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County Annual Meeting Time Fast Approaching

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Political Responsibility of Farm Bureau Members

"Political Activity is the Right And Responsibility of Each Citizen"

"A Farm Bureau member's responsibility is not to be non-partisan and non-political," according to Dean Pridgeon, chairman of the Michigan Farm Bureau Citizenship Committee.

In speaking at a meeting of the committee held at Farm Bureau Center, August 13, Pridgeon drew a line of distinction between the role of the individual member and the role of the organization. He pointed out that the Farm Bureau organization has to be a bipartisan, political organization. "Its members are members of both political parties and it deals with political problems in both state and national legislation," he said. "It is non-partisan in developing its policies and bi-partisan in placing them into effect."

The individual Farm Bureau member, on the other hand, is a private citizen, the committee was told, with citizen's rights and citizenship responsibil-

Stressing that members are defaulting their responsibility if they do not work within the political party of their choice, Pridgeon said, "Farm Bureau should make every effort to get its members to be good citizens and participate in political party affairs. While Farm Bureau as an organization must remain bi-partisan in its political action program, -every individual member should join a party, be willing to hold party office, and to help select party candidates, support political parties and individual candidates financially and work hard on election day to get every citizen to use his right of secret ballot."

Apple Producers to Bargain With Processors on Price MICHIGAN GROWERS JOIN OTHER STATES IN BACKING PRICE "MINIMUMS"-

Michigan apple producers are set to give all-out backing to the announced intention of the American Agricultural Marketing Association to offer members' apples at prices based on a minimum schedule.

This historic action may have far-reaching implications throughout the entire field of farm commodity marketing as producers declare their intentions to produce a quality product for realistic prices, and to deal directly with processors as a united group in securing the agreed-upon price minimums.

Involved in Michigan alone are more than 1,500,000 bushels of prime processing apples. Nationally, the American Agricultural Marketing Association currently represents an approximate 9,000,-000 bushels of such apples.

According to Charles B. Shuman, president of the Association, the national minimum prices for members' apples (for processing) will be \$3.10 per 100 pounds for Class "A" varieties, and \$2.70 for Class "B" - both based on a 21/2 inches-and-up in diameter grade. Minimum juice-apple prices were announced at \$1.25.

Michigan apples classified as preferred varieties or Class "A" include Rhode Island Greenings, Northern Spies, and Golden Delicious. Other dual purpose apples fall into the Class "B" category.

In adjusting the national minimum prices to Michigan conditions, the Processing Apple Committee of the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association, (MACMA) arrived at a price for Spies of \$3.60 for fruit of 23/4 inches in diameter, or

Other Michigan grades and varieties follow the national price very closely. Since Michigan Spies are used primarily for canned and frozen apple slices, processors have less cost and higher yield when using larger apples.

Reportedly grower enthusiasm for promotion of the uniform minimum prices is backed by the strong feeling that suggested prices are realistic.

Members of the Michigan Processing Apple Committee of MACMA recommend that each grower urge his local processor to approve the offered contract and to accept the minimum pricing schedule.



FARM BUREAU CENTER RECEIVES GIFT-FLAG

A NEW 50 STAR FLAG-is presented by Farm Bureau Young People to representatives of the Michigan Farm Bureau, for display in the lobby of Farm Bureau Center, Lansing. Shown presenting the flag to Clarence Prentice, MFB Secretary-Manager is James Sparks, (right) chairman of the Michigan Farm Bureau Young People's Committee. Looking on are (extreme left) Lester Bollwahn, Coordinator of Young People's Activities and Michigan Dairy Princess Miss Gail Priddy, Committee Secretary.

Miss "U.P. Farm Bureau'



CAROL FORD

"MISS U.P. FARM BU-REAU"-for 1962 is Carol Ford, Cornell, Michigan, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton C. Ford, Carol helps on her father's 360-acre farm whenever possible between duties as a clerk at St. Francis Hospital, Escanaba. Miss Ford is 18, graduated from Escanaba High School this year.

Sept. 10-21

Highlighting the Wednesday morning session will be Walter Wightman with the "President's Report" and his challenge to the membership; and Mr. Lucas Meil, president of the Detroit Employees' Asdate 1,000 persons at the ban-Mr. Meil, life-long resident quet this year. Those who do not wish to attend or are un-

able to get tickets, may hear

the program through wall

speakers in the Lincoln room at

Kellogg Center. Winner of the

Miss Farm Bureau contest,

sponsored by Farm Bureau

Young People, will be crowned

Commodity and Women's

Conferences will be held on

Wednesday afternoon. The last

two days of the convention will

be devoted to discussion and

approval of policies for next

year plus the selection of Board

members and other business

at the banquet.

1962 State Convention

Plans Completed

Roger Fleming to Speak

vention has been scheduled for November 7-8-9, 1962

on the campus of Michigan State University.

The 43rd annual Michigan Farm Bureau Con-

of Michigan, managing businessman and active leader in many civic and business respeak on "The Problems of Businessmen and Farmers in Michigan." He has been a pioneer in and strong advocate of profit - sharing plans between labor and management and has also served as' president of the Organization of Profit-Sharing Industries in the United States.

Roger Fleming, secretary of the American Farm Bureau Federation, will be the keynote speaker at the evening banquet November 7. Arrangements have been made to accommo-

Sheep Producers To Vote on Wool and Lamb Referendum

Farm Bureau Suggests Producers Study Facts

A referendum among wool and lamb producers is scheduled Sept. 10-21 under a provision of the National Wool Act which provides "discretionary authority" for a government check-off for promotion and advertising.

The referendum will determine producers' approval or disapproval of the present check-off on all domestically produced wool of one-cent per pound, from payments due producers under the present Wool

In the 1959 referendum, the check-off failed to receive the required two-thirds majority n Michigan, where the vote was 61.7 percent for,-to 38.3 percent against.

The check-off has amounted to approximately three million dollars per year since 1955, totaling about 18 million dol-

Farm Bureau has frowned at the compulsory deductions, both because of the lack of free choice and in the light of disappointing results from advertising to date. In the six year period since the program was instituted, the price and consumption of wool and lamb

has continued to drop. At the same time the use of competitive synthetic fibers and the use of other meats has increased. Further reductions of 5% in wool and 4% in lamb production has been forecast by the United States Department of Agriculture for this

Not At Issue

The incentive payment feature of the wool program is not at issue in the referendum.

At issue is the compulsory deduction feature for advertising purposes, — and the fact that to date, little results are apparent from the money spent.

Although a majority of those voting in past referendums favored the check-off (on a national basis) a very large number of producers failed to vote. Farm Bureau urges each producer to study the facts and vote his convictions.

About Farm Bureau People and Places

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kennedy have extended an invitation to their friends and Farm Bureau members, to help them celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary, Saturday, September 1. The event, complete with orchestra, will be staged at the Long Rapids Township Hall. The Kennedys are well-known throughout the state for their active participation in Farm Bureau.

EATON

Robert Gidley, last year's recipient of the Farm Bureau Women's scholarship, appeared recently before the Eaton County Women to tell them of his experiences in his first year of college. He thanked the group for helping him start his college education and told them he would return to M.S.U. this fall to major in mechanical engineering.

WASHTENAW

Jack and Agnes Turner, Farm Bureau members from Chelsea, have an unusual business;-baby-sitting service and boarding school for calves! After consultation with the Cooperative Extension Service, they have worked out a program to pick up the babies and take them along toward milk-

GENESEE

Frank Blight, Farm Bureau member from Mt. Morris, was the subject of a feature article in his local paper recently when he celebrated his 97th birthday. Son Norman is a F.B. Services dealer in Clio.

SENATE PASSES

OMNIBUS FARM BILL

Aug. 22 - Senate leaders pushed an omnibus farm bill through the Senate over vigorous protests of farm leaders who objected to a wheat certificate plan and provisions for feed-grain supports at zero to

90% of parity. In a telegram to Senators Hart and McNamara, MFB President Wightman said that the bill is obviously designed "to pave the way for supplymanagement control. It will result in higher costs to taxpay-

The bill now goes to a Senate-House conference commit-

County Each Member Urged News Notes "Take Active Part"

"Attend, Speak Out" Says MFB Secretary-Manager Prentice

Michigan farmers are reminded that the Fall season and with it County Farm Bureau annual meeting time will soon be here. In many respects this is the most important time of year for farmers who will decide the policies and the program of their organization in 71 county annual meetings and the MFB State Convention that follows.

According to Clarence Prentice, Secretary-Manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau, county annual meetings are the "very life" of the organization. "Membership attendance and personal participation at these meetings are a vital local responsibility," Prentice said.

Two Most **Important Actions**

He listed two most important things to be done at county Farm Bureau annual meetings

Decision on policy resolutions to be forwarded to the Michigan Farm Bureau as recommendations to guide the State Resolutions Committee, and; Selection of the very best delegates to represent the county at the annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, November 7-8-9.

Prentice points out that county Farm Bureau resolutions committees are active now with preliminary meetings, planning sessions, and compiling ideas and background information. At least one county has arranged local "hearings" with committee members scheduling information sessions with local government officials, civic leaders and others.

"Ideas become resolutions presented to the county-wide annual meeting of members in October, - the county decision of the members becomes a guidepost for the state Resolutions Committee and the MFB delegates in annual session," Prentice said.

He added that last year over 800 county resolutions were tabulated and catalogued for such consideration and that these were combined and "boiled down" to 113 by the Committee for presentation to the 700 delegates at the State Convention.

Informed Delegates Are Vital

"The direction your organiza-

tion will take for the coming year lies in the hands of your county delegates who bave the final vote. The quality of your delegates, then, is ex tremely important. They must understand and support the thinking of your members,' Prentice said.

He urged members to exercise extreme thoughtfulness in selecting local delegates with the idea foremost in mind that "they represent YOU at the state convention."

Methods Of Delegate Selection

In some states, Farm Bureau policy requires that the County President represent his members as the "number one" dele gate. Some suggest that the Executive Committee a n d chairman of the county Resolutions Committee be part of any larger delegation.

Michigan has no such requirements in this connection.

"We do believe, however, that the most important task of the year is this work if policy development. Through this process Farm Bureau as an organ ization truly reflects the 'grass roots' thinking of its membership," Prentice said.

If YOU Are Selected

"We cannot attach too much importance to the selection of the most competent persons to represent the 70,000 farm family members of our organization. If you are selected, remember, . . . there is no more important work in Farm Bureau than the three days at the annual Michigan Farm Bureau State Convention.



1962 MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

THE FIRST SESSION,-of the 1962 MFB Resolutions Committee was held at Farm Bureau Center, Lansing, August 21. Pictured reviewing some of the ground-rules for the hard working group, is Committee Chairman, Donald Ruhlig. The 18member committee organized into subcommittees at the meeting and adopted a schedule of future meetings. Besides Ruhlig, committee members include: Harold, Shannon, Cass county; Lloyd Smith, Calhoun; Laverne Bivens, Barry; Merl Bying-

ton, Shiawassee: Clifton Lotter, Tuscola: Stanley Bode, Newsygo; Omer Colbert, Bay; Keith Shugart, NW Mich.; William Parsons, Charlevoix; Waino Rajala, Marquette-Alger; Mrs. Wilford Bunyea, Mrs. Enoch Carlson and Mrs. Thomas Wieland, Farm Bureau Women; James Sparks, Farm Bureau Young People: Leroy Dale Dunckel, Allen Rush and Lloyd Shankel. Members-at-Large. Next meeting of the Committee will be held Sept. 19. (Additional story, page 5.)

SAID.

INDIVIDUAL FARM

OWNERSHIP

DEAR NEWS EDITOR:

Just received my MICH-

This paper is sure enlighten-

First, I think the four state

Supreme Court Judges should

be impeached; they are not fit

Second, I think our govern-

ment should get out of farm-

ing, (the majority of them

know very little about farm-

ing), and just let the farmers

and Farm Bureau work out

their own problems. They are

just as intelligent as the bu-

reaucrats down at Washington.

in our FARM NEWS, the cost

of cleaning the highways of

beer bottles and cans. We can never educate that class of

people from littering the roads

However, if our Congress

would enact a law taxing the

distilleries five cents for every

bottle or any kind of container

they put their beer in, they

would make those containers

A disturbing statement by a

"city friend" guest has aroused

my concern in regard to the

"Image of the Farmer" by ur-

The accusation, if wide-

spread, could be very serious

and the implications, if not

true, should be answered. Al-

though not the first time, the

continued attacks have been

increasingly more vindictive

and my patience is wearing

thin. In spite of my attempt to

clarify the situation, there must

be a massive build-up of mis-

The crux of the matter is

that in the opinion of the ill-

informed, the farmers are ava-

ricious, especially in regard to

subsidies and that the Farm

Bureau has a "tongue - in-

check" attitude on the subject

information on the subject.

A Citizen

and streets.

redeemable.

Thank you.

DEAR EDITOR:

ban people.

Third, all of our newspapers

to rule our State Court.

ing to the farmer and his

friends as to what is going on

in our state and government.

IGAN FARM NEWS and felt

I should write you a few lines.

in our chosen field of activity. These expressions, while they seemingly come from commonplace Walter Wightman

people, cannot, and should not be considered commonplace. In our organization, and in others, we always stress the importance and the dignity of the individual. This, we believe, is basic to the concepts

upon which this country was founded. Recenty, I came across a short article credited to Reverend Charles Stelzle in his meditation for the day entitled "I Believe." Further identification was not revealed.

It so closely conforms to my personal philosophy of life, and impressed me so much that I wanted to pass it on to you without comment, for what it is worth. It should be a challenge to all of

"I believe in my job - It may not be a very important job, but it is mine.

"Furthermore, it is God's job for me. He has a purpose in my life with references to His plan for the world's progress.

"No one fellow can take my place. It isn't a big place, to be sure, but for years I have been molded in a peculiar way to fill a peculiar niche in the world's work.

"I could take no other man's place. He has the same claim as a specialist that I make for myself. In the end, the man whose name was never heard beyond the house in which he lived, or the shop in which he worked, may have a larger place than the chap whose name has been a household word in two continents.

"Yes, I believe in my job. May I be kept true to the task which lies before me-true to myself and to God, who entrusted me with it.

"I believe in my fellow man. He may not always agree with me. I'd feel sorry for him if he did, because I myself do not believe some of the things that were absolutely sure in my own mind a dozen

"May he never lose faith in himself, because, if he does, he may lose faith in me, and that would hurt him more than the former, and it would really hurt him more than it would hurt me.

"I believe in my country. I believe in it because it is made up of my fellow-men and myself. I can't go back on either of us and be true to my creed. If it isn't the best country in the world. it is partly because I am not the kind of a man I should be.

"I believe in my home. It isn't a rich home. It wouldn't satisfy some folks, but it contains jewels which cannot be purchased in the markets of the

"When I enter its secret chambers, and shut out the world with its care, I am a lord. Its motto is Service, its reward is Love. There is no other spot in all the world which fills its place, and heaven can be only a larger home, with a Father who is all-

wise and patient and tender. "I believe in today. It is all that I possess. The past is of value only as it can make the life of today fuller and freer. There is no assurance of tomorrow. I must make good today."

W.W.

The Farm Bureau Lobby

Is Farm Bureau too successful in Lansing? Those who would reapportion the state to reduce farmer-influence think so, and as proof they have

What is ignored is the firm base of sound think-

While reports of supposedly excessive lobby-

board, openly conducted.

Farm Bureau policy is a matter of public rec-

M.W.

EDITORIAL

Citizens Versus Supreme Court "Our members were very much disturbed and

disillusioned in regard to the respect they should hold toward the Supreme Court."

This sentence is from a letter received from a good citizen and Farm Bureau member, following the meeting of his Community Farm Bureau

It is typical of comments around the Statefrom individuals and in newspaper editorials following the mid-July action of the Michigan Supreme Court in ordering the nullification of the 1952 apportionment amendment to Michigan's Constitution.

The same comment might also have been aimed at the United States Supreme Court. After years of adherence to the principle of the separation of powers, as laid down by the careful framers of our United States Constitution, the present court suddenly reversed itself and invaded the powers of the Legislative branch of government.

By its action in the Tennessee case, known as Baker vs. Carr, a majority of the Justices of our Nation's highest court tore down the safeguard provided by three separate, but coordinate, branches of government - the Legislative, the Executive and the Judicial.

By its action, the court said - "we will enter The political arena." Unless the people—"We, the people of the United States," who gave the court, the Congress and the President their powers, make political decisions which are pleasing to the court, these decisions are subject to "invalidation" by that court.

Where now is the line drawn? If elections are to be nullified by court caprice, will the judges throw out an election because too few voters turned out? Would an "unreasonable" decision by voters be subject to court veto?

"But the Tennessee case is different from our Michigan situation," said many. True, it was vastly different! Tennessee was in violation of its own Constitution! And had been for years! While Michigan is in accord with the provisions of its Constitution.

During the ten years since the last reapportionment in 1953, Michigan's population had grown and shifted, but another reapportionment is due next year and our Constitution, unlike Tennessee's, assures that it will be done!

Then how did the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in the Tennessee case affect Michigan? It simply said, in effect, that the courts were now entering politics and would accept cases concerning the composition of legislative bodies. It did not hear the Michigan case - it simply told the Michigan Supreme Court to hear it.

Assured of jurisdiction, the Michigan Supreme Court then proceeded to stretch the "equal protection clause" of the Fourteenth Amendment into what Justice Kavanaugh called in his written opinion "the equality clause." The Michigan Court proceeded, as drunk with power, to throw out the 1952 amendment which the voters had approved by a nearly 300,000 majority. It called off elections for the Senate, saying - "no legislation exists in Michigan . . . under which candidates for the office of State Senator may validly be elected."

Defying the clear expression of the will of the voters in 1952 when they turned down the CIO plan of population representation in both House and Senate while at the same time approving the present balanced Legislature plan, the court directed that the Legislature proceeded to district the Senate on a strict population basis.

Action by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart has temporarily stayed the effect of the Court decision and the Senate election will be held in November.

Folks are asking . . . "What can we do?"

Since we will elect half of the members of the Michigan State Supreme Court within the next few months, the answer appears obvious.

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PURPOSE OF FARM BUREAU

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

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of controls while accepting price supports and other "help' from the government;-the in-

ference being that we as farm-

ers are not sincere in our

STATE

OWNED FARMS

There was also the mistaken impression that farmers are alone in the matter of government "handouts." This presents a problem for the Public Relations Division of Farm Bureau. The questions manifest themselves as to what are we doing

to combat this mis-information. How have we failed as farmers to conduct ourselves so that the right "Image" might be evident? In short, if we are sincere, and believe in what we preach, what are we going to

do to correct the situation? Of course, we know the real reason, but do the urban people understand?

A. Barnard, Chairman Jackson County Public Relations Committee.

ALLEN - SCOTT REPORT

UAW, Farm Union Join In Politics

Reproduced Through the Courtesy of the Carolina "Cooperator"

BY ROBERT S. ALLEN AND PAUL SCOTT Reprinted from the Detroit Free Press

WASHINGTON - Potentially high-powered electioneering medicine is being brewed by two unusual allies.

The United Auto Workers, headed by Walter Reuther, and the National Farmers Union. headed by John Patton, are pooling their financial resources in a "non-partisan" campaign to elect "liberal" senators and representatives in this fall's balloting.

This agreement was reached at an unannounced meeting in Denver, attended by important officials of both organizations. Significantly, top Agriculture Department officials also were present.

The latter discussed the recent defeat of the Administration's farm bill by a narrow margin in the House, and expressed eagerness to assist in electing members of Congress who will support such legislation.

Another meeting is to be held in August, probably in Chicago.

At this second gathering, the intention is to implement plans formulated in Denver with additional measures. Other meetings may be held in September and October; this will be determined later.

PRIMARY PURPOSE of this unusual political alliance is to concentrate on so-called "marginal" congressional districts-where the incumbent was elected by a margin of five or less

There are approximately 100 such districts, including both Republicans and Democrats.

Under the agreement reached in Denver, the Farmers Union will focus its efforts in rural areas, especially the Midwest, and the Auto Workers in cities where it has locals and ties with other unions.

With Each Day NOW THAT Michigan has been bailed out of chaos by a U. S. Supreme Court member's

Court Ruling

Looks Worse

In Our Opinion

ruling against the hasty Senate redistricting ordered by the State Supreme Court, various aspects of the state court's decision appear more bizarre

The state court's ruling on reapportionment constitutes a threat to one of the most fundamental concepts of American government—the system of checks and balances.

Rural Interests Legitimate

People in sparsely populated areas have interests which are just as legitimate as those of in heavily populated Yet, under the court's ruling, the state would be the control of a few counties in southeast Michigan, which would give the people in less-populated areas the status of step-citizenship.

It seems strange, indeed, that what is good for the United States is deemed not good for one of the states. Under the federal Constitution, each state is entitled to two senators, regardless of population. Thus the thinly populated states still have a voice in government. Should not the same prevail with the people of outlying areas of a single state?

Equal Protection Clause

In this connection, U. S. Justice Potter Stewart, in delaying the state court's action, commented that the Michigan court has raised a new federal question: Does the equalprotection clause of the federal Constitution require the electoral districts of both houses of a state legislature to be based wholly on population? He said he thinks a state

might have a right to decide this on its own authority.

ON THE MATTER of an atlarge election of senators, the alternative ordered by the state court in the event the legislature failed to redistrict in the limited time given it, Justice Stewart said:

"It could possibly result in the election of an unrepresentative Senate, with the members all from one county and all from one party."

Puzzling Precedent

There are several aspects of the state court's ruling which are puzzling in the extreme.

Not the least of these is the arbitrary ratio of 2 to 1 which it said should not be exceeded in establishing populations of any districts in reapportion-

Under the proposed new state constitution, senatorial districts would have an average ratio of about 31/2 to 1 based on a formula which gives a weight of 80 percent to population and 20 percent to area.

This certainly is a fair compromise. Yet, it would not comply with the state court's 2-to-1 order.

"One Man, One Vote"

Now, proponents of straightpopulation redistricting of the Senate use the catch-phrase, 'one man, one vote.'

Well, the present Senate districting plan was approved in 1952 on a "one-man, one vote" basis-by a vote of 1,269,807 to 975,518 - a whooping majority of 294,289.

Further it should be kept in mind that 1952 was a presidential election year with the usual heavy turnout of voters. The districting amendment wasn't "sneaked through" in an off-year election.

The Court - Versus The People

Extremely disturbing, also, is the fact that the court has decided that the people, who approved the present Senate plan in an election, don't know how they should be governed; that only the court knows. . . .

the members of the state's top court can rule unconstitutional a proposal drawn by delegates elected by the people, and before the people have had an opportunity to vote on it, what happens to government of the people, by the people?

And as a final thought, if half

the nearly unbroken record of Farm Bureau legislative success.

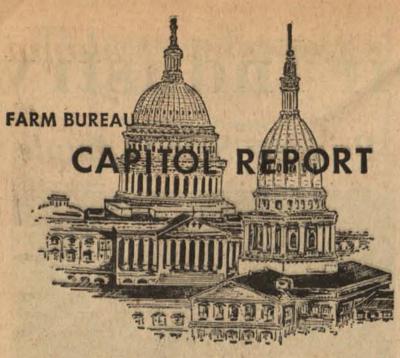
ing and popular support upon which Farm Bureau's program is built. The true strength of Farm Bureau is an open secret. It lies in the communitygroup discussion programs,—in informed members who act, . . . in the county and state resolutions

ing in the halls of the State Legislature explode in headlines across the state, Farm Bureau has yet to spend its first dollar to throw expensive cocktail parties,-to wine-and-dine members of the legislature or use any of the other methods often used to influence legislation.

All Farm Bureau legislative dealings are above-

ord. The most effective "lobby item" in the Farm Bureau legislative budget is the stack of copies of the current policy resolutions booklets.

Therein lies Farm Bureau's Strength.



Legislative Thoughts and Comments

By Dan E. Reed

Associate Legislative Counsel

Road Finances

Rumblings are already heard of the need for new highway funds. Suggested is a higher gas tax and also an increase of license fee to catch the gas-saving small cars which travel more miles per gallon and pay a lower weight tax.

Michigan's tremendous road-building program of the last few years has been financed largely by borrowed Federal money which was matched by borrowed State funds. The pledging of future revenues to pay these bonds will leave the State Highway Department with precious little money for construction after the present "accelerated" building boom is over. There is a question as to whether even adequate maintenance can be provided at present tax rates.

to develop standards to qualify

Water Resources

Head Retires

its Water Resources Commis-

sion, which has been non-poli-

tical in its administration and

Under its just-retired Execu-

tive Secretary, Milton Adams,

the work of the Commission re-

ceived an enviable degree of

cooperation from industry and

Loring F. Oeming, Executive

Secretary, and Norman F. Bill-

ings, Assistant Executive Sec

retary and Chief of the Hy-

Throw-Away Bottles

Undoubtedly, there is no-

thing morally wrong about a

throw-away bottle. The fault

lies with the people who throw

The throw-away (and the

bottle makers wish we would

forget that they ever used the

name "throw-away"-they are

now to be known as "no-re-

turnable") has two special

weaknesses: (1) bottle pickers

won't pick them up, and (2) they are thinner-walled and

break more easily when

thrown from a car or hit by or

Reports reaching our office

pinpoint the throw-away as the

culprit in the majority of cases

of tractor and implement tires

damaged or destroyed by glass

on highway shoulders and in

Governor's Anti-

Litter Committee

Committee, headed by State

Police Chief Joe Childs, was

sparked into being by the up-

roar over throw-away bottles

The situation was further

complicated by a possibility

that a bottle manufacturer

might build a new plant in

SEED WHEAT

Field and Lab in-

spected to eliminate

defects and give

higher yields of

quality grain.

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proposed legislation to

The Governor's Anti-Litter

fields adjoining highways.

against a hard object.

Taking over new duties are

municipalities.

drology Division.

practical in its enforcement.

Michigan should be proud of

for use of the Seal.

No Candidate

Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie, whose present term does not expire until June 30 1965, has announced he will not be a candidate to succeed himself. He has presided over the greatest road - building program in Michigan's history, financed by a mortgage on fu-ture tax collections.

You and I, and our out-ofstate visitors, applaud the splendid time - saving super highways and the magnificent cloverleaf intersections. However, unless more funds are made available, the next Highway Commissioner will likely known as a "do-nothing"

"Gas Tax - 25c per Gallon?"

Sounds pretty steep, doesn't it? Yet I've heard many a driver praise the merits of the Ohio Turnpike, the Illinois Turnpike, the Indiana Turnpike, and others. At only one cent per mile toll and with a six cents per gallon gas tax, my Chevy runs me about 25 cents tax per gallon when I drive the toll road. And Michigan has many miles of freeway as good as any toll road!

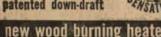
Seal of Quality

The Michigan Department of Agriculture has now authorized the use of the Seal of Quality on two Michigan farm products -celery and poultry and poultry products. Quality standards have been established for celery and the program is expected to start soon. The greatest interest in the poultry product area at this time is in eggs. The next step here will be

the wood burning sensation!



with thermostatic control!



new wood burning heaters

Ashley's patented downdraft system, radi-ant heat control thermostat, new manifold and secondary air intake means more com-

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Michigan Supreme Court

What Can Citizens Do?

usual situation within the next few months when they elect half the members of the Michigan Supreme Court. Two will be elected in November for short terms to fill vacancies, and two will be elected in April for regular terms.

The nominations are made by the political parties in state convention, with candidates then running on a "non-partisan" ballot. Nominations for the November election will be made on August 25 by the Democratic Convention in Grand Rapids and the Republican Convention in Detroit. Elections will be for the seats presently held by Judges Otis Smith and Paul Adams.

Nominations for the election next April will be made at the two party conventions which will be held early next year. The terms of Judges Eugene Black and Leland Carr expire at that time. The regular term is for eight years.

It might be of interest to many of our people to know that Judges Otis Smith and Eugene Black voted against the 1952 apportionment plan approved by Michigan voters

Michigan. Business, labor and economic developers wanted the plant so bad they "could almost taste it"! Many believe the Governor's Committee was named to forestall possible legislative action. If so, the plan succeeded and no bill was pass-

The Committee, with funds advanced partly by the bottle makers and breweries, is moving toward an educational campaign to help prevent all litter-

Farmers, however, bid fair to find little relief from the hazards of broken bottles. Anyone drinking in an auto is not about to carry his empty bottles with him to be used as evidence in case of an accident! And the throw-away, broken or whole, will lay there-till??

Farm Labor Study

Last spring, the Michigan Citizens' Council on Agricultural Labor asked MSU to compile a report on agricultural labor in Michigan. The Coun-

Michigan citizens face an un- and in favor of Gus Scholle's petition. Judge Paul Adams disqualified himself because of his participation in the case in 1960 as Attorney General. Judge Leland Carr voted to uphold the decision of the voters and against Gus Scholle.

> Action by voters in these two elections could change the complexion of the Michigan

Action In Congress

Several Members of Congress have introduced resolutions proposing an amendment to the U. S. Constitution which would clearly eliminate this area of consideration as a Judicial mat-

Such an amendment would require passage by both houses of Congress by a two-thirds vote and ratification by the legislatures of three-fourths of the States.

While this seems like a slow process, it probably offers the best solution in the long run. Your county Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee would undoubtedly be glad to hear your suggestions!

cil felt that many statements were being made about housing and working conditions which might be true in some States, but not in Michigan.

MCCOAL also informed Governor Swainson of its activities and asked his support in securing reports from the various State agencies which might have some involvements with migrants and other farm

A preliminary report will be reviewed by the Board of MCCOAL on September 21. The annual meeting of the Council has been set for Octo-

What is a Liberal?

"Liberality with the taxpayers' money does not always qualify a person for a seat in the Congrees, in the opinion of many fine and substantial citizens," said Congressman Don L. Short, R., of North Dakota.

The Congressman was speaking following the resounding defeat of the Medicare bill.

Could Be the 14th Doesn't Fit

Reprinted from the Detroit Free Press

THOSE WHO have been trying to outlaw the present system of choosing a Michigan Legislature keep citing the 14th Amendment.

We're not at all sure but what they aren't being too literal minded, and are missing the intent of the Congress and states that put it into the United States Constitution.

The 14th Amendment says in part that "no state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens . . . "

The argument goes that a privilege, that of equal representation, is abridged when state senators are chosen from districts not based on the number of citizens living in the various districts.

It can be asked, however, whether the 14th Amendment's framers were dealing in a democratic absolute. Quite possibly they intend simply to require equal privilege under the generally exisiting, accepted and time-tried pattern of American government-with its checks and balances.

The senate principle as pursued by most of the states was then and is now extant, widely accepted, time - tried and does afford within the typical twohouse state legislature a check - and - balance safe-

We imagine that the question of intent was pretty much what Justice Potter Stewart had in mind the other day when he told Michigan to whoa-up and wait for the full United States Supreme Court to rule on its senate issue.

And it wouldn't surprise us to see the court uphold the proposition of equal citizenship privilege within the common framework of legislature organization rather than declare that for pretty close to 100 years most of the states have been operating unconstitutionally.

The 14th Amendment makes a glib talking point, like the bit about senate districts representing stumps instead of people. But we've never been persuaded here that it's getting the application intended when it was put into the Constitution.

It was put there to give the colored man equality with the white man when it came to participation in government and access to public things. No history book we ever heard of says that its drafters meant to question the general construction of the government in which participation was constitutionally guaranteed.

Farmers Must Help Decide Michigan's Tax Program

How Can We Relieve Personal Property?

WHAT KIND OF PROGRAM DO WE WANT?

> BY ROBERT SMITH Associate Legislative Counsel

Of all the vital issues facing County Resolutions Committees and Farm Bureau members this year, one of the most important is a tax program.

Many studies have been made of the Michigan tax picture. They all agree on one thing. Real and personal property is paying too great a share of the tax burden.

Farm Bureau's tax study finds that of all the tax revenue raised in Michigan for state and local pur-

47.5% is from Property Tax

21.7% is from Sales and Use Tax

8.3% is from Motor Fuel Tax

4.1% is from Business Activities Tax

3.3% is from Cigarette and Tobacco Taxes

1.7% is from Intangibles Tax

1.4% is from Public Utilities Tax

3.7% is from Motor Vehicle Weight Tax

4.0% is from Corporate Franchise Tax 4.4% is from All other taxes

Past History

Is 471/2% too large a share for property to pay? On the average, this costs farmers 8 10% of their income, which is more than 21/2 times the burden carried by other groups.

Can the tax burden be shifted to a broader and more equitable base?

This has been done before. In the mid 20's, farmers, through the property tax, were saddled with the cost of building roads-in some areas to the point of confiscation of their farms. At that time, farmers, through Farm Bureau, in a tremendous political fight, shifted the burden to the gasoline tax on the theory of "let those who use them pay for

In the late 20's and early 30's, farms were again being lost due to the high property taxes. At that time, there was a statewide property tax. Again farmers worked for and got the 15mill limitation and the broadbased sales tax which shifted the burden of the cost of State Government to all the people and removed the State proper-

Now in the 60's, farmers find they are paying a disproportionate share of the rapidly increasing cost of local government, schools and building

A 1960 MSU study showed that farm real estate tended to be overassessed in comparison to other real estate.

Tax Reform Long Overdue

There seems to be no question that Michigan is coming

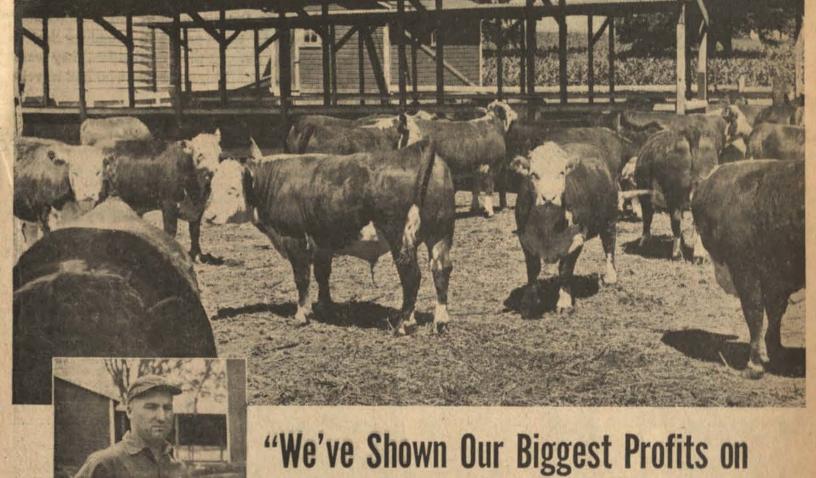
This year a tax reform bill passed the Senate. Had not the Senate reversed its vote, it would have undoubtedly passed the House. It provided for the repeal of the Intangibles and Business Activities taxes, and would have reduced the business franchise tax. It would have levied a flat rate personal (3%) and corporate (5%) income tax. It also would have returned 1% (\$108 million) of the sales tax to the counties on a per capita basis. There is no reason why this could not be used exclusively to reduce property taxes. On the assessed valuation, this would mean an average reduction of over six mills on the property tax Put another way, this would be enough in most counties to pay 73% or more of the entire cost of county government.

Detroit Starts A Trend?

The City of Detroit has imposed an income tax not only on its citizens, but on those people who work there and live outside the city. As a result, surrounding cities are passing similar income taxes.

If this trend continues, a majority of Michigan citizens could be paying income taxes, but with no chance of relief on property and in tens of thousands of instances with no vote on the assessment of such a tax and no voice in its expendi-

In the event of a major change in the Michigan tax structure, it is essential that farmers, through Farm Bureau have a tax program designed to bring real relief to the property tax now carrying nearly one-half of the total load.







DICK MARSHALL

The two Marshall brothers, Edward and Richard, of Concord have found that accurate feeding procedures pay off. Feeding 250 head of steer between them, they averaged \$59.54 return, per head, over feed and steer costs. They got \$1.95 return for each dollar of feed cost. These figures were verified by the Michigan State University Farm Accounting System. Naturally, Farm Bureau feeds played

Farm Bureau's Beef Feeding Program"

an essential role in making their operation a profitable one. Both Ed and Dick have been feeding Farm Bureau Beef Supplement 55% with Stilbestrol for the past four years and have been in the forefront of the Michigan beef raising industry.

This cooperative feed testing farm for beef research at Lexington, III., is typical of the Farm Bureau network of research facilities across the country. Feed and management problems are explored under controlled conditions to bring you the finest feeds,



- Ed and Dick Marshall of Concord

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ANNUAL DAIRY TOUR WELL ATTENDED

annual Farm Bureau Dairy Tour, this group of bers understand what happens to their milk producers spent a jam-packed two days visit. after it leaves the farm. "Most dairy farmers ing top production and processing centers in the today are up-to-date producers who keep well state. The tour stopped at five dairies, one posted on changes and innovations on farms. farm, (where the group witnessed the milking of But few have closely examined a large, modern a 1,000 cow herd)-and the new dairy barns at dairy plant," Moore said. The last stop on the Michigan State university. According to Donald tour was the MSU dairy barns, where Professor Moore, Manager of the Market-Development W. W. Snyder conducted the group through Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau, the tour facilities.

BOARDING THE BUS,-prior to the third is offered each year to help Farm Bureau mem-



"PUT A STRING ON YOUR FINGER" as a reminder to get more milk for the weekend, urges the American Dairy Association in their latest nation-wide promotion. More homes run out of milk during the weekend, explains ADA, because 71% of the nation's homemakers keep only a two-days' supply on hand. The "string on your finger" girl will be featured in newspapers, food stores, dairies and billboards during the month of September. **Promotion Campaign** Continues

The 5th annual "Don't Run Out-Get More Milk for the Weekend" campaign will be carried in daily newspapers throughout the country.

This popular promotion, sponsored by the American Dairy Association, will feature an attractive girl looking at the "string on her finger" reminder to get more milk for the

Alfred Politz Research, Inc., discovered in their 1959 Spring Study that more than 71 per cent of the nation's homemakers keep only a two days' supply of milk on hand. This could explain why Politz found more homes run out of milk over the long weekend periods.

The "Don't Run Out" campaign reminds housewives to "stock-up!" A complete package of promotional aids is available to food stores and dairies wishing to tie-in with this popular promotion.

To support the extensive newspaper campaign, 341 billboards will be used in 45 markets of Michigan supporting the American Dairy Association program. The ad and billboards will feature the "string on her finger girl."

Personal calls on approxi-mately 175 dairy and grocer companies in the state by American Dairy Association Merchandising Fieldmen, has resulted in excellent tie-in prospects for this campaign.

Princess Sets Example



WHY NOT A "MILK BREAK?"

PRIDDY AND PRENTICE—set a good example as they urge Farm Bureau employees to support Michigan dairy farmers by taking a "milk-break." In an appearance before employees at Farm Bureau Center, Lansing, Michigan Dairy Princess Miss Gail Priddy was introduced to the group by Farm Bureau Secretary-Manager, Clarence E. Prentice. She told of the value of a quick energy lift through a milk-break in the day's work routine. Gail, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Priddy, West Branch Farm Bureau leaders, still finds time to serve as Secretary of the state Farm Bureau Young People's committee. Her appearance at the office was arranged by the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives.

Mecosta Women Manage Fifty Persons Take Air-Tour Lunch Stand At Fair To World's Fair; Northwest



FARM BUREAU WOMEN,-of Mecosta county, sponsored a lunch stand at the recent fair at Big Rapids. As weather was cool, a heated building, good sandwiches and coffee, coupled with homemade pies, paid off in dividends for the committee. Mrs. Kenneth Johnson of Rodney is chairman of the committee, and Mrs. Jerry Simon, Big Rapids, was general manager of

Pictured are (left to right) Mrs. Ralph Wheeler, Mrs. Jerry Simon, general manager; Pat Fredrick, Mrs. Ken Johnson and Miss Mary Bechaz, Mecosta County 1962 Dairy Princess. The little girl is a visitor from Lansing, Miss Sandra Simon,

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Sunday, August 19, fifty Michigan Farm Bureau members left Detroit Airport on a Northwest Airlines "Electra II" turbo-prop ship bound for Seattle and the World's Fair. At their destination, they were joined by nine more Michigan people who had travelled by car.

The Farm Bureau sponsored tour included a visit to farms

In Montana, where the group noted that range cattle were fat and wheat was yet to be cut in this cooler, Northern climate, they had dinner at Great Falls with Farm Bureau members

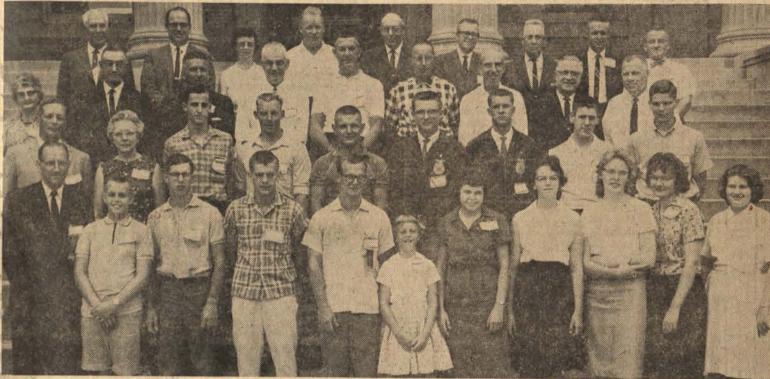
Continuing from there in rented cars for a sightseeing

TOUR ATTRACTS CAPACITY GROUP

in the Seattle area where they found an interesting contrast to farming in Michigan. They were treated to a pot-luck supper by the Washington Farm

from that state.

Michigan At Cooperative-Institute



Michigan Cooperatives Sponsor Trip For Young Leaders

A first-hand look at USDA ing at Ohio State University, Columbus, was attended by 38 Michigan people, August 5-9.

Pictured with the 15 young Michigan farmers who earned their trip through outstanding leadership abilities are: L A Cheney (front row, far right), secretary of the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives and his family; secretary-manager of Michigan Farm Bureau, Clarence Prentice (top row,

The American Institute of Cooperation 34th annual meet- far left); Walter Wightman, President of Michigan Farm Bureau (2nd row, far left); Farm Bureau board members Eugene Roberts and Martin Garn and their wives.

> Other officials attending included: Jack McKendry, Tom Koning, John Jansen, Bill Armstrong, Arlo Wasson, Leslie Sheridan, Julius Rabe, Lyle Sherman, all of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, and Elden Smith, Farm Bureau personnel manager.

Radio Schedule

trip through Yellowstone Park,

they stayed overnight at the

Old Faithful Geyser location

and watched the famous land-

mark perform on its regular

A tour of the Black Hills in

South Dakota followed, provid-

wild game,-antelope, deer and

buffalo, and the breathtaking

view of the four United States

Presidents, carved in granite,

grading and sampling at the

Minneapolis Grain Exchange

was informative and interest-

ing to the group. Other high-

lights were visits to the Banff

National Park, the Canadian

Rockies and the Lake Louise

hourly schedule.

at Mt. Rushmore.

"Farm Bureau at Work"

Listed are radio stations carrying Farm Bureau's weekly 15-minute variety broadcasts on a regular basis. Tune in, - let your local station know that you appreciate this fine public service programming.

Most recent addition to the Farm Bureau radio program schedule is radio station WELL, Battle Creek. Located at 1400 on the dial, the station is planning to build an expanded service to farm listeners, according to Manager Dan Creighton. This brings the total Michigan stations using "Farm Bureau at Work" programs to 43.

Adrian; Dial 1490.....WABJ Saturday 12:15 p.m. Albion; Dial 1260.....WALM

Thursday, 6:15 a.m. Alma; Dial 1280WFYC Saturday Farm Program 6:30 to 7:00 a.m.

Alpena; Dial 1450.....WATZ Monday 6:30 a.m. Ann Arbor; Dial 1290 WOIA Saturday 6:45 a.m.

Ann Arbor; Dial 1050 WPAG Thursday 7:00 a.m. Battle Creek; Dial 930 WBCK Farm Bureau Featurettes Monday thru Friday 12:35-1:00

Bay City; Dial 1440......WBCM Saturday 12:15 p.m. Bay City; Dial 1250 WWBC

Announced Locally Big Rapids; Dial 1460....WBRN Saturday 12:30 p.m. Benton Harbor;WHFB

Dial 1060 Tuesday and Thursday 12:40 p.m. Charlotte; Dial 1390 WCER Saturday Farm Show

12:30 to 1:00 p.m. Cheboygan; Dial 1240 WCBY Friday 1:05 p.m.

Clare; Dial 990WCRM Friday 1:05 p.m. Coldwater; Dial 1590 WTVB Saturday 6:15 a.m. Detroit; Dial 760.....WJR

Announced Locally Dowagiac; Dial 1440 WDOW Saturday 12:15 p.m. East Lansing; Dial 870..WKAR Saturday 10:30 a.m.

Escanaba; Dial 680......WDBC Saturday 11:35 a.m. Fremont;WSHN Announced Locally

Gaylord; Dial 900WATC Thursday noon Grand Rapids;WGRD Dial 1410 Saturday 6:40 a.m.

Greenville; Dial 1380.....WPLB Saturday 1:30 p.m. Hastings; Dial 1220 WBCH Tuesday 12:30 p.m.

Houghton Lake;WHGR Dial 1290 Monday 12:30 p.m. Ionia; Dial 1430WION Saturday 6:30 a.m. Jackson; Dial 1450WIBM Saturday 6:30 a.m. Jackson; Dial 970WKHM

Third Tuesday of each month

Kalamazoo; Dial 1420....WKPR Friday 6:00 a.m. Lapeer; Dial 1230.....WMPC

Monday 6:00 p.m. Ludington; Dial 1450 WKLA Saturday 7:00 p.m. Manistee; Dial 1340......WMTE Monday 1:00 p.m.

Marinette, Wis. Dial 570 WMAM Friday 11:55 a.m. Menominee; Dial 1340..WAGN Saturday 6:15 a.m.

Midland; Dial 1490......WMDN Saturday 6:30 a.m. Muskegon; Dial 1090....WMUS

Saturday 12:15 p.m. Owosso; Dial 1080......WOAP Monday 12:35 p.m. Petoskey; Dial 1340......WMBN

Tuesday 11:45 a.m. Rogers City; Dial 960 WHAK Friday 12:00 noon

Saginaw; Dial 1210WKNX Saturday 12:40 p.m. St. Johns; Dial 1580......WJUD Saturday 6:15 a.m. Sturgis; Dial 1230.....WSTR Announced Locally

Tawas City; Dial 1480 WIOS

Tuesday 12:15 p.m.

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"The American Economy," a special television course aimed at helping citizens understand the economic world in which they are everyday participants, is scheduled to begin on most stations September 24 and continue through May 24. Taught in the language of the average, intelligent layman, it is recommended for all thoughtful Americans.

Major figures in economics, labor, commerce and industry, agriculture and government will appear as guest lecturers. Charles B. Shuman, President of the American Farm Bureau is scheduled to be one of these guests.

Consisting of five half-hour lessons per week for 32 weeks, the course will examine both the economy as a whole and major segments within the economy. Brief segments at the end of the course will compare the mixed free enterprise system of the United States with socialist and communist economic systems.

Subjects to be covered in this special course include: Introduction-What is Economics?, Understanding a Market Economy, Labor and Labor Organizations, Government Taxing and Spending, The U.S. in World Trade, and others.

Each station will determine its own broadcast time and local listings may be checked for time, station and starting date.



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Sales-Manager Named



J. J. SEDDON

Effective September 1, 1962, J. J. (Jim) Seddon assumes the duties of Sales Manager of the Farm Supplies Division of Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

This newly-created position will place the activities of the fieldmen of the Feed Department and the Farm Modernizaation Department under Jim's

This change is being made in recognition of Seddon's demonstrated ability during the past three years. In addition, it is another step in management's plan to improve the services which its fieldmen can render in the distribution of all the products in the Farm Supplies

Jim Seddon joined the Feed Department in 1959 and immediately took steps to make it the leading feed operation in the state. He is currently the chairman of the American Farm Research Association's Feed Committee.

With Mrs. Seddon (Pat) and their four children, he is an active member of the Methodist Church in Grand Ledge, where they make their home.

September 5

Gay Notes to Sing at **MEE Event**

Employee Group Begins Third Season

The "Gay Notes," a sing-ing group of Farm Bureau Cenemployees, will entertain at the Michigan Elevator Exchange annual meeting, scheduled for September 5th at the Union Building, Michigan State University.

The event marks the first appearance of the 18-voice chorus after a short summer recess. Familiar to Farm Bureau members throughout the state from their participation in state annual meetings and institutes, on "Farm Bureau At Work" radio programs, the choral group has grown in number from its original 8 members in 1960 to its present 18.

Giving freely of their time and talent, the "Gay Notes" have also appeared before the Michigan Conservation Club, various convalescent homes, Masonic Home at Alma and

Meeting each Thursday after working hours, the group practices diligently to extend their repertoire to include barbershop, patriotic songs, hymns, popular and old favorites. Durthe week, these girls work for Michigan's nearly-70,000 Farm Bureau members.

The group's director, for instance,-who with a gesture of her hand can bring forth a soft, clear tone, a swinging rhythm or a heart-stirring crescendo,— balances the "membership" books.

The pianist is the Farm Bueau President's "girl Friday" and the soprano in the front row works on Blue Cross. There's the second - soprano who works on Insurance and the alto who works in the Legislative Division.

Michigan Farm Bureau, Farm Bureau Services, Farmers Petroleum, Farm Bureau Insurance and MAFC are all represented by employees in this singing group.

Members are: Donna Miller, Director; Delight Brown, accompanist; Virginia Almy, Sandy Beckwith, Kay Burgess, Nancy Busch, Allegra Clark, Rosalyn Cook and Berneice Dayton.

Others in the group include: Deanna DeMoss, Neva Kirby, Sharon Becker, Sue Preston, Sandra Randall, Brenda Reed, Esther Robinson, Arleen Robertson and Pauline Weenink.

Gratiot County Farm Families Are Hosts

Lansing Farm Bureau Center **Draws Student Attention**

Ten French-speaking African students got a glimpse of rural Michigan life during a recent visit to homes of Gratiot County Farm Bureau members, and in a half-day stay at Farm Bureau Center,

All are from the University of Dakar in Senegal, Africa. They are on a two-month visit to the United States in an information-exchange with American students and community leaders. Their Dakar studies include such fields as law, science, English, sociology and medicine.

They spent the night of August 8 in Gratiot County farm homes. The following day they toured three farms of the area to check cash cropping practices, review hog production, certified seed growing and beef cattle feeding.

Farms visited included: Nile Allen, Ithaca, and W. M. Van Page and Sons, and Basil Mc-Kenzie, both of Breckenridge.

John Baker, Gratiot County extension director, told the students that they were visiting one of the most highly intensified agricultural areas in Mich-

Friday, August 10, the students with their interpreters and group advisor visited Farm Bureau Center, Lansing. Personnel Director Elden Smith, Family Program Division Manager Delbert Wells and others, helped guide them and explained the many special services offered Michigan farmers through the organization and affiliated companies.

They were fascinated by the thought of local farmers voluntarily banding together to

serve themselves, and by the obviously efficient machinery employed in the Farm Bureau Services seed plant.

Although hindered by the language barrier, many questions were asked by the eager students who come from an area where agriculture is the basic economy in each of the four home African countries represented. The principal crop grown in each country is peanuts, but livestock production

plays an important role. The students are citizens of the countries of Senegal, Dahomey, Niger and Upper Volta, all located on the Western Coast of Africa. Each of these countries was formerly a part of the French West African Federation.

Dakar, the capital of Senegal, is the largest industrial center in western Africa. It was also formerly the capital of the French West African Federa-

The group arrived in Michigan following a two-week seminar at Boston University. They left Michigan for the Seattle World's Fair and San Fran-

Resolutions Committee

A Real Eye-Opener

STANLEY M. POWELL

Legislative Counsel, Mich. Farm Bureau It would certainly have been an eye opener to Mr. August "Gus" Scholle, President of the Michigan AFL-CIO if he could have spent Tuesday, August 21 at Michigan Farm Bureau Center and observed the procedure and listened to the plans of the Resolutions Committee of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

On July 29, 1962, in a program broadcast over Station CKLW-TV from Windsor, Ontario, Gus Scholle struck out at Farm Bureau in a tirade of which the following two sentences are examples:

"And, let's not forget for one moment, I might add, that the Farm Bureau is simply the creature of the Chamber of Commerce and the Association of Manufacturers. It is the handmaiden, in other words, of nothing more than Big Business "

"No Foundation In Fact"

As every Farm Bureau member knows, such a statement is devoid of foundation in fact. Mr. Scholle might have been surprised to observe that as the members of the Michigan Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee went about their task, no spokesman of "Big Business" had anything to do with the meeting, nor was any thought given throughout the day to the wishes of any other group except the Farm Bureau members and what would be good for the public welfare and the preservation of our democratic and free institutions.

Of the 18 members appointed by President Wightman to serve on this Committee, 17 were in attendance. The other was in Seattle at the World's Fair, but has given assurance that he will be present for fu-ture meetings of the Commit-

Committee **Gives Background**

During the forenoon, in response to roll call, each member of the Committee told something about his type of farming, special interests and background of experience. It was certainly inspiring to observe the broad record of public spirited community service which was typical of each member of the Committee. Nearly all of them told of their work in their local church and in connection with a variety of community programs and projects, as well as service in the Farm Bureau in their local community, county and on state committees.

President Walter W. Wightman of Michigan Farm Bureau stressed that one of the things which makes the Farm Bureau. both state and national, so elfective is the real effort made to find out what is good for the

general welfare and to develop a constructive and sound program. He pointed out that the policies are first established in the counties and are worked over by the State Resolutions Committee, and are put in final form by the voting delegates at the State Convention. This is the reason for the "grass roots" interest and support for this program by the members.

Subcommittee Work is Assigned

The committee decided to work through seven subcommittees, and the chairman assigned each member to serve on two of them. These are Taxation and Education, State Affairs and the Constitution, Conservation, National and International Affairs, Highways, Health, Welfare, Safety and Civil Defense, and By-Laws and Internal Affairs. During the afternoon, each of these seven subcommittees held a half-hour meeting at which time the members listed the problems which they wish to study and agreed on resource people with whom they would like to confer at their next

The following schedule of meetings was adopted by the Committee: September 19, October 23, and a three-day meeting October 31, November 1-2. The report developed through these six days of study and discussion will be submitted to the voting delegates at the annual convention of the

Michigan Farm Bureau which

will be held November 7-9.

Certainly it is true, as has been so frequently stated, there is no other organization in our state which devotes as much time and thought to policy development in all its units and at all levels as does the Farm Bureau. This is one of the principal reasons for its remarkable effectiveness and its outstanding accomplishments in the field of legislation and public affairs.

African Visitors



African Students Visit Farm Bureau Center, Lansing

their attention during a recent tour of the Farm day and is operated on either propane or natural in Lansing. Pictured with the students and their feature on grain drying in the September issue aides are (extreme right) Elden Smith, Personnel of Nation's Agriculture, published by the Amer-Director for Farm Bureau, and (extreme left) J. ican Farm Bureau.) Delbert Wells, Manager of the Family Program

AN AUTOMATIC GRAIN DRYER-something Division. Students were told the dryer has a new to this group of African students, attracted capacity up to 6,900 bushels of grain in a 24-hour Bureau Services warehouse area and seed plant gas. (Readers are urged to watch for a special

F.F.A. Chapter Tops in Co-op Work



Young Men Learn By Doing Together

old fashioned kind of weed killer, a garden hoe. Award. L A Cheney, Secretary-Manager of the Michigan

LEARNING ABOUT COOPERATIVES,- Association of Farmer Cooperatives, watches through actual practice, these three boys from the transaction as Paul June, (right) rings up the outstanding Bath Chapter of the Future the sale. The Bath Chapter, under the guidance of America, help "keep store" at the of Vocational Agricultural Instructor Norman Farm Bureau Garden Center, Lansing. Pictured Brown, has accumulated an unusual record of purchasing one of the new modern chemical cooperative activities. Recently Ron Ridson, weed killers is, (left) Rodney Buchele, while Chapter president, was selected as winner of the fellow Chapter member Jim Cooley holds the American Institute of Cooperation National





NOW, WITH FARM INTERPHONE, JACK BUDD DOESN'T MISS A CALL

Jack Budd of Belleville, Michigan, has a Farm Interphone system on his dairy farm now-and he says he wouldn't be without it.

Farm Interphone combines regular telephone service with communication between various outbuilding work locations. A centrally located barnyard speaker-microphone broadcasts telephone rings and calls can be picked up on the milk house extension telephone. Now, even if no one's in the house, Jack Budd doesn't miss a call—a call that may be from the local feed store or an important buyer. He estimates he saves 10 to 20 trips a day between the house and buildings to make and answer calls.

Farm Interphone helps Jack Budd quickly locate his boys, give directions and exchange information. The yard two-way speaker broadcasts or picks up his voice at considerable distance. It lets him talk and hear over a wide area without interrupting his own work.

Mrs. Budd appreciates the added convenience, too. "Farm Interphone is such a help to me. I don't have to run out to the barn to get Jack when I want him, or when he has a phone call or visitor. The efficiency is wonderful."

Not long ago the Farm Interphone helped save the life of a registered Holstein heifer. "When she got caught in her stanchion," Jack Budd said, "the speaker-microphone (circled in the illustration) picked up the commotion. We heard it in the house and ran out. We got there just in time to save her from hanging."

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Saginaw Young People Take 1st Prize



ber-Town parade" was this entry sponsored by Ann Horny, acting as Frontierswomen. Lum-Farm Bureau Young People of the county. The berjacks were Howard Ritter and Steve float theme was in keeping with the lumber Seamon. After the parade the float committee era represented by the parade, complete with a received many requests to enter their exhibit in large white-pine log, cant-hooks, peaveys, cross- other events. cut saws and a huge double-barreled shot gun.

FIRST PRIZE FLOAT,-in Saginaw's "Tim- Riding on the float were Betty Ritter and Rose

Citizenship Committee Meets



Need For Local Political Activity Stressed

FARM BUREAU'S CITIZENSHIP COMMIT- Mrs. Arthur Muir, L. Dale Dunckel and Lloyd TEE,-works at defining the role of members in Shankel. a recent meeting at Farm Bureau Center. Besides MFB Board Member Dean Pridgeon as were J. Delbert Wells, Clarence Prentice, Mrs. chairman (pictured at end of table), committee Marjorie Karker, Dan Reed and Melvin Woell,

Allen Rush, members from his left include:

Effective

Member Action

The committee derives its authority from a policy resolution that states, "We recommend a vigorous program by the Michigan Farm Bureau and the county Farm Bureaus, to be conducted on a bi-partisan basis, which will serve to train our people in more effective political action and spur our members to take an active part in the political process. This will be imperative if we are to keep an effective voice in the affairs of our State and National governments."

Elsewhere in the policy: "It has become increasingly apparent that the elected representatives of our State and National governments are often committed to the policies of politically active groups through whose efforts they have been elected to office.

"We realize that it is difficult for us to maintain our legisla-

tive influence unless we become active in nominating and electing representatives who will support the policies and programs which we favor. The only way in which we may be effective in doing the job that is needed is to become active in the political parties of our

Staff members who assisted the committee

choice. The Michigan Farm Bureau Citizenship Committee has been charged with the task of lending leadership in implementing the policy outlined in the reso-

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Auto "Dare Devils" appearing at county fairs throughout NO GIMMICKS Michigan this summer have been using Farmers Petroleum Cooperative's gasoline, diesel in your local fuel and motor oil as they burn up the tracks with their Farm Bureau dealer's

hair-raising antics. The troop, known as the International Auto Dare Devils, has been supplied with Farmers Petroleum fuel by local distributors at Adrian, Cassopolis, Marshall and Mason.

One of the fleet of cars used by this group is called the "Green Dragon," a jet-powered car driven by Walt Arfons of Akron, Ohio. Burning FPC's No. 1 diesel fuel, the car has the power to accelerate from a stand-still to 238 miles per hour in 7.3 seconds.

Donald Goodemoot, of F.P.C.'s Transportation Department, reports this project resulted in good publicity for Farm Bureau petroleum prod-

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American Farm Bureau Convention Tour Planned

Georgia is Site of Annual Meeting

Michigan Farm Bureau members and their families will have an opportunity to attend the American Farm Bureau Federation convention and see the "sunny south" in one operation this year. Plans are being made for a tour to Atlanta, Georgia, December 8-14.

Plans call for the group to board the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad's "Georgian" at Dearborn Station in Chicago at 3:45 p.m. (C.S.T.) December 8 for an overnight trip to Atlanta. Bus transportation from Lansing to Chicago will be available for those who want it. Sunday through Wednesday will be used to attend the convention and see Atlanta. A tour of the area is planned for Thursday before the trip home. Arrival back in Chicago is scheduled for 9:45 a.m. (C.S.T.) on Friday, December 14.

The A.F.B.F. Convention will begin on Sunday afternoon with a Vesper service. The Farm Bureau Young People's Talent Show and Talk-Meet will be held in the evening.

President Charles B. Shuman and Secretary-Treasurer Roger Fleming will give their annual addresses and reports to the membership. Other speakers have not yet been named. Open delegate sessions of the Convention will be available to those who wish

Points of interest on the guided tour scheduled for Thursday include the Cyclorama, million-dollar painting of the Battle of Atlanta; Stone Mountain, the largest exposed formation of granite in the world; Georgia Tech; Emory University; and many other points of interest.

Cost of the tour will depend upon the type of train travel and room accommodations desired with prices beginning as low as \$80, plus meals. Anyone interested should clip the coupon on this page and mail to Farm News. Complete details of the tour will be mailed to you along with the reservation forms. The tour is open to Farm Bureau Young People as well as other Farm Bureau members.

Why Not

Go South In December! AFBF Annual Meeting Tour to Atlanta

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

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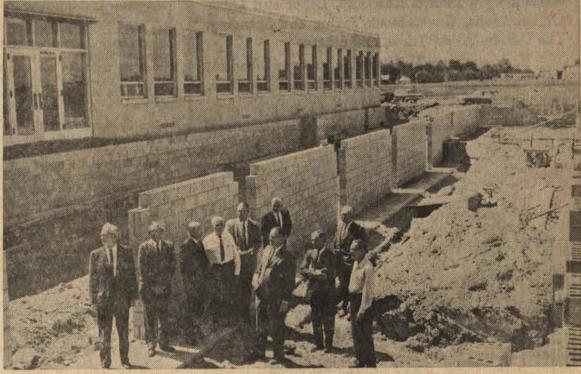
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Farm Bureau Center Grows



in a pressing need for more space, with 8,000 and Roger Foerch. square feet to be added to the already huge

BUILDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS - look building within the next four months. Building over plans for the new addition to Farm Bureau Committee Chairman Nile Vermillion, (left) is Center, Lansing. Constant growth has resulted joined by Ken Harvey, Lee Monroe, Ed Steffen



ary excavation and foundation work is done on Hodge, Eugene Dematio, Elton Smith and Max the new addition. Members of the board of Hood. Without the addition the building now Farm Bureau Insurance, (owners of the building covers a full acre, and houses approximately 350 proper) inspect the work. Board members in- office workers. clude Wilbur Smith, Dale Dunckel, Lloyd

ONE WEEK LATER,-much of the prelimin- Shankel, Guy Freeborn, Eugene Roberts, Ward

Water And The 35-Hour Week

being advocated by labor leaders apparently presumes there isn't much left to do in this world of ours.

Just one area in need of a lot of work is the maintenance of our water resources.

Creek, river and lake, we just are not answering pollution problems adequately. And our management of both surface and underground water resources has often been wasteful and is leading us to conflict of inter-

Michigan has little statutory water law to guide users. The courts have been creating law through decisions on various cases. The result is a series of determinations based on a specific set of circumstances, but no broad guidelines to help a potential user decide on the wisdom of making costly investments in equipment

More than a decade of study and conferences by water users, State officials and Legislative Committees has resulted in the introduction of several bills which sought to provide some needed answers.

Perhaps the most significant action was to provide some assurance of a water supply to the low grade iron ore industry in the Upper Peninsula.

A New Interest?

At present, there are two hopeful indications of action:

1. The Michigan Senate authorized a committee, under the chairmanship of Senator Charles Feenstra, of Kent County, to study and report its findings on the need for water use legislation.

2. Some interest has been evidenced by industry in providing for improved water management, but it wants assurance that the benefits will be available to the developer of the facilities.

Meetings of interested parties, including Farm Bureau, are be-

Speak Up at Your **Annual Meeting**

Members should use the opportunity to be heard at County Farm Bureau Annual Meetings so that their interests can be made known in the development of Farm Bureau policies on water management and water rights.



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IVAN ALLISON, — (right) Sales Manager for Farm Bureau Insurance, explains results of the "Double Duty Dollar" program to N. L. Vermillion, Administrative Vice-President for Farm Bureau Insurance. A total of 485 new Farm Bureau members were written during the last two months of the special campaign.

An analysis of a special Farm Bureau Insurance program aimed at increased member participation in Farm Bureau auto insurance has shown impressive results over a five-month period.

Three Step Program

The program called "Double Duty Dollars," was conducted separately in most counties of the state and was divided into three steps. The first consisted of two mailings to qualified members not protected by Farm Bureau Insurance, Mailed were letters from each county president and the county's Farm Bureau Insurance agents.

In the second step, letters were sent to all new Farm Bureau members in the county. The third step included a letter from the county president

and insurance agents to a list of prospective members.

Statewide results over the five-month period show that 12.934 farmers received the mailings. Farm Bureau agents made 9,791 personal contacts with current members; 1,058 contacts with new members; and 2,085 contacts with prosspective members.

The total calls made by agents resulted in the sale of 1,087 auto policies; 517 fire policies; and more than \$2 million life insurance.

An extremely important result of the program has been the 485 new members attracted to Farm Bureau by this evi-

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Subject of the September

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man, president of the Ameri-

can Farm Bureau Federation,

is "The Bounty Hunters." He

exposes a "distinguished ser-vice award," being offered by a county ASCS committee to community committeemen who

go out and dig up the most

new signers in cost-share as-

sistance government programs. This idea is compared to the

Bounty Hunters of old, who got cash for bringing criminals

COUNTY

NEWS NOTES

An impressive exhibit covering a 50-foot area and sponsor-

ed by the county Farm Bureau,

Farm Bureau Services and the

Leslie Co-op, was displayed at the recent Ingham County Fair.

Miss Michigan, Carole Van

Valin, led the agricultural pa-

rade at the recent 33rd annual

Branch County 4-H Fair in Coldwater. Leland Sanford, ac-

tive Farm Bureau member, was

executive-secretary of the fair.

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Nation's Agriculture Features Grain Drying

INCLUDES "BATCH-IN-BIN" STORY

Grain drying is featured in the September issue of Nation's Agriculture, published by the American Farm Bureau Federation. The cover pictures the column dryer setup on the John Randall farm in Indiana. Inside the magazine, the main feature deals with a different type of drying dubbed "batchin-bin" drying.

Until recently, farmers with large volumes of grain to dry had to choose between a portable batch dryer or a continuous flow drying system. "Batch-in-bin" offers a new choice. The story gives experiences of several midwestern farmers using the latter system. It amounts to using one of the storage bins as a drying unit. For instance, Don McCormick of Indiana uses a round steel bin, 27 feet in diameter. The bin has a perforated bottom and beneath it, just below ground level, is an airtight chamber of special design to create uniform pressure as air is forced up through perforations in the floor and whatever grain is in the bin. Heated air



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"Double-Duty Dollars" "Hydra-Headed Monster?"

Chamber Official Speaks Out

WASHINGTON, - The Department of Agriculture was called "a sort of hydra-headed monster that no one seems to know how to control," by the Executive Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Arch N. Booth.

He suggested that the Department should gradually cut farm supports and controls to return farmers to free markets.

Mr. Booth spoke on the Chamber's radio program, "What's the Issue?" (MBS). The program is broadcast nationwide 3:05 to 3:30 Sunday

Working At Cross Purposes

"The Department sends its experts into the field to teach farmers how to manage their farms better: to grow more food and fibre on smaller acreage," Mr. Booth said. "At the same time the same department is paying out billions of dollars to buy up surplus, much of which is brought about by more efficient farming methods. To say that this doesn't make sense is the understatement of the day."

"Government Manipulation"

Appearing on the same program, W. B. Camp, Treasurer of the National Chamber, blamed the government for

low farm income. Mr. Camp. from Bakersfield, California, operates farms in California, Washington, and South Carolina. He said:

"We've had 30 years of government manipulations in agriculture. In my opinion, they have done more to create our present problems of unwanted production, demoralized markets, and depressed farm incomes than anything else.

"I think the main reason the Administration's farm bill was defeated in the House was that farmers don't want more controls. And the Congressmen are beginning to realize it."

Mass Intervention

Walter B. Garver, Manager of the Chamber's Agriculture and Natural Resources Department, also on the program, said:

"It is imperative the government withdraw its mass intervention in the farm economy. But it is also imperative that this be done by programs that provide a period of certain and gradual transition to give farmers time and turning room to adjust to the situation.

"Farmers can and will adjust with admirable resourcefulness if they know what to expect a reasonable period of transi-

Joint Meeting Held

Antrim-Charlevoix Women Make Plans For Fall

District 10-W Meeting Successful

Mrs. William Scramlin of Holly, state vice-chairman of the Women's Division of Michigan Farm Bureau, was the guest speaker at a joint meeting of the Women's Committees of Antrim and Charlevoix counties held recently at the home of Mrs. Thomas Wieland.

Her topic was "This We Believe" in which she discussed ways in which Farm Bureau is helping farmers financially, legislatively and educationally.

Mrs. William Parsons of Charlevoix and Mrs. Richard Wieland of Ellsworth, chairmen of their respective groups, presided at the business sessions.

Mrs. Wieland, the hostess and district chairman, welcomed the group and discussed current issues of interest to those pres-

Dawson Way, regional representative, spoke on the wo-

men's role in the Farm Bureau membership activities.

Plans for the next group meeting, the Fall District meeting which will be attended by Farm Bureau Women from five northern counties including Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego, were discussed. The meeting will be held in Emmet county October

Camp Kett **Training Sessions**

Those attending the Farm Bureau Women's Training sessions at Camp Kett from this district were: Mrs. Thomas Wieland, Mrs. William Nulph, Mrs. Godfrey McDonald, Mrs. William Parsons, Mrs. John Fear, Mrs. Dawson Way and Mrs. Earl Green.

Training sessions were conducted by Mrs. Florence Thomas of the American Farm Bureau Federation, Mrs. Marjorie Karker and Mrs. Marjorie Gardner of the Michigan Farm Bureau

Forage Varieties Checked



EAST LANSING-Fred Fuess, graduate researcher in the farm crops department, examines two alfalfa varieties which are being compared in tests at Michigan State University. These and many other forage crop varieties are on display during the annual Crops-Soils Field Day, September 6.

Crops-Soil Day at MSU

The annual "Crops - Soils Field Day," this year featuring the production of corn, soybeans and forages, is scheduled for September 6 at Michigan State University.

Guided tours of farm crops and soil science research farms will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the farm located south of the main campus. Researchers will be on hand to explain projects and answer questions.

At one of the tour stops, visitors will be shown the residual effects of herbicides on cover crops following corn as well as the effects on the corn itself. Another plot will show how applications of 80 pounds of nitrogen at planting time boosted corn yields an average of 34 bushels per acre over plots that received no nitrogen.

Turf experimental work involving a number of different grasses and management methods will also be observed.

The increasing number of soybean producers in Michigan can see the latest management practices and varieties of this crop. Various planting rates show impressive differences in lodging, stands and yields of two standard soybean varieties.

Minimum tillage under certain conditions may reduce the amount of both water and soil losses. Plots planted to continuous corn under various tillage practices will be another tour

The technique of winterizing seeds will also be discussed at the event. Crops which are normally planted in the spring could be planted in late fall or winter if this idea is perfected.

A short noon-time program will also be held with tours of research plots continuing into the afternoon.

Health-Care Study Complete

Michigan Farm Bureau Well Represented on Committee

A personal letter of commendation from the Governor of Michigan to Mrs. Marjorie Gardner, staff member of Mich-



MRS. MARJORIE GARDNER

igan Farm Bureau, has brought to a close her part in a fiveyear study on health care. Mrs. Gardner served as a representative of Farm Bureau on the "Governor's Commission on Prepaid Hospital and Medical Care Plans."

"I know the excellent report

prepared by the Commission

was the result in large part of your efforts as a member of the Commission," the Governor told her, ". . . the effects of your work will long be remembered in our State." Created in 1957 to study conditions which had brought a-

bout increases in health protection costs, the Commission began looking for the answer to the pressing question of how the public could get more and better care for its money.

Examination of University of Michigan's study on health economics (ordered by the Com-

Kellogg Foundation); months of probing into the far-reaching areas of hospitals, doctors, heatm insurances and government's part in it all; and the holding of many public hearings preceded the Commission's final report, which included 45 recommendations.

"The public and its elected leaders must become convinced that proper planning of health facilities is one major step forward in the battle of mounting costs," the report said. It calls for a strong working relationship between all parties concerned for a health program "second to none," tighter controls by hospitals, government and health insurance plans to give the public more for its money, and the creation of a network for controlling the building of hospitals.

Because of her many years' experience as Blue Cross Coordinator for Michigan Farm Bureau, Mrs. Gardner had the advantage of knowing the problems of both the consumer and the health agencies.

As a public representative of Michigan's rural population, her firm stand on controversial issues a n d general broad knowledge of the intricate subject yielded much influence in compilation of the 94-page re-

ner filed the following statement with Judge George E. Bowles, Wayne County Circuit Judge and chairman of the Commission, ". . . If authority to regulate health care is removed from the industry, the responsibility for financing and staffing the administration of such a program is also removed. The establishment of any outside agency to regulate health care would, of necessity. require additional governmental financing for staff and administration and increase the cost of health care to the public, - a condition which this body was commissioned to reduce, - not increase."

Her active participation in the Commission's long, arduous project made many friends and allies for Farm Bureau during her association with representatives of the various Michigan organizations and

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The Predicament Of Low Net Farm Incomes

What Factors Keep Them Down?

Discussion Topic

DONALD D. KINSEY Coordinator, Education and Research

Farmers have faced the conundrum of relatively low net farm incomes for a number of years. Farm incomes are among the first to fall in periods of recession. But they usually recover in periods of prosperity placing the farmer in a more favorable position.

During the last fifteen years however, net farm incomes have been under a squeeze. In spite of prosperity, they have not kept pace with income levels in the rest of the economy.

while and getting surpluses,-

allotments and penalties.

control volume sold-quotas,

Costs? Forget 'Em!

How often have you heard

political farm program plan-

ners suggest that something

should be done to reduce farm

costs? Farm costs are the lar-

gest factor in the net farm in-

come formula. They have been

rising and still rise at a more

INDEX OF

AVERAGE

PRICES

1910-14:100

350

300

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1940

Many-Sided Problem

To explain this problem in terms of any one condition or cause would make the approach too simple. To get the whole picture, we must swing our "telescope" around the economic and political horizons, -to the farm itself, to the markets, to the national economy and to political programs that have been in force. We must even take a look at

Farm incomes were high during and immediately following the war period of the 1940's. During those years, farms geared to abundant production. High support levels encouraged improved production methods. Farm manpower was drained off to the armed forces. The use of machinery and fertilizers was greatly in-

In spite of high supports, market demand was so high that free prices remained well above the support levels-even after the war for a time. Our farms had to feed Europe until its agriculture recovered from war devastation.

The Breaking Point

When this slack was taken up U. S. farm prices began to fall and farm costs to rise. High farm price supports stayed. Politicians argued that you couldn't drop government support levels while farm prices were falling. In 1952-53 farm market prices dropped 30%. mainly due to the shrink in U.S. farm exports.

But farms still remained geared to high production. The production continued. High supports stimulated a surplus output that was to break all production records. Government warehouses began to overflow with unneeded grain and other products. The government became a market. And it worked deeper and deeper into the farmer's bus-

In 1948, \$1 billion was paid out in price supports. By 1961 the figure reached \$5 billion C.C.C. stocks-on-hand amounted to \$9 billion. It costs over a million dollars a day to store them.

Unbalancing the Formula

Net income is figured by a COMPLETE formula: Price received, multiplied by volume sold, minus costs, equals net income. Let's examine this a

Political answers to the problem overemphasize the price factor and forget the other factors. Result-failure to solve the farm income problem, more and more complications.

It has been forever true that when more is produced than the market can use, prices fall. To attempt to keep them high by government supports simply throws production more and more out of balance. For a number of years, farm production has outstripped market demand to the extent of the output from 5% of our cropland. To get the supports, land was put into production that otherwise never would have been

With supports available and strict controls absent, it becomes unnecessary for farmers to adjust output to the demands of the market in either variety or quantity. The government buys it and stores it.

But there can be no adjustment in farm production unless the price system of the market can signal to farmers how much is wanted of what. Surpluses have a constant depressing effect on market prices. In government hands they constitute a constant political threat for controls. Having played with the price factor of the equation for a politicians began looking to

by farmers.

The costs of the items farmers must buy - machinery, equipment, fertilizers, feeds, etc. - have been boosted by continually rising wage spirals and by inflation. Inflation goes on as long as we have a continued and endless over-spending by government. Would polificians listen to suggestions that these things should be corrected? Behind their veil of excuses would lie simple thought. WOULD LIMIT THE WRONG

The graph on this page shows the trend which is taking farm costs out of relationship to prices farmers receive.

During the past year, farm wages rose 11/2%, largely dic-. tated by government laws and regulations. The percentage of increase in farm interest rates was 7%. In 1962, farm taxes are at 151% of the 1957-59 level. Farm wages paid are 115% of the 1957-59 average. Industrial wages rose 3% from 1961 to 1962.

PRICES FARMERS PAID AND PRICES THEY RECEIVED 1940-1961

1945

1950

1955

HOME OFFICE, LANSING

It seems clear that if costs were brought into line, net farm incomes would stand a better chance. Why isn't it done? "It's politically imprac-

Many economists say that agriculture must make some adjustments within itself to improve the income situation. Farm output must be reduced 5% to 8% to bring production in line with demand. Prices cannot be improved forever by producing beyond actual levels of use and consumption.

These economists suggest, among other things: that there are more farmers producing than necessary to fulfill the needs of the market. They contribute to the surpluses. They are small producers and cannot make a good income from farming.

Government price supports help them very little. They have too little to sell, and supports are tied to the volume sold. As costs continue to rise, their problem gets worse. They cannot expand to meet the cost problem. They could earn better incomes, say the econo-

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mists, in other productive occupations.

If You Can't Expand. You're Licked

It is presumed that if farmers were fewer, those remaining in the business and able to keep up to rising cost trends, could share such income as was available and be better off. The only farmers with their heads above water have expanded enough to keep ahead of the cost factor.

Moving farmers out of agriculture is not easy in spite of help offered. Many small farmers resist and resent the idea, poverty or not. The bit of government aid they get has helped them to "stay put."

Retiring Productive Land

To bring production in line with market demand, economists generally recognize that there must be a reduction in the amount of tilled land.

There are 450 million acres of producing cropland in the U.S. 965 million other acres are in hav and pasture. About 50 million acres need to be taken out of production-land now intensively farmed, not just the poor soils.

There should be a stop to government land reclamation projects which bring more land under cultivation. It would be more profitable for the government to provide incentives for farmers to retire their acres voluntarily than to continue to encourage heavy production with donsequent surpluses, storage costs and farmer con-

Such a land retirement program is one of the steps which Farm Bureau has advocated before Congress for some time as a needed adjustment to improve the farm income situa-

Programs are needed which retire land on a long-term basis-not simply year by year. It will take time to get rid of the present surpluses. It will take time to convert the land to less intensive tillage and to other uses. It will take time

the Michigan Farm Bureau State Discussion donia; Mrs. John Watling, Bath; Mrs. M. Ford Topic Committee met to select topics to be dis- Boyne, Marlette; Mrs. Walter Harger, Stancussed by Michigan's 1500 community Farm Bu- wood; Garnet Hoard, St. Loius; Bill Schripreau groups during the next six months. Ap- sema, McBain; Rev. George Huber, Levering, pointed to the committee were: Charles Pike, and Clarence Sundquist, Escanaba. Bangor; Leo Wagner, Adrian; Mrs. Celestine

to reduce total production so

as to command better market

Abandon All Support

the question, "What about cut-

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Economists say that this

would bring disaster price

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of farm prices.

Many farmers have asked

ports was aimed at meeting

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are allowed greater freedom to adjust to market needs. Products in excess would be checked by falling support levels-those in shortage would be encouraged by better support levels.

to prevent prices from falling so rapidly that farmers would face disaster. Supports would be a safeguard-not a total answer. Farmers would, again, plan their production in relation to the needs of the market. Foreign sales would not be lost by being priced out of

A more gradual adjustment of production and surplus disposal is necessary. The shock could be cushioned by an adequate land retirement program, backed by minimum support levels adjusted to CHANGES in supply and demand-support floors, not support ceil-

Farm prices may need some form of permanent protection from one of their peculiar weaknesses. They fall more rapidly than prices on nonfarm goods in periods of recession and recover more slowly in periods of prosperity. The proposal for flexible price sup-

PICTURED AT WORK,-these members of Young, Mt. Clemens; Mrs. Wesley Huyer, Cale-

this particular difficulty.

Under such supports, prices

Supports would be adjusted competition.

Never Been Tried

Political propaganda to the contrary ADEQUATE LAND RETIREMENT PROGRAMS AND FLEXIBLE PRICE SUP-PORTS HAVE NEVER BEEN TRIED AS A MEANS OF AIDING THE SITUATION.

Instead, farm programs have been passed which increase the production-demand problem, which have failed to solve the net farm income problem and which lead the farmer closer, day by day, to absolute government controls.

Any program which destroys the efficiency of American agriculture, undermines the national interest. The nation must eat. To provide the needed food, there must be farmers. To have farmers, there must be an "income future" in farm-

Today, many young men look at the investment needed, the high cost situation, the threats to prices and the threats of political controls, and shrug their shoulders.

Questions

1. What can happen to net farm incomes when we try to solve the problem through "price alone"?

2. Considering the fact that net incomes are gained by price-times-volume sold, minus costs, will production and marketing quotas help improve net incomes? Why or why

3. How important are rising cost conditions to the outcome for net farm incomes? What can farmers do to help overcome constantly rising costs of production?

