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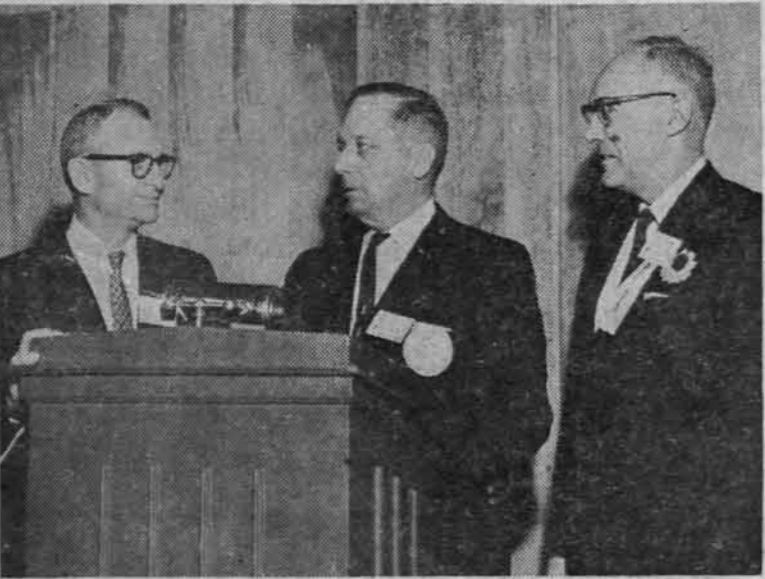
Large Michigan Delegation At Atlanta F.B. Convention

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, including 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 established 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 farmer-legislator.

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 turpentine.

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 campuses.

Massive Roll-Call Drive Underway

Workers Report 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 someone 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 said.

"Tribal" Rivalry

Roger Foersch, Manager of the Organization Division of the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station, has dipped into the state's famed Indian lore to outline a fast-moving membership "battle plan." Included are "Councils-of-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 60 volunteers reported at one kick-off meeting. One Northeast county is near the 70% mark.

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 optimism, typical reports continue to spark enthusiasm.

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

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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.



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 Pridgen 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 organizations.

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," McMillan 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.

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 in Anthony Hall.

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., Detroit, is the speaker.

Banquet tickets are \$5.00 each and may be secured by sending reservations, with money, to Michigan Allied Poultry Industries, P.O. Box 184, East Lansing.

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 Beetle fight.

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 Corporation.

Despite weather complications early in December, the first large shipment, a portion of the total sixty thousand 50 lb. 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 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.



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.

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.

Kent Co.

'Farm Bureau' 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 all 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 Michigan 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 staff members will be in attendance to meet those present.



GAIL PRIDDY

The meeting will officially open in the auditorium at 10 a.m., with Charles Lassiter, Head of the M. S. U. Dairy Department, 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, Michigan.

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 Lansing.

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



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 Bureau.

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 members.

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, St. Anns; 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.

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

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 result.

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 Company.

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

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!



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.

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 well-informed, 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 Synonymous

"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,



State Women's Chairmen Meet

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. Bol-lum, Minnesota; Mrs. Haeflich, Kansas; Mrs. VanWert, 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 attend.

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

Michigan Program Highlighted

At a dinner given for the visiting 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 Washington 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 year's 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 full year of activity.

County Roll-Call Reports Show Promising Membership Effort Throughout Michigan

Antrim

The Antrim County Roll-Call workers believe that full stomachs 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 Bureau.

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

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 Hoot, R. 1, Portland, and Mrs. Francis Larson of R. 4, Ionia.

Following a well-attended Kick-Off meeting late in November,—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. Hoot 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 excellent 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 prospects.

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 Sebawaing.

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-and-send" 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 January.

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

"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 include:

- 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 breakfast, 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.

What Is It Worth?

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

"In dollars, it's worth nearly \$7 1/2 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 policy to make available only quality products at a fair price, Koning said.

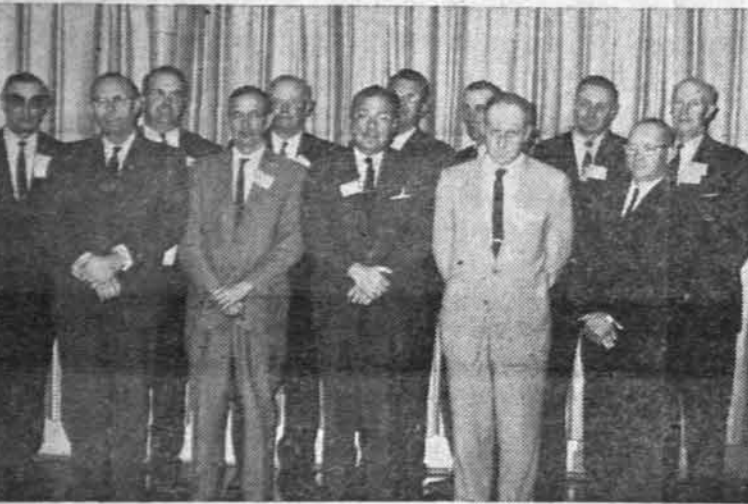
"What's your cooperative worth? Much more, I'm sure, than we appreciate," he concluded.

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 customers.

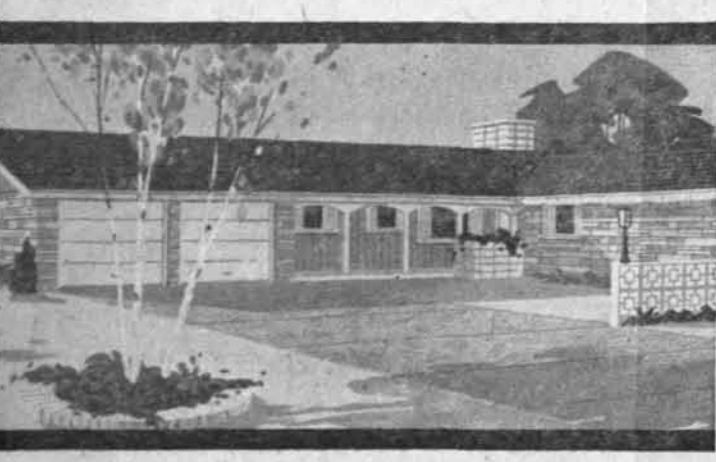
Board Re-Elected

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.

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Add More Power to the Executive Office?

Discussion Topic

DONALD D. KINSEY

Coordinator, Education and Research

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.

American government was so organized as to prevent any despotic concentration of power in any branch — the Judicial, Legislative or Executive. The law of the land protected the people from the rule of any all-powerful authority or a privileged few.

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 individual.

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.

Given such authority, they can make the laws, change them to suit their own purposes—or forget them entirely. **THE AUTHORITY LIES IN THE MEN IN THIS CASE AND NOT IN THE LAW.** Is this happening in America?

Look closely. You will find departments of the Executive Branch drafting laws, submitting them to Congress, and pressure-lobbying to force their passage. You will find Congressmen under pressure to vote for these bills or face the loss of defense contracts, power dams, airports or other federal allotments in their districts. It is in the Congressional Record. You will find the U.S.

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

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 one-party 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 slow."

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 judgment—the 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?

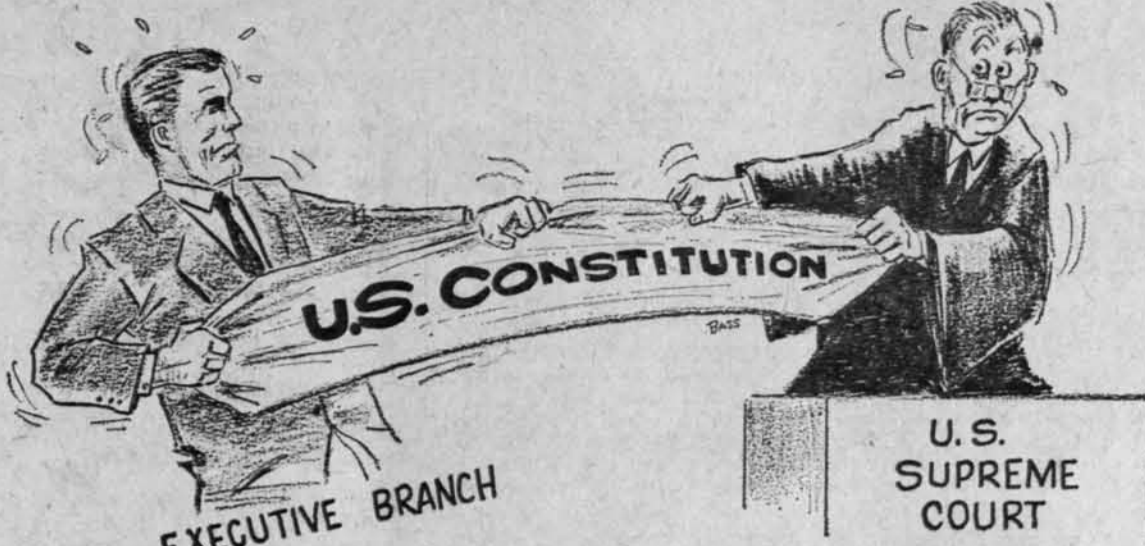
Steel companies were threatened with anti-trust suits and income tax investigations. F.B.I. men started checking on previous steel company statements on labor matters. No halt on labor demands, but a tight one on the industry.

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. Every dictator in modern times



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has used this device to undermine 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 has 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 become 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 questionable.

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 Administration.

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 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 levels.

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.

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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