies of Great People** 

February has been called the month of "Great Men." In a sense this is true when we realize that both Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays occur during the month and when we think of the impact they have had on the future of the world.

As you study what made these men great, you get into a study of their attitude, their philosophies, their interest and their goals for the nation.

The name "George Washington" is immediately associated with many things. His Generalship of the army, his Presidency of the Union and of the Constitutional Convention, his wealth, his engineering ability, his truthfulness as evidenced by the cherry tree story, his farming enterprises, etc.

Actually his significant beliefs for America were expressed in his letter of transmittal on September 17, 1787 when he, as chairman of the Constitutional Convention, recom-

We also think about his humble birth and his hard won education; his desire for politics instead of business and of his assassination by persons opposed to his ideals.

As we read Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, we should be impressed by this part of the statement, "We are now engaged in a great Civil War, to see whether this nation or any nation so conceived, and so dedicated, can long endure."

Regardless of the issues, historical personalities or mythology surrounding each of these great American patriots. each were very cognizant of the establishment and preservation of the United States as a

Washington had to work to establish, unify and guide the establishment of the Union. leaving all freedoms and responsibilities possible to the individual states and to the citizens. Lincoln had to work

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mended the new U.S. Constitution to the various states for ratification. As he wrote of the personal liberties, State Rights and state differences, he said, "In all our deliberations on these subjects we kept steadily in our view, that which appeared to us to be the greatest interest of every true American, the consolidation of our Union, in which is involved our prosperity, felicity, safety, -perhaps our national exist-

When we think about "Rail Splitter Abe," our first major thought is about him freeing the slaves, thereby proving that all men are equal by American as well as Divine

to preserve the Union of states and to make secure the personal freedoms and rights intended in the basic documents of the nation. The splitting up and disintegration of the nation was a real threat to President Lincoln.

In February 1962 read and study all you can about these great men. They helped bring order out of chaos. The nation that they helped establish and challenges. They faced the challenges. They worked from principles. They helped originate and guide the greatest civilization ever known to mankind - a nation that has been a guiding ray for many nations and many people.



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# --- Young People, County F.B. Activities



### Farm Bureau Young People Plan Programs

PICTURED MAKING PLANS for their 1962 program of work are the officers and members of the Michigan Farm Bureau Young People's Committee. Members and their home counties include: (from left)—Lester Bollwahn, Lansing, MFB Coordinator Young People's Activities; Jack Lehman, Ogemaw; Esther Robinson, Clin-

ton; Don DeMatio, 3rd V.Pres., Ogemaw; Gail Priddy ("Miss Mich. Farm Bureau" and committee secretary), Ogemaw; Pat Murphy, 1st V.Pres., Ionia; James Sparks, Committee Chairman, Cass; Catherine Milett, 2nd V.Pres., Livingston; John Goodchild, Tuscola; Bruce Landis, Calhoun; Darrell Fuller, Kalkaska; Lyle Murphy, Ionia and Louis ("Jake") Wilford , Gladwin.

#### Young People Plan **Busy, Important Year**

The Farm Bureau Young People's projects for 1962 will be built around three major areas: Rural safety, "Food Comes First" and Citizenship. County Young People's groups are being encouraged to develop projects within these areas.

About seventy people are killed each year on Michigan farms as a result of accidents. In addition to this, one hundred rural people are killed in traffic accidents. This in no way measures the number that were crippled as a result of accidents nor the work time lost. Farm machinery accidents account for almost 40% of all farm deaths and one-third of those killed are under twenty years of age.

The Farm Bureau Young People's Committee decided to focus their attention on three areas of safety. They are encouraging group projects in rural traffic and farm machinery safety. An understanding of Civil Defense in rural areas is also being stressed.

Since farmers have an interest in food from both a producers and consumers point of view, it was felt that young people should have a better understanding of this industry.

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The "Food Comes First" projects are designed to inform people of the better use of food and the career opportunities available in the food industry. County groups are urged to carry on a better breakfast campaign in their counties and tell the story of farm products produced in their area from the farm to the table.

The citizenship projects recommended include activities to help young people understand the American way of life. Study of our free enterprise system and the Communist system is urged. Films from the Farm Bureau film library are recommended to the county groups. Pageants and other creative work will be planned and carried out locally by Farm Bureau Young People.

The committee recommended the continuation of a number of state projects. Three contests with award trips to the American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting were approved. These are the Talk Meet, Talent Find and "Miss Michigan Farm Bureau" contests. State awards will be given to the Outstanding Boy and Girl in Farm Bureau and to the best county Farm Bu-

reau Young People's program. Educational features this year

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include two state leadership camps; - "Midwest Camp" to be held in Indiana, a Statewide Leadership school, and a week long tour to the American Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, in December. Planning committees representing the Young

range these events.

A better understanding between rural and urban young people also was urged by the committee. Plans are being made to conduct an "American Heritage Pilgrimage" for rural and urban young people. The one-day event will help participants to realize the great heritage we have in America and the role that both rural and urban young people play in American life.

People's groups will help ar-

Other rural-urban events include a Michigan City-Rural Youth Conference and a youth exchange. Both of these events are sponsored with the cooperation of other youth organizations in Michigan.

### Iron County F. B. **Victory Party Set**

Iron County Farm Bureau plans Victory Party, February 10, at the Iron River Armory. All members are invited to attend,-"And especially those whose efforts have assured us of a real Roll-Call victory," reports County President Chester Kudwa.

Iron county was first in the state to report "goal reached" December 19. It has continued membership work since that time with the final reports to be given at the party.

Ward Cooper, Manager of the Market Development Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau, Lansing, will be featured speaker at the evening dinner meeting. He is expected to report on efforts to broaden markets for Michigan farm products through Farm Bureau's American Agricultural Marketing Association and it's state counterpart, the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association, (MACMA).

### Newaygo Co. F. B.

A first-hand report on the progress of the Michigan Constitutional Convention was given by Stephen S. Nisbet, President of the Convention, Friday, Jan. 12, in the Fremont Community building. The open meeting was arranged by the Newaygo County Farm Bureau and was attended by over 100 persons.

The meeting was of particular local interest since Mr. Nisbet is a Fremont resident and a member of the Newaygo County Farm Bureau. This was the first opportunity for area residents to hear him talk of Convention activities since he was named

The talk was presented through the efforts of the legislative committee in cooperation with the Public Relations committee of the County Farm Bureau, with Henry Bode and Al Kunnen the respective chairmen. Albert Scholtens, president of the Newaygo County Farm Bureau, acted as meeting chairman.

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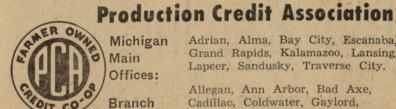
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### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

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The annual meeting of the stockholders of Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company of Michigan, a corporation, will be held at its office, 4000 North Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, on Tuesday, February 27, 1962 beginning at 1:30 for the following purposes:

1-To receive reports from officers and management.

2-To elect directors.

3-To consider such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

February 1, 1962 Lansing, Michigan L. D. DUNCKEL President Farm Bureau

# Calendar of Events

#### **FEBRUARY**

6 "Con-Con" Seminar, Lansing-Famous Grill, 10:00 a.m. For members of THUMB REGION Resolutions

Legislative Committees. 7 "Con-Con" Seminar, Lansing-Famous Grill, 10:00 a.m.

For members of UPPER PENINSULA AND BRIDGE REGION Resolutions and Legislative

Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperative Directors' Institute, Ulby.

Legislative Seminar, Lansing-Famous Grill, 10:00 a.m. For members of UPPER PENINSULA AND

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10:00 a.m. For members of SOUTH EAST REGION AND

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY Legislative Committees. 14 Legislative Seminar, Lansing-Famous Grill,

For members of SOUTH CENTRAL REGION AND CLINTON COUNTY Legislative Commit-

19-20 Presidents' Conference, Camp Kett.

20 Legislative Seminar, Lansing-Famous Grill, 10:00 a.m.

For members of WEST CENTRAL REGION. MONTCALM AND IONIA COUNTIES Legislative Committees.

21-22 Freedom Conference, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant.

25-28 Women's Washington Tour.

#### MARCH

1 Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives Clinic, Managers and Directors, Coldwater.

5 District 5 Spring Institute.

6 District 3 Spring Institute.

7 Farm Bureau Insurance "State Wide" Meeting, Jack Tar Hotel, Lansing.

7 Legislative Seminar, Lansing-Famous Grill, 10:00 a. m. For members of SOUTHWEST REGION Legis-

lative Committees. 7-8 Farm Bureau "Women's Holiday"-Clear Lake

Camp, Districts 1-2-4-5.

### F. B. Community Groups Flourish In Winter

**Group Attendance Continues High** 

Ninety-seven percent of the Farm Bureau Community Groups meeting in 1961 have reorganized and are meeting in

Along with these "carry-over" groups, a number of new groups have recently been organized. Typical are the "Elmira Seed Potato Growers" of Otsego county and a new, and yet unnamed Midland county group. The latter group is composed primarily of younger-age farm families.

Although Farm Bureau is a year-around proposition, the winter and spring months find community groups most active. Community group attendance runs high from October until field work starts in spring. Along with higher attendance comes better discussions, more entertainment and better meetings in general.

The 1962 spring season promises to be especially attractive to group meetings. Politically, the four-ring circus involving the Constitutional Convention, the state legislature, the Congress and local spring elections should challenge groups to study and action. The income tax proposition and other equally interesting topics should be thoroughly aired through the

Approximately thirty farmers and farm wives are taking an educational tour sponsored by Farm Bureau. They, along with those who take part in the flying trip to Washington sponsored by Farm Bureau Women should be available to report to community groups in coming programs. Recently thirty-two young farmers toured Farm Bureau Center and affiliated company service points, and they will have interesting stories to

Farmers, as hard - headed businessmen, don't hesitate to go in debt to buy a machine that will pay off through more efficiency — more production. The smart farmer realizes that when he pays Farm Bureau dues, he is entitled to use, help run and benefit from this "tool." He avails himself of the chance to participate in community group activity, for he realizes that the best handle for the tool he has paid for is his local community group.

He realizes that "outsiders" miss considerably by not being in. In Farm Bureau,-through community groups, farmers are invited to invest, investigate, and become involved.

Winter and spring months are the best times to do this.

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

FARM BUREAU MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.

The annual meeting of the policyholders of the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Michigan, a corporation, will be held at its office, 4000 North Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan on Wednesday, February 28, 1962, beginning at 1:30 for the following purposes:

1-To receive reports from officers and management.

2-To elect directors.

3-To consider such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

February 1, 1962 Lansing, Michigan ELTON SMITH President He received his award at

Lee A. Wever, 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald H. Wever of Fremont, has been named state Champion in the 1961 canningcrops production and marketing contest. Pictured are, (from left) Jack Sanderson, Vocational Agricultural teacher at Fremont: Lee, and Dr. Charles H. Mahoney, director of Raw Products Research for the National Canners Association.

To win the contest, spon-

sored by the National Junior

Vegetable Growers Associa-

tion and the National Canners

Association, Lee grew five

tons of green beans on one

acre, under contract to the

His parents are members of

the Newaygo County Farm

the annual Awards Dinner

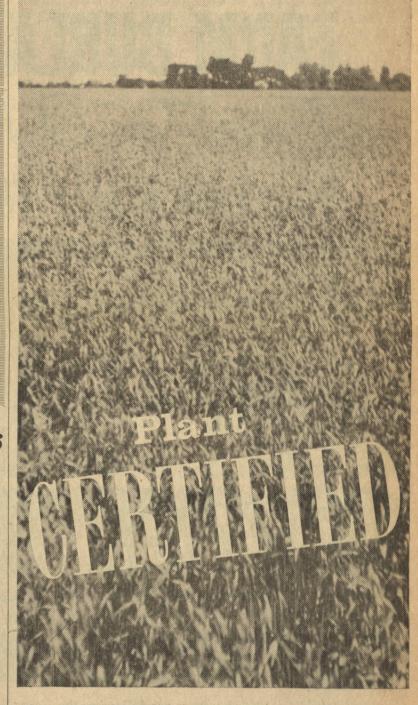
held recently in Detroit. The

Gerber Company sponsored

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the Detroit convention trips for Lee and ten other young farmers. This year 27 Michigan farm youngsters took part in the canning-crops production and marketing contest, growing such crops as peas, green beans, squash and

Sponsorship of this youth program is another example of the partnership between canners and growers which has increased canned fruit and vegetable consumption by 33 per cent in ten years.



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# Co-op "Appreciation" Meeting Series Held

Report and Outlook Meetings Are Success

A report of current operations and of plans for the future was presented in a series of nine "appreciation" dinner meetings recently, by Farmer's Petroleum Cooperative.

A total of 450 local farmers and Farm Bureau leaders attended the regional meetings staffed by state-office and district personnel.

One feature of each meeting was an explanation of quality features of Farm Bureau's Unico line of truck and passenger automobile tires and the personal responsibility each driver has in protecting lives by using only top quality, first-line tires. It was pointed out that all Unico, (trade name for "United Cooperatives") tires have been designed, built and proven best for farm use.

Farmer's Petroleum Cooperative reported on a highly successful year and thanked those present at the meeting for "continued support and use of Petroleum Cooperative supplies." It was explained that this support allowed expansion of many lines of service at considerable savings to Michigan farmers.



### **District Meetings Well Attended**

WM. ARMSTRONG, District Supervisor for Farmer's Petroleum Cooperative, and Clarence King, Member-Relations director, alternate on the program before one in a series of district "appreciation" dinner-meetings. Total earnings of Farmer's Petroleum for the

series of charts. "This year's earnings from sale of petroleum products was the highest in the history of Farmer's Petroleum," (\$385,076.) -King explained.

past five years were explained by King in a



"YOUR TIRES MAY MEAN LIFE OR DEATH TO YOU" the slogan of Unico Powercruiser and Redi-Grip tires is pointed out by Clarence King, Director of Member-Relations to County Farm Bureau presidents and their wives. Pictured with King are, (from left) Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bingham and Mr. and Mrs.

Participation Sought

## F. B. Insurance Co. Launches Member Information Program

Insurance agents.

bers in the county.

A special program aimed at lion, Administrative Vice Presincreasing member - participation dent. in Farm Bureau Insurance Company's auto insurance has been The program, being conducted launched by the Company in separately in each county in the



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cooperation with county Farm Bureau officers throughout the state, according to Nile Vermil- during this campaign to explain

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will explain the advantages in claims service, coverage and low net cost offered by Farm Bureau

he said.

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Plans call for the entire program to be completed in all counties by mid-year,

1962, and prospective members

will all be contacted by letter,

county by county, and then call-

ed on by a Farm Bureau agent"

"Every effort will be made

the benefits of Farm Bureau's

auto protection to as many peo-

ple as possible," Vermillion said.

'Member participation in the

auto program is not as high as it

could be. More than 60,000

vehicles are currently insured

by Farm Bureau Mutual but

many members are still not in-

sured with their own company,"

Farm Bureau's new program

Donald Piper. Bingham is president of the Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau and Piper is president of the Van Buren County Farm Bureau. A total of 450 persons attended the series of 9

### ADA Funds Back Dairy Tests Nationwide Milk Study Underway



lion. "Members not insured with Farmer-Support To ADA Pays Off In Research Farm Bureau, new members for

INVENTOR GOLDING—pouring powdered plastic into molding machine for making the beads used in new milk solids test. Both the Golding Plastic Bead Test and the Watson Lactometer, developed with the aid of American Dairy Association research funds, are used in a nationwide study of milk composition now under way at 35 federal and state experiment stations, involving more than 13,750 cows of five breeds.

Developed with the aid of This has proved to be a simple dairy farmers' research funds, and practical test for field use. two tests for "solids" are now being used in nationwide studies of milk composition involving 13,750 cows of five breeds at 35 state and federal experiment stations, the American Dairy Association reports.

Association grants at the University of Maryland in 1954-55 helped in field testing of the Watson Lactometer developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Financial support for the Golding Plastic Beads test has been provided by the nation's dairy farmers continuously at Washington State University since the fall of 1955.

The American Dairy Association is currently financing 22 nutrition and product research projects at 16 leading colleges, universities and medical schools across the country.

Financed by a voluntary setaside of 2 cents per 100 pounds of milk, the total market-build- 15 FARM FOR SALE ing program of the American Dairy Association also features market research, home economics test kitchen, advertising, merchandising, program publicity and public relations. ham County)

## School Progress

It is hardly news that Federal Aid to Education bills are among the first proposals to be placed before the new Congress, according to Matt Triggs, AFBF Legislative assistant in Washington. Perhaps though, it is news that one of the most recent proposals to be aired arrived on the 90th anniversary of the first bill to provide federal aid to schools, Triggs reports.

In a recent broadcast prepared for the "Farm Bureau at Work" radio programs now heard weekly on 40 Michigan radio stations, Triggs said: "Many citizens oppose the federal school bills because they believe that public education is, and ought to continue, to be, a function of state and local government."

Triggs stated that although figures are frequently cited to show the so-called classroom shortage, a recent report from the federal Office of Education gives local government credit for making a great deal of progress. The classroom "shortage" was cut by over 10 per cent in the past year. Classroom construction between the fall of 1960 and the fall of 1961, hit a new high of 72,200 rooms compared with 69,000 the previous year.

### MICHIGAN FARM NEWS Poultrymen Visit Services Jenison Plant



THE ULTRA-MODERN facilities of Farm Bureau Services' Egg Marketing operation at Jenison have an appeal for the progressive egg producer. Groups tour the plant on a yeararound basis to check the latest in up-to-date packing operations. Typical of such groups is the one shown above at Farm Bureau Center. prior to visiting the plant. They include: (top

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row, from left) Alvin Dentel, Grand Blanc; Dale Sherwin, Davison; Archie Johnson, Genesee County Extension Agent: H. J. Gilbert, Services' Feed representative; Leo Dorr, Lapeer County Extension Agent. Bottom row, from left; Mr. and Mrs. Don Baker, Lennon; Mrs. Dale Sherwin, Davison; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Byington, Corunna and Russell Meier, Metamora.

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# Teaching Our American Heritage in Schools

### Community Farm Bureau Topic For February Discussion

Background Material For Our 1513 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

> DONALD D. KINSEY Coordinator, Education and Research

Our schools constitute one of the important molds in which the minds and spirits of our children are cast. Considering the school in your own community, how will it shape your child's nature and his future? What will it do to form the basic attitudes of the children, their outlook on life, their capabilities and living habits? For what sort of a nation are they being prepared?

#### Is it Your Affair?

I have on my desk a document containing an article by an educator of national prominence. He declares that the citizenry in America should have no say in what the school teaches—that it is "too risky to trust our educational faith to the judgment of rank amateurs."

There appears to be a growing group of educators with this slant on things, and they see fit to promote this idea among the teaching profession. To an American, thoughtful and conscious of his heritage, his statement is a very raw dose to swallow.

Such a person asks the American people to hand him a signed blank check, drawn to their account. It is not a mere matter of money. He can fill in that check with the privilege to teach any sort of school philosophy he may choose, and the parents and citizens would have no authority to protest. Such a statement may raise your dander, as it does

#### A.B.C'S OF FARM BUREAU RURAL SCHOOLS PROGRAM



rise too high, think a moment. To tunities of its citizens, what extent has this educator's dividually. statement been made possible by the negligence and indifference of the American people toward the school program? Many of our citizens have paid little attention to the school and its program of teaching. Many have used it merely as a place to put the kids "to get them out from underfoot" - a public "babysitting service" on a grand scale.

#### **American Heritage?** What is It?

national holidays, waves the flag of challenging individual devel- to flower in the child. can be done without thought or degree. feeling and without touching on the outcome of education on the child. Of course, they can be American ideals exists in the education of the child. person who performs them.

Has your idea of our American heritage real substance? Is it a deeply understanding philosophy which can be used to set the course of the whole school curriculum, so as to preserve the greatness and the freedom of our dictatorial authority by any set of self-empowered "experts."

of that heritage true to the line, OF INTERFERENCE ed for a system of government in ment and their schools. which officials are supreme and was established to serve and to citizens swing away from that the tensions connected with them

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### Not Vested in Social Levelling

There was no element of our heritage which said that government is responsible for the personal welfare nor should dictate the course of the personal affairs of its citizens.

Under this heritage no plan xisted for the levelling of all itizens to the "standards of the masses" — the accomplishment level of the national average. Yet If you demand that schools in some of our schools today the teach and help to preserve our methods and the objectives are American Heritage, then, what set to yield just such an outcome. is our "American Heritage?" Is What the GROUP does is of your idea of this heritage a mere primary importance. There is a skilled guidance on the part of empty skeleton that celebrates de-emphasis on the importance the teacher to bring this ability and recites creeds? These things opment to the maximum possible

schools have taken this roaddone, on the other hand, because not all of them. There are still genuine patriotism and en- many schools in which the thusiastic understanding of true American ideal still guides the

#### Our Heritage -A Positive Challenge

If we have a true vision of the nature of our heritage, we recognize it as centering in us perpeople? If our idea of this heritage is alive, vital and militant, then the course which education shall take still remains very can be a something of the course which education shall take still remains very can be a something of the course much the responsibility of the TAIN A NATION IN WHICH citizen—and not a matter of THERE IS EVERY OPPORTUN-dictatorial authority by any set ITY FOR EVERY PERSON TO ACHIEVE THE FULLEST DE-VELOPMENT OF HIS CAP-If we have set our standards ABILITIES WITH A MINIMUM we will clearly understand cer- OTHERS OR FROM GOVERN- requirements of our American tain things which it definitely is MENT. To achieve this, our citi- heritage. The struggle with a NOT. Our American heritage zens must assume personal, never voiced a political doctrine moral and political responsibility times painful. But the healthy

the people are its servants. The Never was a more challenging tension—the readiness to tackle high standard upon which our set of guidelines placed before new challenges with sleeves rollheritage was founded reversed the people and the schools of any ed up. The child who never that relationship. Government nation. Where educators and solves his problems is left with



Take a sight on your school. itage.

Does your child find its program

challenging? Is it helping him to

"CLINTON COUNTY PIONEERS" - discuss taxes in their monthly session. This group has met continuously in homes of the neighborhood for the past 25 years. It is the first Farm Bureau Community group organized in Clinton county and one of the first fifty organized in

the state. Group Chairman, George Baird (extreme left) and Oliver Angell, Discussion Leader, share material with the group. Seated next to them is Mrs. Warren Dobson, group Secre-

succeeding very often? These are dren feel 'inferior' if they fall

challenge, our heritage and the freedom of our people is endangered. It bears on every aspect of our school program.

#### Good Schools? Why, Certainly!

Everyone agrees that we should have good schools. It is a general sentiment like siding with "virtue" or "motherhood." The child should have the best of educa-

But what ARE "good schools?" Is a good school determined by fine buildings and equipment? Or is it vested in the educational opportunities which it provides for the child?

The school can train the child with a stress on the "collective" principle. It can regard the most important goal for the child to be "social adjustment," the stress being on the "group process." The school situation can be so set that the limits of educational opportunity are centered in the 'standard of the group."

Courses can be made easy so that many can be passed through or "get by." The child's progress may be gauged by the degree to which he "gets along with others." Courses stressing "social skills" and vocational training may push out courses requiring more difficult thought development. Group "trips" and entertainment programs break up he child's day so that he rarely gets time to concentrate on problem solving courses seriously.

#### **A Firmer Foundation**

Under our American heritage, the child must be prepared for personally responsible living. This can be done only by challenging the individual child. From day to day he must be encouraged and taught to reach out and master greater problems. There was, in this heritage, no foolish doctrine which said, "It is dangerous to expose the child to pressure for fear of frustrating him and creating 'mental conflict'." Such a weak-kneed principle would not have fitted men for building a nation from a wilderness!

Those of sound mind are those who learn to handle the problems and conflicts of their daily lives with confidence and skill. This takes practice. It takes highly

No teacher with a "soft-touch" Please take note that SOME program that encourages an "easy-way-out" set of habits can ever instill this fighting at titude in a child. It is the habit of personal success. On the other hand, the spoiled child is the one who quits on every problem. The approach has been made easy for him. He has not had to struggle through on his own, or he may not have to do any better than "average," so why worry? Yet, later, when such a child is "on his own," having no skill to face his own problems, he collapses and has a mental or emotional breakdown. The demands of the world are more than he can handle.

#### **Personal Competence** and Mental Health

Successful accomplishment and mental growth are personal, not FROM group matters when they fit the problem may be long, and somewhereby citizens are to be train- for the conduct of their govern- mind tackles it head on. And with success comes the joy of accomplishment, the release of

the levelling process.

limited capacity of some children set the standard which must limit the capacity of all? Under our American heritage this would never make sense. Under a standard of socialistic "equalizing" it could make much sense. It would never build a nation of citizens capable of personal responsibility such as is necessary to freedom and self-government.

#### Look at the Heart of the Matter

tion "Where are we going in ed- ment and teaching materials. ucation?" As free, American citi-"Public Keep Out!"

gauges that test the school on izing and "streamlining" our ed- sound judgment. the scale of our American herucational systems for the sake of efficiency. All well and good, if efficiency does not mean the sur-Some schools have frowned on render of other values which learn to tackle his problems on and discouraged competition bemake up the core of our educahis own? Does he enjoy searching tween pupils. The teacher may tional program based on Ameriout new fields to CONQUER? argue that this is necessary "be-Does he experience the thrill of cause it might make some chil-

nation of subordinate citizens or fect our school program. a nation of competent free men. Those who understand and cherish our American heritage will respect their obligation to build a school program that will protect all that heritage means

#### No Easy Solution

to the child and the future of

America.

The developing chasm between ideas as to the purpose of the school in modern America pre-Today the attention of the pub- sents a real challenge to the citilic is often centered on the need zen who would see the American for school buildings—and more heritage survive. He must have a we should deep understanding of what that fill whatever need there be for heritage is and what it means to school buildings and capable education and other aspects of teachers. But our attention should our national life. He must look not be drawn from the ques- deeper than classrooms, equip-

He must learn the basic aims zens we have every right and behind the teacher-child relationneed to ask that question. And ship in his school system. What we should not surrender that does the teacher seek to do with right because some officious ed- or for the child, and what ucator puts up a sign saying methods are used to do it? The citizen's observation calls for We hear much talk of central- patience, calmness, fairness and

If some change is necessary to reset the guideposts in the school system, citizens may expect to meet with conflict. There are many today who sneer at people who hold our American heritage in high regard. Those who sneer Nations and societies are made declare that "progress" lies in

below others." The banishing of up by the dominant attitudes, be- another direction, that man has competition is another form of liefs and capabilities of their changed. -Man has not changed, citizens. The school can bend the but political ideas for the control Why in the world should the twig in any direction, to fit a of man have changed. They af-

Restoring the foundations of our American heritage may mean that the foundations of some school programs would have to be shaken. This would take work, study, dedication and perseverance. The citizen who faces this challenge will have to be wellgrounded in principle.

As is usual with problems to be olved, there is no "easy way" to solve this one. The starting point may have to be that of restoring the meaning and value of our American heritage with the citizens of the community. But regardless of the size of the job, the outcome is worth the struggle. It deals with the opportunities for America's children, as well as the future of the nation.

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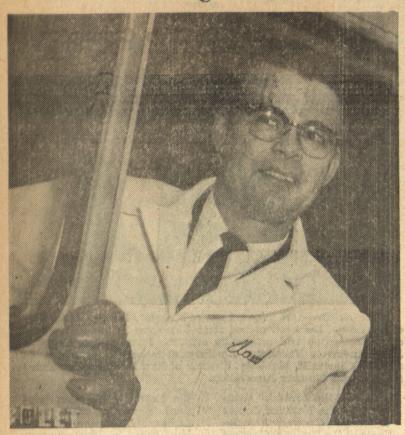




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### Michigan Farmers Promote Own Products



"DIRECT DISTRIBUTION"-a new kind of "D.D." program was promoted during the holiday season by Richard, "Dick" Campbell of the Order Dept. of Farmer's Petroleum Cooperative. Dick is pictured assisting the Farm Bureau personnel office by driving a van loaded with 8 tons of turkeys, delivered to Farm Bureau employees throughout the state as both a Christmas gesture and support to one of Michigan's excellent

It's no secret that turkey prices have been down a good bit and that there is considerable activity to boost them back where all producers agree they

Two classic avenues of priceaction are currently under examination. The first is marketdevelopment and product-promotion with turkey farmers launching an aggressive campaign to let everyone know just how good their product is. The second avenue, now receiving more than its share of attention, is government action, through such suggestions as the proposed National Turkey Market-

It has been suggested by Farm Bureau that instead of running to government for "help"—it would be wise to take a leaf from the notebook of such groups as the Minnesota Turkey Federation. This private group has used an effective public information program, excellent newspaper and other advertising, school campaigns and store-wide pushes to move turkeys. It has raised \$35,000 from its members to pay for this salesmanship.

In the same spirit, managers of the Michigan Farm Bureau and affiliated companies, supported market-development of Michigan farm products

through emphasis on "Meat for Christmas" campaigns. After all, what better gift for a farmer-or anyone else for that matter, to give?

This year the Farm Bureau boards of directors and Managers selected frozen turkeys,-1,100 of them, amounting to approximately 8 tons of topquality meat, as gifts to Farm Bureau employees in Lansing and throughout the state.

The Michigan-grown turkeys were delivered in four sweeping trips prior to the Holidays. The broad-breasted "Beltsville" birds were something new in turkey enjoyment to many of the employees who were surprised that the gift birds yielded almost all white meat.

The trucks, driven by Elden Smith, director of Personnel Services for Farm Bureau, and Dick Campbell of Farmer's Petroleum, stopped at Farm Bureau affiliate branches and regional outlets.

keys delivered were two ideas that went along with them. First, that Michigan farmers must themselves be first in promoting their own products,secondly, that although any meat makes a great Christmas gift, turkey meat is great to eat at any time of year.

More important than the tur-



Michigan Meat Products Promoted by Farm Bureau

TONS AND TONS OF TURKEY—all frozen and gaily packaged, were distributed by the personnel department of the Michigan Farm Bureau and affiliated companies. The turkeys were employee-gifts from the Boards of Directors and Managers of Farm Bureau Mutual and Life Insurance companies; Farmer's Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., Michigan Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Services, Inc. The 1,100 turkeys amounted to nearly 8 tons of top quality meat.

# FARM BUREAU'S Extra Ton-O-Milk PROGRAM REALLY WORKS



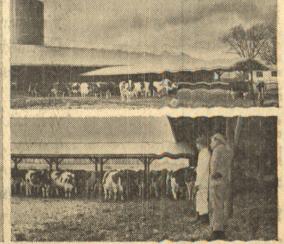
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"Some of our cows have gained at the rate of 5,500 lbs. per year and our whole 105-cow herd is averaging an extra 2,800 lbs."

The Ebenhoeh brothers are following the Farm Bureau Extra Ton-O-Milk Club recommendations. Their tailored program calls for increased grain and Farm Bureau 55% Dairy Supplement. Your local Farm Bureau feed dealer has a program for you using Farm Bureau 55% Dairy or Milkmaker. Get extra milk production and profits and at the same time be a Farm Bureau trophy winner.







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