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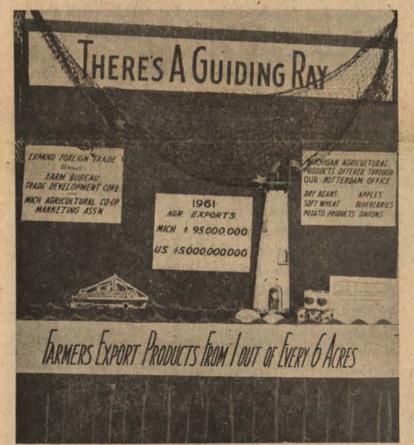


FARMERS NEED TO BECOME MORE SAFETY-MINDED a fact based on shocking evidence. 400 persons drown on farm property each year; another 2,600 farmers are killed in farm-home accidents. More than three-fourths of last year's 38,000 fatal traffic accidents occurred on rural roads. In some manner, accidents kill one farm resident every 47 minutes!

To reduce this needless toll, farmers need to follow the advice of safety experts, - and to take a leaf from the book of such groups as the Kalkaska Farm Bureau Young People. In mid-June they held an "Auto Safety Check" . . . set up on U.S. 131. They plan to make this an annual project. A meeting of the group called for July 12 will stress safety, to kick-off a program of neighborhood farm safety inspection.

Michigan Farm Bureau Women have launched a Safety Belt project, and are currently involved in an education program to increase belt usage. Several County Women's Committees are planning to buy the belts in quantity through pooled orders.

DEVELOPING FARM MARKETS



House Beats Farm Bill

Farmers Win, ---Control Scheme Killed Farm Bill Petitions to Washington County

News Notes

About Farm Bureau People and Places

GENESEE

Life Member, --Mrs. W. W. Billings passed away recently. Mr. Billings was an early member on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

OTTAWA

Gerrit Berens, Hudsonville, and Arnold Schaefer, Sr. of Sparta are co - chairmen of the county-wide Chicken Bar-B-Que scheduled for July 12. County Extension Director Richard Machiele and Poultry Specialist Carl Hoyt are in charge of the barbequing.

LAPEER

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myus of Lapeer, active Farm Bureau members, celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in June. Residents of Lapeer all their life, they have 2 children and 17 grandchildren.

SHIAWASSEE

Members of the county Fair Booth Planning Committee meet in the county office in Owosso, Friday night, July 6. Plans for exhibits to fill the large, attractive space reserved for Farm Bureau at the fair will be made. A long list of County Farm Bureau groups plan similar fair exhibits throughout Michigan in July-August.

MACOMB

Farm Bureau here was saddened by the recent death of its oldest member, Charles Bellman, 94. He was active in the Davis Community Group.



PETITIONS PROTESTING - the Freeman Bureau recently. Pictured presenting them to Farm Bill, signed by close to 4,000 farmers from Congressmen Gerald Ford, Jr. (center), and James five counties of West Central Michigan, were Harvey (right) is Jack Lynn, Legislative Director passed on to Washington by the Michigan Farm of the American Farm Bureau.

Young People's

Cafeteria Project

A popular project that calls for the kind of hard work Farm Bureau Young People do best, is operation of a full-scale cafeteria at the Ionia Free Fair.

On fair dates of August 6 through 11, the cafeteria will serve two full meals each day, under the direction of Farm Bureau Young People.

This will be the 20th year the cafeteria has served fairgoers. (See additional story, page 5)

Fair Tour Creates Interest Appears Set For Late August

"In the event that consider-

work out other arrangements

A completed program itiner-

questing them from either their

county Farm Bureau office or

F. F. A.

Chapters Honored

Watersheds Studied

Future Farmers and their advisors, 100 strong, visited the Egg Marketing facilities of Farm Bureau Services at Jenison, June 28. Earlier they had stopped to check the drainage system of a large shopping center and subdivisions in the Buck Creek watershed to study runoff problems.

The event was awards tour for FFA activity in Soil and Water Conservation.

"Politicians Are Only Losers"-- Shuman Says

Published

SCIENCE

, Margan Farm Bureau

Jubilation tempered with watchful caution is much in evidence throughout agriculture following bi-partisan action by a rebellious House of Representatives in smashing down the USDA promoted Food-and-Farmer Control schemes.

In day-long action that followed two days of debate and which became a verbal melee lasting into evening Thursday, June 21, House conservatives of both parties turned tables on a more liberal Senate and killed the Administration's farm-control bill by a solid 10-vote margin. Final tally was 215 to 205, with 48 Democrats joining 167 Republicans to defeat the measure.

The watchful uneasiness felt by farmers is caused in part by the open display of political pressure used by government officials and USDA staff to pass the bill. Agriculture Secretary Freeman personally manned a lobbying desk staffed by persons whose jobs were to corral votes for the measure.

"Such naked use of coercive political pressure has no precedent," one long-time Washington reporter observed. "Since when has it become the task of administrators to write and promote legislation to extend their own powers?" a farm leader asked.

Earlier, Michigan Congressman Gerald Ford, Jr. of the 5th Congressional District, had exposed pressures brought on Congressmen by threats of withholding defense contracts from their states. Throughout early balloting it became evident that Congressmen from both parties resented what some called "the blackmail powers of a 93 billion dollar Federal budget."

Mich. Farmers For Freedom

Through Farm Bureau, Michigan farmers had expressed absolute opposition to passage of the bill, (H.R. 11222).

As voting began, MFB Legis-

lative Counsel Dan Reed sent

a telegram to Michigan House

members stating opposition to

the bill "in any form regard-

less of amendments offered."

Reed cautioned that any con-

ference with the Senate ver-

"Free American farmers out-

produce Khrushchev's farmers.

Keep them free by voting NO

Earlier, unsolicited petitions

opposing the farm bill had

poured into the Lansing offices

of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Approximately 4,000 signa-

tures were passed on to Wash-

ington by MFB president Wal-

ter Wightman. (See picture in

adjoining columns.) One state-

ment signed by 46 Presque Isle farmers said in part, "This

(bill) is being forced upon us

in spite of the fact that 95%

of the farmers are opposed to

Defeat Saves

Tax Dollars

Defeat of the measure was

president of the American

Had it passed, the House

it.'

sion would be disastrous.

on passage," Reed urged.

measure would have resulted in doubling the number of allotments and tripling the size of acreage under tight government controls. Pointing to the explosives Billie Sol Estes case, opponents of the bill said "it would be like turning Brer Rabbit loose in the briar patch.

Fair Display Proves Popular

RECORDED SOUND EFFECTS,-(waves lapping, fog horn, etc.) add to the impression created by the 1962 fair display originated by the Information Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Before fair season is concluded the exhibit will have been viewed by many thousands of Michigan residents in more than 20 locations. Seven exhibits identical to the one pictured at the recent Oceana farm product promotion dinner in Shelby, (see page 4 for more details) have been scheduled for all parts of the state including the Upper Peninsula. A flasher unit atop the miniature lighthouse attracts attention of fairgoers while signs and recordings tell the story of farmers in foreign trade. Pass-out literature completes the unit.

Michigan Elevator Exchange and Mich. Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

United Operations Proposed

Approval of a recommendation to make the Michigan Elevator Exchange a division of Farm Bureau Services, Inc. - was given by the boards of directors in a special joint meeting, June 25.

would be exchanged on an

equitable basis. All present

services of the Exchange would

be continued and such expan-

would formally reunite after

nearly 40 years of independent

Both have grown in business

volume and financial stability,

both have become soundly es-

tablished, well - financed busi-

nesses. A large. number of

farmer cooperatives are mem-

bers of both organizations.

operation

Official announcements were made by Harry Rohlfs, president of the Elevator Exchange and Marten Garn, president of Farm Bureau Services.

sions made as are necessary to increases in volume. In this fashion, the two Studies by the boards in refarmer - owned organizations cent weeks have led to the conclusion that increased efficiency which each began as departand economies could be realized ments of the Michigan Farm by uniting operations in dis-Bureau in the early 1920's --

marketing grain and beans. Care has been taken to protect shareholders and investors in the unifying proposal which will be placed before shareholders of the Michigan Elevator Exchange at their regular annual meeting, September 5.

tributing farm supplies and

Under the plan, securities

Although lively interest has been shown by Michigan residents in the proposed Seattle World's Fair, Northwest Tour, reservations are still available according to the family program division of the

Michigan Farm Bureau, tour sponsors.

Active interest in the tour 2. Reservations are taken on a "first-come" basis. A minhas been shown by more than imum of 32 and a maximum of 70 persons to date, with others 37 persons is desired, accordrequesting additional informaing to J. Delbert Wells, organtion. A considerable number have accompanied tour reserizer of the tour and Manager of the Family Program Divivation-requests with the required \$50 deposit. sion.

In cooperation with transporable interest is shown by larger tation, entertainment and housnumbers of people, we will ing agencies, the tour plans are complete with only one major to avoid disappointments," change from the original itin-Wells said. He urged early The change involves erary. placing of deposits to allow flying by Northwest Airlines room and other reservations to out of Detroit, Sunday evening, be confirmed in early July. August 19, direct to Seattle rather than originating the ary listing tour stops (Banff, flight from Lansing with rout-Lake Louise in Canada; Yeling through Salt Lake City. lowstone Park, Black Hills, The more direct connection allows a longer stay at the fair. etc.) will be sent to those re-

The projected tour is scheduled for a two-week period.

the Michigan Farm Bureau, west of the Mississippi, rising Box 960, Lansing. 602 feet above the ground.

Monorail terminal found pretty Miss Carol Ann through portions of downtown Seattle directly Bowerman, Michigan Blossom Queen, passing out to the fairgrounds. The Michigan apples were Michigan "Flavorbest" fruit to eager recipients. an added bonus. The monorail attracts lines of people from all

MICHIGAN APPLE DAY - at World's Fair parts of the nation for a speedy, spectacular ride

HIGH IN THE SKY - Farm

Bureau friends taking the pro-

posed Northwest Tour will

have an opportunity to visit

the "space needle" - the trade-

mark of the Seattle World's

Fair. The needle is the tallest

and most dramatic structure

The Michigan Farm Bureau and affiliated companies, in cooperation with the Michigan Chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America and the Michigan Association of Future Farmers of America, are spon-SOTS.

Many Awards Presented

Awards to winning FFA Chapters were made at a noon luncheon with Gold Awards presented to Reed City, Alma, Stanton, Unionville and Hartland. Silver Awards were given to Traverse City, West Branch. Hastings, Deckerville and Sandusky. Bronze certificates went to Hale, Cedar Springs, Holton and Leslie.

Seventeen Honorable Mention Chapters included Sterling, Rudyard, St. Johns, Belding, Sparta, Lakeview, Lawrence, Lake City, Montague, Charlotte, Portland, Saranac, Marlette, Mason, Reese, Williamston and Brown City.

hailed as a victory for tax-Each Gold, Silver or Bronze payers by Charles Shuman, Award Chapter was permitted to bring five Future Farmers Farm Bureau Federation. Shuand their advisor on the tour. man said that farmers, con-Honorable Mention Chapters sumers and taxpayers all gainbring one member and their ed greatly by defeat of the chapter advisor. control schemes.

BULLETIN

Farmer's Petroleum Purchases Crude-Oil Production

The Board of Directors of Farmer's Petroleum Cooperative have announced their approval of a purchase of additional crude oil.

According to Jack McKendry, General Manager, - the purchase involves controlling interest in 8 wells in the "Oakdale-North" field near Mt. Vernon, Illinois. FPC will also have first call on the production of three other wells in the field.

The added production will improve the Cooperative's ratio of crude oil to refined products, - assuring Michigan farmers of an economical, continuous supply of Power-Balanced fuels.

BE ALER Don't get HURT NATIONAL FARM SAFETY WEEK JULY 22-28, 1962

"Except for a lack of public understanding," Shuman charged, "political cover-up boys would never get past the mimeograph machines with such fanciful claims that the bill could reduce farm costs and the hazards of the fastbuck operators."

A wry note was added to the proceedings that saw more than 50 major amendments and many minor ones beaten, when Michigan Representative Robert Griffin offered a final amendment, number 72. It would have added a new section to the bill providing "employes in the Department of Agriculture shall at no time exceed the number of farmers in America . . .

Ruhlig Named **Committee Chairman**

To Head State Resolutions Committee

Donald L. Ruhlig, of Dexter, Washtenaw County, is chairman of the MFB Resolutions Committee for the 43rd annual meeting at Michigan State University November 7, 8 and 9. The appointment was announced by President Walter Wightman.

Mr. Ruhlig represents Membership District No. 3 on the Committee.

The 18-member committee will hold its first meeting at Farm Bureau Center in Lansing in mid-August.



MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

EDITORIAL

July 1, 1962

Giving The Air to Medicare

How much real support are "the people" giving to expanded medical services through Social Security? If one were to believe those who have created this medical monstrosity, - everyone, supports it.

Really?

TWO

After thirty years of government attempts to help farmers, there are few in agriculture who really believe this route holds hope for any real solution to farm problems.

The medical profession has good reason to feel equally strong concerning what government intervention in medicine will do for, - and to, them.

Perhaps we miss a point. In the words of Congressman Robert Griffin, "What socialized medicine would do to the doctors is not nearly so important as what it would do to the rest of us."



Don't Worry, We'll Take Care of You!

Many Congressmen poll their constituents to learn attitudes toward such controversial issues, and the results are revealing. Not that Farm Bureau believes much in straw ballots, (-they're too easy to rig) but of the last 20 or so such polls dealing with the medical proposal, voters opposed the social security concept in 16.

In the most recent series of such polls taken by members of Congress, the voters said No to the social security concept in six, Yes in three. This in spite of the tremendous political push given to Medicare by President Kennedy and the legions of federal employees under his direction.

Checking What They Are Saying ... President's Column Electoral **Independence Day Thoughts Vote Power** "Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this Challenged continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the "Farm Bloc" Cited equal." as Source of Strength By LYLE C. WILSON WASHINGTON, June 4 (UPI) ago. If conservative - minded citizens were as alert as they should be, you would have been reading before this about senate joint resolution 12 and what it could accomplish toward cutting down to size the pressure-group wing of American politics. The joint resolution is now pending in the sen-S. J. Res. 12 is a proposal to amend the U. S. Constitution. More specifically it is a proposal for changing the method of choosing the members of

things.

We live in a country created by the determination of freedom-seeking people, - people like John Hancock, who wrote to George Washington at the beginning of the Revolutionary War:

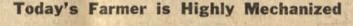
"Nearly all the property I have in the world is in houses and other real estate in the city of Boston, but if the expulsion of the British Army requires their being burned to ashes, issue the order for that purpose immediately."

History is replete with utterances of great statesmen of similar strong character, - Patrick Henry said, "Give me liberty or give me death."

We sing over and over - "Our Father's God to Thee, Author of Liberty, . . . My Country 'tis of thee, Sweet land of Liberty, ... From every mountainside, Let freedom ring. Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees, Sweet Freedom's song . . . "

Yet if we now become concerned about the future of our freedom, - our country, they call us "super-patriots" as though that term, had some dirogatory implications. But super-patriots gave us our country, founded on the principles that we so much enjoy. I choose to be classed with John Hancock, Patrick Henry, Henry Clay, Thomas Jefferson, Washington, Lincoln and many others.

They were not always popular. They were going against the tide of thinking of the people who were willing to be satisfied with the status quo and risked all they had to make necessary changes in the economic and social conditions of their day. I cannot help but wonder what such men would think of us now. People will arise in the name of patriotism, fight a culprit who blows up battleships in our waters, - or invades an innocent country and steals from its citizens, - but to arouse them to the dangers of self-indulgence is another thing.



FARM POWER IS TIED TO MECHANIZA- are a large part of this pattern of progress that TION - farmers use more tires and petroleum now enables one man on a mechanized farm in products than any other industry, another part of the United States to produce the food and fiber the story that farmers must tell. No country can for 26 other persons. This productivity continues have a high standard of living without an effic- to climb at a period in world history when failient farm production, something that takes much ing farm production plagues a majority of namoney, research and work. Modern machines using modern fuels and running on modern tires

Broadcast Editorial

"Let's Listen To The Farmers"

(As broadcast over WILS radio, 1320 on the dial, Lansing, Michigan.)

tions.

By BOB RUNYON, WILS NEWS DIRECTOR

"If he wants it, President John F. Kennedy has an 80-acre farm in Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Smith have written to the President, saying: We will promptly send you The farmers were asked to cast farmers voting all across the their ballots for one of three country voted to get the govchoices. The first, compulsory ernment out of farming . . . in government quotas . , the ad-Michigan it was 52%. ministration backed proposal

"It is very plain that the vast passed by the Senate and now majority of America's farmers being considered in the House. are against the administration This would place a quota on proposals of compulsory govwhat the farmer could sell, on ernment quotas. By and large,

farmers realize that an abrupt

termination of quotas and sup-

port prices would produce a

temporary hardship for many

that the continuance or furth-

er development of the present

artificial situation, developed

private and free enterprise sys-

tem and bigger and fewer

"The Kennedy farm bill is a

bad bill, since the overwhelm-

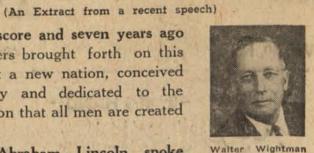
ing majority of the citizens to

be affected by it, are against it

... and it will, in effect, serve

but they also realize

proposition that all men are created



Thus Abraham Lincoln spoke from a platform at Gettysburg nearly 100 years

We live in a country created by the determination of a freedom-seeking people. Step by step, we have grown to be the richest and most powerful nation in the world. Our scientific achievements are illustrated by ejecting men into space for trips around the world in a few hours at speeds of from 18 to 20 thousand miles per hour, - bringing

them back unharmed. All such wonderful things, the magnitude of industrial production, the unequaled efficiency in the production of farm commodities, - have been brought about because free men have been allowed to use their initiative and incentives to do great

It is also significant that some of the polls asked if the voters favored voluntary and state-administered plans for caring for the indigent aged, and the response was extremely favorable.

The Kerr-Mills bill, passed by the last Congress, is based on this idea. While providing federal financial aid, it places administrative responsibility where it belongs, — in the states.

Another long step forward is found in the plan sponsored by the Blue Shield organizations and the American Medical Association for providing voluntary health protection to the aged at moderate rates.

Perhaps the real danger lies in public lack of knowledge concerning what is available . . . and at what reasonable cost.

We should not ignore the warning of Representative Walter H. Judd, himself a physician, who says: "We in the healing profession concentrate on improving the quality of medical care. Those who don't understand the essentials of good care take high quality for granted and concentrate their attention on trying to get more equitable distribution. They don't realize that a main result of the supposedly better distribution under government management is deterioration of the quality of the care, until it becomes hardly worth distributing more equitably."

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electoral college. Farm bloc pressure, perhaps, might have even greater impact on presidential elections under the S. J. Res. 12 system than now. It would appear, therefore, that the farm bloc is a source of political strength to which con-

farm

servatives should look for muscle in behalf of the amendment proposal.

ate judiciary committee.

the electoral college whom the voters elect by ballot. The

members of the electoral col-

lege thereupon cast their own ballots and it is their ballots

that determine who shall be elected president and vice

president of the United States.

It is in the system of electing the electors that this machinery

for choosing a president and

vice president collides head-on with the principles of equity

and fair play. This is the general ticket system in which

slates of electors-each slate

representing a political party and its presidential and vice

presidential nominees-runs at

The proposed amendment -

S. J. Res. 12 - would change

this. Each state elects as many

electors as it numbers in its

the number of senators and

representatives, combined. S.

P. Res. 12 would provide that

each state choose its electors as

it chooses its congressional

delegation. Two would be

chosen at-large, by state-wide

vote, as U.S. Senators are

chosen. The others would be

chosen, each individually in a

congressional district, as U. S.

That system would break the

backs of the pressure groups

which compose the dynamic

left wing of American politics

and which uniformly are asso-

ciated with the Democratic

party in federal elections. The

would be least diminished by

bloc pressure group

Representatives are chosen.

representation,

large in each state.

congressional

INVOLVES FAIR PLAY

The conservatives will need all the muscle they can attract. This proposed amendment would, first, enormously decrease the big-city, big-state influence in nominating presidential candidates and, second, equally decrease that influence in electing a president. The pressure groups whose backs would be fractured if this amendment prevailed are the big-city, big-state preslabor and the sure groups: racial blocks. Most specifically, A.F.L.-C.I.O. and N.A.A.C.P. each would lose much influence in presential elections.

SEVERE BLOW

These two political powerhouses are notably affiliated with the Democratic party in the big industrial states. Therefore S. J. Res. 12 would be a severe blow to the Democratic party in the proportion that it diminished the political influence of pressure groups which in the past generation have enabled the Democrats to elect their presidential tickets.

Michigan Farm Bureau

PresidentW. W. Wightman Fennville, R-2 Williamston, R-3 V.-Pres. Sec'y-Mgr......C. E. Prentice, Okemos c'y-Mgr.....C. E. Prentice, Okemos DIRECTORS BY DISTRICTS -Max K. Hood....Paw Paw, R-1 -Wilbur H. Smith, Burlington, R-1 -Allen F. Rush...Lake Orion, R-2 Elton R. Smith...Caledonia, R-1 -Dale Dunckel-Williamaton, R-1 -Ward G. Hodgs....Snover, R-1 -Guy C. Freeborn.......Hart, R-1 -Lioyd Shankel.....Wheeler, R-1 -Eugene Roberts...Lake City, R-1 -Eugene DeMatio, W. Branch, R-2 -Edmund Sager.....Stephenson

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PURPOSE OF FARM

BUREAU

Grant, R-1 Representing

FARM BUREAU YOUNG PEOPLE

this method of choosing the duly recorded quit-claim deed to our 80-acre farm, if the program calling for government control of farm production or anything like it is passed by Congress. Since the government is determined to run our farm, it is only reasonable that you should own it and pay the taxes and mortgages.

> "Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Saranac, may open the eyes of some, who believe that the multi-billion dollar farm programs are designed to win political popularity with farmers. The largest farm organization of all, the American Farm Bureau Federation, vigorously opposes the enlargement of existing farm programs, and it asks that the government gradually withdraw from farm programs and allow farmers to return to the free enterprise system.

"A national farming magazine, the Farm Journal, recently completed a poll among farmers in 48 of the 50 states.

Stan Deleplane's

POSTCARD

(Exerpts from Deleplane's recent column from Denmark)

plained.

that?"

The beatnik has come to Denmark. And you couldn't ask for a nicer place to be beat.

The beatest places are Tokanten, a sit-at-any-table-anddiscuss-art place not far from the central Raadhuspladsen, the town square, and Galathea, a sort of beat Trader Vic's.

"At present, my fiance is not doing anything," said the beat chick in Tokanten. "He lives with assistance from the state."

The fiance had a fringe of reddish whiskers and a satisfied look. He was contemplating the ceiling where Tokanten has hung mobiles, old-fashioned velocipedes, baby buggies, umbrellas and other significant items.

The beat girl said when her fiance worked, he was an auto mechanic. But right now he spends his full time being beat.

"You go to the government office and tell them, 'Well, I had a little bad luck and can't

how much land the individual farmer could work. Support prices at or above present lev-. and provide stiff penalties for non-compliance.

The second choice . . . an expanded voluntary land retirement program to cut crop production with no compulsory quotas or allotments and with supports on crops at a level to stabilize markets . but not add to surpluses.

"The third and final choice, get the government clear out no controls, no price supin other words . ports . the free market system.

"In the nation . . . of the 64,560 farmers voting in the poll, 4% voted for compulsory government quotas . . . of Michigan farmers, only 2% voted for compulsory quotas. 43% of the farmers voted for an expanded voluntary land retirement system . . . 46% in

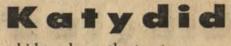
to continue the gross inequities now in existence. "It is time that the government got rid of the farm experts and listened to the farm-Michigan. And, 53% of the ers."

"Unions, Yes -Compulsion, - No!"

A campaign to secure petition signatures for placing the right-to-work question on the November ballot is under way in Oklahoma. The slogan adopted by "Oklahomans for Right to Work" is a banner carrying the words "Unions Yes, Complusion No, in Oklahoma.'

The editor of the Indianapolis Star, Jameson Campaigne, says in a recent book, "Check-Off," - "The first and most important step in freeing American labor and curbing the unbridled power of men like Hoffa and Reuther is to outlaw compulsory union membership."

Indiana is one of the states which has enacted right-towork legislation.



The kids rode on the tractor, Which Kate did not forbid. And who is left to mourn the loss? The tractor didn't .- Katie did. Don Kinsey

They don't worry much about how deep the government goes into debt as long as it keeps producing handouts, . . . even if they understand that it gives nothing it hasn't first taken, and that they never do get it all back.

Our Federal Government has the tremendous power of a 93 billion dollar budget. When we allow a situation to exist where one man can tell the great steel industry what it can charge for its products, we have given too much power to our government, - and to one man in our government.

The President of the Washington state Farm Bureau testified before the Senate Agricultural Committee recently, saying that this was the first time he had ever been in the city of Washington, and he couldn't understand how a man sitting behind a desk there could tell him intelligently how to run his farm in the state of Washington about 3,000 miles away.

Dr. George Scarseth who recently passed on to his reward, said that hardships make people strong. Can it be that we have become too soft?

Not one of us would trade his American Heritage and this country for any other in the world. Just this morning I heard a radio announcer say that the first plane load of Cuban refugees to come to Michigan had landed in Grand Rapids.

Why?

Why do European refugees stoop and kiss our soil? Why?

Is it not the same soil they knew? It is not. There is something else here. There is liberty and freedom, in the soil of your farm and of mine.

The Statue of Liberty stands to beckon those less fortunate to join us in our liberty.

Are we going to preserve it for us? - - - For them?

\$55 a month to live on." "How long will they do "Oh, there is no definite time. It is a welfare state, you know. We must take care of the unfortunate."

"What about clothes?" "You tell them, 'Also I have no overcoat and my children have no clothing.' They give you an order to buy them."

pay my bills and I have no

"They will give you about

a Danish friend ex-

Naturally, industry is taxed very highly to take care of people who have a little bad luck and become beat.

and fostered by successive po litical administrations in Washington, can breed nothing more than huge continuing and expensive crop surpluses, and a complete breakdown of the

farms

FARM BUREAU



Farmers Face Opportunity

Dan E. Reed Associate Legislative Counsel

THE FARM BILL

Defeat of the Administration's farm bill in the House by a bi-partisan vote of 205-215 opens the door to consideration by the Congress of an extension of the Conservation Reserve Program under which some 28 million acres of land have been retired from production.

About eight million acres of this land will come out of the program and be available for cropping next year; other contracts expire in succeeding years. Extension of the program would permit the offering of new contracts to farmers whose land has been retired.

The way is also open for Congress to consider Farm Bureau's Cropland Adjustment Program, which would permit retirement, on a bid basis, of sufficient additional acreage to complete production adjustment to needs of the market.

Seldom have farmers been as united on an issue as they were in opposition to the control program offered by the Administration. Perhaps never in the history of our nation has the Executive Branch of Government used so much pressure to force its will on the Legislative Branch as was true in the case of H.R. 11222 and the companion Senate bill.

This was not just a farm issue. This was a freedom issue. Agriculture was fighting a battle of great significance to

every citizen. We are thankful that Congressmen of both political parties joined to defeat this attack on basic American freedom.

All Michigan Congressmen outside the Detroit metropolitan area voted against the measure except Congressman James O'Hara who represents the great agricultural area of the Thumb.

Urbanites might well wonder why the Administration's farm bill drew its support from Michigan's urban Congressmen rather than those representing farm areas.

Trade **Expansion Act**

This bill will probably be taken up by the House about June 26. The House Ways and Means Committee has reported a new bill - H.R. 11970, which substitutes for the original H.R. 9900. The new bill contains most of the amendments Farm Bureau had urged, including the right of producers of a crop to be heard by the Tariff Commission even though the import competition is from a processed item.

In the past for example, cherry producers have been denied the right to be heard on foreign maraschino cherry imports under a ruling that the raw sweet cherries were not affected by the import of the processed product.

The bill provision for "adjustment assistance" for workbor contractors.

The vote of Michigan Congressmen on the motion to kill the USDA farm bill by sending it back to committee, for burial, is as follows: YEAS: (to kill) 10

Bennett (R) Broomfield (R) Cederberg (R) Chamberlain (R) Ford (R) Griffin (R) Harvey (R) Johansen (R) Knox (R)

Meader (R) NAYS: (7) Diggs (D) Dingell (D) Lesinski (D) Griffiths (D) Nedzi (D) O'Hara (D)

Ryan (D)

Legislative Happenings

HOW THEY VOTED

NOT VOTING: (1) Hoffman (R) (indicated opposition to the bill but unable to vote because of illness)

ers and industries affected by imports. A special program would be established to provide special Federal assistance for workers laid off for this reason. This program would differ in its terms and benefits from State Unemployment Compensation programs and from the present Federal Manpower Development and Training Act. Farm Bureau opposes the establishment of additional categories of unemployed workers and will seek to eliminate this provision. In total, however, the bill has been strengthened to provide safeguards to hard-pressed commodities and should help place the United States in position to meet the changing conditions posed by the European Common Market.

Farm Labor — Several farm labor bills have passed the Senate and two have been reported by the House Labor Committee, -S. 1123, restricting the employment of minors in agriculFederal registration of farm la-

Late and Important

S. 1129 would establish a broad program with the Labor Department responsible for the recruiting, transporting, including feeding and housing, and contracting migrant farm workers. Authority of the Secretary of Labor under this bill would be sufficient to give complete control of farm labor. Farm Bureau has testified in opposition to the bill before the Senate Migratory Labor Subcommittee.

Fair Trade-Under the title "Quality Stabilization Act," supporters of this type of price fixing have introduced another fair trade bill. The House Commerce Committee is presently holding hearings on the measure. It would eliminate compensation, would increase the price to consumers and would probably increase the market for foreign imports.

By resolution Farm Bureau opposes "Federal resale price maintenance legislation." Farm Bureau testified that such pricing practices "are inconsistent with the principles of a competitive economic system.

4222, by Congressman King, of California (the House version of the King-Anderson package) would provide for minimum medical care through Social Security. The House Ways and Means Committee has completed hearings on the bill but in mid-June Secretary Ribicoff, of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, was in closeddoor conference with the Committee, reportedly attempting to compromise.

Slip-of-the-tongue comments by some promoters admit that the major goal is to get a toe in the door to Social Security as a vehicle for socialized medicine. History has shown that increases in Social Security payments have been enacted by Congress in almost every election year.

State Affairs

State School Aid-In the wee hours of the morning of June 8, H.B. 243, after approximately 32 amendments, was given final

passage and sent to the Governor and has now received his signature.

Much of this bill is in line with Farm Bureau policy. Increase of the gross allowance from \$205 to \$224, and the deductible millage from 31/4 to 3 7/8, will give needed help to below - average valuation school districts.

Taxes - The nuisance tax was adopted, with the Governor permitting the bills to become law without his signature. This may show some lack of enthusiasm for the package but the effect is the same as though he had signed the bill.

"Sin taxes" would provide a large part of the estimated \$76 million of increased income.

A Farm Bureau study is continuing on possible avenues for a reduction of property taxes.

Property Tax Relief Is P.D. Issue

County Farm Bureau Resolutions Committees will consider issues facing farmers at District "Policy Development" meetings beginning July 9. The Committees will be working on resolutions which they will report at County Farm Bureau annual meetings in October.

Property tax relief, the proposed new Constitution, marketing programs, and other state and national issues will be discussed.

Dates Announced

Schedule of dates for the meetings:

District 1-July 12 District 2-July 10 District 3-July 11 District 4-July 13 District 5-July 9 District 6-July 19 District 7-July 11 District 8-July 10 District 9-July 13 District 10-July 24

District 11, the Upper Peninsula, will hold two meetings. Dates for these two meetings are August 22 and 23.

Members of County Resolutions Committees will want to save the date and plan now to attend.

New F. B. Services Mill Plan ned

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Architect's View of Planned Saginaw Area Mill

Farmers Will Benefit

M. D. Brownlee, General Manager of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., has announced plans to construct a modern feed mill in the Saginaw area of Michigan.

The step is taken in keeping with a pledge to members to provide them with "the highest quality feed at lowest possible cost." Present target date for construction is set for fall. The mill will be designed with a production capacity of approximately 25 to 30 thousand

tons annually. Fire risk will be minimized by construction of concrete and steel.

Manufactured will be meal, pellets, crumbles or coarse textured feeds formulated to meet needs of individual commercial producers. A warehouse for holding bagged specialty feeds will be included.

Mill Seen as **Big Step Forward**

In years past, transit rates favored locating large feed mills close to the source of feed grain supplies. As a result, centers such as Chicago area became the location for feed mills such as the giant Farm Bureau Milling Company at Hammond, Indiana.



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District Directors of Michigan Farm Bureau will chair the meetings and the 18 members of the MFB Resolutions Committee will be asked to be present at sessions in their home districts.

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Notes **On The Farm Bill**

Thank-You

Attention: Legislative, Public Relations, Information Divisions

Michigan Farm Bureau: CONGRATULATIONS to you and our American Farm Farm Bureau Federation staff on your successful efforts in getting the Administration's Food and Farmer Control Bill, H.R. 11222, defeated in Congress.

Lewis W. Crame President, Mecosta Co. F.B.

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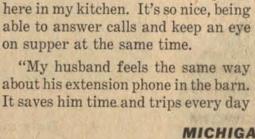
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Young People Gather

Vice Pres. **Dunckel Speaks**

An enthusiastic group of 35 Farm Bureau Young People gathered in mid-June at Clear Lake for what can only be termed another highly successful camp program.

LeRoy "Dale" Dunckel, vice president of the Michigan Farm Bureau (pictured to the left), talked to the group at their annual banquet. Seated to his right is James Sparks, presi-dent of the state F.B. Young People's Committee.

Dunckel appealed to the young farmers to "prepare yourselves for tomorrow." "The achievements of our nation were made possible by the concepts of our founders. Lin-coln's statement, 'Our Fathers brought forth upon this continent . . .' contains the seed of the great challenges we continue to face . .



ALPENA COUNTY DELEGATION - listen intently to Mr. Dunckel. "The test is now, - and always shall be, . . . can a nation so conceived, so dedicated, continue to endure? These concepts, these implications of morality, religion and knowledge are necessary to good govenrment . . ." Listening are, (from left) David Torsch, Ken Sommer, Jane Ann Dove, Marvin Schultz and Denyce Duncan.



This is our great heritage, - these are some of the things worth preserving, - trust in God, the moral basis of a free society is the Ten Commandments. Embodied in them are all the moral values of human relations. Without them we weaken, falter and fall." Listening to Dunckel are nine young people from Saginaw county. From left they are: Mary Ellen Johnson, Tom Boensch, Betty, Joyce and Howard Ritter, Mary Lang, Maureen O'Leary, Rita and Vonnie Johnson.

"Our Challenge Today"

Held at Gilbert Lodge, Twin Lakes, Mich.

About 150 women attended the 18th annual Northwest Michigan Camp for Farm Bureau Women at Gilbert Lodge in early June.

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agricultural conditions in Pan-

ama where farmers frequently

raise a family of eight or ten

children on an annual income

of \$200. He pointed out that

Panama is ripe for communist

Con-Con Delegate Miss Mar-

Miss McGowan, a

jorie McGowan of Detroit talk-

ed on the topic of "Social Chal-

Negro, said that members of

her race ask no more or less

than to be treated as human

beings. "Where 20 million peo-

ple are treated less than human

beings there is a problem of a

magnitude that neither politics

or courts can settle," she said. She added, "this problem can

only be solved by ourselves."

A style show, musical pro-

Keynote speaker, Mrs. Kay Clancy Metz, talked on the role of women in today's world. She stressed that there are four million more women than men -that the balance of influence lies in the hands of the feminine gender. She urged women at the camp to use this considerable influence to improve and strengthen our country.

Michigan Farm Bureau president Walter Wightman ad-... dressed the group on the topic "Challenges in Agriculture." Wightman told his audience that although the decisions facing America are as great now as they were at Pearl Harbor, farmers still can look forward to one of the greatest futures ever conceived by the minds of men.

grams and stunt night were Other speakers included Lt. other highlights of the highly Col. Joseph Davis who told of successful camp.

Why Not . . .

AFBF Annual Meeting Tour to Atlanta

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Successful Camp Follows Theme Cherry-Dairy Festival



Oceana Farm Bureau Sponsors Product Promotion

BUSY EXAMINING EXHIBITS,-at the Oceana County Farm Bureau Cherry-Dairy and farm product festival held recently in the Shelby High School, are: (from left) Mrs. Guy Homan, Mrs. Carl Reed, County Women's Chairman; Guy Homan, Oceana Farm Bureau president; Dairy Princess Miss Anita Wieber; Henry A. Johnson, Festival Chairman, and Ward and Helen Gilliland, Courtesy Committee chairmen,

Oceana Agriculture Promoted

Reported by Henry A. Johnson

Over 300 people attended the Oceana County Cherry-Dairy-Products festival June 16 in the Shelby High School. The festival was planned to help promote and advertise the fact that Oceana county now tops all others in the United States in acreage of red tart cherries and ranks high in the production of many other fruits and

The festival featured a dindirection of Mrs. Carl Reed, chairman.

The festival committee in-Rider, Mrs. Forrest Dunham, cluded Henry A. Johnson, Mrs. Lester Villadsen and Mrs. Chairman; Mr. and Mrs. Don Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Nussdorfer; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reed; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Free-

born; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weirich, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kraus; Mr. and Mrs. Ward Gilliland, Mr. Frank Aerts and Mr. Charles Hilbert.

by the Michigan Farm Bureau.



TIRES FOR EVERY NEED

Assisting her were Mrs. Elwyn Henrickson, Mrs. Robert

Edward Pearson. Mrs. Helen Gilliland of Hart, showed a slide-film presentation of coun-

ty agriculture in a program that repeated throughout the early evening.

Special Guests Attend

Special festival guests included representatives of area newspaper and broadcasting services, and many local business. Also in attendance were state Senator Lloyd Stevens of Mason County, and Oceana State Representative, Mr. and Mrs. Don VanderWerp.

A number of exhibits were on display featuring Oceana products and arranged by processors, dairies, farm and Farm Bureau groups. An exhibit showing Farm Bureau's foreign trade activities was displayed

vegetables. ner prepared and served by members of the Farm Bureau Women's Committee under the

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"The hope for reward is the greatest incentive of human progress. These things are not ours forever, - they remain ours only if we are dedicated with a single-minded dedication to preserve them.

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J. Delbert Wells, Manager of the Division, refuses to explain the significance of the awards, which besides the cases of baby food included tins of coffee to those older organized groups that assisted.

Winners include: "Fruitland Group" in Ottaws County, "Matteson Hustlers" in Branch, "In-Betweens" in Jackson, "Iosco Young-ens" in Iosco, an un-named Young-Farmer group in Sanilac, "Rolling Hills" in Lenawee, "Young Adults" in Genesee and "Eager-Beavers" in Kalamazoo.

Ionia Fair Cafeteria

Project Set For August 6-11

A complete cafeteria involving considerable management knowledge and business know-how will again be operated at the Ionia Free Fair by a group of Farm Bureau Young People.

be served during the fair dates of August 6 through 11 in the cafeteria under the direction of a manager, assistant

manager and eight other workers-all Farm Bureau Young People. Two full-time cooks and volunteers from county Farm Bureaus complete the work force.

Money Earned

Finances Program

Cafeteria profits help secure convention speakers, finance leadership meetings and camps and are used in general to carry on Young People's educational programs. Proceeds from the cafeteria will help fi-

Two full meals each day will Bureau Federation in Atlanta, Georgia, in December.

Help Needed

According to Lester Boll-wahn, Coordinator of the Young People's Activities for the Michigan Farm Bureau, help is still needed for the cafeteria project. Full-time help receive wages plus "room and board." -Several positions are still open. Application forms may be secured from County Farm Bureau Secretaries or from local Young People's committees.

Bollwahn indicates that volunteers to work one day at a time are also needed, with fifteen to twenty needed each day to operate the cafeteria efficiently. He urges Farm Bureau nance a tour to the annual Young People to plan group meeting of the American Farm visits to the fair.

Discuss, Know Issues

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Medicare, Farm Bill, Taxes, are Topics in Saginaw

Midwest Farm Bureau Underwriters Meet

SHOWN DURING A BREAK-In the Farm Bu- nois: Don Krueger, Underwriting Secretary for sing are seated, left to right, Gale Turner, Missouri Underwriting Director; Vern Holland, Fire Division Manager of American Agricultural Mutual Reinsurance Company: Hal Trimble, Director of Underwriting for County Mutual in Illi-

reau Mid-West Underwriting Conference in Lan- Iowa; Jim Motl, Wisconsin Underwriting Manager; and Bill Kipper, Chief Underwriter for Nebraska. Standing, left to right, are Jim Rathbun, Michigan Underwriting Manager; and Lorrin Fink, Kansas Underwriting Manager.

Mich. F.B. Mutual **Insurance is Host**

Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Michigan was host to the Farm Bureau Mid-West Underwriting Conference in Lansing June 14 and 15.

Farm Bureau Casualty and Fire Underwriters from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Wisconsin, Nebraska and Michigan were in attendance.

The two-day program was devoted to talks and panel discussions dealing with new ideas and techniques in fire safety, casualty, fire and farmowners underwriting.

Appearing on the program were Dr. Richard G. Pfister of M.S.U. who spoke on "Electrical Fire Safety," and Mr. E. W. Feuerstein, Product Engineer for General Electric, whose topic was "How to Take the Loss out of Lightning."

James B. Rathbun, Underwriting Manager for Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan and John Leary, Commercial Underwriting Supervisor, were in charge of the conference.

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the meeting, one in a series being sponsored by Association of Manufacturers Public Affairs dicounty Farm Bureau groups over the state, repre- rector; Dr. Vernon V. Bass, Saginaw County sentatives of the medical, manufacturing and Medical Society legal affairs committee chairfarming professions met to compare programs and check on legislative happenings of mutual interest. In the words of one speaker, "more and more businessmen realize they have to understand Photo, Courtesy Saginaw News

Farm Bureau Urges

August 1

Farm Management Tour

Partnerships Are Hosts

Two neighboring Lapeer County farms - in the same families for four generations will host the 1962 State Farm Management Tour on August 1.

Two partnerships of the Simmons Bros. and the Lake Bros., both on M-90, two miles east of North Branch are modern, highly efficient farm operations. Both market their crops through livestock. The Simmons' feed beef cattle and hogs, the Lakes' have a 100cow dairy herd. Both families are members of Farm Bureau.

Planned tours will be made of the farms and the operations explained by farm management specialists of Michigan State University's Department of Agricultural Economics. and good returns for labor by Lapeer County agents of the use of sound management Cooperative Extension Service practices. are directing local plans for the annual state event. The The Simmons Bros. feed extension service is the sponhigh-moisture corn and corn sor of the tour, which will be silage to 150 steers and are the fourteenth annual visit to now building a new facility to some of the state's top farms. handle 250 head more this fall.

Outstanding Operations

Jack and Bill Simmons planted 400 acres of corn this May and plan to feed the grain and silage to beef steers and swine.

Their neighbors, Charles, Glenn and Clare Lake planted more than 200 acres of corn, and will use the crop to help feed a high-producing Holstein dairy herd.

Both farms are highly mech-

At Saginaw Meeting

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Robert E. Smith. Associate Legislative Counsel for Michigan Farm Bureau, spoke at a "Know the Issues" dinner meeting sponsored by the Sag-inaw County Farm Bureau on June 13.

The 80 or more persons present represented many organizations in the area. The issues discussed were: Medicare, the farm bill, and tax reform.

Smith said the Administra tion farm bill is an example of "more and more government interference in all walks of life" and that the passage of this legislation would lead to complete control of agriculture.

Smith quoted Senator Philip A. Hart as admitting that letters from constituents ran 70-1 opposed to the farm bill but that he would vote for it anyway. Smith pointed out that the American Farm Bureau Federation farm bill proposals are "voluntary and designed to get the government out of agriculture, realizing, of course, that it can't be done overnight." He said that there are now 90,000 U.S.D.A. employees (the equivalent of one employee for each 40 farms in the country), 3700 of which were added in 1961.

Dr. V. V. Bass, Saginaw phy-sician, discussed the King-Anderson Medicare bill. He said that it would mean Federal controls in private hospitals and would result in higher Social Security taxes of more than \$100 million in Michigan alone. He pointed out that in 1957-58 total health care costs per people over 65 averaged \$177. This bill, if passed, would cover only \$42.80, or 24%, of these costs.

Ramon B. Dixon, National Association of Manufacturers Public Affairs Director, said "more and more businessmen realize they have to get into politics to maintain the free enterprise system."

Dixon said that the National Association of Manufacturers has advocated a tax reform bill that would reduce lower personal income taxes by 15%. highest brackets by 47% and corporation taxes down from 52% to 47%, all over a fiveyear period.



FOLLOWING THEIR ADVICE-to study the political issues if they are to maintain the free issues, this group of speakers check a page in one enterprise system." Pictured are (left to right), of the reference books at the recent meeting spon- Thomas W. Murphy, Saginaw attorney who modsored by the Saginaw County Farm Bureau. At erated the meeting, Ramon B. Dixon, National

man; Robert Smith, Legislative Counsel, Mich-

igan Farm Bureau and Ethel A. Nichols, Secre-

anized, get big yields per acre

They also weaned nearly 600

pigs and are feeding them for

market with an automatic

The Lakes raise their own

heifers as herd replacements

and cull their dairy herd heav-

ily to keep an annual average production of 12,000 pounds of

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Farm Family Auto Plan is Explained



IVAN ALLISON, - Sales Manager for Farm Bureau Insurance, explains the new Farm Family Auto Plan to agents at one in a series of six area sales meetings held in June. The new plan will provide Farm Bureau members with advantages in auto insurance convenience and economy. "Home Office" staff is working on final details, with the hope that the plan can be available to members in July.



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cows and six calves on 160

acres. He has expanded to 40

good grade dairy cows and 30

head of young stock on 360

and Jack Young who farm

near Sault Ste. Marie was the

final stop on the tour. To as-

sure income for two families

they have expanded in two

directions, into poultry and

horticulture . Last year their

cost per dozen eggs was just

under 40 cents, with the eggs

bringing an average 49 cents

Cut flowers, fruits and vege-

tables produced on 11 acres

planted to truck crops are sold

as supplemental income. They

encourage customers to pick

their own peas and beans to cut

per dozen when sold.

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U. P. Farm Management Tour

Chippewa County - and through it, the Upper Peninsula, displayed three of its top farms in a Management Tour held June 30.

Clarence Prentice, Secretary-Manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau, took part in the full-day event and talked to tour guests at a noon-time lunch stop in Dafter.

acres.

Also speaking on the program was Dr. Lawrence Boger, head of the department of Agricultural Economics at Michigan State University.

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All three stops on the tour featured father-son partnerships, and all were specialized enough to assure adequate cash income with some degree of diversification retained for flexibility.

Visitors at the first stop saw and heard about sheep management from Mervin Hoornstra of Brimley where a flock of 360 sheep were a prime attraction. Last year Hoornstra averaged a 129 per cent lamb crop and a 101/2 pound wool clip from each of 154 sheep.

The "Pleasant View" farm near Dafter, home of dairy farmer Melvin Stahl, was the second stop on the tour. Stahl



takes time out to join Mervin Hoornstra in admiring a pet lamb. Hoornstra's cross-breeding and feeding program is carefully controlled to maintain the maximum income from both wool and lambs. A careful watch on the sheep flock makes



THE FATHER-SON TEAM-of Art and Jack Young pause to check signals before starting a day's work. Fruit, vegetables, flowers and eggs make up their compact operation, proving at the same time that not all their "eggs are in the same basket." The Young operation was the last stopping place in the recent Upper Peninsula Farm Management Tour, June 30.

Which shade shelter

would prove the coolest?

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they had to do was wait for a hot day-

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KARL LARSON-Chippewa County Extension Director, (left) all the difference between profit and loss, Hoornstra maintains.

Apple Division

Progresses

Membership in the Apple Division of the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association, (MACMA) now totals 415 Growers representing nearly 60 per cent of the state's total tonnage. Michigan, it was revealed at a recent meeting of Processing Apple growers, leads all states in sign-up to date.

Held in Winchester, Virginia, the meeting brought together a Grower's Committee of twelve producers representing the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Michigan.

Walter W. Wightman, MA-CMA president, and president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, along with Henry Nelson, chairman of the Michigan Processing Apple marketing committee, represented state growers.

Each state reported increasing grower interest. New York has signed more than 100 grower-members, representing two million bushels of processing apples. Pennsylvania reported nearly two hundred members representing over fifty per cent of the state's total tonnage now under contract.

The grower committee established membership goals for each state, which if attained will assure the American Agricultural Marketing Association of at least fifty per cent of area tonnage. The Committee set a goal deadline date of August 1.

A processor contract approved by the committee will be forwarded to all processors for study this month. Final contract terms may be offered to processors for signature early in August.

Several nation-wide processors have been contacted by American Agricultural Marketing Association committeemen. It is planned that Michigan committee members will contact local processors soon.



Named

DALE VER MEER, a native Hudsonville, has been ap-



MACMA Holds Annual Meeting in Lansing

American Farm Bureau Federation, (third from left) visits with officials of the Michigan Farm Bureau and Mich. Agricultural Cooperative Marmeeting of the organization.

In addressing the Association, Shuman said that there is a better way to solve farm problems Field Services Director for the Marketing Asthan through "complete regimentation and con- sociation, Clarence Prentice, Secretary-Manager trol of all farmers as some would propose." This and Walter Wightman, President, MACMA is a better way he outlined as permitting market marketing - bargaining affiliate of the Michigan prices to function and to encourage farmers to Farm Bureau.

CHARLES B. SHUMAN, - president of the organize voluntary marketing associations for the purpose of bargaining for price and other terms of sale. He added that the infamous Estes case is "a result of government programs that place too keting Association, following the recent annual much reliance on political decisions instead of the free market."

With Shuman are, (from left) Robert Braden,





MELVIN STAHL-checks production records with Rick Hartwig, (right) prior to the recent farm management tour. Hartwig is an economist with Michigan State University from Marquette, who worked with local people in arranging the tour. Stahl's herd averaged 479 pounds of butterfat per cow last year, reflecting the combined efforts of improved breeding and feed-192 ing programs.

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In Arizona, working on environmental control studies, KAISER ALUMINUM agricultural engineers built various types of range shade shelters for livestock. Some had galvanized steel roofs, some had wood slats, and some had aluminum.*



pointed manager of the Fremont Cooperative Produce Company, according to Howard King, District Manager of Farm Bureau Services, Inc. He succeeds John McLachlan who has gone to Services' Traverse City branch as manager.

Ver Meer has been assistant manager at Fremont for the past two years; prior to that time he was employed by Farm Bureau Services at its Grand Rapids branch.



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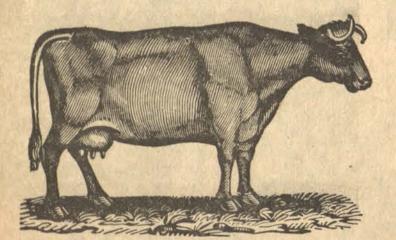
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BULLETIN: At the press deadline, a protest had been filed by the A.K.M.C.C.*** The complaint alleged that too much publicity had been given to Arizona and not enough to Michigan cows. A spokesman for the group said, "If you think it's hot down there, you ought to spend a summer in Michigan, especially if your owner hasn't been thoughtful enough to provide Kaiser aluminum-roofed shelters."

Michigan cows were urged to unite and have their owners contact a Farm Bureau Services dealer immediately for a Kaiser aluminum-roofed shelter to keep cool this summer . and warm this winter.



Centenarian Had Exciting Pioneer Life

Manistee County Resident Recalls Early Michigan Experiences

By DONNA WILBER

(Anna Rebecca Edwards of Bear Lake in Manistee County may well hold the record as being the oldest Farm Bureau member in Michigan. Born on May 26, 1863, she has led an interesting life about which she has kept an accurate, written record. From this record, and with the assistance of her son, Dean, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hodgson of Manistee County Farm Bureau, we present a few of the many exciting highlights of her life.)

Almost 100 years ago, in a one-room slab shanty by the Betsie River in the sparsely - populated, wooded wilderness near South Frankfort, Anna Rebecca Carver was born. It was the beginning of an exciting life of a pioneer woman who today, at the age of 99, still remembers her experiences in early Michigan.

Her parents had come by boat from Ohio up Lake Michigan to Frankfort in search of new land and a new life. When they arrived in 1859, piers had not yet been built. The ship anchored off shore, while a small sailboat came out to bring the passengers to land. Livestock were put overboard to swim ashore with hopes they could be herded up again. They first settled in Benzonia (Anna's sister is recorded as the first white child born in Benzonia) and later 'moved down the Betsie River to South Frankfort where Anna was born

Indian Visitors

Anna's earliest recollections are of the strange visitors who came to their cabin in the woods. An occasional Indian would stop to ask for bread and sometimes stay the night, satisfied to lie on the floor in front of the fireplace. Whereas wild animals, such as bear and panther were frequent visitors, people, (besides the Indians) were not.

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located a mile on the other side of the dense woods, through which a trail had to be blazed by chopping a piece of bark from a tree every few feet along the way. When she was only a year old, Anna and her mother went on one of their infrequent visits and became hopelessly lost in the woods on their return. After wandering all night, they were found by a neighbor looking for his lost cows.

Their nearest neighbor was

During those early years, groceries and other supplies were brought to Frankfort by small sailboats called "hookers." Everything had to be "laid in" before navigation closed for the winter. If flour, salt pork, etc. ran out before spring, Traverse City was the nearest place to get supplies. One especially hard winter, the Carvers lived for six weeks on potatoes, salt and "mush" made from field corn. Parched corn was ground for coffee. Anna's father finally walked to Traverse City on snowshoes and carried back what supplies he could in a bag slung over his

A Move is Made

shoulder.

When Anna was five, the Carvers moved to a farm near Herring Lake. It was a oneroom log house with a ladder in one corner to go up under the roof where the older children slept. The younger children slept on a trundle bed pulled out from under their parent's big, four-poster feather bed. Anna's father planted fruit trees on their new land and added another room to the log cabin in times when having



on the barges.

ANNA R. EDWARDS Age 99

two rooms was quite an accomplishment. He worked in South Frankfort building houses, leaving early on Monday morning for the nine-mile walk and returning Saturdays carrying groceries on his back.

In those days before storebought toys and games, children made their own entertainment. Anna recalls they made fiddles from dry cornstalks in the fall and basswood whistles in the spring and sometimes chopped down small trees with their father's hatchet. They also spent hours looking at the pictures in the "Michigan Agriculturist," a magazine all about farming, and the only book they had besides the family Bible.

On To The Big City

Edwards family, too. Believing In 1872, the Carvers moved that an alleged prophet and to the "city" of South Frankhealer in Zion City could cure fort. It was here that Anna his blindness, he boarded the first saw a store,-combination train one day for Illinois. Sevdry goods, grocery and posteral weeks later, he returned office. It was a year of many home, still blind, but cured of other "firsts" for the nine-yearsmoking, a habit he had for old pioneer girl. A Christmas many years. (There was abtree at Sunday School, her very solutely no tobacco or liquor own story-book with bright in Zion City!) colored pictures, a "real" doll, When Anna's husband died attending school,-these were in 1924, her son Ray took all new and wonderful to her. She remembers the following charge of the hardware store. childhood years passed swiftly

in 1959 celebrated its 60th year The big industry in this area of business. Although the store in the 1870's was the blast furhas now changed ownership, it nace. Frankfort was chosen as is still known as the "Edv Hardware. the location for the blast furnace because of the abundance of timber for charcoal, necessary to the making of pig-iron, and because of its available

Many Momento

Anna has many souver

She served as bookkeeper for

many years at the store, which

across the lake to market. The

schooner went out of the har-

In 1898, Anna and George

bought a store building in El-

berta and started a hardware

business with \$500 worth of

stock. In the years that fol-

lowed, their business thrived

and so did their marriage. They

were blessed with two more

children, - Dean born in 1899

and Ruth born in 1904. Anna's

father, now old and almost

blind, came to live with the

bor and sank!

harbor. The furnace ran continuously in those days, operating on two twelve-hour shifts. Anna remembers what a sight it was to see castings "taken off"-very bright and hot all around. First the cinder, light and foamy, - came out in a thin, red stream, then the iron ran straight down the trough from the bottom of two huge cupolas into the many oval molds in the sand. When it was cooled, it was broken from the "lead" ready for shipment Potatoes, 10c per bu. When Anna was 20 years old, she worked as janitor for the local school, earning \$2 a week

for cleaning the two - room while cutting teeth. building and keeping the fires In recent years, besides her built during the winter. In 1885, she married George Edwards, a partner of a foundry in Frankfort. Two years later, their first child, Ray, was born. After eight years in the foundry business, the Edwards moved to the country. During their first year of farming, they raised potatoes and sold them for 10c a bushel. The following year,-they didn't get a cent. Their potatoes were loaded on a schooner to be taken

> Her son, Ray, lives in Elberta; Dean in Bear Lake and daughter Mrs. Ruth Olson in Florida. Quite possibly the oldest Michigan Farm Bureau member, she is thè grandmother of five children and great-grandmother to twelve.

A remarkable woman, proud of her heritage, she is a shining example of the sturdy pioneers who built the wonderful state of Michigan.

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the past, dating back to her mother's time. Among them, a tiny arm chair which her mother sat upon during the journey by covered wagon from Pennsylvania across the Blue Ridge Mountains to Ohio. She also has the side-saddle her grandfather made for her mother when she was fourteen. Another souvenir is a letter from the Quaker Church expelling Anna's mother because she married an outsider. She has the big cherry bureau given to her mother for a wedding pressent and one of her clocks which runs by weights. Her son, Ray, has a silver French coin with a hole punched in it which his grandfather had worn around his neck to chew

church activities, Mrs. Edwards has spent time corresponding and visiting with friends. Only upon the insistence of her famly did she give up driving her own car at the age of 85. Several years ago, she began spending winters in Florida with friends from Michigan and later with her daughter who had moved to that state. Until she was 96 years of age, she made the trip to and from Florida by plane - unchaper-

his constituents: "With the farm bill coming up, I was amazed by the suggestions by some that the bill would help prevent future Billie Sol Estes scandals. It was the grain storage program and cotton allotments of a subsidized and controlled agricultural economy that enabled his activities to flourish. The farm bill that the Administration has advanced to meet the situation contains more, not less, subsidies and controls,

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cultural Economics Professor at Michigan State Departments. University conducted the sessions aimed at pro-

Can We Never Learn?

Sixth District Congressman evasion. Estes was able to build Charles Chamberlain wrote his empire selling fertilizer to farmers so they could increase production on restricted acreage, thus defeating the purpose of production control. "While this scandal seems to be without bounds, just two facets of it are enough for me. First, why was Estes appointed to the President's Cotton Advisory Committee after he had been fined \$48,000 for violations? And secondly,



bond of \$700,000 for warehouse believe more controls and more subsidies will cure the prob-

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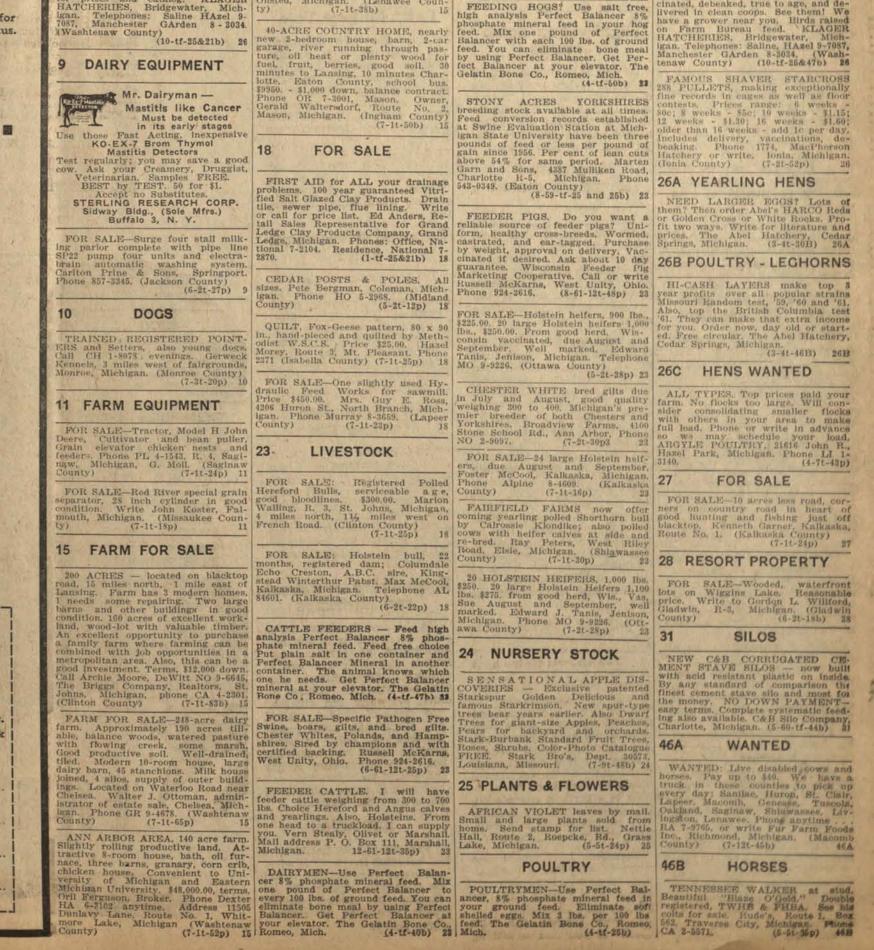
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Proposed Constitution is a Good Document

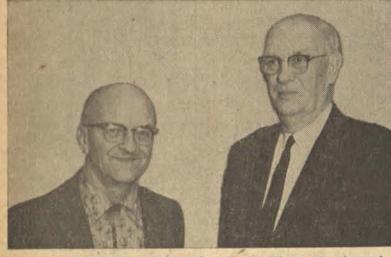
Community Farm Bureau Topic For July Discussion

Background Material For Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups DONALD D. KINSEY Coordinator, Education and Research One of the greatest events in Michigan in your

lifetime!

You may never have a chance to vote on a new Constitution again. Oh, yes, you might. But, if history repeats itself, few would have that opportunity. You would have to be 78 years old to have voted on the Constitution of 1908.

Will this chance to vote come in November 1962 or in April 1963? The courts began to battle this question through on June 1st. Who knows what will be decided? The delegate majority at the Convention asked for a November vote, while the matter is still fresh in people's minds. Opponents insist that the November date would be illegal under the present Constitution. The real ghost behind this scenery is a political one. (What will the effect be on the election of candidates in November?) But November or April, the voters should be prepared to act.



DISCUSSION TOPIC AUTHOR—Donald Kinsey is pictured visiting with an old friend. Con-Con president. Stephen S. Nisbet, during one of the Farm Bureau Con-Con Seminars held in Lansing early in the Convention.

Delegates Did a Good Job

It is to be expected that individuals will have mixed feelings regarding distinct features of the proposed Constitution. The Lansing State Journal, however, says that the document is written in the best interests of the people of Michigan AS A WHOLE, and 'is for Executive and Legislative scontrols over State expenditures is to be applauded.

"We believe that the proposed new Constitution is a constructive improvement over our present Constitution and that the new document will stand on its merits.

"We believe that it deserves acceptance and adoption by the voters of Michigan." wanting to meet all your hopes in this plan of apportionment, stop and think what others demanded and what might have been. Outstate Michigan still has some voice in the Legislature. wo

Local Government

There were efforts to place representation in County governments on a population basis, too. But the Convention retained much that is desirable for County and Local governments and provided for some needed flexibility in the system.

The County Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, County Clerk and Register of Deeds would be retained. Their terms would become four years, instead of two. The Board of Supervisors would continue in most counties — except —

A "Home Rule" provision would permit a County to establish a charter and to set up a commission form of government like a city. Voters would decide whether this should be done and also would approve or reject the charter drafted for the County. This provision would meet the needs of highly urbanized counties.

Township governments would retain the Supervisors, Township Clerk and Trustees. The Legislature could lengthen their terms of office from two to four years by law.

Local highway commissioners, constables, and Justices of the Peace would be discontinued within five years. The Legislature could by a twothirds vote, establish local courts. No judge at any level could assess fees to pay for his services. All judges would work on salary.

Townships having no land outside of incorporated villages would have to become cities. Except for changes mentioned, local governments could operate as now established.

15-Mill Retained

After flip-flopping on the issue, the convention delegates retained the 15-mill tax levy limit. Counties may, however, raise the limit to 18 mills by a vote of the people. The upper limit of levy was left at 50 mills. Such limits are not binding on cities and villages nor on future "charter counties." These set their own levy rates in their charters.

Extra Millage Vote

The proposed Constitution would place control of the educational system of the State in the hands of an 8-member State Board of Education with members elected for 8-year staggered terms. The Governor would be an ex-officio member of this Board without the right to vote.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction would be appointed by this Board. This involves a shift in the center of authority from the Superintendent to the Board. The Board would make the policies, plan and coordinate the whole educational program. It would recommend budget appropriations to the Legislature. The Superintendent would administer the policies and programs under Board

Political Palaver Coming

authority

Opposing groups which failed to control the Constitutional Convention have now come forth in violent opposition to the new document. In the coming months the voter will be bombarded with all manner of slandering propaganda against it.

The fair-minded voter will not be governed by such attacks. He will seek out a copy of the new Constitution and study it for himself. He should

ask himself whether it is not a fair document for ALL of the people of the State or whether there should be one that gives all power to certain selected groups. He should look for the strong points of the document as well as any which may not entirely please him.

Then he should use his own good judgment as to whether the TOTAL document is worthy of his support. The "basic law of the land" is not a thing to be batted around by wishful thinking, gossip and emotion. It is a serious matter and should be given every citizen's cool and considered judgment.

Questions

1. What harmful results to rural and out-state Michigan people would come from a failure of the new Constitutional proposal to pass in the election?

2. What can we do (as a local group) to help inform people in our area about the new Constitution and the dangers of rejecting it, and to insure a strong turnout at the polls when it is voted on?

3. What added information would be helpful for the Michigan Farm Bureau to provide to the membership on this subject in the months before the vote on the proposal?

Press and Broadcasters to Help



MICHIGAN'S Constitutional Convention leaders met with officers and directors of the Michigan Press Association and the Michigan Association of Broadcasters at Lansing recently to enlist their aid in presenting the explanation of the proposed new document to the people. The session was called by Ink White (R-St. Johns), chairman of the Convention's Public Information committee. Grouped around Stephen S. Nisbet (R-Fremont), convention president, are Mr. White, Les Biederman of Traverse City, president of the M.A.B.; Clem Brossier of Detroit, Associated Press; James Tagg of Alma, president of the M.P.A. and James Klockenkemper of Detroit, United Press International.

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"unquestionably superior to the Constitution of 1908 which is so much amended as to be confusing."

No convention could be expected to perform the miracle of writing a Constitution in which every feature would please every citizen. Any public document is apt to be, in part, a compromise. You have to tally up the desirable features and balance them against anything undesirable — then decide.

One thing for sure—the new document is much shorter, less cluttered and more easily understood. On this everyone can agree,

Farm Bureau Board Says, "Thumbs Up"

The Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors studied the new document at the May meeting, and they liked what they saw generally. They voted unanimously to support a vote favoring the new Constitution. They declared:

"The more than seven months of study, deliberations and debate by the 144 elected Constitutional Convention Delegates appear to have resulted in a constitutional document that can be supported by every citizen of the State of Michigan. "While much of historic and

while much of historic and proven values have been retained, there has been a strengthening of the three coordinate branches of State government — the Executive, Legislative and Judicial.

"Local government has been retained and strengthened.

"We believe that the document meets, for the most part, the major recommendations of the members of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

"The apportionment issue has been met in as fair and equitable a manner as possible — the House on the basis of population with necessary adjustments to recognize County lines, and the Senate on a combined population and area basis.

"The retention of the 15-mill property tax limit and the added limitation of assessments at not more than 50% of cash value are of prime importance to all property owners, but more especially farmers.

"The new section providing

Highlighting Some Features

It would be impossible, of course, to review every feature of the new document in this article. But let's look closely at some features for which members have expressed major concern in past years.

Legislative Reapportionment

There was a powerful push in the convention to establish legislative districts for both House and Senate by strict population count — disregarding all county lines. This would have placed the Legislature under the complete control of concentrated metropolitan areas.

In rejecting this effort, the convention delegates gave more recognition to population than formerly, but still recognized that all areas of Michigan should have some effective voice in legislative matters.

Under the new Constitution, the House would retain its present 110 seats. Forty representative areas would emerge based on the 1960 census. These areas would contain not less than seven-tenths of one percent of the state's population. Each area would first be assigned on e representative. The remaining 70 seats would be assigned on the basis of the "equal proportions" formula as used for Congressional seats.

The Senate seats also considerably favor population. By a complicated formula, they would be assigned on the basis of 80% on population and 20% on area. Four new Senate seats would go immediately to Wayne, Genesee, Macomb and Oakland counties. State Senators would have 4-year terms, Representatives 2-year terms. After the 1970 census, reapportionment of the Legislature would be carried out by

would be carried out by an 8man bi - partisan commission. No longer would the Legislature reapportion its own seats. This change was necessary.

Legislators have a hard time reapportioning themselves. Can a legislator vote to knock out a district of a friend? No. So he lets the matter ride. I have touched the high

spots. If you find something

ome Under the new document,

voting on any extra millage over the permitted limit (for local purposes and involving a period longer than five years) would be limited to property owners and their spouses. This prevents non-taxpayers from forcing the burden on property owners by sheer weight of numbers. This they are likely to do, since it would be no "money out of their pocket," yet they would enjoy the benefits.

Lowered Assessment Limit

The present Constitution permits equalized valuations and assessments on property to be figured at 100% of cash value. The new proposal would place the limit at 50% of cash value. This provision would become effective in 1966. This is a helpful safeguard against excessive taxation on property.

No Graduated Income Tax

The "uniform rule" of taxation would continue as in the present Constitution. There could be no special levy rates for different people. A graduated income tax would be expressly prohibited. Nothing would prevent the Legislature from passing a flat-rate income tax, however.

Earmarking for Schools and Highways

In the new document the 4c sales tax limit is continued. Earmarking of revenues for schools and highways would continue. One-eighth of the sales tax would be returned to cities, townships and villages, and one-half to the schools. The Legislature could reduce the sales tax only. It would have no power to increase the tax. The earmarking of gas and weight taxes for roads and highways gives an assurance of funds for these purposes.

Education

Partisan politics would have less influence in our State educational system. Barriers would be established against the influence of special interest groups who seek to control school policy. Harry Oosterhouse agrees with his brother and adds, "We like the <u>com-</u> <u>plete</u> Farm Bureau Insurance program and the personal service of our Local Farm Bureau agent."

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