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At Atlanta F.B. Convention

Extreme Cold Invades Southland Delegates Adopt Positive Program

About 5,000 delegates to the 44th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation arrived in Atlanta, Georgia, simultaneously with a record cold wave that brought temperatures to the zero mark.

Although the Southern Region was best represented, all states boasted substantial delegations, in cluding Michigan with 75 persons present. Many from Michigan drove private cars, some flew and a group travelled by train.

Michigan was entitled to six official voting delegates based on a carefully worked out membership formula.



Wightman Re-Elected To Board

WALTER WIGHTMAN,-(center) President of the Michigan Farm Bureau, has been elected to his fourth term on the Board of Directors of the American Farm Bureau Federation, representing the Midwest Region. Also elected from the Midwest were, (left) E. Howard Hill, President of the Iowa Farm Bureau and, (right) Walter Peirce, Kansas President.

"Advisory" Committees

In his annual address, Charles Shuman, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation, called for defeat of a proposed tax reduction unless matched by cuts in government spending.

When asked during a press conference how he personally felt toward the system of agricultural advisory committees as d by agricultural Secretary Freeman, Shuman said that in his opinion both the Benson and Freeman administrations spent too much time and effort on committees.

"It's a good way to kill an idea, you know," Shuman said. He added, "I noticed this happened recently when Freeman dismissed a committee with which he did not agree."

Resolutions Sessions Draw Interest

"Political demagogues are buying the votes of the people by using their own tax money to make auctions out of our elections!" said an Indiana Farm Bureau member during the resolutions sessions. This farmer, who is also a State Senator, was speaking before the 55-member AFBF Resolutions Committee in open session.

He said, "War is already started - against Federal encroachment." He criticized the use of Federal matching fund programs which pressure local governments to spend money they might not otherwise spend in order to get the "easy

money" from Washington. "The welfare state is not a defense against Communism. This is a distinction without a difference," said the Indiana farmerlegislator.

Michigan's Sam Bolton, of Cass County, asked the Committee to give careful thought to the problems involved in legalizing the vote of a person who might not otherwise be entitled to vote in national elections because he does not yet meet residence requirements in a precinct to which he has recently moved. The Michigan delegate saw possibilities of illegal voting if such action should be taken.

A Georgia delegate expressed his concern about parcel-post size and weight restrictions. He felt that parcel-post rates have been unnecessarily increased by limiting the size of parcels which might be handled, thus reducing the amount of parcel post business.

Demonstrating the breadth of agricultural interest within the Farm Bureau membership, an Alabama farmer was concerned about requests for a Federal grading and inspection system covering "pine gum" and tur-

A farmer from Pennsylvania expressed his belief that a U.S. promise not to invade Cuba is the equivalent of "an announcement that we have abandoned the Cuban people and thousands of political prisoners to Communism." He also lashed the "down-grading" of our historical past by Communist speakers on our college

Large Michigan Delegation Massive Roll-Call Drive Underway



Michigan Delegates In Atlanta

OFFICIAL VOTING DELEGATES,-representing the membership body of the Michigan Farm Bureau are pictured during sessions of the American Farm Bureau, in Atlanta, Georgia. Directly back of the Michigan sign is Delegate Anthony Kreiner. To his left is Dean Pridgeon and Allen Rush. To Kreiner's right is Ward Hodge and Elton Smith. Walter Wightman, the sixth Delegate Member, was on-stage at the time the picture was taken.

4-H, -- F. F. A. National Leaders Speak To Farm Bureau Convention

Young Farmers **Tell of Programs**

Two impressive young farmers, representing a total of nearly two-and-a-half million young people, extended greetings from their organizations to the delegate body of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Atlanta, Georgia.

They were Kenny McMillan, national F.F.A. president and Kenneth Holloway, national 4-H Club president. Both are active farmers and members of Farm Bureau. McMillan lives on a farm in Illinois, Holloway in Oklahoma. Both must take time away from the farm and from school to travel extensively representing their organiza-

McMillan cited the close ties between F.F.A. and Farm Bureau, and the harmony and cooperation both have shown in working together to strengthen agriculture.

Holloway in his brief statement, pointed up the advantages 4-H Clubwork offers American young people. He called for a world-wide expansion of 4-H. "Young people in Communist nations should have the chance to be in 4-H work, and to learn by doing," he said



TWO KENNETHS,-"Kenneth Holloway, (left) and Kenny McMillan, bring greetings from 4-H and F.F.A. young people. "We have a mighty task before us in developing farm leadership," Mc-Millan said. "We are thrilled that Farm Bureau joins us in this work." The youths stand before "Mr. Farm Bureau," artwork symbolic of membership strength and growth.

Following the meeting will

be the first Poultry Banquet to

be held during Farmers' Week.

The banquet at 6:00 p.m. will be

in Parlors B and C in the Union

Building. Bud Guest of W.J.R.,

Banquet tickets are \$5.00

each and may be secured by

sending reservations, with

Poultry Industries, P.O. Box

to Michigan Allied

Detroit, is the speaker.

184, East Lansing.

ALLIED POULTRY INDUSTRIES ANNUAL MEETING, JAN. 29TH

PROGRESS REPORTS. ELECTION SET

Mr. Luther C. Klager, President of Michigan Allied Poultry Industries, announces the date for their annual meeting as Tuesday, January 29, 1963, in conjunction with the "Poultry Days" during Farmers' Week at Michigan State University.

The meeting will be called to order at 4:00 p.m. in Room 110

Ag Conference **Backs Con-Con**

The recent annual meeting of the Michigan Agricultural Conference passed a unanimous resolution urging its 73 member farm groups to support and vote for the new Michigan Constitution. Another resolution urged the Legislature to replace Agricultural Department funds expended on the Japanese Beet-

Tons of Tears Onions to Europe

Three million pounds is a lot of onions in any language! That's how many Ben Gosgraaf & Sons of Hudsonville, Michigan have sold to Diskofruit N.V., Rotterdam, Netherlands and "Sims of London," through the efforts of the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association and Farm Bureau Trade Development

Despite weather complications early in December, the first large shipment, a portion of the total sixty thousand 50 1b. bags, is on the way to consumers in Holland, West Germany and the British Isles. The balance of the two orders will follow at weekly intervals

Corporation.

as soon as dock strikes permit. Further offerings are being made in these and other countries where prices are competitive for the United States' abundant supply of onions.

Kent Co.

Worth Selling'

"An organization worth belonging to is an organization worth selling to others," said Robert E. Near, Kent County Membership Chairman, in a Roll-Call challenge to his fellow-members.

"Can you imagine paying dues of only \$12 annually to an organization that hires state and national personnel to work and fight hard for those things that are not only good for farmers, but also for the things for which our Founding Fathers fought?

"These aims and goals then are surely not for our own selfish interest as farmers, but for the good of al! who are interested in democracy and freedom of all Americans. You, Mr. and Mrs. Farm Bureau member, spell out what you want and then our local, state and national officers who represent you fight your battle.

"Isn't this a privilege then to belong to this kind of organization where people have a free choice of belonging and participating? The thing that makes an organization successful is the participation of ALL its members, not only in their own community group meetings, but in the job of selling this organization to your farmer friends and neighbors."

Friday, Feb. 1

ADA Annual Meeting Set

Pretty Gail Priddy, Michigan Dairy Princess and former Miss an Farm Bureau, will be on hand to greet early arrivals at the American Dairy Association of Michigan annual meeting, Friday, February 1, at Kellogg Center, Michigan State University. A complimentary mid-morning snack will be served in the basement cafeteria and directors and staif members will be in attendance to meet those present.

The meeting

will officially

open in the

auditorium at

10 a.m., with

Chairman



Charles Lassiter, Head of the M. S. U. Dairy Depart-GAIL PRIDDY

ment, presiding. One of the highlights of the morning session will be a unique presentation by two processors, Keith Burden, General Sales Manager of the McDonald Dairy Co., and Red Strong, Sales Manager, Lockshore Farms. Their discussion is entitled, "What A.D.A. Program Means To Me."

Other program features will be presentations by Wayne Churchill, Regional Merchandising Director, American Dairy Assn., Chicago; Dr. Lassiter, "Let's Get Moving"; reports by the President, Treasurer and Manager, Andrew Jackson, George Austin and Boyd Rice, respectively; and a question and answer panel.

Following a 12:30 luncheon President Jackson and Princess Gail Priddy will offer comments. and Dr. Earl Butz, Dean, School of Agriculture, Purdue University, will speak on "Managing Men, Markets and Milk To Make Money.'

It is expected that Michigan dairymen will be challenged to "match their power to produce with the power to sell"-if they want to stay in business. The sales ability of farmers has not matched their productive ability which has risen steadily in the past twenty years.

Complimentary tickets for the luncheon are available on a "first come, first serve" basis. Requests should be directed to the American Dairy Association of Michigan, 3000 Vine Street, Lansing, Michgan.

Workers Report 'Farm Bureau Growing Enthusiasm

70,532 Farm Family Memberships Is Aim Of 1963 Roll-Call Campaign

With membership renewals substantially ahead of last year at this same time, all reports show promising prospects for a banner Farm Bureau membership year in Michigan.

In some regions heavy snows have slowed, but not stopped, the membership workers. "Kick-off" meetings have been held in a majority of all counties. The number of new volunteer membership workers, many comparative newcomers to Farm Bureau, is one barometer showing the concern farmers feel.

Organize or Else . .

It appears that many farmers feel the time has come "to organize, or else . . " and the alternatives have little appeal. They include giving in to the actions of big labor and government, to recent farm control proposals, and to mounting political and economic pressures.

According to Clarence Prentice, Secretary-Manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau, many additional farmers are joining Farm Bureau for 1963 because they believe they can then become more effective in their own communities, counties and within the state. "They recognize that agriculture continues to be one of Michigan's most important industries, and that Farm Bureau 'is a sound reflection of the thinking of farm people," Prentice said.

Personal Experience Proves Point

"I recently accompanied a Roll-Call worker in one county of the state," Prentice reports, -"We contacted ten homes in four hours,-found somone at home in seven instances and signed five new Farm Bureau families. The other two indicated a sincere interest and asked for a day or two to make their decision.

"On second contact there is no question but that they will join. There are hundreds of such people in the state. They need and want the chance to learn more about Farm Bureau and what they can do for themselves through it," Prentice

"Tribal" Rivalry

Roger Foerch, Manager of the Organization Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau, has dipped into the state's famed Indian lore to outline a fastmoving membership "battle plan." Included are "Councilsof-war" (signal checking sessions with Roll-Call Captains) -"War" between tribes, (re-

gions of the state) and reports (smoke signals) of battle results. Major "engagements" are scheduled throughout the month of January.

Rivalry includes a challenge to all comers from the Southeast Region where leaders predict they will be first in the state to make goal. One Upper Peninsula county makes the flat statement that they will be first county in the state to reach county goal.

Regional Reports

The South-Central region is reported "much ahead of last year in new members signed." One county in the Northwest region is reported at 70% of goal. New - member numbers are greatly increased. A 42 inch snowfall in the Southwest Region has complicated the membership work, but 55 out of 69 volunteers reported at one kick-off meeting. One Northeast county is near the 70%

In the Central Region, Clinton and Ionia counties are tied in a friendly new - member race. Of 120 volunteer workers invited to a kick-off meeting in Clinton, 100 attended.

Although much work remains, and officials caution against the dangers of too much tinue to spark enthusiasm.

Reports such as the postcard from E. B. Howeisen, Secretary of the Washtenaw County Farm Bureau, "We at this writing have 1,000 renewals and 38 new members.'

(See page 4 for additional Roll-Call reports.)

ON THE INSIDE READ-

"Bless The Women" (President's Column) "Taxes Go Up Again"

"Freedom, Heritage Events"

Commodity Award Given Farm Bureau

Award Earned For Third Successive Year

The Michigan Farm Bureau is now displaying three shiny new plaques representing outstanding achievements by its Market Development Division.

They were presented at the 44th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation at Atlanta, Georgia, for efforts in the promotion of dairy foods and meat, two awards which helped toward capturing the over-all Commodity award.

A variety of outstanding promotion programs, dealing with use of meat and dairy products carried out through the past year, were responsible for Michigan receiving the first two sectional awards. The third plaque was presented for extraordinary efforts in the total commodity field.

This over-all Commodity award has been earned by the Michigan Farm Bureau for three successive years, '60, '61 and '62 . . . the meat promotion award was won in '59, '61 and '62 and the dairy award in '61 and '62.

Leaders Attend Institute

14th Annual Training Session Held

Winter's blustering arrival did not prevent 200 county Farm Bureau leaders from attending the Michigan Farm Bureau Institute, December 6-7, at Kellogg Center, East Lansing.

The training workshops attracted representatives of 53 counties for specialized committee sessions in Legislative, Resolutions, Public Relations (Information), Executive and new board-member areas of responsibilities.

The theme of the Institute, "Growth," was carried out through the two-day program by speakers Thomas K. Cowden, Dean of Agriculture, MSU, C. William Swank, Director of Field Services for the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Clarence Prentice, Secretary-Manager, MFB, and Don Kinsey, Coordinator of Education and Research.



Information Workshop Held

"MR. JONES IS A HORSE THIEF" - reads the sign held by MFB Staff member, Carl Kentner. Libel implications of the statement are examined by Paul Rivas of the Information Division, during the recent MFB Institute.

to serve all of Michigan.

EDITORIAL

A Look Back, --- A Look Ahead

1962 was an exciting year for agriculture. In Michigan, farmers united as never before in opposition to food-and-farmer control schemes, and in support of a State Constitution broad enough

The year brought major effort and growth in cooperative farm marketing, in passage of farm legislation and in working with others.

Michigan farmers learned again the truth that freedom must always be re-earned if it is to be kept, and they joined farmers of all other states in fighting the battle to speak for themselves.

In the Legislature, they spoke for themselves with such effectiveness that their enemies in frustration, used that very fact to back claims that the farmer's voice is too strong, and must be reduced. Ignored in the accusations are farm ideals and policies that place agriculture's interests second at all times to interests of the state and nation.

Farmers worked in the Con-Con, as hard as they had originally worked to prevent opening of the Constitution to manipulation by special interest groups. Final results justified their effort.

They mapped campaigns to secure understanding of, and support for, the improved Constitution that will be placed before Michigan voters next April. They worked closely with a majority of the informed, potent groups of the state, now pledged to back the adoption of the new document. As the year closed, they welcomed the unanimous vote of support from the 73 member "Michigan Agricultural Conference."

Michigan farmers worked at citizenship. They examined vote records of legislators, Congressmen, Con-Con Delegates and members of the Supreme Court. They aided in the election of a new Justice to the Supreme Court, thereby "balancing" it, for just one result.

In Congress, it was a year of farm "politicking," of vote trades and intrigues. It will be known as the year when the velvet glove was replaced by the iron fist.

Never before has a Secretary of Agriculture so firmly aligned himself against the farmers he is supposed to represent. Never before has a Cabinet member so openly used his office in attempts to create policy instead of administering policies already created by the people.

1962 will be known as the year of the all-out "supply-management" control attempt. It brought serious proposals to place controls on bushels, pounds, gallons, and the farmers that produce them. Government officials dreamed up and proposed national marketing orders for turkeys, potatoes, honey and other products.

Sweeping changes were made by the Department of Agriculture to revamp, revise, and in at least one case, discharge, local and state ASCS committees. An announced intention to establish a "policy" department with an official director, helped cap the startling events of the year.

Then there was Federal Aid to Education. Farm Labor regulations.

Medicare.

And Cuba.

But there were good things too.

Chief among them was a substantial gain in Farm Bureau membership, in direct answer to those who worked hardest to discount the unity of farmers. A gain of 6,511 farm family memberships for the year, bringing the total American Farm Bureau membership to the 1,607,505 mark.

Thirty-five states gained over last year, and thirteen of them set all-time membership highs. Two states, Colorado and North Carolina, raised their membership dues, and gained in membership size at the same time!

What better answer than solid membership growth for those who challenge farmers' rights?

What better project than more such membership growth to keep farmers free in '63?

PURPOSE OF FARM

BUREAU

The purpose of this Associa-tion shall be the advancement of our members' interests edu-



"SING ALONG" IN MICH.

You have to face the music if you want to lead the band . . .

Personally Speaking

by STAN SHERMAN Michigan Elevator Exchange

It was my privilege to attend part of the 43rd annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau. It had been about 12 years since I had attended one of their annual meetings.

I tried to remember when I had attended the first meeting. As near as I can recall, it was about 32 years ago. One would be impressed by the many changes which had occurred down through the years. I would think that the enthusiasm of the early meetings equaled that of this year's meeting, but this year's meeting seemed to me to reflect a great deal of maturity. Here was an organization that had become of age and was attacking its problems with maturity.

Another thing of course was that the organization had grown much larger and the delegates assembled were many and would do credit to any organization.

I regret that I did not have the opportunity of sitting through all of the sessions when the delegates were working on the resolutions for the coming year. What I did hear impressed me very much. If there ever was a time when you could say, "Here is democracy in action," it was at these sessions where their resolutions were discussed. There was no railroading. Even though it was evident that the resolutions committee had spent a great deal of time and very ably drew up the resolutions for presentation, there was plenty of discussion on the floor.

Though some of the delegates might have had difficulty in expressing themselves, nevertheless the air of sincerity was always present.

After discussion, of course, came the vote on the resolution and regardless of how it went the delegate body willingly accepted the will of the majority and passed on to the next resolution. These are encouraging signs to me.

It has been my experience down through the years that gripers many the so-called times did not know all the facts and wouldn't take the time to learn them-or else they had a selfish motive and were not willing to accept the will of the majority.

It is my feeling that agriculture is not regimented yet and anybody who is going to attempt it should be prepared to defend themselves with some sound arguments.

A Survey of Citizenship

Checking What They Are Saying...

Members Urged To Look Ahead

By J. Delbert Wells

How free will you be in '73? In ten years, how free will you be and what or who will determine your freedom?

It is entirely feasible to believe that in ten years we could regain many of our lost freedoms; and equally feasible to believe that we might be a totalitarian, possibly a Communist slave nation. If these possibilities seem "extreme," recall your attitude about these things in 1953.

You will recall that in 1953, a new national administration was taking over in Washington. The expressed philosophy of that administration was for the preservation of freedom of choice, less government interference and a gradual return to more and more reliance on the market system with less reliance on controlled economy.

Loss of Freedoms

The present administration's drive, at least for the next two years, is actively pointed to more government regulations of the total economy and we have ended up with more than loss of personal freedoms. Durseen a concerted drive to: (1) regulate price and production of farm products and others, (2) coerce and control industry through making examples of "big bad steel," (3) to rule by decree and not by Congress, (4) to "force" social welfare programs on the people whether they want them or not and in general to replace individual decisions and independence by Government on bureaucratic decisions with its accompanying degree of personal dependence on Government.

No sound thinking person can or will deny that "supply management through Government" and expansion of Government services through medical care, Federal aid to schools, expanded authority for Federal agencies, etc." are the trend of the time. People will argue the "right and wrong" of each issue generally with little recognition of historical perspective, principles involved, or "what is the next step."

Ten years ago, most people in the U.S. including some of you readers, laughed at the idea of a Communist beachhead in America. It was impossible. McArthur had to be stopped at the 38th parallel or he could have run the "Commies" clear out of China - or so we thought. If you didn't believe this you were an extremist - a disloyal American - or a 'scare and war monger."

Cuban Threat

Yet what do we have in Cuba today? - A Communist regime completely dedicated to the overthrow of every form of Freedom as we know it. Perhaps the people who think that the Cuban threats no longer exist because of the reported withdrawal of "offensive" military weapons - should ask themselves some questions.

What is the outlook for free and secret elections in Cuba? When will the news media be de-controlled? When will private ownership and private management return to Cuba? When will the schools again become literacy and vocational training institutions, instead of propaganda vehicles? will Cuban churches, missions,

institutions of free people? When will radio Havana become a news center and not a propaganda medium? When and how will Cuba and Cubans become a nation of free, peaceloving people instead of an

armed camp dedicated to the

Communist conspiracy

world takeover?

Fantastic? It didn't take ten years. It has been less than five. What do you predict ten years from now for Mexico, Canada, the Panama Canal, Brazil, etc.? On what do you base your de-

Slavery or Freedom?

To the person who doesn't understand Marxism, and Leninism, it is impossible for the U.S.A. to become a Communist slave state. To the person who does - centralized authority, supply management programs, controls over industry (regardless of who owns the industry to start), welfare and coercive taxation programs are all tools which are used in Communist nations. These are "jugular veins" whereby individual freedom can be stopped and Communist leaders can get their strangle-hold on the population. These may come into being by military

means or by peaceful means. To the American socialists who believe that these various programs can be used as a basis for future progress of Freedom and individual justice in America, the belief still remains that a Communist revolution can come through these tools much easier than by armed or nuclear attack on this country. Every Communist leader and most free world leaders subscribe to the "internal takeover theory

'63-A Year of Challenge

It looks like 1963 had better be a year of challenge for Michigan Farm Bureau people in their Citizenship program. We had better start now-in January, 1963, to build support for our new Constitution that will at least keep Michigan as a sovereign state and give the minority group (you) some voice in the affairs of Govern-

We had better start getting real serious regarding how to work in politics and then determine to get in with your ideas, leadership, drive and money. The people you put into office are going to determine the answer to many of the problems posed above.

There are two seats on the State Supreme Court up for grabs in April. Remember this Court has much authority over lower Court cases, Legislative matters and matters pertaining to the State Constitution.

Your state colleges are governed by elected boards who set the policy and hire the presidents. Are your state coleges and universities important to you? Where do your school teachers, doctors, researchers, etc. come from? This is a good year to study what the various board candidates stand for, then go to work for the ones you choose.

Protect Our Heritage

ries a "responsibility" along with it. The right to free and secret ballot is an American Heritage Right. The responsibility which is on the other side of the voting "right" coin is the responsibility to work in the political system, study and vote intelligently.

National Observer

News Behind The Day's News

Reprinted from the State Journal Lansing, Michigan

The Kennedy administration may go down in history as the one that did more to centralize the government than any pre-

It will be a curious reversal of historic trends.

For almost a century the Republican party had its roots in the Federalist party, the party favoring a strong central government. In fact, the United States might have become only a loose federation of independent states if it were not for the activities of the Federalists in the 18th century and their successors, the Whigs, in the early 19th century.

In the past century, the Democratic party was the states rights party and it attained, great dominance in the South where vestiges of secession linger. But it is the Democratic party, or at least the Kennedy wing of that party, that is making the federal government more powerful.

Curiously, the chief resistance is not from the Republicans but from the Southern Democrats.

DICTATION OVER HOUSING

The latest step was the President's action in declaring desegregated all housing built with government funds.

The primary, and declared purpose of this was to step toward racial equality. The secondary, and possibly furtherreaching consequence, is the expansion of the central government into all housing.

Action so far limits the enforced desegregation only to housing constructed in whole or part with federal funds.

Not affected is housing financed with bank mortgages and savings and loan association mortgages. And since the government insures deposits in these institutions, it is but a short step to extend the desegregation order to mortgages financed with insured deposits. That would give the government complete control over almost all housing in the United States. Then few people indeed will be permitted to select their own neighbors.

FARMING CLASSIC EXAMPLE

The fact that government aid is almost synonymous with government control rarely has been more clearly demonstrated than in the so-called help the federal government has given farmers. It began during an other Democratic administration, that of Roosevelt II, when the farmers were in a sorry plight and many were eager to sell their traditional independ ence for Washington pottage.

Since then, government dominance over agriculture has increased with each administration, Republican as well as Democratic. To a large extent farmers are told what they can and what they cannot grow. Those who have disobeyed have been fined and, while none has yet been jailed or shot, at least one farmer (Michigan's Stanley Yankus) went into exile rather than bow to edicts from Washing-

A similar pattern of trading assistance for dictation is apparent in welfare. States that take federal aid for welfare must surrender control of their own programs to bureaucrats here in Washington. The range of discretion is narrowed with every new directive from the

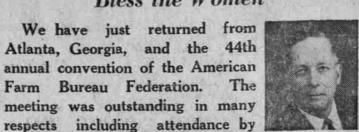
Airlines, shipbuilders, military contractors and, to an extent, labor unions must surrender much or little of their autonomy to pay for their aid. The man who accepts a tip must bow and say, "Sir."

SCHOOL DANGER

The administration, in proposing various plans to aid public education, has taken special pains to promise that it would not lead to control over education.

It is a basic fact, however, that when the government gives it also demands controland this is probably rightfully so. If federal largess were dispensed without control, it would generate more abuses, corruption and graft than this country has ever seen-and believe me, it has seen a lot. So the government, as a matter of fact, must exercise a measure of control.

And if the federal government does subsidize the schools of the nation without exercising control, it will be defying the laws of political gravity.



The program was outstanding in its appeal to the thousands who attended. One notable feature was the evident unity of thought by those present on all of the national farm programs and national legislation as it affects farmers and farmers' problems. Seldom has there been such unity on the part of farm people as was demonstrated.

one of the largest crowds ever re-

One of the most impressive parts of the program was the dinner given by the Farm Bureau Women of the Federation, which they invited all of the state Farm Bureau Presidents to attend.

At this meeting each state Farm Bureau Women's Chairman gave a one-minute report of what they were, or have been doing, and what they have accomplished in each of their states. About 45 such one-minute reports were given.

These reports were most impressive to the state Farm Bureau Presidents who attended. They reported on every sort of activity from the issuance of cook books with recipes for the enterprising housewife, - to get-out-the-vote campaigns in which some state Farm Bureau Women insisted that they succeeded in getting three Congressmen elected and one defeated.

Every sort of activity was reported, - ruralurban meetings, work with foreign students, tours, and youth freedom seminars.

One state reported 16 new county Women's Farm Bureau Committees organized.

Several states listed telegrams and letters sent to Congressmen and told of their Meet-the-Candidate meetings. One state issued 20,000 safety stickers to put on cars and was successful in selling 1,000 seat belts.

One state listed "Tell the Farm Bureau Story" and did this by having tours and inviting city women and children out on the farms of the state.

Some states reported that they have been working upon the "American cause" and the principles of the free enterprise system, - seeing that these things are taught in the high schools of the state.

Farm and home safety was another project, and economic education and leadership meetings in one state. They said that Farm Bureau Women must be leaders. One state organized a rural - urban speakers' exchange. Another state got out 30,000 posters and set up programs in food promotion and safety. They backed Young People's promotion programs, and sent 22,000 letters and 80 telegrams to Congressmen.

Another state reported showing films on Communism. They were trying to build better public relations by having luncheons, etc. in which they invited one friend to be their guest.

Freedom Forums, were held in some states and the story, "I Led Three Lives" by Herbert Philbrick was featured. A letter on Communism by J. Edgar Hoover was utilized. One state reported promoting Mr. Hoover's book, "The Masters of Deceit,"

These and many more programs and activities were reported by the women representatives of the 50 states present Their enthusiasm was contagious and I suspect that the men will have a hard time keeping up with them.

The impression made upon us while listening to these reports by the women was "how could we lose the fight for freedom when so many good people are working so hard to promote the idea?" They are doing everything they can to help preserve the freedom that we have in this country. Theirs is a noble effort and it is no small part of the total Farm Bureau program.

When the woman of the house goes to a county Farm Bureau Women's meeting and comes home enthusiastically sold on the importance of the total Farm Bureau program, she becomes a moving

She sits down at the dinner table at night across from the man of the house and tells him all about it. This means one more family that becomes "sold" on the importance of the Farm Bureau program and what it can do in the preservation of this great experiment in a free society.

We are grateful to the Farm Bureau Women for their enthusiasm and their dedication to the cause. We pray that God will bless them every one, as they go shoulder to shoulder, with their farmer husbands who have demonstrated that the only way to feed this hungry world successfully is the AMER-ICAN WAY.

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DIRECTORS AT LARGE Representing

FARM BUREAU YOUNG PEOPLE

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etc. be permitted to function as

As we look to 1963 we should remember that every coin has two sides and every "right" car-

By Dan E. Reed Associate Legislative Counsel Michigan Farm Bureau

A Matter Of Exemption

A sales tax interpretation by Reuben F. Forsman, of the Sales and Use Tax Division of the Michigan Department of Revenue, may be of interest to Farm Bureau members in fruit

On November 6, 1962 Michigan Farm Bureau submitted two questions to the Department of Revenue:

What, if any, sales tax liability results from the purchase of necessary equipment to provide for the production of Controlled Atmosphere (CA) apples?

What sales tax liability is incurred by a farmer when he purchases the new 15-20 bushel capacity field boxes which are now used increasingly in fruit harvest operations?

In answering the first question, Mr. Forsman recognizes that the production of CA apples is governed by a specific law which requires storage for at least 90 days in a certain type of storage room where the oxygen content is controlled. Other detailed requirements include a close check on the atmosphere within the room twice daily as well as temperature maintenance.

Because of this treatment, it is the opinion of the Department of Revenue that "if there is a certain type of equipment installed in this storage room to control atmosphere, it will qualify as (sales tax) exempt, providing such equipment does not become a part of real estate." Mr. Forsman says that "if the equipment maintains its identity as tangible personal property which can be removed at any time, then we would grant such an (sales tax) ex-

In response to Farm Bureau's second question, Mr. Forsman says - "It therefore appears to me that when these field boxes. are purchased it will be neces-.. sary in each instance to determine their use and apply a tax on a percentage basic according to such use."

Under the sales tax law, crates and field boxes would be sales tax exempt if they are. used in the orchards for harvest and for moving the fruit to the packing house.

If, however, these same boxes are used for storage of fruit or for further transportation on the highways to markets, they are taxable. Hence, Mr. Forsman's determination that it may be necessary to apply the tax on a percentage basis, dependent on the use of the box.

'63 Reapportionment

Under our present Constitution, the Michigan House of Representatives will be reapportioned in 1963.

It is now apportioned as required, on the basis of the 1950 census. After the rapid ten year growth in the fifties, the apportionment will undoubtedly cause some severe legislative pains.

From 1950 to 1960, a number of counties in the less populous areas actually lost population while metropolitan areas were making great gains. This "twoway stretch" will make for sharp adjustment and loss of representation in some areas.

Many critics of the present apportionment shed crocodile tears at the "unfair" representation but fail to point out that it has resulted from population shifts and that we are now on the threshold of the regular ten-year adjustment.

It is worth noting that the worst gerrymandering of districts and some of the most "unrepresentative" districting is in Wayne County. The Board of Supervisors which, under the Constitution, created the Wayne County districting plan, is conveniently available to one of the most vocal critics of the present apportionment.

Taxes Go Up Again

More For "Uncle" in New Year

In the face of all the Washington talk about tax reductions, it should be noted that taxes will take another bite beginning January 1.

Social Security taxes paid by farmers and others who are self-employed will increase about 15%. The increase is from 4.7% in 1962 to 5.4% in 1963. Another increase of approximately 15% is scheduled for 1966, and a third will take effect in 1968. The tax is presently applied to income up to \$4800 per year. Proposals before Congress last year would have increased the base on which the tax would apply, as well

The tax paid by employees and employers will go from 3 1/8% to 3 5/8% beginning January 1. Uncle Sam's total tax collections on each employed worker thus will be 7 1/4% of the worker's pay.

It has been pointed out that the collection of part of the amount from the employer and part from the employee tends to make the amount seem smaller, but that the payments are both made from business income which otherwise would be available for payment in wages or in reduced prices to customers or in increased income to stockholders.

For employed workers in 1963, the maximum Social Security tax payment will be \$174, with the employer matching this amount, making a total of \$348 per employee which the business will have to provide.

For the self-employed person the maximum tax will be \$259.20 for 1963.

By 1968, the Social Security tax alone will be taking an amount equal to nearly 10% of the employed worker's income.

It should be remembered that this is a Federal tax, not an insurance premium payment. Each year benefits are subject to review and action by Congress and no taxpayer holds a "policy" guaranteeing any income in the future. However, it should also be recognized that with so many individuals - and with each one a voter - having a vested interest in future income from Social Security, the likelihood of Congress making substantial reductions in benefits does not seem probable.

A practical question each taxpayer might ask himself is - "How many more 'improvements' and how much more in tax collections can we afford to pay?"

Under an agency shop agree-ment contract, the employer

The Legality of

"Agency Shops"

The question of the legality

of the "Agency Shop," one of the hottest issues involving

labor unions, has gone to the

A Federal Court of Appeals

The NLRB ruled, by a 4-1

said an Indiana agency shop

agreement was illegal under

vote in 1961, that the agency

shop is legal under Taft-Hart-

ley. The 1961 decision, with

new board appointees, revers-

ed a 3-2 earlier ruling.

U. S. Supreme Court.

the Taft-Hartley Act.

agrees to require all his employees to pay an amount equal to the union's initial fees and dues, although they are not required to "join" the union. This subterfuge is used in states having "right-to-work" laws and provides the same financial support to the union which it would receive if the worker was a member.

Agency shop agreements are obtained through contract negotiation with employers, often backed up by strikes but frequently in lieu of higher pay for workers.

Editorial Comment

The growing interest in curbing the excessive powers of labor union leaders calls to mind a 1962 editorial from Life magazine which reads in part:

"Let the federal government face up honestly to the fact that 'free collective bargaining' is impossible when one party comes to the table with monopoly powers. Labor, union membership should be voluntary and unions should be brought under the antitrust

"If truly free collective bargaining prevailed, the mobility of labor would be increased; duced; productivity would be improved; and real wages would generally advance with productivity, as they did in the U. S. even before unions,"

Shortage or Surplus?

Soft White Wheat-Is there a shortage or a surplus? Depends on how you look at it. There is no "burdensome surplus" of this class of wheat in government storage. But, no other class of wheat has been as dependent on special government export programs. Over the last ten years, twothirds of our soft white wheat production has gone into giveaway or subsidized export programs. Without this taxpayerfinanced outlet, we would probably have built up a storage surplus greater (in relation to annual production) than the "problem child"—hard wheat.

Michigan farmers would like to grow more, elevator operators would like to handle and store more, cracker and biscuit manufacturers, who need soft wheat for blending, want to be sure there is enough without paying a premium price.

Efforts to secure special consideration for increased acreage allotments are countered by the removal of this class of wheat from the government's list of available surplus com-

Union Dues Are High

A young man, a freshman at MSU, contacted our office last month asking for information on farm program legislation on which to base a term paper.

During our conversation, he asked about Farm Bureau, its purpose, its members and its financing. When he learned that the dues are \$12 per year for each family, he said - "I work part time as a stock clerk in a chain store here in Lansing. I have to belong to the union. My dues are \$5 per month, and I paid a \$10 initiation fee. And I only work part-time-about 15 to 20 hours

Sixty dollars for a year's dues to hold a part-time job!

Japanese Beetle Battle Now Won

'Politics' Were Major Threat Earlier

won, says the Michigan Department of Agriculture. A late fall and good weather permitted four converted B-25 bombers to apply over a million and a half pounds of dieldrin pellets to 80,000 acres of land in Monroe and Lenawee Counties to control the Japanese beetle infestation.

The Jap beetle has spread into Michigan from Ohio and Indiana, which are infested and under Federal quarantine. The dieldrin application cost \$366,000 and is expected to prevent the advance of the insect for four or five years.

Pest is Serious Threat

The insecticide used in the program was applied at the rate of 20 pounds of dieldrin pellets per acre, the rate recommended by the U.S.D.A. Only two pounds of the 20 pounds is active ingredient. The dieldrin is expected to maintain its potency in the soil from three to five years. The substance destroys the larvae of the Japanese beetle, which spends 10 months in the earth before emerging as an adult beetle.

The Japanese beetle is one of the most serious pests. It feeds on more than 250 kinds of vegetation. Southeast Michigan becomes infested from adjoining Lucas county, Ohio, where is no Federal-State treatment program as in Mich-

The program to check the invasion of the pest in Michigan was operated jointly by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and the Plant Pest Control division of the U.S. D.A. Costs of \$366,400 were borne by the two departments. The Michigan agency paid its share by taking fourth quarter funds of the Plant Industry division and money from other projects in the Department. This was on the basis of an understanding that an \$183,200 supplemental appropriation to repay the Department will be sought by the appropriation committee when the legislature convenes in January. Farm Bureau had urged the emergency use of the funds

The "Beetle Battle" has been and has asked that the Legislature restore the funds by granting a deficiency appropriation early in 1963.

Credit is due Senator Elmer Porter and Representative Arnell Engstrom and their committees for approving the emergency use of funds. Congressman George Meader acted to secure the appropriation of matching money during the difficult closing days of the Congressional session.

Nearly 'Politics As Usual'

Without the visionary leadership of George McIntyre, Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, it is doubtful that all-forces needed to contain the beetle threat could have been effectively focused in time. McIntyre moved ahead in the face of what had been claimed to be a "political impossibility" in the highly charged election-time atmosphere. Farm Bureau urged the emergency use of state funds said at first to be unobtainable by the Governor and others.

The "Beetle Battle" was almost lost to "politics" at one time, and telephone wires were kept hot in the successful effort to get authorization for the use of the funds.

Farm Bureau delegates at the recent Annual Convention asked that a fund be established to provide for treatment of outbreaks of serious insect pests and plant diseases. Delegates proposed that the Incipient Pest Fund be under control of the State Administra-

The cereal leaf beetle, found in southwest Michigan for the first time in the United States. is still a serious problem. Parts of Berrien and Cass Counties are under quarantine and movement of certain farm products and farm machinery is permitted only after fumi-

MSU scientists are working to find a treatment for this new pest, about which little is

Allan Kline Speaks At Farm-City Event

Farm Bureau-Kiwanis Meeting

Sets Good Example

With the accent on the true concept of Farm-City Week, the Washtenaw County Farm Bureau and the Ann Arbor Kiwanis Club co-sponsored a program which could well set an example of cooperation between farmers and "city folks."

In one of the most outstanding Farm-City events in Michigan, the two groups worked "hand-in-hand" to present a look at "both sides of the fence" to an audience of 400 people who gathered in the Ann Arbor High School. This was the first in what the Farm Bureau and Kiwanis plan to be a continuing series of such meetings, this year telling the farm story,-next year, the city story.

"lowa Hog Farmer" and Statesman

Allan B. Kline, former president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, who calls himself a "hog farmer from Iowa," was principal speaker. Introduced by Walter Wightman, Michigan Farm Bureau president, Mr. Kline was presented as one of the "outstanding agricultural statesmen of the

Kline described the modern farmer, who has produced such abundance, as a manager of capital, labor, and credit. "Agriculture is composed of skilled, educated, trained people and this is what has made the business so bounteous," he said.

Disagrees With Liberals

Disagreeing with the present liberal who believes that the central government can do more for people than they can do for themselves, Kline quoted

a philosopher who said that if the masses ever discovered they could vote themselves largess from public funds. America might not survive. Unfortunately, they are getting help from liberals in this idea today,

"The chief struggle of our time, the big decision, is how society is going to be organized," Kline pointed out. "On the one hand is the concept of individual freedom and responsibility; on the other, man is regarded only as a cog to be controlled, shaped, made to fit into a scheme for the whole

"Responsibility Is Ours"

The former AFBF president affirmed his belief that we should move in the direction of a free market and felt that many people are increasingly thinking the same. "A man with principles can look at a bill in Congress and judge it in the light of his ideas, for

FORMER PRESIDENT,-Of the American Farm Bureau Federation, Allan Kline, (left(visit with Michigan Farm Bureau President Walter Wightman during his Farm-City Week appearance at Ann Arbor. Wightman introduced Kline, who has been selected as one of the nation's ten "Great Living Americans." himself, without dictation by

group or political pressure,' he pointed out.

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

Speaking on the issue of big labor, Kline said that although he has a natural sympathy for the laboring man, he believes that the closed union shop violates a basic human freedom. He maintains a strong belief in volunteer farm organizations where no one is forced to support anyone politically in order to keep his job or his business.

In closing, Mr. Kline stated that he felt it was a good time in which to be alive. "The responsibility which rests on you and on me has never had a counterpart. Can we keep our own principles together, maintain our economic system, our military where - withal, keep our spiritual commitments,essential to survival in the future?-I think we can and I think we shall.'

Kiwanis

Outline Aims Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Ernest Girbach of Saline, who introduced Robert Tefft, president of the Washienaw County Farm Bureau, and Walter Kneer, president of the Ann Arbor Kiwanis Club. Mr. Kneer presented the service club's program which stems from principles such as recognition of God's will, a belief in teaching youth by precept and example, in patriotism, in ethics, in a realistic farm program, and the stressing of individual responsibility and the free en-

Program arrangements were made by the Washtenaw County Farm Bureau Public Relations Committee under the direction of chairman Frank L. Haggard of Dexter. Refreshments were served by the coun-Farm Bureau Women's

terprise system.

122 LB. BUTTERFAT INCREASE

Farm Bureau's Dairy Program Ups Herd Milk Avg. 4,451 lbs.



Mr. Marten Garn, President of Farm Bureau Services, presented the State award to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Zuiderveen at the Michigan Farm Bureau's annual meeting in Lansing.



EVEN TOP DHIA HERD SHOWS HALF-TON GAIN

lbs. for a gain of 144 lbs.

Farm Burgan Services.

Mr. Phil Roberts, F.B.S. field representative, presented the trophy to Harold Cnossen for having the top DHIA herd in the State. Willard Bosserman, Missaukee County Extension Director, looks on.

Farm Bureau's Dairy Research farm in Ellington, Conn., is one of many cooperative testing farms. If you sell milk, we're helping you feed for maximum profit.



Always near the top, Will and Harold Cnossen of Missaukee County, followed the Farm Bureau-MSU plan and their herd became No. 1 in the State, according to D.H.I.A. Even the best can be improved as Cnossen's figures show: Milk - from 17,598 to 18,644, for a gain of 1,046 lbs. Butterfat - from 618 to 655, for a gain of 37 lbs.

Mr. Ken Zuiderveen of Missaukee County topped

all contestants in the Farm Bureau Extra-Ton-O-Milk

competition held in conjunction with Michigan State

University Dairy Extension. This 31 cow herd jumped

its milk production from 9,312 lbs. to 13,763 lbs.

for an amazing gain of 4,451 lbs. in one year. The

herd's butterfat average went from 329 lbs. to 451

A total of 137 herds cooperated, representing 4.247

cows, and produced an average of 1,147 lbs. of milk

increase and 37 lbs. of butterfat over the previous

IT'LL WORK FOR YOU, TOO!

These figures are proof positive that the Farm Bureau High-Profit Feeding Program really works. Your local F.B.S. dealer can prove it with your

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Joint Annual Meetings Well Attended

By PAUL A. RIVAS

Large Crowd Hears Growth Reports

Shareholders of Michigan Farm Bureau Services and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, take their obligations seriously. That fact was again established when the two Farm Bureau affiliates held concurrent annual meetings on the MSU Campus, East Lan-

Upwards of 500 persons attended the joint sessions, November 27, with this year's lead-off meeting scheduled by the Farmers Petroleum Cooperative.



DR. LAWRENCE WITT,-from the department of Agricultural Economics, Michigan State University, told of the European Common Market and its effect on American Agriculture during a noon luncheon at the annual meeting of Farmer's Petroleum Cooperative. Attending were shareholders of both FPC and Farm Bureau

What Is It Worth?

In his opening address, FPC President, Tom Koning, asked, "What's our cooperative

"In dollars, it's worth nearly \$71/2 million, but I would hate to think that it is the only yardstick," he said.

While the petroleum industry has introduced second and third line petroleum products, the FPC has continued its polidy to make available only quality products at a fair price, Koning said.

"What's your cooperative worth? Much more, I'm sure, than we appreciate," he con-

Jack C. McKendry, FPC General Manager, reported that the Co-op completed its 14th successful year of operations on August 31, 1962, with a total sales exceeding \$7 million.

The present transportation fleet consists of 20 units, said McKendry, which includes two recently purchased units; a diesel V-8, 12,000 gallon capacity tank truck used to make bulk plant deliveries, and a smaller "tanker" used to service direct distribution custom-

Board Re-Elected

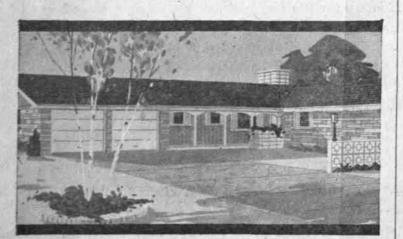
The Board of Director's election brought no change, with all incumbents re - elected. The nine-man board includes Elton



PRIOR TO ELECTION,-the Farm Bureau Services shareholders passed a resolution increasing the Board of Directors from 9 to 13 members. They are, (back row, left to right) Marten Garn, Eugene Roberts, Walter Harger John Converse, Clayton Healey, James Heuvelhorst and Allen Rush. Front Row, (left to right) Lloyd Shankel, Max Hood, Alfred Roberts, Dean Pridgeon and Elton Smith. Ward Hodge, also elected, is not in the group photo.

Today's best buy in rural homes

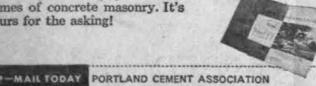
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tures. Variety is unlimited. If you're planning a new farm home, send for this colorful booklet - 26 pages of sketches, photos and floor plans

for today's most popular farm homes of concrete masonry. It's yours for the asking!



CLIP-MAIL TODAY Stoddard Building, Lansing 23, Michigan A national organization to improve and extend the uses of concrete Please send free booklet, "Design For Rural Living." Also send material on other subjects I've listed:



DISCARDED OIL DRUMS, - when pounded and beaten by talented musicians, sound surprisingly nice. Kellogg Center's "Big Ten" room fairly jumped with the authentic sounds of Jamaica when the "Bamboushay Steel Band" entertained shareholders attending Farm Bureau Services and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative's annual meeting November 27.

Smith, Kent; Ward Hodge, Sanilac; Allen Rush, Macomb; Lloyd Shankel, Gratiot; and Dale Dunckel, Ingham, who represent the Michigan Farm

The other four directors are Thomas Koning, Ottawa; William Bartz, Berrien; Carl Heisler. Calhoun: and Donald Sandbrook, isabella,

The second half of the day, devoted to the Farm Bureau Services' 33rd annual meeting, found the attending sharehold ers being greeted with reports of a record year and warning by FBS President, Marten

Record - breaking sales of more than \$281/2 million increased net profit 13 percent over the 1961 profit figure, said Maynard D. Brownlee, FBS General Manager. New records were established in sales of feed, seed, bulk fertilizers, steel products, twine and eggs.

Warning was the keynote of FBS President Marten Garn's opening address as he told shareholders that "Farmer Cooperatives today face their greatest challenge in helping to keep farmers independent of government bureaucracy, a stifling control which has been increasing in the past few years."

Russia and other nations have tried government-controlled agriculture, he said, and the results have been failures.

Agriculture is not a weak section of the economy demanding artificial props. Michigan farmers alone, he said, have \$14.4 billion invested in

farms, facilities, and livestock, making it one of the biggest industries in the state.

Elevator Exchange in Official Family

One of the most important actions approved by the voting members was the union of the Michigan Elevator Exchange, the state's largest handler of grain and beans, with Farm Bureau Services. According to FBS officials, the action is effective immediately.

Resolutions were approved which changed the fiscal year ending from August 31 to June 30, and increased the Board of Directors from 9 to 13 mem-

Elected to the enlarged Board of Directors were Allen Rush, Romeo; Ward Hodge, Snover; Elton R. Smith, Caledonia; Eugene Roberts, Lake City; Lloyd Shankel, Wheeler; Dean Pridgeon, Montgomery, and Max Hood, Paw Paw. These men represent the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Also elected were Marten Garn, Charlotte; Alfred Roberts, Pigeon (MEE); Walter Harger, Stanwood; Clayton Healey, East Jordan; John M. Converse, Union City (MEE); and James Heuvelhorst, Hudsonville (MEE).

Entertainment for the evening banquet held in the Big Ten Room, Kellogg Center, was supplied by the "Bamboushay Steel Band," which probably made the petroleum people feel at home in that the instruments were all constructed from 55 gallon oil drums. It was noisy but nice.

Annual F.B. Services Board **Organization Meeting Held**

New President, Vice President Named to Board

Elton R. Smith, dairy and poultry farmer from Caledonia, was named president of the enlarged Farm Bureau Services board of directors at the December 19 organization meeting of the board.

Earlier, at a recently held annual meeting, the board had been expanded from 9 to 13 members in recognition of the increased activities and enlarged program resulting from the addition of the Michigan Elevator Exchange as a division of Services. An anticipated volume of business totalling near the \$45 million figure is one expected

A graduate of Michigan State University, Smith has operated the same farm for 28 years and has been active in many phases of agriculture. Currently he serves on the board of directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau and as president of Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Com-

Elected to the Executive Board, along with Smith were Alfred Roberts, Pigeon, Vice President, and Eugene Roberts, Lake City, third member. Alfred Roberts is manager of the



ELTON R. SMITH

Pigeon Farmers Cooperative Elevator. Eugene Roberts operates an extensive poultry farm in Missaukee county.

Also approved were appointments of Leon Monroe, Treasurer: G. F. Griswold and Clyde Trout, as Assistant Treasurers. Maynard Brownlee was appointed Secretary-Manager.

Alcona

Assistance in the 1963 Roll-Call campaign has become a major project of the Alcona County Farm Bureau Women's Activity Committee.

They have backed Roll-Call manager Guy Rickel and his committee to the fullest possible extent and have reported far surpassing last year's membership record to date. Some of the women have signed new members, others report 100% sign-up in their groups. Hats off to the ladies!

Charlevoix

Their goal of 370 members by January 15 is anticipated with no difficulty by Charlevoix County. Roll - Call manager, Mrs. William Parsons, reports the signing of 15 new members, with several more promised after the holidays. She also reports the organization of three new community groups.

Workers are using copies of the Michigan Farm News during new member contacts.

"Action" -- Means F. B. Women

Women's Program To **Include Many Issues**

By DONNA WILBER

The date: December 10, 1962; the scene: the Municipal Auditorium, Atlanta, Georgia; the characters: women from all over the United States-the topics: when 2500 women get together, you might expect the discussion to center around such things as the latest fashions, hairdos, favorite recipes, gardening, etc. But such is not the case in point.

For these are Farm Bureau Women, some of the most wellinformed, ambitious, dedicated women in our country. Fashions and recipes would have to wait. There were important issues to be discussed:-the Common Market, foreign trade, Medicare, economy in government and the preservation of the free enterprise system.

Their responsibility will not end with discussion. They will return to their home states determined to present these important issues to the people and bring about action.

Action and Women Are Synonomous

"Action" was the byword as the women set up national program suggestions. Number-one on the agenda for this year will be an accelerated Legislative program. Second, and near to the hearts of those who are mothers, is to stress the importance of teaching our American Heritage and Constitutional Government in local schools so that these ideals might be preserved.

In other action, the Farm Bureau Women re-elected Mrs. Haven Smith of Iowa as National Chairman and Mrs. Robert Crane, New Jersey, as vice-chairman. Mrs. Smith told the AFBF Women that "we must be fighting in the arena rather than sitting in the grandstand lest we conduct a funeral for the private enterprise system."

Those representing the Michigan Farm Bureau Women at the national convention were: Mrs. Arthur Muir, Grant, State Women's Committee Chairman; Mrs. William Scramlin, Holly,



MIDWEST STATE CHAIRMEN, - gather in Atlanta, Georgia, for special programs during the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau. The Midwest Region involves 12 states including Michigan. Those represented are, (seated, from the left) Mrs. Arthur Muir, Michigan; Mrs. Bollum, Minnesota; Mrs. Haeflich, Kansas; Mrs. Van Wert, Iowa; Mrs. Bauman, Wisconsin;-standing (from left) Mrs. Lane, North Dakota; Mrs. Lawrence, Ohio; Mrs. Elrod, Nebraska; Mrs. Bowman, Missouri: Mrs. Gross, Indiana; and Mrs. Chambers, Illinois. The South Dakota Chairman did not at-

state vice-chairman; Mrs. Glen Hombaker, East Leroy; Mrs. Thomas Wieland, Charlevoix; Mrs. Francis Campau, Grand Rapids: and Mrs. Carl Johnson.

Michigan Program Highlighted

At a dinner given for the voting delegates to the Women's meeting of the AFBF with state Farm Bureau presidents as guests, each chairman presented a one-minute resume of one accomplishment of their committee. Mrs. Muir, Michigan's chairman, reported on efforts by the women to promote the new Constitution.

She explained to the group that this was the main topic of fall district meetings throughout the state with emphasis on understanding the document and what it would mean to the people of our state.

Air Tour Planned

· In keeping with the national program suggestion for increased participation in legislative affairs, the Michigan Farm Bureau Women plan a Washingion Air Tour on February 24-27.

Mrs. Marjorie Karker, Coordinator of Women's Activities, states, "Through this tour, we hope to develop a better understanding of (1) our own Farm Bureau and how it works legislatively, and (2) the legislative process of government. We also plan to meet our representatives in Congress, and to see Washington and all its historical sites."

While emphasis will be on participation by representatives of county Farm Bureaus particularly interested in the legislative program, others are invited. More information on the tour will be in the next issue of the Michigan Farm News.

Upcoming Meetings

Starting off the new year with a challenging job, the Women's State Program Planning Committee will meet at Farm Bureau Center, January 3-4, at 10:30 a.m. Charged with the responsibility of making recommendations for this years program, the committee consists of District Vice-Chairmen of the Farm Bureau Women.

On January 8, the State Women's Committee will meet in Lansing to accept or reject the recommendations made by the Program Planning Committee and make final plans for the Women's projects.

Determined to answer Mrs. Haven Smith's challenge as she urged them to "fight in the arena" - the Michigan Farm Bureau Women anticipate a fuil year of activity.

County Roll-Call Reports Show Promising Membership Effort Throughout Michigan

Antrim

The Antrim County Roll-Call achs and inspiration are needed for goal-busting efforts.

Goldie Chellis, Roll - Call Manager, and her crew, started their drive with a pancake breakfast and a pep talk by Clarence Prentice, Secretary-Manager of the Michigan Farm

Thus fortified, the group divided into teams and departed for various parts of the county to contact prospective new

Montcalm

The Montcalm County Farm Bureau Roll-Call workers use copies of the Michigan Farm News in their approach to prospective members, reports area man, Earl Herzog.

His township has gone over goal and as Mr. Herzog says, "If all our groups had only a trickle of the enthusiasm and hustle possessed by our Roll-Call Manager (Mrs. James Quisenberry) we would be over the top."

Ionia

Thirty-five new members in one day! That is the praiseworthy report of the Ionia County Farm Bureau, under the direction of co-Roll-Call managers, Mrs. Anton Hoort, R. 1, Portland, and Mrs. Francis Larson of R. 4, Ionia.

Following a well-attended Kick-Off meeting late in Noember,-workers, singly and in teams, started the first day of the new member drive with 35 new signatures, and good prospects for return calls.

The county was divided into two areas and workers in each area met for the noon meal to compare notes. M-66 divided the two sections with Mrs. Hoort directing the eight townships to the east and Mrs. Larson those to the west.

The co-managers set up a new member contest with a deadline date of January 15. The losers will eat "beans" at the Victory Party scheduled for early February.

Clinton

Perhaps not a record, but an average has been chalked up by LaVern Silm, director-at-large and resident of Riley township, together with Donald Witt, township captain, and workers. John W. Shumaker and Bob Law. The team signed up nine new members as a result of the first eleven calls in the first week of the '63 Roll-Call drive.

Farm Bureau's legislative record was stressed by the group in talking to their pro-

Huron

An impressive 8-page special Roll-Call edition of the Huron County Farm Bureau News is planned for the month of January, according to Mrs. Ernst Englehardt of Sebewaing.

The Huron County Farm Bureau News, under the leadership of E. T. Leipprandt of Pigeon, will include such things as annual meeting delegates' reports, community groups and officers listings, reports and officers of the Women's Committee and Farm Bureau Young People, and a listing of other county officers and committees.

As an additional service to their readers, the News will print a complete township officers list.

The special edition will be sent to every rural mail box in Huron County with a "clip-andsend" invitation to receive information regarding Farm Bureau membership.

Manistee

Within the first two weeks, (following the Kick-Off dinner, November 30) Manistee Co. reports 60% of goal, including 12 new members . . . a marked increase over last year's figures.

Interest and enthusiasm has reached such a peak that it has inspired enough confidence for plans to be made for a Victory Party during the last week in

The Public Relations Committee assisted in the campaign by securing radio time and newspaper space.

Montcalm

One Roll-Call worker from Montcalm County has decided that the way to a prospective member's pocketbook through his stomach!

The worker had tried repeatedly to contact a prospect but his efforts had been in vain. Finally, the farmer's wife suggested, "If you really want to see him, get here when he eats

The next morning at 6:30,the determined worker was there. Breakfast was being prepared by the daughter v was lamenting the fact that she did not have time to make her father's favorite - blue-

The Roll-Call worker came to the rescue, made the muffins, served the hungry farmer his favorite breakfast,-and signed up a new Farm Bureau mem-

"Kick-Offs" Set By Counties

Although most County Farm Bureaus have already held membership "kick-off" meetings, a number plan to officially open their drives with the New Year. Those with early January dates in-

January 2: Eaton. 7:30 p.m. dinner, Andy's Restaurant, Charlotte Ingham. 12:00 noon, Aleidon Twp. Hall (East of Holt) Calhoun. 8:30 a.m. pancake break-

fast, Community Bldg., Marshall St. Joseph. Pancake breakfast Van Buren. Kick-off dinner Mason. Amber Twp. Hall Thumb Region: Huron, St. Clair Bridge Region,-all counties

January 3: Macomb.

Oceana, at Shelby Lenawee. 9:00 a.m. breakfast, Conference Room, Farm Bureau office Jackson. 10:00 a.m. pancake "breakfast," Conference Room, Farm Bureau office

January 7: Wayne, Isabella

Worker kits, prospect lists and other important materials will be distributed at these meetings and important information will be given. All Roll-Call workers in the listed counties should plan to attend their local kick-off meeting.

Freedom, Heritage Events

Freedom Conference Called

Central Michigan University Selected

Another in the series of annual Farm Bureau "Freedom" Conferences has been called to give Farm Bureau members and others a refresher course in studying citizenship problems and in examining major American issues.

The program is scheduled to begin at 9 o'clock on the morning of Thursday, February 7th and concludes at 4 p.m. Friday, February 8.

This year's conference, the 5th sponsored by the Family Program Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau, will include such features as personal reports from Hungarian and Cuban refugees, major speeches on freedom issues by a Washington personality, and examination of the question "How well are we doing in the Cold War?"

Again this year the excellent facilities of Central Michigan University at Mt. Pleasant, have been made available to Farm Bureau.

Something Different

New this year will be four sessions of instruction and discussion on the topic "How to Be Effective Politically." The "course" is based on a popular action program in practical politics recently conducted for businessmen and others who felt the need to become more effective in local, state and national campaigns.

Individual sections of this part of the Conference include such sub-titles as "The Indivi-dual in Politics," "Political Party Organization" "Businessmen in Politics," and "Political Meetings," - among others.

What Others are Doing

A look at what others are doing is balanced by a filmed report of "What You Can Do." A High School course that compares Communism with our way of life, and which is currently being taught in a Michigan school, will be the topic of one session.

Other plans include the possible appearance of a Michigan Congressman and a flannel board analysis of "Problems We Face."

Of special interest will be the first-person reports from Cuban and Hungarian refugees who have escaped the Red oppression of their countries.

Unusual Opportunity

The two-day Freedom Conference represents a "once-ayear" opportunity for Farm Bureau members, leaders and guests to become better informed about the great issues and challenges that face each American. The Conference is especially valuable for those who work on Farm Bureau Citizenship or County Women's programs, on Legislative or Resolutions Committees.

Fill out and mail the "Freedom Conference" coupon for registration, or for additional intormation.

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County F. B. Secretary.)

"American Heritage" Tour

February 22 Through March 8 Set

Michigan Farm Bureau members have an opportunity to brighten drab winter days and to become better acquainted with our country's history, geography, and form of government at the same time, early in the new year.

Delbert Wells, Manager of the Family Program Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau, has announced tour dates for the "American Heritage" trip for February 22 through March 8. The 12 day bus trip through the Eastern United States is designed to enable members to visit with other Farm Bureau groups and observe the mechanism of our American Way of life.

Trip features include:

Dinner meetings with Farm Bureau members in Ohio, Virginia and Massachusetts.

A visit to Congress,-meeting with Congressmen and with American Farm Bureau Legislative staff members.

Visit to U.S.D.A. Experiment Station at Beltsville, Maryland.

A glimpse of our mighty Navy at the city of Newport News, and a stop at the Aberdeen Army Weapons Testing Grounds.

Historic sites at Williamsburg, Jamestown, Philadelphia, New York, and Boston. Conducted tours of New York and Boston.

Return trip via Niagara Falls and Southern Can-

Estimated costs which include travel, room and most sight-seeing tours total \$185. A "pay-asyou-go" plan will operate for meals and miscellan-

Mail the "American Heritage" coupon for more details.

Clip and Mail to:

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(Tour maximum, 37 persons. Minimum: 32. Reserve Space Early!)

Farmers' Week Program Set For MSU

Jan. 28 - Feb. 1 "Science Serves Michigan Agriculture" is the theme for the 48th Annual Farmers' Week at Michigan State University, Monday, January 28, through Friday, February 1. The "something for everyone" schedule includes comprehensive coverage of all phases of modern agriculture, its problems and solutions. For nearly half a century farm families have visited the MSU campus to see and hear reports on latest developments in modern farming

methods. Several prominent Farm Bureau members, including President Walter W. Wightman, will take part in the week's programs, along with representatives of the press, radio, business, and various agricultural departments.

Regular attendees for more than 30 years, will this year be eligible for membership in the newly organized "Thirty-year Club" and will be honored at a special luncheon January 30. Three "Distinguished Service to Agriculture" awards will be presented at the luncheon by Dean T. K. Cowden of MSU's College of Agriculture.

Science in Spotlight

In accordance with the theme of the week, spotlights will shine on several science developments, one of which is the IBM 1620 computer. Bringing the space age to agriculture, the computer will demonstrate decision making in farming from the first floor lobby in the University Auditorium. The demonstration will show how farmers, like other modern businessmen, can use electronics to keep themselves competitive. Also included in the scientific exhibits will be the Whirlpool Corporation's space

Monday

Monday's accent will be on Dairy farming, featuring annual meetings of all major breed associations and the Michigan Professional Dairy Farmers' Assn. Presentations will be made on the "Five Hundred Club"-dairy farmers who have achieved herd averages of 500 lbs. of butter fat. Dr. C. A. Lassiter, chairman of MSU's dairy department, will also present the 1963 Michigan Dairy Production Award. The All-Breeds Dairy Banquet will take place in the evening with A. N. Brown of Jonesville as general

Tuesday

"Problems Bothering Farmers-And The Answers" and a special session, "Young Farm Families Face The Future" will be presented by MSU's agricuitural economics department as part of Tuesday's varied program. Also slated are annual meetings of beef and swine breeders associations and specialized sessions for sheep raisers and pork producers. Other topics on the day's agenda will be "A Safe Rural Water Suply" and "Milk Composition-Should We Change It?"

Farm crops and soil science departments will team up to stage "Sugar Beet Day" which will include recognition of outstanding Michigan sugar beet producers for 1962. Michigan Christmas Tree Growers will hold their yearly meeting with a banquet to follow, and fruit growers and poultrymen will attend discussion sessions. Michigan Allied Poultry Industries will hold their banquet the same evening, with WJR's Bud Guest as speaker.

Wednesday

The annual meeting of the Michigan Grain and Feed Dealers Assn. and a reunion of MSU's Shortcourse Alumni will be part of the Wednesday program. Legislators, farmers, cooperative leaders and representatives of the dairy industry will participate in a session entitled "The Hottest Dairy Issues Today," dealing with prices and production.

Walter W. Wightman, Michigan Farm Bureau president, will be one of the featured speakers on the Department of Agricultural Economics pro-"The Michigan Farmer, Government Programs and the European Common Market."

A panel composed of Marshail Wells, farm director, WJR, Detroit, Charles Johnson, farm editor, Grand Rapids Press, and Jim Brown, co-publisher of the Ingham County News, will discuss "Agricultural Policy Problems to Which Farmers Need Answers."

Other topics on the Wednesday agenda include tillage methods, soil problems, insect control, the feeder calf and forage crops, while poultrymen consider various problems of egg production. The Wolverine Barrow Show will be judged in the Livestock Pavilion. Michigan Bee Keepers and Maple Syrup Producers will also hold

Thursday

Highlight of Thursday's program will be the Centenniai Farm Luncheon at which centennial farmers will discuss Michigan's newly - proposed constitution. Thirty members of the Department of Agricultural Economics will take part in an all-day program on "Modern Farm Management." Also scheduled are annual meetings of the Michigan Flying Farmers, Michigan Assn. of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, Michigan Lamb Feeders Assn. and Michigan Muck Farmers' Assn. Awards for management achievements, production efficiency, and recognition of 25-year farm account keepers will be made at the annual farm management banquet.

"Let's Plan a Swine System Engineered for 500, 1000, 2000 Feeder Pigs" will be the topic in agricultural engineering sessions, while the dairy program will focus on "Feeding the Dairy Cow."

Thursday will also feature "Potato Day" and "Turkey

Friday

The Michigan Sheep Breeders Assn. and the American Dairy Assn. of Michigan will hold meetings during the Friday finale. The noon luncheon speaker will be Dean Earl Butz of Purdue University.

Special programs will also feature sessions for Rabbit Growers and a discussion on rural land use and zoning in other offerings.

A Family Affair

There will be "something for everyone" during the entire week. Special sessions are planned for both homemakers and youth. Demonstrations of America's first space kitchen will be given each day of the week. Other exhibits include a model home from the U.S. Plywood Co. illustrating a new concept in housing, and the work of Mobile Corporation of Sarasota, Fla.

On Wednesday home economics will feature "The Problems and Promises of Family Housing." On Thursday Dr. Evelyn M. Duvall, author and family life consultant of Chicago, will speak on "Housing in the Space Age."

"Expanding Horizons for Youth" will be a joint program sponsored by the colleges of agriculture and home economics. The thousands of students expected to attend Farmers' Week will hear keynote speaker, Dr. Stanley Idzerda, director of MSU's Honors College, on Thursday. Students may select from 16 career areas planned to explore possibilities in jobs ranging from art to veterinary medicine. Tuesday's evening entertainment is "Accent on Youth." Talent will be drawn from 4-H Clubs throughout Michigan.

A special program, planned for youth leaders is entitled, "Passport to the World." Speaker will be Warren Schmidt, Coordinator of 4-H International Projects of the National 4-H Foundation, Washington, D. C.

Exhibits from many MSU departments as well as commercial companies will be on display in the stadium, Anthony Hall, Home Economics, the MSU Union and Auditorium. Complete programs for the week will be available in early January from the Bulletin Room, 10 Agricultural Hall, MSU, East Lansing.

"Growth" Is MFB Institute

By CONNIE NELSON

Bad Weather Cuts Attendance

The first real snowfall of the season and nearly 200 representatives of 53 counties arrived simultaneously in the Lansing area for the Michigan Farm Bureau Institute, December 6 and 7 at Kellogg Center, Michigan State University.

Clarence Prentice, Secretary-Manager, jokingly told the assembly in his opening address, "Since it is customary to have a snow storm for either the annual meeting or the Institute, you can thank Farm Bureau for forestalling the first heavy snow of the winter by setting the date for the Institute this

Committees Present

In spite of the heavy snowfail and its accompanying difficulties, the auditorium at Kellogg Center was filled to near-capacity with County Farm Bureau leaders from most areas of the



Institute Panel Ciarifies County Responsibilities

NEARLY 200 LEADERS,-from 53 counties, listen to Michigan Farm Bureau Board Members examine their responsibilities in a panel presentation during the 14th annual Farm Bureau Institute, at Michigan State University. The winter's first heavy snowfall didn't prevent good attendance, with all parts of Michigan represented, including the Upper Peninsula.



"MISS MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU,"-Sherilyn Green, joins the Institute Committee in looking over the evening program. Committee members included, (from left) Don Kinsey, Coordinator, Education and Research; Dan E. Reed, Institute Chairman, and Marlie Drew, Regional Representative. Guest speaker Thomas Cowden, Dean of Agriculture, MSU, told those present "You can have freedom without dignity, but you cannot have dignity without freedom." His talk centered on "A Free Agriculture."

"Bolder-Dash"

County

The audience became "Mice

In The Corner" during a period

of "roll-playing" in a skit by

that name enacted by Don Ruh-

lig, Washtenaw Co., Merl By-

ington, President, Shiawassee

Co. Farm Bureau, Ray Mayers,

President, Clinton Co. Farm

Bureau, and Hugo Kivi, Re-

gional Representative, Upper

Peninsula. They took the parts

of county president, vice pres-

ident, new executive committee

member, and regional man, re-

spectively, at the first meeting

of the executive committee of

mythical Bolder-Dash county.

state. Members of Executive, Legislative, Resolutions, and Public Relations (Information) Committees participated in the two day sessions planned to stimulate growth in Farm Bureau programs. New board members were also included in this year's training programs.

The theme of the Institute, "Growth," was enlarged upon by Mr. Prentice in his address. "Growth is necessary just to stand still," he told the group. "It makes it possible for an organization to be effective, to be influential. Growth is necessary in order that we may carry out the purposes of Farm Bureau . . . that the organization effectively represent the membership in legislative halls, in bargaining with other organizations and groups, to keep agriculture in its rightful place in relation to other segments of society . . .

By The Numbers

Prentice compared organization growth to an algebra equation, M-n x P-n x Q (number of Members, times number of Programs, times Quality.) The factor "Q" he explained, includes dedication plus training. These combined factors equal growth.

The question, "What Is A County Farm Bureau?" was answered by Don Kinsey, Coordinator of Education and Research. Mr. Kinsey described each County Farm Bureau as, ". . . a legally constituted body. . a basic unit within a larger state association . . . and a national Federation of state Farm

Bureaus."

A clarified version of "A Board's Responsibilities" was presented by M.F.B. board members, Ward Hodge, Eugene Roberts and Elton Smith in a panel discussion moderated by Mr. Prentice. They emphasized strength at the county level through the county board's acceptance of individual responsibility, proper attitude of enthusiasm, and a "follow through" program molded to the specific needs of each coun-



The group discussed their county's problem areas, commodity production, public relations and means of getting key farmers in the county involved in Farm Bureau activities. They outlined plans for creating "an enthusiastic atmosphere" and methods of promoting a "carry through" program.

Thomas K. Cowden, Dean of Agriculture, Michigan State University, addressed the dinner group on "A Free Agriculture." You can have freedom without dignity," he said, "but you cannot have dignity without freedom." Dean Cowden stated that Farm Bureau has given farm people the opportunity of raising their occupation to the high level it has attained.

"Gotta Wanna"

C. William Swank, Director of Field Services, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, informed luncheon guests that "You Gotta Wanna!" He referred to a threefold concept of Farm Bureau growth. . . growth in membership, growth in leadership, and growth in effectiveness.

Swank's sense of humor pervaded his address as he accentuated the serious need for each of the three contributing agents in an overall program of Farm Bureau growth.

"Nothing is more satisfying or rewarding to farmers than the process of growth," Swank said. It, (growth)" . . . consumes most of their working life."



A BOARD'S ACCEPTANCE, - of individual responsibility, when coupled with enthusiasm and a "follow through" program means County Farm Bureau strength, concludes Michigan Farm Bureau Board Members; Eugene Roberts, Elton Smith and Ward Hodge. A panel on "A Board's Responsibilities" was moderated by Secretary-Manager, Clarence Prentice as part of the MFB Institute held at Kellogg center, MSU.

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Young People Outline Busy 1963 Work Program

Michigan Young People In Atlanta

West Branch. Both had performed, Horny as the Michigan "Talk

Meet" finalist and Miss Sheppard as the Talent Find Winner; be-

MEETING BACKSTAGE, - in the Municipal Auditorium, Atlanta, Georgia, is James Horny, Saginaw, and Vickie Sheppard,

"YouthPower," Leader Conferences Scheduled

Winter, Spring Activities Planned

The Farm Bureau Young People have a number of activities coming up in the near future to strengthen their program.

A conference for officers of Young Farmer Community Groups will be held at Kellogg Center at Michigan State University, January 2-4. This is a program designed to provide young farm leaders with a greater understanding of the total Farm Bureau program. Farm Bureau Services, Farm Bureau Insurance, Farmer's Petroleum Cooperative, Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives, Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association, and Michigan Farm Bureau will all play important roles in the

"Teen-Age" Conf. Scheduled

A teenage leadership conference is scheduled for January 19 and 20 at Camp Kett. Classes will be held on parliamentary procedures, group motivation, Farm Bureau philosophy, and public speaking. This conference is planned for officers of county young people's groups, but is open to all Farm Bureau young people interested in learning more about developing leadership ability.

Members of the MFB Young People's Committee will attend the National Leadership School at Stillwater, Oklahoma, February 24-28. This is a concentrated leadership school for state Farm Bureau Young Peo-

The Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois, will be the site of the National Youth power Congress March 27-30. Delegates from many states will convene to discuss proper eating habits, and careers for young people. This activity is sponsored by the National Food Conference. Plans for a state conference are

under way, but dates are not

A series of area young farmer meetings will be held during the coming months. The meetings will be held in various locations throughout the state where young farmer community groups are numerous. Eight to ten locations will be selected for each of the four topics. Most of the meetings will be planned to start with lunch or dinner, followed by a brief report presented by a resource person, and a question and answer session.

The series will include: January-The New Constitu-

February 11-15 - Marketing

Agricultural Products

March 11-15-Farm Legisla-

April 8-12-Using Your County Farm Bureau County Farm Bureau secretaries will have complete information of these meeting dates and locations as they become available. Future meeting schedules will be listed in the

Powell Looks At

New Legislature

MFB Legislative Counsel Predicts

Interesting, Challenging, Year

By STANLEY POWELL

out of the 1963 session of the Michigan Legislature.

thing, it will be the first time in 14 years when we

have had a Governor and the Legislature of our State

In the Senate there will be 23 Republicans and 11

While the new Governor will have a majority of his

Democrats. In the House there will be 58 Repub-

party in both branches of the Legislature, he will be

alone insofar as party aftiliations are concerned, on

the State Administrative Board on which he will be

associated with 7 elected Democratic State Officials.

Certainly, it should be most interesting.

of the same political party.

licans and 52 Democrats.

Cost of Government

To Increase

While much of the preliamin-

of the State Civil Service Com-

mission to raise the pay of

State workers. The pay in-

creases will range from 3% to

12% and are said to total \$7.1

million of increased payroll an-

The new rates will go into

effect at the beginning of the

state's next fiscal year, July 1,

1963, which is the period for

which the new budget will ap-

ply. The pay increases for most

of the state workers will be in

the 3% to 5% increase range.

although certain jobs will have

their pay rates boosted as much

Your guess is as good as mine as to what will come



Frank Merriman, Deckerville, recently paid tribute to the farm leader for service in his home town.

Honored

The Detroit Edison Company officially honored the family and designated the Centennial farm as a Gold Medallion Farm for its effective and efficient use of electrical power.

Merriman is a member of the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University, past president of the Sanilac County Farm Bureau and of the Deckerville Lions Club, secretary of the Michigan Artificial Breeders' Cooperative and President of the Deckerville Consolidated

Merriman and his wife Myrtle operate the 190-acre Black River bottom land dairy and crops farm with the aid of one full-time employee. A son, Phillip, is a student at Michigan State University.

Time for his many hours devoted to public service is partly made possible, Merriman says, by his extensive use of electrical "helpers" around the farm. Feeding, barn cleaning and other operations are highly mechanized.

The farm home, built by his grandfather in 1904, has been remodeled several times. Two years ago, they installed electric heating in the house, makered, lighted and heated with Named

Co-op Manager



DUANE SACKETT

The Retail Division of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., announces the appointment of Duane R. Sackett as manager of the Lapeer County Cooperative. Sackett assumed management of the Co-op's two branches, Lapeer and Imlay City, December 1.

He brings with him experience gained with the Noble County Cooperative of Albion, Indiana. He was general manager of that farm supply cooperative for 13 years, during which time the organization attained an annual sales volume in excess of \$1,000,000.

For the past eight years he has been manager of Freeborn County Co-op Oil Company, Albert Lea, Minnesota.

The Sacketts have two daughters, one in college and one in high school. The family plans to move to Lapeer soon.



Michigan Youth Honored in Miami

PAUL SMALLIGAN, (center) of Fremont, Michigan, gets a congratulatory handshake and blue ribbon from Dr. Charles H. Mahoney, right, Director of the Raw Products Research Bureau of the National Canner's Association, Washington, D.C., while Jack Sanderson, Vocational agriculture teacher of Fremont shows his

Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter L. Smalligan, members of the Newaygo County Farm Bureau, received his award as Michigan Canning Crops Contest winner for growing peas on contract to Gerber Products Company. The award was presented during the 28th annual convention of the National Junior Vegetable Growers Association. The contest is sponsored jointly by NJVGA and NAC. Some 400 boys and girls, aged 14 to 21, attended the four-day convention at the Deauville Hotel in Miami Beach. The winners in the canning contest were announced at the Awards and Recogni-

MSU Judging Team Does Well

Michigan State University's

during the International Livestock Exposition. Larry Cotton, East Lansing senior, was fourth high individual in the entire contest, winning over 189 other student judges and Earl Heller,

sity to have two team members in the top ten individuals for the contest. Other members of the five-man team included John Eisenbeiser, Chelsea; Stan Hatter, Dundee; and Lyle Thompson, East Lansing. Coach of the team was Robert Hines of the MSU Animal Husbandry Department.

to a highly successful judging season for the team, according to Hines. Team members have been participating and scoring impressive achievements in various livestock judging conTops In Ton-O-Milk By DALE WARSCO

HALF-DOZEN QUEENS,-representing their states in Atlanta,

include, (from left) Miss Tennessee, Miss Wisconsin, Miss Alabama,

Miss Wyoming, Miss Texas and Sherilyn Green, "Miss Michigan

Nutritionist, Farm Bureau Services Missaukee County Farm Bu-

reau members took top honors in the 1962 "Extra-Ton-O-Milk" campaign.

This program of high grain feeding and proper culling was jointly sponsored by the Dairy Extension Service of Michigan State University and the Feed Department of Farm Bureau Services, Inc. One Hundred and thirty-seven DHIA herds, throughout Michigan completed the program. Basically the program centered around the promotion of proper and profitable feeding of Michigan dairy herds.

The father and son team of William and Harold Cnossen, of Falmouth, had the top D.H.I.A. herd in the state, both in butter-fat and milk production. The Cnossens, following the recommendations of Services' Extra - Ton - O - Milk program. had a production of 18,664 lbs. of milk and 655 lbs. of butterfat. These figures were an increase over the preceding year of 1,046 lbs. of milk and 37 lbs. of butter-fat.

Another Missaukee County Farm Bureau member, Kenneth Zuiderveen, also of Falmouth, had the highest increase of the 137 herds entered The Zuiderveen herd produced an increase of 4,444 lbs. of milk and 122 lbs. of butter-fat over its 1961 production by following the Extra - Ton - O - Milk recommendations.

Both winners were assisted in the program by Burke Ardis, manager of the Falmouth Cooperative, their source of Farm Bureau feeds and Willard Bosserman, Missaukee County

The Missaukee County Farm Bureau may well be proud of its participation in the program, as the county with most entries. Missaukee County is now Michigan's leading D.H.I.A. unit in milk produc-Michigan's leading

Don Hillman, of M.S.U.'s Dairy Extension who spearheaded the entire program, took justifiable pride in the success of Services' Extra-Ton-O-Milk Project. Hillman developed the program three years ago. Working with dairymen all over the state, he has successfully proved his convictions concerning high grain feeding and proper

Farmers Look Ahead At---Taxes In The New Year

BY ROBERT E. SMITH

One prediction for the new year that can be made with certainty, as far as property owners are concerned, is that taxes will be UP.

County, township, and school budgets are continuing to rise. In addition to this the fiscal study on Michigan's highway needs recommends that a greater share of future highway costs should be borne by "nonusers."

The report says that with an "ideal" plan 30% of state and local road funds should come come from "nonuser" taxes. If such a plan were passed by the legislature the local funds for such a program, under Michigan's present tax structure, could come from but one source -property taxes. This is but one example of the ever increasing pressure on property.

Michigan farmers are already paying more than 12% of their incomes on the property tax.

Forty-seven county Farm Bureaus gave special attention to this problem at their county annual meetings and by a margin of more than 2 to 1 called for complete fiscal reform in Michigan guaranteeing relief for property taxes.

Delegates at the State Annual Meeting in November welded these county recommendations into a complete tax program which when carried out fully could cut property taxes 20% or more and give Michigan a balanced tax structure, equitable to all citizens.

Under our present tax structure property carries 47% of the total taxes levied in the state. This hits farmers harder than any other group. People living on fixed incomes such as the retired or disabled are also paying property taxes all out of proportion to their ability to

Michigan farmers are not the calling for tax reforms under which farmers will pay their fair share of the costs of gov-

tax; Indiana is calling for an increased rate on their gross income tax and the addition of a sales tax which they do not now have; Minnesota is promoting a sales tax; Missouri says that "more extensive use" should be made of their sales and income taxes. Wisconsin Farm Bureau made headway on its tax program last year and was successful in helping to enact a sales tax and making some changes in their present income tax. The result was a 50% reduction in personal property taxes and a 10% across-the board reduction of real property taxes adding up to a net savings of over \$12 million to Wisconsin farmers.

Every state seeking tax reform does so for only one reason: "That every citizen will pay his fair share and no more."

In addition to "tax reform," farmers need "assessment" and "equalization reform." A 1960 Michigan State University study

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

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

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

As a result of a recent appeal

to the State Tax Commission from a south central Michigan county, it was found in a particular township that farm property was assessed 11/2 to 3 times higher than business, industrial and suburban properties. It was also found in this instance that farm personal property was assessed at much lower rate than other types 'of personal property. However, in many counties it has been found that both farm personal property and real estate are assessed higher than other types of prop-

Here again, farmers should insist that proper assessments and equalization procedures be followed to the end that all taxpayers are treated fairly and

MACMA Supplies Apples For Church Conference

When the general conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church yas held in Grand Rapids recently, there was a demand by delegates from other states for some of Michigan's Red Delicious

MACMA (Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association) employee Burton Richards, supplied the 700 delegates and guests of the Conference with Extra Fancy apples. This tribute was written for the occasion by Robert S. Smithers: "Just ordinary apples but they represent success,

Cooperation of the seasons, winter, springtime, summer, fall.

"The handiwork of God they are, the triumph of a

Bud, blossom, growth, perfection, His plan of life

"As He blessed this fruit in season with sunshine, rain, heat and frost,

My wish is that through every year each need of yours will be supplied."

Wm. H. Bartz, Farm Bureau member from Berrien County, a director of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative and a delegate to the conference, reported that most delegates had never seen or tasted such fine apples.

MACMA -Looks Ahead To Bright New Year

Excellent Progress is Reported

The Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association, (MACMA) has completed a busy year filled with growth and progress, according to officials of the Farm Bureau affiliate.

Farmers have shown their willingness to support expanding efforts in the marketing-bargaining field, they indicate. They look forward to an increasing volume of foreign sales for Michigan farm products.

Agreements Signed

"Over 600 farmers and growers have signed marketingagreements, making MACMA their exclusive sales agent for processing apples, processing asparagus and pickling cucumbers," reports Robert Braden, Field Services Director for the

Braden looks ahead to 1963 for fulfillment of MACMA's of member products. He stresses a recent statement by American Farm Bureau President Charles Shuman, before the Horticultural Crop Conference held at the 44th annual meeting of the Federation. There Shuman said, "Farm Bureau's activity in the marketing area is no 'flash in the pan' and will represent a major part of Farm Bureau for many years to come."

Braden reports that greatest progress has been made in the processing Apple Division. Here

Michigan is one of eight states in the apple program. The MACMA Marketing Committee has recognized that processing apple bargaining, to be successful, must be on a regional basis covering all of the major Eastern apple states.

Strong Grower Support Continues

J. Ward Cooper, Manager of the American Agricultural Marketing Association Apple Department, states that grower interest is running high in New York and the Appalachian States where well-organized membership drives are now being conducted. Walter Wightman, MACMA

president and chairman of the American Growers Committee, recently stated that, "The determination and enthusiasm by the leading apple producers of these states that bargaining can and must be done gives us courage to believe that this bargaining activity will succeed."

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In some cases, appointments

Despite the fact that Civil Service will blanket in a large proportion of the state's employees, there are still a sizable number of positions which are filled by appointment by the

made by Governor Swainson were not confirmed by the State Senate so the persons holding those positions can be replaced by the new Governor, in addition to those whose terms are expiring at various dates in the near future. It is known that Governor Romney had been giving a great deal of study to the qualifications of various persons for these positions.

ary work of preparing the budget for the state's next fiscal Some veteran legislative obyear was done under Democraservers are predicting that detic auspices, the new Governor, velopments in Michigan's Leg-George Romney, will, of course islature may be rather slow unhave the final say as to what he til after the April 1 election. As recommends to the Legislature. you know, that is the date on One factor which will keep which Michigan voters will deup the cost of government in cide the fate of the proposed our State is the recent decision new State Constitution.

> With that decision looming, it is thought that the lawmakers may use that important vote as an excuse for postponing a decision on many matters. In the odd numbered years, legislative progress is usually slow until after the April election. Neither party wants to offend the voters by making decisions which might be unpopular with a majority of the public.

vention, has developed an excellent slate of policies for the new year. These relate to both State and National problems. Final action on the National issues was taken by the American Farm Bureau Federation delegates at their recent annual convention at Atlanta, Georgia. Now let us as individual

Michigan Farm Bureau,

through its recent annual con-

Farm Bureau members and in any other capacity which we may have in the organization, make a determined resolution that we will do our best in the months which lie ahead to translate these resolutions and policies into actual accomplishlivestock judging team placed eighth out of 38 teams in the Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest held recently in Chi-The team placed fifth in judging sheep and fifth in cattle in the contest held annually

Chelsea senior, placed eighth in the contest.

Michigan State University was the only college or univerThis contest was the climax

tests since September.

only ones that have recognized this problem and have decided to do something about it, Nearly all State Farm Bureaus are

pay no more than is due. ernment but not one cent more.

"Freedom Riders" in Atlanta

"FREEMAN'S FOLLY" - a light-weight and somewhat rickety covered wagon, pulled by a bedraggled steer, was the method used by Louisiana farmers to dramatize the inefficiencies of "Farming on The New Frontier." Led by Louisiana Farm Bureau members, the cart paused in front of the American Farm Bureau Convention Hotel headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, after a long trek into the heart of the city. Occasional Rebel yells indicated that when it comes to protesting farm controls, the spirit of the South is far from dead.



LEAST EXCITED-Was "Ferdinand" the ox, so named by newsmen who compared him to the animal that only wanted to be left alone to smell flowers. "The Freeman idea of a farm program smells too, but not like flowers," one of the men said. "If he keeps trying to plow farmers under with controls, quotas, rules and regulations, we just might have to somehow arrange to turn him out to pasture too," he added. Ferdinand had no comment.

Looking Ahead With Michigan Farmer Cooperative Programs

Militant Cooperatives Needed In Future

The new year will bring many new activities for Michigan Cooperatives.

Farmer-Cooperatives will play an increasingly important role in agriculture. As farm population shrinks and farm incomes become a smaller portion of national income, agriculture appears placed in a weaker position politically and economically.

Cooperative members and their leaders must be alert to these changes and what they mean. They can and will develop means to make their cooperatives sufficiently strong to meet with other parts of our economy on equitable terms in the market place.

Director Institutes

To help Michigan Cooperative Directors, the Association of Farmer Cooperatives will sponsor a series of Directors Institute meetings, designed to acquaint directors with their responsibilities and to provide information for making decisions affecting their cooperatives.

Assisting with the program will be specialists in marketing and long-range outlook from Michigan State University, including Professors Ferris, Mc-Bride, Larzelere, and Dike from the Agricultural Economics Department.

Cooperative leaders on the program discussing the "cooperative of tomorrow" will be Marten Garn, chairman of the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives; Elton Smith, President of Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company; and Merrill Irwin representing the Michigan Production Credit Association.

Meeting Places And Dates

February 5-Boyne City -Northern Michigan Electric

Cooperative February 14-Jackson - Holiday Inn, Corner US-12 and 127 February 21-Grandville - Hol-

ly's Rest. at Holiday Inn on

February 26-Chesaning - Naismyth's Rest., 9 mi. south of Saginaw M-13

28th St. S.W.

February 28-Ubly - Thumb Electric Cooperative

March Clinics

A series of nine clinic meetings for managers and directors will be held throughout the state during March.

Dr. Charles Sheppard, extension specialist from Michigan State University, with many years of experience with coop-

eratives, will discuss "Servicing

Tomorrow's Farmers" and en-

couraging management and di-

rectors of our cooperatives to

meet their needs.

Cooperative Education

The Association, in cooperation with the Business and Agricultural Education and Agricultural Economics Department of Michigan State University, will sponsor a cooperative education workshop for fortyfive teachers.

This will include Vocational Agriculture and Business Education teachers along with Guidance Directors of our high

Scholarships Available

There are 45 scholarships available for this workshop for Michigan teachers. Applications are available from the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooper-

The workshop will include lectures, discussions, conferences, tours, and the opportunity to develop teaching plans in the area of agriculture and farmer cooperatives

The place of agriculture and cooperatives in our economy and job opportunities in this field will be presented.

Additional Activities

Many cooperatives will be participating in the "accounting comparison advisory program" -in county cooperative councils. -in Michigan State University's new technorama program-and in planning for the American Institute of Cooperation's annual meeting set for Michigan

There are over three hundred cooperatives in Michigan, with

more than 800 "service points." Setting the policies and providing leadership to these organizations are nearly 2,000 elected directors and board members.

Membership in our cooperatives number more than 240, 000-many farmers belong to and are served by three, four,

The volume of business done by these farmer-owned businesses has continued to increase, yet our number of members has deceased slightly.

If our cooperatives of tomorrow continue to serve members efficiently, they will need to grow with other segments of our economy.

Golden Years



MR. and MRS. FRED SPENS

MARRIED 53 YEARS,-January 12, 1953, are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spens, Rogers City, Michigan, Long-time Presque Isle County Farm Bureau members, they live in Rogers Township. They have six Grandchildren and six Great-grandchildren. The picture was submitted by their daughter, Mrs. Otto

NORTHWEST MICHIGAN

Sylvia Lautner of Cedar has been appointed as Camp Director for the 1963 Women's Camp scheduled to be held at Twin Lakes during June. The theme of the camp will be "Let's Bo

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Chippewa Women Meet

The December meeting of the Chippewa County Farm Bureau Women's Committee featured Mrs. Betty Storer, Chairman of the Home Economics Council, who gave a demonstration on making Christmas trimmings.

The groups brought gifts for the Newberry State Hospital Christmas tree. Used clothing has also been collected for the hospital during the past month.

Each member brought a friend or two to the meeting and worked on the project of assembling the cook - books which will go on sale soon at

A training session was held December 13 at the Kinross 4-H Center for group officers with Donald Kinsey of Michigan Farm Bureau, as guest speaker. The three groups in charge were Midway, Pleasant Park and St. Mary's.

Plans to tour the bomb shelter and county jail have been made for the next meeting, scheduled for January 2.

Isabella Women **Hold Christmas** Meeting

By Mrs. Edmund O'Brien

The Isabella County Farm Bureau Women's Committee held its December meeting and Christmas party on December 11 at the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company auditorium in Mt. Pleasant.

The ladies of the Friendly Farmers Community Group, who were hosts for the event, had a table beautifully decorated with a small pink toothpick Christmas tree, lighted pink candles and evergreens. Delicate pink napkins, lovely table service, an abundance of Christmas goodies and strains of Christmas music completed the Holiday atmosphere.

A meeting was conducted by chairman, Marie Swindlehurst, after which reports on the Michigan Farm Bureau State Institute were given by Lillian Wonsey and Minnie O'Brien, both of whom attended the two-day session.

Announcement was made that the council meeting will be held on January 15 with the Isabella County Women as hosts to the eight counties within the district.

The meeting was climaxed with Christmas poems and carols and the exchange of

"Advisory Assistance" Sought

County Farm Bureaus have been asked to provide relocation advisory assistance to individuals, families and businesses, including farms, when they are displaced by highway right of way acquisition.

The Federal Highway Act of 1962 authorizes appropriation of \$950 million for 1964 and \$975 million for 1965. The Act also carries a new provision requiring all participating agencies to provide advisory assistance, such as advice regarding: financing, legal matters, zoning, location of suitable properties for sale or rent, types of farming, available assistance programs (FHA, Veterans, OAA, Federal Land Bank, Area Redevelopment, and local agencies), and other needed information and ad-

The Michigan State Highway Department has asked that County Farm Bureau leaders be requested to work in cooperation with other supporting agencies including Michigan Townships Association. Michigan Municipal League, Michigan State Association of Supervisors, Michigan State Grange, and others.

F.U. President Suggests The Brannan plan type of di-

rect government payment to farmers was included in the 1962 farm bill passed by Congress late in the session.

Now Farmers' Union President James Patton suggests a direct payment plan for dairymen. He says this plan would pro-

vide consumers with low-cost dairy products because the government would pick up the check for the difference between the price the farmer received and what the consumer paid.

RAD Promotes Tourist Industry

Michigan's outdoor recreation business - already the state's third largest industry - could profit from ingenuity already at work in many parts of the nation. Recreation means dollars to citizens of northern Michigan. It also holds pleasant anticipation to hundreds of fishermen, hunters and vacationing families.

Wightman Heads Group

Walter Wightman, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, heads the state RAD committee. Other officers are Harold Dettman, St. Ignace; Edward Gould, West Branch; and Clark Most, Alanson, Dr. William Kimball, extension program leader in community resource development at Michigan State University, is executive secretary.

RAD participants, working with the closely related Area Redevelopment program, have already initiated several projects to boost Michigan's tourist industry. These include:

A \$125,000 demonstration study of ways to expand tourism, timber and mining industries in the Upper Peninsula; Loans to improve skiing facilities at Ironwood, Cadillac

and Marquette; A loan making it possible to establish a year-around resort at Copper Harbor.

Ag Aid Studied

RAD involves far more than merely extending economic aid. It mobilizes local leadership and initiative in planning for orderly business and commun-

To date, 40 Michigan counties have submitted Overall Economic Development Plans required for RAD projects.



Wayne County Agent Honored

PHILIP R. BIEBESHEIMER,-(center) recently retired Agricultural Extension director of Wayne County, was honored at the annual meeting of the Wayne Co. Farm Bureau. "Bieb," as he is known throughout the county, is a long-time Farm Bureau member as well as board member and secretary of the Wayne Co. 4-H Fair, county agricultural agent, Rotarian and farmer. As a tribute to his long and fruitful years of service to area farming, he was presented with a plaque which will be permanently installed on the new Merchants building at 4-H fairgrounds. The plaque was presented by Farwell Brand, (left) president of Wayne Co. 4-H Fair Association, and Wayne County Farm Bureau president, Glenn Miller.

F. B. Employee Retires After 42 Years Service

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS



F.B. "Career Employee" Retires

"SHOULD I LAUGH OR CRY?" asks Miss Neva Kirby, as she displays mixed emotions, — sad to leave the many friends she has made during her 42 years as a Farm Bureau employee, but happy that these friends should pay her tribute. As more than 200 employees extended their best wishes for a happy retirement, the smile won out, which was no surprise to those who have witnessed her cheerful disposition for so many years.

A well-known figure at Farm Bureau Center for the past 42 years, Miss Neva Kirby, was honored recently at a retirement party by more than 200 co-workers and friends.

Also present at the event were several former employees who had worked with Miss Kirby, including Archie Moore, Farm Bureau Services; Einar Ungren, former editor of the Michigan Farm News; Grace Gunther, Printing and Mailing; and Gladys Nichols, Michigan Elevator Exchange.

Wearing a bright red "Neva's Day" sash, Miss Kirby greeted her well-wishers and invited them to be served at a beautifully-decorated refreshment table. She was presented with a Polaroid camera by the Farm Bureau as a memento of her many years' service. The Employees' Credit Union, for which Neva served in various capacities throughout the years, to "see Michigan first."

presented her with a matching pen and pencil set as a token of their appreciation.

Neva began her career 42 years ago with the "Wool and Clothing" Department of the Michigan Farm Bureau. After this department was discontinued, she moved to the Machinery Department of Farm Bureau Services and later was made Office Manager of Farm Equipment. In recent years, she has worked as an Office Manager for Michigan Farm Bureau, in addition to being secretary to Einar Ungren, recently retired Manager of the Information Division and Editor of the Michigan Farm News.

Miss Kirby's retirement agenda is tentative at the moment, however, she does plan to become active in a Veteran's Auxiliary and her Church Guild. As for travel, she wants

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Add More Power to the Executive Office?

Discussion Topic

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Should Americans say, "More power to you, Mr. President." If so, with what consequences? With off-hand indifference, the American people have been transferring power to the President for 30 years. Through four Administrations, involving both parties, the trend has been developing. It matters not under what Administration it occurs, for whenever it does, it is an erosion of the rights and powers of American citizens.

TRANSFERRING powers? Yes. We must remember that whenever more authority is shifted to the President or his appointees, it must be subtracted from the people or from Congress, the representatives of the people. This fact has no relation to year, person or party. It is simple addition and subtraction.

In 1961-62, more than 100 proposals were made to increase the powers of the President. And every step taken in this direction cut more deeply into the fibre of the American Constitution.

In the minds of some Americans dwells a faint memory that our U.S. Constitution declares that "ALL legislative powers shall be vested in Congress;" and that only Congress and the people of the states can amend the Constitution legally.

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America?

Authority of Law of Men?

Until modern times, men were ruled by other men with authority. Self - government was unheard of. Then men asserted their right to govern themselves. But, if not a personal ruler, then the LAW must contain the governing authority. Thus came Constitutions which prescribed and protected the rights of the in-

Government by law is directly opposed to government by men. Men rule by edict. They use personal power to impose their wills upon the people.

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powerful tool, and the President wants to change the rules to Supreme Court handing down decisions that never before found favor in the American

Smoke Screen Around The Constitution

In the 1960's, our people are passively accepting the idea that the Constitution is "whatever the President chooses to read into or out of it." They accept any extreme decision of the Supreme Court as "the law of the land."

Unfortunately, the U.S. Supreme Court can become a tool to enlarge a President's powers. The President appoints the Justices for life terms. After a lengthened era of oneparty government, the Court can become "packed" with Justices owing allegiance to a certain party policy. Such packing has been under way for quite a few years.

Meanwhile political doctrines have grown which find no valid foundation in the U.S. Constitution. The new Justices were men who would support this changing doctrine of government. Decisions came forth that began giving new meaning to various parts of the Constitution. Special wordings of clauses were chosen to support various decisions. The clear intent and purpose of the whole document did not enter the picture. The Constitution was classed as "too old fashioned."

When about five years ago, the Supreme Court was accused of making laws and amending the Constitution by decision, one Justice was quoted as saying that the method provided for amending the Constitution was "too

If such practices can prevail, then the power for making any laws centers in these few men and there is no basic foundation of law that will not shift under the pressure of political doctrine. Law has a shaky foundation. The Constitution can mean whatever the party in power wants it to mean.

This brushes aside the fact that the rights and freedoms of the people-the individual citizen-have protection only in the law. Men can banish the rights of all citizens. Men can favor some and twist the noses of others when they are "above the law.'

Under Freedom, Justice is Impartial

Examine the reason why courts were established. They were to be the "arbiters of law." Under Constitutional law. any citizen, regardless of status or politics, was to be given 'equal consideration of his rights." A fair conclusion could be reached only by an impartial body passing judgmentthe Court.

Industry and labor are both citizen groups, supposedly with equal rights under the law. But in disputes between them, the Courts have been shunted aside by Presidential authority-step by step. First the White House became the arbiter, then the negotiator and finally the dictator of wage price relationships and disputes. Remember the steel incident of April 1962. What happened?

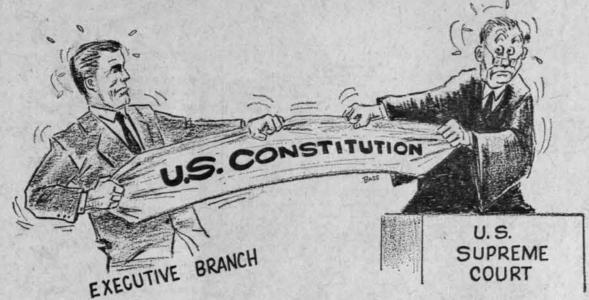
Steel companies were threatened with anti-trust suits and income tax investigations. F.B.I. men started checking on previous steel company statements on labor matters. No halter on labor demands, but a tight one on the industry.

Is this "impartial" treatment of both parties? Can industry take its case to an impartial court? No. And if monopoly exists in the industry it should be banished. But what about monopoly practices by labor? No point on this was raised. Without a court of law, the matter becomes the decision of one man-the President.

When We Focus on the Man . . .

A prime concern of men who seek rule by authority is to create a positive "image" of leadership in the minds of the public. This can be accomplished by publicly highlighting the personality of the leader and his family. The use of newspapers, TV and radio keep this image constantly before the public. The accent is on the man.

What's wrong with this? It's the distracting emphasis. There is danger to our freedoms when the public stress shifts so completely to the man and his supremacy and so positively away from the supremacy of the law of the land. Power is built in the man rather than in the law.



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has used this device to undergird his power.

Is Congress a Tool, Too?

Congress has the role of the "lawmaker" under the Constitution. Presidents have always had the privilege of RECOMMENDING legislation to Congress. The President has also had veto power.

But when Congressional bills are drafted by White House advisers or by Departments of the President's Cabinet, it becomes a new wrinkle. And it weakens the role of Congress. The White House bas much to do with how the budgeted funds are distributed. Support the Administration bill - or you may get cut.

Even a liberal Democrat in the present Congress complained, "Congress is cast in the role of 'the opposition.' Congressmen like to be free to exercise their own judgment or to follow the counsel of their constituents back home." Congressmen ask whether they are mere puppets to be pulled by Presidential strings, or whether they are responsible representatives of their people.

In the 1962 election, the President fought to gain control of Congress. He went out to defeat any Congressman who had not "voted for his programs." Before the election, the President held about a two-thirds majority of his own party in both Houses. But he wanted CONTROL. He asked America for a one-party Congress, in effect. A puppet Congress that would do his bidding.

America's two-party system has been a main line of defense against an abuse of power by either party.

If Not Laws.

Then Regulations

Many of the growing powers of centralized government be-come vested in the President, directly or indirectly. His Administrative Departments and Commissions have control over vast segments of the nation's economy and social life.

Departments and agencies constantly ask for more authority to pass regulations to govern their programs. Such regulations take on the nature of laws and are enforced as such. Their actual basis in law has sometimes been question-

The Department of Labor steps over into agriculture and passes regulations concerning farm workers - regulations that can put many a farmer out of business through the loss of crops or through prohibitive costs.

Some 1962 Requests for Powers

In 1962, the President asked for the power to appoint the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board at any time. This chairman has been customarily appointed for 4-year terms.

The President must choose the chairman from the present members of the Reserve Board. Such men can be "hold-overs" from a previous Administra-

The Federal Reserve Board has full control over the nation's money supply. It controls the printing of government bonds, sets rates of interest, can create "easy money" or "tight money" by its decisions.

Such decisions also contain great political power and influence over the nation. You can buy votes with easy money. Of course, few people realize the inflation that must Every dictator in modern times go along with it. But it is a

get his own man at the head of the Board.

In 1962, the President also took a look at some complaints of industry. Then he asked for Presidential authority to cut taxes, where he saw the need.

Quite aside from the political influence which would accompany such a power, such an act would put him into the field of tax powers. With that foot in the door the step can be taken at a future time to set the tax

Is such a step likely? Rule No. 1 - Where you have government under the authority of men, you may expect "ambition unlimited.'

There is little need to suggest areas where the powers of the President might be expanded. Ample suggestions of this sort have continued to come from the White House.

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To appreciate the meaning of all this, the American people need to have a better understanding and appreciation of their Constitution.

Questions

1. In what ways do the Constitutions of the state and nation serve to protect the rights of all citizens of the nation?

2. In what ways are Presidential powers being substituted for the authority of "the law of the land?" (The law of the land is vested in the Constitution.)

3. Can a free, representative government by the people stand side by side with a trend to increase the powers of the President?

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