Farm Bureau Membership Vital
To Check Farm Control Schemes

United Farm Voice
Most Important Now

Increased membership strength in Farm Bureau is a sure-fire method to tell Congress and others how farmers feel about such issues as the proposed "Food and Farmer Control" schemes now before Congress. An increase in Farm Bureau membership is the best, most direct answer that farmers can give to those who would not accept the will of the majority of American farmers. There is no project more important to farmers now than winning up Roll Call and increasing Farm Bureau membership levels. According to William Wightman, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, there is no project more important to farmers now than winning up Roll Call and increasing Farm Bureau membership levels. According to William Wightman, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, there is no project more important to farmers now than winning up Roll Call and increasing Farm Bureau membership levels.

"Through increased membership strength in Farm Bureau, farmers may go to Congress in unison and say that they support programs of more freedom in agriculture, that they are justified in not accepting any more controls and regulations in their lives. Farm Bureau membership is the surest way to carry this message to our lawmakers," declared Mr. Wightman.

Farm Bureau, he pointed out, is not a "project" movement as such. "All farm organizations, ours began in a period of economic stability and built up programs on an issue of perennial importance," declared Mr. Wightman. "What we need now is to reflect the will of farmers."

Last week, it was decided by 72,000 Farm Bureau members to try to report growing dissatisfaction with attempts to restrict the freedom of farmers on the USDA farm program proposals.

Representative Wightman was both president, Michigan, and executive secretary of the Michigan Farm Bureau. He joined the Farm Bureau in 1937 and has served on the State Executive Committee since 1941. In 1951, he was elected president of the Michigan Farm Bureau and has served in that capacity ever since.

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Michigan is in a fine position to lead the nation in the development of the feedlot industry. The state's vast agricultural resources and strong feedlot infrastructure make it an ideal location for the industry to thrive.

The Annual Convention of 1958. At the convention, the Board of Directors be increased the cost of State expenses. The Board noted that state expenses have, in the meantime, increased the cost of State expenses to the point where a sales tax from 3c to 4c, as under consideration, would change the financial picture of the state. The Board believes that the increase in the sales tax would be sufficient to cover the increased expenses and that the increase would be justified.

There was a report by the Secretary, which was presented to the joint session of the House and Senate. The Secretary noted that the new provision will apply only to millage increase in that the new provision will increase the millage to reflect the increased expenses of various local governments.

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Treats Milford Club

The Farm Bureau Young People's Camp presented by the Oakland County Farm Bureau Young People's Camp Committee was held at the Huron Valley Farm Bureau Camp site. The camp was held June 5-15. 

Farmer of Month

Fred Fritz, 17-year-old son of William and Ollie Fritz, of Free Soil, was recently elected "Farmer of the Month" by the Mecosta County Farm Bureau Young People's Camp, in honor of the Future Farmers of America.

Future Farmer

Fred Fritz is the president of the "Youth-Power Congress" which sponsored the four-day conference. Approximately 450 teen-agers, including 65 from Michigan, will attend the Congress to be held this year in Saginaw.

Lansing Diocese of Catholic Women

The Lansing Diocese of Catholic Women will hold its annual dinner and program to celebrate the centennial of the Lansing Diocese of Catholic Women at 11:00 a.m. on June 5 at the Lansing Diocese Club, 135 S. Washington St.

Kalkaska County

Smorgasboard Planned

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Future Farmer

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Leadership Camp Set For Clear Lake

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County Notes

Kalamazoo County

A Farm Bureau-Congress Conference will be held by Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau at the Kalamazoo Center Building. The Conference will be held on Friday, June 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Camp for Twin Lakes

Gilbert Lodge Camp Site

Nearby 200-acre Twin Lakes, including 3 State Forests, is the site of the annual Michigan State Farm Bureau Young People's Camp. The Camp is open to all young people, 14 through 21 years of age.

Camp Set for Twin Lakes

The 18th Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau Women's Camp will be held June 5-6-7 at Gillett Lodge, Grand Marais, in Traverse City. The Congress was opened by American Farm Bureau President Charles B. Shuman. He stated "I have found more than 95 percent of the population is affected by poor nutrition. We need the leaders of the "new" generation of this age groups to the food industry." The Congress was opened by American Farm Bureau President Charles B. Shuman. He stated "I have found more than 95 percent of the population is affected by poor nutrition. We need the leaders of the "new" generation of this age groups to the food industry."
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**Community and County Activity Reports**

**District 2**

Farm Bureau Women

Mrs. Walter Hooper, Chair.

**Smithfield**

A special meeting of delegates from the seven counties of District 2, will be held at the Trenton Shopping Center, May 19 at 1:00 p.m. District meetings are called for 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Arthur Mann, Vice-Chairman of Farm Bureau Women, will preside for the purpose of introducing "American Heritage in Our Schools" at the first of the Spring District meetings, held at the Huron High School, Huron East-side. The program, contributed by John Bick, will be a presentation of the National Freedom and Music Nation's work to promote patriotic programs.

Mrs. Robert Stasiak, District 2 representative from Michigan Farm Bureau, will pay their respects to the lady winner.

**District 7**

Farm Bureau Women

Mrs. H. H. Hoge, Chair.

**Smorgasbord is Successful**

LISTENING INTENTLY—A large crowd of M. J. Rosebloom, Manager of the Farm Bureau Re- gional Farm Bureau Services, at the recent fall meeting. Smorgasbord sponsored by the Genesee County Farm Bureau. The din- ner is both a product-promotion and exercise in rural-urban relations. News media represented included a variety of news agencies, radio and television stations and several newspapers.

Among them, Farm Bureau representatives by Mrs. Ruth Beaksie, Food Editor.

**Michigan Bell Telephone Company**

MRS. FLORENCE THOMAS

Appointment Announced

Appointment of Mrs. Florence Thomas, Illinois Agricultur- al Association director of family activities, to the position of Michigan Certified Soybean Seed! Michigan growing conditions and for freedom from conditions."

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Soybeans are becoming an important "cash crop" in Michigan...that's why it will pay you to plant the best...plant a Michigan Certified Soybean Seed! It bears the conditions.

the dozens of bean products. Mrs. Lillian Shanken- smorgasbord, all items from recipes calling for bean flour and puree! Mrs. Bernard Godley, general chairman of the Smorgasbord, admires a few samples from recipes calling for bean flour and puree!

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``Farm Bureau at Work" Radio Schedule for 1962"

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

Cox, musician in the program. Among guest speakers were Allen Rush, dis- cussion area (former Edsel Camp for District 3. This was the first such camp held in the Hawley area, with 45 miles from the county that the district is in discussions.

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Farmers learn cooperative efforts pay dividends

Patron Refunds Made

Farm Bureau members received $17,971,478 in patron refunds paid by Farm Bureau Services, Inc., the largest single patron refund ever paid by a cooperative service company in the history of the industry during the fiscal year ended October 31, 1961.

The refund is made possible by the price of this year's corn crop. The average price received by farmers was 15 cents per bushel, the highest in 30 years.

The refund is made to the 247,000 patrons of the Farm Bureau system, which includes farmers and ranchers, and their families, who have been members of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., the cooperative that handles patronage refunds and other patronage-related programs.

The refund is paid to patrons based on the amount of patronage attributed to each patron. Patronage is the amount of patronage paid to the cooperative in return for services received.

The refund is made available to patrons through the cooperative's network of local Farm Bureau offices and is distributed to patrons in the form of patronage refunds, which are credited to their accounts.

The refund is a way for the cooperative to share its profits with its patrons and to reward them for their patronage.

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F. B. Activities in Market-Development

1962 MFB Field-Crops Advisory Committee

FIELD CROPS COMMITTEE—providing spe-
cialized commodity information and advice to the
Michigan Farm Bureau. During the year, the
Committee circulated a total of 3,100 copies of six
booklets on various field crops.

Six Advisory
Committees

Many of the important ac-
tions of the Michigan Farm Bu-
reau are guided by the advice of six Advisory
Committees, which provides nationwide studies of prob-
lems of mutual importance to their commodity—
land, dairy, beef, hogs, poultry and potatoes.

With about 300 commodity
members representing Farm
Bureau nationally, the Advis-
ory Committees provide in-
depth educational and sales
information. The six Advisory
Committees are the Market-
Bureau, Field Bureau, Com-
modity Committee, Marketing
Committee, Sales Bureau and
Trade Development Commit-
tee.

International Trade

Another Michigan farm
product that has become
marketable in foreign coun-
tries is potatoes. Michigan has
exported potatoes to Japan,
* Thailand, Korea, the Philip-
* pines, Europe, and South
* America. An active am-
* bassador for potatoes is
* Dave Putka, sales man-
* ager for the Pimentel Co-
* mpany, which handles the
* Michigan potato in many
* European countries. Potatoes
* are canned and frozen, and
* sold to restaurants, hotels,
* aid schools.

Processing Apples

MACMA Apple Division

"Instant Potatoes"

In Foreign Trade

MACMA currently has more

than 400 members who are

sensitive to the needs of the

merchandising field. Each

member is an important link

in the chain of the nation's

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Trade Problems of the American Farmer

Community Farm Bureau Topic
For Discussion in May

Background Material for Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

DONALD D. KINSEY
Coordinator, Education and Research

Foreign trade again — Yes, but don't go away! There is plenty that is new in the Congressional atmosphere. In fact, two major bills now straddle the subject.

The President has proposed a new "Trade Expansion" bill (HR-9900) to replace the present Reimported Trade Agreements Act, which expires in June. Title two of the "Food and Farmer Control Bill" also injects new gimmicks into the trade section of Congress. In 1954, the American Farm Bureau took the lead in developing Public Law 480. It was passed to encourage and step-up disposal of farm surpluses. These would be sold to nations which lacked dollars to buy them. Foreign monies would be taken in trade rather than dollars. Public Law 480 was intended to be a temporary affair, aimed at getting surpluses "off the farmer's back" and to banish threats to market prices.

More recently, Farm Bureau established the American Farm Bureau "Trade Development Corporation," and the Foreign Trade Office in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

"Mr. Foreign Buyer—Meet Mr. U.S. Crop Seller!"

"Adjustment Devices" Make Permanent

Meanwhile, farm bills of last year and this year, included provisions to make the F.S. law permanent. It is now so to say, that if we want to know what it means to farmers developing their own channels of foreign trade on a non-governmental basis, we have only to look to our trade bills.

1. When F.S. L. 480 is made a long-range program with expanded authority for use, it means that government procurement programs to encourage surplus production will go on even stronger than now. Mistakes in surplus disposal will be avoided. This is how we should examine currently what it means to farmers developing their own channels of foreign trade on a non-governmental basis.

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Hidden Power Schemes Become Governmental

With any surplus disposal program there is always hidden power which wants control of the market. In the past, this power has been kept in check by the government. Now, however, the government may actually take over the power of disposal. This is the power which can control the market.

Safeguard for American Farmers

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"Trade Expansion" Proposal

Let's review why foreign trade is important to farmers. First, foreign sales of some perishable, seasonal, and high-priced agricultural products are vital to our national foreign interests. We need dollar sales abroad. We now have a dollar deficit. To make up for the deficit, foreign nations are demanding our gold for their dollars. They have no need for gold, but they need dollars to buy our goods.

Second, the present support for farm producers is controlled by trade goods. Dallas schools of farm economics have suggested that our deficit is directly related to our surplus in the farm products trade.

Third, and probably not too important, but it is an interesting point, was the foreign nations' control of our markets. They could influence us. The "escape clause" is one of the most important points of this bill and is the trade clause to the trade market.

The 1962 Trade Expansion Proposal

In the 1962 proposal, the government could switch in or switch out as it sees fit. The surplus disposal scheme of 1954, at least, does not permit this. If the present bill is not passed, we are not likely to do much better. The 1962 proposal may be the best we have seen. However, the reason it is still called the "escape clause" is one of the most important points of this bill and is the trade clause to the trade market.

33,765 Claims Settled Last Year

Successful farmers throughout Michigan recognize Farm Bureau Insurance for its broad package policies, excellent agent service and low rates.

Another important plus for farmers is the outstanding personal claim service provided by Farm Bureau Insurance. Week after week Farm Bureau's well trained adjusters, working in every Michigan county, offer fast, fair, friendly claim service to policyholders.

In fact, Farm Bureau adjusters settled more than 2,800 casualty and fire claims a month in 1961. A total of 33,765 claims received the personal attention of Farm Bureau adjusters in just one year.

Enjoy the finest in protection and low rates .... plus the best rural claims service in Michigan, from your local Farm Bureau agent. Do it today!