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**Institute Held at Kellogg Center, MSU**
**"Farm Bureau Members Working Together"**

—Theme for 13th Annual Michigan Farm Bureau Institute Dec. 5-6

Over 250 County Farm Bureau leaders attended the general sessions and workshops held during the recent annual Michigan Farm Bureau Institute. They represented 55 County Farm Bureaus and a wide variety of regional and committee interests. Institute emphasis centered on program-building for county Farm Bureau organizations with workshops designed to sharpen and expand the work of county committees.

Committee people attending the institute included: Executive committee, Community Farm Bureau, Resolutions, Legislative, Citizenship and Public Relations (Information) Committees.

The opening assembly period featured a presentation of the history of farm organizations by Norwood (Bill) Eastman of the American Farm Bureau Federation and Don Kinsey of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

The December 6th assembly program featured Dr. Sheldon Lowry of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Michigan State University. He listed and demonstrated good meeting-planning procedures. In a skit acted by "students" of the institute, a Farm Bureau meeting that had "planned for failure" was depicted.

Dr. Laurence J. Taylor, vice president of Hillsdale College, conducted programs at luncheon and dinner sessions. Dr. Taylor was both sparkling and inspirational as he spoke on "Getting the Member into the Act." In a concluding session he worked with county leaders in outlining a program of action back in the county Farm Bureaus.

Welcomed by the Farm Bureau people were five students from Hillsdale College who participated in the institute. They took part in the workshops and general programs at assembly time as part of their work in leadership training.

The Michigan Farm Bureau Institute staff planning committee included Donald D. Kinsey, Chairman, J. Delbert Wells and Marjorie Karker. The presiding chairman was Ward Cooper. Assistant Chairman was Lester Bollwahn.

**"Talent Find" Winner**
**Mich. Farm Bureau Programs Capture Five Major Awards**
**Presentations Made at AFBF Annual Meeting in Chicago**

In spite of unusually keen competition, the Michigan Farm Bureau was honored in five major award areas during the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Chicago, December 12. Awards were made to states in nine categories including Legislation, Women's Programs, Information, Commodity Promotion, Citizenship, Meat and Dairy Promotion, and Farm Bureau Young People's Work.

Perhaps the greatest competition was in the dairy promotion field where thirty states carried out active dairy promotion programs and almost all submitted entries. Ten states, including Michigan, were awarded plaques for having the top programs.

Eight states were judged to have carried out the best Farm Bureau Information programs during 1961. Winning jointly in the top category, (over 70,000 members) were the Michigan and Indiana Farm Bureaus.

Seven state Farm Bureau organizations, Michigan among them, were honored for outstanding citizenship program activities in the past year. Michigan placed first in the 40,000-and up category, with Tennessee receiving the second place award.

For the second year in a row the over-all commodity promotion award was won in the 50,000 to 80,000 member grouping, by the Market Development Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau. The Kansas Farm Bureau also scored in this category. Eight other states were awarded outstanding-service plaques. The Michigan Farm Bureau was among the top eight states to receive a separate award for red-meat promotion.



MISS THELMA STOUT, Ionia, represented the Michigan Farm Bureau Young People at the AFBF convention in Chicago.

**F. B. Institute Planners Visit**


DR. LAURENCE J. TAYLOR—Vice President of Hillsdale College, in charge of Leadership Training, and Donald Kinsey, Chairman of the Program Planning Committee, discuss plans for the closing program at the 13th Michigan Farm Bureau Institute.

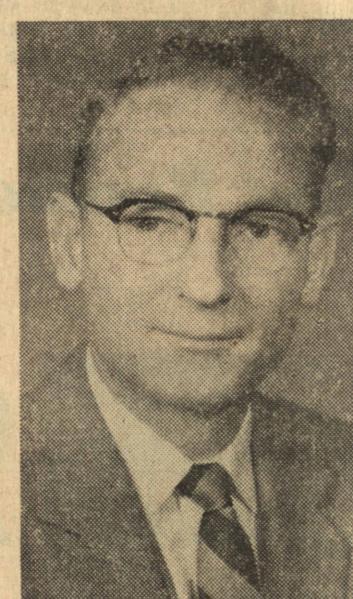
**Freedom Conference Set For Central Michigan U.**
**Outstanding Program Planned National Speakers Engaged**

The 1962 Farm Bureau Freedom Conference has been set for February 21-22, at the new Student Activities Center, Central Michigan University Campus, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

The Conference theme is "Economic and Political Freedom." The meeting is designed to show the economic and political basis of a free society and the challenges to our accepted American systems.

**Outstanding speakers** have been engaged to lead discussions on topics related to the subject. Dr. Kenneth Sollitt, Pastor of the Midland Baptist Church, a noted speaker, author of several prize-winning essays on freedom and a former teacher of English and Art, will discuss the basis of our American freedom and contrast them with other types of government.

Dr. Howard Kershner, New York City, —noted lecturer, radio commentator and editor of the publication "Christian Economics" will lead two discussion periods. One will be devoted to a discussion of freedom as it relates to man and government in the United States. The second, following a dinner on the 21st, will deal with internal and external threats to our economy.

**Brownlee Elected**


MAYNARD D. BROWNLEE

The American Farm Research Association has announced the election of Maynard D. Brownlee, General Manager of F.B. Services, Inc.,—Lansing, as vice president of the nation-wide research and information affiliate of the American Farm Bureau.

**Wayne State Pushes Plan**

(MFB—voting delegates approved study of the Wayne State University plan to increase student tuition—with the state legislature to provide matching payments as student loans. The following article gives more detail.

DETROIT—Wayne State University officials are awaiting the opening of the legislature January 10 with a still-unanswered question: "Will the law makers accept our plan to raise tuition in return for an increase in state support?"

The proposal, made to proper legislative committees in October, envisioned the restoration of the \$217,000 cut made in the University's appropriation for the current year.

This would be coupled with a \$1.25 per credit hour increase in tuition. Money from the two sources would make possible the admission in February of qualified students turned away in September and the restoration of some of the services curtailed or eliminated by the budget cut.

**State-Wide Farm Bureau Membership Activities**
**Iron Co. First To Goal**
**Farmers Speak at Open Session**
**Lively Resolutions Session Held**

The annual open session of the American Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee drew a bumper crop of speakers during the 1961 convention. Nearly 500 people attended the two-hour session held in the Sherman Hotel, A.F.B.F. convention headquarters. The session has been a regular feature of the convention program for several years and the number of speakers and the quality of their statements before the committee this year probably reached its peak. Covering a broad range of subjects, speakers were limited to not more than four minutes each.

A Wyoming farmer offered a statement in support of a proposed 24th amendment to the Federal Constitution which would prohibit government in business. He said this would require the government to get out of about 700 businesses; would reduce tax rates and increase private business activity.

A New Mexico farm woman said that cotton growers in New Mexico favor lower price supports and increased allotments for the type of cotton grown in her state. She felt they were losing markets under present support levels.

Several farmers from Utah and Colorado referred to recent action of the U.S. Forest Service in controlling the use of Federal forests and grazing areas. They asked for an opportunity to be heard in court on livestock range use rather than simply appearing before Department officials.

A Mississippi farmer pointed to the increase in the number of employees of government and suggested that corporations and private businesses might offer the services of efficiency experts to increase the effectiveness of government operations.

"Unwed mothers are living high on the hog," said a farmer from Overton, New Mexico. He pointed out that states had lost effective control of this phase of welfare programs because the Federal government withdraws aid if the state limits payments.

An Illinois farmer from Oregon county felt that agriculture had received a bad "press" from the publicity regarding the cost of

government farm programs. He said he would "go along with government going out of agriculture when government was taken out of other businesses."

A young Wayne County, New York, farmer challenged the Illinois speaker, saying that the truth about government programs needed to be known and understood. He said the biggest complaint farmers reported while he was on the recent membership drive in his state was not government control, but was the "threat of government control."

A Macon County, Illinois, young farmer said he will furnish the names of farmers who planted narrower rows and used more fertilizer on their corn. He said that he doesn't "feel that the feed grain bill has done much in my locality."

A New Jersey farmer, apparently referring to a recent letter distributed by Robert Koch, of the American Limestone Institute and questioning whether President Shuman represented the thinking of the Farm Bureau membership, said that it had been "evident at this convention that Mr. Shuman is speaking for Farm Bureau members."

A Colorado man said that anyone who thinks feed grain yields per acre were not increased should come to Colorado. He said that many who took payments this year are set to raise a big crop next year. "We have corrupted a lot of farmers who may go along next year."

A Ravenna, Illinois, man said that he believed the Farm Bureau's cropland adjustment program "is the finest program ever developed."

**ON THE INSIDE READ**

"Farm Bureau of the Future" (Editorial, Page 2)

Washington Trip Planned (F.B. Women, Page 4)

"Pros and Cons of State Income Tax" (Back page discussion guide.)



NORTHWEST MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU—at the Institute, Kellogg Center, Michigan State University. Shown checking material and plans for future Farm Bureau expansion are: (seated, left) Mrs. Ivan Lee, Public Relations Chrmn., and Mrs. Dora

Fromholz, past-president, F.B. Women's Committee. Standing, (from left) are Earl Bacon, president, N.W. Michigan Farm Bureau, Keith Shugart, vice president, and Lee Wilson, Legislative chairman.

## EDITORIAL

### Farm Bureau Of The Future

Some years ago a group of dedicated farm leaders gathered to examine the road ahead for organized agriculture. They attempted to use the mirror of the past to project, if possible, the road of the farming future. They were especially interested in the role Farm Bureau would be expected to play in the future.

This "Farm Bureau Architect's Committee" had great faith in the ability of Farm Bureau to get difficult jobs done. Unsurpassed membership growth was their proof.

They studied case histories. They examined the successes and failures of the original Grange, and the first Farmer's Union. They inspected the records of The Wheel, — The Alliance, — The Gleaners and the Non-Partisan League.

Out of this dedicated study came their "Architect's Report" — a document that although unofficial and not completely accepted by many of the state Farm Bureau organizations, was to guide Farm Bureau in the next two decades.

Simplified, the report said: "Keep membership the most important project." "Secure adequate finance through that membership." "Improve Farm Bureau-Extension relationships." "Establish services to members, preferably those non-members cannot receive." "Complete a uniform cooperative agreement between county Farm Bureau organizations and the states," and "Protect the Farm Bureau member-organization from involvement in commercial products and projects."

There was more, — detailed recommendations and background reasoning.

Although not all state Farm Bureau organizations chose to follow the reasoning of the Architect's committee, most did to varying degrees. It is interesting to note that those states and counties that followed most closely were those to gain the most in size, effectiveness and prestige.

**Helpful as was this Architect's committee report** of the past, farming and Farm Bureau in the 60's will need more up-to-date guidance. Recognizing this, President Shuman, working with the board of American Farm Bureau Federation, has appointed a "Farm Bureau of the Future" committee. It too is empowered to study Farm Bureau programs and structure, "past, present and future." The 16 member committee will include four farm leaders from each of the Farm Bureau regions. Committee chairman is Marvin Morrison, president of the Arizona Farm Bureau. Midwest representatives include: Wendell Weller, President of the Ohio Farm Bureau; Robert Thompson, secretary of the Nebraska Farm Bureau; George Doup, president of the Indiana Farm Bureau and Clarence Myers, president of the Minnesota Farm Bureau.

Having met for the first time during the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting in Chicago, December 12, —it is too early to predict just what areas of concern the committee will study.

Obvious areas could well include the catchy question of just who shall the Farm Bureau of the future serve? Add to that, "What programs are needed to serve a changing agriculture?" To make it interesting, toss in the whole broad area of financing such programs.

We salute the formation of this committee, —and await with interest its report.

### Resolution . . .

When the ripe corn hangs plump on the stalk,  
Whatever the day or the hour,  
If the picker gets jammed and you value your hand,  
Remember to shut off the power.

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Your Chance To Start The New Year Right!

## Pay 1962 Dues to County Sec'y

Lost Your Notice? Plan to Join for the First Time? Listed are Names and Addresses of Co. Farm Bureau Secretaries to Whom 1962 Dues May Be Sent

Alcona—Mrs. Don Kippatrick, Harrisville, R-1.  
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Huron—Mrs. Barbara Bouck, 717 North Van Dyke, Bad Axe.  
Ingham—Mrs. Dorothy Surato, 245 South Jefferson St., Mason.  
Ionia—Mrs. Lester Covert, 111½ North Depot St., Ionia.  
Isco—Mrs. Donald Goodrow, Hersey, R-1.

Otsego—Mrs. Darrell Fleming, Gaylord, R-2.  
Ottawa—Mrs. Merle Herrinton, P. O. Box 84, Allendale.  
Presque Isle—Mrs. Ralph Pines, 1021 West Friedrich St., Rogers City.

Saginaw—Mrs. Ethel A. Nichols, P. O. Box 1169, 800 South Washington St., Saginaw.

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Shiawassee—Mrs. Murlin Wiloughby, 310 Corunna Ave., Owosso.

St. Clair—Mrs. Beulah Burrows, 81047 Main St., Memphis.

St. Joseph—Mrs. Marie Bohm, 113 East Main St., Centerville.

Tuscola—Miss Loretta Kirkpatrick, P. O. Box 71, Caro.

Van Buren—Mrs. Katherine Johansen, Paw Paw, R-2.

Washtenaw—Mrs. Emma B. Howeisen, 5095 Saline Road, Ann Arbor, R-5.

Wayne—Mrs. Robert Simmons, 51140 Geddes Road, Belleville.

Wexford—Mrs. Richard Brehm, Tustin, R-2.

### Booklet Available On Tax Dollars

"Is Your Tax Dollar a Good Buy or a Good-bye?" This is the title of a very readable booklet prepared by the Economic Affairs Committee of the Adult Education Association of Michigan in co-operation with the Upjohn Institute of Kalamazoo.

The booklet points out that "becoming a taxpayer is just about the easiest thing there is and then it stops being easy."

Plans call for a meeting of representatives of various state organizations at East Lansing on January 26 to arrange for distribution and use of this valuable pamphlet. Robert Smith, Associate Legislative Counsel, and Don Kinsey, Coordinator for Education and Research, will represent Michigan Farm Bureau at the meeting.

### A Gain A-again

The nation's largest farm organization, the American Farm Bureau Federation, gained membership in 1961. The final tally for the 1961 year stood at 1,600,994 farm families. This compares with 1,600,792 members a year earlier.

Twenty-seven state Farm Bureaus showed an increase in membership over the previous year.

In 12 states the 1961 membership was at an all-time high.

Kalkaska—Mrs. Hugh Nave, Kalkaska, R-1.

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Ogemaw—Mrs. Arnold Matthews, Alger, R-1.

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### New Member Welcomed at "Open-House"



One of Jackson county's newest members, Mrs. Layman Schafer of Parma, was on hand for the "Open House" of the new county office December 8th. Mrs. George Crisenberry, (left) wife of the county President, is serving her refreshments.

## Community Groups Vital To Member Growth

### Local Meetings Real Asset In Providing Effective Voice

Much has been said about the Community Farm Bureaus in Michigan and the benefits of belonging to a Group. It is well to think about this opportunity in terms of alternatives.

Many state Farm Bureaus do not have the Community Group program as organized in Michigan. Let's ask this question about those states. How do the members participate in Farm Bureau? What kind of results do they get?

In both questions, the answers are very simple. The county Farm Bureaus generally hold regular monthly meetings open to all members. The results in participation, legislation, policy development, women's program, etc., are generally much less than in Michigan.

Consider these points when trying to decide whether or not to join a Farm Bureau Community Group:

As a Farm Bureau member, you can join a Farm Bureau Community Group, if you care to, without paying additional dues. In states with only county-wide meetings, there are no groups in existence.

In Michigan (not in most other

states), the program is designed to be carried out through the Community Groups. County Relations committees, county Women's committees, county Legislative committees, county Citizenship committees, all "depend on" or "tie into" the Community Group. There is no other opportunity, (or at least very limited opportunity) to benefit from and assist in these programs if a member does not belong to a Community Group.

The Community Groups are "information centers" for the Farm Bureau members. Discussion topics are handled only through Community Groups. Legislative reports go almost exclusively to the group. Minute-Man Service company reports in the Package Reporter go almost exclusively to one person per Community Group. The newsletter for the Farm Bureau Women goes to one person per Community Group.

In Montana the farmers use big crawler tractors with sixty

## Farm Union Clash... Looms In California

### Grower Council Plans Campaign

(From the Chicago Daily Tribune, December 12, 1961)

California agriculture is taking to the courts and to the speakers platform.

One segment of it, the Di Giorgio Fruit corporation, won an order recently for a \$150,000 judgment against the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations.

The Council of California Growers is setting up a speakers' bureau for "correcting the distorted image of agriculture" in this state. Some growers blame efforts at unionization, and accompanying accusations by labor leaders, for an "erroneous" public view of California farmers.

#### Seek Federation Aid

Meanwhile, an organizer who is spending the last of a \$500,000 contribution from the labor federation to bring California farm workers into organized labor voiced the hope that the AFL-CIO would "take a new look" at the California situation.

Norman Smith, who directs the Agricultural Workers' Organizing committee, has expressed confidence that in the next few years a union of 20,000 to 25,000 members in well-paying crops could build up if the federation renewed its support.

The parent organization, with Smith and several associates, lost a suit in San Joaquin county Superior court to the Di Giorgio corporation. It involved the showing of a film called "Poverty in the Valley of Plenty," which the company successfully contended was libelous.

The film purported to show living conditions on Di Giorgio farms near Arvin.

#### May Appeal Decision

Judge George J. Buck assessed \$100,000 general damages and \$50,000 exemplary damages against the defendants. Union officials said the decision would be appealed.

The AFL-CIO farm organizing drives, if continued, faces rivalry from the teamsters union, which entered the California agricultural picture last winter.

If you or your neighbors are interested in this program, contact Michigan CROP at P.O. Box 206, Lansing.

mechanize vegetable harvesting, use only domestic laborers, and set a minimum wage of \$1.50 an hour.



Named Coordinator, Office Services Printing and Mailing

Carl P. Kentner, Imlay City, Regional Field Representative for the Michigan Farm Bureau in the Thumb region for the past 3 years, has been promoted to head the Office-Services division of the Michigan Farm Bureau Information Department.

The division includes an internal print shop, an art department, purchasing, mailing and courier services.

Kentner is a former employee of Farm Bureau Services, managing the Mt. Pleasant branch elevator and retail store. Previously he served 5 years as Regional Field Representative for the Michigan Farm Bureau in the East Central Region.

Mr. and Mrs. Kentner and three children plan to move to Lansing soon.

### 60 Farmers Have Friendship Acres

The Friendship Acres program of Michigan CROP saw 60 projects in 1961. The production of these 60 Friendship Acres provided corn for use in the worldwide program of feeding hungry people.

The film purported to show living conditions on Di Giorgio farms near Arvin.

Many of the 60 farmers participating were "secondtimers" and many are planning to continue the project next year.

In some instances, the Friendship Acres have been neighborhood projects, with several farmers working together.

If you or your neighbors are interested in this program, contact Michigan CROP at P.O. Box 206, Lansing.

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# You . . .

# ARE THERE!

Through Farm Bureau you are there,—in Washington and Lansing,—every law-making day, year in,—year out.

You were there last year when the big bills hit. You will be effectively represented when the issues that count come up in 1962.

It's your voice, multiplied in Michigan by 70,000 other Farm Bureau families.

It's still your voice, multiplied nation-wide by 1,600,994 Farm Bureau families in 49 states and Puerto Rico.



IN WASHINGTON AND LANSING  
THROUGH FARM BUREAU

- Now, more than ever before, farmers need to be represented where decisions are made. At the conference tables, the hearing halls, committee gatherings and the Constitutional Convention sessions.
- As a Farm Bureau member you have a strong voice in community, county, state and national affairs.

PROTECT YOUR FARM FUTURE WHERE LAWS ARE MADE

Renew YOUR FARM BUREAU MEMBERSHIP NOW!

# Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

## Washington Trip Planned

Air-Tour set  
Feb. 25-28

Michigan Farm Bureau Women are sponsoring their third annual trip to Washington for Farm Bureau members, February 25-28.

The trip is sponsored primarily for three reasons:

A chance to meet the staff of the American Farm Bureau Federation and to talk with them about some of the problems facing farmers which may or may not be solved by federal legislation.

An opportunity to meet with Michigan Congressmen and Senators. A luncheon is being planned for this purpose. Also there will be an opportunity to visit Congress in session at that time.

One full day for sightseeing in Washington and surrounding areas.

Two Michigan Farm Bureau staff people will be going with the group to help in arrangements.

The trip is planned to leave Lansing by United Airlines at 4:15 p.m. Those wishing to leave from Detroit will meet the group there at Metropolitan Airport. The plane leaves from Detroit at 6:30 p.m.

Monday will be spent with the A.F.B.F. staff and visiting the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Tuesday will be the day for visiting Congress and the luncheon with the Michigan Congressmen.

The all-day sightseeing tour for Wednesday will start in the morning and the group will be taken directly from the tour to the Washington National Airport for the trip home. The tour will arrive back in Detroit at 9:20 p.m. and in Lansing at 10:22 p.m.

The cost of the trip varies a little. For those leaving from Lansing and returning to Lansing, the cost is \$114.30 per person, except if a husband and wife travel together the total for the couple would be \$214.52.

Cost from Detroit and back to Detroit is \$92.75 per person or \$174.11 per couple. The difference in rates applies only to married couples traveling together. The reason is that during the week family rates apply on airline travel.

Included in the cost of the trip are:

1. Three nights at the Hotel Continental. Twin-bedded rooms and private bath.

2. Dinner on the plane both ways.

3. Sightseeing trip.

4. Plane fare.

5. Limousine transfer.

6. Monday luncheon at the Sky Room of the Washington Hotel and Wednesday luncheon at the Old Club in Alexandria, Virginia.

These rates are based on at least twenty-five people and unless there are that many the trip may not be held.

Those wanting further information should contact Mrs. Marjorie Karker, P.O. Box 960, Lansing 4, Michigan. Attached coupon may be used.

### District 2

Mrs. Glenn Hombaker, Chairman  
East LeRoy R-1

Branch County. Twenty-five committee women and 2 guests met at the 4-H Cabin for potluck dinner and Christmas program. Mrs. Ladyman reported on the Legislative seminar she had attended.

Marge Karker will be our speaker at the January meeting when the men will be our guests.

Cahoun County. After our business meeting we went to Schulers for dinner-then toured the kitchen. We also collected jams, jellies and quilt pieces for the Cahoun Infirmary at Marshall.

Hillsdale County. Mrs. Dorothy Wolf gave the Christmas decorations at our regular meeting. Mrs. Karker read two Christmas poems and all joined in singing Christmas Carols. We have collected \$33 for the purchase of dishes for the Community Building.

Lenawee County. Roll Call at our December meeting found 12 groups represented. We voted to continue taking gifts to our adopted people of Maple Lane Manor. We all signed get well cards for Mrs. Walter Sager and Mrs. Lawrence Small and a Christmas card for Mrs. Pontius. We then enjoyed the story "No Room in the Inn," read by Mrs. H. Haas, "The Christmas Bells" by Mrs. A. Carnahan and "Our Christmas" by Mrs. Clare Pifer. We brought our meeting to a close with Carol singing.

### District 4

Mrs. Anton Hoort, Chairman  
Portland R-1

Allegan County. Many city friends were present for the potluck luncheon in the Griswold Auditorium in observance of Farm-City week. Roll-call was "The Farthest Place I've Been." The citizenship chairman, Mrs. Wilbur Anderson reminded the ladies to write their congressmen.

The newly appointed regional man, Mr. Anthony Kreiner, was introduced and talked to the ladies on their responsibility as members of the Women's Committee.

Mrs. Marge Karker spoke on "Local Government."

Ionia County. Mrs. Ed Roth, program chairman, introduced Miss Kathleen Maloney, Ionia county treasurer, who spoke on the "Portland township" and how their appeal to the State Tax Board is affecting the other townships. The following special chairmen were appointed: Safety Mrs. Elmer Hamilton; Legislative, Mrs. Dan Hickey; F.B.I. Mrs. Fred Fahrni; Publicity, Mrs. Guy Cook.

Kent County group held its meeting at beautiful Camp Kett following a luncheon. Fifty women and a few husbands made the trip. The following special chairmen were appointed: Safety Mrs. Martin Koert; F.B.I. Mrs. Marie Deardorff; Legislative, Mrs. Alvin Wells.

### District 6

Mrs. Bruce Ruggles, Chairman  
Kingston

Mrs. Karker:

I am interested in more information on the Farm Bureau sponsored trip to Washington.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

## THE BETTER WAY

Contributed by a Farm Bureau Member

The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear,

Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear

And the best of all the preachers are the men who

live their creeds

For to see the good in action is what everybody needs.

I can soon learn how to do it if you'll let me see it done

I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue

too fast may run

And the lectures you deliver may be very wise and true

But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do

For I may misunderstand you and the high advise

you give

But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

**Huron-East Side.** Thirty-four women met at the Farm Bureau Center for a potluck dinner. Mrs. Bruce Crumback, chairman, presented Dr. Strum of Bad Axe, who showed slides and spoke on fire prevention and fire safety. Be sure you know where and how to call your fire department and be able to give right directions to the fire.

**St. Clair County.** Sixty-six women from 22 groups enjoyed a potluck dinner. Mrs. Orla Eagar told of her visit to the United Nations. There was an exchange of gifts and a Christmas program, also, a bazaar and bake sale.

**Tuscola County.** Farm Bureau women met at the home of Mrs. Fred Welser. Mrs. Geo. Pohl presided. Mrs. Wm. Green reported on the State Farm Bureau convention. Mrs. Jayson Holt warned of the danger of defective car mufflers.

**Lapeer County.** Thirty-five women were present at the Detroit Edison Office and Miss Helen Higgins talked on the use of electricity.

A contribution for Christmas was made to the Retarded Children's School. The second payment for the education of our Korean Boy was made. Arrangement was made to complete our Camp Kett project.

Our January meeting will be

## Women's Holiday Camp Set For Dist. 1, 2, 4, 5

### Dates of March 7-8 Selected For Clear Lake Site

Farm Bureau Women in Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5 are making preliminary plans for an outstanding "Women's Holiday" to be held at the Wesley Woods Camp on Clear Lake, near Dowling, Wednesday and Thursday, March 7-8.

The program is an interesting one dealing with such topics as "Urban Planning" — world tours, book reviews, and a "Little Freedom Conference."

The camp on Clear lake is located just off M-37, 15 miles north of Battle Creek or 1½ miles south of Dowling and west off M-37 on Pifer Road at Bristol Corners.

It is a winterized camp growing in facilities and comfort. Charges are \$7.50 for overnight including registration fee. Campers are asked to bring sheets, blankets and a pillow. Those coming for just one day, may pay \$1.10 for lunch, \$1.50 for dinner plus registration fee.

The camp committee includes: Mrs. Jesse Smith, District 1, Camp Chairman; Mrs. Carleton Ball, District 2, — Secretary-Treasurer. Other committee members include Mrs. Fred Foster, District 1; Mrs. Ray Lord, District 2; Mrs. Harry Martin, District 4, and Mrs. Donald Sanford, District 5.

It is not too early to make reservations. Clip and send the coupon to "Wesley Woods Camp, Dowling, R. 1, Michigan." Reservations should be in by March 3.

### Farm Bureau Women's Holiday, March 7 & 8

I wish to attend camp at Clear Lake, Barry County. ....

I will attend for both days and overnight. ....

I will attend for 1 day. ....

Signed .....  
County .....

## Farm Bureau at Work Schedule for 1962

Here is a listing of Michigan radio stations now carrying the weekly 15-minute Farm Bureau variety programs on a regular basis. Tune in to these broadcasts. Let your local station know that you appreciate their fine public service programming.

Adrian; Dial 1490.....WABJ	Detroit; Dial 760.....WJR	Kalamazoo; Dial 1420.....WKPR
Saturday 12:15 p.m.	Announced Locally	Friday 6:00 a.m.
Albion; Dial 1260.....WALM	Dowagiac; Dial 1440.....WDOW	Lapeer; Dial 1230.....WMPC
Wednesday 6:30 a.m.	Saturday 12:15 p.m.	Monday 6:00 p.m.
Alma; Dial 1280.....WFYC	East Lansing; Dial 870.....WKAR	Ludington; Dial 1450.....WKLA
Saturday Farm Program 6:30 to 7:00 a.m.	Saturday 10:30 a.m.	Saturday 7:00 a.m.
Alpena; Dial 1450.....WATZ	Escanaba; Dial 680.....WDBC	Manistee; Dial 1340.....WMTE
Monday 6:30 a.m.	Saturday 11:35 a.m.	Monday 1:00 p.m.
Ann Arbor; Dial 1290.....WOIA	Fremont; Dial 1550.....WSHN	Marinette, Wis. Dial 570.....WMAM
Saturday 6:45 a.m.	Announced Locally	Friday 11:55 a.m.
Ann Arbor; Dial 1050.....WPAG	Gaylord; Dial 900.....WATC	Midland; Dial 1490.....WMDN
Thursday 7:00 a.m.	Thursday 6:30 a.m.	Saturday 6:30 a.m.
Bay City; Dial 1440.....WBCM	Grand Rapids; Dial 1410.....WGRD	Munising; Dial 1400.....WMAB
Saturday 12:15 p.m.	Saturday 6:40 a.m.	Friday 1:05 p.m.
Big Rapids; Dial 1460.....WBRN	Hancock; Dial 920.....WMPL	Muskegon; Dial 1090.....WMUS
Tuesday 12:30 p.m.	Tuesday 6:30 a.m.	Saturday 12:15 p.m.
Charlotte; Dial 1390.....WCER	Hastings; Dial 1220.....WBCH	Owosso; Dial 1080.....WOAP
Saturday Farm Show 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.	Tuesday 12:30 p.m.	Wednesday 12:35 p.m.
Cheboygan; Dial 1240.....WCBY	Houghton Lake; Dial 1290.....WHGR	Rogers City; Dial 960.....WHAK
Friday 1:05 p.m.	Monday 12:30 p.m.	Friday 12:00 noon
Clare; Dial 990.....WCRM	Ionia; Dial 1430.....WION	Saginaw; Dial 1210.....WKNX
Friday 1:05 p.m.	Saturday 6:30 a.m.	Saturday 12:40 p.m.
Coldwater; Dial 1590.....WTVB	Jackson; Dial 1450.....WIBM	St. Johns; Dial 1580.....WJUD
Saturday 6:15 a.m.	Saturday 6:30 a.m.	Saturday 6:15 a.m.
	Jackson; Dial 970.....WKHM	Tawas City; Dial 1480.....WIOS
	Third Tuesday of each month	Tuesday 12:15 p.m.

FARM FORUM — Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic  
Radio Station WKAR; Dial 870

1:00 p.m. — 1st Monday each month, September through June



County Publicity People Active at Farm Bureau Institute

During a break some of the ladies attending the public relations workshop at Farm Bureau Institute review a few of the many County Farm Bureau publications. From left to right: Mrs. Gertrude Gaskill, Barry County; Mrs. Julia Spitzley, Clinton County; Mrs. Helen Green, Cheboygan County. Standing: Mrs. Hazel Harvey, Cass County.

The Institute was held at Kellogg Center, December 5th and 6th.

### FARM FORUM

Community Farm Bureau

Discussion Topic

### Radio Station WKAR

1:00 P. M.

1st Monday each Month

September through June

870 on Your Dial

### Smoke Gets In Your Eyes

He parked his tractor in the straw. Some sparks touched off a blaze. The prettiest barn you ever saw Is just a smoky haze.

In closely spaced traffic keep front air vents closed to prevent CO seepage from the exhaust fumes of other automobiles.



Sam B. Fielder, Jr., a past president of the Bel Air Chapter, Future Farmers of America, assists his father in operating their 335-acre farm. Their 82-head herd has recorded a February milk production of 63,000 lbs., averaging 4.2% butterfat.

"We save 8 hours a week on cow clean-up since we paved the barnyard with concrete!"

Says SAM B. FIELDER, JR., Harford County, Maryland

"Concrete paving is a vital part of our loose housing dairy system—we couldn't operate without it. Cows stay cleaner, get all the exercise they need, but aren't always fighting mud. And we get out of the milking parlor earlier. Further, we get a longer productive life from our cows."

It's only natural that herds stay healthier when barnyards are completely paved with concrete. Mud-borne diseases like mastitis and foot rot can't breed in concrete. You save on vet bills. And less cleaning is needed in the stalls. Milking goes easier, faster. No tracked-in mud to wet down bedding, so bedding expenses stay low. Send for free booklet on paved yards. (U.S. and Canada only.)

### PORTLAND CEMENT ASSOCIATION

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# Young People---Citizenship

## Young-Adult Leaders Gather At Lansing

Twenty Young Farm couples from Michigan are attending a three-day conference at Farm Bureau Center in Lansing January 3, 4 and 5. They are chairmen and representatives of Young Adult Community Groups throughout the state.

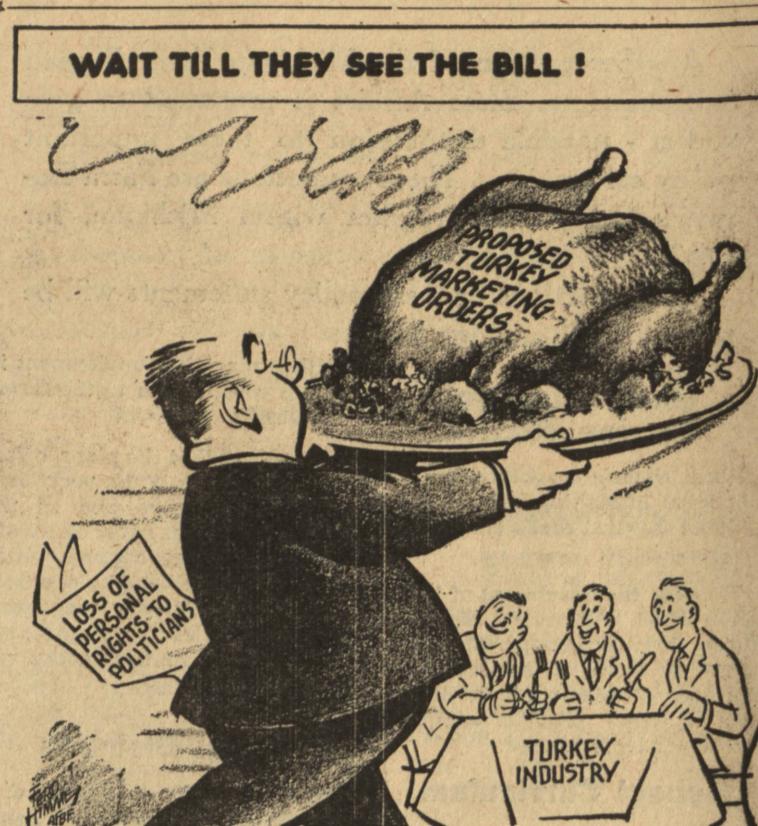
The Conference is designed to give Farm Bureau members a better understanding of the total Farm Bureau program. Farm Bureau and affiliated companies are cooperating in the program.

The Conference includes a tour through Farm Bureau Center, Leonard Refineries at Alma and the Egg Marketing facilities at Jenison. Each of the companies are providing an educational program regarding the services offered to Farm Bureau members.

Young farmers attending the conference include: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Berreuter, Frankenmuth; Mr. and Mrs. David Graham, East Jordan; Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Hesselink, Tustin, and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Lutz, Kaleva.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Proctor, Holton; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Raymond, DeWitt; Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Silm, St. Johns; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Swoffer, Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. James Vanden Heuvel, Hart, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Miller, Clare.

Others in attendance include: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Green, Allen; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Campbell, Avoca, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mohr, Fostoria, Mr. and Mrs. Orlin Letter, Silverwood; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sheridan, East Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Clemens, Prescott, Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Ericson, Prescott, and Mr. and Mrs. Purcel DeWeerd, Hudsonville.



### Citizenship Thought For the Month

The following resolution was passed at the recent American Farm Bureau Federation in Chicago. We urge that every Farm Bureau member read, study and consider the challenges brought out in this resolution, as a guide for your 1962 activities.

Nations which live by the great principles of Christianity, freedom, dignity, and responsibility of the individual will endure. We need to dedicate ourselves to active participation in programs which will preserve these principles upon which our republic was founded and developed.

There is a tendency on the part of too many people to shirk their duties as citizens and to react indifferently to the needs of our country. To combat this indifference, every home, school, and voluntary organization should encourage appreciation of the origin, history, and meaning of citizenship in the United States. We recommend a vigorous campaign of civic education for all Americans,

particularly in our schools. This program should include new citizens and immigrant aliens.

We urge that all Americans, as individuals and groups undertake with renewed vigor the basic responsibility of citizenship. This includes encouraging and supporting suitable candidates; voting; active participation by the individual in the political party of his choice; a continuing study of local state, national, and international issues; and sound citizenship programs in our homes, schools, local organizations, and institutions.

As a farm organization, we have an obligation to seek the cooperatives who hold beliefs similar to those of other groups and individuals.

### Young Farmer Series Set

Claude de St. Paer of the American Farm Bureau Federation will visit Michigan during the week of January 22 to speak to Michigan Young Farmers. A series of luncheon and dinner meetings have been set up across the state for this purpose.

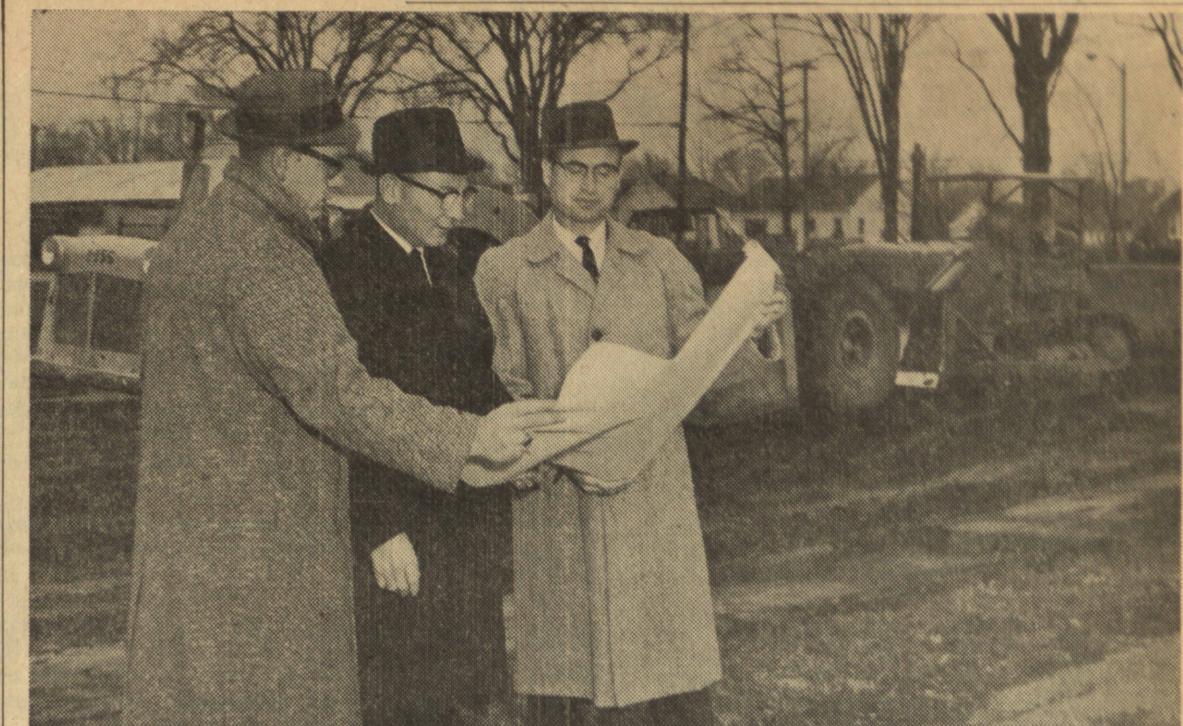
The series of meetings will provide young farmers a background in Farm Bureau. It will also provide an opportunity for young farmers to visit together and exchange farming ideas.

The meeting schedule is: January 22, Fremont at noon, Kalamazoo at night; January 23, Alma at noon and West Branch at night; January 24, Pontiac at noon and Jackson at night; January 25, Saginaw or Bay City at noon and January 26, Traverse City at noon. County Farm Bureau secretaries have other meeting details.

All Young Farmers are invited to attend these meetings.

#### De-depressed

Little Johnny Taylor  
Was hearty and hale,  
Till he slipped on his baler  
And got packed in a bale.



### Farm And Garden Center - Lansing

Shown viewing plans for the new Farm and Garden Center under construction at the Lansing Farm Bureau office location, are (from left) Donald Hamaker, manager of the Lansing retail store, Maynard Brownlee, General Manager of the Farm Bureau Services, Inc., and Raymond Boenack, manager of Farm Bureau Services-Retail Division.

The structure will contain three units when completed. A 40 by 90 foot store will be built of brick and concrete block with both front and rear customer entrances. A warehouse will be pole-type construction of 35 by 70 feet. The third section will be a "lath house" with an area of approximately 7,500 square feet.

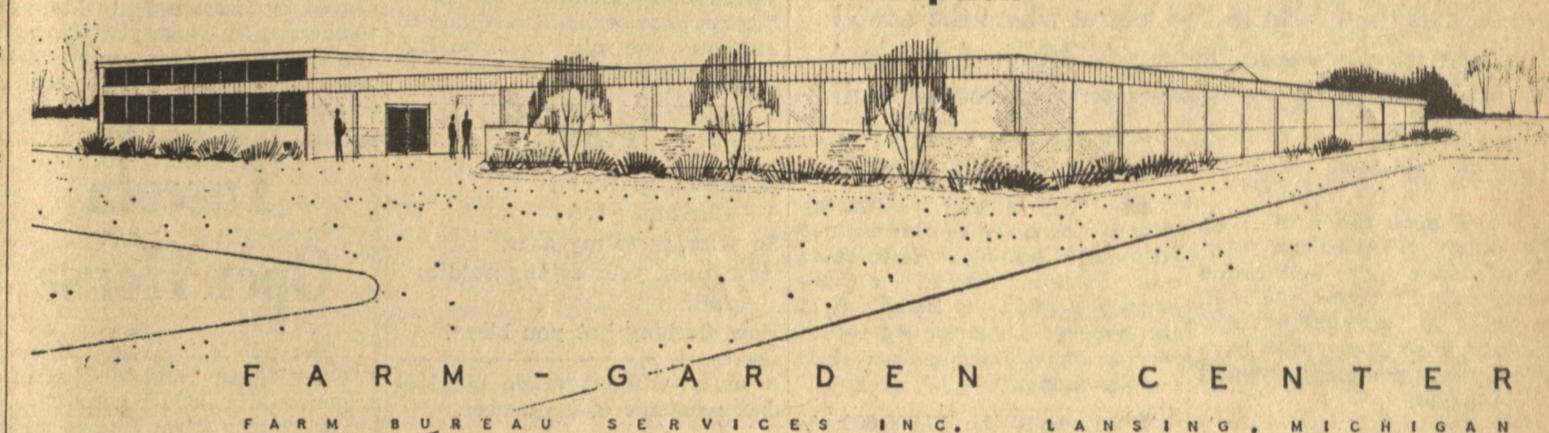
The new Farm and Garden center is designed to serve rural and urban customers alike with ample parking space provided. The front of the structure (facing US-16) will match the appearance of the Farm Bureau Center itself.

Costing approximately \$60,000, the new building will incorporate under one roof all products now handled through the present retail store and Home-Garden center.

Products handled include: Seed, feed, fertilizer, fence and roofing, creosote products, insecticides, weed killers, farm hardware, and a complete line of lawn and garden items.

Shrubs, garden and lawn seeds, home and garden sprays and dusts will be included. The improved facility will add greatly to the convenience of local customers, as well as those from "out-state" that visit the Lansing area.

#### Architect's Conception



FARM - GARDEN CENTER

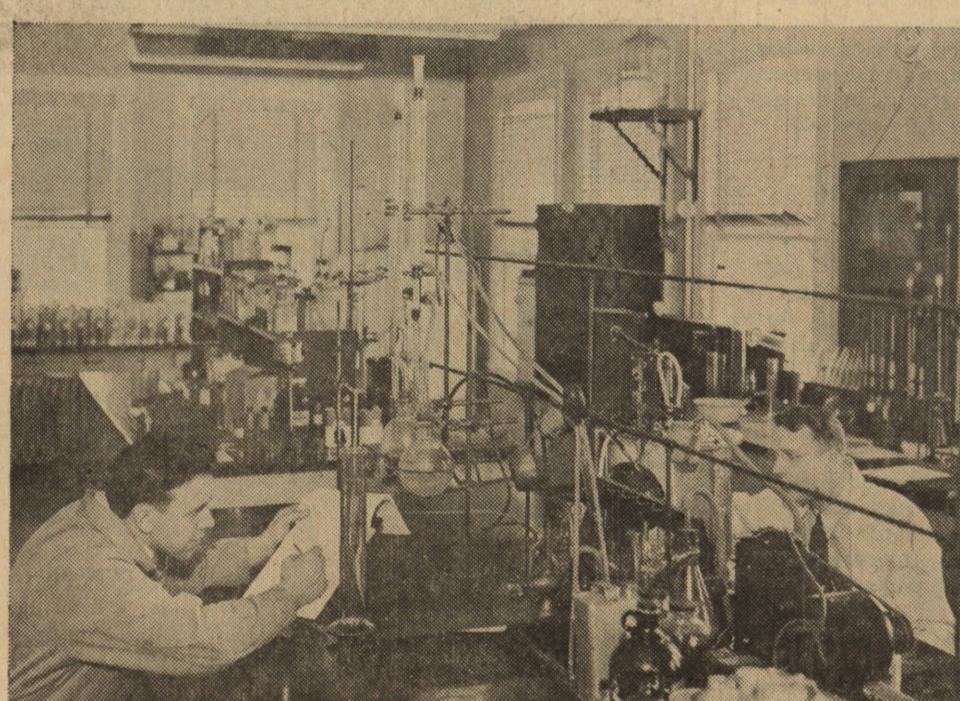
FARM BUREAU SERVICES INC. LANSING, MICHIGAN

Pictured is the architect's drawing of the new Farm and Garden Center under construction immediately east of the Farm Bureau Center office building in Lansing. Completion date is scheduled for June 1, 1962. Mr. Nuechterlein of Laitala and Nuechterlein Associates is the architect and Granger Brothers of Lansing, the contractors. The building faces US-16 and will contain three service units.

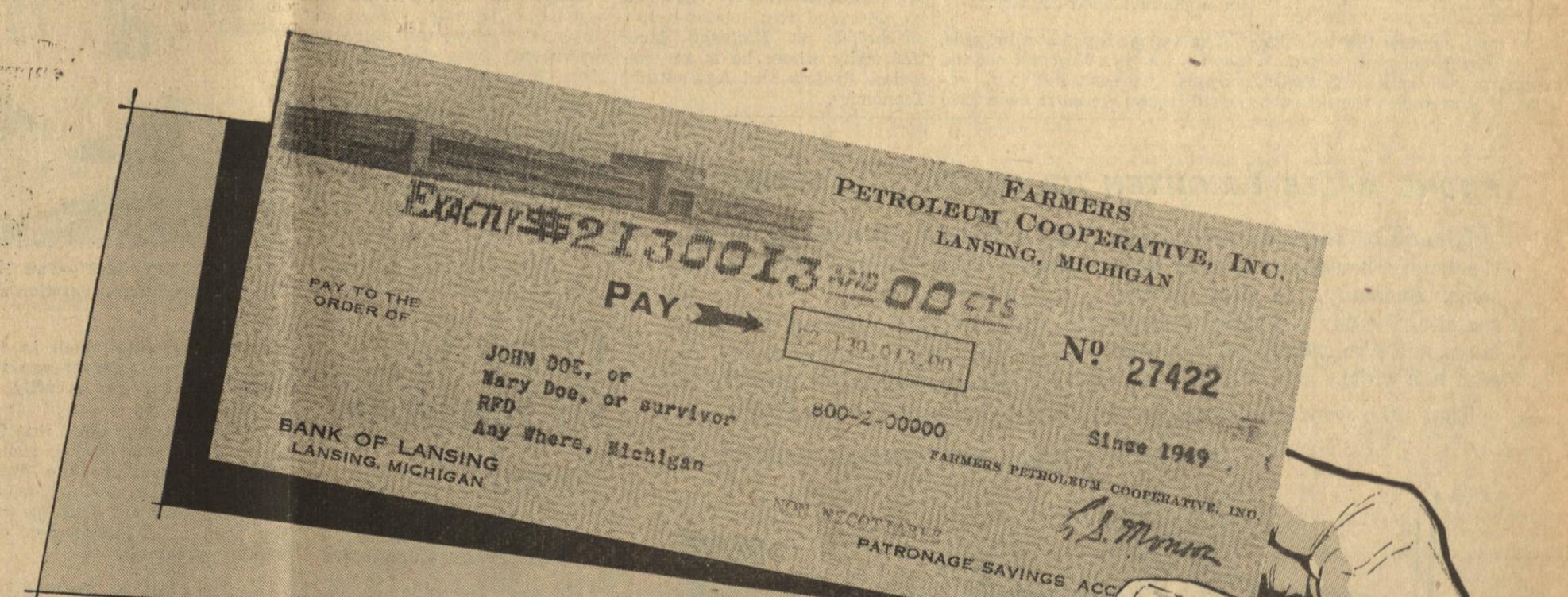
## continuing in '62 SERVICE, QUALITY & SAVINGS



**SERVICE** — Farmers petroleum has built a tremendous distribution system during their less than thirteen years of existence. With six large transports and twelve direct distribution units and many local tankwagons they can deliver the product when it is needed.



**QUALITY** — Your Farm Bureau Petroleum Company has a rigid quality control on all of the products they distribute. They maintain several laboratories in Alliance, Ohio that are constantly checking products to protect you . . . the patron.



**SAVINGS** — More than \$2,130,000 has been returned to patrons in less than thirteen years. This is proof that it is good business to do business with your own petroleum cooperative.

**T**HREE LITTLE WORDS that have built a 8,000,000 dollar petroleum business for you as Farm Bureau members.

When Farm Bureau established its petroleum company in 1949 these three words had been all but forgotten in the petroleum industry. Now for the thirteenth straight year they are yours for the asking through your farmer owned, farmer controlled, Farm Bureau Petroleum Company.

Farmers Petroleum has always had but one goal . . . To bring farmers of Michigan the very finest products available, at the lowest possible

cost. Your farmer board of directors have made good this pledge over the years and will strive to bring you greater service, quality and savings in the years to follow.

Your tank-wagon salesman or direct distribution agent will be calling on you in the near future on a pre-season booking campaign. This will be your opportunity to share in the many benefits that has made Farmers Petroleum Cooperative the second largest distributor of petroleum products to Michigan farmers in less than thirteen short years. Welcome him when he calls . . . He can save you money.

**FOR ADDITIONAL SAVINGS ORDER YOUR OIL AND GREASE NOW FOR SPRING DELIVERY. SPECIAL PRE-SEASON DISCOUNTS NOW IN EFFECT.**

**Agreement Signed**

# Co-ops Cooperate



The Board of Directors of Buchanan Co-ops, Inc., posed for this picture shortly after signing the historic "business Service Agreement" recently. Seated, (left to right) they include: Jesse G. Boyle, C. L. Ehninger, Earl Beck and Robert Camp. Standing, (from left) Norris Young, Don Armstrong, (new manager) former manager R. F. Koenigshof and Ralph Sebesty.

## The Riddle Of Farm Surpluses

Recently a nationally-known agricultural speaker told a large crowd that in much of the world people worried as they went to bed, about where their food for the next day would be found. "But in America," he said, "much of the population goes to bed each night praying that they will have enough will-power to stay on their diets."

In a new book titled "Surplus—the Riddle of American Agriculture," slated for publication January 12, Professor Alan R. Bird pulls no punches in discussing farm surpluses that have stumped the experts and angered some taxpayers.

The food surplus problem in the United States is large, Bird points out. The 1962 agricultural appropriation is nearly six billion dollars and economists estimate that it will go as high as eight billion in the next ten years, —a large chunk of the taxpayer's money. To top it off, Dr. Bird explains, the present programs provide no solution.

Although some people feel that the trouble with American agriculture is that there are too many farmers, —few dare offer suggestions in what is recognized as a highly explosive political area.

Dr. Bird suggests that to solve the surplus problem it would be necessary to retire 70,000,000 acres of plowland in the next ten

Progress has been made in cooperation between co-operatives. Effective January 1, 1962, the Buchanan Co-ops, Inc., and Farm Bureau Services, Inc., entered into a "business-service" agreement. This is the first such agreement and involves one of the largest farmer-owned farm supply cooperatives in Michigan.

The business-service agreement is designed to meet the demands of a new era in operation of farmer cooperatives. It is designed to achieve economies that result from integration with large operations, without loss of control by the local-farmer board of directors.

Buchanan Co-ops looked to Farm Bureau Services for assistance in securing a new manager. Robert Koenigshof, manager for over twenty years, leaves the co-op and will be associated with the Buchanan Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Donald Armstrong, former manager of the Battle Creek Farm Bureau has been selected to replace him.

Services offered include accounting services such as payroll records, patronage records, tax returns, monthly operating statements and an annual audit.

The local cooperative as a stockholder member of Farm Bureau Services, will continue to promote the sale of Farm Bureau products.

**Flash!**

O pretty, sparkling Christmas tree,  
So pleasing to my gaze,  
How quick your drying needles fall!  
How flashing hot you blaze!

it away without grave political and economic consequences.

What about the 17,000,000 Americans who are said to need more food? Economists report that if everyone in this country had been fed as well as he would wish, we could eat out way out of only one-third to one-quarter of the food surplus. Giving the food away to underdeveloped countries carries with it many economic and political problems. As Dr. Bird suggests, "We might do better by sending them fertilizer instead of wheat. Even better, we should be building plants in India instead of sending fertilizer, because agriculture is usually the biggest industry in an underdeveloped country."

The answer is not at all simple, Dr. Bird says. We can't eat the surplus, we can't sell it at reduced prices, we can't even give

**A. D. A. Field Representative**

James M. Hutchinson

The American Dairy Association of Michigan, this week, announced the appointment of James M. Hutchinson of Ypsilanti as field representative for the newly formed merchandising - membership department.

Hutchinson will be responsible for localizing and expanding the American Dairy Association merchandising and membership activities in the Eastern Michigan markets under the direction of Boyd Rice, Secretary-Manager of the American Dairy Association of Michigan.

The new field representative is married and the father of two children. He is a 1957 Dairy Science graduate of Pennsylvania State University. A dairy farmer by background, he has been employed by Eastern State Farmers Exchange in Pennsylvania, and more recently, was county 4-H agent in Washtenaw and Monroe counties.

## Tuscola Open House

The public is invited to an "Open House and dedication sponsored jointly by the Tuscola County Farm Bureau and the Caro Farmer's Cooperative Elevator, January 23, 1962. The event will be held from the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with an afternoon program and refreshments for visiting guests.

The address is 444 Green Street, Caro.

**Note to Members From E. E. Ungren**

To County and Community Farm Bureaus and individual members:

Thank you for your many kind and heart warming letters and cards to wish me well upon my retirement from the Michigan Farm Bureau.

My nearly 41 years with the Michigan Farm Bureau and the Michigan Farm News were an interesting and rewarding experience. I made many fine friends in Farm Bureau work. With my best wishes, I am.

Sincerely,  
Einar E. Ungren

## Proper Use Of Electricity Avoids Fires

FRANCIS BUST  
Fire Safety Engineer  
Farm Bureau Mutual Co.

Electricity that adds so much to modern living is often the cause of destructive fires.

I have seen many situations in electrical equipment that sometime could be the cause of a fire.

Practicing "preventive maintenance" can eliminate fires caused by the improper use of electrical equipment.

For instance, if the insulation of wiring is worn in spots so that bare wire is exposed to possible contact with wood, metal or other surfaces, there's danger of fire.

Other fire hazards include leaving covers off electrical outlets or junction boxes, loose insulator supports for wiring, use of fuses with too high amperage for safety.

We don't think of people putting pennies behind blown fuses any more, but some do... and invite trouble.

Defective electrical switches and makeshift temporary installations should never be allowed. Sometimes they are close to combustible materials!

Defective or unsafe wiring to electric motors often are the cause of sparks or arcs. Failure to keep a motor free from lint, oil, deposits or dust can result in starting a fire.

There are many safeguards in the use of electrical equipment that could be mentioned, but those I have mentioned are common and can be corrected easily by the property owner.

Farm Bureau Mutual Co.

**Farm Bureau Policy**

# More MFB Resolutions

Another portion of the Michigan Farm Bureau resolutions on State Affairs is presented to give widest possible distribution to these important policy statements. These resolutions are Farm Bureau's policy and program within Michigan, for 1962.

Other portions of these policy statements will be printed in future issues.

**Rural Electric Service Rights**

Rural electric cooperatives have pioneered in making electricity available in rural areas on an area coverage basis.

We urge the enactment of legislation which will protect Michigan Rural Electric Cooperatives against invasion of service areas and loss of consumers wherever such systems provide adequate and dependable service.

**School Curriculum**

We recognize that not only the preservation of our national defense, but also the progress of our national life and the personal success of our children, depends upon their competence to solve problems faced in everyday living and their fields of work.

We are concerned about the trends of classroom offerings in our schools, which provide merely a special know-how for certain practical situations or the social niceties and which displace the training of youth in the understanding and thoughtful application of basic principles to many varied situations and problems.

We are also concerned that the emphasis in our school offerings puts so much stress on the adjustment of the child to group or social situations at the expense of an emphasis on the full development of the capabilities of the individual child.

We appeal to those in positions of influence in school affairs to correct any such weaknesses in

that they may find employment in areas of work linked to the farming industry.

We believe that the plans, offerings and projects in the vocational agriculture program and in the Future Farmers of America should be changed and redesigned, where necessary, to achieve this objective without reducing the training opportunities for young men who plan to remain active in farming itself.

**School Districts**

Reorganization of school districts in Michigan has been continuing at an accelerated rate in the past few years.

In the past year 208 school districts have merged with others to form more adequate units. There are now approximately 1,900 school districts. Five hundred and thirty-six districts are operating full elementary and secondary programs.

Although this number comprises only about 27% of the total districts, 90% of all children and 91% of all taxable valuation are in districts offering complete elementary through high school programs.

Much of this reorganization has been accomplished by gradual approaches and with action based upon the decisions of the people in the local districts rather than through directives from a state or national agency, department or authority. This is as it should be.

We will continue to oppose legislation designed to force school reorganization on local districts arbitrarily and in which appeals



**SPRITED DISCUSSION**—marked the adoption of resolutions to form the 1961-62 program of work for the Michigan Farm Bureau during the recent annual meeting.

sister state of Ohio the deductible millage rate is 10 mills, with a proportionately higher gross allowance per child. We believe that an increase in the deductible rate in Michigan would provide greater equality of educational opportunity. We favor an increase in the deductible millage rate to 8 mills, with a corresponding increase in the gross allowance per child.

**School Building Plans**

Under the present laws, school plans must be submitted to the State Department of Education for approval before submitting plans to bidders. The State Fire Marshal does not act on the plans, but when building is well under construction he inspects and makes necessary recommendations for changes, thus creating delay of construction and added costs.

We would urge legislation to make mandatory the approval of school plans by the State Fire Marshal at the same time as such plans are approved by the State Department of Public Instruction.

**Governing Boards For State Colleges**

It is well known that the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Wayne State University, Ferris Institute and the College of Mining and Technology are governed by separate boards.

The remaining State colleges

**FARMERS:**

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**FARM BUREAU Services, Inc.**  
LANSING 4, MICHIGAN

## F. B. Services Employee Honored

**Ray Bohnsack**, Manager, Retail Division of Michigan Farm Bureau Services, has been selected by the Short-Course Alumni Association to receive the Short Course Alumni Award for distinguished achievement and service. The award will be presented at the Short Course banquet to be held during Farmers Week in Kellogg Center at 6:00 p.m., January 31.

**Dr. C. M. Hardin**, Chancellor of the University of Nebraska, will be the featured speaker at the banquet. He is the former Dean of the College of Agriculture

and director of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Michigan State University.

**Bohnack** was graduated from Short Courses in 1937. In addition to his successful business career with Farm Bureau Services, he has been active in the Association of Michigan Feed and Grain Dealers as Financial Secretary and immediate past president. He has also served as a director of the National Feed and Grain Dealers Association.

His keen interest in young people is exemplified by his work with the Wesley Founda-

tion. He has served 10 years as treasurer and the past three years as president of the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

It is significant that the Short Course banquet at which Bohnack will be honored, has been selected as the kickoff for the celebration of the centennial of the signing of the Morrill Act and the establishment of the Land-Grant College system.

Michigan State was the prototype of this new kind of educational institution which brought with it an "educational revolution" that today is copied

throughout the world.

As the 68 Land-Grant institutions over the nation observe their one-hundredth anniversary, they number less than four per cent of the nation's colleges. Yet they enroll 20 per cent of the nation's undergraduate students and grant forty per cent of the doctoral degrees in every field of study.

Tickets to the Short Course Farmer's Week banquet are available from the Short-Course Department, Michigan State University.

### Dates Set for MAFC Institute

The Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives, (MAFC) will again sponsor a series of "Directors Institutes"—for cooperative directors only, during the month of January and the forepart of February. The program is built around acquainting directors with their responsibilities, their relationship with the manager, and examination of sound cooperative financing.

The first meeting will be held January 9, in the First Commercial Saving's Bank meeting room at Constantine. Other dates include: January 11, Holiday Inn, Jackson, January 23, Township Hall, Crystal Falls, January 25, Northern Mich. Electric Coop offices, Boyne City.

The February series begins Feb. 7 at the Thum Electric Cooperative in Ubly, February 8, Naisnayth's Restaurant, Chesaning, and February 9, the By-Pas Motel, Grandville.

Reservations for those planning to attend may be sent to the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives, 4000 North Grand River Avenue, Lansing. It is suggested that all cooperative board members plan to attend.

### Stairway to Heaven

The ladder wasn't mended, The acres lie untended, And William with his broken leg Is glad his song ain't ended!



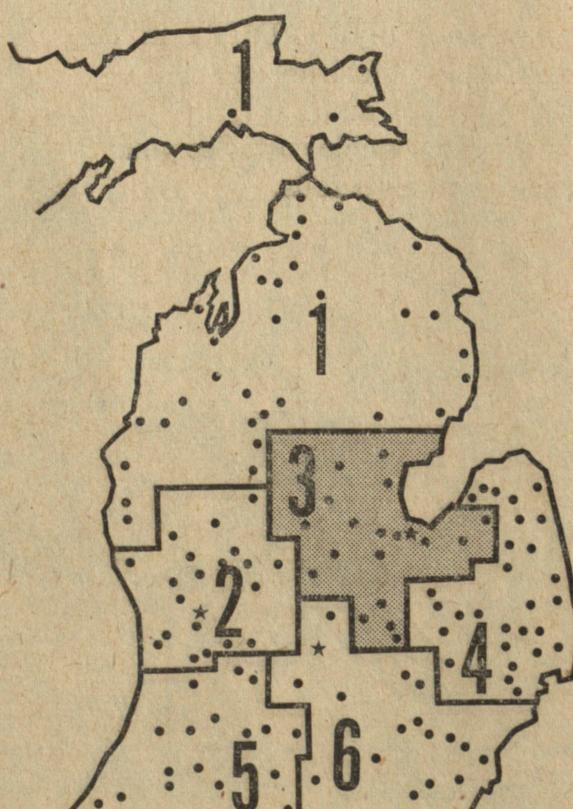
### Jackson county held "Open-House" December 9th

Jackson county held open-house at its new office building on Lansing Avenue, Jackson, December 9th. Pictured are M. A. Barnard, Editor of the "Farm Bureau Good News" with Robert Nelson, Insurance Agency Manager, and George Crisenberry, county president, discussing the current issue of the paper announcing the open house.

The County Farm Bureau purchased a rural school house and remodeled the inside completely. Mr. Crisenberry stated that the project to date has cost \$5,600—only a fraction of the cost of new construction. The board has plans of remodeling the exterior during the summer of 1962.

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### Feed and Grain Dealers Review Display

Ray Bohnack, president of the Michigan Feed and Grain Dealer's Association, and Stanley Sherman, Manager of the Michigan Elevator Exchange, are shown checking over one of 27 exhibits at the Feed and Grain Dealers Association annual meeting, December 6, 1961.

The meeting and displays were at the Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids. Bohnack, manager of Farm Bureau Services Retail Division, in his annual address said: "The feed and grain industry operates in an environment of more government and rapidly changing requirements by the agricultural producers of our state and

nation.

"Elevators and farm supply business concerns in Michigan are making sizeable investments in plants and equipment to make them more efficient. Thus, they are able to be of greater service to customers of these businesses.

"The rapid trend to an agriculture controlled by centralized government is a very real threat to our competitive free-enterprise system. Every-day business decisions become more difficult and uncertain with commodity markets that react to government control."

The U.S. is the world's largest exporter of farm products, Harris said. American agriculture exported over \$4.9 billion worth of farm products last year—the produce of 60 million acres of cropland.

The Farm Bureau spokesman told the Subcommittee trade is also important to farmers because imported supplies help to alleviate the "serious price-cost squeeze which farmers are presently undergoing."

Harris noted that the "rising standard of living in Europe could create a large expanding market for our farm products."

But he warned against a "goal of self-sufficiency for European agriculture" which he said would bring "strong reactions."

A European policy of encouraging excessively high and frequently uneconomic farm price supports would reduce the U.S. to the status of a "residual supplier," he said.

The Common Market must be prepared to adopt policies and grant concessions in regard to agricultural products if they desire concessions on industrial products."

At the same time the U.S. must adopt "realistic" domestic farm programs, he said.

He warned that government price fixing of U.S. farm products could price U.S. farmers out of world markets. And he declared that this country must set an example to Europe in producing farm products for the market and not for government warehouses.

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# The Pros and Cons of a State Income Tax

## Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for January

### Background Material for Program in January by Our 1525 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

The state income tax idea is more than 50 years old. Did you know that Wisconsin established a state personal income tax in 1911, two years before the federal income tax became law? But that's neither here nor there so far as such a tax for Michigan is concerned.

What does carry force at the moment is an action by the Michigan Farm Bureau delegates last November. In debating the matter, they recognized that taxes on Michigan farm property are getting completely out of hand. Could a state income tax, designed to ease the property tax burden, help to answer this problem? They didn't say no. They said, "Let's just take a look at the matter. Let's give it careful study."

#### Property Tax Predicament

The distress created by taxes on farm property is not just imagination. There are certain facts that loom large and irritating—like a burr under the saddle. Let's put these facts in a nutshell.

**1. Farm property taxes have been rising at a time when net farm incomes have been shrinking, due to rising costs of operation.** In fact, these taxes are a large factor in these rising costs. The U.S. parity index of prices paid by farmers rose 14% from 1950 to 1959. In the same period, real estate taxes in Michigan soared upward 56%.

**2. Property taxes per farm income dollar have gone "into orbit."** In 1939-40 real and personal property taxes took 5% of the net income of Michigan farmers. By 1955 the same tax was over 9% of farm incomes. Although it eased off a bit, the percentage has remained high. In some areas of Michigan, farmers were having to "divvy up" as much as 17% of their incomes to pay the property tax bills.

Generally, farmers have been paying two and a half times as much of their net earnings as is true of the average earner in the state of Michigan as a whole (this average including farmers). **3. As urban areas expand, farms are taxed to bear the load of providing new community facilities and services before residential properties are put on the tax rolls—and even afterward.** These are things that the farmer usually does not need and cannot use.

#### Tax Overload on Farm Land

Assessment practices, too, often sharpen the farmer's problem. Seeing the broad acres of the farm in contrast with small residence lots, assessors are apt to overassess the farm land and underassess the residence plots. This compounds the injury.

A Michigan State University study shows that while taxes tripled in agricultural townships from 1940 to 1955, on the other hand, they multiplied eleven-fold in the expanding urbanized townships. Taxes on farms are often set in terms of the sale value of the land for suburbs, rather than its value as farming land. And this often done far in the advance of the need for, or any prospect of, using the land for residence or business places.

#### Tax Rate Per Acre

**4. Farm real estate taxes have been rising on the average of 9% per year since 1949.** The tax rate per acre averaged 42¢ in 1942. In 1959, the average tax was \$1.75 per acre. This is a return to the high farm tax levels of the 1920's.

Some of the better-than-average farm lands in southern Michigan are paying real estate taxes well over \$4.00 per acre.

With all of this in the background, is it any wonder that some farmers are looking for ways of easing the pressure? Farmers are paying the largest percentage of the costs of local government services in a majority of Michigan counties.

#### A Way Out - State Income Tax?

Could a state income tax be used to ease this burden? Suppose that the proceeds from such a tax were redistributed by the state to County and local governments to finance schools and local government services. This would not proper laws to make



come tax in Michigan. "Who wants to add another basic tax? Look at the record established by the voters. They rejected a state income tax at the polls in 1922, 1924, 1934 and 1936. They passed a one-cent increase in the sales tax in 1960. This was widely recognized as a rejection of the idea of a state income tax."

Many fear that to legalize a state income tax is to open the door to a whole new segment of wealth to be exploited by state government. Central governments make a habit of spreading their taxing powers as widely as the law permits. They are constantly seeking more revenue. They spend all they can get then ask for more. Isn't this the way it goes?

With incomes free to be tapped, any majority group can vote benefits to itself at the expense of the people. This can bring the "welfare state" right home to our doors.

#### Big Oaks from Little Acorns

A new tax is often introduced without much shock—easy on the taxpayer. But then limitations and exemptions are gradually removed and the drain on the tax base increases. What assurance have we that such a trend would not be followed in case of a state income tax in Michigan?

We may raise a question, too, as to whether the revenues from an income tax would be returned to local governments for very long. The present argument grows against "earmarking" of state collected funds for schools and roads. State reimbursement programs are now very insecure.

#### Local Crisis and Federal Aid Appeal?

Farm economists have pointed a warning finger at a danger. Since property taxes cannot keep pace with growing local needs for facilities and services, they declare that people are being driven to appeal to the federal government to meet the crisis. The Michigan Education Association promotes this point vigorously.

Other people point wistfully to the dollars going to Washington and declare that we should take steps to keep some of this money at home. This could be done through a state income tax with proper provisions for deductions.

Payments of state taxes are deductible from the federal income tax. Economists say that where states also permit taxpayers to deduct the federal income tax, the total combined state and federal income taxes are only a little more than the present federal tax.

#### A Graduated Tax?

If so, this arrangement would whack off a corner of the money now going into federal coffers and keep it nearer home to meet our needs. Thirty or more states now have state income taxes. Sixteen of them allow full deduction of the federal tax. Four more allow the deduction of part of it.

#### Have We Hit the Ceiling?

Economists say that property taxes have only one way to go under our present Michigan tax structure—Up. County and local governments have no basic source of revenue other than property taxes as it now stands. And the limit has been reached at which this tax base can be tapped without hazard to property. A rule of sound taxation is that "any tax which confiscates property destroys it as a base of taxation." We have about hit that ceiling.

#### Would Income Tax Be Asking For Trouble?

There are folks who vigorously challenge the idea of a state in-

pressure of farm property taxes. California, Florida, Maryland and New Jersey have been working on laws by which farming land is not to be taxed for other than agricultural uses. They passed a one-cent increase in the sales tax in 1960. This was widely recognized as a rejection of the idea of a state income tax.

In Ontario, Canada, the farm is

put on a par with other residence property for school tax purposes. The farmer is assessed only on the value of his farm home plus one acre of land for school purposes. The rest of the farm carries no school tax assessment.

Quite a bit of relief could be brought to the farmer's tax problems by the use of such ideas in Michigan. They would tend to bring more equity between farm and residential assessed valuations, at least.

#### January 15-17

## Co-op Council Meets In Calif.

Michigan farmers will be well represented at the annual meeting of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, to be held in San Francisco, Calif., January 15-17. The Council is a nationwide organization of farmer-cooperatives engaged in the marketing and purchasing of farm production supplies.

The Council represents approximately 5,000 farmer-cooperatives in this country and Puerto Rico. They serve nearly three million farmer-members. "Cooperative Services from raw material to the end product" has been selected as the meeting theme. Both

general sessions and special conferences will be focused on this idea.

Dr. G. Burton Wood, head of the Agricultural Economics department at Oregon State College, will be the keynote speaker at the opening general assembly program Monday, January 15. Also slated is a panel discussion featuring representatives of cooperative organizations including Harold Jordan, General Manager of the Indiana Farm Bureau Cooperative Association.

Representing the Michigan Farm Bureau at the meeting will

be Walter Wightman, president; board members Elton Smith and Eugene Roberts, Secretary-Manager Clarence Prentice and Ed Steffen, Legal Counsel.

Farm Bureau Services will be represented by Marten Garn, president, and Maynard Brownlee, Manager. Farmer's Petroleum Cooperative by Tom Konig, president, and Jack McKenna, Manager.

The Market Development Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau will be represented by Ward Cooper, Manager and Noel Stuckman, Coordinator. Robert Braden will represent the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association (MACMA) and the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives will be represented by both L. A. Cheney, Secretary-Manager and by Marten Garn, who is also president of MAC and of Farm Bureau Services.

#### Wife-Saver

She hit the skids upon the stairs; Her fractures made the family groan! Friend, why not hurry those repairs? The wife you save may be your own.

## Discussion Topics

Discussion topics are selected by your State Discussion Topic Committee from results of ballots returned by Community Farm Bureau Groups. Later this month, the Committee meets to plan the next 6 months' topic series.

#### Feb. Challenges to Americanism in our Schools.

Be sure to read your discussion article in the Michigan Farm News. Attend your Community Farm Bureau meetings. THEY ARE THE KEY TO UNITED MEMBER ACTION.

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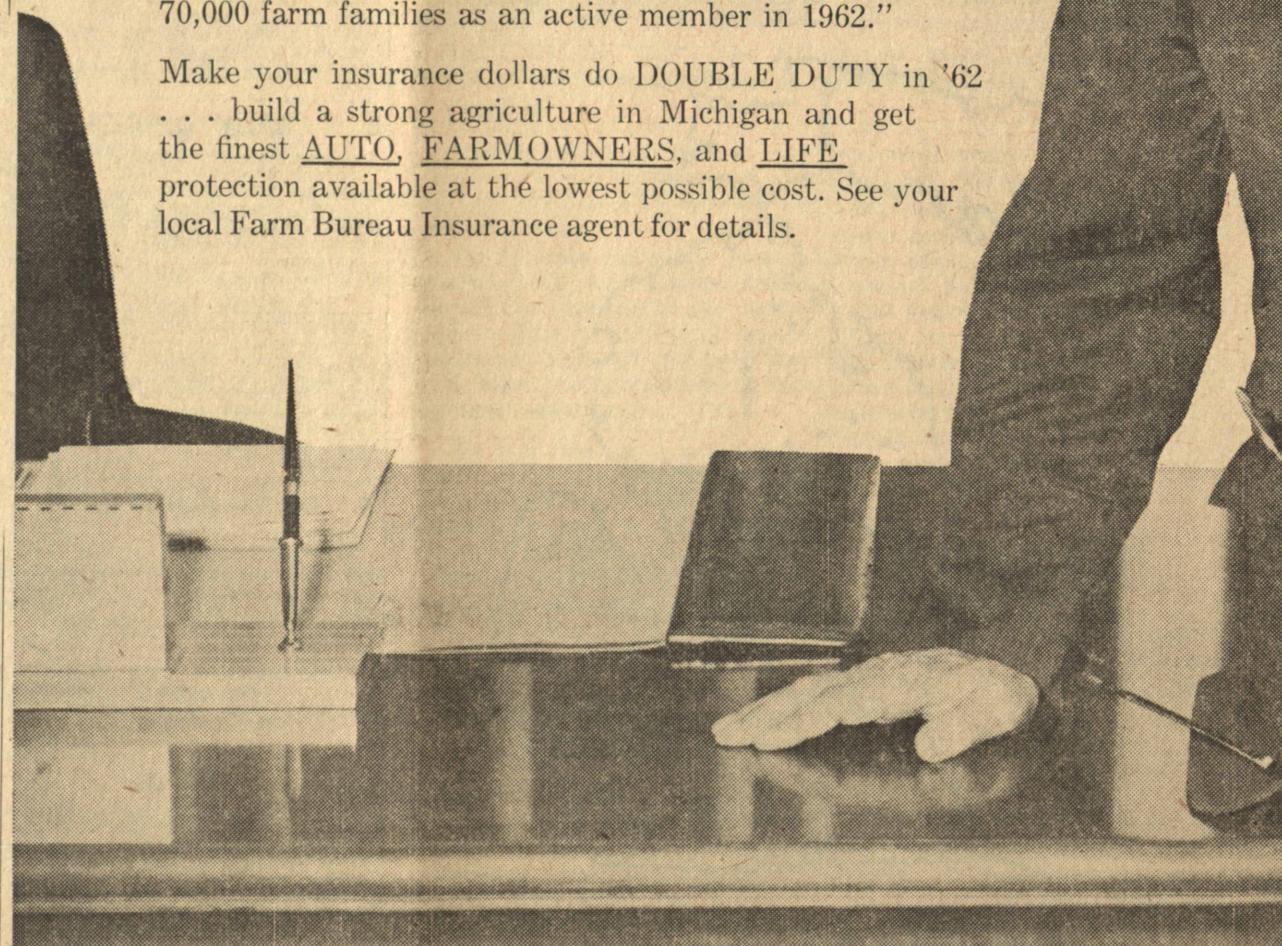
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