WE THANK THEE, LORD—
For Thy countless blessings,
For fertile flocks and fields,
For needed strength to labor ...
And produce such bounteous yields!

WE BOW TO THEE—
For cool of rain and warmth of sun
To nourish Thy fruitful soil,
For rich rewards provided ...
By the sweat of honest toil.

OUR THANKS TO THEE—
For constant love of family,
And helpful, neighborly hand,
For souls free to come to thee
— For the freedom of our land.
—By Connie Nelson
Meat for Thought

There is little time left for farming these days by the president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, Charles B. Shuman. He is an extremely busy man.

His presence is often requested by farm leaders and others who are hopeful that he can attend their annual meeting or other special event. He tries vainly but valiantly without much success to reduce the 300-mile-a-month record which he has established since assuming the presidency. But even with his record pace, he will have 40 public engagements and a total of 300,000 miles to drive. Many of the events are in states which do not have this confidence, there would be other states which have.

red meat needs, and per-capita consumption has been dropping. Yet, Michigan "exports" a produce storage bins. He found the Beef Research Center an expression of confidence by Michigan farmers. 

Shuman said.

"If Michigan farmers did not have this confidence in the future to plan for it," he was pleased.

The completed ceremonies for our new Beef Cattle Research Center are a marvel of organization to date has not mar- keted a single pound of meat or gotten a single extra penny for doing so.

"It is extremely unlikely that it ever will.

"What would the farmer get in return? (for his NFO membership — ed. note) A guaranty of market or a guarantee of pay such as MMFA members get? Guarantees or natural dis- tress payments? Check testing, quality assurance, etc.? A proven record of performance? What would it do for them? A few very short paragraphs in the NFO membership agreement, however, are a reminder that the organization are defined thusly:

"NFO shall not become legal in the production of these activities but must remain within the framework of a serv- ice organization bargaining for its members...

"NFO actually does not commit itself to even this restricted responsibility, for it does not sign the agreement and gives the NFO Board of Directors all at most dictatorial power.

"Thus, the producer who does not sign the agreement, and binds himself to its terms, gives NFO to black chalk with abso- lutely no assurance of getting any return in turn for his labor from the labor market, he can do so, and he is not likely to pile up to cause more trouble in his future bargaining.

"Marketing activity must be done by the farmers themselves if it is going to really serve the farmers. Outside influences furnishing money to organize farmers will surely work to their detriment.

Others are not going to be financing farm organizations unless they think it is going to work to their advantage.

Besides, the type of activity that has been going on recently and has been referred to in many publications, is much too costly, both in dues and commissions. A 2% deduction in a short crop year. The Great Lakes Cherry Bargaining Association has operated efficiently mostly on a 2% deduction.

Also, we must remember that to be effectual in many instances, we have to start at the production end. Our egg marketing program starts with the kind of chicks we buy; we comes proper feed and proper handling of the eggs — all of which affects the quality of the product when it reaches the retail store.

The consolidation of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., with the Michigan Elevator Exchange is another move in the field of grain and bean marketing. The new terminal built at Saginaw will give access to ocean shipping and foreign trade.

The oldest marketing organization we have in Michigan is the Michigan Milk Producers Asso- ciation. The consolidation and its success in marketing have, over the years, put millions of dollars in the pockets of dairymen.

They have often been able to market milk for many dollars per hundred pounds above the weight above the Federal order price. This is an illustration of what good leadership can do in the marketing of farm products.

We are doing this through the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association. The next one will be for pickling cucumbers — then asparagus, and so it goes. The farmers have a real opportunity to meet the competition created by the consolid- ation of buying power into fewer hands through big retail and processing companies.

As we said before, farmers must work together better, in order to get the job done. Let's not let someone else do it for us. There are those who would like to.

W. W.
WARNING—Water Pollution Brings Stiff Penalty

Michigan, the “Water Wonderland.” Bubbling brooks, crystal springs, churning rivers . . . flowing, cooling, sometimes killing.

A small factory located along a river has a waste disposal problem. Solution—dump it in the water!

Lacking funds to properly treat its refuse, a city sewage department answers the problem by dumping it into the nearby river. And a farmer loading his spray rig at the waterfront inadvertently spills a sodium arsenite solution into the water.

The net result of hundreds of such occurrences is water pollution, dead fish choking the streams, sludgy grey water slowly swirling in once clear rivers, and possible death to livestock and humans who daily consume millions of gallons of Michigan’s once abundant water supply.

In 1949, the Water Resources Commission was created, taking the place of the Stream Control Commission. One of the new agency’s principal duties is the “protection of surface and underground waters from unlawful pollution.”

Under present pollution laws, individuals are responsible for damages caused by their actions, even if accidental. Where willful pollution is detected, the individual faces criminal liability with a penalty not to exceed $500 per day each day of the violation.

Recognizing the Commission’s tremendous task, the Michigan Farm Bureau commended the agency for its work in controlling water pollution at the Bureau’s annual meeting last year.

The resolution called for continuing pressure to be employed to keep the present unpolluted waters clean, and to hasten the cleaning up of present unlawfully polluted waters.

Because of the great quantities of chemicals used by agriculture, some highly poisonous when improperly used, the farmer can be a source of stream pollution.

Only through a constant awareness by farmers that chemicals they use, can accidental pollution be prevented.

“Familiarity breeds contempt” the old saying goes, and as the farmer daily mixes hundreds of pounds of potential poison he becomes less conscious of the deadly mixtures he produces in his efforts to feed a rapidly expanding nation.

Reports made to the Water Resources Commission contain references to bugs found floating in streams and rivers which had contained DDT spray material indicating that little thought had been given to the possible dangerous conditions created.

Yet farmers are not selfishly careless in this regard, for many thoughtlessly expose themselves to dangerous amounts of lethal chemicals in their rush to get the job done in a limited amount of time.

Weather conditions often limit to a few hours the time available for carrying out specific spray activities.

Those who work in agriculture must continually remind themselves, as farmers, they are responsible for the chemicals they use, and because of this should be very conscious of the potency of the materials used.

An important consideration must be the attitude of the public toward farmers and toward their continued right to use water from lakes and streams.

No more jokes about Limburger cheese, please! Limburger cheese production in 1962 was up 25% over the year before.

Sure way to extra profits...

a modern concrete stave silo

A concrete stave silo fits perfectly the demands of modern farming. Today’s silos can be made completely automatic. A simple throw of a switch saves the silage—your farm’s most nutritious feed—where you want it, when you want it. Hours of chore-time drudgery are saved.

Building a silo is like expanding your farm acreage. You feed 3 cows from the same land it took to feed 2! By harvesting corn or forage as silage, you save from 20 to 50 per cent more of the plants, compared to cribbing ear corn or putting up cured hay. Also, for storing high-moisture shelled corn, siloing does a more economical job than a concrete stave silo.

In fact, a concrete silo is your best all-around buy. Initial cost is low and concrete will give a lifetime of service with minimum upkeep.

Test after test by agricultural colleges and the experience of top farmers show the advantages of silos for beef and dairy cattle. See your local silo builder for help in planning your mechanized feed lot. And write for the booklet offered below.

IT EARN ITS KEEP A DOZEN TIMES OVER

Few tools you use can help pay for themselves as fast as a handy extension phone right where you need it. You may find it pays its monthly cost in a very few days—just in the time you save by running to the house phone.

An extension can also pay several times its monthly cost in important calls you don’t miss, forget, or postpone. Prove it to yourself. Call us and find out the low monthly cost for a handy extension phone in your barn. Then figure how many times the added convenience will save you that amount. You’ll probably order a new extension phone right then and there.

MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS November 1, 1963
School Aid and Tax Reform

One of the most important parts of Farm Bureau's Tax Reform Program is the need for changes in the School Aid Act.

Presently the Special session of the legislature is concerned with the general tax structure, and farmers have made it clear that tax reform must include significant reductions in property taxes. However, further relief on property taxes can be obtained by a proper and more equitable school aid formula.

Governor Romney in his message to the legislature recognized this problem as a part of fiscal reform and indicated he would have specific recommendations to present to the regular session in January.

The present formula is based on $254 gross allowance per pupil with 3% mills deductible. In order to qualify, a school district must levy at least 6 mills of local property tax. To receive maximum state aid, 8 mills must be raised locally.

The deductible millage factor in the formula is for equalizing purposes.

The wealthy school districts get less state aid and the poor districts have not been instrumental in raising the deductible millage to the present 13% mills.

Present Farm Bureau delegation policy believes that this factor should be as high as 8 mills, in order to equalize educational opportunity.

Example: The average per pupil valuation is approximately $14,500. Under the present formula a poor school district (for instance $5,000 per pupil valuation) receives about $295 per pupil state aid.

A wealthier district ($25,000 per pupil) receives $127. With an 8 mill deductible factor and adjustment in the gross allowance, the poor district could receive $235 per pupil and the wealthier district $75 per pupil.

It can be seen that the number of state dollars could be the same but the distribution would be changed considerably.

High valuation per child is quite often the result of high valuable commercial and industrial properties within the school district. Deductible millage is a method of making taxes from such property available to schools with low valuation property bases.

The state aid act, as we now know it, is being questioned in many quarters.

Many people, interested in equal educational opportunities, believe that new methods for achieving such a goal should be studied. They ask: Is property valuation the only factor that should be considered in a school aid formula? Should other factors be considered, such as: regional differences, sparsity and density patterns, school programs, and income level of the community?

For instance the 1961 state county average property tax millage for all school purposes was 17.4%, based on income the average was 2.49%. One county levied 22.6 mills or 2.5% of its property value which required 4.7% of its income.

As one of the state's leading agricultural enterprises, the Michigan beet sugar industry last year contributed over $25,000,000 to the economic growth of Michigan, weather levied 13.8 mills advanced technology and planting methods the farmers of Michigan will realize even greater returns in the future. But it doesn't stop there. As the best sugar industry producers so does Michigan and the scores of communities that lie in and around the best producing areas. If it's a wise use of your money, thank you for buying the finest sugar in all the world . . . MICHIGAN MADE PURE SUGAR.

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Knirk Elected Chairman of Agricultural Commission

Blanche Knirk, prominent Branch county farmer and former vice president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, was elected chairman of the Michigan Agricultural Commission at its October meeting.

Knirk, a cattle and hog feeder of Quincy, was named to the Commission in March by Governor Romney.

As chairman, he succeeds Edgar Wright, Saginaw. Other officers are Charles Zoller, Benton Harbor, vice chairman, and Mrs. Kay Sleik, Iron Mountain, secretary. Others on the five-member commission are Mr. Wright and R. K. Stout, Marshall.
FREEDOM ENDS...
WHEN PEOPLE FAIL TO SPEAK

A WALL AROUND FAILURE?

"Can it be that those who want all of American Agriculture controlled instead of the 25% now under government programs, can't stand the comparison between the failures of the bureaucratic portions as compared with the successes of the open, competitive market?"

THE SLAVE SECTOR CANNOT STAND THE COMPARISON WITH THE FREE SECTOR, EITHER IN BERLIN OR IN AMERICAN FARMING!"

Charles B. Shuman, President American Farm Bureau Federation

BUILD FARM BUREAU
Calhoun Women Hold Rural-Urban Event

To "better acquaint urban friends with the work Farm Bureau is doing in solving problems that affect both rural and urban people," the Calhoun County FB held its annual Rural-Urban Day in mid-September with 40 ladies present.

Mrs. Rosottl Wight, a dietician (and daughter of Calhoun County's new Women's chairman, Fred Wight) gave a talk on "What is Farm Bureau" — who may belong, its various activities — especially its legislative program — and how the wheat referendum affected all of the people.

The successful event closed with an audience participation question-and-answer period.

Oakland FB Holds Bi-partisan "Citizens' Political Forum"

Farm Bureau Women played a large part in the success of a "Citizens' Political Forum" held recently in Rochester. The multi-group sponsored affair was the first of its kind in Oakland County.

Mrs. Maurine Scramlin, state Women's vice-chairman; Mrs. Leona Hutchings, county Women's chairman; and Mrs. Betty Perrett, vice-chairman; Mrs. Ed Bourne, legislative chairman; and Mrs. Ruth Beardsley, Women's Committee member, along with their county president, Edward Wight, represented the Oakland County Farm Bureau.

With the theme, "Let the citizen's voice again be heard," the forum featured such political headliners as Governor George Romney, Speaker of the Michigan House, Mrs. Wight is doing "Whatever" and her patience lies..." asked Mrs. Wight, informed the group that diabetes could live a long, healthy and useful life if, when symptoms appeared, they would see their doctor immediately and follow his instructions.

Calhoun County Dairy Princess, Candy Crandall, pleased the audience with her presentation, rendition of "Spenderella and the Cane."

Who's My Candidate, regional representative for Michigan Farm Bureau, and Mrs. Glen Hombaker, chairman of the Farm Bureau Women, gave a skit on "What is Farm Bureau" — who may belong, its various activities — especially its legislative program — and how the wheat referendum affected all of the people.

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Candidates for State Office

Miss Henrietta Burch, Wayne county, is a candidate for state vice-chairman of the Farm Bureau Women's Committee. She specializes in vegetable and greenhouse gardening at her farm near Plymouth.

Miss Burch is a member of the advisory council of the Detroit Consumer Information office.

Her Farm Bureau activities include service as secretary and discussion leader of her community group, county women's chairman and legislative committee work. She has also served as district treasurer and vice-chairman.

Miss Burch is sponsored by the Wayne County Women's Committee.

Mrs. WM. (Maurine) Scramlin, Oakland county, is a candidate for state chairman of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women. The Scramlins live on a dairy and general farm near Holly. Mrs. Scramlin, the mother of five children, has been a 4-H leader for 15 years. She has served on the county Extension Council and worked with the Citizens Non-partisan League.

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She is sponsored by the Kalamazoo County Women's Committee.

Mrs. Jerold (Maxine) Topliff, Ingham county, is a candidate for state vice-chairman of the Farm Bureau Women. The Topliffs live on a farm near East Lansing, specializing in dairying, field crops and maple syrup.

Mrs. Topliff is a 4-H leader in her area and is vice-president of the local high school booster club. She is active in county Extension and Eastern Star work and is stewardship chairman of her church's Sunday School primary department.

Her Farm Bureau activities include district Women's chairman. She was winner of her county "Secretary of the Year" award for community groups, and has worked on Information and Resolutions committees.

Mrs. Topliff is sponsored by the Ingham County Farm Bureau Women's Committee.

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Annual Meeting Speakers Include Governor Romney

A singing auctioneer who farms in Illinois—a world traveller who formerly served as President of the College of West Africa, and Michigan Governor George Romney are among personalities scheduled for the fast-moving programs of the 44th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Held in the Auditorium of Michigan State University on the dates of November 11-13-15, the three-day program will be packed with events that include the formal resolution sessions and election of directors in the "odd numbered" districts of 1-3-5-7-9-11, One "Director at Large" will also be named.

Governor Romney will speak to the delegate body and guests on Tuesday, November 12 at 11:00 a.m. The singing auctioneer is Jim DeCap, Whiteside County, (Illinois) livestock and grain farmer. He is rated as one of the top auctioneers of the Midwest and his rendition of the difficult "Auctioneer Song" at the American Farm Bureau convention in Atlanta, Georgia, was an instantaneous hit.

He will be heard at the annual banquet, Monday night, November 11.

Dr. John Faraby, who has flown more than 3,000,000 miles for Trans World Airlines, earning him the title of the "world's most travelled man," will be the principal speaker at the banquet. Dr. Faraby, a singing auctioneer, will present a program of general interest. He is known as "Radio Friest" by his extensive radio and television appearances to his credit.

A Wisconsin dairyman who has served as the President of the American Dairy Association, will fill in the past-president slot of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women program for the Michigan Farm Bureau Women at their special session during the annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, Monday afternoon, November 11.

It is again planned that the Michigan Farm Bureau Women will attend the regular session of the annual meeting program in the morning and the Michigan Farm Bureau Women will attend the regular session of the annual meeting program in the afternoon.

Besides Dr. Cederquist, the keynote speaker will include an address by Dr. Kenneth Hood, Michigan Farm Bureau, at $1.25 each. Reservations for the box-lunch will be accepted through the Clerical Department of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women.

The State Chairman's report by Mrs. Arthur Muir will precede the speaking program, as will the election of State Committee members. The banquet program will round out the Women's program.

Commodity Programs Begin with Luncheon

Topics that range from the meaning of "thirty-six silos in a Saginaw Field" to "World Markets for Milk Products" will be explored during a series of five commodity conferences scheduled as part of the 44th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau. A noon luncheon program will precede the regional conferences.

FRUIT and VEGETABLES, Dairy, Field Crops, Poultry and Livestock conferences will all run simultaneously Monday afternoon, November 11.

Singing Auctioneer will open the luncheon meetings. Dr. Kenneth Hood will be the principal speaker at the big banquet. Tickets for the event are available through County Farm Bureau offices.

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FB Women Hold Special Afternoon Session

A popular speaker with a "no-nonsense" attitude about food is Dr. Dena Cederquist, head of the Foods and Nutrition Department of Michigan State University. She will appear before the Farm Bureau Women at their special session during the annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, Monday afternoon, November 11.

She will talk on "What's new in Michigan's new egg law" and "Agriculture and the Consumer." Mrs. Arthur Muir will introduce Dr. Cederquist and tell the problems and possibilities we face in the future. His humor and dynamic speaking ability have placed him in constant demand. He is the guest lecturer through the courtesy of General Motors.

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FARM TALENT WINNER— From Illinois, Jim DeCap, will be featured on the banquet program of the MFB annual meeting, November 11. DeCap has many radio and television appearances to his credit.
Four Thousand Volunteer Workers!

An impressive "army" numbering 4,000 Farm Bureau Volunteer Roll-Call workers have pledged themselves to the kind of membership campaign that may place the Michigan Farm Bureau in the enviable spot of "first in the nation" to reach its American membership goal.

This goal has been an elusive target, set high enough to be attainable, but not without substantial effort. This year, Farm Bureau officials feel confident that it will be reached early in the membership year.

They base their predictions on a number of encouraging signs, chief among them, the 50 to 75 percent per county who are serving as Captains and volunteer workers in the campaign to reach a Michigan goal of 70,525 Farm Bureau family memberships in 1964.

This means the addition of 767 new members, plus enough replacements for "old" members who cease to farm, become ineligible, or for similar reasons fail to renew their membership.

The Michigan Farm Bureau has one of the lowest "back door" loss ratios of any state, with only a slightly greater number failing to renew. Many farm organizations consider a 10% or higher figure to be normal.

Last year one Michigan county, (Menominee in the Upper Peninsula) signed 100% of its previous more time and energy for volunteer workers to bring new member applications along to the training sessions at which they were supposed to learn how to fill them out.

Three distinct phases have been planned for this year's Roll-Call work, beginning in October with a direct mail campaign of renewal notices to all present members. This will be followed by a training period, culminating in the state-wide drive December 2, which begins at the mail campaign ends.

"Every mail renewal that arrives in a county office releases more time and energy for volunteer workers," reports Roger Foerch, Manager of the Organization Division.

"Fast is the busiest time on the farm, and both time and money can be stretched, through early returns on the mail campaign." Foerch suggests that those members who have not yet responded to the mail renewal campaign should USP so to make their dues go farther and do more work for agriculture.

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| Calcium | 5.0 |
| Magnesium | 1.0 |
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2. Feed for at least 3 weeks.

FOR POULTRY

STATE MOVES TO Wipe Out Hog Cholera

Michigan's $22 million swine industry has entered a cooperative hog cholera program with the USDA, the 35th state to do so, according to Dr. John Quinn, state Department of Agriculture veterinarian.

At present, there are about 790,000 swine in the state.

Recognizing the disease as a threat to the Michigan swine industry, a committee was formed in 1960. One of the members, and presently chairman of the committee is Dr. Pidgeon, Montgomery swine breeder and a member of the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors.

Other members of the committee include: William McCalla, An Arbor swine breeder; James Prince, East Lansing, president of the Michigan Livestock Auction Association; John Anderson, Muskegon, Michigan Meat Packers Association; Dr. George Berglund, Camopsul veterinarian; Robert Niles, MSU animal husbandry department; and Dr.
Let's Reverse the Record

Teen-Age Rides and Midnight Wrecks

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Are farm people sleeping well these nights? Should they? Based on insurance records, rural teen-agers have the most destructive driver record of any group in the state. The damage they create exceeds that of young drivers in the city. Why is this so?

Adult farm drivers have a better than average safety record. But before the "oldsters" start swaggering, let them take a closer look at the facts. And let them consider carefully the possible consequences of the teen-age driver's rising accident rate. Just what can the parents do to reverse this record?

Are the kids really so much worse on the road than Dad and Mother? It may take the elders down a peg to find that the "kids" do not pose any more accidents than their parents. The record is not all against the young folks.

But young people today are driving more miles than their parents. Michigan State University finds that they have more exposure to traffic and at more dangerous periods of the day.

Rural Youth

Spin Off the Miles

In Michigan nearly all teen-agers get driver's licenses by the age of 18. Teen-agers are about 22% of the population. The youngsters are the most hazardous drivers according to their personal make-up. Their driving reflects emotional problems in their lives.

Studies by Dr. William A. Marts of the Michigan Agricultural College's University Traffic Safety Center reveals that people who conflict with traffic laws have drive automobiles according to their personal make-up. Their driving reflects emotional problems in their lives.

The occasional "hot rodder" with his souped-up "Roaster" is a special case. Michigan State University studies reveal that people who conflict with traffic laws have drive automobiles according to their personal make-up. Their driving reflects emotional problems in their lives.

But the young person, feeling this power, is tempted to test its limits. That is a natural impulse. The child is forever testing his own limits. He runs as fast as he can and jumps as far and high as he can.

This impulse carries over to the car, "to try it out "see what she can do!" As a result of this, you get "scream take-offs" with tires protesting and screaming.

The home is the basic training ground for the habits and attitudes that carry over into the driving situation. There must be love for the child. Rejected children become dangerous basic personalities. The "Fast Cat" can teach us this point.

But discipline should be positive. We should show our children what to do and how to do it. This is not to be confused with overprotecting the child nor letting him "solo". Teach him to handle his own affairs with good judgment. Sit down and analyze his problems with him so that he can appreciate the consequences of right and wrong decisions.

Where training is negative—simply a "barbed wire entanglement of DONT'S"—the child rebels at the earliest opportunity. Nor is discipline based on fear the answer. Fear is a retreat reaction. It can never yield positive and confident attitudes and habits. Discipline is based on understanding and influence. The emotion, not learning dominates the child.

By contrast, the child needs to learn to be proud of his record because it is well done. He must not have every decision simply on the fear that he will make a mistake. Self-control is a positive thing rather than a defensive attitude from which he has need to escape.
Most of State's Red Meat Produced Outside Michigan

Only about one out of every four of those juicy steaks and chops you eat are produced in Michigan. The others are shipped in from other regions of the corn belt.

"More than 70 per cent of the red meat we consume is produced outside state," according to Leonard Kyle, agricultural economist with the Michigan Cooperative Extension Service.

Lowered transportation costs and timely marketing of livestock are two advantages for increasing the state's livestock production.

Feed costs are about the same as in other parts of the eastern Corn Belt.

"Feed is one-half to three-quarters of the cost of producing livestock," says the economist.

"Reasonable feed costs made Michigan farmers competitive in the past and is a major reason why they have increased steer feeding by 50 per cent in the last 10 years."

But all costs of production aren't in their favor. "Hired labor rates are higher than most of the other Midwest livestock producing states," says Kyle. "Land is also basically higher priced because of the pressure of urban real estate development and taxes in an industrialized state."

The basic question of whether livestock production can greatly expand in the years ahead must be answered by individuals and not on a state basis.

"You have already done so much and we are grateful," was one of many comments praising the activities of the Tuscola County Farm Bureau made by Vo-Ag instructors attending a dinner-meeting honoring them and their wives, August 29, at Caro.

The dinner, served by the following program was the information committee.

The special guests along with the county board members listened to Mrs. Carpenter, chairman of the information committee, as she explained how the county FB operates.

Les Bollwahn, coordinator of Farm Bureau Young People, then discussed FB's role in state and national affairs, tracing the history of the organization from its beginning to its present multidivision structure.

A spirited discussion highlighted the evening as FB members and Vo-Ag teachers examined their roles in agriculture and found areas in which both groups might better work together in serving the agricultural community.

The teachers were told that the Tuscola FB would again honor the county winners of the FFA district soil and water projects at their annual meeting in October.

"The dinner—a banquet, and Farm Bureau's generosity in helping the future farmers has given us a pleasant evening," summed up Lyle Clark, Vo-Ag teacher from Cass City.

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