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"Food and Farmer" Control Scheme to Congress

Farm Bureau Bills Are Introduced

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Associate Legislative Counsel Mich. Farm Bureau Farm Bureau's bills to extend the Conservation Reserve and to establish a Cropland Retirement Program have been introduced in both houses of Congress. A number of Congressmen and Senators have joined in introducing the bills, with both parties represented.

The Cropland Retirement Program provides for practical, voluntary land retirement to speed the adjustment of farm production to effective market demand. Farm management decisions would be made by each farmer for his own farm. Production quotas and controls would not be needed.

A Three-Part Program

The program consists of three principal, inter-related parts and calls for legislation to: 1. Provide opportunity for renewal of expiring Conservation Reserve contracts. (Nearly 8 million more acres will be available for production next year unless contracts are extended.) 2. Authorize new long-term contracts for land retirement on a voluntary, competitive bid. basist emphasizes retirement of whole farms. 3. Remove from production the additional cropland, if any, necessary to balance output and market demand. This would be on an annual contract basis as a qualification for price support on certain commodities.

Proposed "Cropland

Retirement Act of '62"

The bill declares it to be the "policy of Congress and the purpose of the Act to bring supplies of wheat and other grains into line with current demand so that (a) farm nd per fa can be increased; (b) the surplus of these commodities can be reduced; and (c) the public cost of the programs can be decreased."

Title II provides for elimination of wheat allotments and quotas; corn price supports as provided under the Agricultural Act of 1958 (90% of 3-yr. market price or 65% of parity, whichever is higher); wheat and feed grains to be supported at levels adjusted to corn; wheat, not less than 120% of corn support for 1963.)

to be in cash or in kind.

Title III provides that, effective July 1, 1962, the Commodity Credit Corporation shall not sell wheat, soybeans and feed grains at less than 115% of support price, plus reasonable carrying charges.

Conservation Reserve Extension

Both political parties favored the conservation reserve principle in their 1960 conventions, but Congress has not yet acted to expand or even to extend the program. A small acreage was released for production in 1961, another bloc will be available in 1962. The real blow will hit in 1963! Nearly 8 million of the 28 million acres now in Conservation Reserve will be released and available for production un-



State-Wide Membership Advisory Committee

The Membership Advisory Committee of the tral Region: Donald Piper, Bangor, Southwest Michigan Farm Bureau met in Lansing January Region: Dwain Dancer, Jackson, South Central 26, to review the past year's progress and make preliminary plans for the 1963 Roll-Call campaign. Pictured at the committee sessions are, (from ford, Gladwin,-East Central Region. Missed by left) Louis Hayward, South Boardman, North the camerman was Leon Trafelet, Millersburg, west Region: Wyman Luchenbill, Durand, Cen- representing the Northeast Region.

Sanilac "Cooperator" Hugh Alexander.

Signs New Members

A district winner in the Farm Bureau "Cooperator of The Year" award program has again proved that he merited "all-Farm Bureau" rating for the past year. Howard Erbe of Sanilac county, named District 6 "Cooperator," (Thumb Region) in November, followed through when the 1962 Roll-Call got underway in his area. By February 1 he had signed 25 families to NEW membership in Farm Bureau.

Although he worked alone part of the time, on occasions a neighbor formed part of a two-man team. Working with him in this fashion were Vern

Region: Howard Erbe, Carsonville, Thumb Region; Don Ruhlig, Dexter, Southeast Region; Mrs. Walter Harger, Stanwood and Mrs. Gordon Will-

Clark, Vaughn Wedge and

Locally, Erbe serves on the Executive, Legislative and Community Group committees of the Sanilac County Farm Bureau. To these he adds service on the Michigan Farm Bureau Membership Advisory Committee, (see above) and the State Topic Committee.

Equalling Erbe's record in new memberships written in Sanilac county is Milford Robinson of Decker. Robinson is chairman of the county Farm Bureau Membership Committee. Along with Erbe and Wedge, he organized a new Community Group composed of nine couples, all new members. The group, located in Greenleaf township has selected the name of "Green Acres Group.

stitutional Convention, sitting

as a Committee of the Whole,

kicked the 15 mill limit on

property taxation out of the

proposed new document by a

vote of 65 to 53. The action,

taken without warning, is sub-

ject to review on Second Read-

ing, at which time it will re-

quire a majority of the mem-

bers elect, or 73 votes, to final-

The amendment which

knocked out the 15 mill limit

says "the Legislature shall by

general law fix limits on ad

valorem taxes . . ." Much de-

bate in the committee rooms

and on the floor of the Con-

vention, as well as in the halls

and hotel rooms, centers about

the responsibility that should

be placed on the Legislature.

Constitutional safeguards fre-

quently ask "Don't you trust

the Legislature?" A proper an-

swer might be that we trust

the Legislature but believe in

proper guidelines in the Con-

stitution. Carried to the ex-

treme, "trust in the Legisla-

ture" would indicate that no

Constitution is necessary. Simply leave everything to the

It has been pointed out by

authorities that a Constitution

is properly a limitation placed

by the people on the powers of government. It is difficult

to see the 15 mill limit in any

Legislature!

Those who want to remove

ize action.

posals advanced in the Food and Farmer Control plans now being promoted by Agricultural Secretary Freeman, according to Donald Moore, Coordinator of Michigan Farm Bureau's

Dairy Specialist Analyzes Schemes Michigan Dairy Farmers will

be directly affected in an adverse manner by control-pro-

Dairy division. Moore, in analyzing the proposals, states that dairy farmers appear to be special targets in this year's version of the Omibus farm bill, and that the "softening up process" has been in progress for some time. "First there has been a great deal of talk about the tremendous cost of the dairy support program . . . followed by a campaign to show how fast production has increased and consumption decreased, Moore said.

According to Moore, the "big club" was the naming of an "Industry Advisory Committee"-to recommend solutions This committee, he indicated, acted as a 'rubber stamp' in legitimetizing supply - control theories placed before it. "This reasoning is not uncommon to government thinking," Moore indicates, "first you determine the answers wanted and then find means of getting them."

In one section of the proposed control Act, compulsory check-offs are authorized for "market research and promotion" of milk. "How will this affect the American Dairy Association and the National Dairy Council?" Moore asks.

"What becomes of the superpools - within the proposed control program . . . and to the negotiated premiums above base prices set by the Milk Marketing Administrator? Under the new Act, negotiated premiums appear to be out, since to operate effectively they must depend upon an element of supply and demand.

"What is left for the Dairy **Con-Con Strikes 15 Mill Limit** Cooperatives? If government is to say how much milk is to be produced, by whom, - who shall be allowed to buy it, and how much will be allowed as payment, - is there anything left for cooperatives to do other than just act as processors? Farmer cooperatives have been justly proud of their past ability to improve markets for members, but under the proposed milk control program their roles would be uncertain, at best," Moore concluded.

Farmers Face New Control Threats

Restrictive control programs more radical than any proposed in recent years are proposed for American farmers in the so-called "Food and Agricultural Act of 1962"- the new version of last year's defeated Omnibus Farm Bill.

If enacted, American farmers would be the first to experience the full meaning of a "controlled economy" which sooner or later would spread to cover those who handle food or food products in any manner. Farm machinery, chemicals, bakeries, processing, packing and storing services would be curtailed as would all types of grocers and others tied in any manner to the complex food industry.

Eventually, some predict, such planning would lead to direct price-controls, reminiscent of OPA days.

Involved wording in 106 pages and five "titles" spell out specific areas of government action aimed at forcing agriculture into a "supplycontrol" mold and tying the hands of farmers with limits placed on most normal farming activity. Stiff penalties would back the controls.

Perhaps most stringent of all are the controls tied to Title Four of the Act, dealing with commodity programs, feed grains, wheat and dairy. "Subtitle C"-the dairy section, establishes a national dairy program involving tight producer controls tied to an authorized \$300 million dollar annual ap-

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The last five years farms. would be used as the base, with special penalties assessed noncooperating producers by (a) denving land-retirement payments, (b) denying price supports and (c) collecting civil penalties based on "excess' production times 65 percent of parity. Persons violating provisions dealing with certifi-

with the approval and super-

vision of the ASCS committee.

deals with a multiple price-

support plan for wheat, tied

parity" program and with a

yearly national quota broken

down to states, counties and

a certificate or "domestic

Another subtitle of the Act





Title I establishes guidelines for the land retirement program; provides for reaching the acreage retirement goal; encourages the "whole farm" retirement to reduce the tendency of farmers to offset effects of land retirement by increasing the output on remaining acres; provides for identification and care of land under retirement; limits percentage of cropland which may be placed under contract in any county to avoid disruption of local communities; payments

ress acts. score of Senators and Representatives have introduced legislation to do the job.

the House and Senate Agriculture Committees. It is probable that no action will be taken until hearings are concluded and some disposition is made of the Cochrane-Freeman Farm & Food Control scheme.

Michigan Farm Bureau has urgently requested Senator Hart, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, to cointroduce the Farm Bureau bills and help report them from committee so the full membership of Congress can consider the plan.

The needed bills are lying in

In Menominee! Menominee county has the

Record Set

distinction of becoming the first County Farm Bureau in the history of the Michigan Farm Bureau, to reach "100% of renewal" by re-signing each last year's member again for the new year. This unusual re-

cord was reached February 10 under the guidance of Delmar Gay, Roll-Call Manager.

Others who have contributed greatly to this success story are Leonard Veeser, Chester Good and Loren Aderman.

100% Renewal Acts Without Warning light but that of a proper guideline and limitation. February 9, 1962, the Con-

The 15 mill limit does not prevent property taxes from going above that point. It serves to check the year to vear increase in tax rates until voters have taken a special look at the matter. It serves as an "alarm. Some have said, and at least

one witness before a Con-Con committee testified, that the 15 mill limit should be increased "because the value of the dollar has been shrinking."

This line of reasoning shows little understanding of arithmetic! How many property owners find that today's State equalized valuation, used in computing our taxes, is the same figure as the County equalized value of 25 years

Fifteen mills is 1.5% of the value of your property. By vote, the limit can be increased to 50 mills, or 5% of the value of your property. This means pay the full value in taxes every 20 years. Surely, the rate limits should not be increased.

It is generally agreed by all that property has exceeded its ability to raise revenue equitably. Why tamper with the 15 mill limit?

Your Con-Con Delegates need to know of your interest. If you haven't written, do so now. Address your Delegates: Constitution Hall, Civic Center, Lansing, Michigan.

Kinsey Wins Freedom Foundation Award **Honors Granted At Valley Forge**

Donald D. Kinsey, author, educator, psychologist, lecturer and long-time staff-member of the Michigan Farm Bureau where he serves as Coordinator of Research and Education, has received a "George Washington" Gold Medal Honor Certificate Award, for outstanding individual contribution to American Freedom in 1961.

The award was announced on Washington's birthday, at Valley Forge, by the Freedoms Foundation, which each year honors American patriots for their work in creating understanding of, and support for, the philosophy of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Milk Producers Reject Farm Bill

The Board of Directors of the National Milk Producers Federation at their meeting February 8, voted to oppose the 1962 version of the Omnibus Farm Bill.

In the opinion of the Board the best course of action is to defeat the bill rather than try to amend it. A new proposal will be drafted by the organization which will include the policies of the National Milk Producers Federation.

pands"-(Page 6) "Supports Become Control Trap"-(Back page Discussion Guide)

"Services Egg Marketing Ex-

propriation, and subject to all the politics of assignment of quotas and production-rights.. As is the case in each of the

commodity areas, much discretion is left to the secretary in establishing quotas and bases and adjusting them. Policing the program could become a nightmare of government interpretations involving the Secretary, his "dairy stabilization advisory committee" as provided in the Act, (and with members approved by the Secretary) and various branchof the ASCS in states and

counties. Dairy "bases" could be sold or rented or transferred. For example, if a farmer were to leave dairying, he might sell his quota to some other farmer

cates may be prosecuted for misdemeanor or felony with a penalty of 6 to 10 years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine. **'Rigged Referendums''** In the commodity-control areas, the proposed Act calls for no-choice referendums-in

thaf choice is between the proposed program and no program at all. In addition, the Secretary is authorized to dump surplus stocks on the market if farmers refuse to accept the program. This has led tocharges from farm leaders that the proposed Act is a program of "rigged referendums, ----of farm blackmail and bribery."

(For more details read back page Discussion Guide.)

Dean Cowden Offers Congratulations



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO MICHIGAN as an outstanding farm leader with long-standing AGRICULTURE-T. K. Cowden, Dean of Agri- interest in rural affairs. The award was presentculture at Michigan State University offers con- ed as a feature of Michigan Farmers' Week at gratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wightman of Michigan State University. Fennville. The citation was made to Wightman



Processing Apple Division Makes Report of Growth

REPRESENTATIVES of the Processing Apple Division, -Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association, (MACMA) make last minute plans prior to a meeting of the American Agricultural Marketing Association in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. State Farm Bureau presidents and prominent apple growers from New York, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Michigan were present. Each state is organizing a Farm Bureau Marketing Association similar to MACMA and will be active in cooperative

apple marketing in the near future. Pictured are Processing Apple Marketing committee chairman, Henry Nelson of Ionia, (standing, left) and Walter Wightman, MACMA president. They look on as Robert Braden, (seated) Field Services Director of MACMA checks the report of Michigan activities with Kenneth Bull, apple grower and marketing committee member from Bailey. Recia Lock, MACMA office secretary helps sharpen last-minute detail.

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EDITORIAL World Trade, Farm Prosperity Key

The prosperity of American agriculture depends to a large extent on the maintenance of the farm export markets. Many farmers and citizens of our country may fail to realize the extent to which this is true.

The truth of the matter begins to shape up when we realize that about one out of every six acres of the production of American farms is shipped overseas. If we should cut off these overseas markets, it becomes clear that prices would drop on most farm commodities here at home and the present surpluses would increase by leaps and bounds. Thus the export market is directly related to our farm prosperity.

But in order to have exports we must have realistic agreements with other nations for trading of our goods for theirs. They, too, have to sell to us if we are to sell to them.

Take a close look at what trade means to the American farmer. Twenty percent of all the agricultural products in world trade are grown on Amercan farms. Fifty percent of the wheat grown in



the U.S. depends on exports for a market, 49% of the cotton, 60% of the rice, 40% of the soybeans, 40% of the tallow and 30% of the tobacco all look to world markets for a sale.

Half of the feed-grains of the world are produced in the U.S. In 1954 the U.S. had no exports of poultry, but producers now export \$85 million worth each year. The U.S. sold \$27 million worth of variety meats abroad in 1961, \$83 million worth of hides and skins-30% of our total output. Why are all of these facts of special interest at this time? The fact is that other nations are wondering whether after 1962 the U.S. will trade with them on a fair basis or not. The question of renewing the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act will come up for consideration when the present agreements expire in June.

President Kennedy's Farm Program

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Double Toughness Promised

Reprinted From The State Journal, Lansing.

President Kennedy's new farm program has been described as the toughest ever proposed by a chief executive since federal controls and price supports became a part of the nation's agricultural economy in the 1930s.

Farmers have been asked in the past to reduce production of surplus items or face the possibility of losing some of their price support aids.

Under the Kennedy plan they would have to accept control aimed at cutting production of the commodities the government buys and stores at a staggering cost or get practically no aid. Dairymen would be brought under marketing quotas for the first time.

The toughness of the new proposal is evident especially in the provision that if wheat controls are rejected the government would withdraw all supports and reserve the right to dump up to 200 million bushels of its surplus grain on the markets

There were immediate signs that the toughness of the Kennedy plan would encounter toughness on the part of its opponents in congress where it ran into violent opposition in some quarters. Even those who like the proposals predicted they would face stiff opposition in congress.

Charles B. Shuman, president of the influential American Farm Bureau federation, said the Kennedy proposals would attempt to coerce farmers into accepting controls they did not want.

There has been much vocal support in the past for "taking the government out of agriculture" but it remains to be seen whether there will be enthusiasm over the government taking itself so far out that it abandons price supports

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into its scheduled deadlines

and scores of bills will die as a

result. March 14 is the last

date for reporting bills from

committee in the house in

The series of deadlines is

which the bill originated.

The Legislature is running

President Kennedy's prothe interests of the farmers and

The bulging warehouses in

are evidence that previous pro-

President's Column

The Choice is Ours...

Thomas Carlyle once said, "People, on second thought, will always choose the best."

Maybe it's time we stopped to think things over twice before

making decisions in the direction 'Walter Wightman we should take to manage our private farm business, our community problems, and our State and National affairs.

Dr. Earl Butz, Dean of Agriculture of Purdue University, Indiana, in an address at the annual meeting of the Agricultural Publishers' Association, said, "Indifference to attempts to limit output per worker, per factory, and per farm, is one of the nation's greatest dangers."

He also said, "One of the most remarkable phenomena of our age is that America continues to grow in total production and standard of living in spite of widespread organized efforts to prevent it.

"While Russia has the manpower, America has the horsepower. All we lack is the full will to make it work, and a determination to stand on our own feet and not run to the government at every sign of distress. Our production capacity is so great that we can never be destroyed from without unless we deteriorate from within."

These statements of Dr. Butz give plenty of food for thought.

We criticize slowdowns in production by workers in our factories, but, when commodity groups face problems and see trouble signs ahead, we sometimes get into a lot of controversy over price controls and production controls to protect those producers.

Dr. Butz calls production curbs one of the nation's greatest dangers.

The freedom that the American farmer has had to produce, and the competition he has had to meet, has developed his initiative and know-how to the point where his efficiency cannot be equaled or even approached in any country in the world.

Food shortages have reached disastrous proportions in many countries in the world today. Not because the resources are not available, but because, the know-how, and the incentive to use what they have, has not been provided. Many of the under-developed and underfed nations of the world have vast potential food resources. The lack of knowledge and the lack of a desire to develop these resources has kept the biggest share of the world's population from developing an adequate standard of living and education. The free choice system we have was inspired by the people who first came to our shores. Their desire to get away from government contols of both the economy and religion, drove them to risk hardships and even death to establish a free society where it could have a chance to grow. This drive still persists among our citizens and also among those who are still coming for the same reasons. Elsewhere in this issue of the Michigan Farm News, you will find a thorough discussion of the effects of the proposed National Farm Bill, should it be enacted. Every farmer should give this careful study. Once they get us started down the road to complete National control of all agricultural production and marketing, it will be difficult, if not impossible, to turn back.



Orville - - - -

Reproduced by courtesy of McNaught Syndicate and Reg Manning. as well as controls on produc-

No one can fairly expect both complete freedom in production and the benefits of price support measures designed to counter the effects of excessive production.

al Congressman. The 1960 cen-

sus gives our State 19 instead

of the present 18 and, unless

the Legislature redistricts, the

19th seat will represent the

State "at large." Present indi-

cations are that the Legisla-

ture will not pass a plan that

the Governor will sign and that

November, 1962 will see the

election of a Congressman-at-

Large. It is not likely that

the result will give effective

LIVESTOCK DISEASE

CONTROL

Sen. Arthur Dehmel, Union-

ville, introduced S. 1043 after

livestock and dairy farmers

and livestock auction operators

had held several meetings.

The bill carries out the pro-

vision of Farm Bureau policy

and has the support of the

Livestock Disease Council. The

Senate Agriculture Committee

gave the bill favorable consid-

representation

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actions by congress have not solved the problem. If there is noticeable progress toward a solution at this session of congress it will come as a welcome surprise.

Rep. Andrew Cobb, of Elsie has introduced H. 429, which would allow farmers to file the same time the Federal

Farm and dairy groups have indicated that no effort will be made to pass a Dairy Fair

which the government now stores farm surpluses at a

FARM LABOR BILLS

H. 30, by Representative

Bill Log-Jam Hits Michigan State Legislature

sored the same bill last year. law have time off duty for lunch with no responsibilities.

GAS TAX REFUND

for the State gas tax refund at



thirds vote.

Trade Practices Bill this year.

Governor Swainson's veto of

last year's bill left the group

feeling that the same fate

would probably meet the bill

this year. There was no feeling

that enough House Democrats

would vote to override a veto

to provide the needed two-

heavy cost to the taxpayers gram may not get through congress and it might not serve the rest of the nation if it did.

posals by presidents and past

The nations of Europe are banding together to form a Common Market - a unity of policy and trade relationship. They will act as a unified bloc on this matter of trade with the U.S. We can lose that market if we refuse to renew the trade agreements and keep the channels open both ways. And American farms now ship \$1.1 billion in products to the European Common Market countries.

Think what it will do to domestic farm prices if the U.S. shuts off the flow of trade to these and other nations of the world! Economists tell us that if we increase our surplus 10% it can drop farm prices 25%.

Much of the farm-led depression of the 1930's stemmed from a shutting off of trade channels for agricultural goods. It is something for us to give serious consideration this summer when Congress debates the question of renewing the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act.

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tors to adjournment on April 20 and sine die adjournment on May 18.

Already a number of measures have died because the committees did not report the bills within the required number or days.

MANY BILLS INTRODUCED

There was some thought that there might be fewer bills introduced because of the uncertainty about the action of the Constitutional Convention. Such was not the case and more than 1200 bills were requested to be drafted by the Legislative Service Bureau! Many of these measures are a part of the Farm Bureau legislative program.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

A number of bills proposed revision of Michigan's Congressional districts to provide a 19th district for our addition-

S. 1100 would end the requirement that second-class school district boundaries be coterminous with the cities they serve. Affecting only Flint and Grand Rapids at this time, the present law has had

the effect of forcing annexations. The bill was introduced by Senator Charles Feenstra, Kent County, who also spon-

Labor Reveals Plans For Farm Workers

W. Wightman Fennville, R-2

Stephenson

Williamston, R-3

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DIRECTORS BY DISTRICTS -Max K. Hood...... Paw Paw, R-1 -Wilbur H. Smith, Burlington, R-1

BAL HARBOUR, Fla. (PAI) ident George Meany made it - The AFL-CIO will renew clear that the federation intends and intensify its campaign to orto concentrate in this field. ganize agricultural workers.

"I would like to announce," he Following adoption of a re-"to keep the record clear aid, solution pledging support to the that the rumors that have been Agricultural Workers Organizspread around California that we ing Committee, AFL-CIO Preswere dropping our program of support of the AWOC are a little bit of wishful thinking on the part **Michigan Farm Bureau** of our opposition.

"WE HAVE revised our campaign. We intend to extend it into various areas. We have the complete cooperation of the California AFL-CIO and the central bodies in the area where these migratory workers perform their toil.'

Auto Union Finances Reported

With assets at better than 57 million dollars, the United Auto Workers Union has announced "no increase" in dues this year. According to a United Press-International report, the unions general fund totaled \$6,227,917 with a strike-fund of another \$39,320,000.

registration A later bill set requirements for vehicles used to transport farm labor.

crew leaders or farm labor

contractors and require their

Among other labor measures are bills which would provide that employers must give four hours time off with pay so that the workers can vote; minimum wages and provide salaries for various groups of workers; teachers would by



BY W. E. DOBSON

I'm Rip Van Winkle, and I've slept For lo these many years! I'm still not sure I am awake To realize my fears; If what I seem to see and hear Be worthy any weight, We're governed by remote control And pay the round-trip freight!

Before I took that last long snooze, Secure in my belief That everything would be all right-I'd never come to grief; I'd paid my term insurance, How could I anticipate A Washington take-over

While we pay the round-trip freight?

Back there before I tried shut-eye, If I felt depressed and low, At government of, and by, and for, I knew right where to go: No one can vote the while he sleeps,-Sleep has a soothing trait-But comes the rude awakening, We now pay round-trip freight!

Political campaigning Is a science so exact, That voters wise don't recognize, Just how they were shellacked; Who thinks of costs-buck-passing-Is never out of date, Just send the bill to Capitol Hill, And pay the round-trip freight:

Who holds the purse-strings pays the bills-And calls the dances, too! Whoever would hold otherwise, Needs history to review; Unless with care we scrutinize-Take time to concentrate-On things now done in Washington, We pay the round-trip freight!

So, let us think twice before we recommend or vote for controls of one kind or another which tend to gradually curb the freedom and initiative that has been the determining factor in the development and accomplishment of this, the greatest nation on the earth.

While reflecting upon magnificient accomplishments of the system, let us not forget that along with this, the basic principle of the separation of Church and State was written into our constitution. This, again, makes freedom of worship possible. So, next Sunday when we get in our cars to drive to the church of our choice, let us realize that this, too, is part of the free competitive enterprize system.

One could not be lost without the loss of the other.

Bribery And Blackmail?

The "new" Government Farm and Food Control Bill would bribe farmers to vote for production controls by promises of price supports. It would blackmail farmers by threatening to use governmentstored surplus to "break" the market and "bust" farmers unless the controls are accepted.

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The purpose of this Associa-ion shall be the advancement f our members' interests edu-ationally, legislatively a nd our institutionally.





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Van Buren Farm Bureau Group Visits Con-Con

Members of the Van Buren County Legislative committee meetings. and Resolutions Committees participated in Michgan' Farm Bureau's Con-Con Seminar in Lansing on January 24. The group had lunch at the Famous Restaurant with Delegates from their district and officials of the Michigan Farm Bu- Francis Finch, Con-Con Delegate from Van Burenreau, and then visited the general session of the County and former County Farm Bureau presi-Constitutional Convention and attended several dent.

Left to right: Ernest Eiswald, Hartford; Edward Hutchinson, Delegate from the Eighth Senatorial District; James Thar, Keeler; Lynnford Goss, Decatur; Mrs. Katherine Willis, Lawton; and

Seminars Successful

County Farm Bureau Legislative Committees are participating in two important series of Regional Seminars. A schedule of Constitutional Convention Seminars is nearly concluded. This program brings County Legislative and Resolutions Committee members to Lansing to review Con-Con issues, attend a luncheon meeting with their Con-Con Delegates, and attend the regular afternoon session of the Convention.

The North East and North West Regions are joining for their Con-Con Seminar on March 13, which will complete the series. Attendance of both Con-Con Delegates and Farm Bureau committeemen has been excellent.

The County Legislative Committees are also making a second visit to Lansing for the regular annual Legislative Seminars.

Legislative Seminars still to be held:

South West Region-March 7. East Central Region-March 8. North East and North West Regions-March 14.

President Nisbet Attends Farm Bureau Series



DENT, Sephen Nisbet of Fremont, (standing) is pictured speaking to Legislative and Resolutions committee members participating in one of the series of Con-Con Seminars called in Lansing by the Public Affairs Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Although hard-pressed by Convention schedules, President Nisbet found time ter.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PRESI- to attend several of the meetings. Between Associate Legislative Counsels Dan Reed and Robert Smith (extreme left and right) sits Delegate Judge Earl C. Pugsley, of Hart, Michigan. The series of meetings were unusually well attended with participants spending the lunch hour with their delegates and then visiting the Constitutional Convention in session at Lansing's Civic Cen-

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Farmers Reminded Hard Work, Debate of Responsibilities Mark Sessions

STANLEY M. POWELL Con-Con Delegate-Legislative Consultant

Vital decisions are made daily in the Constitutional Convention now in session in Lansing's Civic Center. Currently. most of the action is in what is termed the "committee-of-thewhole.'

That is a procedure in which 144 delegates act as a committee with one of their own members designated to serve as chairman. During these sessions there is unlimited debate, and there are no record roll calls, although the electrical voting machine is frequently used to determine whether an amendment or other motion is adopted or rejected.

By decision of convention President Steven Nisbet of Fremont, I have acted as chairman of the committee-ofthe-whole several times. I can testify that things look a lot different from the rostrum than they do from seat number 104. There are times when the job of presiding gets a little rough.

the-whole, by a vote of 65-53, adopted the so-called "Mc-Cauley amendment" which wipes out the present 15 mill limitation and authorizes the legislature to establish maximum millage rates which the various units of government may impose on general property without a special

vote of the people. The chairman of the committee on Local Government estimated in advance that it might take 7 hours to debate in committee-of-the whole, the reports coming from his committee. He underestimated the time required slightly. Actually, the committee of the whole debared the committee proposals for some 35 hours!

les Davis, Ingham county farm-Naturally, rural folks have er and Farm Bureau member, a special interest in what the explains recent actions of the new constitution might have ships in the new constitution, to say relative to townships. and would have substituted When that portion of the proposed new constitution was the following two sentences: ideration Professor inder cons

Convention to farm-club members.

The importance of close contact between farmers and Delegates to Michigan's Constitutional Convention grows more ... marked as work of the Delegate-Body nears its planned deadline. As a result, farmers in dozens of Michigan communities have arranged "report" sessions with their Delegates.

In one such typical session, Charles Davis, Ingham county farmer and farm leader expressed personal optimism about several areas of work in the Convention, notably the attitude of most delegates toward local government. His optimism stemmed in part from the "Dedicated effort and work of the majority of Delegates-in a task which some declared to be much more exacting than that required of most legislative bodies."

such political subdivision shall have such powers as may be prescribed by general law."

obvious that not



OF PRIME IMPORTANCE - throughout rural This group of Ingham county farmers and guests Michigan is the chance to hear direct reports are pictured listening to farmer-Delegate Charles. from local Constitutional Convention Delegates. Davis. de si las consectos a la

Following the 1970 census, the Senate would be reapportioned on a formula basis with area being responsible for 20%, and population 80% of the new mapping. The Senate would be composed of not less than 36, nor more than 40, Senators following 1970.

as was embodied in most of the 39 different plans which were studied by the Legislative Organization Committee.

posal would decrease somewhat the representation from rural counties, but the change would not be nearly as drastic

From the rural point of view, probably our worst setback to date, was the surprise action whereby the committee-of-

James K. Pollock, head of the Department of Political Science at the University of Michigan, offered an amendment which would have stricken all reference to town-

"The legislature may provide by general law for the organization and government, and for the dissolution, of political subdivisions other than counties, cities and villages. Each

CHARLES DAVIS

CON-CON DELEGATE Char-

"THIS TIME OF YEAR, WE DO OUR VISITING BY PHONE"

"We'd like to go across the state to see the children, or take a few weeks off to visit my sister out west, but this time of year it's pretty hard to get away from the farm. There are so many things that just can't be put off.

"So, instead, we just sit down in the living room and make a Long Distance call. Within seconds we're talking to people who are miles away-without any bother at all."

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It is would this new provision have ended the constitutional status of townships, but it would have provided the machinery whereby the legislature could have done away with present townships.

Another Con-Con delegate who shares the views of Dr. Pollock, that townships might well be eliminated, and all local governmental services be rendered by the county at large and cities, is Arthur J. Madar of Detroit. He has had printed, and has given rather wide distribution to a little green card with a picture of a frog, and the following language printed thereon, in green ink:

"The greatest deterents to good government and the writing of a good constitution are the gnawing ambitions of petty politicians who are afraid that annexation or merger of their units of government with other larger units would take away the water from the small ponds that makes them big frogs.' I am glad to report that Dr. Pollock's amendment was defeated by a vote of 41 to 88.

The long awaited debate on legislative districting is scheduled to get under way very soon. The recommendations of the Con-Con committee on Legislative Organization are that, whenever any new mapping of the state for Senate or House districts is to be carried out, it would be done by an apportionment commission consisting of four members chosen on a geographical district basis by each political party. There had been some thought that the first apportionment might be written directly into the new constitu-Currrently, the 34 existing Senatorial districts are spelled out in the constitution, and apportionment of the House seats following each decennial census, is a responsibility of the legislature.

The committee report provides that until the 1970 census, the present 34 Senatorial districts would be continued and each of the four large counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and Genesee would be given an additional senator.

As far as the House is concened, each county or group of contiguous counties having 7/10 of 1% of the state's population, would be given a representative, and the balance of the 110 House seats would be distributed among the most populous counties on a mathematical formula basis, employing what is known as equal proportions.

> Any county comprising representative area, entitled to 2 or more representatives, is to be divided into singlemember districts, each of which shall contain not less than 75%, nor more than 125% of a ratio of representation determined by dividing the population of the county by the number of Representatives to which it is entitled. These districts are to follow city and township boundaries when possible, and are to be as nearly square in shape as possible.

If the majority report of the Con-Con committee on Legislative Organization is adopted, the upper peninsula will continue to have 3 Senators, both before and after 1970. Their House seats would drop from the present 7 to 6 and to 5 following 1970. The 27 northern lower peninsula counties would continue to be represented by 3½ Senators. Their House seats would drop from 81/2 to 71/2, and then following 1970, to 5½. The 22 southwestern lower peninsula counties would continue to have 10 Senators through 1970 and 91/2 thereafter. Their House seats would drop from 25 to 24, and then to following 1970. Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and Genesee counties which now have 9, would have 13 until 1970, and 15 for the next 10 years. Their House seats would increase from the present 51 to 53, and then to 57 in 1970. The remaining 15 counties in southeastern Michigan would continue to have 81/2 Senate districts through 1970, and 9 following that census. Their representative districts would be reduced from 181/2 to 171/2 un-

It is obvious that this pro-

creased to 191/2.

Con-Con delegates have not yet acted on proposals which would change the makeup of the Executive branch of state government. Pending proposals provide that only Governor and Lieutenant Governor would be elected. The Governor would appoint remaining members of the State Administrative Board, with the exception of a Legislative Auditor who would be chosen by the legislature, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction who would be selected by an enlarged State Board of Education.

There seems to be considerable sentiment that the term of office of state officials, and even county officials, should be increased from 2 to 4 years. The Michigan Farm Bureau has favored retention of 2 year terms and continuation of the present direct election of state officials.

Con-Con delegates are working long hours and are serving earnestly and conscientiously. However, it is hard for them to know the views of their constituents on all of these important questions unless the citizens give them the benefit of their thinking on pending issues. A word from you to your delegates might well be the decisive flactor which would determine the final action taken on some important question. We urge that you take the time to get in touch with your delegates and to give them the benefit of your thinking on matters coming up for decision.

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March 1, 1962 MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

Citizenship, ---Michigan Farm Bureau Women

F. B. Board Re-States Principles

Interest **Noted in Basic** Principles

The evident interest in Farm Bureau's citizenship program and growing support for basic American principles, has been looked upon as a heartening sign by leaders of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

This rural-led awakening to the threats that exist to our form of self-government and way of life, has received further impetus by a recent statement written by the Board of Directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau, and printed in adjoining columns.

"Farm Bureau members put their responsibilities and concerns as citizens above and before their interests as farm producers," - the Delegates wrote in the foreword to their 1962 Policy Resolutions.

Elsewhere, the Delegates wrote: "We in Farm Bureau, are resolved to fight to protect and preserve our heritage of liberty and opportunity. We are dedicated to defending and promoting local government and a proper sense of self-reliance and civic responsibility. Our attitude and purpose in this regard is reflected in our sponsorship of an annual 'Free dom Conference' and by our year-round program of emphasis on Citizenship, including Get-out-the-Vote, Know-your-Candidate and Power-in-the-People programs.'

In other policy statements the Delegates wrote: "We applaud the serious study which Delegates to the Constitutional Convention are giving to problems of local units of government, including counties, townships, cities and villages. We would not stand in the way of progress, but let us keep as much government as possible close to the people."

Board Statement Underscores Policy

During a recent meeting of the Directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau in Lansing, a board statement reiterating, and to some degree interpreting, existing policy statements in the fields of Christian Principles and Citizenship Responsibility was written and approved, as follows:

The Michigan Farm Bureau believes in Christian principles, Constitutional government and our private competitive enterprise system. These are the three great pillars of our American system. We also believe that we should assume our responsibilities as citizens and dedicate ourselves to the preservation of our American Heritage.

We are aware of the forces that are at work in our nation that would destroy our system of government and our way of life. We have seen evidence of this in every phase of our life.

We wish to commend anyone who upholds Christian principles and our system of government whether it be in our educational systems, in the shops, in the halls of Congress or, wherever it might be.

The Challenge of Communism

"We are constantly being beseiged with Communist propaganda and must recognize that powerful measures are needed to offset its effect on our youth and our citizenry," the Michigan Farm Bureau Delegates wrote in their recommendations on National and International affairs to the American Farm **Bureau Federation:**

and adults of the United States should be given an extensive training in the basic principles of our system of competitive

solution to problems on those

principles and beliefs include:

to make his own decisions and

to be responsible for the con-

Some of Admiral Morrill's

God intended man to be free,

Action or Inaction?

ideals.

enterprise that has given us the most productive economy and the highest standard of living

"We would appeal that all people who believe in the basic Christian principles of personal values and freedom and the endowment of the individual with natural rights not derived from government but from God, should band together in a strong movement to further education, throughout our elementary schools, our high schools and colleges and Universities,

with a power and a quality to offset the impact of propaganda that seeks to destroy our way of life."

4-H Awards Dinner. A Deputy Sheriff was featured speaker at a recent meeting where he told of hours spent, arrests made, complaints investigated, etc. The Alpena Women have accepted an attendance contest challenge from their county board of directors.

ported on her attendance at the American Farm Bureau annual meeting in Chicago.

ple's group in the county.

costa county; Mrs. Earl Herzog, Mrs. Arnold

"adopted" a ward in the Traverse City hospital for a year of monthly donations.

Chairman, Mrs. Thompson, reto change our American Way of

The Emmett County Farm Osceola County Women sent Bureau Women have been helpa collection of money to CARE, ing to organize a Young Peoanother collection of articles and money to the Tri-County Handicapped children. Alcona County Women served the lunch at the annual county

dent Don Hartsell, talked on the topic of Communism at the

heard a State Trooper in a question-answer period dealing with new traffic laws. They also Livingston County Women

District Three Women are making plans for their annual

Lodge near Highland. Monroe County Women plan to donate \$400 to the 4-H Building fund in 1962. Allegan County Women are

writing Senator Hilbert and Representative Lohman opposing a bill to make Allegan county a part of Kent county.



State-Wide Activity Round-Up

F.B. Women at Con-Con Seminar

F. B. Women Report Varied, Interesting Programs

Jose Pelipe Ramerez Gon-zales, of Mexico, visited with Barry County Women about

customs in his country. A money collection was sent to the Retarded Children's School. Mr. Alpeppy a.w. Hari-haran, of Bombay, India, a student participating in the Christmas Adventure in World Understanding, visited with women of

Miss Grudin Emminler, West Germany, told Mason County Women of her life on a 130 acre dairy farm. Her parents produce the milk and deliver it to near-by towns. Miss Emminler is living with the Van Duzen family.

have completed their Camp Kett projects. Lapeer county is selling candy to raise money for the Camp.

Farm Bureau" was a feature of a recent meeting of the Sanilac County Women.

To Stop Commie Mail Farm Bureau Action

Help!

Throw-Away Bottles Cut Your Tires?

If so, we need your help!

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission issued an order last November banning the use of throw-away beer bottles

beginning early this year. Governor Swainson asked that the effective date be delayed and the Commission complied, permitting the use of the disposable bottle for six more months.

Representative Bouwsma, of Muskegon, and 12 other Legislators have introduced a bill, H. 111, banning the use of throw-away bottles after January 1, 1963.

It would be very helpful in testifying in support of this bill if we could have some actual reports of damage to tires on farm equipment resulting from broken throw-away bottles in fields or along road shoulder's.

Please send such information

Public Affairs Division Michigan Farm Bureau P. O. Box 960 Lansing 4, Michigan

We should know the location, the approximate date and the cost of the damage to you. If you have an invoice of the repair or replacement cost, this would be valuable.

This information should be in our hands as soon as possible as the bill is facing a deadline for action.

District 11-E

Mrs. Clifford Postma, Chairman Rudyard

Chippewa County Farm Bureau Women didn't let cold and blustery weather prevent an excellent turn out and meeting at the Pickford Township hall, February 7. Plans for a county-wide Cook-Book were reviewed, with the aim of having the book ready for the July Side-Walk Sales held annually in Sault Ste. Marie.

Mrs. Raymond Postma was

postal agreement, letters and other material sent from one country into another are delivered free. Postage is paid only to the country where the mail originates," Griffin explained. "This reciprocal arrange-

Is Recognized

The postal rate increase

passed by the House recognized

the Farm Bureau demand

that action be taken to stop

the flood of Communist propa-

ganda mail which our postal

service is delivering free of

charge. The bill is now wait-

Until last year, Communist

propaganda mail originating

behind the Iron Curtain was

not delivered in this country

unless requested by the ad-

dressee. An executive order

issued last April, however,

changed this policy, Congress-

man Robert Griffin, of Mich-

igan's 9th District, recently ex-

plained to his constituents.

Since then, said Griffin, Com-

munist propaganda has been

"Under an international

flooding the country.

ing Senate consideration.

ment works well with countries in the free world. However, in my view, it is naive to assume or expect that Communist countries will respect, not abuse, such an arrangement. Mail sent from this country into Soviet Russia is not delivered except on a very limited and controlled basis. It may seem incredible," said Griffin, "but, for the past year, American taxpayers have actually been financing 'free' delivery of Communist propaganda which is designed to undermine and destroy our system of government."

Last November, delegates to the Michigan Farm Bureau convention said, "There is no justification in demanding an increased burden in postal rates so long as such a practice exists . . ."

chairman at the business meeting. The Munuscong Group with Mrs. John Sterling as chairman, served the lunch to approximately 50 persons attending.

Farm Bureau Members . . . REMEMBER !

The key question is-on what ideals or principles will you base these "actions" or 'inactions?"

How will you vote on Con-

As Americans you help make

these decisions. You influence

Con? What decisions will Con-

gress and the State Legis-

latures make that affect you?

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"We hold that the children Which Shall it be ----

the world has ever known.



March 7-8 Monicalm County Women's Farm Bureau Women of Districts 1, 2, 4, 5—are reminded of the "Women's Holiday Camp" to be held at Clear

ported on the annual address by Mrs. Haven Smith, AFBF Women's Committee Chairman in Chicago. Mrs. Smith stated that "although we have nearly 31/2 million college students, the United States is living in a time of foolishness. Debt, inflation and socialism, she added, are helping the enemy in their wish

Hillsdale county meeting. Jackson County Women

viewed a film on school busses. furnished the luncheon at the Open House in the new office building February 9.

April Camp at Haven Hill

County Farm Bureau presithe Ionia county Farm Bureau.

Huron and Tuscola Counties

A report of the "History of

Recently a new person took over as editor of the Saturday Evening Post. His first editorial dealt with his personal beliefs, principles and attitudes. He indicated that if people know his basic beliefs and attitudes, they could predict the trend of his editorials and of his magazine.

Admiral Ben Morrill, former head of the Seabees during World War II and later Chairman of the Board of Jones and Laughlin Steel Co., has made numerous talks to many groups during the last few years. He is in great demand as a speaker not because of his wit and humor but because of his great understanding of, and appreciation for, the ideals underlying America and the American system.

As you read his speeches, (compiled in two books called, "The Admiral's Log"-Volume I and II,) you note that in most of his speeches, whether to engineers, educators, nurses or other groups, he refers to his beliefs and then bases the



morality; a person is responsible morally regardless of the legal status of his action. The degree of individual re-

sponsibility in a nation, determines the degree of civilization. The key to survival of civilization is human liberty-when

our liberty is gone, whether some aggressor takes it away from us by force or because we ourselves willingly vote it away, civilized men will die.

Man's right to life, liberty and livelihood comes from God. They are inalienable. It is the function of government to make these rights secure. When any form of government fails to this end, it is the right and duty of the people to alter.. or abolish it.

A camp feature again this year will be the hobby display, with each camper urged to bring examples of her hobby. | to their Con-Con delegates.

Charges include \$7.50 for over-

night including registration

fee. Those coming just one day

may pay \$1.10 for lunch, \$1.50

for dinner, plus registration

Lake, March 7-8.

fee,

Life. Montcalm ladies were urged to write their views on retaining 15 mill tax limitation

Camp "Roy-El" Sets Example

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brigman, operators of "Camp Roy-El" for handicapped children, were guests at a meeting of the Antrim Co. Farm Buraau Women.

Their camp is unique in that instructors and "Teen-aiders" who assist with the children, volunteer their services.

The camp is supported by

county funds and contributions from individuals. The Brigmans showed films of camp activities usually not available to handicapped, such as boating, swimming, archery and painting. Children, including the blind. who usually are excluded from summer camps, come from 29 counties of the northern Lower Peninsula.

"Farm Bureau at Work" Radio Schedule for 1962

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

> d	 Adrian; Dial 1490WABJ Saturday 12:15 p.m. Albion; Dial 1260WALM Thursday, 6:15 a.m. Alma; Dial 1280WFYC Saturday Farm Program 6:30 to 7:00 a.m. Alpena; Dial 1450WATZ Monday 6:30 a.m. Ann Arbor; Dial 1290WOIA Saturday 6:45 a.m. Ann Arbor; Dial 1050WPAG Thursday 7:00 a. m. Bay City; Dial 1440WBCM Saturday 12:15 p.m. Big Rapids; Dial 1460WBRN Tuesday 12:30 p.m. Charlotte; Dial 1390WCER Saturday Farm Show 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. Cheboygan; Dial 1240WCBY Friday 1:05 p.m. Clare; Dial 990WCRM Friday 1:05 p.m. Coldwater; Dial 1590WTVB Saturday 6:15 a.m. 	Announced Locally Dowagiac; Dial 1440WDOW Saturday 12:15 p.m. East Lansing; Dial 870WKAR Saturday 10:30 a.m. Escanaba; Dial 680WDBC Saturday 11:35 a.m. Fremont: WKHM Announced Locally Gaylord; Dial 900WATC Thursday noon Grand Rapids; Dial 1410WGRD Saturday 6:40 a.m. Greenville; Dial 1380WPLB Saturday 1:30 p.m. Hancock; Dial 920WMPL Wednesday 6:30 a.m. Hastings; Dial 1220WBCH Tuesday 12:30 p.m. Houghton Lake; Dial 1290 WHGR Monday 12:30 p.m. Ionia; Dial 1430WION Saturday 6:30 a.m. Jackson; Dial 1450WIBM Saturday 6:30 a.m.	Saturday 7:00 p.m. Manistee; Dial 1340 WMTE Monday 1:00 p.m. Marinette, Wis. Dial 570 WMAM Friday 11:55 a.m. Midland; Dial 1490 WMDN Saturday 6:30 a.m. Muskegon; Dial 1090 WMUS Saturday 12:15 p.m. Owosso; Dial 1080 WOAP Monday 12:35 p.m. Petoskey; Dial 1340 WMBN Tuesday 11:45 a.m. Rogers City; Dial 960 WHAK Friday 12:00 noon Saginaw; Dial 1210 WKNX Saturday 12:40 p.m. St. Johns; Dial 1580 WJUD Saturday 6:15 a.m. Tawas City; Dial 1480 WIOS
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Tour Travel Notes

A highly successful "Midwinter Tour" through parts of the south and midwest, has been completed by 26 Farm Bureau members who took the 12 day trip sponsored by the Family Program Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

The tour was designed to permit Farm Bureau members to visit and study industry and agriculture on a first-hand basis. It included a visit to the U.S. Steel plant at Gary, Indiana, the Chicago Stockyards, Boeing Aircraft in Wichita, Kansas and the Fort Worth, Texas Stock Show and rodeo, —among other places of interest.

A narrative of sample tour highlights by J. Delbert Wells, Manager of the Family Program Division follows:

"This board meeting is adjourned now—a group of Michigan Farm Bureau people just drove up. Let's make some new friends." This was the way the Farm Bureau President of White county, Arkansas, stopped a board meeting when they were trying to buy a building lot.

"Es ist kalt drausen," announced the manager of the Colonial Inn at the Amana Colonies in Iowa when the Michigan Farm Bureau group swarmed in for dinner. He was answered back in German by Ted Liepprandt and Leo Bauer who both agreed that it was cold outside.

"We Kansas Farm Bureau members want you fine Michigan folks to take home some of our "redi-wheat" samples, announced Mrs. Gale Woodard, Kansas Farm Bureau Women's Leader of the year. The occasion, a supper "get-together" for the Michigan tour group with seven Wichita-area farmers and farm wives had been called to dine and visit with the Michigan Farm Bureau tour group.

"Thank you, Mr. Lorne Green ("Bonanza"-TV Pro-



HELMETED AND GOGGLED-Touring Farm Bure au members pose at the U.S. Steel plant, Gary, Ind.

gram) for your personal autograph" said Linda Wangler of West Branch, when "Pa, Ben Cartright" signed a portrait of himself for Linda at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show and Rodeo.

"We're a little late with our cotton picking this year due to to the wet weather here in upper Mississippi, so we have five mechanical pickers working today. I'll ride your bus and we'll see our fields, the machines and my new gin in operation. I'm sure that you Yankees would like to see how we operate," drawled Doug Thomas, partner in the D. J. Thomas estate in Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas.

"Happy Birthday to you" sang the tour group when they pulled a surprise birthday supper on one of their numbers on the tour and made their last night together a joyous and festive occasion at Hotel Kentucky, Louisville.

Around these incidents and many more like them, hang tales of a successful Midwinter Tour through the south and midwest, sponsored by the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Commodity Committees Swing Into Action

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farmtion is taking place at the
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levels.Dis
p.m.,levels.The job of analyzing
and suggesting solutions to
problems has been accepted by
these committees and 1962 pro-
mises to be a busy year.Dis
p.m.,

The month begins with meetings of the Michigan Farm Bureau Commodity Advisory Committees on the 1st and 2nd. Six committees have been appointed. These represent, dairy, livestock, poultry, field crops, fruits and vegetables, One person from each of the Michigan Farm Bureau Membership districts is on each of the six committees which review the problem areas and make recommendations to the

Following is the information concerning our Michigan district meetings.

Michigan Farm Bureau Board.

ty District 1 — March 29, 1:00 p.m., the VanBuren County Farm Bureau office, Paw Paw. District 2 — March 29, 8:00 p.m., the Community Building Marshall.

District 3 — March 22, 8:00 p.m., Washtenaw County Farm Bureau office, Ann Arbor. District 4 — March 21, 8:00

p.m., Gaines Township Hall.
 District 5 — March 28, 8:00
 p.m., Michigan Farm Bureau
 Office, Lansing.
 District 6 — March 23, 8:00

p.m., Sanilac County F. B. office, Sandusky. District 7 — March 21, 1:00

p.m., Fremont Community Building, Fremont. District 8 — March 23, 1:00

p.m., Community Center Building, Midland. District 9 — March 26, 8:00

p.m., High School, Mesick. District 10 — March 27, 1:00 p.m., Courthouse, Gaylord. District 11 — March 14, 10:00

District II — March 14, 10:00 a.m., Jack's restaurant, Rapid River.

Scholarship Winner

Jerrold Nye

he pointed out the importance

of fast, economical transporta-

tion, such as that provided by

railroads. The North Western

Railway, a long-time 4-H

Clubwork supporter, awarded

one agricultural Economics

scholarship in each of the eight

Young People Attend

Leadership Conference

gan Farm Bureau Young Peo-

ple's Committee attended the

American Farm Bureau Young

People's Leadership Confer-

ence February 25-28 in Gatlin-

The purpose of the confer-

ence was to provide state

Farm Bureau Young People's

committee members with op-

portunities for leadership

training to enable and stimu-

late them to develop and

evaluate their state programs.

Farm Bureau-What we have

Speakers at the conference

included Charles Shuman,

President of A.F.B.F.; Tom

Tennessee Farm Bureau and

Claude de St. Paer, Assistant

to the Director of the Program

Development Division A.F.B.F.

classes in which each partici-

pant took part. The classes

were "Farm Bureau Structure

Dynamics and Motivation,"

"How Farm Bureau Works in

Washington," and "Power-in-

Those attending from Michi-

gan were James Sparks, Cass

and Philosophy,"

the-People.

Also included were five

Hitch, past president of the

"Studying

"Human

The theme was

and why we have it."

burg, Tennessee.

Nine members of the Michi-

\$400. Scholarship Announced

An outstanding young Berrien county farmer has been awarded a \$400. scholarship from the Chicago and North Western Railway Company.

He is Jerrold Nye, (22) of St. Joseph, who used proceeds from 4-H Club projects to help pay his way through college at Michigan State University, where he is a Senior.

Nye is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nye, who operate a 400 acre farm in Berrien county where they are active Farm Bureau members.

In his 4-H work, Jerrold has raised beef cattle and field crops on the family farm. He was named Berrien County's outstanding boy 4-H member. He has won state judging and achievement awards. He submitted a report on a

He submitted a report on a states it serves. The railway study he made of "commerce also gives three \$400. Forest in the Marketing and Transportation of Soybeans." In it, nually.

Van Buren Youth to Visit Yugoslavia

Beginning in April, a young Van Buren County Farm Bureau member will represent Michigan and the United States in Yugoslavia as an International Farm Youth Exchange Delegate.

He is Ferdinand ('Bud') Thar... 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Thar, of R.R. 2, Decatur. He is one of five young adults selected as an IFYE delegate in 1962. Bud will be in Yugoslavia, living on farms of that country, for a six month period.

Thar is following in the footsteps of his sister Margaret, who went to The Netherlands in 1957. He was selected on the basis of interest in world understanding, ability to represent the United States and general leadership achievement. He is a Junior at Michigan State University.

Besides his interest in Farm Bureau, 'Bud' is an area director of the National Junior Vegetable Growers' Association. He was a 4-H member for 8 years, and is active in the county Folk Dancers and County Folk Dancers and County 4-H Service Club. He was state Leadership winner in 1958 and one of the 8 American youth representatives to the World's Fair in India.

His college activities include Lyle Murphy, Ionia county;



Calendar of Events

MARCH

- 5 District 5 Spring Institute
- 6 District 3 Spring Institute
- 7 Farm Bureau Insurance "State-Wide" meeting, Jack Tar Hotel, Lansing
 7 Legislative Seminar, Lansing—Famous Grill,
- 10:00 a.m. For members of SOUTHWEST REGION legislative committees
- 7 MAFC Clinic—Manager and Directors, Ypsilanti 7-8 Farm Bureau "Women's Holiday"—Clear Lake
 - Camp, Districts 1-2-4-5 8 District 7 Spring Institute
 - 8 MAFC Clinic—Manager and Directors, Benton Harbor
 - 8 Legislative Seminar, Lansing—Famous Grill, 10:00 a.m. - For members of EAST CENTRAL REGION
 - 9' District 6 Spring Institute
- 12 District 1 Spring Institute
- 13 Con-Con Seminar, Lansing—Famous Grill, 10:00 a.m. - For members of NORTHEAST AND NORTHWEST REGIONS
- 13 District 4 Spring Institute
- 14 Legislative Seminar, Lansing—Famous Grill, 10:00 a.m. - For members of NORTHEAST AND NORTHWEST REGIONS
- 15-16 Education Conference, Lansing
 - 19 District 8 Spring Institute
 - 20 District 2 Spring Institute
 - 20 MAFC Clinic—Managers and Directors, Grand Rapids
 - 21 District 10-East Spring Institute
 - 21 MAFC Clinic-Manager and Directors, Big Rapids
 - 22 District 10-West Spring Institute
 - 22 MAFC Clinic Manager and Directors, Boyne City
 - 23 District 11 Spring Institute
 - 27 MAFC Clinic-Manager and Directors, Flint
 - 28 MAFC Clinic-Manager and Directors, Alpena
- 30 District 9 Spring Institute

APRIL "

- 4 Farm Bureau Young People, District 3
- 5 Farm Bureau Young People, District 2
- 5 Women's Spring Dist. Conference, District 7
- 6 Farm Bureau Young People, District 9
- 7 Farm Bureau Young People, District 6



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participation in the MSU band, Westley Foundation and Farm House Fraternity. After completing school he plans to enter the ministry.

Lapeer Committees Meet, Plan Progress

More than a dozen committees of the Lapeer County Farm Bureau met with the board of directors in the forepart of February to report progress and plan their work for the 1962. year.

Among sample projects listed on the work agenda were: Plans for a meat-trailer exhibit at the County Center building in a day-long redmeats promotion. A ruralurban gathering is also planned.

Support was pledged to the "Power-in-the-People" program by the Citizenship Committee, based on study of state resolutions and follow-up in the political party of choice.

Study and action was planned by the Dairy and Fruit committees on matters of milk and cow-number quotas, —and on farm labor laws. The use of Farm Bureau's Egg-Marketing program was urged by members of the Poultry committee, A goal of 30 Community

Groups was set for the 1962. year. The combined committees

will meet again March 5th at the County Center Director's room, at 1 p.m.



Lyle Murphy, Ionia county: Catherine Milett, Livingston county: Gail Priddy, Don De-Matio and Jack Lehman, Ogemaw county: Louis Willford, Gladwin county: Bruce Landis, Calhoun county: and Lester Bollwahn, Coordinator of Farm Bureau young people.

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

Sheriff Carleton Dunson was speaker at the Farm Bureau Women's meeting, Feb. 7. Mrs. Vernon Vance was nominated "Michigan Mother of the Year" by the Women's Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wieland, accompanied by three county High School students, Norma DeYoung of Ellsworth, Don Demorest of Central Lake, and Ruth Greenman of Bellaire, attended the Legislative Seminar in Lansing, Feb. 7-8.

Charlevoix County Mrs. Wm. Parsons, Reporting

The Charlevoix County Farm Bureau sponsored the participation of local High School students in the recent Farm Bureau Legislative Seminar for this area. A day at the state legislature and another at the Constitutional Convention was enjoyed by Tony Duerr, representing Charlevoix, Susan Malpass of East Jordan and Gary Beeman of Boyne City. Mr. and Mrs. George Klooster of East Jordan accompanied them as adult advisors

ABA Meeting Is Marked Success

The ABA Association of Iron County held another outstanding annual meeting in late January at the Crystal Falls. Twp. Hall, under the chairmanship of Frank Tuchowski. Technician Dr. Marvin Kaski gave a report covering the year and added comments on the importance of calfhood vaccination.

A purebred heifer calf, purchased from Chester Kudwa (Iron county Farm Bureau president) was awarded as a door prize, and won by Lawrence Elmleaf, 4-H Dairy Club member and son of a prominent Farm Bureau family. Farm Bureau SPECIAL CORN STARTER FERTILIZER MPROVED

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On Pigs and Potatoes Khrushchev Wrong Again

says Hoefer.

Pork producers in the United States not only feed their pigs differently than Russian farmers do, but they also have less government criticism of their operations.

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Premier Khrushchev recently. told Russian farmers that their pigs should be fed sugar beets rather than potatoes, and added that farmers should double their yearly pig production.

Feeding sugar beets or potatoes to hogs in the United States is impractical from a standpoint of prices under normal conditions, says Jacob A. Hoefer, swine researcher at Michigan State University. Sometimes potatoes are fed. to hogs in areas where a large surplus exists and the price of corn is high, he reports.

If potatoes are fed to growing pigs, they need to be cooked before hand, Hoefer says. "The cooking is a matter of changing the raw starch into cooked starch which makes the potatoes more palatable and more digestible," Hoefer notes.

Research conducted in 1944 and 1945 by the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station showed that dehydrated potato flakes were unsatisfactory in the growing ration of pigs.

Feed requirements increased as much as 20 per cent when potatoes were used in the ration, and weight gains by the pigs were greatly reduced.

Food scientists say the only possible flavor difference would be found when sugar beets are fed. The amount of sugar in the meat might pos- duction.

sibly be increased when feeding sugar beets. It takes about 400 pounds of potatoes to equal the feeding value of 100 pounds of corn, "One of the things that makes this country great in terms of agriculture is our tremendous corn production in the Mid-

west," he says. Corn and hogs hand-in-hand and the go largest percentage of the nation's hogs are raised in the Midwest.

The United States differs from Russia because our food problems center around surpluses and not deficits, he says. Research at agricultural experiment stations is still dedicated to increasing the efficiency of agriculture.

"I still believe very strongly that this is sound research as long as the entire world has a food shortage problem," Hoefer emphasizes. "The strength of our country lies in its ability to produce food."

Khrushchev showed a great deal of interest in U.S. corn production when he visited the Iowa farm of Roswell Garst in 1959. Garst is a nationally known corn breeder and cattle feeder who first met the Russian leader during a trip to the Soviet Union.

Corn production in the Soviet Union has been limited because of a short growing sea-son and limited rainfall in some regions of that country. So while Soviet space craft have completed world orbit, their agricultural scientists have not developed the answers for U.S.S.R. food pro-



Santa In Orbit

COULDN'T RESIST-was the comment of a visitor to the Farm Bureau Services Retail Store at North Staples Street, Kalamazoo, where he snapped this picture of Santa on his rocket. The unusual Christmas window decorations were created by assistant manager John Blok. The store is noted for its lively windows and bright display areas. Hein Meyering is manager.

Asparagus Growers Annual Meeting Set for March 12

business to be conducted at the meeting, talks will be featured

by Walter Wightman, president. district meeting dates. of the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association and J. Ward Cooper, Secretary of the Michigan Aspāragus Growers Associa-Wightman will explain Farm Bureau's marketing program,

ADA is Voice of Dairy **Farmers in Markets**

asparagus outlook, and on the initial membership drive of the "The total sales promotion MACMA Asparagus Division, currently underway and to be program of the American Dairy Association is a most effective voice for dairymen in the market place," said William Hitz, ADA president, at the 20th annual meeting of the American Dairy Association of Michigan More than 350 persons atat East Lansing, February 2. tended the Open House, held Five hundred dairymen heard jointly by the Tuscola County

Iowa dairyman Hitz say that they must fight continuously to hold and expand their mar-Through ADA, member producers in 49 states carry on a nation-wide sales promotion program that includes advertising, merchandising, public

relations and research. The program is directed to consumers and has the cooperation of milk distributors, food industry and retailers, restaurants and hotels.

Member producers finance the program through a set-aside of two cents per 100 pounds of milk, or one-half cent per pound of butterfat.

Two directors were elected: Roy Fassbender of Marquette

Farm Bureau Services Egg-Marketing Expands

Decision Reached to Build Second Unit

Plans to erect a second egg processing plant by Farm Bu-reau Services, Inc., have been announced by the Board of Directors and Maynard Brownlee, general manager of Farm Bu-reau Services. Growing demands upon the present pro cessing plant, located in Jenison, has forced the decision.

P. J. Sikkema, manager of the Egg Marketing Division of Farm Bureau Services, pinpointed the demands as tied to growing production now at 3,400 cases of eggs per week, forcing consideration of double-shifts for present per-



factor was distribution and

transportation costs tied to

serving producers and consum-

Plant Locations

Considered

under consideration" according

to Sikkema, with plans to

locate the new plant in the

southeastern part of the state

with an eye on the vast

metropolitan Detroit market.

Current thinking may place

the new plant on an arterial

highway, perhaps within 20

miles of Detroit, cutting trans-

portation time from the processing plant to the market.

"The completely air condi-

tioned building will be 100' x

150', pole-type construction

and roofed and sided in alu-

minum. Two 50' x 30' x 12'

"Several communities are

ers in a state-wide area.

coolers will maintain proper egg storage temperature and humidity, as required by federal regulations. Every phase of our egg marketing operation is under daily supervision of the USDA," Sikkema said.

Will Service New **Market Area**

"The proposed site in south-eastern Michigan will provide progressive egg producers of that area another Farm Bureau service. It will, in keeping with the organization's basic objective, provide egg producers of that area with a reliable and firm market.

"This objective has been attested to by the 75% increase in volume handled by Farm Bureau Services during the past year, which places Farm Bureau Services as the third largest packer and marketer of Michigan eggs.

"This increased volume also is a giant step forward in cur basic objective . . . that of holding the great Michigan egg market for the Michigan egg producer.



PNEUMATIC LIFTER-removes eggs from shipping cases onto the flash candling table at the Jenison egg-processing plant of Farm Bureau Services. Similar modern devices will be installed in the proposed second unit scheduled to be built.



packaging unit, is pictured processing Farm Bu- ern part of Michigan in the near future. Each reau Services eggs. This is one of four modern machine handles twenty 30-dozen cases of eggs machines of this type to be installed in the new per hour.





Tuscola County F. B. Home

The annual meeting of the concluded the day of the meet-Michigan Asparagus Growers Association will be held in Following the meeting, dis-Hartford, March 12, at 8:00 trict elections will be held to p.m. In addition to Association

choose a new MACMA Asparagus Marketing committee. All members will be notified of the

The March 12 annual meeting is not restricted to members of the Michigan Asparagus Growers Associations or to members of MACMA. Anyone interested in the asparagus industry is invited to attend.

Tuscola County Holds "Open House"

PRESENTING THE KEY-to the new Tuscola County Farm Bureau home at Caro, is Robert Bush (left) ,Vassar farmer and Chairman of the Farm Bureau building committee. Accepting the key is Farm Bureau president, Clifton Lotter. Looking on are Clifton Smith, president of the Board of Directors, Caro Elevator and Robert Schantz, Manager of the Caro Cooperative Elevator. To extreme left is Loretta Kirkpatrick, office Manager for the Tuscola County Farm Bureau. The building is located at 416-422 Wells St., Caro.

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from District 6, was speaker for the event. He shared the program with Marlie Drew and Duane Sugden, Regional Representatives.

carried out through the

MACMA affiliate. Cooper is

expected to report on the 1962

Farm Bureau and Caro Farm-

pany, January 23. The new building is located across the

street from the former location

-at 416-422 Wells Street, Caro.

Built of concrete blocks, the

modern building has a brick

front and dimensions of 50 by

60 feet. It is reported to be

the "best lighted building in

The dedication ceremonies

were opened by Rev. Ralph D.

Churchill, Pastor of the Caro,

Methodist Church, with an in-

vocation and prayer of dedica-

Ward Hodge, Director on the

Michigan Farm Bureau board

town."

Refreshments were served during the day by members of the Tuscola County Farm Bureau Women's Committee and prizes were awarded hourly.

to succeed William Jilbert of Calumet, and A. F. Clump of Ubly to succeed J. R. Rugaber of Wayland. These officers were re-elected: Andrew Jackson of Howell, president; Herman Koenn, Chelsea, vice-president: George Austin, Ovid, treasurer: Boyd Rice, Lansing, Secretary.

Field Engineer - - -**Portland Cement Association Appointment Is Announced**

Appointment of Philip J. Mielock, of East Lansing, as agricultural field engineer on the Michigan district staff of the Portland Cement Association has been announced by J. Gardner Martin, district engineer.

Mielock succeeds C. M. Meredith, of Lansing, who recently retired after 16 years of service on the association staff.

In his new post Mielock will work with farmers and farm organizations on the use of con-

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Prior to joining the Portland Cement Association staff, Mielock was a member of the Michigan State University faculty as instructor and extension service worker in agricultural engineering. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from



PHILIP J. MIELOCK

the university in 1957 and a Master's degree in agricultural engineering in 1959.

Mielock previously served in the U.S. Air Force strategic air command in the Far East and Europe after graduation from high school in Whittemore. He resides in East Lansing with his wife and two children.

Mielock is a member of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

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Traverse City, and Merrill Irwin,

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atives, Leonard Balgoyen, Mich-

igan Rural Electric Cooperative

Associations, Edsel Brewer, Cen-

tral Local Cooperatives, Reuben

Michigan Elevator Exchange,

March 1, 1962

Presque Isle Cooperative Grows History Of The 15 Mill Limit



FIRM BELIEVERS-in the adage that "cooper- ber of Farmer's Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., and atives must themselves cooperate"-the Presque users of Farmer's Petroleum products. Isle Electric Cooperative is a stockholding mem-

Increased Power Demands Cause Expansion

The use of electric power by rural people is increasing at a faster rate than in the cities. Farm and rural homes are utilizing electric power to provide themselves with the many modern conveniences that only electric power can give.

The Presque Isle Electric Cooperative, Inc. of Onaway, Michigan has grown in this period of great electrification advance.

of the cooperative, reports an employment-roll of 50 people, and a total payroll for 1961 of \$251,177.69.

The Presque Isle Electric Co-op. began operating in the fall of 1937 with 70 miles of distribution line to serve 91 consumers. "At the present time the local cooperative operates 2,553 miles of distri-

William G. Reutter, manager bution lines and serves 12,240 member consumers," according to Reutter. Reutter reports that since the

local electric cooperative was first established, it has borrowed from the REA lending agency, a total of \$6,124,589.92. Since the first loan was made Presque Isle Electric has repaid the federal government \$1,319,015.94 on the principal and \$942,893.51 in interest.

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rate of about 80 per cent, is

caused by a virus and is spread

The most costly cattle disease

in South Africa in recent years

is lumpy skin disease. This has

now covered much of southern

Africa and has leaped the chan-

nel to Madagascar. It first ap-

peared in 1929 in northern

Importation of African mon-

These are just a few of the

foreign diseases which could

pose a grave threat to Ameri-

can livestock production, if they

gained a foothold here. They

are all the more reason why

farmers endorse continued ag-

ricultural research, and back

more funds for experiment sta-

25 per cent of the cattle.

March 14 - Final day for committees to report bills in House of origin, March 21 - Final day for

The 15 mill limit was placed in our Constitution by vote of the people in November, 1932. It had been put on the ballot through the efforts of thou-

sands of citizens who circulated

petition to obtain the neces-

sary signatures. Its adoption

resulted in a lowering of the

property tax burden which had

become confiscatory, resulting

in foreclosures and tax sales.

It also led to the spreading of

the tax load through the adop-

tion of the sales tax and

brought an end to property tax

In 1945, the Legislature pro-

posed that the 15 mill limit be

increased. By more than 2 to 1,

Legislative

Calendar

levies for State revenue.

voters said "No!"

passage of bills in House of origin April 4-Final day for committees to report bills origin-

ating in other House. April 18 - Final day for

passage of bills originating in other House. April 19 & 20 - Each House

meets at 10:00 a.m. for conference committee meetings, consideration of amendments of other House and conference reports.

April 21-May 16 - Legislature not scheduled to meet. May 17 — Each House meets at 10:00 a.m.

May 18 '- Adjourn at 12:00 noon.

Farm-Delegat **Bring Fruit**

Three farmer-delegates Constitutional Convention firm believers in the ol that "an apple a day ke doctor away." Between they have been keeping away" from the Const Convention by the bushe

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> All three are active F reau members.

> > **U.S. Farm La** Contractor

The President's Committee on Migratory Labor (Secretary of Labor Goldberg, Secretary of Agriculture Freeman, Secre-

Farmer Cooperatives Progress Together They Review Gains, --- Look Ahead

Work Program Outlined

Michigan. The Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives, a division

of the Michigan Farm Bureau, was organized nearly 20 years ago. It is good to review the principles that guide the organi-

zation and to check its progress. The "MAFC"-as it is usually more than 12,000 trade as- Career Day." As a service to Alma, referred to, was organized to sociations in the United States. members a newsletter is sent

promote farmer cooperatives of the state,-to create "an economic and governmental climate in to maintain a better understand- members of MAFC, and up-towhich farmer-cooperatives can ing of cooperatives by the public, date information provided to operate effectively to help a clearer conception of the Cooperative directors. farmers to help themselves," . . . principles and objectives of co-

chasing and bargaining power.

March 20, 1945, and Michigan of cooperatives, and to serve year, so the Institute provides cial Breeders Cooperative, Inc., was the first state to adopt the established cooperatives in the schooling and a chance for them Tom Koning, Farmers Petroleum Cooperative statute. Today fields of education and public to learn the responsibilities of Cooperative, Alfred Roberts, "MAFC" is serving 80% of all relations. farm related cooperatives of the

state. These include local farm The association promotes 40 ac- The "MAFC" is directed by the operatives, John VanderMolen, supply cooperatives, Rural Elec- tivities annually. These include administrative council composed Western Local Cooperatives, marketing, Production the Annual Meeting and State of Chairman, Marten Garn, Walter Wightman, Michigan Credit Associations, Federal Cooperative Clinic, "Co-op Charlotte; Vice Chairman L. D. Farm Bureau, Donald Withey Land Bank Associations and Month" in October, A.I.C. Con- Dunckel, Williamston; Secretary, Southwest locals, William Brake, County Farm Bureaus' plus state ference, F.F.A. Public Speaking I. A Cheney; Treasurer, Lee Michigan State Grange, and Elcooperatives such as Michigan Contest and a meeting of 4-H Monroe, Michigan Farm Bureau; ton Smith, Farm Bureau Mutual Livestock Exchange, the Farm leaders and Cooperative leaders. Assistant Treasurer, Gilbert Insurance,

Bureau companies, etc. These The legislative program is an Griswold, Michigan Farm Burepresent some 800 cooperative important area of service. This reau. service points" in all parts of includes the Tax Program, and

timely legislative matters concerning cooperatives and mem- include, Chairman Garn, Vice Strength is given farmers bers. through their Association's mem-

The "Speakers Bureau" is a bership in the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives and in part of the public relations prothe American Institute of Co- gram, as is working with M.S.U. operation. "MAFC" is one of the Agriculture staff and "Elevator Froduction Credit Association,

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and to help the farmer gain pur- operatives by farmers, and as- The Directors Institute is open Eirschele, Mid-West Producers' sisting farmers wherever pos- to the 2000 directors of cooper- Creameries, Arthur Ingold, sible to promote their economic atives throughout the state. The Michigan Livestock Exchange, The Association was formed welfare through the organizing directors change from year to Aaron Harrison, Michigan Artifitheir job as director.

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Farmers Are Urged to Remain Alert

a series of new livestock diseases from overseas which are threatening to jump our borders and slip into this country's herds and flocks. Due to modern high-speed

transportation and much greater traffic between America and even the remote regions of the earth, our livestock is increasingly exposed to these potential threats, according to the American Foundation for Animal Health.

As an illustration of what can happen, the Foundation points out that the disease equine piroplasmosis, slipped into this country by means of a zebra imported from Africa. The African red tick has been discovered in two states, and this tick is definitely known to be a carrier of foreign diseases.

Bluetongue disease of sheep and cattle once was limited to foreign countries, but it gained a foothold in the United States in 1947. Prior to that it had been a problem for 100 years only in Africa. Now it has also spread to Cyprus, Turkey, Syria, Portugal, Spain, Morocco and Japan.

the federal government to further check his diagnosis and make further tests. The important thing is to sound an alert the moment some strange disease may threaten. . . to make sure that it is checked immediately and does not get a chance to spread.

One of the worst features about some of these foreign diseases is that they may resemble problems which already exist in this country. African swine fever, for example, closely resembles hog cholera. The mortality rate from African swine fever is 100 per cent. Unfortunately, our anti-hog cholera serum and vaccine have no effect in checking this disease. It is one of the worst swine killers known. It is widespread in eastern and southern Africa and has recently spread to Spain where losses have been estimat-

ed at more than 100,000 hogs. This disease alone is a large factor in the present diminishing meat supply in southern Europe.

Recently, the Michigan Farm now under control in the United Bureau Board of Directors voted States, is still a real threat and to support the proposed Beef may jump our borders again. Cattle Research Center at Mich-It is a virus disease that kills igan State University. Earlier, cattle, swine, sheep and goats. at the annual meeting of the There have been nine outbreaks Michigan Farm Bureau, the votin this country, the latest in ing delegates supported the 1932. Now it appears on the work of the Michigan Livestock move again, with an extensive

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What can the farmer do about the threat of these foreign diseases? What are the worst ones and what do they look like?

First of all, he can be watchful for any livestock disease whose symptoms seem strange and unusual. If such symptoms appear, the owner should call his local veterinarian at once, to have the disease checked on. The veterinarian, in turn, may want to consult veterinary specialists with the state govern-

Growers Urged to - - -

the American farm.

will be others to come."

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spread in England and Scotland. Another foreign livestock disease which causes serious concern among veterinary authorities right now is African Horse Sickness. Since 1959, it has spread from Africa to eight

Back of groups such as this are the practicing veterinarians in each locality, plus state and federal veterinarians. Back of them, and equally important, are individual livestock owners whose watchfulness and prompt action can sound the alarm countries in the Near East, the should signs of strange happeneastern Mediterranean and ings appear in herd or flock.

Health Council.

tary of Interior Udall, Secretary of Health, Education & Welfare Ribicoff and Housing Administrator Weaver) has urged Congress to pass S. 1129 and a companion House bill, H. 5290.

If passed, these measures would put Uncle Sam squarely in the farm labor contracting business. He would recruit labor, pay transportation costs for the laborer and his family, provide housing, food and medical care and contract them to the farmer on the basis of a one-sided contract, unenforceable from the standpoint of the farmer.

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dangerous course proposed by the Secreary," Dr. Jasper charged. "Failing to get outright control of commodities from a Congress that overwhelmingly rejected that part of his Omnibus Farm Bill, he has now chosen to go the back

Dr. Jasper said he saw great hope that turkey producers will oppose the proposed order. "All of us in the industry seek an improvement of turkey prices, and a sound market adjustment of production," he said, "but the price turkey men will pay for a national marketing order will be the loss of their own freedom and a breach of their traditional friendship with the American consumer-which has been a meeting in the marketplace, and not a published govern-

busy to attend." "The intent of the order is

modified from its original form. Dr. Jasper said he was not impressed by an "obvious attempt to sweeten the original marketing order proposal after a series of hearings, many of which were deliberately held during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays when many turkey producers were too ment order."

PAT PARENTE-Miss "Ca-Risp" of 1962, uses a Valentine theme to dramatize the importance of "C-A" (Controlled Atmosphere) to Michigan Flavor-Best apples.

For the second year in a row, Michigan CA hand-wrapped apples have been welcomed by California for sale in the Los

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Angeles market. According to Henry Nelson, Ionia apple grower and chairman of the Processing Apple marketing-committee of the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association (MACMA) "Controlled atmos-

prere is the answer to improved flavor and improved apple sales."

According to Nelson, "When the CA apples leave the stor-

age area where they have been placed immediately after picking, they are firm and fresh. By extending the marketing season, they mean both a better product and improved prices to farmers."

"This represents a new and

Dr. Jasper's remarks preceded way, the administrative way." a Kansas City hearing-latest of several convened by the Secretary of Agriculture to hear the views of turkey producers on the proposed national order -which has been substantially

clear the way for government control over other commodities as well." He noted that the Secretary of Agriculture has already suggested similar orders for dairy products, broilers, potatoes, and honey, "and there March 1, 1962 MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

Support's Become Farmer Control-Trap

Community Farm Bureau Topic For Discussion In March

Background Material for Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups DONALD D. KINSEY

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Coordinator, Education and Research

The national farm program must be examined as a long - range political development. As this development proceeded, the farmer became constantly more vulnerable to the danger of tight controls, or from the viewpoint of ambitious politicians, an opportunity for a "power grab."

Since World War II farm programs have continued to weave a political net about the farmer and his operations. The pattern of the weaving is thus:

The political war cry was repeated again and again-"The government must insure to farmers a fair income. Therefore we must have high price supports. " But as these high supports continued, the stocks of surpluses mounted in government storage and costs became astronomical.

Up to now, even to suggest to the planning politicians that price supports should be eased and made flexible brought a storm of protest and an accusation of being "against the farmer." Events now reveal that the time "just was not yet ripe" to reduce the surplus glut. The surplus was to be a means to justify a particular goal.

It is now history that with high price supports at hand the farmers did not adjust their output to the needs of the market. They had no need to do this. The government would buy at a good price what the market did not take. Acreage cuts meant little. Production per acre could be increased many fold. Government surplus stocks mounted and piled up.

RUNNING THE GANTLET IN WASHINGTON



riculture. Examine the events of the past two years closely.

Two years ago, no one had any basis for accusing the dairy industry of overloading the government with expense. Then something was done about it. The dairy industry should be given a reason for a strict control program.

Through mid 1960 dairy farmers were keeping production pretty well adjusted to the needs of the commercial market. The government was not purchasing much in dairy surpluses. The 1960 output was 123 billion pounds-a bit less than the previous five-year average.

In early 1960, the support price for manufacturing milk was \$3.06 per hundredweight. In mid-September of 1960 it was raised to \$3.22. Then in March 1961 it went up to \$3.40. In the "flush" production season of July 1961, when output normally rises and the market price is a bit below the annual average, the support price was raised again! Farmers added to their herds.

The fluid milk price rose and consumers began to cut back on milk consumption. The per capita consumption of dairy products dropped. Government purchases of these products increased. Direct price support purchases of non-fat dry milk went up 13%, butter up 3 times, and cheese (which had been in little need of government aid) saw government purchases multiply 632 times.

Government stocks of dairy products in 1961 mounted to 390 million pounds-twice the volume and four times the value of the year before. Now the conditions justify a cry of "too much!" Yes, the dairy farmer, too, should be controlled!

And now-in the 1962 farm program proposal the dairyman has a whole section imposing production controls on himlimits on his own right to expand his operation, if need be, to meet rising costs of operation. For the moment, he is not pinned with sales quota limits. That can wait. We take one step at a time.

Feed Grains - The **Whiplash Appears**

Portions of the farm bill dealing with wheat and feed grains reveal the kind of 'choice" that is left to the farmers. The choice lies beween compliance and pover



output. Certificates for export

would be redeemed at 90% of

parity. Certificates for domes-

tic sales would pay at 75% to

90% of parity. Processors,

too, would have to have these

"permits" to handle the grain.

Thus emerges the government

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your land base allotment or would be a requirement for at least 15 acres. (b) You will be the supports, or for the certifissued certificates permitting icates. you to sell a quota of your

Spice For The Urban Cake

In order to gain urban support for the shocking features of the farm proposals, some benefits must be tossed in the direction of the city people. This is done in Title I, dealing with land use.

In the light of the fact that the government has spent billions of dollars to reclaim and irrigate more agricultural land in the past few years, the proposal becomes astonishing. Now the big push is to force

farm land retirement on a control of every farm in Amwholesale scale.

What About Net Incomes?

Throughout the whole history of this development, the farmer's attention has been lured toward one factor of the income equation only-PRICE. That has been the ever-dangling bait.

Now the equation turns upside down, and the talk is about limits on volume grown and sold. In simple arithmetic, your net income is gained by multiplying volume sold by the price received and subtracting costs. If the volume you can produce and sell is limited by law, your cost per unit produced goes up. You have fixed costs on the farm - taxes, maintenance, etc. And is anyone suggesting a limit on the price of machinery? No. Figure out whether you stand to get a better income out of this attempted federal power grab.

Get Set for Action!

Congressional debate on these farm bills will be active in the coming weeks. Highly persuasive salesmanship is being used in Congress and with the public to push this 1962 program through. Passage of these bills will be a gigantic step toward nationalizing the

erica.

Farm Bureau people have never had a more threatening issue before them. Strong, united and repeated action to defeat these bills becomes a must for the farmer and every American who cherishes the freedoms and rights of individuals. This is a bid for state power over the people at its rawest.

the farm and keep the management of your own affairs, now is the time to do it. Point out to your Congressmen what this means to farmers and to the future of American agriculture. The economy of our whole nation is at stake. For as agriculture goes, so goes the nation. This road leads but to dictatorship.

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Considering that numerous issues affecting farmers and Farm Bureau policy will be arising at certain times in the Constitutional Convention or its product and in Congress or the Legislature, the State Discussion Topic Committee provided for possible shifts and adjustments to meet emergency conditions.

Topics will be carried through as listed unless developing issues change their priority.

Developments in the Constitutional Convention as they relate to Farm Bureau policies.

Retaining the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, Or - Issues Behind National Marketing Orders.

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



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."

The Political Dynamite Charge Grows

The tremendous glut of surplus stocks always hung over the market. If they were released at any time, they could break the market price to smithereens. To prevent this and to keep the dam from bursting would depend on a benevolent and sympathetic Congress and Secretary of Agriculture. . But there stood that constant surplus threat.

A short five years ago, when worried people pointed to the growing surplus pile, the crowd of government planners and advocates of nationalization for our economy protested, "No! These are not surpluses! They are 'strategic reserves'!" And so the bins bulged fatter, costs of purchase, loans and storage grew -until the situation matured and the time for a stroke arrived. That time has come!

A Change In Tune - Off Key

Listen to what the centralizers are now saying. They now sing a new and contradictory song. It goes like this: "The public will no longer tolerate this expensive SURPLUS build-up! These costly stocks must be reduced and liquidated. Farmers must accept strict production and marketing controls!"

In his talk during Farmers Week at Michigan State Uni-Secretary Freeman versity, told farmers that they must be prepared to accept sharp controls of production. There was no longer the old stress on the "benefits" of the program. A new philosophy of the farm program was emerging - a tough one. Its coming was a

certainty-as soon as the stage was set for public support.

The "get tough" philosophy broke on the scene in February of 1962 in the form of new farm bills introduced in Congressional Committee. Companion Bills H R 10010 and S-2786 were introduced with a strong appeal for passage by the Secretary of Agriculture. Mr. Freeman has declared that "This is it!" Farmers are going to have to line up in the program, or go broke.

Centrally-Initiated Programs

Somewhat over a year ago, the Cochrane - Freeman planners were saying that it is necessary that ALL farm commodities must be brought under federal jurisdiction. But at that time, some of the "desirable" ones were not in proper shape to justify controls. And others which were getting into price trouble would be slow to act in favor of a government control program unless given a push - turkeys,

Ordinarily a marketing order is started by an expression of desire by the growers who petition for a hearing. This was too slow to suit the federal controllers. So the Secretary of Agriculture declared that a hearing to establish a turkey marketing order was necessary, and a referendum date was set after HIS hearings.

for example.

How the Stage Was Set For the Dairy Farmer

Let's look at the dairy industry. Here is a vast and desired plum for the picking. A step to bring it under strict control would be a long step to gain central power over all agty.

With corn and feed grains, a referendum would be held among eligible growers. A producer with 25 acres or less could decide to participate in the program or stay out. If he stayed out, he would have no vote in the referendum, receive no supports, get no land retirement payments, but would be policed to see that he stayed in bounds. Overplanting would bear a penalty at 65% of the parity price value of the excess output, unless it were sealed in storage.

A grower with an allotment, of more than 25 acres would come under the program automatically, if it were approved in the referendum. Would it be approved?

The situation is set to insure a favorable vote. For if growers rejected it, the government could release 10 million tons of feed grains at bid prices to break the open market price. There is the "bull whip" raised and ready to see that farmers "vote right."

If you "cooperate," you get 65% to 90% of parity - with certain restrictions. You must be in compliance on all governregulations applying to your farm. You must retire a part of your allotment of land for feed grain production-20% or a total of 20 acres to be put in soil conserving practices.

Wheat - The Noose **Tighter Still**

In the case of wheat, the knots are drawn still tighter. The twitch on the farmers nose gets a vigorous twist. You may sell only as much as the government permits - IN BUSH-

Talk about a shotgun wedding! If wheat growers should turn down the program, the government could sell 200 million bushels of wheat at bid price to break the open market price. Remember, government programs created the surpluses Now they become a club over the farmer's head.

If you are under the program you must (a) retire 20% of

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."

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> 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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