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## **\* \* \* \* Welcome To 43rd Annual Meeting** Large Crowd Expected, **Great Issues Faced In The General Election**

## **Spotlight on Michigan** Supreme Court Issue

#### **VOTE FOR TWO IN '62!** BY DAN E. REED Associate Legislative Counsel

With the close votes which have decided recent farm issues in Congress, it is important that every farm family give careful thought to the contest for Congressman-at-large.

The 1960 census showed Michigan entitled to a 19th Congressman. The Legislature passed two bills establishing a district for the new Congressional seat, but Governor Swainson vetoed both bills. Thus, every voter in the State will be entitled to vote for two Congressmen this year, one representing his district and a Congressman-at-large representing the whole State.

Candidates for the state - wide seat are Alvin Bentley, former Republican Congressman from Shiawassee County, and Neil Staebler, former Democratic State Committee Chairman.

#### Would Amend Present Constitution

Also on the ballot is a proposal to amend our present Constitution. If adopted, it would permit the Legislature to provide for a general revision of our laws. Since it seeks to amend the present Constitution, it would be of no effect if the proposed new Constitution is adopted next April.

#### Spotlight on Supreme Court Election

The 4-3 decision of the Michigan Supreme Court in the Gus Scholle reapportionment suit has placed great importance on the contest for two seats on the State's highest bench.



#### POLICY RESOLUTIONS TIME

READING PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS, - at the recent Arenac County Farm Bureau annual meeting, is Ernest Kraushaar, Committee Chairman. Such scenes were typical of annual meeting time and were repeated this past month in all parts of the state.



### Nov. 3 F. B. Young People Plan **Outstanding Annual Meeting**

#### **Delta College Site Selected**

In recognition of special problems tied to school work, jobs and farm chores, a Saturday date has been selected for the annual meeting of the Farm Bureau Young People.

A crowd that it is hoped will include a carload from each county will gather November 3, at 10:00 a.m. in the Lecture Theatre of Delta College near Bay City.

According to Lester Bollwahn, Coordinator of Farm Bureau Young People's Activities, the day and evening activities will include:

- Annual meeting of delegates (two delegates from each county)
- "Talk Meet" Finals
- "Talent-Find" Finals
- Election of officers (Chrmn. State Young People's Committee and 3 vice-chairmen and committee secretary)

By holding the separate Young People's annual meeting the Saturday prior to the 43rd annual meeting of Michigan Farm Bureau, it was felt that more Young People could attend, - especially since, in many cases, "Mom and Dad" will be in Lansing and chores must be done. However, the Miss Farm Bureau contest will be held Wednesday, November 7.

The Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting is open to all Farm Bureau Young People as well as adult Farm Bureau members.

# Fleming To Speak

#### Farm Bureau Members, Friends, Invited

All indications point to a record crowd for the 43rd annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, November 7-8-9 in the Auditorium of Michigan State University.

A complete "sell-out" is an-ticipated for the annual banquet Wednesday night, November 7, when Roger Fleming, Secretary - Treasurer of the American Farm Bureau Federation, and head of the Washington office, will speak.



Roger Fleming to adjoining rooms for any overflow crowd.

(Radio station WPAG, Ann Arbor 1050 on the dial, has arranged to carry Fleming's complete address on a delayed basis, Sunday, Nov. 11, at 12:30 noon. Portions will also be broadcast by other prominent stations.)

Other features of the banquet program will include presentation of four Awards for Distinguished Service to Agriculture, and introduction of the new "Miss Michigan Farm Buof

Officially, the busy three-day convention will begin at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 7, when MFB President Walter W. Wightman is scheduled to give his annual address and to report on progress and growth of the organization. Lucas S. Miel, President of

reau.

the Employers Association of Detroit, will also speak during the morning session.

are invited," urges Clarence Prentice, Secretary - Manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Prentice suggests that each Community Group select "at least one person" to represent it for the entire three-day convention.

"All Farm Bureau members



The Farm Bureau women will attend the opening session of the Michigan Farm Bureau at the Auditorium and then adjourn to Kellogg Center, Big Ten Room for a noon luncheon.

Mrs. Arthur Muir, State Chairman, Farm Bureau Women, will preside during the afternoon program at which Dr. Janet A. Wessel, Professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at Michigan State University, will speak

A wellknown author in the fields of activity and health, Dr. Wessel, is expected to talk on the topic beauty



and weight training. Later, John B. McGoff, prominent conservative leader and president of the Mid-State

Broadcasting Corporation, will address the group.

#### **Policy Resolutions** A convention highlight will

be the resolutions sessions

In its decision last July, the court struck down the decision of the voters who, in 1952, approved the Balanced Legislature plan of apportionment. Except for a temporary stay of execution (see story on page 4), we would probably be electing all members of our Michigan Senate on an "At-Large" basis.

On November 6, voters will fill two seats for short terms. They have temporarily been filled by appointment by Governor Swainson.

This Supreme Court election may well be the most important issue facing voters this fall.

Supreme Court Justices run on a non-partisan ballot. Many voters fail to mark the non-partisan ballot where paper ballots are used, and many fail to turn the proper levers on voting machines. This makes your vote even more important.

Study the information on the candidates shown below. Then be sure to vote! Remember that while these candidates were nominated at the Democratic and Republican State Conventions, they are running on a non-partisan ballot. A straight party vote will not cast your ballot for Supreme **Court Justices.** 

#### PAUL A. RIVAS

A Lansing resident and honor graduate of the Michigan State University School of Journalism, Paul A. Rivas, has been appointed to the staff of the Information Division, according to Melvin Woell, Division Manager.

"To his position as Coordinator with the Information Division, Mr. Rivas brings technical writing experience earned at Westinghouse Electric Corporation, and media knowledge gained as a representative of Wellman Press, Inc.," Woell said.

appropriating committees of the Legislature, and, members of their committees, for courageously meeting the Japanese Beetle challenge; with thanks also to Congressman George Meader.

Michigan residents can thank

Rep. Arnell Engstrom and Sen.

Elmer Porter, Chairmen of the

Caught without funds to meet the serious infestation in Monroe and Lenawee Counties, the Michigan Department of Agriculture appealed for assistance. Michigan Farm Bureau and the Michigan Association of Nurserymen strongly supported the appeal.

Congressman Meader, whose District includes the two Counties, took immediate steps to amend a bill then in Congress to include matching Federal funds. Later, the U. S. Department of Agriculture said it would provide the funds.

With such assurance, the two committes of the Legislature met and gave approval to the Michigan Department of Agriculture for a transfer of funds to meet the emergency.

The committees indicated that they would recommend a deficiency appropriation to replace the cash when the Legislature convenes in January. Total cost of the campaign to

keep the Jap beetle out of Michigan is estimated at \$366,-000.



#### MFB ANNUAL MEETING MUSICIANS

GETTING SET-for some serious Community Singing at the 43rd annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, is Song Leader Carl Kentner, assisted at the Hammond organ by Mrs. Jesse Smith. "New songs and old" are promised those who attend the important three-day convention.

#### **Morning Registration**

Earlier, delegate registration will have been held in the lower levels of the auditorium, with coffee and doughnuts served.

Although nearly 700 prominent farmers are expected to attend as official voting delegates, provisions have been made to register and provide badges for the several thousand persons who will attend in a non-voting capacity.

## Bulletin

Immediately following President Kennedy's announcement of a Cuba "quarantine" report-ers asked Michigan Farm Bureau President Walter Wightman for an opinion. Wightman said: "We are again at the 'brink of war,'-closer than at any time since the Korean conflict. While we regret the necessity for defensive action as announced by the President, all Americans strongly support the action."

Wightman 'reminded reporters that a full year ago Michigan Farm Bureau members adopted a resolution asking for an arms embargo on any Communist country, not just Cuba.

when the official "House of Delegates" (one delegate for each 100 members per county) gather to review state and national farm policies, elect officers and draft recommendations to be presented at the American Farm Bureau Federation's 44th Annual Meeting, December 9 through 13 in Atlanta, Georgia. Consideration of resolutions

reported by the State Resolutions Committee, headed by Donald Ruhlig, Washtenaw county farmer, will begin at 9:55 Thursday morning, November 8, and continue through Friday, November 9.

Thursday evening an Awards Night program will include recognition for membership and Community Farm Bureau Group work.

Later, the crowd will see the premier showing of a new sound-color presentation by the Information Division, "A Review of '62"-climaxed by another fim report, "Telstar," story of progress under the Free Enterprise System.

Emerson B. Ohl, Farm Manager, Michigan Bell Telephone Company, will deliver the narration accompanying the "Telstar" showing.

**Examine Your Stake In The Supreme Court Issue, Vote!** 

#### OTIS M. SMITH

\*Appointed to Supreme Court by Gov. Swainson, 1961

Appointed by Gov. Swainson Auditor General of Michigan in 1959, elected to full term in 1960

\*Appointed Chairman Michigan Public Service Commission by Gov. Williams, 1957

\*Voted FOR the August Scholle reapportionment petition

**Voted AGAINST** the present Balanced Legislature apportionment as approved by the people in 1952

"Nominated at the Democratic Convention

\*For term ending December 31, 1965



If You Like The Decisions Of The Present 1967 **Supreme Court Then Vote For These Candidates** 

#### PAUL L. ADAMS

\*Appointed to Supreme Court by Gov. Swainson, 1962

Appointed Michigan Attorney General by Gov. Williams, 1958, later elected to full term In 1958, 1960

not vote on August Scholle

\*Disqualified himself and did not vote on Balanced Legislature apportionment as approved by the people in 1952

\*Nominated at the Democratic Convention

For term ending December 31,

#### LOUIS D. McGREGOR

\*Now serving as Judge of the Circuit Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Genesee County

\*35 years of active law practice in Michigan. Now serving on both National and State Bar Committees

\*Past President, Michigan United Conservation Clubs

Director of National Wildlife Federation

Born and raised on a Michigan farm

\*Nominated at the Republican Convention

\*For term ending Decemer 31, 1965



If You Want a Change in Supreme Court Attitude **Then Vote For These Candidates** 

#### **MICHAEL D. O'HARA**

\* 27 years of active law practice in Michigan. A member of the Michigan Bar Association

\*One of the Upper Peninsula's best known trial lawyers. A third generation family, whose father and grandfather served Michigan well in the legal profession and numerous public offices

\*Educated at University of Notre Dame. Has served on faculty of St. Norbert College

\*A U.S. Marine Lieutenant in World War II

\*Nominated at the Republican Convention

For term ending December 31,

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#### MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

### **Checking What They Are Saying...**

## **EDITORIAL**

#### **Personal Participation**

The power of Farm Bureau is in personal participation.

Nowhere is this more evident than during the annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, to be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 7-8-9 at Michigan State University, East Lansing.

It is almost impossible to describe an annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Rather, a meeting such as this must be witnessed and felt first-hand. The impression of membership power is most accurately conveyed by personal participation.

For this reason it is important for county and community Farm Bureau members and leaders to attend. Not just one day or evening, but the entire program of events that spell out agriculture-inaction, - Farm Bureau at work.

Several thousand farmers will participate personally by taking of their time and considerable talents to shape the organization that in turn is shaping the future of Michigan farming.

Six hundred and ninety-three voting delegates, representing 71 county Farm Bureau organizatioons, will take direct action on over 100 major issues, compiled and condensed from nearly 1,000 policy recommendations submitted from all areas of the state.

Top flight issues include such problems as these: How to finance state government and relieve the farm burden imposed by the property tax.

What's to be done about massive insect outbreaks, such as now experienced with the Japanese Beetle and the new cereal leaf beetle, - Oulema Melanopa? The latter insect was discovered in Michigan and the North American continent for the first time this year. Its life cycle and living habits are still much of a mystery and point up the need for continued farm research.

"Supply Management" theories applied to farm programs. Growing government in farming, education, and medical care.

Labor monopoly, - featherbedding. Regulation of farm labor.

Water resources, - water rights, - drainage assessments and water pollution. In some areas of wonderful Michigan water has already become scarce!



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"THE BEST THING WE CAN DO-for the farmer, is get the Government off his back." says Congressman William Broomfield, who represents Oakland county, Michigan's 18th Congressional District. In expressing his opposition to the 1962 farm bill, Broomfield said: "Instead of coming up with an approach toward freedom, an approach toward less governmental interference on the farm and in the market-place, the Administration has come forth with a plan which its officials themselves previously publicly rejected." Said the Congressman, "In years past, our farm community has been rendered almost immobile by the arthritis of new red-tape, by the rheumatism of governmental regulation."

## Shuman Reviews the **Future of Farming**

The future for farmers and ranchers is good if farm people succeed in reducing government intervention in agriculture, according to Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation. In an address before the Farm House Fraternity national conclave, Shuman made these additional points:

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group.

"Young men entering agriculture, either as farm operators or in some field of business serving agriculture have a major concern in the outcome of the present struggle between the advocates of government - controlled production and those who favor a return to the market price system as a means of balancing supply and demand," the national farm leader said.

We Get Letters! Editor

#### Michigan Farm News Lansing, Mich. Dear Sir:

It was with considerable surprise that I saw the picture of the tugboat "B.H.Becker" on the front page of the October issue of the Michigan Farm News.

I am sure that you are not aware that the captain of this tug is Warren Fuller of New Boston, a Farm Bureau member since 1950. Captain Fuller has been both a full time and part-time farmer during that time.

Captain Fuller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fuller of Croswell, are also Farm Bureau members.

Sincerely yours, Anita (Mrs. Warren) Fuller New Boston, Michigan.

## U.S. FARM SYSTEM **One** 'Secret' **Reds Won't Take Home**

#### BY PETER EDSON

WASHINGTON, October 2 (NEA)-Another team of six so-called Russian farm experts, accompanied by a woman interpreter, has been in the United States for a month's tour of spying on American agriculture.

They don't call it spying, of course. Neither does the team of United States farm experts headed by E. T. York, Jr., federal extension service administrator, who will guide the Russians around.

When an American U-2 plane goes up to observe the far east weather and gets lost in a storm over Sakhalin island, the Russians call that spying and write nasty notes about it.

But when a Russian agricultural mission comes here to fathom the secrets of American farming, it becomes a cultural exchange. There is no doubt, however, that the Russians can take back far more valuable information than the U-2 pilot got.

Every report that the department of agriculture has been able to get hold of on farm production in Russia, Red China, Czechoslovakia - and all the other satellites - including Cuba-reveals that the Communists have failed as farmers.

#### RED CHINA WORST

The situation is worst in Red China, where near-famine conditions prevail. No food production figures have been given out by the Red Chinese for four years. But the five-year chaos created by collectivization of farms in 1955 was multiplied by two years of drought and a population increase of 30 to 40 million. In the last three years Red China has had to contract for a half-billion dollars' worth of capitalist grain to survive:

Soviet farm production as reported by USDA's "Foreign Agriculture" is only somewhat better. Three years after launching its latest seven-year plan to increase farm production 70 percent by 1965, Russia's increase last year was only 1 percent.

## **President's Column**

#### Speak Out --- Vote!

Soon you will go to the polls to vote in one of the most important elections ever held in Michigan.

For 14 years we have been controlled by a labor administration. It is an understatement to say that



party has been taken over by organized labor. Let's take time to look at the facts.

Organized labor represents only about 34 per cent of the total labor force in Michigan. It would appear that a well organized minority group, Labor, has somehow become more effective than an unorganized majority, - the rest of us.

The only reason this could happen is that the rest of us have been doing little or nothing about it.

Margins of victory have been narrow. They could be changed November 6th if enough Michigan citizens are interested enough to go to the polls and vote.

We should not be asking political office holders to which party they belong. We should ask them why farming, the most important single industry in the state, isn't given more consideration in legislative activities.

Agriculture is far from a declining industry. Farmers are far from helpless, legislatively.

Farmers furnish employment in "agribusiness" for 40% of the total national labor force. National production needs for farm commodities will expand another 33 per cent in the next 15 years.

The freedom the American farmer has had to use his initiative and know-how, has enabled him to become the most efficient producer in our whole economy.

#### Industry hasn't been able to match him.

As a result of farmers' amazing productivity, grocery costs have remained low in relationship to other things that people must buy. But the grocery bill for the consuming public, including laboring people, could easily get higher.

For example, we can't continue reckless deficit spending either in Michigan or nationally without further inflation and cheapening of the dollar. This will raise costs all along the line.

Neither can we encourage inefficient production with unrealistic national farm programs. Government manipulation of farmers and farm prices is an explosive policy. It could reduce our surpluses into



Township planning and zoning, annexation procedures, legislative apportionment, all deal with thorny issues of major consequence to farmers.

Non-voting delegates to this 43rd annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, will watch the exciting resolutions process. They will witness the election of officers, attend conferences and hear American Farm Bureau Federation Secretary - Treasurer, Roger Fleming, speak.

President Wightman's annual address, reports of Secretary - Manager Clarence Prentice and managers of affiliated Farm Bureau companies will provide members with an up-to-the-minute picture of their organization and its programs of action. A November 8 "awards night," - followed by a filmed report of "What's New in '62" will add pictorial details.

The new Community Service Farm Bureau Insurance Company, an expanded egg marketing program, a major crude-oil purchase by Farmers' Petroleum, and plans for a Farm Bureau Services feed mill in the Saginaw area are only a few of the "geared-for-growth" developments.

Those who attend will work hard at reporting what they observed when they return to their community groups, - to their county Farm Bureaus.

No matter how observant the reporter, no matter how vivid the detail, - these second-hand reports will still fall short of personal participation through actual attendance.

You are invited!

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"In the long run," he added, "producing for consumers will pay better than producing for bureaucrats and politicians. Currently, the 75 percent of farm production that depends

on relatively free markets is in less trouble than the 25 percent the government has attempted to control.

"Government supply - management is a beguiling name for strict bureaucratic control over all farms and farmers. Supply management is a worthy goal for farmers only if it is farmer supply management. Government supply management has never worked and never will because the production decisions are made by politicians to please voters-not consumers.

"The vast majority of farmers and ranchers do not want to live under a permanent and totally government - managed agriculture with vast subsidies and an army of payrollers looking over their shoulders. Such a system offers opportunities for Billie Sol Estes scandals, discourages efficient producers and gives all of agriculture a bad name with consumers and taxpayers.

"The often-expressed concern of the Secretary of Agriculture and certain farm groups regarding the deterioration of farmers' public relations (the unpopularity of farmers with consumers and taxpayers) would be more believable if these folks did something more than make speeches about the

### Michigan Farm Bureau

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FARM BUREAU YOUNG PEOPLE James Sparks.....Cassopolis, R-4

and greater market power for farmers are worthy objectives, but they cannot be obtained successfully by force through legislation or farm strikes.

poor public image of agricul-

blows in 1962 to good public

relations for farmers were (1)

the administration's govern-

ment supply management farm

bill and the controversy it

created, and (2) the unfortun-

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market by a small midwestern

"The two most devastating

"Farm Bureau has inaugurated several programs to achieve better bargaining and marketing of farm products within the frame-work of the market price system. As an example, the American Farm Bureau Federation has established an affiliate, the American Agricultural Marketing Association, to expand and improve marketing programs for producers.

"The program of the AAMA includes aiding growers in de termining, earning and obtaining the full market value of farm commodities; helping member associations develop favorable buyer relations: and assisting member associations in expanding markets, both domestic and foreign, in cooperation with the Farm Bureau Foreign Trade Development Corporation which has offices in Chicago and Rotterdam," Mr. Shuman said.

Mr. Shuman further reported that 21 State Farm Bureau Marketing Associations are now affiliated with the AAMA and marketing programs have been developed for tomatoes for processing, apples for processing and asparagus for processing. Late in August the AAMA announced minimum prices for members' apples for processing. The Farm Bureau Trade De-

velopment Corporation, Mr. Shuman explained, is a nongovernmentalorganization charged with the responsibility of promoting and assisting with foreign trade development of agricultural products.

In seeking to assist farmers in earning and getting a high net farm income per family, Mr. Shuman said Farm Bureau favors: (1) a gradual return to the market price system by using government price supports to promote orderly marketing -not as a means to fix prices: (2) checking the rise in farm costs by curbing inflation; (3) a concerted effort to expand markets, both home and abroad for farm products; (4) control or elimination of monopoly price-fixing powers and devices used by labor and industry, and (5) use of farmers" organized bargaining power to make the market price system function

## Excuses and More Excuses

#### **All About Spending**

A Princeton economist points to some of the unfounded reasons or excuses that have been given for the immense and growing total of our money that Uncle Sam plans to spend in peacetime.

Excuse-"The budget rise has been caused by defense spending.

But, since 1955, national security spending has risen by \$12 billion while non-defense spending has gone up by \$16 billion.

Excuse-"We can afford it."

Can we? We've spent more than \$25 billion more than we've taken in during the last eight years of peacetime.

Excuse-"The people demand more spending." Do they? The popular de-

mand for more spending has never had an outright test.

Excuse - "There is urgent need for more Federal spending to help local communities."

The Government has no money except what it takes from the people either in taxes or inflation. Excuse - "Government spending promotes economic

growth When the Government takes more private income, the people spend less and Government

**JOB GIVE-AWAY** 

spends more.

"Gliberals who sneer at free-enterprise never mention the fact that the biggest 'give-away' of all is the number of jobs given by this very system. But then the gliberals don't really think a man should work,-he certainly should be clever enough to attach himself to at least one government hand-out."

(Millington, Tennessee Star)

Czechoslovakian agriculture under the Communist system has never regained its prewar level. The same story is told for the other satellites. The United States has made surplus foods available to Poland and Yugoslavia although they export some foodstuffs of their own.

One of the few amusing aspects of the recent Russian invasion of Cuba is that some of the Soviet "technicians" are farm experts who will show the Cubans how to raise sugar cane.

In the five-year pre-Castro period when Cuba sold most of its sugar to the United States and American companies owned and operated many of the mills, Cuba produced up to 6.4 million tons annually. This year production was down 30 percent to 4.5 million tons.

MUCH TO LEARN

The main reason, according "Foreign Agriculture" was the indifference of both skilled and common labor. The pay offered wasn't worth the workers' efforts. Those who did work could buy nothing with their meager wages. So there was a "crop failure." Next year it may be worse because replanting has been cut by a third.

There is much that the Russian farm mission under Minister of Agriculture Konstantin Georgiyevich Pysin and his predecessor Mikhail Aleksandrovick Ohlanskiy can learn in the United States if they keep their eyes and ears open.

They will not necessarily pick it up at the Beltsville, Md. experiment station or Roswell Garst's Iowa farm or the land grant colleges they will visit in Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Montana, California or the Seattle world's fair.

The secret weapon which the Russian farm spies can take back with them-if they dare report it to Khrushchev-is the capitalistic, free enterprise system of farming, bolstered by a completely cockeyed system of government support prices and subsidies which offer farmers an incentive to produce too much.

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a situation of scarcity.

It took the Cuban government only three years to convert their economy from one of plenty to one of severe food shortages.

Some day we will conclude that the government can't farm efficiently any more than they can run any other business efficiently.

The American farmer is fighting for his economic life today.

Agriculture is contending with the most determined and ruthless administration within the Department of Agriculture in Washington that we have ever seen.

The only way we farmers can stop this take-over of our rights to farm is to be sure we send the kind of people to Congress who will give Agriculture the consideration it deserves.

Our patriotic duty includes going to the polls and voting.

We could easily lose more freedoms by neglecting this responsibility.

#### Wheat Referendum Vote

(Editorial comment by Milon Grinnell, Editor of the Michigan Farmer Magazine.)

USDA Secretary Orville Freeman and Farmers Union President James Patton applauded the recent wheat referendum vote.

Freeman called it "a strong expression of the need for farm programs." Patton said it clears the path for significant progress in farm legislation.

On the other hand, the Michigan Farm Bureau declared the vote, "indicates that farmers do not believe government control programs are the answer."

Official figures indicate 17 out of 39 wheatgrowing states turned down marketing quotas. Total vote, however, showed some 68.4 per cent approved, or only 1.8 per cent more than required, which was the lowest favorable percentage in the last 10 years. Last year's national vote for quotas was 79 per cent.

Only about one out of eight of the estimated 40,000 eligible to vote in Michigan went to the polls, with 53.6 per cent casting a favorable ballot.

This evidence fails to support the enthusiasm expressed by Freeman and Patton. In fact our conclusions endorse the Michigan Farm Bureau state-

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PURPOSE OF FARM

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The purpose of this Associa-tion shall be the advancement of our members' interests adu-cationally, legislatively a n d economically.

#### MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

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## A Look At The 1961-62 Voting Record **Of Michigan Congressmen and Senators**

#### The Record on 11 Major Issues

Prior to the General Election November 6, Michigan citizens will want to study the voting record of incumbent Congressmen. The record, as compiled by the Public Affairs Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau, is printed herewith as a handy reference.

If your Congressman, voted in support of basic Farm Bureau policy fifty-or-more percent of the time, you may want to give him a "plus" rating. If otherwise, he may deserve a minus mark.

#### **The Roll-Call** Record

#### Eleven roll calls are listed. In order they are:

(1) March 9, 1961-The House defeated (196-214) a motion to recommit (send back to committee) the "emergency" feed grain program bill (H.R. 4510) to the House Agriculture Committee with instructions to strike the section permitting sales of CCC stocks of feed grains at price below the level of price support. Farm Bureau called this "the most disturbing feature" of the bill and supported the motion to recommit the bill.

(2) March 9, 1961-The House passed (209-202) the "emergency feed grain bill over Farm Bureau's protests.

(3) March 21, 1961 — The House accepted (231-185) the House-Senate Conference Committee's report on the "emergency" feed grain bill. Farm Bureau called for a nay vote.

(4) May 11, 1961-The House passed (231-157) a bill to extend the Mexican farm labor program. Farm Bureau supported passage of this bill.

(5) August 30, 1961 - The House refused (170-242) to consider a federal aid to education' bill. This action was in accord with Farm Bureau recommendation.

(6) September 13, 1961-T House rejected (182-224) a m tion to recommit a public

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Colorado River area. Farm Bu-

reau opposed the appropriation

**1961-62 VOTING RECORD OF MICHIGAN CONGRESSMEN** 

The following voting record of Michigan Congressmen covers eleven roll calls on issues of major importance to farm families during the 87th Congress (1961-62). Farm Bureau recommendations are based on the policies adopted by voting delegates. representing over 1,600,000 farm family members.

#### EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

Y, y=yea N, n=nay nv=not voting (p) before vote=paired as indicated (a paired vote balances an opposite paired vote but is not counted among the total votes for or against the bill).

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(a) Nedzi elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Machrowicz. (b) Hoffman absent due to illness.

(c) Ryan elected to fill vacancy caused by death of Rabaut.

solution to disapprove the President's reorganization plan providing for a Department of Urban Affairs. Farm Bureau opposed the plan and favored passage of the resolution disapproving it.

(8) June 21, 1962-The House voted (215-205) to recommit (and thus kill) the Administraion's 1962 farm bill. Farm Bureau strongly opposed this bill. passed (298-125) the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, a bill supported by Farm Bureau.

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Trade 1962

(10) July 19, 1962 — The House passed (229-163) a farm bill extending the "emergency" wheat and feed grain programs. This bill was opposed by Farm Bureau.

(11) September 20, 1962-The House passed (202-197) the conference report on the Substitute Farm Bill. Farm Bureau' urged a nay vote

support provisions of the Agri-

cultural Act of 1958. Farm Bu-

reau supported the Act of 1958

(11) September 25, 1962-The

Senate voted (52-41) to accept

the House-Senate conference

report on the second (and final)

1962 farm bill. Farm Bureau

had asked all Senators to vote

and opposed this bill.

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#### **ROLL-CALL RECORD**

## **One Family - 5 Memberships**

One family with five separate Farm Bureau memberships is the well-founded boast of the Ingham County Farm Bureau.

For this unusual record, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weber of 2510 Every Road, Alaiedon Township, Mason, were honored at their county annual meeting October 10th.



INGHAM COUNTY FARM BUREAU president,-Fred Ruthig. (left) presented a paid receipt for an honorary 1963 membership to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weber, of Mason.

Their fellow-members presented the senior Webers with a "paid" receipt for their 1963 member-

(9) June 28, 1962-The House

**Checking The Senate Voting Record** 

Senate Record of **Hart and McNamara** 

Voting Record of Senators McNamara and Hart

dick, Hastings, 234 E. State St. Bay-Mrs. Russell Madison, Bay City, R-3, 2450 Midland Rd.

"Key" votes on 11 major Senate issues are examined to compile the 1961-62 voting record of Michigan Senators Hart and McNamara. Both Senators voted against farmerrecommendations on every one of the 11 issues. For example:

(1) March 10, 1961-The Senate passed (52-26) the "emergency" feed grain bill over Farm Bureau's protests.

(2) March 22, 1961-The Senate voted (58-31) to accept the Senate-House Conference Committee's report on the "emergency" feed grain bill. Farm Bureau called for a nay vote.

(3) May 25, 1961-The Senate passed (49-34) a "federal-aidto-education" bill providing funds for both classroom construction and teachers' salaries. Farm Bureau opposed this bill.

(4) August 11, 1961 - The Senate rejected (39-56) an amendment to the foreign aid bill offered by Senator Harry F. Byrd (D., Va.) to (1) strike from the bill authority for financing foreign aid economic loans through borrowing and (2) require annual Congressional appropriations for foreign aid economic loans. Farm Bureau had actively supported the Byrd amendment.

(5) September 11, 1961-The Senate accepted (42-40) an amendment to the bill extending the Mexican farm labor program which would, in effect, have provided for the establishment by the Secretary of Labor of minimum wages for Mexican workers. Farm Bureau opposed this restrictive amendment. While it was adopted by the Senate, it was omitted from the final bill as developed by a House-Senate Conference Committee.

(6) May 24, 1962-The Senate adopted (53-36) an amendment to the Agriculture Committee's version of the Administration's farm bill providing for a complicated certificate plan for wheat. Farm Bureau opposed this amendment.

(7) May 24, 1962-The Senate adopted (46-37) an amendment to the Agriculture Committee's version of the Administration's farm bill providing for compulsory acreage allotments and marketing quotas on feed grains. Farm Bureau opposed this amendment.

Michigan will not vote on the election of a United States Senator on November The term of Senator McNamara expires in 1966. Senator Hart's term expires in 1964.

The roll calls reported here cover the "key" votes on the issues listed. Senators McNamara and Hart failed to support the position of Michigan farmers and voted against Farm Bureau recommendations on every one of the eleven issues.



(8) May 25, 1962-The Senmedical care for the aged under ate passed (42-38) the Administhe social security program. tration's 1962 farm bill with the Farm Bureau opposed this proamendments approved earlier gram. in votes (6) and (7). Farm

(10) August 22, 1962-The Bureau strongly opposed pas-Senate passed (47-37 (1) a complicated; multiple-price wheat (9) July 17, 1962-The Sencertificate plan, (2) a one-year ate voted (52-48) to table an extension of the "emergency" amendment increasing the sofeed grain program, and (3) recial security tax to provide peal of the feed grain price

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Seven years ago "Mom" and "Dad" Weber joined Farm Bureau for the first time. In 1958 twin sons, Ralph and Robert, followed their example. Not to be outdone, younger brother Alfred followed suit in 1959. Ruth, the youngest Weber, decided to make it a "full house" and added her name to the roll in 1962. maning without a same

Their total family farm enterprise consists of 280 acres tied to dairying and the production of beef. poultry and field crops. The farm, where the now retired elder Webers have lived since 1928, is managed by sons, Ralph and Alfred. Robert is now employed by a local implement dealer and Ruth is in her senior year at Michigan State University.

"Farm Bureau members would be better informed if they would take an active part in community group affairs," states Mr. Weber.

True to their beliefs, the Webers have a perfect attendance record for the past two years in the "Hardscrabble Community Group" where they are members.

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#### **Vote For Supreme Court Justices! Clip Out This Article** AUTOMATIC VOTING MACHINE **NON-PARTISAN BALLOT**



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# **Use When Voting**

When you vote November 6, remember that casting a straight - party ballot does not cast an automatic vote for Justices of the Supreme Court. Yet this is one of the most important actions of the entire election.

While the candidates were nominated at Democratic and Republican conventions, they are running on a "non-partisan" ballot, and only through direct action on your part, - by voting this special ballot will your vote count.

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reapportionment petition and

AGAINST the present balanced

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Justices of the Supreme Court since, by law, they are nominated at conventions of the political parties, but run on a nonpartisan ballot without desig-In adjoining columns are illnation as to party affiliation. ustrated three voting methods Usually, the incumbent has in common use in Michigan. some advantage due to his in-They include the Automatic cumbency designation.

> The recent 4-3 decision of the court was strictly along party line.

Four Democrats sided with Gus Scholle and three Republicans voted to sustain the apportionment plan approved by the voters in 1952.

The controlling opinion was written by Justice Thomas of the United States Supreme Court in terms of details of representation and apportionment.

It ordered a speedy reapportionment of the State Senate and ruled that if that weren't carried out in an acceptable manner by August 20 all State Senators would be nominated and elected at-large, a most confusing situation which would have baffled even the best informed voters.

The opinion went on to instruct the Secretary of State to come back to the court for further instructions if he had any difficulty in carying out the court's order.

This court ruling has been temporarily stayed by action of the U.S. Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart.

Voters of Michigan do have an opportunity now and in April, 1963, to completely change the complexion of the Michigan court. If they fail to do so, it would seem to be evidence that they support the decision of the court.

## F. B. Affiliates Joint Annual **Meeting Set**

The 33rd and 14th Annual Meetings of the Farm Bureau Services, Inc. and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., respectively, will be held jointly on November 27, 1962, at Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing.

The two companies expect a capacity crowd of 400-500 Farm Bureau members, stockholders, Cooperative managers and board members to attend.

The all-day meeting of shareholders begins at 9 a.m., with registration formalities (9-10 a.m.) interspersed with coffee and doughnuts served in the "Big Ten Room."

Morning and afternoon sessions will include minutes of the last annual meeting, committee appointments, company reports, and election of Directors. Maynard D. Brownlee, General Manager of Farm Bureau Services, will report on that company's business activities, and Jack C. McKendry, Manager, Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, will deliver a company resume. Both companies plan proposals of changes in By-Laws for consideration by stockholders.

A joint luncheon will be held in the Big Ten Room between sessions at 12:15 p.m. Featured speaker will be Dr. Lawrence Witt, Professor of Agricultural Economics, Michigan State University. His topic will be "Effect of World Markets on Michigan Agriculture."

Following the afternoon program, a 6 p.m. joint banquet will be held, also in the Big Ten Room. Unique entertainment will be provided by an oriental group known as "Bambooshay." This talented troup of ten students will play steel drums reminiscent of natives of Trinidad, during dinner and a later half-hour show.

The after-dinner speaker will be the Reverend Robert Richards of Dundee who is well known in the area for his gamut-running delivery. His topic will be "It's Great To Live In The United States."

All Farm Bureau members are invited to attend the daylong meetings.

## Arenac County Annual Typical **Of Meetings Held Over State**

Most County Farm Bureau Meetings Are Well Attended



"Miss Farm Bureau" Contest is Meeting Feature

HAROLD SCHUTTE, - President of the Arenac County Farm Bureau, crowns Linda Donahue as "Miss Farm Bureau" in ceremonies repeated this past month at many county annual meetings. Candidates include: seated, (from left) Joyce Reid, Miss Donahue, Joan Sauer. Standing, (from left) Judy Donnelly, Elaine Selle and Rouleen Williams. Miss Donahue will be one of approximately 25 entrants who will compete in the "Miss Michigan Farm Bueau" contest at the annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, Nov. 7.



MUTUAL COOPERATION-is pledged by officials of the Arenac County Farm Bureau at the close of their recent annual meeting. From the left, they are: Orville Strauer. Farm Bureau Insur-ance agent: Harold Schutte, County President; Douglas Edington, Manager, Sterling Elevator and Sherman Schmidt, Farm Bureau Insurance agent.





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April election. There is always a great deal of confusion in the election of

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## **News** Notes

#### OGEMAW

Vicki Sheppard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Sheppard, West Branch, is winner of the District No. 10 Farm Bureau Young People's "Talent Find." 17-year-old Vicki will compete in the state-wide Talent Find at the FBYP annual meeting, at Delta College, (near Bay City),-November 3.

County

#### EATON

Two Eaton Farm Bureau recently celebrated couples their golden wedding anniversaries. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Day and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Peterson were feted on their 50th anniversaries by their friends and families. Both couples have been members of the Eaton County Farm Bureau for a number of years.

#### By: Robert E. Smith Associate Legislative Counsel

When the property tax is measured by income, farmers pay two or three times more than do other groups of people! Much of the problem is due to the tremendous investment required by farming, most of which is assessable, visible and taxable.

All taxes are paid out of income. They are levied on one of three bases: (1) What people own; (2) What people spend; and (3) What people

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earn. The property tax is based on what people own. Each year farmers in Michigan find a greater bite being taken from their income by the property tax. This is due to the everincreasing costs of local government.

For instance, township taxes are six times those in 1948 School taxes are nearly five times those of 1948. There was a 15% increase in property taxes in 1959-60 alone. Only three other States had a greater increese than Michigan. The average increase for the Nation was 8%. What does this mean in terms of a tax on income?

According to the latest U.S.-D.A. figures (Economic Research Service, August, 1962) farmers for the United States as a whole paid 6.5% of their incomes for property taxes in 1950. By 1961 this had increased to 11.3% of farmer income. In Michigan, the figure for 1950 was 4.9%, which was well below the national average. But by 1961 Michigan farmers' property tax as a percent of income had soared to 12.6%!-1.3% above the national average.

Another part of the problem is due to improper assessment and equalization procedures. In a 1960 M.S.U. study the following statements are found:

"Farm vacant real estate was over-valued by local assessors in 92% of the 310 townships (studied).

"Business improved real estate was under-valued by 64% of the local assessors.

"Assessors tended to overvalue farm real estate relative to suburban homesites.'

What are the answers? Locally a better job of assessment and equalization must be done. New properties should pay their share of taxes the year they are built. Any state-wide tax reform must provide means of reducing property taxes. New sources for local revenue should be found. A part of school costs should be shifted to other local revenue sources.

Passage of the new Constitution will be most important by limiting 'assessments to 50% of value and allowing only property owners to vote on increasing millage for more than 5 years,

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### MICHIGAN FARM NEWS November 1, 1962 'District Women's Meetings "Outstanding"



A "BIRTHDAY BOX" - with gift-money g athered for charity at year's end, is an unusual project of Genesee County Farm Bureau Women. Each county dramatized portions of their favorite project-programs at the Fall District meeting series. Awaiting their turns in the dramatization are, (from left)-Mrs. Frederick Dieck, Mrs. Blaine Pinkston, Mrs. Marvin Tiedeman and Mrs. Herbert Slade.



THE HARD SELL APPROACH,--- to Cancer Society funds is illustrated by these play-acting Farm Bureau Women who demonstrated methods of fund soliciting. The wide variety of Women's projects depicted at the Fall series of district meetings, indicates the broad scope of Farm Bureau Women's work. Pictured are, (left) Mrs. Merl Byington and Mrs. Edgar Hendricks, both of Shiawassee county.

## **Top Local Programs Feature of Series**

More comprehensive activities for local County Farm Bureau Women's groups would be hard to imagine than those described and enacted in the recent Fall Series of District Meetings held throughout the state.

#### **One Example**

A good sampling of the program is that of District 5, held in Mid-October in the Town Hall of Rankin,

Oliver Angell, a Clinton county dairyman who sold his herd when competent farm help became scarce, and then took

advantage of Oliver Angell lighter farm

work to tour Russia as part of a "People-to-people" program, talked to the group and showed pictures of the tour.

Farm Bureau Women from counties of the district took a personal part in the afternoon program by enacting project reports that ranged from a "birthday box" with the money used for a local charity,-to participating in Cancer Fund drives and sponsoring a student scholarship to Michigan State University.

Citizenship held a prominent position in each program of the series,-which with variations, was repeated in all parts of the state, including the Upper Peninsula. An examination of the proposed new Michigan Constitution held the attention of large groups in each of the districts.

In the District 5 gathering, a substantial crowd was served a noon-time lunch planned and served by the Genesee County Farm Bureau Women's Committee. Proceeds of the lunch will go to the County Farm Bureau building fund.

Mrs. Otto Tara, Genesee County Chairman, welcomed the group, supervised the dinner with the assistance of oth-

ers, and introduced a local 4-H square dancing group which performed for the crowd.

They were led by F. D. Bloss, who called for the set of eight club members (which included son Roger and daughter, Ilona). Bloss has been especially active in youth leadership work. Under his direction the costumed youngsters whirled and spun as he called the patterns.

Dancers were: Linda Petrucha, Peggy and Mike McLaren, Martha Morgan, Gary Howell, and Doug Morgan, as well as the Bloss youngsters. All are of the Durand and Swartz Creek community.

In his talk before the group, Mr. Angell told of the friendliness of individual Russians and their apparent intense desire for "peace." They were most curious about Americans, and he told of a children's welcoming committee, where bouquets of flowers were presented to the touring farmers.

He indicated that the socalled "typical" general-purpose farm visited was in reality one of the best that Russia affords and actually a supposed "showcase" of agriculture. "Everything seemed to be about 30 to 50 years behind," Angell said, showing a picture of a combination housebarn with human and animal quarters under one roof.

Farm machines at the U.S.-S.R. Agricultural Exhibit in Moscow were, according to Angell, apparently for display purposes only, since he failed to see any of the huge, impressive devices in actual use on farms.

Officers of the District 5 Women's Committee include Mrs. Jerrold Topliff, Chairman; Mrs. Lewis Babbitt, Vice Chairman, and Mrs. Dorr Sutherland, District Secretary.

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THOROUGHLY ENJOYING the program, this group of Farm Bureau Women is typical of crowds attracted to the Fall District series of meetings recently held. The programs combine "skits" performed by county groups, with entertainment and speaking features. Mrs. Marjorie Karker, Coordinator of Women's Activities, (left foreground) assisted County Committees in arranging the programs.



IN EATON COUNTY, - Farm Bureau Women sponsor a scholarship to Michigan State University for some deserving student. Telling of the project are, (from left)-Mary June Garn, Arlene Weaver and Mrs. Ada Sutherland. The students keep the Farm Bureau Women's Committee informed of their progress through personal reports. Last year's recipient is now majoring in mechanical engineering.





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MICHIGAN FARM NEWS November 1, 1962

## Rural Radio,---a Story of Service

## WION, Ionia, Features Top Farm Programming a 30 - minute program from 12:30-1:00; more afternoon pro-grams of music and informa-

(This is the first in a series of features dealing with broadcast services to Michigan farmers. Others will follow as space allows.)

This is an age of consolidated farms and "vanishing" farmers. Each man on the land knows well the feeling of rising costs and tightened income, . . . . the challenge of change.

These rural changes include those in communications. Today's modern, fast-moving mechanized farmer uses many forms of high-speed communications in his daily work.

#### LOCAL RADIO

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This is the story of how local radio, "in tune" with local farmers, serves agriculture in a large, important farming area of mid-Michigan. It is a story that, with variations, is repeated throughout the state. As a direct result, Michigan farmers live better, fuller lives.

Our story goes back to 1953, when a successful hatchery operator in rural Ionia, Monroe MacPherson, Sr., rolled up his sleeves and started to build a new radio station, "WION, 1430 on the dial." The station was built partly as a business venture, and partly as a service to the community-at-large.

It didn't take long for WION radio to assume an important role in the community as a fast, most dependable news source for local and national news and as "entertainment king" by presenting music, variety and educational programs. It began serving as on-the-spot sports reporter at important local sporting events; as a free com-

munity bulletin board for meetings, special events; as an important advertising media in the area; and finally, serving as a source of weather and farm news.

> This story of WION service has continued throughout the years. Now, when the station is nearly 10 years old, and 10 times more powerful than its beginning (5000 watts vs 500) that story of service is more potent, has more meaning than ever before.

#### **Potent Programming**

Part of the potency can be attributed to an outstanding local news department, piloted by News Director Harry Boyes. Under his leadership, WION was named the Associated Press "Station of the Year" in 1959.

Of special farm interest is the new, up-to-the-minute farm programming, represented by Farm Director, Dan Covell.

WION serves its farm audience with 9 farm-oriented programs daily. There are early morning farm programs and weather programs; mid-mornning programs of information; tion; and, starting in the spring, there will be a new evening farm program chock-full of valuable information.

The content regularly broadcast on a daily basis includes: guest appearances by Exten-Soil Conservation and sion. ASCS workers from two counties: guest appearances by experts from MSU and other institutions of research and development; Farm Bureau programs and direct-wire weather forecasts-in-depth. Others include livestock reports from several markets in the nation; regional and national farm news, plus many other special reports that may take a farm listener literally anywhere.

#### Flexibility, Mobility

The keynote of the modern, fast-moving, friendly farm pro-gramming is mobility. Mobility and flexibility. In an age when many radio stations are dropping farm programs entirely. and many others are de-emphasizing it as much as possible, WION is forging ahead in the belief that, "If you serve the farmer and serve him well, he will listen."

Such is the philosophy of General Manager, and son of the owner, Monroe MacPherson, Jr. "Mac" grew up on his father's farm-hatchery, and for a time attended Michigan State University. Under his leadership and the help of Farm Director Covell, and with the cooperation of agencies in many surrounding counties, WION

has developed a farm programming that is proving that radio



OBJECTIVES - of the upcoming annual Ionia Stock Show, (Nov. 5-6-7) are discussed by the President of the Show Board of Directors, Harold Harwood, (center) along with (from left) Bill Pryor, Extension Director: Ed Strong, 4-H Agent and County Agent, Paul Wilkes, all of Ionia. Others are WION Farm Director Covell: Harwood, Jim Crosby and John Catey, Extension Director and 4-H Agent, from Montcalm county.

continues its important role in the life on the farm.

"Striving to capture the farm audience in our vast area is a bigger job than it might seem," Covell states. "But we are going about it with a system." The "system" includes a station-printed quarterly journal, sent to farm families, telling of the stion's objectives, aims and accomplishments. Currently a "Farm Problem" forum program series is planned, each to be an hour in length and featuring prominent spokesmen of various opinions on hot farm issues.

#### A Look Ahead

"But what we're doing, have done and do every day is only part of our story," says Boss MacPherson. "We have big plans for the future, and they include the latest, most rapid means of communication at our dispos-

al." Such plans mean regular coverage of important farm events around the country, sometimes from the the air. utilizing the station airplane. Other events will be covered from WION's red-white-andblue mobile studio, or from either of two "News Scout Cars."

So, no matter how much deemphasis farm life and farmers may take in some quarters these days, one thing can be certain: At an unobtrusive radio station on Haynor Road, just north of Ionia, where three tall towers cut into the sky, are folks hard at work, writing, recording, reporting on news important to people who spend their lives in agriculture. That's heartening news to the farmer, and so long as he listens, they will keep on broadcasting service with a capital "S."



FAST ACTION ON NEW IDEAS,-is typical of modern broadcasting. Here, Monroe Mac-Pherson, Sr. (center) discusses new farm programming with son and WION General Manager, Monroe MacPherson, Jr., and Farm Director Dan Covell. Informal meetings between staff and farm leaders have resulted in better programming for those who live in one of Michigan's better farming areas. A former-farmer himself, and successful hatcheryman, MacPherson, Sr., has given strong support to farm programming. The station is planning a series of 12, hour-long Farm Forums to be broadcast later in the year.



AIRBORN BROADCASTERS,-frequently cover such events as the State Tiling Demonstration and Field Day, held this summer in Ionia country. Three broadcasts daily helped boost attendance. Pictured (left to right) are "Mac" MacPherson, Dan Covell, Merril Ray, Soil Conservationist with the Montcalm S.C.S. and Glenn Converse, Work-Unit Conservationist in Ionia county.





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## **Farm Bureau Services Marketing Expands Staff**

#### **New Plant Begins Operation**

Another egg processing plant has been placed in operation at Brighton, Michigan, by the Egg Marketing Division of Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

P. J. Sikkema, the Division's manager, also announces the expansion of the field force.

The Brighton plant, in operation for the past month, contains the most up-to-date processing equipment in Michigan. As in its "sister" plant at Jenison, a Federal Egg Grader is always on duty to assure that only the finest quality eggs are processed.

Located on Old U.S. 16, the facility is strategically located to every producer in the eastern half of Michigan. In addition, it is virtually a stone's throw from the Metropolitan Detroit Egg Market.

#### FRESH FANCY QUALITY

Marketing the only U.S. "Fresh Fancy Quality" eggs packaged in Michigan, both operations are building a nation-wide reputation for the Egg Marketing Division of Farm Bureau Services. The Brighton plant, with an eventual full capacity of from 3,-500 to 4,000 cases per day, provides a market outlet for Farm Bureau egg producers in the eastern part of Michigan.

#### **New Staff** Alignment

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ent personnel, plus the addition of Clyde Springer gives the Egg Marketing Division a better coverage of the State's egg production areas. Springer brings with him eight years of "egg" experience in just about every phase of poultry work.

The new plant and the expansion of the technical field force are two more examples of Farm Bureau's determination to keep the Michigan egg market open to Michigan egg producers.

Both phases of the operation are open for expansion, according to Sikkema, as soon as the demand warrants it.

CLYDE SPRINGER has the lower two tiers of Michigan counties as his area. His extensive poultry experience with Little Brothers in the Kalamazoo area and the HyLine Chick organization in their pullet and hatchery operations provide a perfect background for his new assignment.

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# **Challenges Faced By Farm Organizations**

#### **Discussion Topic**

DONALD D. KINSEY Coordinator, Education and Research The challenges to farm organizations coincide with the challenges to the farmers that form them. Why, for example, was Farm Bureau organized? It was to fulfill a stated basic purpose, and on that fulfillment would rest the existence of ANY farmers' organiza-

tion. FARM BUREAU WAS FOUNDED BY FARM-ERS SO THAT THEY COULD TACKLE THEIR COMMON PROBLEMS ON THEIR OWN INITIA-TIVE, MAKING USE OF THEIR UNITED STRENGTH, SKILL, AND SOUND JUDGMENT IN DOING SO.

Farmers who founded Farm Bureau left this challenge to every future member — that he do his part in tackling farmers' problems with a will and a share of the responsibility.

#### 'Pillar of Purpose' Can Fall

Farm organizations can be destroyed by anything that prevents this purpose from operating. The failure of members to do their part can do it.

Government can destroy them by removing the need. This is a real and present threat. They would become "pale

ghosts of themselves" if government removed the opportunity or the right of farmers and their organizations to speak for or work on solving agricultural problems.

Or, the "pillar of purpose" can be knocked out by surrendering the problem-solving role to business or labor interests, as has often been dangerously near in the past few years.

#### The Measure of **Their Merit**

To grow and live, a farmers' organization must measure up to certain standards. Its policies and programs (aimed at solving farmers' problems) must be positive-not merely negative. But be careful-sometimes you have to be against some things that would destroy what you are FOR.

Program approaches must be designed to meet the challenge of change as changes come. But, again, we must not accept mere change as a solution. And not all proposals by people, memhead? If every time a problem pricks farmers they jump to form a new organization to tackle it, farmer strength is

split, money and manpower resources are wasted. In Farm Bureau, farmers already have an organization of

largest strength in numbers. It has had years of experience. If the program is sound, it can rally the support of more farmers than any new approach can muster. Farmers are few enough when all of them are taken as a body.

#### **Must Make the Most** of Manpower

Farmers are challenged by this very fact of "fewness. They are getting fewer. Urban dwellers gain a greater and greater margin over them. Nationally, farmers are now only 8.7% of the population. In Michigan, it's less than 7%.

Farmers are challenged by the promotion of a new theory of American government put forward by certain urban groups-"Monopoly by Majority" — a transfer of ALL **RIGHTS** to legislative action into the hands of these urban groups. Any monopoly is dangerous. This one needs to be met with a properly planned campaign for justice to the voice of rural people so that they have some ground upon which to defend their interests. The situation poses the need for certain "do's" and "don't's."

Farmers have neglected one of the "do's" rather badly. Urban groups sink fortunes into programs to influence public opinion. Farmers have done little more than toss peanuts into their "public relations" kitty. Their very minority position challenges them to support a strong program to tell the true story of agriculture. Urban people are uninformed and edgy about farmers. They are isolated in the cities. Many of them think that food comes from a supermarket. They know not their dependence on the farm nor the problems of

And we sometimes try to "do" where it would be wiser, considering our position, to "don't". Farmers can stir up a storm of effective opposition by attempting to use "strongarm" tactics to force the consumer market into price submission. We may forget that the urban centers hold the power to "slap us down" legislatively.

farmers.

Such an approach takes no account of the farmers' need for expanding markets for farm products.

It forgets that demand and supply DO play a positive part in pricing.

Such efforts can wind up as costly failures in more ways than one. The market problem challenges, yes. But properly planned long-range strategy is necessary to win. And farmers should be wary of any singletrack package solution. The solution must satisfy and cover all the factors that cause the problem to exist.

farmer's own part.

This challenge was made

clear in President Kennedy's

address to the State A.S.C.

(Agricultural Stabilization and

Conservation employees) on the

White House lawn on April 3rd,

1962. He prefers employees on

his own payroll to speak for the

farmers of America. In his

published speech, carried by

newspapers across the nation,

"While you are prohibited,

quite rightly from involving

yourselves in any particular

agricultural program, or recom-

mending it, or lobbying it;

nevertheless we do value very

highly the communication

which goes from here to you,

because you are our most direct

link with the farmers them-

selves - and also what comes

.... "It's not a particularly

agricultural center here in

Washington - and we depend

on you to tell us what farmers

are thinking-not merely what

we hear from their organiza-

from you to us.

he told these employees:

#### 'Let Orville Do It?'

Can farmers overlook the challenge of power government to them and their organizations? Government programs have not solved the problems of agriculture in 30 years. The programs continue to direct themselves to putting out fires largely lit by past legislative torches." They have complicated any solution for agriculture beyond such remedies as government itself proposes.

Farmers and their organizations are challenged to fight for programs which will promote and protect the best long-range interests of an expanding and efficient farm future. Yet government officials repeatedly intrude themselves into the way



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tions and the leaders of their organizations but what they themselves are thinking.

We hope you will see members of Congress and acquaint them and the Senators. We do not want them to be, as the

"I hope that you will go back from Washington and tell the farmers of America that the sents the farmers in this Ad-

Farmers' free organizations are voluntary. Farmers join if they wish to. But more and more frequent becomes the proposal that farmers be required to have a government license to farm and that the government should head and administer a national organization of farmers. Under these conditions, free farmers' organizations would be as useless as a Senate apportioned on the same basis as the House.

Farmers are justified in an honest doubt that continued and increasingly oppressive 'supply management" regulations and laws by government are in the best long-range interest of American agriculture.

The only real "progress" that such programs have achieved is the growing subjection of farmers to the police powers of the officials.

#### **Positive Promise for Young Farmers**

The impact of government programs on future farmers is negative. If the young farmers of the future are to face the debt necessary to buy or equip farms for efficient operation, they must have a favorable prospect of expanding production and sales.

But where controls threaten to curb and limit their right to produce and sell, they can see themselves shouldered with the debt with no way to meet it as well as the rising cost problem. (More inflation is PLANNED, you know.) The young farmers'

Planned Financial Security

with the stroke of a pe

outlook alone challenges farmers' organizations to work to remove such roadblocks from his future.

Regardless of their age, all farmers should take a LONG look ahead. Will agriculture in America be given the free initiative from which our abundance has sprung - the rich flow of food to America's expanding population? Or will the bureaucratic "supply management" noose strangle it and lead to scarcities such as haunt Russia and China? Will progress and prosperity halt in agriculture?

**Farmers' Self-Developed Programs** 

Farmers individually, or government collectively, can-Farm Bureau has gained much "know how" from past not develop all the services years of experience. It has needed by the growing, changcharted some of the roads leading modern farm. Farmers must ing to success. Some of the do these things on their own roads leading to trouble have initiative, and through their orbeen posted. Any new farm ganizations. Any farm organizaorganization would have to tion with only a "single string to travel these roads all over its violin"-a one-shot program -falls short of the mark. again.

The modern farm needs services that are new and strange to the farm of yesterday:

1. Fuels and lubricants, special prescription feeds and fertilizers in bulk lots and at bulk prices to cut costs. 2. Cooperative marketing bargaining programs and

adapted to real market conditions. 3. Buildings and equipment specialized to the needs of

many forms of specialty production. 4. Adequate protection pro-

grams for growing investments

and business or family liabili-

5. Services in estate planning

and in keeping the farm in the

family. New laws and taxes

complicate this problem as

6. Aid for farmers in bus-

iness management and account-

ties.

ing.

time goes on.

1. In what ways can farmers better use or become active in their organization so as to contribute to its greater success and service to the farmer?

7. Recruitment and dispers-

8. Programs for debt servic-

Such programs are not creat-..

ed with the snap of the finger.

And the programs developed

today will not meet the needs

of tomorrow. They must change

as methods and problems of the

Many of these programs have

been years a-building in Farm

Bureau and will continue to be

built in years to come. You do

not "freeze" a service. Some

new services will come, too, to

aid farmers in their operations.

**Must Move Ahead** 

for farmers' organizations is

"No Loitering Here." They

must keep on the go to keep

pace with developments. Their

challenges are as numerous and

endless as their problems. And

problems are as inevitable as

Questions

death and taxes.

A sign that is always posted

ing of farm labor to necessary

ing and financing farm expan-

sions or adjustments.

farm areas.

farm change.

2. There are, unquestionably, many challenges facing farmers' organizations other than those mentioned in the Michigan Farm News article. In your opinion, what are some of these challenges?



# Secretary said, 'lonesome.'

Secretary of Agriculture repreministration." (So where does that leave the farmers, their organizations and their elected

Congressmen?) **The Tie That Binds** 

bers of farm organizations or government "experts", are designed to solve farmers' problems on any sound and permanent basis.

**Clarence Prentice**, Secretary Manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau, puts the matter very well in his report to the Michigan Farm Bureau delegates at the 1962 Annual Meeting.

"The Farm Bureau remains concerned that its programs shall have positive, long-range value and soundness. The yardsticks that are applied to any program by Farm Bureau in-clude the following criteria:

"Is the program of benefit to all people? "Is it of positive, long-range

benefit to all agriculture?

"Where is it leading? Farm Bureau firmly supports progress, but not all change is progress. Toward what will the program we support or oppose lead farmers and the nation?

"Will the program preserve and protect the future dignity and security of agriculture and the nation?

Such a philosophy has placed Farm Bureau high in the esteem of most other civic groups. And this has given us a quality of leadership in public affairs that is worth perpetuating."

#### Why Back Up and Start Over?

Challenge to members. There is no room for pessimism nor defeatism in the struggle to solve farmers' problems. The future belongs to the farmer and the farm organization that faces situations as they are and works to conquer them. Those farmers who founded Farm Bureau showed a fighting determination to overcome their problems. They energetically recruited membership to bolster the needed support and power - voluntarily.

They built the largest farm organization in history. In Farm Bureau there has developed member strength that could do anything within any farm organization's reach. All that is needed is properly designed programs of attack, sound objectives, and greater skill and initiative by members to help carry them through by mutual support.

Why buy a new pair of glasses when the pair you own is Mike O'Brien, a Farm Bureau member in Isabella County, farms 350 acres near Mt. Pleasant. He is shown with his wife, Rose, daughters left to right, Deborah and Sharon, and his son Pat.

Like thousands of young family men, Mike O'Brien has two major concerns. One is adequate income for his family in the event anything happens to him ... the other is retirement income for he and his wife in their sunset years. Mike has found that Farm Bureau's cash value life insurance guarantees a solution to both problems. With the stroke of a pen, Mike has created an estate that protects his family now . . . and guarantees retirement income later.

Have you given adequate thought to the problems that Mike O'Brien has solved? Farm Bureau's 175 professional agents are trained to assist you to enjoy "Planned Financial Security." Ask a local Farm Bureau agent for details. He'll be pleased to serve you.

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