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FARMERS NEED TO BECOME MORE SAFETY-MINDED — a fact based on shocking evidence. 400 persons down 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 Bell 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.

House Beats Farm Bill

Farmers Win, ---Control Scheme Killed

"Politicians Are Only Losers" -- Shuman Says

Jubilant 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 Legislative Counsel Dan Reed sent a telegram to Michigan House members stating opposition to the bill "in any form regardless of amendments offered." Reed cautioned that any conference with the Senate version would be disastrous.

"Free American farmers out-produce Khrushchev's farmers. Keep them free by voting NO on passage," Reed urged.

Earlier, unsolicited petitions opposing the farm bill had poured into the Lansing offices of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Approximately 4,000 signatures were passed on to Washington by MFB president Walter Wightman. (See picture in adjoining columns.) One statement 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 it."

Defeat Saves Tax Dollars

Defeat of the measure was hailed as a victory for taxpayers by Charles Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation. Shuman said that farmers, consumers and taxpayers all gained greatly by defeat of the control schemes.

Had it passed, the House

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.

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.

Farm Bill Petitions to Washington



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

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 has been shown by more than 70 persons to date, with others requesting additional information. A considerable number have accompanied tour reservation-requests with the required \$50 deposit.

In cooperation with transportation, entertainment and housing agencies, the tour plans are complete with only one major change from the original itinerary. The change involves flying by Northwest Airlines out of Detroit, Sunday evening, August 19, direct to Seattle rather than originating the flight from Lansing with routing through Salt Lake City. The more direct connection allows a longer stay at the fair.

The projected tour is scheduled for a two-week period, August 19 through September

2. Reservations are taken on a "first-come" basis. A minimum of 32 and a maximum of 37 persons is desired, according to J. Delbert Wells, organizer of the tour and Manager of the Family Program Division.

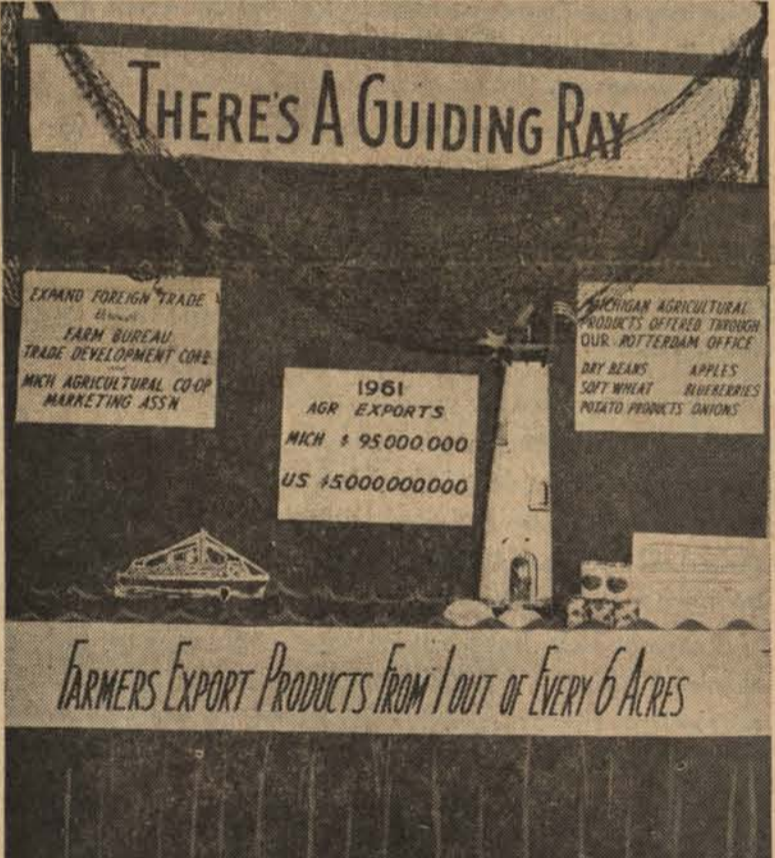
"In the event that considerable interest is shown by larger numbers of people, we will work out other arrangements to avoid disappointments," Wells said. He urged early placing of deposits to allow room and other reservations to be confirmed in early July.

A completed program itinerary listing tour stops (Banff, Lake Louise in Canada; Yellowstone Park, Black Hills, etc.) will be sent to those requesting them from either their county Farm Bureau office or the Michigan Farm Bureau, Box 960, Lansing.



HIGH IN THE SKY — Farm Bureau friends taking the proposed Northwest Tour will have an opportunity to visit the "space needle" — the trademark of the Seattle World's Fair. The needle is the tallest and most dramatic structure west of the Mississippi, rising 602 feet above the ground.

DEVELOPING FARM MARKETS



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 light-house 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.

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

Studies by the boards in recent weeks have led to the conclusion that increased efficiency and economies could be realized by uniting operations in distributing farm supplies and 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.

Under the plan, securities

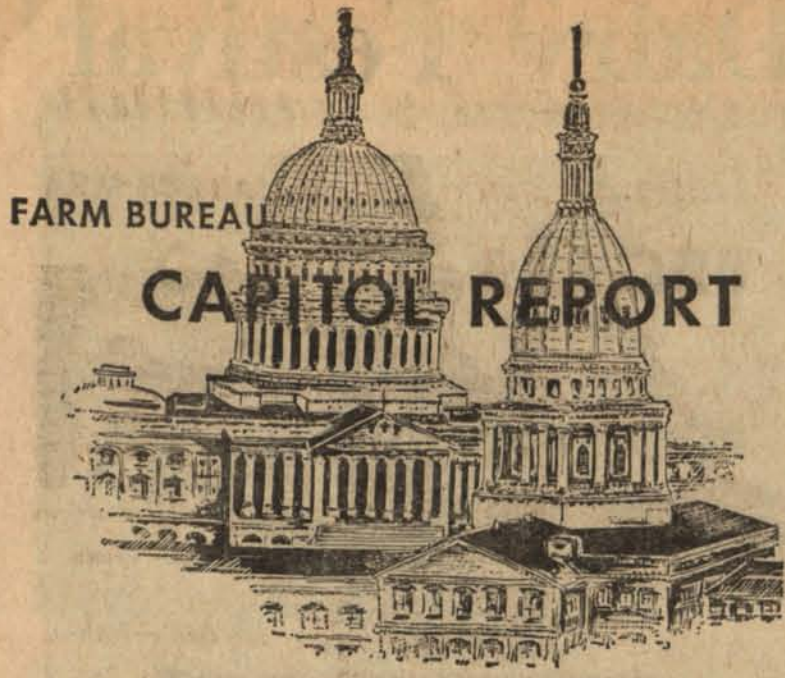
would be exchanged on an equitable basis. All present services of the Exchange would be continued and such expansions made as are necessary to increase in volume.

In this fashion, the two farmer - owned organizations which each began as departments of the Michigan Farm Bureau in the early 1920's — would formally reunite after nearly 40 years of independent operation.

Both have grown in business volume and financial stability, both have become soundly established, well - financed businesses. A large number of farmer cooperative are members of both organizations.



MICHIGAN APPLE DAY — at World's Fair Monorail terminal found pretty Miss Carol Ann Bowerman, Michigan Blossom Queen, passing out Michigan "Flavorbest" fruit to eager recipients. The monorail attracts lines of people from all parts of the nation for a speedy, spectacular ride through portions of downtown Seattle directly to the fairgrounds. The Michigan apples were an added bonus.



FARM BUREAU CAPITOL REPORT

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...

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...

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...

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...

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 work-

Legislative Happenings

Late and Important

HOW THEY VOTED

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)

NOT VOTING: (1)

Hoffman (R) (indicated opposition to the bill but unable to vote because of illness)

Federal registration of farm labor contractors.

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."

Government Medicare—H.R. 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 closed-door 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 3/4 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, 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 10 District 4—July 13 District 5—July 9 District 6—July 11 District 7—July 19 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.

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.

Thank-You Notes

On The Farm Bill

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.

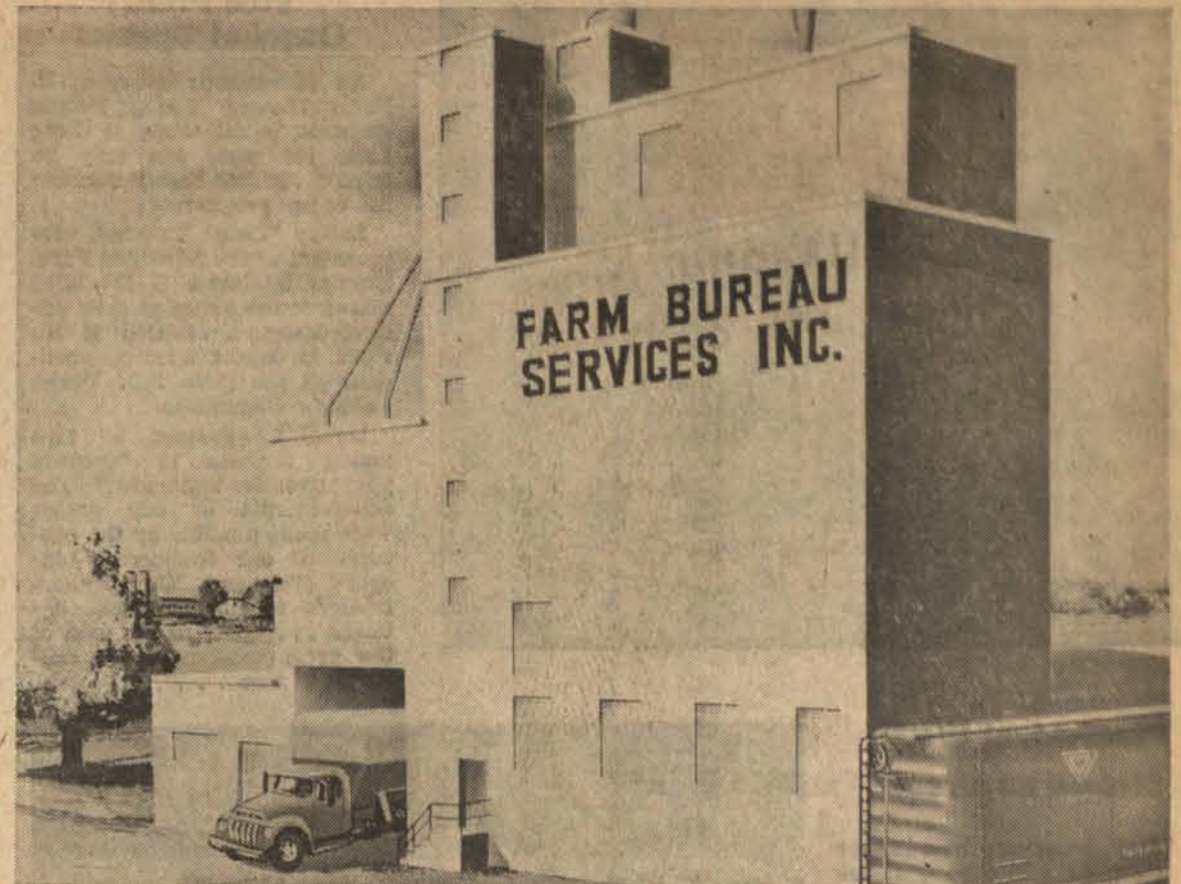
Lewis W. Crame President, Mecosta Co. F.B.

WE THANK GOD from the bottom of our hearts that the farm bill did not pass. I know that Farm Bureau had a big hand in helping stop it. We should be able to really go out now and sell Farm Bureau. We want to thank every one of you.

Dorothy Hendricks Kalkaska, R. R. 2



New F. B. Services Mill Planned



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.

The new mill will be ideally located to serve Farm Bureau Services member-cooperatives who will move feed from the mill directly to customers with considerable savings in handling costs.



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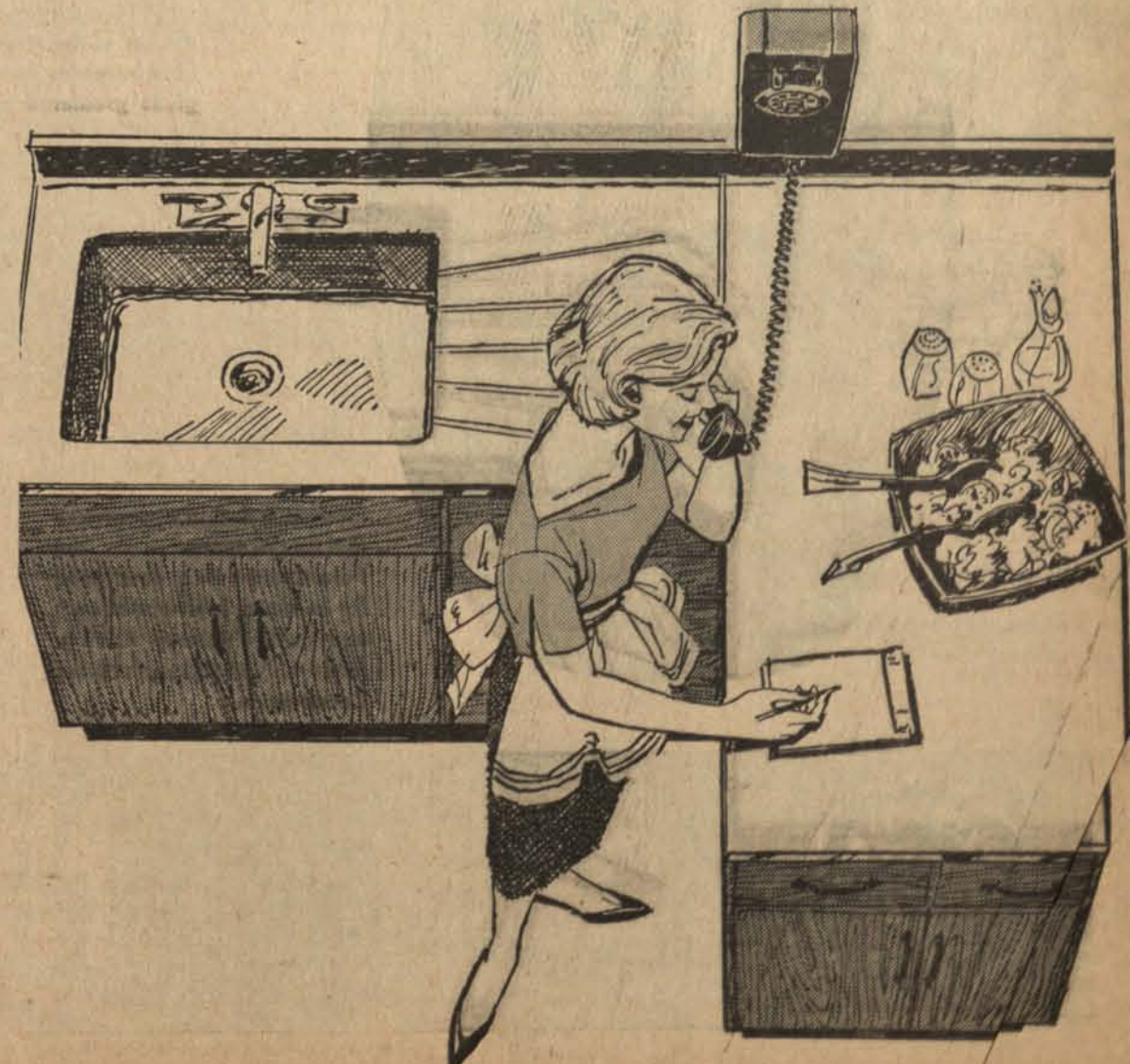
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Young People Gather



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, president 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, Lincoln's statement, 'Our Fathers brought forth upon this continent . . . contains the seed of the great challenges we continue to face . . .'"

"Individual Worth Makes us Great"

"Our American heritage teaches the importance of the individual. No totalitarian government ever does this. Government exists for the individual, — not the reverse.

"Our heritage teaches the dignity of work. That a man shall strive to live by the fruits of his own labor, — not the labor of others.

"As farm people we are engaged in a great business, — the largest business in this country, with seven million workers involved. This is more people than are employed in steel, in the automobile industry, or in transportation and public utilities combined.

"The investment in agriculture exceeds 203 billion dollars and is equal to three-fourths of the value of the current assets of all corporations in the United States.

"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.

"We must choose one kind of freedom or another. Either freedom from choice with no responsibility, or freedom of choice and full acceptance of all the great responsibilities that this brings."



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 government . . ." 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.

Successful Camp Follows Theme "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.

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 addressed 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.

Other speakers included Lt. Col. Joseph Davis who told of

agricultural conditions in Panama 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 expansion.

Con-Con Delegate Miss Marjorie McGowan of Detroit talked on the topic of "Social Challenges." Miss McGowan, a Negro, said that members of her race ask no more or less than to be treated as human beings. "Where 20 million people 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 programs and stunt night were other highlights of the highly successful camp.

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 vegetables.

The festival featured a dinner prepared and served by members of the Farm Bureau Women's Committee under the direction of Mrs. Carl Reed, chairman.

Assisting her were Mrs. Elwyn Henrickson, Mrs. Robert Rider, Mrs. Forrest Dunham, Mrs. Lester Villadsen and Mrs. Edward Pearson. Mrs. Helen Gilliland of Hart, showed a slide-film presentation of county 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

by the Michigan Farm Bureau.

The festival committee included Henry A. Johnson, Chairman; Mr. and Mrs. Don Hurd; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Nussdorfer; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reed; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Freirich; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weirich; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kraus; Mr. and Mrs. Ward Gilliland, Mr. Frank Aerts and Mr. Charles Hilbert.



Why Not . . .

Go South In December!

AFBF Annual Meeting Tour to Atlanta

Plans have been made for a "Michigan Train" — to carry members and their friends to the 44th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation, — held in Atlanta, Georgia, December 9-13.

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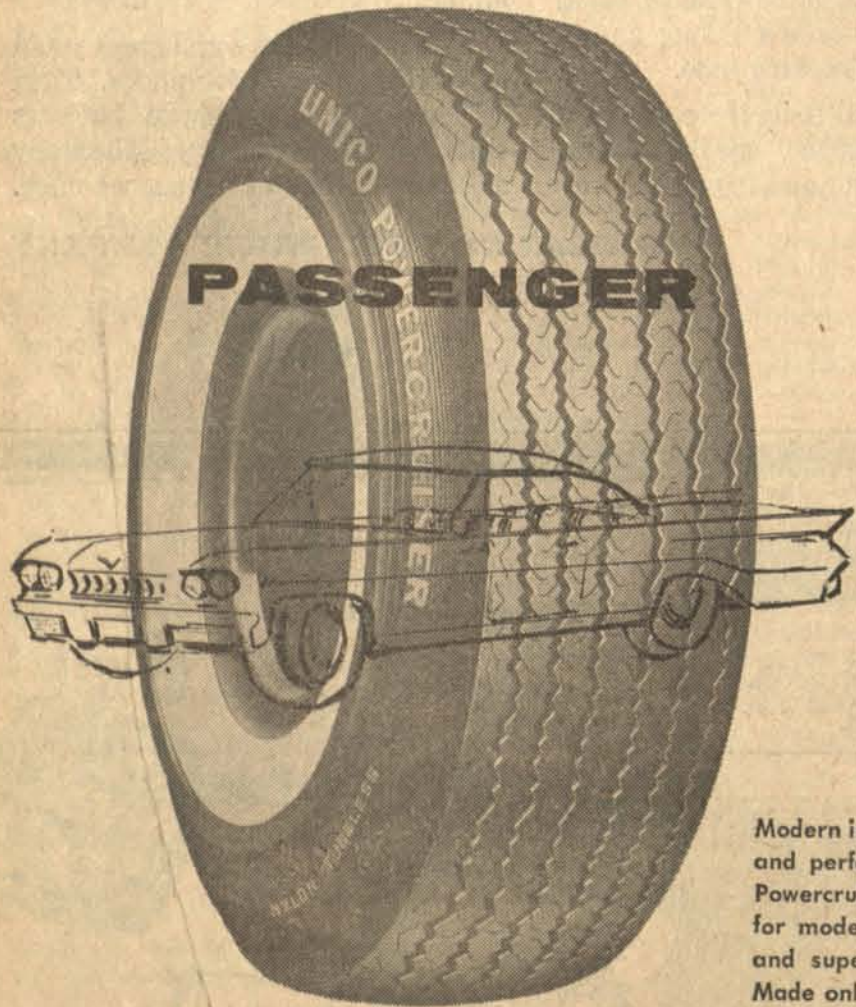
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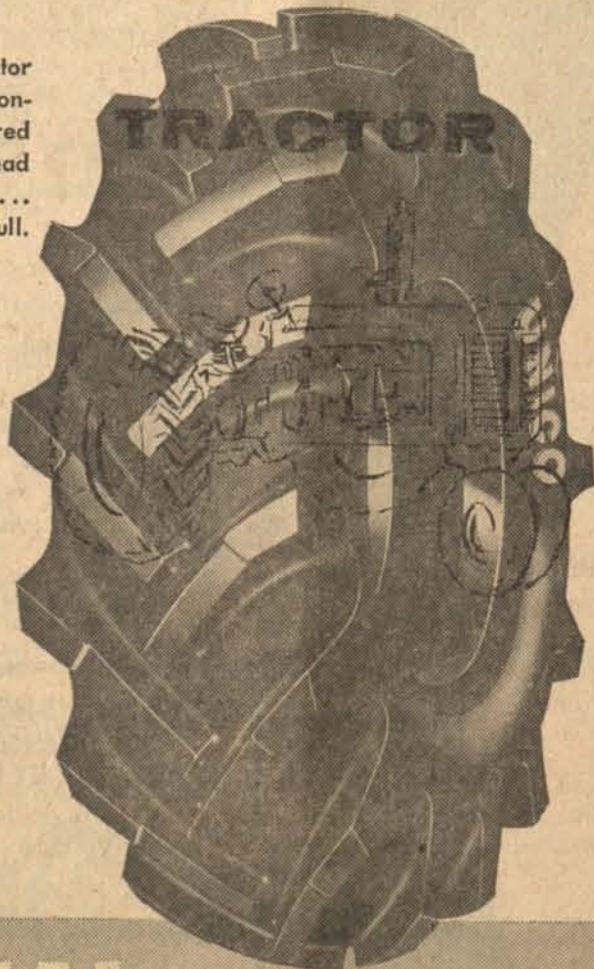


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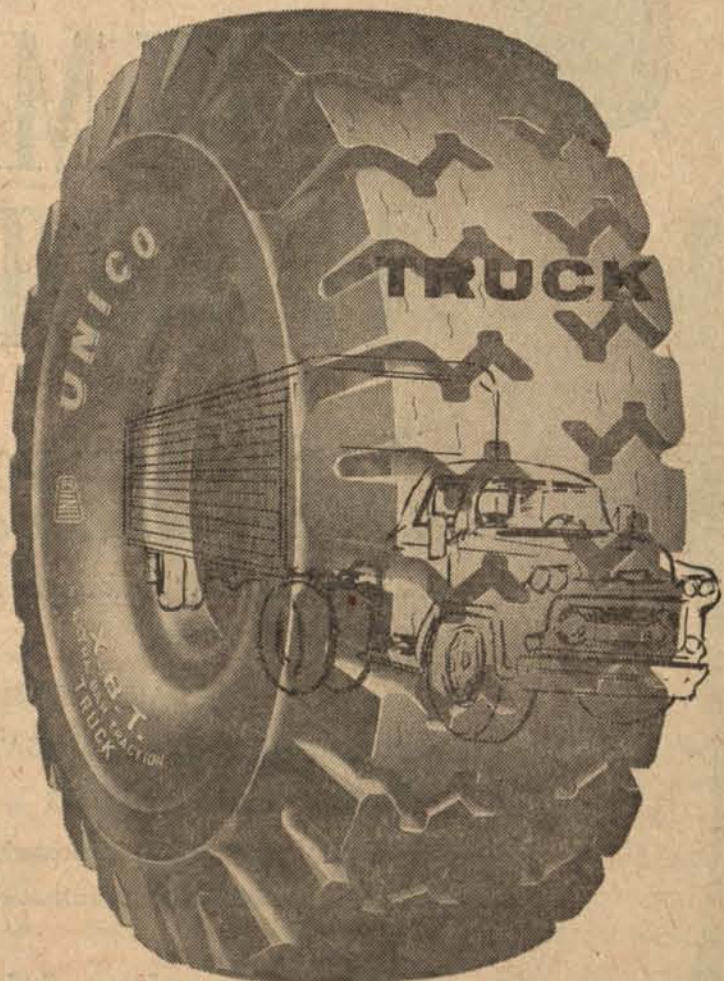
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GERBER BABY FOODS — gallons of it, are a humorous prize offered by the Family Program Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau for the recent organization of new Young-Farmer Community Groups.

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: "Fruitful Group" in Ottawa County, "Matteson Hustlers" in Branch, "In-Between" in Jackson, "Tosco 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.

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.

Two full meals each day will 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 finance a tour to the annual meeting of the American Farm

Help Needed

According to Lester Bollwahn, 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 Young People to plan group visits to the fair.

Farm Bureau Urges

Discuss, Know Issues



At Saginaw Meeting

Robert E. Smith, Associate Legislative Counsel for Michigan Farm Bureau, spoke at a "Know the Issues" dinner meeting sponsored by the Saginaw 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 Administration 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 let- ters 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 physician, 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 person 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 five-year period.

Medicare, Farm Bill, Taxes, are Topics in Saginaw

FOLLOWING THEIR ADVICE—to study the political issues if they are to help the free enterprise system." Pictured are (left to right), Thomas W. Murphy, Saginaw attorney who moderated the meeting, Ramon B. Dixon, National Association of Manufacturers Public Affairs director; Dr. Vernon V. Bass, Saginaw County Medical Society legal affairs committee chairman; Robert Smith, Legislative Counsel, Michigan Farm Bureau and Ethel A. Nichols, Secretary of the Saginaw County Farm Bureau.

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Midwest Farm Bureau Underwriters Meet



Mich. F.B. Mutual Insurance is Host

Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Michigan was host to the Farm Bureau Midwest 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 farm-owners 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.

Shown during a break—in the Farm Bureau Midwest Underwriting Conference in Lansing 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 Illinois; Don Krueger, Underwriting Secretary for Iowa; Jim Motl, Wisconsin Underwriting Manager; and Bill Kipper, Chief Underwriter for Nebraska. Standing, left to right, are Jim Rathbun, Michigan Underwriting Manager; and Lorin Fink, Kansas Underwriting Manager.

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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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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.

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

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 Hoonstra of Brimley where a flock of 360 sheep were a prime attraction. Last year Hoonstra averaged a 129 per cent lamb crop and a 10½ 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

started 12 years ago with seven cows and six calves on 160 acres. He has expanded to 40 good grade dairy cows and 30 head of young stock on 360 acres.

The father-son team of Art and Jack Young who farm near Sault Ste. Marie was the final stop on the tour. To assure 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 per dozen when sold.

Cut flowers, fruits and vegetables produced on 11 acres provide supplemental income. They encourage customers to pick their own peas and beans to cut down on labor costs.



KARL LARSON—Chippewa County Extension Director, (left) takes time out to join Mervin Hoonstra in admiring a pet lamb. Hoonstra'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 all the difference between profit and loss, Hoonstra maintains.



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.



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 feeding programs.

MACMA -- Cooperative Marketing 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, MACMA 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 committee-men. It is planned that Michigan committee members will contact local processors soon.



MACMA Holds Annual Meeting in Lansing

CHARLES B. SHUMAN, — president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, (third from left) visits with officials of the Michigan Farm Bureau and Mich. Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association, following the recent annual meeting of the organization.

In addressing the Association, Shuman said that there is a better way to solve farm problems than through "complete regimentation and control of all farmers as some would propose." This better way he outlined as permitting market prices to function and to encourage farmers to

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 much reliance on political decisions instead of the free market."

With Shuman are, (from left) Robert Braden, Field Services Director for the Marketing Association, Clarence Prentice, Secretary-Manager and Walter Wightman, President. MACMA is a marketing - bargaining affiliate of the Michigan Farm Bureau.



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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.

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New Manager Named

DALE VER MEER, a native of Hudsonville, has been appointed manager of the Fremont Cooperative Produce Company, according to Howard E. 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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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 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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A Move is Made

When Anna was five, the Carvers moved to a farm near Herring Lake. It was a one-room 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



ANNA R. EDWARDS Age 99

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 on the barges.

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When Anna was 20 years old, she worked as janitor for the local school, earning \$2 a week for cleaning the two-room building and keeping the fires 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 taken on a schooner to be loaded across the lake to market. The schooner went out of the harbor and sank!

In 1898, Anna and George bought a store building in Elberta and started a hardware business with \$500 worth of stock. In the years that followed, 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 Edwards family, too. Believing that an alleged prophet and healer in Zion City could cure his blindness, he boarded the train one day for Illinois. Several weeks later, he returned home, still blind, but cured of smoking, a habit he had for many years. (There was absolutely no tobacco or liquor in Zion City!)

On To The Big City

In 1872, the Carvers moved to the "city" of South Frankfort. It was here that Anna first saw a store, — a combination dry goods, grocery and post-office. It was a year of many other "firsts" for the nine-year-old pioneer girl. A Christmas tree at Sunday School, her very own story-book with bright colored pictures, — a "real" doll, attending school, — these were all new and wonderful to her. She remembers the following childhood years passed swiftly and happily.

When Anna's husband died in 1924, her son Ray took charge of the hardware store. She served as bookkeeper for many years at the store, which in 1959 celebrated its 60th year of business. Although the store has now changed ownership, it is still known as the "Edwards' Hardware."

Many Mementoes

Anna has many souvenirs of

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 present 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 while cutting teeth.

In recent years, besides her church activities, Mrs. Edwards has spent time corresponding and visiting with friends. Only upon the insistence of her family 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 — unchaperoned."

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 the grandmother of five children and great-grandmother to twelve.

EATON

Farm Bureau Women of Eaton County have toured the Lansing School for the Blind. They were impressed by what they saw done for, and by, these children.

Management Sessions Held



F. B. Services Employees Attend Seminar

TO PROVIDE OPERATING PERSONNEL — of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., with the latest management information and methods, a five-session seminar on management "Concepts and Fundamentals" has been held. The seminar was organized by E. T. Smith, manager of Services' Personnel Department. Dr. David L. Call, Agricultural Economics Professor at Michigan State University conducted the sessions aimed at providing participants with a comprehensive knowledge of the functions of management. Covered were such subjects as "Planning," "Organization of the Business Structure," "Coordination of the Business Operation" and others. Pictured are the seventeen participants. All are employees of Farm Bureau Services Accounting and Operating Departments.

Can We Never Learn?

Sixth District Congressman Charles Chamberlain wrote 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. 'We never seem to learn that government restrictions invite

evasion. Estes was able to build 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, why was he allowed to post a bond of \$700,000 for warehouse facilities that should have required a \$10 million bond? I question that we'll ever

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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 "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 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

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.

Local Government

There were efforts to place representation in County government 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 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 two-thirds 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

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. They 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

Legislators have a hard time less influence in our State educational system. Barriers would be established against the influence of special interest groups who seek to control school policy.

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 authority.

Political Palaver Coming

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 the 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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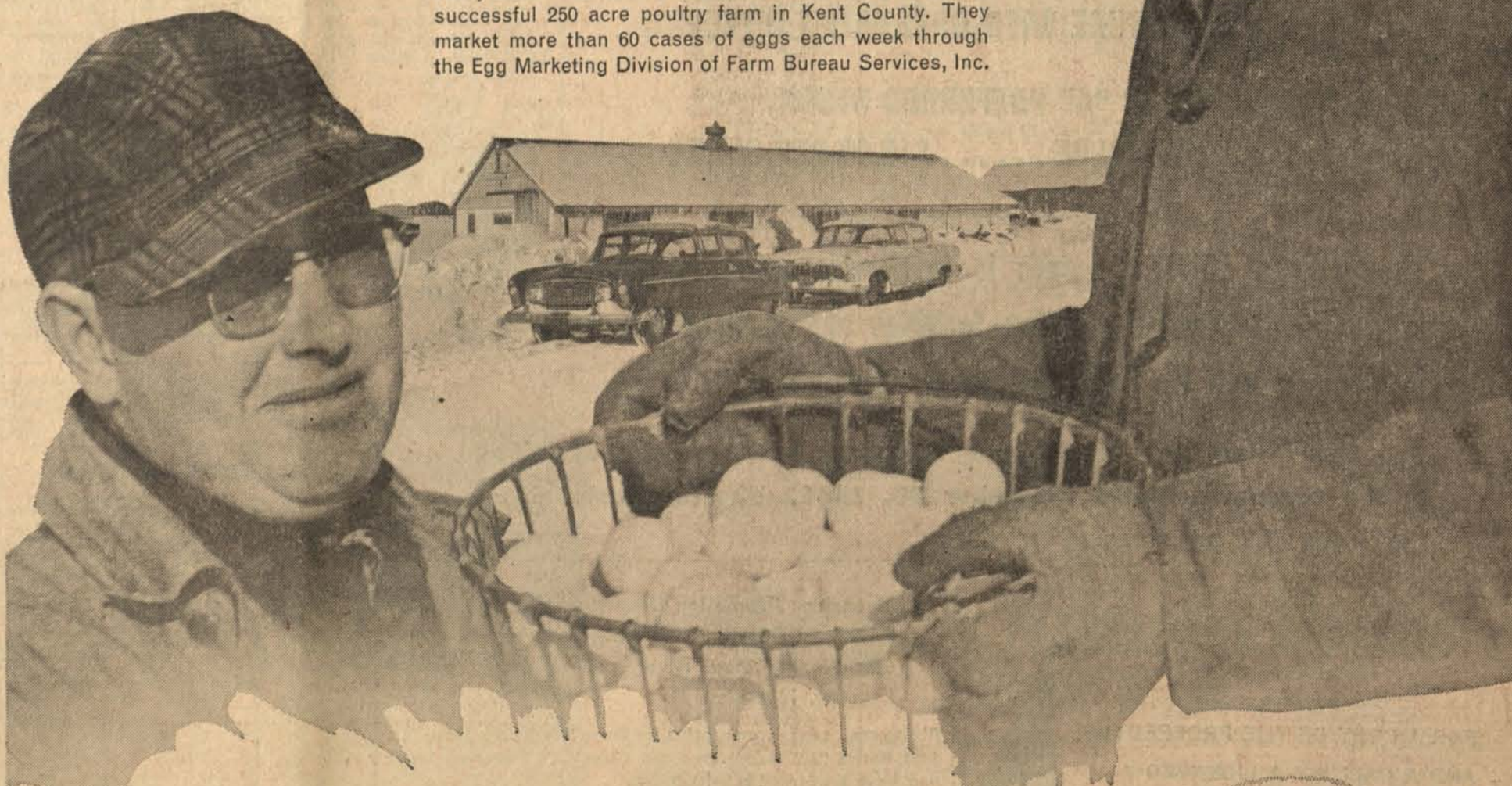
Harry and Fred Oosterhouse are typical of the many new Farm Bureau members who are discovering the advantages of Farm Bureau's "Pace Setter" auto policy.

"Like most people, we are interested in broad coverage, low cost and good claims service," said Fred. "Farm Bureau has given us this and more. Three basic advantages . . . protection, savings and service sold us on insuring our three cars and two trucks with Farm Bureau."

Harry Oosterhouse agrees with his brother and adds, "We like the complete Farm Bureau Insurance program and the personal service of our Local Farm Bureau agent."

Farm Bureau's low auto rates for full time farmers plus the current 10% dividend will save you money. See your local agent for details. You'll find him most willing and able to serve you.

Harry Oosterhouse, left, and his brother, Fred, operate a successful 250 acre poultry farm in Kent County. They market more than 60 cases of eggs each week through the Egg Marketing Division of Farm Bureau Services, Inc.



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