# Michigan Farm News

Vol. 40, No. 5

40th Year

MAY 1, 1962

**Potato Marketing Order Proposed** 



# **Delegates To National "Youthpower Congress"**

about nutrition and agricultural job opportunities through the National Youthpower Congress. This action back home. was the third national meeting that originated on the theme of "Food Comes First"-and aims at highlighting the importance of proper diets and the efficiency of the food industry.

speakers on food related vocations and partici-

MICHIGAN TEEN-AGERS-in Chicago, learn pated in group discussions that included a session on how to interpret what they learned into

Congress delegates (from left to right) included: Bonnie Lynn Phillips, Grand Rapids; Irene Edbrooke, Fremont: Vicki Ash, Flint: John Bull, Bailey; Janet Wierda, Wyoming; John Nash, The Teen-agers heard outstanding national Flint, and Ilona Bloss, Swartz Creek. (Additional story, page 4)

Growers of two or more acres of potatoes would be included and handlers, - anyone who ships or otherwise handles potatoes, would be subject to close regulation. The proposed

Farm Bill

**Hangs Fire In** 

Congress

Congress adjourned for Eas-

ter recess without either House

or Senate Agriculture Commit-

tee voting on the Food and

Farm Control bill.



## Watch Out For Bind Weed Courtesy, -The Chicago Daily Drovers Journal

order is designed to tie in with an acreage allotment program that includes over - planting penalties, now in bill form be-

First Turkeys - - - Now Potatoes

fore the House Agriculture Committee. Together they are another step in the total "sup-

Farm Bureau Membership, Vital

**To Check Farm Control Schemes** 

Farmers have presented outspoken opposition to the pota-

**Hearings Held** 

to order in hearings held in major growing areas of the United States. Growers at the Midwest hearing held in Toledo, Ohio, voiced overwhelming opposition to the National Marketing Order idea,

# ply - management" controlledeconomy theory currently pushed by USDA. **Cooper** Named **To AAMA Post**

# **Heads Apple Division**

Replacing Cooper as Man-ager of the Market Development Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau will be Donald Moore, Coordinator of Dairy and poultry activities within the Division. Moore's appointment, effective immediately,

# **United Farm Voice Most Important Now**

SMELLIEW . Jdon % Mich St Library

rm Bureau

Increased membership strength in Farm Bureau is a sure-fire method to tell Congress and others how farmers feel about issues such 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 assume they will accept without protest federal schemes to regiment, police, blackmail and punish them in the name of "new" farm programs.

According to Walter Wightman, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, there is no project more important to farmers now than winding up Roll-Call work at new, high membership levels.

"Through increased memberto report growing dissatisfacship in Farm Bureau, farmers tell Congress in no uncertain terms that they support programs of more freedom in agriculture, - that they demand less, not more controls and regimentation in their farming business," Wightman said.

Published

statement condemning the "Administration's misrepresen-Farm Bureau, he pointed out, is not a "protest" movement as such. "Of all farm organitations being used in frantic attempts to sell the farm program proposals to farmers. zations, ours began in a period of economic stability and built its programs on issues of support for Farm Bureau's permanent importance rather Cropland Retirement program than on a temporary period of This, they attributed in part protest. to rising indignation over ob-

However, he made it clear that Farm Bureau members

11 **ON THE INSIDE** READ ---Khrushchev's Failure . . PAGE 2 

# **MFB Board Statement of Appreciation**

In a recent session, Directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau Board unanimously approved this Statement of Appreciation to the Michigan State University:

"In this, the Centennial Year of our Land-Grant Colleges, the Michigan Farm Bureau wishes to extend its congratulations and its deep appreciation to our own state institution, the Michigan State University.

"We recognize that the work to Michigan State University in research, education and special services provided for the citizens of Michigan, both

in establishment of agriculture as a profession of dignity and in making it possible for agriculture to become a major contributor to the economy of our state.

**Regional Man** 

can market it.

of such potatoes."

Who is included

The potato order as proposed

by the committee, would cover

Irish potatoes grown in all

waii and "provide authority for both Volume and quality

regulations on the marketing

farmers and consumers, has yielded rich benefits to all the In agriculture, the people. guidance given has served to increase efficiency and proper management, thus aiding the farmer in obtaining more adequate incomes. Consumers have benefited through both the economy in food prices and in the upgrading of quality and variety of food items made available to them. Work of this kind has been the basis upon which the rise in our American standard of living has depended.

"Farmers owe a great debt Michigan.'

June 29 Farm Bureau Cruise Set "Aqua-Tour Planned"



## The S.S. Aquarama

A full-day trip by ocean liner up the historic St. Clair River is planned by Farm Bureau Women of the state, from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., June 29.

Although sponsored by Farm Bureau Women, the cruise is open to the general public. Fares range from \$8.50 per adult to \$4.45 for children. The tour was arranged as an outgrowth of a popular project sponsored by Farm Bureau Women in Southeastern Michigan where a one-day family cruise last year attracted 300 persons.

The cruise ship will be the "S.S. Aquarama"-a true ocean liner now plying the Great Lakes areas as a pleasure craft. The ship has a 2,500 person capacity but is limited to 1,250

"The Michigan Farm Bureau, on behalf of its 70,000 member farm families, commends Michigan State University for its cooperation and its contributions to Michigan agriculture and to the well-being of the people of our state, and by way of this statement expressits confidence that our Land-Grant University will remain a key factor in another hundred years of progress for

passengers for added comfort.

It features dancing on three

decks, movies, television and

puppet theaters, floor shows,

The Aquarama is the newest

and largest passenger ship on

the Great Lakes, all steel and a

city block long. It is equipped

with elevators and escalators

between the nine decks. Al-

though the ship has many

restaurant areas, box and

The cruise leaves from the

Michigan-Ohio Navigation dock

at the foot of West Grand

Blvd., (adjacent to the Ambas-

sador Bridge,) Detroit. Tickets

are available in each county

through Farm Bureau Women's

Committees.

picnic lunches are welcomed.

deck games and exhibits.



# ROBERT HESSELINK

Employed

A resident of Michigan's Upper Peninsula has been employed as Regional Field Representative for the Michigan Farm Bureau, according to Roger Foerch, Manager of the Organization Division.

He is Robert "Bob" Hesselink,-25, of Rudyard, Mich., in Chippewa County. He has considerable farm background and holds a B.S. degree from Michigan State University in Animal Husbandry. He has completed course work toward a Master's Degree in the same subject

"Bob has been active in 4-H and Future Farmers' work, and has shown real leadership in these fields. I'm sure he will be a valuable addition to our field force," Foerch said.

Anti-Commie **Bill Vetoed** 

Governor Swainson has announced his veto of a bill to outlaw the Communist Party as a recognized political party in Michigan. The Governor's veto message stated: "It is not conceivable that the Communist Party will ever get on the ballot.

Farm Bureau members noted that the party was on the ballot in 1940. They had urged passage of the bill which had cleared both House and Senate with strong majorities.



In mid-April, a new provision to the proposed Constitution was adopted by the Constitutional Convention, restoring the 15 mill limitation on general property taxes,-as strongly supported by Farm Bureau.

Chairman Harold Cooley found himself without enough votes to report the bill.

The House Committee had

been expected to vote on the

measure before recess, but

The Administration, which has been using extreme pressures on Congressmen is expected to bear down on wavercommittee members. Meanwhile farmers protested the use of taxpayers' money for lobbying in support of the bill. (Note, lead story in nearby columns.) Farm Bureau made it plain

that farmers deeply resented the use of the state ASCS Committees,-employees of the United States Department of Agriculture, to lobby for a bill which is sponsored by the USDA.

Recently ASCS Committeemen were called to Washington at taxpayer expense where speaking to them on the south lawn of the White House, the President told them that while they were "prohibited by custom and by law" from lobbying, he still hoped they would see Members of Congress while they were in town. "We don't want them to be lonesome,"

# J. WARD COOPER The American Agricultural

Marketing Association, (AA-MA) has named J. Ward Cooper Manager of the Apple Division to supervise and correlate apple marketing activities within the Association.

Cooper, 32, has been Manager of the Market Developwas announced by Clarence E. ment Division of the Michigan Prentice, Secretary-Manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Farm Bureau for the past 21/2 years. He begins his new duties with AAMA May 1. State Farm Bureau Market-State University and a Master's

ing Associations are active in Virginia, New York, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Michigan, (MACMA.) Maryland is in the process of organizing.

# **Camp Kett Pledge**

# **Nears** Completion

## **Early Fund-Finish Predicted**

More than \$21,000 has been contributed by Michigan Farm Bureau Women toward a goal of \$25,000 pledged to assist in the construction of Camp Kett, rural youth leadership training center.

The fund-report was made at a recent meeting of the Board of the Michigan Farm Bureau, in Lansing. The report showed that all but a dozen or so counties have reached or exceeded their individual county goals. The remaining counties are fast filling their commitments and it is expected the entire pledge amount will be secured at least a year ahead of the previously established deadline of June, 1963.

Located in Osceola county, Camp Kett has been in actual operation approximately eight months. In that length of time it has already proven extremely valuable as a training center for rural youth.



DONALD MOORE

Moore holds a B.S. degree in

Agriculture from Michigan

degree in Dairy Technology

from the University of Illinois.

He has been in the Market

Development Division of the

Michigan Farm Bureau for the

past two years.

**Co-op Efforts Pay** PAGE 6 **Market Development** . . PAGE 7



tion with attempts to sell

farmers on the USDA farm

Representing Michigan were

both president Wightman and

secretary - Manager Clarence

Prentice: They joined with

other top officers in issuing a

The officials noted a growing

vious misrepresentations made

by the Secretary of Agricul

program proposals.

join in vigorous protest against the kind of farm program ideas offered by the Secretary of Agriculture,-and that this is the overriding issue facing farmers 'both now and in the future."

"There is no more clear-cut way for farmers to protest, to show militant disapproval of the government regimentation which the Administration bills would establish, than to join with their neighbors in Farm Bureau," Wightman said.

He indicated that farmers in record numbers have written letters and sent telegrams to Congressmen voicing their disapproval, but that "those voluntary membership workers who sign neighbors to new membership or urge renewals, are doing most of all.'

### Midwest Farm Bureau **Officers Meet**

State Farm Bureau presidents and secretaries from 12 states of the Midwest met recently in Bloomington, Illinois,

ture and his staff in attempts to push through his control schemes before farmers or the general public become fully aware of them and what they mean

## **Lobby Misuse Hit**

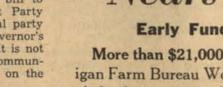
"But most of all, farmers and all taxpayers resent deeply the use of ASCS committees -employees of the United States Department of Agriculture, to lobby for bills spon-sored by the USDA." The leaders said that this is "clearly a case of government workers spending taxpayers' money lobbying for bills written by their boss.

"As representatives of more than 760,000 Midwestern farmers, we urge the Congress to look carefully at the public attitude and concern which is being registered in opposition to the Administration's proposals and in favor of Farm Bureau's Cropland Retirement program," they concluded.

## **Midwest Presidents and Secretaries Gather**

PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES-from 12 Farm Bureau membership of 760,000 farm fam states of the Midwest, met recently in Blooming- illes. Standing, (second from extreme right) is ton, Illinois. States of the region include: Mich- MFB President, Walter Wightman, Seated to the igan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Missouri, and Iowa. They represent a combined

extreme right is Clarence Prentice, Secretary,



the President said.

TWO

MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU

# **EDITORIAL**

# The United States Supreme Court -- And The State Governments

Supreme Court decisions continue to threaten the sovereignty of our state governments in various ways. The intent of the Constitution was to leave to the states the fullest possible freedom in determining their own governmental structures and formulating their own laws.

The Constitution gives no power to any federal body to dictate the organization of a state's legislature nor representation thereto. In fact, the Tenth Amendment to the Bill of Rights provides that all powers not granted by the Constitution to the Federal Government are specifically reserved to the states, or to the people.

Today, those with ambitions to become Czars of America have been pushing the doctrine that any unit of a state government must represent a majority of the population.

Accept this idea and you have granted that people of any minority area have only such rights and voice in government as are granted by the majority, or by their spokesmen in power.

Our Senates, state and national, were established to prevent areas of major population from riding rough-shod over interests of areas of small population. The Senate was a body to prevent this, - a buffer of protection for minority areas.

In March, the U. S. Supreme Court swung open another gate to the priests of the cult of majority rule. This Court ruling would permit any citizen to call a court hearing to challenge whether a state legislative body is apportioned on a basis of "fair representation." There could be no protest if this merely applied to bodies of the state legislatures as established by State Constitutions. But this opens the gate to challenge the constitutionality of State Constitutions under federal law. This is what has already been attempted.

In 1960, August Scholle, Michigan president of the UAW-CIO applied for a court ruling to declare the Michigan Senate unconstitutional on grounds of "non-representation of majority areas." Thus, the handwriting on the wall should be clear.

American people who cherish freedom and justice for all, not merely for a selected group of people, must recognize the threat.

How To Buy A Farmer... An absolute rule of the majority will produce a Remember, The Only Way Out is IN! dictatorship of those who control the politics of a How to buy a farmer?-First, trap by offering a choice of state, - and these will center in areas of large lead him to think you are dorigged choices. One of the best ing him a favor by setting a is the rigged choice of shortpopulation. support price above the market term, obvious gain, to be handprice, thereby substituting ed to the producer by his Where part of the people lose all effective voice government purchases for the benevolent government, - as market. contrasted to a short term obviin government, a truly representative government A level of price support ous reduced loss as designed for our Republic, comes to an end. above the market price is guar-Third, pull the farmer into anteed to encourage the pro-D.D.K. the trap by explaining the rigducer to produce more while at the same time removing the ged choice, being sure he unpressure to sell the product. derstands that the ONLY WAY The desired net result of re-OUT IS IN. If he seems a bit Some Prize Boners duced markets and increased slow to enter the trap, threatsurpluses will help set the en to supply his markets with A man struck a match to see if his gasoline tank stage for the second step. government-controlled surplus-What Next? was empty. It wasn't. es using his own fax money, in What next, indeed!-Set the part, to create this club.

# What They Are Saying---'TOO LITTLE MEAT' **K** Admits Failure In Food Output

### From: DETROIT FREE PRESS, MARCH 6, 1962

barred.

MOSCOW - Premier Nikita Khrushchev declared bluntly Monday that the Soviet Union needs more food for its 200million people, especially meat. He reported complaints from some cities that "there is little meat for sale in shops, as well as butter.

"The fact is that we simply do not have enough meat," he told the opening secret session of the Communist Party Central Committee.

"The Party and the Government are concerned about this state of affairs and are undertaking measures to increase meat production in a short period of time

He devoted nearly six hours to detailed failure-after-failure report on Soviet agricultural production, and warned that the agricultural goals of the Soviet Union's ambitious seven-year plan might not be met.

The original target was a 70 per cent increase over the seven-year period, a goal that had been considered completely out of reach by Western experts. These experts noted that production had been increased only by 5 per cent in the first three years of the plan.

By Harley B. Grimsley

Jackson Citizen's Patriot

administration's

Agriculture Freeman.

regulation that he will lose

Don't think I've ever seen farmers, and especially those unwise and unworkable crop who belong to the Farm Bucontrol programs now have bereau, as badly worked up about anything as they are over the of the farmer. agricultural

Everyone from Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, down to the members of community groups in Jackson County is having unkind things to say about the proposals being backed by Secretary of port prices, lobbied for them in some cases, and didn't understand that they were giving away their freedom, bit by bit.

# The importance of the meeting, called especially to consider agriculture's ills, was emphasized by the fact that in addition to the 175 full members of the Central Committee, top officials from regional gov ernments and party organs attended. Western reporters were SOVIET FARM Khrushchev noted that the OUTPUT pace of development of agricultural production-especially of stockfarming — had been slowed down. He blamed this in part on "many leaders (who) relaxed their attention to agriculture and the needs of col-

# "BOOSTER TROUBLE" ON THIS ONE!

m

### Courtesy, -The Detroit Free Press

Var 11

ers and their representatives.

It isn't possible to say that

the Freeman program really

will save the taxpayer any

The AFBF argues that if it

is possible to put farming un-

der controls so rigid that oper-

ators can't make decisions on

their own, it would be possible

to do the same thing to every

That is why city people are

going to hear a lot from the

farmers in the next few weeks.

The Farm Bureau knows that

it must get attention for its

other industry or business.

S. MIL

It must be said to the credit of the American Farm Bureau Federation and its president, Mr. Shuman, that it long has been critical of the trend in farm programs. The organization has offered plans of its own. It is doing so now in the form of a "realistic" price support level and a long-range cropland retirement program which, it is said, would give

his own operation. Now that the chickens hatchare coming home to roost, they realize their voice has become muted in the halls of Congress. It's a matter of sheer

**President's Column** 

# Stewards of the Land

Ge .

Walter Wightman

One of the problems confronting free nations of the world is that while many of the free countries, particularly the United States, are able to produce food and fiber in abundant supply, - half the world goes to bed hungry every night.

It is said that in cities of the Orient, such as Ceylon; Delhi and Shanghai, it is not unusual to pick up 300 bodies each morning - people who have died from starvation during the night.

We think we have serious problems because of our agricultural surpluses, but these are not problems at all compared to the food shortages of Russia, China, India, and many other areas of the world.

These shortages, in most cases, are not caused by the lack of natural resources, but from the lack of knowledge of how to use the resources at hand. George Doup, President of the Indiana Farm Bureau, who just returned from a tour of India for two months, says they have plenty of good land capable of producing three crops per year that could feed all the people of that country. They need better seed, better livestock, more fertilizer, more capital, and the know-how to use them.

With the world getting smaller every year because of rapid transportation, it is not likely that these underfed and underprivileged peoples are going to be content to continue for always with their meager living standards while the rest of us have plenty, and to spare. This is a part of the reason for the unrest in the world that we are witnessing today.

Dr. Ira Moomaw, who has been a missionary to India and has been interested in so-called agricultural missionary work, says that we will never have peace in the world until we learn to appreciate the soil. By this he means that when the human race begins to understand the soil and what it can be made to do for humanity, then we will have peace and plenty for everybody.

China has been called the Sleeping Giant. When and if the vast hoards of underprivileged humanity begin to realize and understand what we have been able to do with our soil and natural resources, it will be better for us if we have made an all out effort to teach them how to use their own resources.

There is a good lesson here for us who are farmers, and the 90% of our population who are not farmers, because everybody has to depend upon

his freedom to operate. He will be faced with the unpleasant choice of accepting rigid controls over his production or having government The AFBF contends that the surpluses, built up under

come a gun held at the head This situation, of course, has been building up through the years. Those who have anticipated it have objected, but theirs were voices crying out in the wilderness. It must be said that many farmers also failed to see the danger in the crop control and price support programs. They took the high sup-

By and large, the 1962 farm control bill is viewed as the one which, if passed, will leave the farmer under such tight

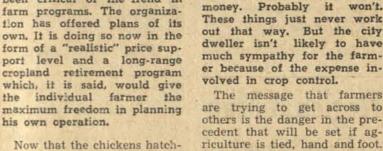
lective and state farms. Khrushchev called for doubling farm machinery production, for sending city youths, including girls, to work on farms. Contrary to expectation Khrushchev made no reference to international issues such as the United States' decision to

resume nuclear testing or the Western rejection of his bid for an 18-nation summit conference in Geneva on March 14. Neither did he mention dif-

ferences in the Communist camp, or the ideological dispute between Moscow and Peiping.

stocks of surplus grain dumped on the market.

numbers.



ed by crop control programs farmers are frightened because

They fear that any program which promises a reduction in the spending of tax dollars for buying and storing surpluses will be welcomed by nonfarmstory of the pending legislation

PURPOSE OF FARM

BUREAU

Another fellow patted a strange dog to see if it was affectionate. It wasn't.

Still another person raced to beat a train to a crossing. He didn't.

Then there was the man who looked into the muzzle of his gun to see if it was loaded. It was.

But the prize boner of all was pulled by the fellow who thought he could be a Farm Bureau supporter simply by joining and paying his dues. He couldn't.

# Horrors!

An Associated Press report recently stated that a Plattsburg, New York Welfare client complained to the Welfare Department - "my check was so late that my husband had to go to work."

## Michigan Farm News

### Established January 12, 1923.

Entered as second class matter January 13, 1923, at the postoffice at Charlotte, Michigan, under the Act of March 3, 1879.

Published monthly, first day, by Michigan Farm Bureau at its pub-lication office at 114 E. Lovett St., Charlotte, Michigan.

Editorial and general offices, 4000 orth Grand River Ave., Lansing, ichigan, Post Office Box 960, Tele-one Lansing IVanhoe 7-5911 Ex.

send notices of change of address Form 3578 or Form 3579 to Mich-in Farm News editorial office at O. Boy 960. Lansing 4, Michigan.

Melvin L. Woell Editor The purpose of this Associa-tion shall be the advancement of our members' interests edu-cationally, legislatively and Subscription: 50 cents a year

cationally, I May 1, 1962 Vol. 40 No. 5

**From Readers** We Get Letters ---

(We welcome short letters of general interest from readers, to be printed from time to time as space allows. Names must be signed and addresses given.)

We have traveled extensively Long Lost Ranch Lake Providence, La.

We are farmers much con-

cerned with the favoritism,

corruption, lack of principle

and added burden to the tax-

payer that has always been

prevalent in the farm pro-

Dear Sir:

year!

President .....

V.-Pres.

Michigan Farm Bureau

.....W.

DIRECTORS BY DISTRICTS

DIRECTORS AT LARGE

Herbert Flerke......Saginaw, R-6 Dean Pridgeon ......Montgomery, R-1 Walter Wightman.....Fennville, R-1

Representing

WOMEN OF FARM BUREAU Mrs. Arthur Muir......Grant, R-1

Representing

FARM BUREAU YOUNG PEOPLE

......Cassopolis, R-4

James Sparks ....

during the past five years, studying the farm program. I suggest transferring local and state ASC managers every year.

Farmers do not want to be heavily policed. Nor do the taxpayers want to pay for the policing.

We have farmed for forty years, but this waste is a dis-

## **Hillsdale County** Wheatland Township

"We the members of the Churches Corners Farm Bureau Discussion Group wish to go on record as opposing the Agricultural Act of 1962 as being the most obnoxious piece of farm legislation ever pro-

"If passed as written, one of the most important segments of our economy will be under Federal Dictatorship. Farmers will have to jump to the crack of the Whip in Washington.

# **On Imports and Exports**

A Matter of Common Sense

"Exceeded only by the pathological dread of imports that affects all nations is a pathological yearning for exports. Logically, it is true, nothing could be more inconsistent. In the long run imports and exports must equal each other (considering both in the broadest sense, which includes such 'invisible' items as tourist expenditures and ocean freight charges).

It is exports that pay for imports, and vice versa. The greater exports we have, the greater imports we must have, if we ever expect to get paid. The smaller imports we have, the smaller exports we can have. Without imports we can have no exports, for foreigners will have no funds with which to buy our goods. When we decide to cut down our imports, we are in effect deciding also to cut down our exports. When we decide to increase our exports, we are in effect deciding also to increase our imports."

## Henry Hazlitt, "Economics in One Lesson"

labor.'

derstood.

others.

and

**Farm Labor** 

The Michigan Citizens' Coun-

cil on Agricultural Labor has

asked the College of Agricul-

ture, Michigan State Univer-

sity, to summarize available

information and to report on

"problem areas in agricultural

It is expected that by early

fall a preliminary report will

be available providing factual

information on many areas

which are frequently misun-

MCCOAL was organized in

1961 and is headed by an Exec-

utive Board of 14 members

representing agriculture, in-

dustry, church groups and

The Council set as a first ob-

jective the development of fac-

tual information as to living

Michigan farms. There is much

agreement that housing and

working conditions on Mich-

igan farms are far above the

national average.

working conditions on

big push to send this country "Problem Areas" In into Socialism. ourselves to

"We pledge work towards the defeat of the Agricultural Act of 1962 as submitted to the committees."

> J. Willis Hoffman Group Reporter

Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Mr. Donald D. Kinsey Michigan Farm Bureau Dear Mr. Kinsey:

Thank you so very much for your letter enclosing a copy of the editorial from the Michigan Farm News.

The position you have taken in your article is in precise agreement with my own thinking on transferring more and more power to the Executive Branch of the Government. I think you have put your finger on the essential elements of this trend which can be most disastrous for our way of life." Sincerely

Gerald R. Ford (Congressman Fifth District) the land for sustenance to keep body and soul together.

We who are farmers are custodians and caretakers of the most valuable and precious resource that God has placed on the earth. The lack of appreciation and understanding of this fact gets us into all kinds of trouble.

I like to think that God has entrusted us with this responsibility beause He felt He could trust the farmer to be a good steward of this valuable resource. The American farmer has done a real good job in this respect, and has shown the world what can be done with the soil. He has done it because, up to now, he has been allowed the freedom to use his initiative in productive efficiency.

# Let's keep it that way.

Even yet, we haven't reached the limit of the productive capacity of our American soil. To repeat, it is our most valuable resource. We will be needing it to feed this rapidly increasing population.

It would be worthwhile to write your Congressman right now and tell him how you feel about all this.

W. W.

# Don't Cultivate Weeds

The story is told of the great Roman Emperor Hadrian finding an aged man planting olive trees. Since they grow so very slowly, - he said to him; "Old man, these trees will not bear fruit for many years. Do you expect to be alive to eat the fruit of your labor?"

The old man replied. "If God wills, I shall eat and if not, my son will eat. My father and his father before him planted trees that I might have fruit. It is my duty, then, to provide for those who shall come after me."

Thus is illustrated a basic principle of human progress. Our forefathers did not plant many olive trees it's true, but they did plant ideas and cultivate knowledge, - practice thrift and industry. They planted the seeds of the most prosperous society the world has ever known.

# grams, Billions wasted each grace to everyone concerned. Let us save our Constitution! Respectfully yours, Lloyd H. Elliott

# Williamston, R-3 Sec'y-Mgr ......C. E. Prentice, Okemos DIRECTORS BY DISTRICTS -Max K. Hood.....Paw Paw, R-1 -Wilbur H. Smith, Burlington, R-1 -Allen F. Rush...Lake Orion, R-2 -Eiton R. Smith...Caledonia, R-1 -Dale Dunckel-Williamston, R-1 -Ward G. Hodge.....Snover, R-1 -Guy C. Freeborn.....Hart, R-1 -Lloyd Shankel.....Wheeler, R-1 -Eugene Roberts...Lake City, R-1 -Eugene DeMatio, W. Branch, R-2 -Edmund Sager.....Stepheneson

posed.

"-It could easily be the one

# Washington D. C.

FARM BUREAU CAPITOL REPORT nnnu 10 0 23393 TOT FORDER

## Many Bills Of Farm Interest

### Dan E. Reed Associate Legislative Counsel

### Legislative **Pace Increases**

Unable to meet its self-imposed deadline for completion of work and adjournment April 20, the Legislature adopted a Concurrent Resolution calling for daily sessions, except Saturday and Sunday, beginning April 24 and ending not later than May 11. The Legislature did not indicate that it was postponing the "sine die," (Latin: "without setting a day for reconven-- adjournment now scheduled for May 18.

The historic action of the Senate in discharging the Taxation Committee from further consideration of bills carrying a package tax revision may be indicative that Michigan's tax structure is about to undergo a more extensive overhaul than any time in recent years.

### F.B. Considers **Over 300 Bills**

Well over 300 of the more than 1200 bills introduced in this session of the Legislature were of concern to farm folks. Many bills died in committees without ever reaching the floor. Others passed one House only to be killed in committee or on the floor of the second House. A partial summary of actions taken follows:

S. 1274-prohibits the use of live virus or virulent-type in-

noculations in the treatment of hog cholera excep by veterinarians under special permit from the Michigan Department of Agriculture. Michigan is in a fine position to eradicate this deadly threat to the swine industry. This measure is a long step in the right direction and was signed by the Governor to become Public Act No. 12.

S. 1275-awaits the Governor's signature. It would re-quire that "all female cattle born after January 1, 1963, sold or otherwise disposed of, or moved, to associate with cattle of another owner for dairy and breeding purposes

after reaching nine months of age, must have been officially vaccinated for Brucellosis and accompanied by an official proof of such vaccination." S. 1043,-developed by the

Michigan Livestock Disease Council, would have restricted female cattle showing signs of pregnancy or of having borne calves, from moving back to farms from public livestock auctions, died in the House Agriculture Committee in the rush preceding a dead-

line.

## Warehousemen **Would Be Bonded**

S. 1292, - requiring warehousemen storing agricultural products, such as grain, to post bond, is now on the Governor's desk. In a real sense, stored

grain is like cash deposited in a bank. The bond will offer protection against loss due to school districts. It does not require mandatory joining of unlawful manipulations. counties but will reduce the

H. 65 - would provide for statewide meat inspection. At present it is estimated that 20-25% of the meat sold and consumed in Michigan is not inspected. The bill would pro vide for licensing of slaughterhouses. Both of these objectives are supported by Farm Bureau as being necessay to a growing livestock industry.

H. 493-the "cold slaughter" bill, amending the General Food Law, and among other things, outlawing cold slaughter, died in the Senate Committee on Agriculture as did H. 292,-which would have provided for slaughterhouse licensing.

but was amended in the Sen-

ate to eliminate some old lang-

uage which is currently in the

Without this language, the

bill would be practically use-

less. The measure has gone to

conference where an attempt

will be made to preserve the

objectives of the bill as intro-

S. 295,-which would have

increased the cost of State

building projects by requiring

payment by contractors of pre-

vailing wage scales, was op-

posed by Farm Bureau. It died

in the Senate Labor Commit-

**School Plan** 

Approval

S. 1192,-would require the

Superintendent of Public In-

struction to secure the approv-

al of the State Fire Marshall

for fire protection and the

Health Department on health

factors, before appoving plans

for erection or remodelling of

worked several years to se-

cure this legislation. The bill

has passed both houses and if

it gains Senate approval of a

House amendment will be on

its way to the Governor.

law.

duced.

tee.

### **Christmas Tree Bill Needs Watching Governor Veto?**

vote.

H. 256-carries a provision H. 726,-would prevent cities which has been long sought from levying an income tax Chistmas tree growers. on non-residents. In many This bill would change the areas farmers or their families present law which permits may work part or full-time in transportation of six Christnearby cities. This bill, now mas trees per person without on the Governor's desk, would a bill of sale, to a limitation of provide protection against intwo trees per person,-during come levies on the wages and the period of Nov. 30 to Dec. salaries of non-residents. 31. The bill passed the House

H. 266,-provides for the es-

tablishment of intermediate

special payments which have

been received by smaller

counties over past years. Un-

der a Senate amendment, not

more than three counties may

be joined into one intermed-

iate district. The bill in no

way affects the primary and

secondary school districts

within the intermediate dis-

tricts and does not require

consolidation of school dis-

tricts. The intermediate dis-

tricts will be under elected

boards and can be adjusted to

include all of school districts

which extend across county

lines. The bill passed the

Senate with a strong 26 to 4

Will The

S. 1100,-would end the coterminous features of secondclass school districts. By law, second - class school district boundaries and city boundaries must be identical. S.1100 would remove this coterminous feature from the law and protect school districts from raiding of tax base by political annexation of areas to cities. This bill is on its way to the Governor.

## Constitutional **Amendments Offered**

House and Senate Joint Resolutions provide the vehicle for placing proposed Constitutional amendments before voters. Two of these, House Joint Resolution E and Senate Joint Resolution C - would limit any income levy to not exceed 8% and to a flat rate. SJR A - would limit property assessments to not more than 50% of true cash value. These proposed amendments would only appear before the schools. Farm Bureau has voters if they are passed by each house with a two-thirds vote. These would be amendments to our present Constitution and would appear on the ballot in November of this year.

a marial and to supervise set

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

Paid

In the debate on this provi-

sion, Chairman D. Hale Brake

of the Con-Con committee on

Finance and Taxation, defend-

ed the new language. He said

that with men like Stanley

Powell and Dan Reed looking

after the interests of Farm Bu-

reau members in the Legisla-

ture, no one need fear what

might happen. - This was, of

course, a nice compliment, but

the point remains that no one

can guarantee that under the

new language, the Legislature

might not at some time ap-

prove the use of highway rev-

enues for various plausible

purposes such as financing the

highway patrol of the State

Police, subsidizing driver edu-

cation, or a lot of other fringe

area projects and activities

which might be mentioned. If

the new language remains in

the constitution, we will have

to be constantly on guard to

see that no undesirable diver-

sion of the special purpose

taxes paid by Michigan motor-

Although the delegates have

decided not to permit diversion

of highway revenues, they

have voted to discontinue all

earmarking of sales tax funds

except to the cities, villages,

and townships. As matters

now stand, funds for the sup-

port of public education at all

levels would be appropriated

directly by the Legislature.

The Primary School Interest

Fund and the designation of

the yield of a 2% sales tax for

schools would be discontinued.

Of course, for the past several

years the Legislature has been

ists is permitted.

Appar-

priation from the General

Fund to make the school aid

formula pay out in full, so that

it is generally agreed that the

earmarkings for education

have been rather meaningless

and might as well be discon-

A new section written into

the proposed constitution pro-

vides that any county, town-

ship, city village, or school dis-

trict may adopt its budget only

As matters now stand, in the

new constitution county and

township government in the

rural areas will not be sub-

ently Justices of the Peace, as

we now know them, will be

replaced in not to exceed 5

years, by some other plan for

dispensing justice on a local

basis. Just how that would be

handled would be left up to

**May Conclude** 

**Major Work** 

The Con-Con delegates are

working exceedingly long hours

and are making a tremendous

effort to keep up with their

latest schedule. If they are able

to meet each of those deadlines,

they will wind up the main

part of their labors on May 11.

It is not expected that they

will finally adjourn at that

time. The present plan is that

they will return to Lansing on

August 1, for a one-day session

to wind up final details. Let us

hope that their end product

will be something which Farm

Bureau members can enthusi-

astically approve when they

get a chance to vote on it

after a public hearing.

stantially changed.

the Legislature.

tinued.

## **The Shaping Of A Constitution** The Farm Bureau had urged Compliment making a substantial

that the new restriction apply

to all millage increases. Here-

tofore, all electors could vote

on such increases. The action

now taken by the delegates is

int he nature of a compromise,

in that the new provision will

apply only to millage increases

for longer than 5 years. This

will, of course, include practi-

cally all millage increases

**Other Important** 

Decisions

A separate provision in the

new constitution provides that

after January 1, 1966, all pro-

perty shall be assessed at not

to exceed 50% of its true cash

value. This will make the 15-

mill limitation more meaning-

ful than would otherwise be

Another important decision

in line with Farm Bureau pol-

icy was the retention of the

earmarking of all gas tax and

motor vehicle license revenues

for highway purposes. This

section was approved by the

delegates on second reading by

One feature of this action

which did not have Farm Bu-

reau approval was inclusion in

the proposal of the words "as

defined by law" as limiting

what may hereafter be regard-

ed as highway purposes. This

will leave this matter subject

to legislative determination

from time to time, and might

open the door to the use of

substantial amounts of high-

way funds for purposes only

construction or maintenance.

the case.

a vote of 114-6.

needed to retire bond issues.

# **Con-Con Report**

Stanley M. Powell Delegate

Some decisions being made in the Con-Con are definitely in line with Farm Bureau policy. The 15-mill limitation on general property taxation which had been eliminated earlier, has now been restored. On February 9, language had been adopted by a vote of 65-53 which wiped out the old 15mill limitation and authorized the Legislature to fix property tax limits for counties, townships, school districts, and other political subdivisions, if they saw fit to do so, and at any level which they might fa-

However, Farm Bureau members and other property owners protested vigorously against that action. On April 19, a new provision was adopted by a vote of 100-30, which pretty much restored the old language. It would also set up an optional plan allowing the electors in any county to establish separate tax limitations for the county, townships, and school districts, which could not total more

VOL.

than 18 mills.

By separate action it was provided that at any election on increasing the tax millage above that available under the 15-mill limitation, only electors owning property in the district affected by the election, and their spouses, would be permitted to vote. This is the same restriction as now vaguely related to highway applies to voting to approve bond issues.

corporate income. Whether re-

consideration will change the

picture cannot now be forecast.

The House will consider the

bill next before it goes to the

Delegates to the Michigan

Farm Bureau convention last

November argued and debated

an income tax proposal and

finally directed that the staff,

the Legislative Committee and

the Board of Directors be in-

structed to study the feasibility

of a state income tax that

would intercept a large

amount of the Federal income

tax that now goes to Washing-

Governor's desk.

# **Farmers -- And State Income Tax**

## **How Does Farm Bureau Feel About An Income Tax?**

taken by the delegates at the Farm Bureau convention last fall, when they directed the staff, Legislative Committee and Board of Directors to "study" a state income tax. As part of the study, Michigan's 1,525 Community Farm Bureau Groups had before them in their January, 1962 meetings a discussion on "The Pros and Cons of a State Income Tax."

carried on in a different situation than existed in 1958. We have, in the meantime, increased our sales tax from 3c to 4c, but the increased revenue was not sufficient to permit the warns him that he is reaching a danger point.

# **Can State Economy Be Costly?**

Occasionally people point out that holding down state expenditures for items of real need results in action at the federal level. In cases where this is true, Michigan pays more than it would cost to provide the same services through state or local programs and, in addition, must meet the standards and controls set by the Federal Government. In viewing our whole tax structure, it should be remembered that Michigan pays seven or eight times more to the Federal Government than is collected in state revenue.

The tax structure should be **Effect on Farmers** As we go to press, the Senate rational, flexible and relatively is reconsidering its actions tak-In general, it seems likely simple to administer. en during the recent marathon all-night session in which it approved a tax on personal and

Farm Bureau's study is being so-called "nuisance" taxes to

that an income tax would bear less heavily on farm families than does the raising of revenue through the property tax. The resolution adopted last fall directed that Farm Bureau study and consider ways and means that might be employed to relieve property taxes.

There is some feeling that if an income tax is to become a part of the Michigan revenue structure, it should have a ceiling which would prevent succeeding Legislatures from simply raising the tax rate.

While such a ceiling has some effect, it should be remembered that we have a federal debt ceiling which is continually raised by Congress as need arises. We have a 15 mill tax limit in our Constitution, but few of us pay 15 mills or less. We had a 3% ceiling on sales tax, but we raised it to 4%. The purpose of the ceiling is something like the buzzer on the speedometer of some automobiles. It can be set to alert the driver when he reaches a certain speed. It does not prevent him from going beyond that speed, but

This leads us to the action



# "Amerstrand is the fence to use for feedlots"

says Dalton Docter, Amherst, South Dakota

Dalton Docter is one of South Dakota's most successful cattle feeders. He feeds 2,000 head, year around. There are 15 feedlots on his 3,500-acre ranch, 4 of which are USS Amerstrand Fence put in last summer shortly after Amerstrand's introduction.

His Amerstrand Fence is made of six galvanized steel strands held taut by heavy-duty springs. Each strand has a breaking strength of 4,250 lbs. They are threaded through pressure-creosoted line posts.

After nearly a year's use in good weather and bad, rain and snow, and temperature extremes from 100° to -25°, Dalton Docter's Amerstrand Fence is as good as new, as taut as the day it was put in. No maintenance. No hide damage because there are no splinters or sharp points for livestock to crowd against. "I'm sold on Amerstrand Fence," says Mr. Docter. "I expect it to last 20 years or more, compared to 8 or 9 years for a board fence."

Animals thrive behind USS Amerstrand Feedlot Fence. Its simple construction permits unrestricted air circulation, better cooling. In the winter, maximum sun reduces problems of ice accumulation. There is less snow drifting. Ground and manure dry out faster. The result is faster, more efficient gains. Amerstrand Fence stays taut and strong for a lifetime with little or no maintenance. Because it's steel, it can't rot or decay. An extra heavy galvanized coat-

ing adds years of protection against corrosion. A USS Amerstrand Feedlot Fence installation actually costs less than a wooden plank feedlot. Its initial cost is higher than conventional woven or barbed wire field fence, but because Amerstrand

it costs less per foot per year. Ask your American Fence dealer for an estimate. You'll find him where you see the USS Farm Products sign. USS, American and Amerstrand are registered trademarks.

American Steel and Rockefeller Buildin	Ig	64
Cleveland 13, Ohio Gentlemen: Please lot Fence informati	send me the foll	lowing Amerstrand Feed-
Illustrated Folde	ar	
Construction Pla	ins	
I am interested	in installing an	Amerstrand Fence
Name		Star Sind
Address	1	Signa My all and the
City	Zone	State

les **Division of United States Steel** 

The recent interest of Farm Bureau members in income tax proposals goes back to the annual convention of 1958. At that time the State Resolutions Committee foresaw the coming state financial crisis of 1959, with its "payless pay day" and noted that state expenses in the preceding year had exceeded revenues by \$57 million and that it was "entirely possible" that the state might close the fiscal year with a deficit of nearly \$80 million. (The old saying — "familiarity breeds contempt"—appears to be at work. State officials are now talking about a \$90 to \$100 million deficit by the end of this fiscal year and people seem to

Committee

# Recommends

After further reviewing the situation, the Committee recommended support of "a state income tax on personal and corporate net incomes subject to reasonable rates and exemptions." They further said the new revenue should not be earmarked but should provide some relief for the "unbearable tax burden upon real estate and personal property."

After close votes, the resolution finally died on the table when the convention adjourned.

There was a rather even division of opinion on the tax question. While there was little question of the need for an increase in state revenue, those favoring an increase in the sales tax seemed to have a slight edge over those favoring an income tax.

### **Standards Set**

In the 1959 and 1960 State F.B. conventions, delegates supported a restructuring of state taxes to provide greater equity and set four standards: Revenue sources should have a broad and equitable base. The tax structure should encourage economic growth in Michigan. Other sources of local reve-

nue should be found to relieve the tax on property.

be dropped and still provide a balanced budget at our present spending level.

Lawmakers must provide funds for state school aid for an additional 50,000 to 60,000 pupils entering our school system each year. Welfare costs continue high as Michigan's unemployment load takes on the characteristics of permanency. Various costs increase, too, as federal grants requiring matching funds force our Legislators into the position of either raising the funds for matching purposes or helping to pay for such programs in other states without receiving our "share" of the Federal "gifts.'

# **New Revenue Laws**

It seems apparent that there will be new revenue-producing tax laws enacted by the present Legislature. Few voices are raised against the levying of "some new tax." The sales tax increase did not produce the amount of revenue expected. One reason is that we are spending more of our income for services on which no sales tax is paid, and a smaller portion on sales-taxed items. It seems doubtful that a sales tax of more than 4c would be wise, at least at this time. Businesses along state lines suffer when our tax on sales rises substantially higher than the tax in adjoining states. One of the objections to an income tax has been the necessity of setting up machinery to collect a totally new tax.

# We Agree on This

On one point there is general agreement throughout the state. Property taxes have reached, and in many cases far exceeded, their ability to raise revenue fairly. There is little justice in asking a farmer whose income may be \$3,000 a year to pay most of the burden for schools and local governments through a property tax when his neighbor may have relatively little property, perhaps only a small home, but an income of two or three times as much.

Currently there is general agreement that state revenues must be supplemented quickly. Most tax proposal packages carry a re-enactment of some of the so-called "nuisance" taxes to produce quick revenue. We do not have the \$50 million Veterans' Trust Fund to fall back on as a crutch to bolster the State Government as we did in 1959.



Tom Cunningham, voted "Young Farmer of the Year" by the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers of America.

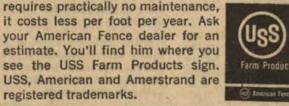
# "With cows on concrete, milk production stays high even in the rainiest weather"

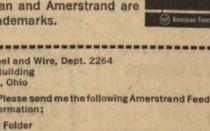
Says T. B. "TOM" CUNNINGHAM, Darlington, South Carolina

"I'm well pleased with the way these concrete paved lots work out in our loose housing dairy set-up. Cows don't waste feed and energy struggling in muck and mud. Our records prove we get consistently higher milk production per cow, all year around. Clean-ups are easy and fast. In fact, since putting our cows on concrete, we've cut our labor in half although we've doubled our herd."

Concrete barnyards pay in many ways. No feed is trampled in mud-more feed goes toward producing milk. Herds stay healthier. Vet bills are lower-concrete reduces mastitis and foot rot. And less cleaning required in the stalls means that cows get in and out of the milking parlor faster. No wonder paved lots gain in popularity every year!

CLIP-MAIL TODAY	PORTLAND CEMENT A Stoddard Building, Lensing ganization to Improve and e	
Send free booklet o Also send other ma		
NAME		
ST. OR R. NO	CITY.	STATE





MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU

# Farm Bureau You'ng Pe'ople---Women's Work



SISTER CROWNS SISTER-Royalty galore as Miss Janice Bechaz, 1961 Mecosta County Dairy Princess, passes on her crown to sister Mary, Mueller of the American Dairy Association of minutes after her selection as the 1962 Princess. Michigan. To the left is Louis Crame, President The occasion was the annual Dairy Banquet, of the Mecosta County Farm Bureau.

sponsored by the Mecosta County Farm Bureau. Assisting is State Dairy Princess, Miss Marjorie

# **Oakland Group Treats Milford Club**

The Huron Valley Farm Bureau Community Group of Oakland county prepared the annual dinner and program to entertain the men of the Milford Club at Milford, in St. George's Church, as a recent project.

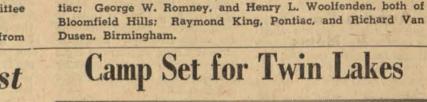
In alternate years the farmers sponsor the event and were themselves entertained by the Milford Club last year. Seventy - five businessmen and farmers participated in this year's gathering.

Joseph Pittenger and Robert Gorsline were introduced as the originators of the annual get-together 28 years ago and told of events that led up to the annual exchange. Robert Smith, Associate Legislative Council of the Michigan Farm Bureau was speaker for the evening.



OAKLAND FARM BUREAU WOMEN-attend the Con-Con. A full bus-load, (40 persons) from all parts of Oakland county, toured the Constitional Convention and the State Legislature recently. The tour was organized by the Women's Committee under the direction of Mrs. Allan Parker, Chairman. Included in the picture were all Con-Con Delegates from

"Farmer of Month" Selected





## Fred Fritz, - - - Future Farmer

Fred Fritz, 17-year-old son of Mr. William Fritz, Onsted, was recently elected "farmer of the month" by the local chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

Fred is president of the "supervised farming committee"

### **Lansing Diocese Of Catholic Women**

"Preserving American Values"-will be discussed when the Lansing Diocese of Catholic Women gather in the Lansing Civic Center May 10. The discussion, centering about basic American ideals and the conflicts of Communist-Socialistic programs for America, will be-

gin at 11:00 a.m. The Diocese represents a territory from Benton Harbor to of the FFA, participates in many school activities and is a member of the Key Club, a teen-age organization sponsored by the Kiwanis. His projects include eleven head of dairy cows, eleven acres of hay, six acres of oats and five acres of

**Kalkaska County Smorgasbord Planned** 

County Farm Bureau are sponsoring a Farm Product Smorgasbord, featuring only produce grown in Kalkaska county, May 19. The event is scheduled for the Kalkaska High School between the hours of

strawberries, potatoes, dairy products, and a multitude of other home-grown, Kalkaska county produced foods. The Smorgasbord is open to the public. Tickets are \$1.00 for adults, 50c for children.

Northwest Women's Camp

## June 5-6-7

The 18th Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau Women's Camp will be held June 5-6-7 at Gilbert Lodge at Twin Lakes, near Traverse City. Registration begins Tuesday, June 5, at 9:00 a.m. The camp is open to Farm Bureau Women of the area with the program built around the theme "Our Challenge Today."

Keynote speaker will be Mrs. Kay Clancy Metz of the Public Relations Department of the Quaker Oats Company. She is especially interested in the role of women in today's world, and was recently named one of Chi-cago's 24 most outstanding and successful women.

Other prominent speakers include Father Michael Beahan of Grand Rapids, narrator of the radio program "Fifteen With Father.

Miss Marjorie McGowan of Lansing, Dr. Cijigas of Traverse City, and Miss Tromp of Lansing are others listed on the program. Miss Tromp will talk on "Challenges in Nursing."

Entertainment features include a variety of music, style show and stunt night.

Total camp fees, which cover entertainment, meals and ping quart \$15. will h Each guest is asked to bring her own pillow, sheets, blankets, towels and wash cloths. Comfortable clothing is a "must." Directions to Gilbert Lodge, Twin Lakes; at Traverse City on U.S. 31, turn left on West Front Street which becomes highway 610. Camp is between 5 and 6 miles west of Traverse City. Watch for Gilbert Lodge signs Camp reservations are limited to 150 persons, and early reservation is suggested to avoid disappointment. Reservations together with \$15. for expenses may be sent to Mrs. John Asher, Route 5, Box 196, Traverse City. After May 10, all reservations will be taken in order received. For those who arrive Monday night prior to the camp, there will be an additional charge of \$1. Such arrival should be arranged in advance.

Bloomfield Hills; Raymond King, Pontiac, and Richard Van

who visited with the group but was absent when the picture

was taken. Delegates included are: Richard D. Kuhn, Pon-



**Gilbert Lodge Camp Site** 

**Teen-agers Attend** 

# "Youth-PowerCongress"

Nearly 200 teen-agers from 23 states, including 7 from Michigan, (see front page picture) attended the National Youth-Power Congress held in Chicago, March 28-31.

The two - pronged program dealing with food and food training in the basic sciences careers was presented in 32 underlying the food industry and the business phases of farm production and marketyouthpower discussion sessions and by outstanding leaders of the food industry.

The Congress was opened by "The public asks four things American Farm Bureau President Charles B. Shuman. He

Save-By-Mail...Get the highest safe return for your funds...

# MICHIGAN NATIONAL BANK





corn. Women of the Kalkaska

5:30 and 8:00 p.m.

Featured items will include



# **Regular Savings Accounts**

Michigan National Bank pays 4% interest, compounded quarterly, on all regular passbook savings on deposit for 12 months. 31/2% is paid on deposits of less than 12 months. No minimum balance, no certificates required and full withdrawal privileges. A Michigan National Bank savings account offers the ideal combination of SAFETY, HIGH EARNINGS and AVAILABILITY so essential in safeguarding your future. When you consider all the facts you'll find Michigan National Bank's 4% Savings Plan is your best investment.

Now, at out-state Michigan's largest bank, you can earn 4% interest on your funds with our SAVE-BY-MAIL program. No need to visit our office . . . the postman will do your traveling . . . and we will pay the postage both ways. SEND THE COUPON OR A POSTCARD TODAY FOR FULL INFORMATION ... there's no obligation.

# BANK YOUR MONEY FOR ALL IT'S WORTH



ASSETS OVER 500 MILLION DOLLARS ... MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION At your service until 4:30 P.M. Monday through Saturday

second beauty beauty provide and the second

mail	SAVE-BY-MAIL OFFICER, MICHIGAN NATIONAL BAN (Mail to the office nearest you) BATTLE CREEK, CHARLOTTE, FLIN GRAND RAPIDS, LANSING, MARSHALL, PORT HURON or SAGINAN	т,
this coupon or a	Please send me, without obligation, complete information on your SAVE-BY MAIL plan.	
postcard today	ADDRESS	000
	24 CITYSTATE	- CI

Flint.

Leading the discussion will be J. Delbert Wells, Manager of the Family Program Division of the Michigan Farm Bu-

# Leadership Camp Set For Clear Lake

# **Comprehensive Program Outlined**

Farm Bureau Young People will hold their annual State Leadership Camp at Clear Lake Camp on June 11 to 15. The Camp is located near Dowling.

The Camp is open to all young members of Farm Bureau families with the program developed for those between 14 and 21 years of age.

The meaning of the three 'isms - Capitalism, Socialism, and Communism will be the theme of the Camp. One entire day will be used to gain understanding of these economic systems that we hear so much about today.

One day will be spent in learning how to lead discussions, speak before groups and involving others in planning projects and activities. County and State Farm Bureau Young People projects will also be an important part of the Camp. Discussions and displays on building county projects will

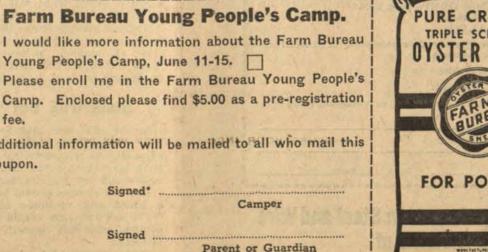
also be an important part of the Camp program. Recreation activities are al-

ways an outstanding feature of the Camp program. Organized softball and volley ball games and swimming will fill many hours of daytime recreation. Stunts, square and "round" dancing and a talent program will provide evening fun for the entire group.

The Camp provides an opportunity for young people to meet others from all parts of the State. Many new friendships have been developed from past camping programs.

The cost of the Camp will be \$20.00. This will cover all costs from the afternoon of June 11 to the morning of June 15 when the Camp closes.

All interested people are urged to fill in the coupon on this page and mail it before June 1 to Farm Bureau Young People's Camp, Box 960, 4000 N. Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan.



# **County Notes** Kalamazoo Women

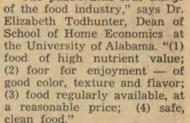
A Farm Bureau-Clergy Conference will be held by Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau Women, May 14, in the County Center Building. The Conference is scheduled for the hours of 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Plans include reviewing basic ideals and principles of Farm Bureau,-present issues facing farmers and Farm Bureau's answers to these issues.



stated "Doctors say that 35-45 percent of the population is affected by poor nutrition." He called the teen-agers "the most important group in the U.S. There are more than today." 20 million teen-agers in the U. S. and they're increasing by a million a year.

> Shuman, also President of the National Food Conference which sponsored the four-day conference, urged teen-agers



"to sell folks on the value of

School of Agriculture at Pur-

due University, told the group,

"the future belongs to those

who prepare for it. Never was

the need so great as now for

Dr. Earl Butz, Dean of the

good nutrition."

"The food industry provides all of these," she said. "There's no need for people to live on vitamin pills, capsules and quack diets."





come wind...come rain

PLYAC Liquid Polyethylene Spreader-Sticker

# takes the whether out of weather!

Sprays stick and stay through roughest weathering when you use a few ounces of Plyac spreader-sticker in the tank. They keep on working through gusty wind and pounding rain.

Plyac is based on liquid polyethylene. It sticks. You stretch the time between respraying . . . get more work from your spray dollar. Just 2 to 4 ounces of Plyac give "stick-to-it-iveness" to 100 gallons of spray mixture. Add it to wettable powders, sprays or emulsifiable concentrates. Plyac gives added effectiveness to all sprays.



GENERAL CHEMICAL DIVISION 40 Rector Street, New York 6, N. Y.

fee. Additional information will be mailed to all who mail this coupon.

> Signed' Signed Parent or Guardian Address

Smorgasbord is Successful

FIVE

# **Community and County Activity Reports**

# Huron Co. **Fund Dinner**

The third annual "Town and Country" dinner, with pro-ceeds applied to the building fund, will be held by the Huron County Farm Bureau at 7:00 p.m. — May 2.

The dinner will be served at the County Farm Bureau Center building, located in the Northgate Shopping Center, Bad Axe.

Guest speaker at the \$5.00 per person donation event, will be Dana Rose of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company. Special entertainment is also planned. The dinner menu includes roast beef and pork and "all the trimmings."

# **Antrim County** F. B. News

Mrs. Carl Conant Reporter

All newspapers of Antrim county were represented at the Information - Public Relations dinner at Thomas's restaurant in Traverse City. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Ward Babcock of the Elk Rapids Progress, Mrs. Gladys Carey, News - Advertiser of Bellaire, Jackson Goolsby, - Antrim County News and Mancelona Herald

and Mrs. Paul Lisk of the Central Lake Torch.

Mrs. Richard Wieland was in charge of the Princess contest at the April 24 Dairy Banquet, with corsages and crown furnished by the county Farm Bureau. As a program feature, boys and girls between 10 and 15 write essays on why they would like to own a registered calf. Judging is done by the County Dairy Committee and a calf is selected (by County Agent Kirkpatrick)and donated by banks of the area to the lucky winner.

# **District 9**

Mrs. Dwight Duddles, Chrmn.

Wexford County Women sponsored the Dairy Princess banquet April 23, at the Cadillac High School.

Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau Women were hosts for a combined meeting of the Women's Committee and Board of Directors. After separate business meetings, Robert Ackerman and Michael Pattison from the Minnema School of Music, played selec-tions on guitar and accordian.

The Rural-Urban luncheon was held April 24 at the Garfield Township hall, with Mrs. Arthur Muir, state Women's chairman, as the guest speaker.



A BEAUTIFUL PLANTER-given in appreciation of outstanding membership work is handed to Mrs. Otto Rexin by Oakland County Farm Bureau Membership Committee Chairman, Adolph Engler. Mrs. Rexin signed seven new members. She is from Farmington and is past chairman of the Oakland County Women's Committee.

**To AFBF Staff** 

Mrs. Bruce Ruggles, Chairman

ly at Kingston.

**District 6** 

Lapeer County has completed its pledge to Camp Kett! A total of 160 women from the District Six area attended the recent Spring District Ral-

Huron East-side heard Pro-bate Judge Neil MacCallum speak on the topics of Michigan's law on medical assistance to the aged, Medicare, and adoptions and Wills.

Sanilac County Farm Bureau Women heard Mrs. Ruth Kipp of the Social Welfare Department urge them to "stick to your local government."

At the recent Women's meeting in Tuscola county, Father McLaughlin of Gagetown explained the purpose and plans for Civil Defense.

# **Appointment** Announced

Appointment of Mrs. Florence Thomas, Illinois Agricultural Association director of family activities, to the position of assistant director in the Program Development Division of the American Farm Bureau Federation, has been announc-

tional education. Prior to that

she was a home economies MRS. FLORENCE THOMAS

# "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.

Adrian; Dial 1490......WABJ | Coldwater; Dial 1590......WTVB | Kalamazoo; Dial 1420......WKPR Saturday 12:15 p.m. Saturday 6:15 a.m. Friday 6:00 a.m. WMPC

Albion; Dial 1260......WALM Detroit; Dial 760.....WJR Lapeer; Dial 1230..... Announced Locally Innday 6

### **District 7 Fifth Gratiot Farm Bureau Women**

Mrs. Walter Harger, Chrmn. 16 1 Stanwood

A special meeting of delegates from the seven counties of District 7, will be held at the Fremont State Bank, May 15, to elect new District officers. The meeting is called for 1:30 p.m.

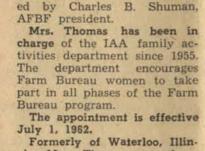
Mrs. Arthur Muir, State Chairman of Farm Bureau Women, spoke on the topic, "American Heritage in our Schools," at the first of the Spring District meetings, held in the Lakeview High School. Mrs. Karker told about the Medicare bill, and a representative from the National Livestock and Meat Board told of work done to promote red meats.

Monicalm county, (the Host) -took first prize for attendance, and Mecosta placed second.

> by the Gratiot County Farm Bureau. The din- Ruth Behnke, Food Editor. ner is both a product-promotion and exercise in

LISTENING INTENTLY-a large crowd hears rural-urban relations. News media represented M. J. Buschlen, Manager of the Farm Supply Di- included a majority of area newspapers, radio vision of Farm Bureau Services, at the recent and televison stations and several magazines. fifth annual Bean Smorgasbord sponsored Among them, Farm Journal, represented by Miss





ois, Mrs. Thomas served as supervisor of home economics for the Illinois board of voca-



May 1, 1962



Plant the best...it costs less!

# MICHIGAN CERTIFIED SOYBEAN SEED

Soybeans are becoming an important 'cash crop' in Michigan . . . that's why it will pay you to plant the best ... plant a known variety with known performance-Michigan Certified Soybean Seed! It bears the Blue Tag of certification for highest yield under Michigan growing conditions and for freedom from impurities. It is laboratory and field tested to be near perfect . . . Look for the Blue Tag!

- BLACKHAWK CHIPPEWA
- HAROSOY HAWKEYE



At Your Seed Dealers . . . Now! MICHIGAN CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION Michigan State University East Lansing, Michigan

BARLEY . CORN . FIELD BEANS . FORAGE SEEDS OATS . RYE . POTATOES . WHEAT . SOYBEANS

... recommended specifically for Michigan growing conditions."

	Indibudy, 0.10 d.m.		ritoring and binn
1	Alma; Dial 1280WFYC	Dowagiac; Dial 1440WDOW	Ludington; Dial 1450WKLA
	Saturday Farm Program	Saturday 12:15 p.m.	Saturday 7:00 p.m.
8	6:30 to 7:00 a.m.	East Lansing; Dial 870WKAR	Manistee: Dial 1340WMTE
	the second s	Saturday 10:30 a.m.	Monday 1:00 p.m.
	Alpena; Dial 1450WATZ	Escanaba; Dial 680WDBC	and the second se
§	Monday 6:30 a.m.	Saturday 11:35 a.m.	Marinette, Wis. Dial 570 WMAM
	Ann Arbor; Dial 1290WOIA	Fremont; WSHN	Friday 11:55 a.m.
	Saturday 6:45 a.m.	Announced Locally	Menominee; Dial 1340WAGN
	Ann Arbor; Dial 1050WPAG	Gaylord; Dial 900WATC	Saturday 6:15 a.m.
	Thursday 7:00 a. m.	Thursday noon	Midland; Dial 1490WMDN
	Bay City; Dial 1440WBCM	Grand Rapids; Dial 1410WGRD	Saturday 6:30 a.m.
	Saturday 12:15 p.m.	Saturday 6:40 a.m.	Muskegon; Dial 1090WMUS
	Bay City; Dial 1250WWBC	Greenville; Dial 1380WPLB	Saturday 12:15 p.m.
	Announced Locally	Saturday 1:30 p.m.	the second se
£	Big Rapids; Dial 1460WBRN	Hancock; Dial 920WMPL	Owosso; Dial 1080WOAP
	Saturday 12:30 p.m.	Wednesday 6:30 a.m.	Monday 12:35 p.m.
	Benton Harbor; Dial 1060WHFB	Hastings; Dial 1220WBCH	Petoskey; Dial 1340WMBN
	Tuesday and Thursday 12:40 p.m.	Tuesday 12:30 p.m.	Tuesday 11:45 a.m.
	Saturday 12:15 p.m.	Houghton Lake: Dial 1290 WHGR	Rogers City; Dial 960 WHAK
	Charlotte; Dial 1390WCER	Monday 12:30 p.m.	Friday 12:00 noon
8 -	Saturday Farm Show	Ionia; Dial 1430WION	Saginaw; Dial 1210WKNX
1	12:30 to 1:00 p.m.	Saturday 6:30 a.m.	Saturday 12:40 p.m.
	Cheboygan; Dial 1240WCBY	Jackson; Dial 1450WIBM	St. Johns; Dial 1580 WJUD
	Friday 1:05 p.m.	Saturday 6:30 a.m.	Saturday 6:15 a.m.
		and the second	
	Clare; Dial 990WCRM	Jackson; Dial 970WKHM	Tuesday 12:15 p.m.
	Friday 1:05 p.m.	Third Tuesday of each month	Tuesuay 12.10 p.m.

FARM FORUM - Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic Radio Station WKAR; Dial 870 1:00 p.m. - 1st Monday each month, September through June

## **District 3** Women's Camp Held

Mrs. William Scramlin Chairman

The Havenhill Highland Recreation area (former Edsel Ford home) was the site of the recent Farm Bureau Women's Camp for District 3. This was the sixth such camp held in the Havenhill area, with 65 ladies from six counties that comprise the district in attendance.

Mrs. Clayton Anderson, vicechairman of the district, was in charge of camp arrangements and program. Among guest speakers were Allen Rush, district director on the Michigan Farm Bureau board and Delegate to the Constitutional Convention

Mrs. Harry Wittaker, Lapeer, -former State Farm Bureau Women's Chairman, presented a travelogue of the Holy Land. State Trooper Miller talked on juvenile delinquency while Miss Jean Hardy of Detroit-Edison talked on the topic "What's washable today?" Michigan Farm Bureau staff members Marjorie Karker and Larry Ewing lead a discussion on the topic "Politics is not a dirty word."

al 1450.....WKLA 7:00 p.m. 1340 WMTE 1:00 p.m. Dial 570....WMAM 11:55 a.m. al 1340......WAGN

6:15 a.m. .....WMDN 1490 .... y 6:30 a.m. al 1090......WMUS y 12:15 p.m. ..WOAP 080 12:35 p.m. 1340. .....WMBN 11:45 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

from recipes calling for bean flour and puree! President, Lloyd Shankel, stands by her crea-Mrs. Bernard Godley, general chairman of the tion, a "Cherry-nut-bean-chiffon cake." The reci-Smorgasbord, (left) admires a few samples of pe, of course, calls for a plentiful amount of the dozens of bean products. Mrs. Lillian Shank- Gratiot county Navy beans.

CAKES, COOKIES, CANDIES, PIES-all made el, wife of the MFB board member and County

# "NEXT BEST THING TO VISITING YOU IN PERSON, JANE !"

"... So, Jane, we naturally are staying close to the farm these days. But that doesn't keep us from visiting-we'll keep in touch with you often by Long Distance. Be sure to phone us if you can make that trip next month . . ."

Tonight, wouldn't you like to visit with some out-of-town friends or relatives by Long Distance? The rates are lower after 6 p.m. and all day Sunday. You'll find typical Long Distance rates in your telephone directory.

# MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY



HALL INSURANCE **On Farm/ and Garden Crops** 

During the 1961 growing season, Michigan Mutual Hail paid loss claims on 36 different days in 39 Michigan counties!

This 50 year old company . . . a non-profit organization, operated by farmers for farmers . . . provides prompt, fair cash settlements for hail damaged Farm and Truck Crops.

Why not protect YOUR INCOME with a Michigan Mutual Hail "Multiple Crop" policy? Write today for the address of your nearby agent.

INSURE YOUR INCOME . . . for only pennies per acre.

MICHIGAN MUTUAL HAIL Ph. IV 2-5268 107 N. Butler Blvd. Lansing, Michigan Fred M. Hector, Secretary

May 1, 1962

MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU

# **Farmers Learn Cooperative Efforts Pay Dividends**

# **Patron Refunds Made**

Patronage refund checks, both symbolic, (for the photographer) and real (for farmers through the cooperatives they have built)-were presented recently as highlights of several important farmercooperative meetings.

SIX

A substantial check was received during the annual meet-ing of the Farm Bureau Milling Company, Hammond, Indiana,-and two others at the Shareholder's meeting of United Co-Operatives, Inc., in San Francisco.

## **A Successful Year**

The Farm Bureau Milling Company is a cooperative effort owned and operated jointly by three Farm Bureau Supply Companies located in Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin. It has completed another successful year with a total tonnage of 168,130 tons,-one

of the largest single production years for the Company.

According to James Seddon, Manager of the Feed Depart-ment for Farm Bureau Services, Michigan increased ton-nage from the mill by 17 per cent,—and the Milling Company itself increased over-all tonnage by 8 per cent last year.

The Milling Company at Hammond is one of the largest feed manufacturing operations in the Midwest. It has pioneered many formulas and maintains a top flight laboratory to keep constant check on quality-control.

It is another of the successful cooperative operations of Farm Bureau Services that have proven over the years how well farmers can work together to formulate, manufacture and purchase quality products at considerable savings.



M. J. BUSCHLEN,-Manager of the Farm Sup- reau Services, is pictured to the right. At the ing Company and General Manager of Farm Bu- Milling Company at Hammond, Indiana.

ply Division, Farm Bureau Services, Inc., receives extreme left is Marten Garn, a member of the the annual patronage check from Russ Paarlberg, Milling Company board and president of Farm General Manager of Farm Bureau Milling Com- Bureau Services' Board of Directors. The check pany. Maynard Brownlee, president of the Mill- was received during the annual meeting of the

# **Farm Bureau Services Receives Refund**

Farm Bureau Services earned \$17,672 in refunds for the fiscal year from purchases of "Unico" products through United Co-Operatives. In addition, Farm Bureau Services received \$4,789 in payment of dividends on the capital stock and interest on debentures held by F. B. Services for the same period.

# **Farmers Petroleum**

Farmers Petroleum Cooperaments of dividends on capital stock and interest on deben-

**Earns Refund** 

tive shared in patronage refunds from products purchased through United Co-Operatives to the extent of \$10,495 in the past fiscal year. An additional \$3,384 was received in paytures for the same period.



UNICO PRESIDENT-G. G. Connor (left) presents to Tom Koning, president of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, a check symbolic of the \$10,495 in patronage refunds paid the Cooperative by United Co-Operatives, Inc., for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1961.

# Presidential **Power-Play**

As the Nation's largest user of steel, agriculture could hardly be expected to cheer the announcement of a \$6 per ton increase in the price of this basic commodity.

On the other hand, the demonstration of the tremendous ands of the

# Proposed Tax Package

# By Robert Smith Assoc. Legislative Counsel

Michigan's \$95 million deficit is real, as are the added costs of government. Under the bipartisan tax program now be-ing debated, Michigan would become the 23rd state to have both an income and a sales tax. The program would include the repeal of many taxes, such as:

Intangibles Tax—The \$9½ million of this tax returned to local government would continue.

Sales Tax on prescription drugs.

**Reduce Corporate Franchise** Tax from 4 to 2 mills.

**Repeal Business Activities** Tax. Many farmers will applaud this. Any farmer with gross sales of \$20,000 or more must file a return and pay the tax. This tax, like the property tax, must be paid even if there are substantial losses.

Return 1c of the sales tax (\$108 million) to local units of government on a per capita basis. The Legislators intend that this money will be used to lower property taxes. A legislative interim committee will study methods of doing this effectively.

The plan will take two full years to put into effect. Until then it will be necessary to enact, beginning July 1, 1962 for an eleven-month period, a package of temporary "nui-sance" taxes: (1) 4% use tax on telephone and telegraph service; (2) Penny tax on cigarettes; (3) 4% tax on liquor; and (4) increase of 10c a case on beer.

After the first two years, State revenue will be increased by a little over \$100 million, to be used to meet costs of government and pay off the \$90-100 million deficit.

Sponsors of the plan say that the business climate of the State will be helped and the tax burden on property will be lessened.

From time to time, the tax burden on property has been increased by the shifting of costs back to the counties. In the last ten years local tax effort for schools increased from 35.4% of total school operational cost to 47.4%. This is for operations only, not to mention building costs which are paid totally from property taxes. Similar examples exist in other areas of local government.

Various tax studies have shown that property taxes take

# **Farm Bureau Opposes Co-op Withholding Tax**

The American Farm Bureau Federation has opposed the application of a withholding tax on interest and dividends, including patronage dividends paid to members of farmer cooperatives.

CHARLES B. SHUMAN

In a statement presented at

a Senate Finance Committee

hearing, Charles B. Shuman,

president of the American

Farm Bureau, said withholding

would lead to "confusion and

inequity for individual tax-

Mr. Shuman devoted much

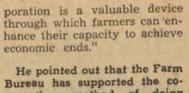
of his statement to the taxa-

tion of farmer cooperatives.

He defended cooperatives, say-

ing that "the cooperative cor-

payers.



Bureau has supported the co-operative method of doing business for farmers for over 40 years. "A majority of Farm Bureau's 1,600,994 member families are members of farmer cooperatives," he said.

Mr. Shuman said "the law should require payment of at least one-fifth of cooperative patronage dividends in cash. Farmer-patrons should be liable for a tax on non-cash cooperative dividends only if they agree in writing to accept them," he said.

"Farmers will welcome a clarification of the tax laws which will enable their cooperatives to develop a sound program for handling patronage dividends that will be in the best interest of the cooper-ative and the patrons," he de-clared. But he said "patrons and members of cooperatives will resist—and resent—efforts to pass along to them a tax liability which is not clearly their responsibility and which may place them in jeopardy of prosecution for failure to report such 'scrip' as income.

The Farm Bureau president said the proposals he made are an "equitable solution" and in the "interests of the member patrons as individuals and of cooperatives as institutions."



# F.B. Mutual Recommends **Defensive Driving** "Keys" To Driving Listed

MARTEN GARN (left)-receives from Unico president G. G.

Connor, a check representing \$17,672 in patronage refunds paid

to Farm Bureau Services, Inc., by United Co-Operatives, for the

Spring invariably brings more cars to the highways. The sunny weather and clear, dry highways after a hard winter signal the end of driving under the handicaps of icy, slippery Traffic speeds up and Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company advises all drivers to be defensive drivers.

ing are: ignore speed limits, "no passstop signs and

The keys to defensive driv-Obey all traffic regulations. Only the immature and incompetent think they can safely

**All About Government Plans** For Turkeys

Dr. James Ralph, then Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, at a meeting of the National Turkey Federation is guoted as follows:

"We don't want to give them (the turkey growers) a tremendously profitable price, but let's give them just enough to keep them working as hard as they have in the past, so consumers can continue to enjoy cheap turkeys."

Safe drivers avoid acts of omission as well as commission, and make safe allowance for the failure of other drivers or pedestrians. This is called defensive driving and is the mark of all safe drivers. Safety is NO accident.

1961 fiscal year.



- · Outlast any wood; more economical . You drive them; no digging,
- refilling, tamping · No termites, rot, fire, heaving · Red enamel beautifies, preserves

So fence right with Co-op's UNILITE. Quality guaranteed.

Available throughout Michigan from



other traffic control measures. Be alert at all times. Dangerous situations develop fast. Be doubly watchful after dark. Remember to glance at the

rear-view mirror frequently. Allow a margin of safety. Good drivers never assume that other drivers or pedestrians will do the right thingsand they do not insist on their right - of - way at all costs. Follow the car ahead at a safe distance. A good rule of thumb

is to allow at least one car length for every 10 miles per hour of speed. Make your intentions clear.

Before turning. stopping, changing lanes, or other maneuvers that may affect near-by traffic, give proper signals and make sure the way is clear.

Stay in one lane as much as possible. Do not weave or hog the road. Cross centerline only when passing or turning left. Prepare for turns and stops. Get into the proper lane well in advance and signal

Keep an eye on parked cars. Watch for signs indicating that a vehicle may be about to pull out from the curb.

Pace yourself by the traffic around you. Don't race. Don't lag. Don't ride the bumper of the vehicle ahead

Don't back into trouble. When you back up, make certain the way is clear.

Reduce you speed at night. Don't overdrive your lights. Use your passing beam, even if the other fellow does not. Keep your windshield, headlights, and taillights clean.

Always be courteous on the road. The Golden Rule is the most important adjunct to the official traffic rules.

# **FARMERS:**

Check the value you get in Gelatin Bone Perfect Balancer, the mineral feed of champions;

Percent Percent Min. Max. 8.0 9.0 29.0 84.0 .24 .015 .018 .01 .03 0.00 0.00 Phosphorous Mag. Sulfate Cobalt Sulfate Get Perfect Balancer at your

elevator. Distributed in Mich-Igan by: ARM BUREAU SERVICES, INC.

creased sales of cottage cheese The Gelatin Bone Co. from an average of 69 pounds Romeo, Mich.

# New A.D.A. Promotion



# **Dairymen Develop Merchandiser**

The American Dairy Associa-

tion of Michigan has developed

where a cart can go.

to 300 pounds daily without a special price,-during a fiveday test.

a refrigerated styrofoam dairy merchandiser to increase sales Butter and sweet corn, sour of dairy products in food cream and baking potatoes, stores. It fits into shopping potato chips and sour cream carts and can be stationed anyare some of the displays placed directly before shoppers through the carts. The Associ-In a Detroit super market, ation hopes to place several the dairy merchandiser inthousand dairy merchandisers in food stores of Michigan and other states in a short time

President, and his willingness to use it, should give us all cause for concern.

Now that government is collecting 30% of our income in taxes and by deficit financing. spending even more, the power of the President to offer or to withhold government business may well be equal to the power of life or death over any business.

Farmers know that the authority to sell large amounts of government - owned wheat or feed grains is the power to break the market price. If the President thinks the people want him to use these

powers to drive his program home, where will the next blow fall? On doctors? On unions? Or on farmers?



# MED ROCKET

# ELECTRIC FENCE CONTROLLER Model 2-4-D Rocket

When you buy your Unico 2-4-D Electric Fence Controller you will get . . .

FREE . . .

\* 1/4 MILE OF WIRE 17 ga. galvanized wire on spool

\* 50 INSULATORS Weatherproof, unbreakable plastic insulators. COMPLETE KIT - ONE LOW PRICE



nearly three times more farmer net income than other occupational groups. MSU studies show that in 1959-1960, farm real estate tax per acre increased 21%.

With adequate State revenues, the costs of these programs could be paid for in the manner intended. This, together with a more equitable school aid formula, could also relieve property tax costs.

Farmers should study this proposed fax program very carefully, keeping in mind that if the 15 mill limitation is retained along with the new constitutional provision limiting assessments to 50% of value, property faxes could be effec-tively relieved.

> best...it costs less the

# MICHIGAN CERTIFIED BEAN

In total acre costs of producing a bean crop, seed is a minor item, so why not plant the best-a seed which has been laboratory and field tested to give the highest yield. The Blue Tag on Michigan Certified Bean Seed. assures you a high germinating seed, tested and adapted for Michigan conditions, for the highest yield, and for freedom from impurities. It has to be near perfect to bear the Blue Tag-Look for IT!

WHITE

NAVY

· MICHELITE SANILAC SEAWAY

**CHARLEVOIX** Dark Red Kidney



At Your Seed Dealers . . . Now! MICHIGAN CROP **IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION Michigan State University** East Lansing, Michigan

BARLEY . CORN . FIELD BEANS . FORAGE SEEDS OATS . RYE . POTATOES . WHEAT . SOYBEANS

... recommended specifically for Michigan growing conditions."

ready for stringing.

Lansing, Mich.

# See your local dealer. Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

4000 N. Grand River

May 1, 1962

# F. B. Activities in Market-Development



### **1962 MFB Field-Crops Advisory Committee**

FIELD CROPS COMMITTEE-providing spe- Francis Bingham, Schoolcraft, cialized commodity information and advice to the Seated, (left to right)-Ward Cooper, former Michigan Farm Bureau. Pictured are, (standing, Manager, Market-Development Division, MFB: from left to right)-Paul Liepprandt, Pigeon; Stuart Tyson, Buckley; Elvon Rasmussen, Beld-Herbert' Fierke, MFB Board member, Saginaw; ing; Ted Landis, Homer and Elroy Scott, Oxford. Basil McKenzie, Breckenridge: Lloyd Shankel, Missing from the picture were Maurice Gove, St. MFB Board, Wheeler; Dean Pridgeon, Mont- Johns, Arthur Estelle, Gaylord and Gustav Buss, gomery: Coyne McCracken, Carson City and Engadine.



### **1962 MFB Fruit Advisory Committee**

FRUIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE-pictured Kenneth Bull, Bailey. Seated, (left to right,following a meeting at Farm Bureau Center, Lan- Noel Stuckman, MFB Market Development Divising. Standing, (from left to right)-Harvey sion, Frank Green, Allen; Max Hood, MFB Duncan, Ossineke: Wendell Green, Walled Lake: Board member, Paw Paw; Richard Bristol, Al-Ted Ayres, Traverse City; Herbert Turner, mont. Absent when the picture was taken,-Saginaw: Albert Wightman, Fennville: Roger Allen Rush, MFB Board member, Lake Orion and

Porter, Goodrich: Lee Cook, Kalamazoo, and Guy Freeborn, MFB Board member, Hart. the first meeting of the com-Lester Secor, Dowagiac; Alex mittee, James Thar of Decatur Stimac, Paw Paw; Ray Wy-

### Six Advisory Committees

Many of the important actions of the Michigan Farm Bureau are guided by the thoughtful advice of six Commodity Advisory Committees that make intense studies of problems of special importance to ture.

With about 300 commodity interests represented by Farm Bureau nationally, the Advisory Committees play an important educational and action role. They stand as a "frontline" task force within the Farm Bureau structure, county, . and the American state, Farm Bureau Federation of states.

Within the Michigan Farm Bureau, the committees represent the areas of dairying, field crops, fruit, vegetables, poultry and livestock. Each area is represented by members appoint. ed to the committees by the president of the Michigan Farm Bureau for terms of one year. All appointees are regular members of Farm Bureau,-all are producers of their respective commodity. Their advisory capacities in-

clude: representing their commodity in matters of production, marketing, transportation and use of the commodity;--to develop and encourage close working relations with existing commodity organizations; to consider county Farm Bureau resolutions that concern their commodity interest and, (in turn) to make recommendations to the Michigan Farm Bureau resolutions committee.

Each of the six state committees are organized with a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. The Secretary is a staff member of the Market Development Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau and appointed by the Manager of that division

At least two regularly scheduled meetings of each committee are held each year, one in spring, (March) and the other in fall, (October). Additional meetings are called from time to time as changing conditions warrant.

In this fashion, Farm Bureau is provided with the best ad-vice available from full-fime farmers who produce the commodities upon which they give advice, and who have day-today working knowledge of the problems involved. organization.

These goals will be vigorously promoted throughout this,

# "Instant Potatoes"

# **In Foreign Trade**

ing plant in Rogers City.

Another Michigan farm product, - "New Era Instant Mashed Potatoes," has been added to the list of those promoted in overseas markets through the Farm Bureau Trade Development Corporation. They are manufactured by the Potato Division of the Frito-Lay Corporation, with offices in Detroit and process-

A one-ton trial shipment of the instant mashed potato product has been prepared for a large London concern, with samples already shipped and approved. If the trial shipment also proves satisfactory there is a potential sale to the one company of around 100 tons of potato flakes,-a product that expands when moisture is added, in a ratio of 10 to 1.

Accordingly, this single order could result in a market for over 100 acres of Michigan potatoes, yielding 300 bushels per acrel

Thomas Creager, Sales Manager for the Frito-Lay organization, had several inquiries from European countries but found difficulty in turning them into actual sales. It will be the job of the Rotterdam Trade Office of the Farm Bureau Trade Development Corporation to develop these contacts and to promote the product among other important buyers.

Michigan flaked potatoes have several advantages when moving into foreign trade. They are grown near the St. Lawrence Seaway where cheap water transportation is readily available. Michigan "Russett Rural" potatoes maintain a truer potato flavor than other varieties.

Other Michigan products currently represented in European markets through the Farm Bureau Trade Development Corporation include dry beans, soft wheat, fresh apples, canned and frozen blueberries and field onions.

# **Processing Apples MACMA** Apple Division **Signs Crop Majority**

A majority of all processing apples grown in Michigan are now under marketing agreement with MACMA,-Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association, a Farm Bureau affiliate.

tion meetings, with each district electing at least one person to the fifteen-member Marketing Committee. Those elected serve two year terms,-half of the committee members are subject to election each year.

Henry Nelson, grower from

Ionia, and Walter Wightman,

president of the Michigan Farm

Bureau, represent the Michigan

Agricultural Cooperative Mar-

keting Association on the "Na-

tional Growers' Committee" of

the American Agricultural

Marketing Association,-an af-

filiate of the American Farm

AAMA coordinates activities

of state Associations, and most

recently has employed J. Ward

Cooper as Manager of the Ap-

Bureau.

MACMA currently has over 55% of the total processing apple crop, involving 376 growers, under agreement.

The Processing Apple Marketing Committee, charged with the responsibility of planning and carrying out a cooperative marketing program for members' apples, has planned further organizational activities. Aimed at is a membership goal of 70% of all Michigan processing apples by 1962 har-

ple Division to supervise and correlate apple marketing ac-tivities within the Association. The Apple Division is completing a series of district elec-

# Farm Bureau Market Place

vest time.

### Try A 25 Word Classified Ad for \$1

SPECIAL RATE to Farm Bureau members: 25 words for \$1 each edition. Additional words 5 cents each per edition. Figures like 12 or \$12.50 count as one word. NON-MEMBER advertisers: 10 cents per word one edition. Two or more editions take rate of 8 cents per word per edition. All classified ads are cash with order.

and the state of the	NAMES OF A DESCRIPTION OF A		Density carries and the second
1 AGENTS WANTED	15 FARM FOR SALE	23 · LIVESTOCK	26 PULLETS
ment salesman, barn builders, otc., make money in spare time selling and installing power farming mechanized equipment, gutter cleaners, silo un- loaders, cattle and hog feeders. Some	house. Dairy barn 36'x80'. Heifer barn 30'x60'. Chicken house 40'x40'.	yearlings, kids, and herd sire, Must	AFRICAN VIOLET leaves by mall. Small and large plants sold from home, Send stamp for list, Nottle Hall, Route 2, Roepcke, Rd., Grass Lake, Michigan, (5-5t-24p) 25
territory still open for more dealers. Write for free details, state where you live and present occupation. Write.	Hog barn 20'x60', All lile buildings.	BEEF BULL SALE. 40 Herefords, 2 Angus, 1 Shorthorn. Thursday, May 2 Bender, Children Children (2011)	
lgan. (12-tf-54b) 1	Terms. 200 ACRES, near Wolverine.	3, 1962-1:00 p.m. at Feeder Cattle yard, Gaylord, Northern Michigan Beef Breeder's Ass'n, Ray McMul- len, Gaylord, Michigan, (4-2t-25b) 23	POULTRYMEN-Use Perfect Bal- ancer, 8% phosphate mineral feed in your ground feed. Eliminate soft
3 BABY CHICKS	Modern seven room home. Dairy barn. Silo. Two sets of farm buildings. Orchards. Good road. Mail and school bus route. Good value at \$22,000.00.	FOR SALE—Specific Pathogen Free Swine, boars, gilis, and bred gilts. Chester Whites, Polands, and Hamp-	shelled eggs. Mix 3 lbs. per 100 ibs. reed. The Gelatin Bons Co., Romeo, Mich. (4-tf-25b) 2t
LOOKING FOR STRICTLY PRO- DUCTION WHITE ROCKS? Try our Lawton strain chicks. Customers re- port that they peak at 90% produc-	Agency, Indian River, Michigan. (5-1t-86p) 15	shires. Sired by champions and with certified backing. Russell McKarns, West Unity, Ohio. Phone 924-2616.	26 PULLETS
tion. Random Sample Tests show that they produce eggs on less feed than some of the top strains of pro-	152 ACRES, all tillable, extra good soil, in Montcalm County, near Coral, Michigan, Large modern house, New	(6-61-12t-25p) 23 MILKING SHORTHORN BULLS, calves up to breeding age. By our	DAY OLD OR STARTED PULLETS -The DeKalb profit pullet Accepted by the smart poultryman for high egg
large early egg size plus excellent laying house livability makes them the nation's most profitable White	furnace, full basement. Barn 35x50, full basement, 20 stanchions, drinking cups. Tool house and chicken coop 24x105 feet. 1000 bushel wheat storage,	noted sire and from Record of Morit dams. Stanley M. Powell, Ingleside Farms, R-1, Box 238, Ionia, Michigan	production, superior egg quality, greater feed efficiency. If you keep records, you'll keep DeKalbs. Write
Rock. Lial Gifford, St. Johns, Mich- igan. (Clinton County) Telephone CA 4-4076. (4-21-65p) 3	2200 bushel corn storage. Silo. This is a good farm at a reasonable price.	FEEDER CATTLE. 1 will have	for prices and catalog. KLAGER HATCHERIES, Bridgewater, Mich- igan. Telephones: Saline HAzel 9- 7087, Manchester GArden 8-3034.
and the second s	240 ACRES, 110 acres tillable plus	lbs. Choice Hereford and Angus calves	(Washtenaw County)

240 ACRES, 110 acres tillable pins<br/>do acres tillable pins<br/>apples, 9 acres peaches, 1 acre piums,<br/>3 bedrom house. Living room, dining<br/>room, kitchen. Barn 40290, good apple<br/>for assurance of top<br/>money makers in '62 try Shaver Star-<br/>(6-1t-45B) 3240 ACRES, 110 acres tillable, post<br/>sol, good acres tillable, good<br/>sol, good buildings. In Montcalm<br/>County.Bedrow house cliving room, dining<br/>or assurance of top<br/>money makers in '62 try Shaver Star-<br/>(6-1t-45B) 3Washtenaw County.(I0-tf-25&21b)26TRY OUR 1ST GENERATION Blue<br/>Diamond White Rock Pullets for<br/>Datamond White Rock Pullets for<br/>Datamond White Rock Pullets for<br/>Datamon dwite Rock Pullets for<br/>Datamon dwite Rock Pullets for<br/>Datamon dwite Rock Pullets for<br/>Datamon dwite Rock Pullets for<br/>mext year's layers. You will be glad186 ACRE FARM for sale by retir-<br/>ing owner, 170 acres tillable loam, 15186 ACRE FARM for sale by retir-<br/>ing owner, 170 acres tillable loam, 15186 ACRE FARM for sale by retir-<br/>ing owner, 170 acres tillable loam, 15186 ACRE FARM for sale by retir-<br/>ing owner, 170 acres tillable loam, 15186 ACRE FARM for sale by retir-<br/>ing owner, 170 acres tillable loam, 15186 ACRE FARM for sale by retir-<br/>ing owner, 170 acres tillable loam, 15186 ACRE FARM for sale by retir-<br/>ing owner, 170 acres tillable loam, 15186 ACRE FARM for sale by retir-<br/>ing owner, 170 acres tillable loam, 15186 ACRE FARM for sale by retir-<br/>ing owner, 170 acres tillable loam, 15186 ACRE FARM for sale by retir-<br/>ting owner, 170 acres tillable loam, 15186 ACRE FARM for sale by retir-<br/>ting owner, 170 acres tillable loam, 15186 ACRE FARM for sale by retir-<br/>ting owner, 170 acres tillable loam, 15186 ACRE FARM for sale by retir-<br/>ting owner, 170 acres tillable loam, 15<td

# Elects

# **Asparagus Marketing** Committee

The Processing Asparagus Dowd, Hartford; Charles Fowl-Division of MACMA recently er, South Haven; Tom Greiner, elected their Marketing Com-Hart; Russell Handy, Sodus; mittee of twelve growers. At William E. Mihelich, Paw Paw;

This is not, and under no circumstances is it to be construed as an offering of these debentures for sale, or as a solicitation of offers to buy any such dehentures. The offering is made only by the prospectus.

# \$1,500,000 FARM BUREAU SERVICES, INC. Series A Debentures-Issue of 1961 6% Simple Interest ---

--- 15 Year Maturity

The purpose of this issue is to provide additional working capital and to modernize facilities of Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

The issue and the Farm Bureau Services, Inc. are fully described in the prospectus dated November 30, 1961. The prospectus is the basis for all sales.

For copy of the prospectus, and a call by a licensed salesman, please fill in and mail the form below:

> FARM BUREAU SERVICES, INC. Securities Promotion Division P.O. Box 960, 4000 N. Grand River Lansing, Michigan

Please send copy of prospectus for Farm Bureau Services, Inc. 1961 Issue Series A Debentures and have a licensed salesman call.

Name	
Road	
P.O. Address	
County	Phone No.

ton Taylor of Sodus was elected Vice-Chairman, according to J. Ward Cooper, Secretary of the Committee.

Others on the Marketing

was elected Chairman and Mil- benga, New Era.

eral goals for this year:

Work to obtain a firm price announcement by processors prior to harvest.

The Committee set forth sev-

Committee include Richard Study grades and grading Alden, Berrien Springs; Frank procedures. Culby, Benton Harbor; Stanley

> Assemble and disseminate market and pricing information.

Increase membership of the organization.

**New Position Filled** Joins Egg-Marketing Staff

A newly created position within Farm Bureau Services' Egg - Marketing Division has been filled with the appointment of Wm. "Bill" Derby, Holland, - to direct supermarket sales and service.

According to P. J. Sikkema, Manager of Farm Bureau Services' Egg-Marketing Division, Derby will center his activities around numerous supermarket outlets in the Grand Rapids, Flint, Lansing, Muskegon and Detroit areas.

A native of New York state, Derby brings nearly thirty years of poultry experience to the new position with a background of feed sales and hatchery work.

Mr. and Mrs. Derby are active in the Presbyterian Church. They have three daughters.

## AUCTION SALE - MAY 10

38 Beef Bulls of serviceable age at Feeder Cattle Sale Yard - West Branch - Thursday, May 10, 1962.

Show at 10:00 a.m. Sale at 12:30 p.m. 17 Hereford, 3 Shorthorn, 11 Polled Hereford, 7 Angus, 2 Polled Hereford heifers. Auctioneer-George Wright, Shepherd. For catalogue write James Crosby, County Extension Director, West Branch.

marketing season. The early asparagus harvest on the West coast has been seriously delayed due to unseasonably cold weather. With the carry-over stocks nearly depleted the market price this year should be strong. Michigan's asparagus is in a good position due to high qual-

ity 'gras produced locally and nearly no local carry-over stocks, Cooper reported.



STERLING RESEARCH CORP. Sidway Bldg., (Sole Mfrs.) Buffalo 3, N. Y.

FOR SALE—Cattle automatic feed-ing systems, silo unloaders, comfort cow stalls, hog equipment. Literature free, state items. Write, Ottawa Hitch FN321, Holland, Michigan. (12-tf-21b) 9

FOR SALE-GUTTER CLEANERS FOR SALE-GUITER Cost cable. -Acorn chain, Acorn low cost cable. Literature free. Write Ottawa Hitch, FN321, Holland, Michigan. (12-tf-16b) 9

10 DOGS REGISTERED ENGLISH SHEP-HERD pups. Natural heelers. Watch dogs. Your choice of 15. \$25 either sex. Crusader blood. Express any-where. Homer Johnson, Marshall, Michigan. Telephone Story 1-7035. (5-1t-25p) 10

REGISTERED ENGLISH SHEP-HERDS. Crusader bloodlines. Pups ready now, \$25.00. Stock and watch-dogs. Express anywhere. Also stud service in both LE.S.R. and U.K.C. registry. Service fee \$25.00. Homer Johnson, Marshall, R-4, Michigan. Phone ST 1-7035. (3-2t-33p) 10

## 11 FARM EQUIPMENT

FOR SALE — Used Gould tree-shaker with 1960 claw, 16 foot boom, 20 foot catching frames, and trougha. Bargain. <sup>9</sup> Hawley Nursery, Hart, Michigan. (5-11-21p) 11

FOR SALE—BALE LOADER, Auto-matically loads bales from ground to wagon, truck. Low cost. Literature free. Write, Ottawa Hitch FN321, Holland, Michigan. (12-tf-20b) 11

matically loads hales from ground to wagon, truck. Low cost. Literature free, Write, Ottawa Hitch FN321, Holland, Michigan. (12-tf-200) 11 **13 FARM MACHINERY** MCKEE HARVESTER - Shreder, complete with 22 foot self-unloading forage box. Over 30 feet of blower pipe. (3-3t-30pd) 12 KIAGER'S DeKALB PROFIT PUL, Nichigan. Phone Osseo 523-2316. (3-3t-30pd) 12 KIAGER'S DeKALB PROFIT PUL, Nichigan. Phone Osseo 523-2316. (3-3t-30pd) 12 KIAGER'S DeKALB PROFIT PUL, Nichigan. Phone Osseo 523-2316. (3-3t-30pd) 12

186 ACRE FARM for sale by retir-ing owner. 170 acres tillable loam, 15 acres timber. Barn 38'x70'. 2 silos. Modern 24'x60' 3 bedroom house, fuil basement, attached garage. On black-top near small town at M20. Eyvin Jorgensen, Rodney R-1, Michigan. (5-1t-40p) 15

18

300 GALLON DELAVAL milk bulk ank. Remote condensing unit. Carl and GALLOY Condensing unit. Carl Pell, Fremont R-3, Michigan. Phone 873J2. (5-11-15p) 18

FIRST AID for ALL your drainage problems. 100 year guaranteed Vitri-fied Salt Glazed Clay Products. Drain tile, sewer pipe, flue lining. Write or call for price list. Ed Anders, Re-tall Sales Representative for Grand Ledge Clay Products Company, Grand Ledge, Michigan. Phones: Office, Na-tional 7-2104. Residence, National 7-2870 (1-tf-25&21b) 18

 Argentized
 Argentized</t

FOR SALE—Puse bred Guernse bulls, two serviceable age, carryin blood lines of highest producing her in Michigan. Their sire's dam is fu

blood lines of highest producing herd in Michigan. Their sire's dam is full sister to world's champion produc-tion cow "Colbydale's Langmeadow Minnie." Also, the sire of their dams is maternal brother of Langmedow Minnie" which classified (E) and has of 26,695 lbs.-M.-1461 lbs.-F 365d2X. Reasonably priced. Lee Patterson & Sons, \$120 Frith Road, Columbia. Michigan. Richmond P.O. R-2. Phone Smiths Creek EN 7-3299. (5-11-75p) 23 25 PLANTS & FLOWERS

 inder. 170 acres tillable loam, 15
 inder. 170 acres tillable loam, 15

 inder. 170 acres tillable loam, 15
 inder. 170 acres tillable loam, 15

 inder. Barn 33'x70'. 25 silos, 24'x60' 3 bedroom house, full
 inder. 15

 int attached garage, On black-ar small town at M20. Eyvin
 FEEDING HOGS? Use salt tree, high analysis Perfect Balancer 35%

 int small town at M20. Eyvin
 indentify an (5-1t-40p) 15

 FOR SALE 37b
 Stalancer at your elevator. Get Perfect Balancer at your elevator. The Gelatin Bone Co., Romeo, Mich. (4-tt-50b) 21

 MALLON DELAVAL milk bulk
 ink bulk

HI-CASH LAYERS make top 3 year profits over all popular strains Missouri Random test, '59, '60 and '61, Also, top the British Columbia test, '61. They can make that extra income for you. Order now, day old or starts ed. Free circular, The Abel Hatchery, DAIRYMEN-Use Perfect Balan-cer 8% phosphate mineral feed. Mix one pound of Perfect Balaner to every 100 lbs. of ground feed. You can eliminate bone meal by using Perfect Balancer at your 'elevator. The Gelatin Bone Co., Romeo, Mich. (4-tf-40b) 23 HI-CASH LAYERS make top 3 year profits over all popular strains Missouri Bandon test, '59, '60 and '61. Also, top the British Columbia test. '61. They can make that extra incomes for you. Order now, day old or start-s defect ar Springs, Michigan. (8-4t-46B) 26B

Romeo, Mich. (4-tf-400) 24 STONY ACRES YORKSHIRES breeding stock available at all times. Feed conversion records established at Swine Evaluation Station at Mich-igan State University have been three pounds of feed or less per pound of stain since 1956. Per cent of lean cuts above 54% for same period. Marten Garn and Sons, 4387 Mulliken Road, Charlotte R-5. Michigan. Phone 543-0348. (Eaton County) (8-59-tf-25 and 25b) 23 Martine Poult wint a

 Phone (Howard) Ho - 37201. (4-2t-25p) 18

 Phone (Howard) Ho - 37201. (4-2t-25p) 18

 CEDAR POSTS & POLES. All sizes, Pete Bergman, Coleman, Mich-igan. Phone HO 5-2268. (Midland County) (5-2t-12p) 18

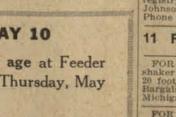
 MODERN COTTAGE. Crystal Lake, Montcalm County. Also Mac Boy In-board board 115 HP. Used only 46 hours. Priced to sell. Monroe Mac-Pherson, Ionia, Michigan. Phone 1774. (5-1t-25B) 18

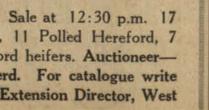
 23
 LIVESTOCK

 23
 LIVESTOCK

FOR SALE—Mary Washington as-paragus plants 1 year old. \$5.50 post-maid per hundred plants. Rudolph Szewczyk, Paw Paw R-3, Miichigan. (3-31-17p) Greenhoe, Crystal, Michigan. Phone Beimont 5-4853. (4-21-20p) 46A

A LADY COMPANION in her 60's who could drive my car and share my modern home. She could also work outside if she wished. Hazel Morey, Mt. Pleasant, R-3. Michigan. Phone Winn, Michigan, 2571. (Izabella Coun-ty) (6-11-35p) 45A





WM. "BILL" DERBY

EIGHT May 1, 1962 MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU

# **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 Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, which expires in June. Title two of the "Food and Farmer Control Bill" also injects new gimmicks into the trade debates now in Congress.

In 1954, the American Farm Bureau took the lead in developing Public Law 480. It was passed to encourage and step-up the 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"





# Meet . . . . Discuss . . . . Decide! **Attend Your Farm Bureau Community Group Meetings**

ling of problem cases.

dustry

P. L. 480 is directly opposed to our national foreign interests. We need dollar sales abroad. We now have a dollar deficit in foreign exchange. Other nations are demanding our gold for the dollars they have earned, rather than taking our trade goods. Dollar sales of farm products would help balance our dollar deficit and protect our gold reserves. Some people overlook the fact that agricultural products are just as important as industrial

The 1962 'Trade **Expansion'** Proposal

goods in the trade market.

Let's review why foreign trade is important to farmers. One out of every six acres harvested in the U.S. are now sold overseas. Were these sales to be lost, farm prices would tumble and surpluses would pile up worse than ever. All farmers would be affected whether they produce directly for export or not.

Land and resources taken out of production for overseas markets would then produce for markets at home. Producers would switch to products not in trouble at the moment. Soon all would be in trouble both in price and in surplus on the market.

Farm products make up 26% of all U.S. exports. In 1961, we exported \$5 billion worth, the production of 60 million acres. \$95 million in Michigan farm products were exported. We cannot afford to lose these foreign markets. Refusal to negotiate can start trade wars.

in order to speed up the hand-Bureau policy declares: "The escape clause is an im-3. Under an "escape clause," portant element in the trade a tariff could be raised at any agreements program, if we are time when real injury from a to avoid undue hardship to low tariff is proved for an inany industry.

"Proper legislation should Comment: American Farm apply the escape clause to the

producers of some agricultural products. When an agricultural product is the chief element of a processed commodity being imported, domestic producers should be permitted to bring escape clause action."

Some Michigan products give an example of the vital importance of the "escape clause" in the present bill. Seventyfive percent of the sweet cherries in the Grand Traverse area are "brined" and made into maraschino cherries.

Without tariff protection, Michigan sweet cherry growers could be dealt a severe blow by imports of cheaper Italian maraschino cherries. Here is a reason why the growers, not merely the producers, should have a voice when "injury hearings" are being held. More dollars would be lost by the numerous growers than by the processor - though he would lose, too. Frozen strawberries and other Michigan items would need similar protection.

# **Federal Aid In A Trade Bill**

4. The Trade Expansion bill would provide that the government could give aid to industries that might be hurt by the lowered tariffs. President Kennedy has asked for \$120 million with which to provide

loans and technical assistance to small industries so as to aid ment. their "adjustment."

The president also requests up to \$50 million in a 5-year period for "adjustment payments" to workers displaced by lowered tariffs. These workers would be paid an "adjustment allowance" up to 65% of their regular wages for 1½ years. Training would be given them to take over new jobs. Their moving expenses would be paid.

Comment: It appears that no bill can appear before Congress these days without including a new program of federal aid. Some industries may not be able to compete, not because of low tariffs, but because of sheer inefficiency of operation. Yet, under this bill, they would get federal aid (and, of course, federal controls.)

In fact, the very existence of federal hand-outs could make it unnecessary for the industry to improve its efficiency or change its product to a more saleable one. It would be better to leave some pressure of competition on the industries to improve their own operations. Here we have an international trade bill with federal aid mixed into it.

It is another case where we tend toward "federal aid for

everybody" and total control of everything by central govern-

the positive features of this bill in the broadest light. Loss of foreign trade can be a staggering body blow to agriculture.

Relief, of some sorts, is proposed for industries in distress. Some complain that "injury hearings" could be costly and ruinous. And here is an area where the costs might well be borne by the government.

**Positive Features** 

Important

Farmers have need to look at

Sound common sense would dictate that farmers should support the positive features of this bill and to strive for constructive, amendments where the bill needs changing or strengthening. The American Farm Bureau is now working to bring about amendments of this sort.

Questions

1. How woud the loss of foreign markets affect your own farm income? 2. If you would face injury by low tariffs on your product, how could you still get protec-

tion yet not block foreign trade generally for agriculture?

# **PERSONAL CLAIM SERVICE!**

# **'Adjustment Devices' Made Permanent**

Meanwhile, farm bills of last year and this year, included proposals to make the P. L. 480 idea a permanent business. If this is done we should examine closely what it means in terms of farmers developing their own channels of foreign trade on a non-governmental basis.

1. When P. L. 480 is made a long-range program with expanded authority for use, it assumes that government programs to encourage surplus production will go on and onthat no real move will be made to get government out of the role of regulating farms and farmers.

Such surpluses become the justification for politicians to insist that control over farmers is necessary. We have seen how this "club" is used-and is intended for use in forcing the "favorable vote" in farmer referenda. The farmer votes "as instructed" or faces a market wrecked by dumping the surpluses at the "right time."

## **Can Knock Out Dollar Sales**

2. Under a permanent and expanded P. L. 480, the government can become the main negotiator in foreign trade for the sale of agricultural products. If more and more farm products are sold by the government for foreign monies, these sales compete with and substitute for dollar sales made by private negotiators. Careless use of the law has lost us some of our dollar markets in past years.

Remember? We sold wheat to Brazil for its own form of currency. Argentina was angry because Brazil had been her normal wheat market. So Argentina offered her wheat to Britain below the U.S. price. Britain had been a U.S. wheat customer. We lost the dollar

market in Britain. When you rig a market, the rigging often breaks.

# **Hidden Power Schemes Become Common**

3. The "big bomb" that was written into Title II of the proposed farm bill would make any farm product become vulnerable for future controls. Last year, bureaucrats were saying that over 250 farm products should be government controlled.

In the 1962 proposal, the government could sell "as surpluses" farm products not actually in its surplus stocks. These could be sold overseas for foreign monies at subsidized prices. This means that ANY farm product could be JUDG-ED TO BE IN SURPLUS and sold abroad under P. L. 480.

Why protest to that? Well, look at the idea as a political tool. With the "field wide open," any ambitious government official could use it to gain control of the production of any farm product.

# **Surrender Control of Our Surpluses?**

4. When the present form of the farm bill was written, Title II contained a provision under which the President could release our farm surplus stocks to the control of an agency of the United Nations.

Again-Why? Food is a persuasive implement of peace, war or international influence. Communist nations have a powerful voice in the decisions of the United Nations. Why should our farm products be placed where such nations have the least say about their disposal? Could the U.S. any longer use its surplus foods to promote its interests in the free world?

# **Balance of Payments**

5. Finally - expanding our foreign sales endlessly under

Fearing that the U.S. would raise trade barriers against their goods, in 1961 the six European Common Market Countries considered raising tariffs on U.S. wheat to 20%. The existing tariff level was 4.6% Thus goes the threat.

President Kennedy's proposed Trade Expansion bill contains some new features. It would give the President authority for 5 years to reduce all tariffs by 50%, providing that other nations reduced theirs accordingly. This authority would also permit the President to wipe away tariffs of 5% or less of the sales value of the product.

Comment: The American Farm Bureau has been in support of such authority. Trade negotiations have need for quick consideration and action. They should not be placed in total hazard by the demands of special interests, but should serve the best interests of the whole nation.

Where the U.S. and European Common Market Countries control world markets for certain goods - autos, chemicals, machinery, etc.-the President could remove all tariffs. The American Farm Bureau supports this feature of the bill.

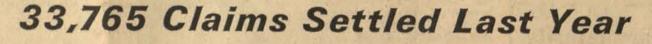
### **Proposed Safeguards**

### Certain "safeguards" are proposed:

1. Any trade concession granted by the U.S. may not be put into effect for a 5-year period. In that time it is assumed that industries or producer groups could adjust to the coming competition.

2. The Senate may hold hearings regarding possible injury to producers or manufacturers. It could advise the President not to negotiate where such injury is shown to be a serious threat.

The American Farm Bureau suggests that direct and immediate access be given to a Commission on Trade and Tariffs, rather than the Senate,



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.

Allan McBride, right, Farm Bureau Adjuster from the Lansing Branch Claim Office, discusses a recent fire claim with Mr. John Zerfas, successful Eaton County muck farmer.

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



4000 North Grand River Avenue, Lansing 4, Michigan