

# Michigan Farm News

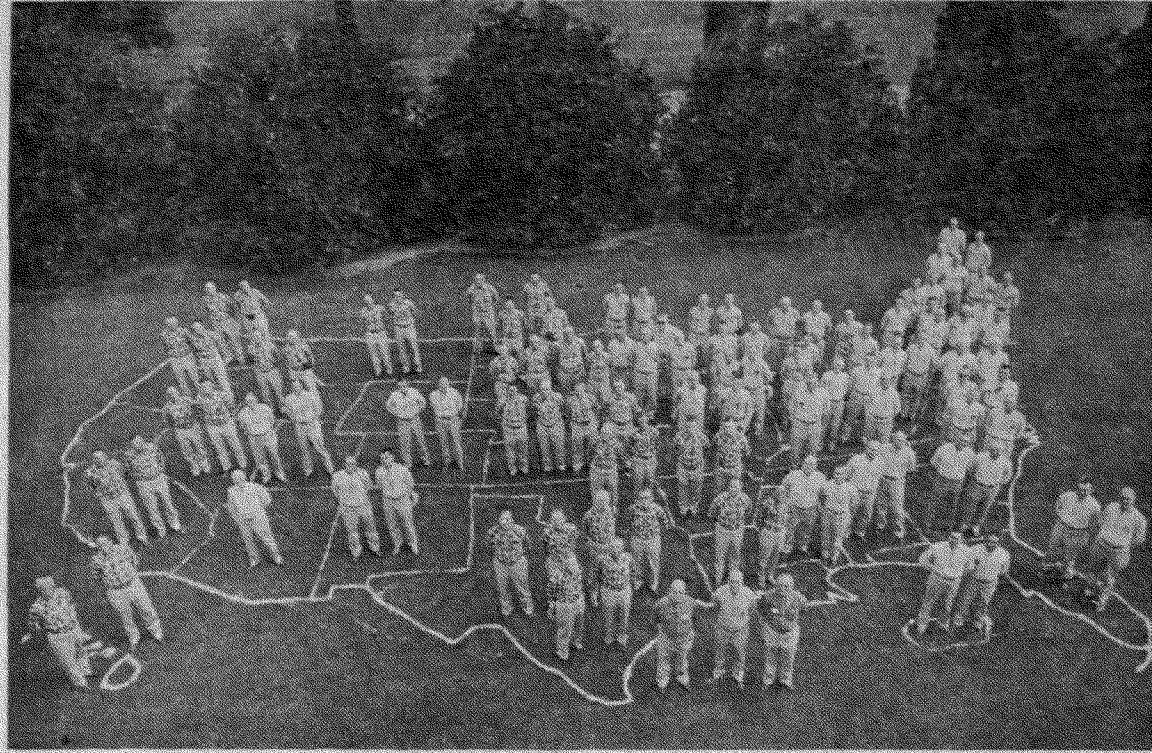
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## CONSERVATIONISTS GATHER IN ARIZONA

SOIL CHAMPIONS.—from nearly every state in the Union, including Michigan, pose in position on their "home state" for a giant photo-map during a recent trip to Goodyear Farms at Litchfield Park, Arizona. Michigan winners were Farm Bureau members, Alvin Kersten of Capac and Franklin J. Kells of Goodells. Dressed in souvenir western clothing, the men spent four days of relaxation and study of conservation problems and practices.

## Feb. 7-8 "Freedom Conference" Program Features Top Talent

### Refugees To Explain Cuba Happenings

How well are Americans doing in protecting their freedoms?

That question is one of many to be examined at the two-day, 5th annual Freedom Conference, sponsored by the Family Program Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau, February 7-8, at Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant. Among the unusual presentations scheduled are first-hand reports from two Cuban businessmen, now refugees from the Castro regime.

### Fled For Their Lives

Manuel Lasada and Antonio Lopez, along with thousands of other property owners, fled for their lives to the United States mainland as the Red Tide rolled in. They will tell of events leading to their decision to flee.

Other top attractions include talks by a Michigan educator, a well-known broadcast official and a Washington columnist.

John McGoff, a broadcaster picked as "most outstanding of the year" by the national honorary broadcast fraternity, is scheduled to speak on the Feb. 8 program. A former Michigan State University staff member, McGoff is president of the Mid-State Broadcasters, operating radio stations in Flint, Midland, Detroit, East Lansing, and Ann Arbor. His positive, conservative philosophy has attracted wide attention and acclaim.

"Washington News Bear" editor, Glenn Martz, is a long-time newsman and prominent lecturer on the American scene. His work is primarily devoted to spotlighting government principles that in his words "Have made America the greatest nation of free people on the earth." In recent years he has lectured widely in defense of the Free Enterprise idea. Martz will be heard in the forenoon of the second day.

He is expected to trace the history of the American free enterprise system and show how it has been responsible for the developments of the greatest civilization in world history in the short space of 185 years. "I intend to evaluate current Washington proposals, most of which are short term plans that violate all economic laws," Martz says.

The Zeeland High School course about Communism will be explained by Edward Van Hartesvelt, teacher of American history and English.

"What are the theories of Communism?—its nature, its goals?" Questions such as these are raised by the course of study prepared by Van Hartesvelt, who will outline the work he is doing with High School young people on the afternoon program of the first day.

Van Hartesvelt is expected to tell why he felt such a course was important, his reasons in selection of course-content, and to cover basic theories and the nature of Communism along with policies we might adopt as a nation in reaction to it.

Congressman Charles Chamberlain of Michigan's 6th District, a member of the Armed Services Committee, plans to secure a Defense Department presentation on "How well are we doing in protecting our freedom?"

Flannelgraphs, films, discussion sessions and workshops will supplement the headline speakers. One session will be devoted to "political action" programs and will outline the role of the individual in the party of his choice.

"There is room for more to attend," reports J. Delbert Wells, Chairman of the Conference Committee.

## Holiday Camp

Farm Bureau Women of Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5 are making plans for another outstanding "Women's Holiday" to be held at Wesley Woods Camp on Clear Lake, near Dowling, April 3-4.

"Education" will be this year's camp theme, with specialists on education scheduled to appear. A highlight of the camp will be a tour of Farm Bureau Services Egg Marketing plant at Jenison. Campers, with their popular "tote bags," will enjoy an excellent program with hobbies and recreation in the winterized facilities.

## Boy Scout Week

The Boy Scouts of America celebrate their 53rd anniversary February 6-13 during "Boy Scout Week." Theme of the observance will be "Strengthen America... Be Prepared, Be Fit." Edgar Wolfe, director of Rural Relationships, points out that nearly one third of the 100 merit-badge subjects of the Boy Scouts are related to agriculture.

# "No" To Freeman Wheat Scheme

## Roll-Call Continues Number-One Project

### Six Counties Report "Over Goal"

As of press-time, total state-wide membership in the Michigan Farm Bureau is 64,683 family memberships, placing the state at 91 per cent of goal. Renewals and new memberships are arriving at a brisk pace, matched only by the sharp, freezing weather general over the state.

Unreported membership known to be secured in areas of the state indicate that another three to five per cent of the state goal has been reached.

Six County Farm Bureaus have announced "over goal" as of January 15, and a substantial list of other counties

are nearing this magic-membership mark.

First to reach goal was Marquette-Alger, with Montmorency close to follow. Others reaching goal in quick succession include: Clinton, Missaukee, Montcalm and Eaton.

At the 95 per cent or better figure are at least another six counties, including Bay, Kalamazoo, Chippewa, Benzie, Alcona and Saginaw.

Reorganization effort is the battle cry, according to Roger Foerch, Manager of the Organization Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau. "Now is the time to put all effort into Roll-Call work,—to reorganize the drive in every county. —If we do, we can reach goal in February, making Michigan the first state in the Midwest to do so," Foerch said.

## County News Notes About Farm Bureau People and Places

### VAN BUREN

Jesse A. Baushke, a member of the Van Buren County Farm Bureau for many years, has been named top soil conservation farmer of that county.

Baushke, who grows strawberries and other fruit on a 150-acre farm near Decatur, was selected for the honor by directors of the Van Buren Soil Conservation district.

### EATON

The Eaton County Co-op annual meeting featured Dr. Gar Wood, Michigan State University Agricultural Economics Department, as main speaker. Wood discussed "Organization Problems of a Farm Cooperative in Colombia, South America."

He recently returned from a two-year assignment in Colombia where he worked closely with the actual organization of a farmers' cooperative.

### CLINTON

Robert Zeeb, Bath, who farms 439 acres in partnership with his father and uncle, was named "Outstanding Young Farmer" by the St. Johns Jaycees.

Zeeb is president of the Clinton County Dairy Herd Improvement Association, and is on the board of directors of the Clinton County Farm Bureau.

### WASHTENAW

One of the charter members of the Farm Bureau Women's Committee, Mrs. Homer Stofor of Lyndon Township, recently passed away. Mrs. Stofor was well-known throughout the county for her many Farm Bureau and community activities and will be missed by her countless friends.

## Farmers Reject Referendum Wedge

### Opposition Mounts to Rigid Controls in Multiple-Price "Certificate" Plan

The coming wheat referendum provides the best place to stop complete government control of your farm.

If farmers reject the Freeman "multiple-price, Certificate" scheme for wheat offered in the referendum, they will have once again said loud and clear that each intends to remain boss of his own farm.

### 'Supply-Management'

If farmers accept the control scheme as authorized by Congress and as planned by Secretary Freeman and U.S.D.A. employees, they will have paved the way for full-scale supply-management control of their operations, including controls on feed grains complete with cross-compliance, and eventual controls on livestock.

In past referendums, farmers had no clear-cut choice before them. Their only choice was between price supports at substantial levels or no supports at all. The new referendum provides farmers with their first clear-cut decision.

### 1962 Law

The Agricultural Act of 1962 provides a multiple-price idea for wheat, tied to the highest, most binding government controls ever seriously considered for any commodity. Strict acreage allotments, a new, tougher type of marketing quotas, "diverted acre" controls and vast new powers to the Secretary of Agriculture, are included.

Before the scheme can be placed into effect by the Secretary, law requires that it be placed before wheat growers of the United States in referendum, and receive a favorable vote by two-thirds of those voting.

### Control-Contraption

The Certificate plan assumes that there are two main wheat "markets"—the "primary use market" and the "secondary feed-grain and world use market." Considered primary is that wheat used domestically as food, plus those portions of the export market as "determined by the Secretary." Marketing certificates would be issued on the basis of production-history without regard to milling or baking quality, or actual use of the wheat.

Certificate wheat would be supported at 65 to 90 per cent of parity, "at the Secretary's discretion,"—while non-certificate wheat would be supported in a complicated ratio that takes into consideration feed value, relation to feed grains, and world market prices.

All producers would have to sell part of their production on the "non-certificate" market,

### Cuts and More Cuts

Farmers must not assume that the program as offered will bear close relationship to the program as operated. To begin, it appears the Secretary will draw a fine line between what he intends to do, and what he thinks farmers will allow him to do. Forcing the issue is the portion of the law which requires that wheat allotments "be no more than necessary to produce one-billion bushels of wheat per year." In view of past production levels, cuts of up to 40 per cent are in the offing, yet the Secretary talks of only a 10 per cent cut "for the first year." His reasons for delay are obvious.

### Eligible Voters

Referendum rules allow a much wider participation than usual, with anyone who has grown wheat in any or all of the past three years eligible, providing they "elect" to sign up to participate in the control program if the referendum carries. Any grower with an allotment of 15 acres or more is eligible to vote without further need to register. Included, too, are all who have legal interest in the crop, including tenants, landlords, wives and older children.

The more liberal rules allow a total of 81,283 Michigan growers to vote, if all that are eligible register, compared to 12,527 in the last referendum. Under the law, the Secretary has between now and April 15 to announce terms of the program and the referendum date. The actual vote must take place within 60 days of the announcement and must be held by June 15.

In planning all-out support to an information program aimed at a "no" vote, Michigan Farm Bureau officials point out that "growers must realize there is no assurance that acceptance of the program will cause supports to continue anywhere near the levels used to get farmers to 'buy' the idea."



## MICHIGAN STATE APPLE QUEEN

MISS PRISCILLA ALDEN, lovely 18-year-old version of her Puritan namesake, is the 1963 Michigan Apple Queen. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Alden, fruit and vegetable growers of rural Berrien Springs. The Aldens are members of both the Asparagus and Processing Apple divisions of the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association, (MACMA)—an affiliate of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Where Longfellow's Priscilla said "speak for yourself, John"—Miss Alden adds a modern twist with "speak for Michigan Johnathans!" Of course she doesn't slight any of the many other excellent Michigan apple varieties.

## Michigan Jaycees to Honor Outstanding Young Farmers "F.O.Y.F." Banquet, February 16

Jerry Sotola of the Public Relations department of the Chicago Livestock Exchange will be the featured speaker for the annual "Four Outstanding Young Farmer" awards night banquet sponsored by the Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce, February 16.

To be held in the University Center at Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, the program is designed to attract attention to those farmers under 35 years of age in each county who have done unusual farming jobs.

Management ability, community service, family achievement, all are considered in the awards program. The young farmers are honored along with their wives in county programs that culminate in the state-wide contest.

Prior to the state event Feb. 16, records of hundreds of young farmers will have been reviewed by committees selected by local Jaycee Chapters. Judges will have spent long hours mulling over their lists of accomplishments.

In last year's contest, Franklin Schwiderson, president of the Chippewa County Farm Bureau, was picked as "most outstanding" among the four selected.

This year's banquet speaker has a wide background in livestock research and from 1919 to 1943 was a professor of animal husbandry at Washington State College where he was in charge of research.

In urging attendance by the general public at the awards banquet, Larry Wentworth, WCEN radio personality and publicity director for the event, states that tickets to the banquet program are available at \$3.50 each, from Robert Wood, Mt. Pleasant Jaycee official.

## Young Farmer Couples Gather



OFFICERS—of "Young Farmer" Community Groups took part in a two-day session sponsored by the Michigan Farm Bureau and affiliated companies in early January. The two-day training "school" included a tour of the Jenison egg-packaging plant of Farm Bureau Services, and the Alma refinery. The young couples are shown studying an outline of Farm Bureau structure as explained by J. Delbert Wells, Manager of the Family Program Division,—coordinators of the event.

## Washington Air-Tour

Farm Bureau Women Invite Participation

The itinerary has been completed for the annual mid-winter flying tour to the nation's capitol, sponsored for all interested Farm Bureau members by the Farm Bureau Women.

The tour will depart by Northwest Airlines from Detroit's Metropolitan airport at 6:20 p.m., Sunday, February 24. About two hours later the group will be ready to check in at the Hotel Continental, Washington, D.C. Dinner will have been eaten in the air.

Monday will be devoted to meeting with American Farm Bureau staff members where the group will be "briefed" on fast-moving areas of Congressional action. Tuesday's agenda includes meeting with Michigan Congressmen and a visit to Congress in session.

Highlighting Wednesday's program will be a sightseeing tour of Washington and Mt. Vernon, including a visit to Arlington Cemetery during the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The tour will return to Detroit at 7:35 p.m. Wednesday evening, Feb. 27. Tour costs at \$87 per person, include hotel room, meals, sightseeing, transfers and transportation. Reservations are still available.

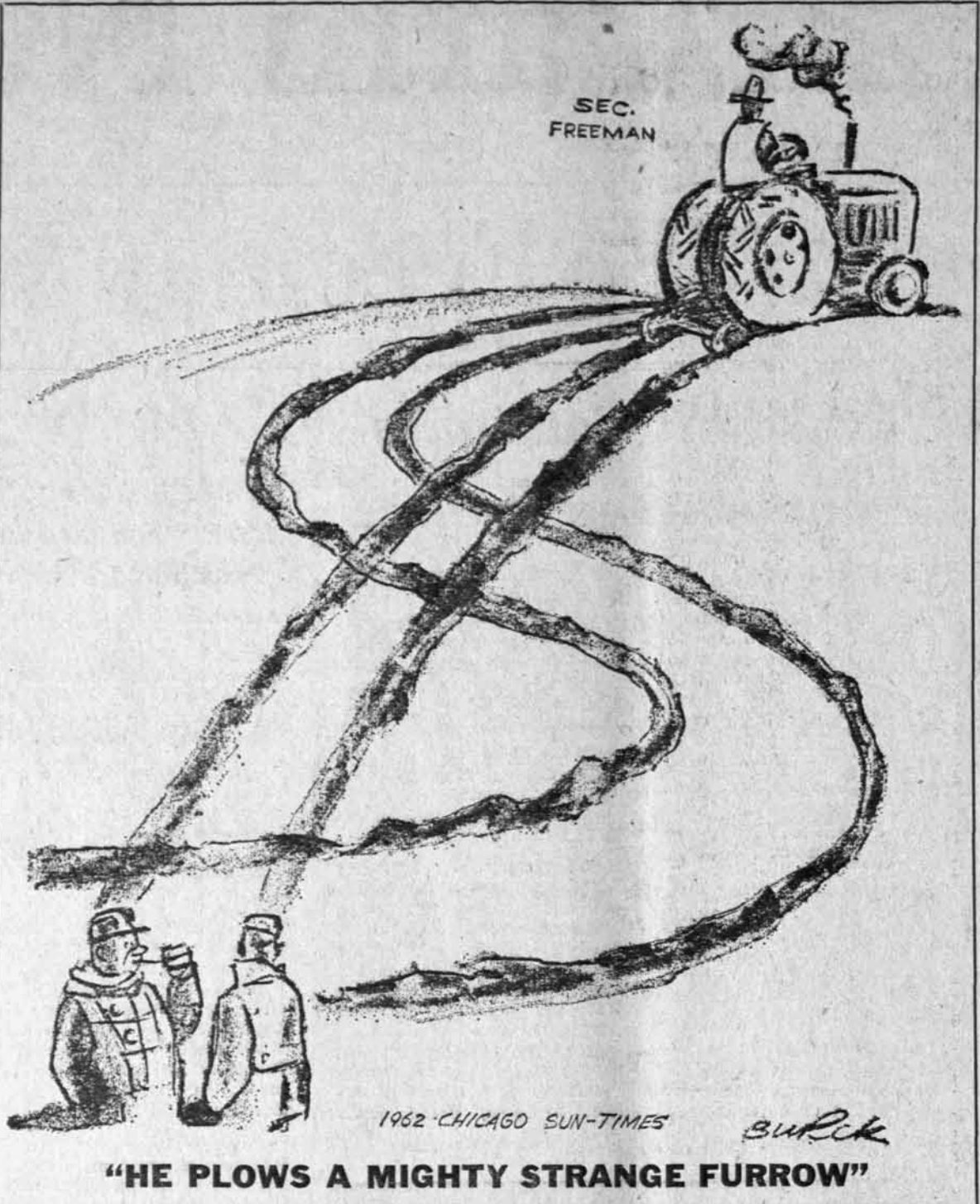


EDITORIAL

Why Young Farmers Join

Why do farmers join Farm Bureau? Why, particularly, do YOUNG farm families become active? A not-so-surprising conclusion is that not everyone joins for the same reason.

Checking What They Are Saying...



Fleming Speaks Out

At 50th Annual County Meeting

PEKIN, ILLINOIS — Roger Fleming, Secretary - Treasurer of the American Farm Bureau Federation, declared here that the central issue in the continuing debate on farm program policy is whether the market system is to be preserved in the face of attacks by federal bureaucrats dedicated to government price-fixing.

Strength in Stress and Strain

The eminent historian, Arnold Toynbee, once said "Civilizations rise to greatness only when faced with some desperate challenge, some dire threat to their existence."



History records the rise and fall of civilizations and great nations they had built. Many fell into obscurity when their citizens chose to bask in the sun of luxury made possible by the sacrifices of their forefathers whose efforts had provided the freedoms that in turn produced those luxuries.

The greatest threat to a democracy is that its citizens fail to value their freedoms high enough or appreciate what they really mean.

We, as farmers, often have had to struggle and sacrifice in our individual beginnings to accomplish what we wanted done. Next, we work to protect our children from those hardships that helped shape our lives. In so doing, we destroy the very things that make them strong, useful citizens in future years. We ought to welcome hardships, and not avoid stress and strain.

Even our physical systems need this. Dr. Paul Dudley White, the noted heart specialist and personal physician to former President Eisenhower, has said that to keep healthy the human heart needs stress and strain placed on the human body. He added that mental strain is as valuable as physical strain, but that the forty-hour week is hardly enough to give the human body the proper amount of exercise to keep it truly healthy.

The highway of life is strewn with human failures pushed off to the roadside because they were scared away from the main road by obstacles that loomed ahead.

Such people miss both their goals and the satisfaction and self-respect that comes from being successful in something.

All of us get "fed up" at times with constant battle against forces that would destroy our human privileges and break down the high standards of our communities, our state and nation. But this is the way of life, to be compared to the noxious weeds we have to chop out of our cornfields and remove from our row crops.

Often, we speak of the healthy attitude of some individual with a positive approach to problems of life. Where did he get it? Simply by meeting the challenges as they came, one by one.

Farmers are challenged in the legislative arena.

Farmers are challenged in their marketing and bargaining activities.

Farmers are challenged in their right to speak for themselves.

There are many other areas where the farmer's right to leadership is contested. To side-step these challenges and the responsibilities they bring could start the deterioration of the strength and effectiveness of our Farm Bureau organization.

We have grown in the past by facing up to issues, problems and crisis. Farm Bureau has grown on issues. By standing up to our problems we have grown to our present position of influence.

Right now, the survival of the free, competitive enterprise system in our country is threatened as never before. Those who would manage our whole economy through government agencies, edicts and decrees, are hard at work to accomplish their ends.

They know that one of the first, most important steps in this direction is to get complete control of American agriculture. The crisis in this battle is right here, right now, — this year.

Your Farm Bureau organization is the only real obstacle in the path. We are recognized as the strongest, most effective agricultural organization in this country. Congressmen and legislative officials everywhere respect us.

Farmers who look with confidence to Farm Bureau have been building their organization as never before. They have learned to speak up, to become effective in policy development, and in placing their policies into action.

The determination of each member to assume his share of responsibility is what makes Farm Bureau strong. It is the great "secret" that so many envy.

But, to counteract our influence, there are those who make every effort to discredit Farm Bureau.

Let us recognize this challenge as another in a long list, and as another chance to grow, — another of the 'stresses and strains' that keep us healthy.

W. W.

Freeman to Beef Up Local Ag Committees

By OVID A. MARTIN

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Kennedy administration will seek in the year ahead to revitalize the Agriculture Department's system of state, county and community farmer committees to help carry out federal farm aid programs.

This system, which is made up of about 100,000 farmers, was established during the great depression of the 1930s when Uncle Sam broke precedent to extend financial, supply-stabilization and price-support assistance to agriculture.

At first, the committees were looked upon as temporary machinery for enlisting farmers' participation in the early farm programs and for checking their compliance to determine their eligibility for aid.

But as the years passed, the system became firmly established in both law and in department practice.

The committee setup does not enjoy the popularity among farmers that it held in the early days. Then there was widespread feeling among farmers that there was need for government to inject itself into the economic affairs of agriculture. Farmers were eager to serve on the committees and to help make them a success.

NO LONGER TRUE

The situation has changed considerably. There is nothing like the support that the committees received in years past. Many farmers do not want federal farm programs.

This has been demonstrated by refusal of turkey producers to approve a marketing order designed to stabilize supplies and by action of the American Farm Bureau Federation at a recent convention urging fewer controls.

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman, in a statement re-affirming his faith in

the committee setup, has announced changes designed to strengthen and increase the stature of the committees. He acted on the basis of a study by a special committee of farm leaders which pointed out some of the weaknesses.

The Billie Sol Estes case did much to undermine the setup. In the case of the West Texas financier, a county farmer committee had approved a questionable plan under which Estes sought to get valuable cotton-acreage allotments.

The study committee report brought out that in many areas few farmers participate in the election of the local committees. It said that in the midwest fewer than 15 per cent voted. In Illinois it was less than 5 per cent. Too, the study brought out that able farmers were shunning committee posts.

It brought out also that there is evidence that the state committees have political connections which, it said, undermine morale in the system.

FURTHER CRITICISMS

Others have criticized the committee system because, they say, it has been used to help sell controversial farm policies advocated by this and past administrations. These critics contend that the committees should stay out of such debates and limit their activities to helping carry out programs authorized by the Congress.

LONGER TERMS

In a move to upgrade the committees, Freeman will ask Congress to authorize that local committees be elected for three years instead of the present one-year terms. He believes this will go far in re-establishing local interest in the committees and in providing a higher grade of operation.

Freeman plans also to place greater local responsibility on the committees for carrying out the programs. This, he thinks, will help enhance the prestige of the committees and encourage election of the most competent local leaders.

Another step being taken in an effort to bolster public confidence in the system will be the issuance of new regulations which will permit the secretary of agriculture to step in quickly and take over affairs of a local committee in event it becomes involved in charges of wrongdoing or of failure to carry out its responsibilities.

Freeman will establish also a better training program for department personnel charged with working with the local committees. He believes that this will help lead to local committees of higher standards.

Freeman and Freedom

From: Chicago Sun-Times

Agricultural Secretary Orville Freeman gave the impression in Palm Beach that if the farmers do not accept government controls, through a wheat referendum to be held in June, their income will be cut in half—from \$2 a bushel to \$1 a bushel for wheat.

This is misleading. Under the law if the wheat referendum is not adopted by the farmers the price for wheat would be \$1.22 a bushel, not \$1.

However, the American Farm Bureau Federation, a group that knows something about the tangled area of agriculture, says flatly that if the wheat referendum is adopted by the farmers the net farm income will drop. Acreage would be cut 20 to 25 per cent, and this cut, coupled with a higher production cost per bushel of out-put and a lowered system of price supports, would contribute to an overall loss of farm income.

According to Freeman, "chaos" would result if the wheat referendum is not adopted. He forgets that there is a Congress and that the Congress can enact legislation as it sees fit if the wheat referendum is defeated. There will be no chaos.

According to the Farm Bureau Federation, the passage of the wheat referendum would seriously handicap our power to negotiate trade agreements with the Common Market countries. The United States is supposed to be making a great effort to urge the European Economic Committee (Common Market) to hold down domestic price guarantees on farm commodities.

The Common Market is important to the U. S. farmer. Last year the United States exported \$1.6 billion worth of farm products to the Common Market countries and Great Britain. This export amount was more than one-third of our total exports in all areas and represents about one-half of our total dollar exports.

The central issue in this current fight is an old one in agriculture, the battle between free enterprise and government controls, the never-ending argument between a free market and price fixing.

As for the Secretary's charge that the "right-wing Birchite elements in general, most Chambers of Commerce, the National Assn. of Manufacturers, some of the business community associated with agriculture and the American Farm Bureau Federation" would oppose his programs, it might be noted that the president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, Charles B. Shuman, is a registered Democrat.

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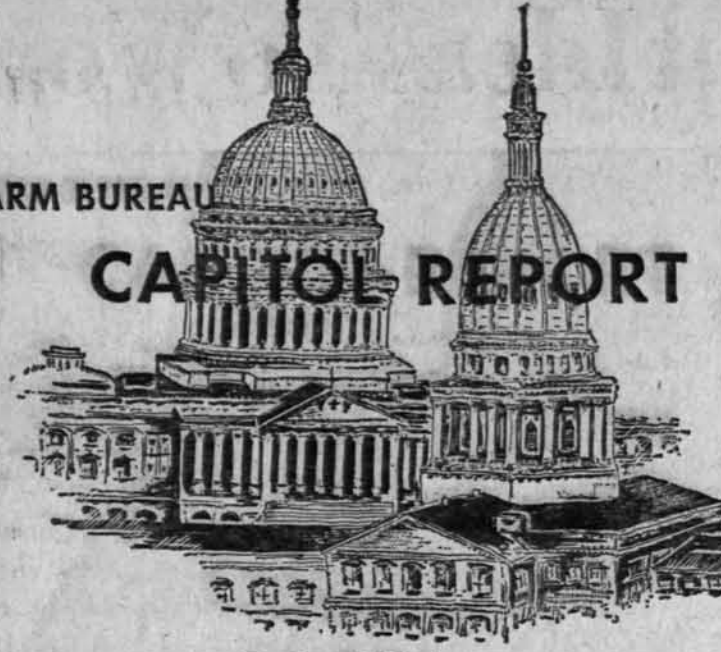
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PURPOSE OF FARM BUREAU

The purpose of this Association shall be the advancement of our members' interests educationally, legislatively and economically.



FARM BUREAU  
**CAPITOL REPORT**



By Dan E. Reed  
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Michigan Farm Bureau

**Claptrap Collection?**

"Untruthful, unreasonable and in the worst possible tradition of American politics," says an analysis of Highway man John Mackie's attack on the proposed new Constitution.

The point-by-point answer to Mackie's "Preposterous . . . collection of claptrap" (Detroit News editorial, 6/10/62) was signed by five Con-Con Delegates, all Republicans. Two Democrat Con-Con Delegates had signed an original draft but later decided to withhold their signatures.

Delegate John McCauley, of Wyandotte, didn't want to be the only Democrat signing. "I'm no hero," he said.

**A Matter of Timing**

Delegate Marjorie McGowan, now holding an appointment in the Justice Department in Washington, said she thought there might be some conflict with her position. She said, "I agree with the report 100% but I felt the timing would have been better if it had been delayed." McCauley also objected to the timing of the release of the point-by-point reply. Neither Democrat indicated any opposition to the points raised in the reply to Mackie.

The final release was signed by Delegates D. Hale Brake, of Stanton, Paul Goebel, of Grand Rapids, Elmer Radka, of Rogers City, Dr. James K. Pollock, U. of M., Ann Arbor, and Eugene Wanger, of Lansing.

William Kulsea, well-respected political analyst for the Booth newspapers, says that Mackie's opposition to the new document is simple: If it is adopted, he will go out of office on June 30, 1965. After that date, a bipartisan board of four Highway Commissioners will select a qualified State Highway Director in the same manner that County Road Commissions select the County Highway Engineer.

Michigan is the only state which throws its road chief directly into politics.

The spending of a billion dollars in the last five years has given Mackie a tremendous state organization with a "super press agency which cannot be matched anywhere in State Government," says Kulsea. It is estimated that this "public relations" agency costs motorists \$135,000 to \$150,000 per year of gas and weight tax money. Unless diverted, this money could be used to confuse many voters before the April 1 election.

**"MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE RANCH . . ."**

A specially organized "Save Michigan Roads Committee" has been set up to oppose adoption of the proposed new Michigan Constitution.

It is headed by the former Democrat Highway Commissioner and Governor, Pat Van Wagoner, with Arthur Yarny as Director. Yarny has served as a driver for Mackie and was employed by a road contractor.

The 25-member committee is made up largely of road contractors and suppliers who, directly or indirectly, depend on State highway funds for their livelihood. A budget of \$100,000 is planned by the committee.

While this sounds like a large sum to spend, it is only one ten thousandth part of the amount spent by Highway Commissioner John Mackie in the last five years of State road building many believe the committee will have little difficulty in raising the funds.

**THE LEGISLATURE OR SUPREME COURT**

The "Save Michigan Roads Committee" objects to the Legislature being given the job of defining "highway purposes" in the section of the proposed new Constitution which earmarks gas and weight tax money.

Under our present Constitution, this is a matter for final

"It is more important than \$5.00 per month or \$5 million per month. Money cannot measure the value of freedom."

**THE MEXICAN "BRACERO" LABOR PROGRAM**

Use of "excessive and unwarranted power" has been charged against the U.S. Department of Labor by Congressman E. C. Gathings, (Dem.) of Arkansas. Gathings, a key member of the House Agriculture Committee, was referring to the Department's administration of the Mexican Labor Law, P. L. 78.

Congress did not give the Department the authority to set "minimum wage" regulations for Mexican Nationals, says Gathings. They were supposed to be paid the "prevailing wage" in the region where they were temporarily employed.

The regulations which the Department issued amounted to the setting of minimum wages for both domestic and Mexican workers, Gathings charged. This has resulted in less work for domestic labor, speeded up mechanization, and more rural families have moved to town and onto welfare rolls, says the Congressman.

The Department of Labor has contributed to both urban and rural problems, he says.

**"BEYOND THE INTENT"**

The action of the Department of Labor in its regulations affecting farm labor; the government's action in the steel "crisis"; the control of business practices through Internal Revenue Service regulation of expense accounts; What do these actions by the Executive branch of government have in common?

In each case, the Executive agency involved went beyond the intent of the Congress, to do what the lawmakers had refused to do.

Whether you believe the results were good or bad, every citizen should be concerned about the assumption of law-making powers by Executive bureaus. Or by the courts!

**RIGHT-TO-WORK LAWS**

Nineteen states now have "Right-to-Work" laws, and interest seems to be growing in other states. These state laws guarantee an employee that he can continue to work at his job without being forced to join a particular labor organization.

The National Council for labor's rank and file is composed of workers who favor "Right-to-Work" laws. The Council's creed—"Most American workers believe in free unions. All workers should be free to join unions and free to withdraw by choice. Without freedom of choice, there can be no free union movement."

The Council was active in a get-out-the-vote campaign in three West Coast aerospace plants employing more than 55,000 workers where three "union shop" elections resulted in three defeats.

**Pile of Butter Woes**

Secretary Freeman is worrying about refrigerated storage space for C.C.C. butter. The butter pile-up started in 1961, sparked by Freeman's "unauthorized" increase in dairy support prices and talk of dairy production quotas.

Prices were averaging above support levels in 1960, with no butter surpluses. Support prices are now back to 1960 levels, with about a half billion (500,000,000) pounds of butter in government storage. Shortage of storage recently caused a drop of more than a cent below support levels.

Market subsidies are being considered to reduce prices to consumers in an effort to regain markets. Cost to taxpayer—not known!

**Double-Time Next?**

Congressman James O'Hara, who represents Michigan's Thumb counties as part of the 7th District, is reported by the Michigan AFL-CIO News to be planning to amend the Wage-Hour Law to provide for double time pay for more than 40 hours work per week. This would replace the present time and a half requirement.

No estimates are available as to how much increase in cost of manufactured articles would result.

Present fringe benefits are so costly that many employers pay overtime rather than hire additional employees for peak periods.

**Open Letter To McNamara**

**"Thumb" Farmers Applaud Protest**

SANDUSKY, MICHIGAN  
DEAR EDITOR:

The enclosed "Open Letter" speaks for itself. It is so representative of farmers' thinking in the Thumb Area of Michigan that I thought you might like to reprint it.

Respectfully,  
JOHN R. DONAGHY

**Open Letter**

An open letter to:

Senator Patrick McNamara  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator McNamara;

I'm flabbergasted! According to a UPI press release published this weekend in several daily newspapers, you want to give Croswell a new Post Office. Croswell was listed as one of the six cities being considered for new, government constructed, tax-payer financed post offices. And not just "a" post office, but one costing \$177,000.

My first reaction to the news was one of helplessness frustration. Here we are, a nation suffering from acute financial anemia, and our elected "Doctors" in Washington are preparing for another bloodletting.

But then a ray of hope entered our thoughts. Perhaps you simply didn't have all the facts when you selected Croswell for this unexpected gift. And so it is with this in mind that we write to you today.

Our post office is 12 years old . . . the newest building on the main street. It was built by the city in 1951 at a cost of \$27,000. It is now and for the foreseeable future will continue to be of more than adequate size.

The Post Office Department rents this building for \$175.00 a month. It would cost more than that just for maintenance in the building you propose.

The Post Office Department in Detroit that deals with real estate recently asked the city to remodel the inside of the building. The equipment for this purpose has already arrived. The remodeling, I should add, was to provide a more efficient flow of traffic, not to solve a space problem.

Believe me, Senator, it's not that we wouldn't like a new \$177,000 building in town. That would be by far the most expensive building in our business district. It's just that we keep remembering where that \$177,000 comes from and we have a nagging feeling in the area of our billfold that that money will have to be replaced from the same source.

So please, Senator, take us off your gift list. We couldn't afford the upkeep and besides, you might feel we should reciprocate.

Yours very truly,  
CARL D. BLACK, editor  
Sanilac County Jeffersonian

P.S. We can't help but wonder about the other five proposed post office buildings on your list: Lake Linden, population 1,314, \$174,000, Lawton pop. 1,402, \$173,000; Port Austin, pop. 706, \$174,300; Mancelona, pop. 1,141, \$174,300, and Roscommon, pop. 867, \$181,200. Do they really need these tax financed buildings?

**Neatest Trick Of All**

Top officials of the government are now planning to perform the neatest trick since Houdini developed his amazing illusions — to tax less and at the same time spend more.

This scheme, let it be noted, comes at a time when we are running a fiscal year deficit of close to \$8 billion, and when the federal government's increases in tax revenues are substantially below its increases in expenditures.

The pending jumps in spending will, if Congress should be so foolish as to authorize them, be largely and perhaps wholly in welfare state projects. Then, in all probability, the weary old cycle would start again. There would be a wave of inflation, a further cheapening of the dollar which is now worth less than half of what it was before World War II, new wage demands supported by strikes in the major industries and increased living costs of every kind.

The Soviets, who hope this country will collapse from internal economic disturbance, could hardly ask for more.

(From the Michigan Food News)

**New Signs**

The Egg Marketing Division of Farm Bureau Services is currently distributing attractive identification signs to all of its egg producers. Pictured admiring his sign, the first one off the manufacturer's line, is Eugene Roberts, (right) Services' board member. Helping out is P. J. Sikkema, Manager of the Egg Marketing Division.



Precision made of heavy steel with baked-on red, white and blue enamel, the sign is designed to hang from a post in the producer's yard.

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# Taxes--The New Constitution

By ROBERT E. SMITH  
Associate Legislative Counsel

"Finance and Taxation" as covered in Article 9 of the new Constitution (New-Con) is only one of the many reasons County Farm Bureaus and voting delegates at the State annual meeting decided that a YES vote in April is absolutely essential.

Passage of the new Constitution will be a great stride toward achieving tax reform and relieving the load on property.

THE 15 MILL TAX LIMIT was lost for a time, but was finally retained and strengthened.

The people within a county may vote to increase the limitation to 18 mills and at the same time control the allocation of the total millage. That is the people, by their vote, could determine the amount of millage each unit of government (school, county and township) could levy.

"New-Con" retains the provision that the 15 MILL LIMITATION may not be increased by the voters to an aggregate of more than 20 mills for not more than 20 years at any one time.

Limiting assessments and equalization of property to 50% of value is a major change in the new Constitution. The present Constitution calls for assessment at 100% value.

Presently, by action of the Tax Commission or the courts, property valuations could be doubled. Thus, the retention of the 15 mill limitation and the new 50% limitation on assessments for the first time in Michigan puts a meaningful ceiling on property taxes.

The new document not only retains the provision that only property owners and their spouses may vote on bonding programs, but goes much further and provides that only property owners and spouses may vote on ANY tax increase for more than five years.

These are accomplishments that Farm Bureau members

have called for in county and state resolutions.

The new Constitution retains such provisions as: The uniformity clause, earmarking of gasoline and weight taxes for highway purposes, and the present four cent limit on the sales tax. Contrary to some claims, this does not "freeze" the four cent sales tax. It can not be raised but can be lowered.

Sales tax earmarking for schools and local units is also continued, and State loans to school districts are provided for, substantially the same as those currently in effect.

A new section would allow the Legislature to borrow funds for not more than one year, equal to 15 per cent of the previous year's unearmarked revenue. Such borrowed funds must be repaid by the end of the same fiscal year. This provision would prevent "payless paydays" and would pay State Aid funds to school districts and other local government units on time, thus removing the need for them to borrow.

Many legal experts agree that, under the present Constitution, Michigan could have either a flat rate or a graduated income tax. The New-Con specifically prohibits a graduated income tax.

Those who oppose the proposed new Constitution showed by their votes in the convention that they wish to get rid of the safeguards written into the new document. Property owners have nothing to lose and everything to gain as a result of Article IX on "Finance and Taxation."

# "American Heritage Tour" Still Available

February 22 Through March 8

Although reservations keep coming for the winter "American Heritage Tour" sponsored by the Family Program Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau, space is still available for those wishing to participate.

Since the tour may be limited to only 37 persons, those wishing to be included are encouraged to make their reservations soon.

According to J. Delbert Wells, Manager of the Family Program Division and tour director, the trip will "provide something new and different every day."

Features include:

A two-day Legislative Seminar in Washington, D. C.

Dinners and visits with Farm Bureau groups in the states of Ohio, New York and Virginia.

Special study and sightseeing tours; Jamestown, Richmond, Williamsburg area, New York City (including U.N. headquarters) and Boston (historic and modern sections.)

Visit to Armed Forces Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Maryland.

Visit to USDA Experimental Station, Beltsville, Maryland.

Historical background and related information concerning the areas visited will be provided by Don Kinsey, winner of special recognition by the Freedoms Foundation, for his work in American Heritage.

For Reservations, write to:

American Heritage Tour, Michigan Farm Bureau  
4000 North Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Mich.  
Attention: J. Delbert Wells

# Farm Women Put Ideas To Work

They Help Ideas to Grow--Multiply

By DONNA WILBER

A young farm wife stands at the kitchen window, waving to her children as they make their way through the snow to meet the approaching school bus. There's a familiar green and yellow sign on the gatepost of this farm in the Upper Peninsula which says, "Farm Bureau Member."

At the very moment she stands in her kitchen, the voice of this farm wife is being heard several hundred miles away in the state's capital city. At big-bustling Farm Bureau Center, located in Lansing--her representative is projecting suggestions and ideas which she herself had a part in making.

This is not a new experience for the farm wife. It happens regularly throughout the year. However, when she first married her farmer-husband and became a Farm Bureau member--it was a source of amazement to the city-bred young woman that her voice--her ideas--her convictions, would be heard not only in her community, in the county and state, but all the way to Chicago, Denver or Atlanta in national convention.

That she, "just a farm wife," could have a part in shaping the policies of the world's largest farm organization, was hard to comprehend.

Now, some years later--she has ceased to be amazed by these grass-root procedures. She is confident that the idea she presented at the last county Women's meeting, was now being set before the State Program Planning Committee hundreds of miles away.

AN IDEA "AT WORK"

Let's follow her idea. Her district vice-chairman takes it, along with others, to Farm Bureau Center in Lansing. Vice-Chairmen from all districts of the state are meeting to make recommendations for the Women's Program for the coming year. "Mrs. Young Farm Wife's" idea is presented by her representative. The group discusses its possibilities and agrees it's a good one. It is entered in the recommendations.

These recommendations are passed along to the State Women's Committee of which her district chairman is a member. Her idea is again discussed and this committee, whose responsibility is to accept or reject it, also agrees it is a good one.

Following its acceptance, her idea is entered, along with several others, in the Farm Bureau Women's official program. County Women's groups throughout the state initiate and follow through on the suggested project, reporting results to their district chairmen. The district chairmen, in turn, report to their State Women's Committee Chairman.

Then, in national convention, with representatives from every state listening with keen interest, her State Chairman tells about a project undertaken by Michigan Women--the results of which they are justly proud. Her idea will not stop here. The woman from Texas, another from Idaho and Maine--may take this idea home to incorporate in their own states.

AN IDEA MULTIPLIED

This example of what happens to one idea was multiplied several times during the State Program Planning Committee, held at Farm Bureau Center, Lansing, January 3 and 4.

The committee, composed of one representative from each of the 13 districts of the state, listened to program suggestions, sorted, correlated and came up with a recommended program. Those attending the two-day session were: Mrs.



STATE PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE members are pictured hard at work at Farm Bureau Center January 3rd, making recommendations for the 1963 Women's program. The Committee, composed of Women's Vice-Chairmen from each district, outlined suggestions including an information program aimed at a better understanding of the present farm bill, tax reform, and the proposed new Constitution. Their recommendations were submitted to the State Women's Committee for review and approval.

William Scramlin, Mrs. Earl Morehouse, Mrs. Clinton Falor, Mrs. Vernon Hutchings, Mrs. Clare Barton, Mrs. Herbert Hardtke and Mrs. George Southworth.

Others included Mrs. Elmer Peterson, Mrs. B. H. Baker, Mrs. Leo Sundell, Mrs. Willard Wangler, Mrs. William Nuiph, Mrs. Waino Rajala and Mrs. Ken Corey.

The suggested program recommendations, which included such areas as an information program aimed at a better understanding by Farm Bureau members and others of the present Farm Bill, Tax Reform, the proposed new Constitution, Education, Health, a study of local Area Redevelopment Committees, educational tours and several others--spell out one of the busiest years on record for the Farm Bureau Women.

COMMITTEE MEETS

January 8 and 9 found the Women's State Committee at Farm Bureau Center busy at work reviewing the recommended suggestions and adding some of their own--to come up with a program for the year to be presented to county Farm Bureau Women in advisory council meetings throughout the state.

Present at the meeting were: Mrs. Margaret Muir, State Chairman; Mrs. William Scramlin, State Vice-Chairman and representing District 3; Mrs. Marjorie Karker, Coordinator of Women's Activities of Michigan Farm Bureau; Mrs. Lee Cook, Dist. 1; Mrs. Glen Hombaker, Dist. 2; Mrs. Anton Hoot, Dist. 4; Mrs. Jerold Topfiff, Dist. 5; Mrs. Bruce Ruggles, Dist. 6 and Mrs. Carl Johnson, Dist. 7. To round out a perfect attendance of the committee were: Mrs. Kenneth Kaplinger, Dist. 8; Mrs. Dwight Dudley, Dist. 9; Mrs. Tom Wieland, Dist. 10-W; Mrs. Lee La Forge, Dist. 10-E; Mrs. Robert Baccus, Dist. 11-W and Mrs. Clifford Postma, Dist. 11-E.

"IM IL WOONG"

Mrs. Bruce Ruggles, Women's Chairman from Dist. 6, was the center of attention as she appeared at the opening session of the 2-day meeting dressed in a brilliant coral and blue brocade, authentic Korean costume--complete with rubber shoes.

The costume was a gift from "Im Il Woong," the Korean boy sponsored by the Tuscola County Farm Bureau Women since 1954--through the "Save the Children" Federation. During this time, the Tuscola Women have sent him \$120 each year, at first to buy food and clothing and later for school fees. Mrs. Ruggles corresponds regularly with Im and has become affectionately known to him as "grandmother."

The history of the Woong family reached out to the hearts of the Women: "The family fled to South Korea when the communist regime was established in the North. . . Their house with all properties and belongings was burned to ashes during the war. . . The family had a hard time during the cold, bleak winter without any fire in their tent."

"SOMEDAY--A DOCTOR"

Now, nine years later, the news received from Korea is heart-warming. Im Woong, who wishes to be a doctor

someday, writes often, first translated by the Federation and lately in his own handwritten English "I will never forget your kindness as long as I live. . . I pray before God that He will grant me the very good opportunity to see you some day in the future," says Im.

Although Mrs. Ruggles wears her costume with great pride, it is the feeling of fulfillment and satisfaction of "saving a child"--a feeling shared by all the Tuscola Farm Bureau Women--that gives her the most joy.



"A GIFT OF LOVE"--an authentic Korean costume is worn by Mrs. Bruce Ruggles, (left picture) Women's Chairman of District 6. The dress was sent her by "Im Il Woong"--the Korean boy, (shown with his mother) in the right picture, whom the Tuscola Farm Bureau Women have sponsored for 9 years. Their sponsorship has meant food, clothing and school tuition for young "Im."

## Tour To Europe

"World-Traveler" Mrs. Marvel Whittaker, appeared before the committee to present plans for a Farm Bureau Women-sponsored European tour--a project accepted by the group and scheduled for Sept.

Widely-known throughout the state for her many contributions to the Farm Bureau organization, the former Women's State Chairman set up her own travel agency in LaPeer several years ago and has been planning tours and acting as courier on trips to all parts of the world.

Majestic Windsor Castle . . . Windmills whirling in Holland.

. . . a lazy gondola ride down a Venetian canal . . . fabulous Florence . . . the Leaning Tower of Pisa . . . Visions in a dream? Names in a history book? Farm Bureau members in good standing for the six month period prior to the departure date will have the opportunity to bring them to life, with all the color and drama of the "old world."

They will also have the advantages of a twenty-five minimum charter, at the "group discount" cost of \$990.00, based on current rates. This modest figure includes trans-Atlantic jet air service from New York (and return), deluxe motor-coach throughout Europe, first class hotels based on two persons sharing a twin-bedded room, meals, sightseeing trips, the services of an English speaking guide and courier throughout the tour, and tips.

### EUROPEAN TOUR ITINERARY

TIME: September, 1963  
VIA: Jet Airliner from New York to London  
VISIT: England--Windsor Castle, Hampton Court, Stratford-on-Avon  
Holland--the Hook of Holland and Amsterdam  
Italy--Gondola trip to Venice, Sanctuary of St. Anthony, Florence, Rome, Leaning Tower of Pisa  
Monaco--Monte Carlo  
France--Nice, Cannes, Paris and a visit to the perfume industry.  
COST: \$990 based on current rates, 25 persons minimum, group discount.  
NOTE: Participants must be Farm Bureau members in good standing for six months prior to departure date.

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4000 N. Grand River, Lansing, Michigan  
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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.



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.



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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 lbs. for a gain of 122 lbs.

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 year.

## EVEN TOP DHIA HERD SHOWS HALF-TON GAIN

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.

## 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 herd, too!



"BUSY DAYS AHEAD"--for Farm Bureau Women, is the conclusion of Mrs. Marjorie Karker, (right) Coordinator of Women's Activities and Mrs. Margaret Muir, State Women's Chairman--as they review the agenda for the State Committee meeting held at Farm Bureau Center, January 8-9.



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# Annual "All-Michigan" Legislative Dinner

## Farm Products Given

For the fifteenth year in a row, members of the Michigan Legislature were treated to the "All Michigan" dinner and program, featuring the now famed "loot bags" of state agricultural products.

Along with the bags of fruit, potatoes, and meat products (43 items per guest) was delivered a liberal amount of sound thinking and farm-type philosophy.

Sponsors were the Michigan Agricultural Conference, an unusual organization made up of 75 member farm organizations and groups. Membership is limited to those with "bona fide" agricultural programs.



**NINE-YEAR OLD** — John Perras, son of Representative Clifford Perras of Nadeau, (Upper Peninsula) is "pinned" by Mrs. George Romney during a lull in the program of the annual Legislative Dinner sponsored by the Michigan Agricultural Conference. Earlier in the day, John's father and other members of the Legislature had helped open the 72nd session.



**LOADS OF "LOOT"** — Tons of Michigan-produced food stuffs, with a sprinkling of Michigan-manufactured products of an agricultural nature, load the tables in Kellogg Center, MSU, prior to the arrival of guests at the Agricultural Conference Legislative banquet. 135 workers spent 390 hours to arrange the tables and the dinner. Many worked throughout the previous night. At 43 items to the setting, 29,023 separate products were positioned. They included Michigan-grown potted African violets, (in full bloom) presented by "Farm Bureau of Michigan."

### Membership List

Included in the Conference are dairy and livestock organizations, horticultural and farm crop groups, those that represent veterinary medicine and manufacturers, processors and distributors of farm-related products and services.

As part of the general promotion of agriculture and agricultural-related services, the Conference points out that the job titles of 4500 former graduates from Michigan State University, College of Agriculture, includes over 500 separate types of jobs. The Conference feels that more education is needed to supply trained persons for agricultural occupations.

No other state has an event exactly like the all-Michigan dinner, which places in national limelight the great variety and large volume of state food products. A meal featuring only state foods has met with wide favor during Michigan Week in May, when many luncheons and dinners throughout the state use all-Michigan menus.

The entree at this year's Legislative Dinner was roast Michigan choice beef tenderloin with Michigan mushroom sauce. Buttered Michigan peas and cauliflower pointed to the

large vegetable industry of the state, while a salad bowl focused attention on the state's hothouse industry, second largest in the nation. Besides other dairy products at the meal, milk as a beverage emphasized the \$200 million in milk checks received by dairymen of the state each year.

Two State Senators and two Representatives were honored for their "outstanding contributions to agriculture, the food industry and the citizens of Michigan." Cited were Senators Harry Litowich, Benton Harbor, and Raymond Dzendsel of Detroit. Representatives honored were Lester J. Allen, Ithaca, and Cyril Root, Kalamazoo.

Three of the men are eligible for Farm Bureau membership and are active in the organization.

Agricultural Conference chairman, Glen Lake, (president of Michigan Milk Producers Association, and himself cited this past year by Farm Bureau for outstanding agricultural service) opened the dinner session by calling on Walter Wightman, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau for the invocation.

"We have near-perfect attendance tonight from among those who indicated they would be present," Lake said. "They include 85 per cent of the Senators, 84 per cent of the House of Representatives, 88 per cent of the top state officials, 86 per cent of the special invited guests, and 470 farm leaders."

Governor George Romney faltered on a general theme of "Let's Go, Michigan," urging the kind of cooperative effort and teamwork that "made our state great in the first place." He used the Ag-Conference as an example, "I wouldn't be at all surprised if one member at least, the Michigan Chain Store Council, wouldn't have occasional conflicting interests with those members of the organization who are purely agricultural. But you've learned to work together," he said.

Main speaker of the evening was Dr. John H. Furbay, world traveler and renowned lecturer. He told of the "Four Dreams of Man"—the dreams of Peace, Food, Freedom and Human Dignity.

A rapid-fire idea man, Furbay caught and held his audience in what many described as "the best talk we ever heard." He had just completed his 21st trip around the world and in his speech outlined the desires that motivate people the world over.



**FOR UNUSUAL CONTRIBUTIONS** — to Michigan agriculture, a plaque is presented to Grafton county Representative, Lester J. Allen, Ithaca, (center) by Allen Rush, (right) president of the Michigan Beef Cattle Breeder's Association. Rush, a long-time Farm Bureau leader, is a member of the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors. Looking on is George McIntyre, Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture.



**AFRICAN VIOLETS**, Michigan grown,—450 potted plants in full bloom, were the gift from "Farm Bureau of Michigan" to members of the Legislature and guests who attended the All-Michigan dinner. Shown wrapping the delicate flowers are Farm Bureau Center staff members, (from left) Star Holcomb, Terry Bailey, Delight Brown and Betty Parker.

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## "Aircade" For Citizen-Action Scheduled For Battle Creek

### Aim At Issues Of 88th Congress

Battle Creek, Michigan, one of the fifteen key cities, will play host, Feb. 6th, to the "Aircade for Citizenship Action," a campaign carried on by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States to arouse, inform, and persuade business and community leaders to take an active vocal interest in current legislative issues before the 88th Congress.

For the seventh consecutive year, this unique, coast-to-coast program will take to the air, via chartered and private airplanes, beginning with Fargo, N. Dakota, Feb. 4th, and ending in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, March 1st.

Heading the Battle Creek meeting will be Ladd Plumley, National Chamber President, and Arch N. Booth, Executive Vice President of the National Chamber, who will act as moderator.

Also appearing on the program will be a team of business leaders and Chamber staff professionals, each an authority in specific legislative fields.

Rather than present one speaker after another as is usually the case, "Aircade" meetings call for maximum audience participation.

Whatever the questions, the "Aircade" team plans short, to-the-point answers — with out speech-making.

Up to 15,000 local business and community leaders will take part in the fifteen scheduled meetings.

## A.D.A. Research

Dairy Farmers' Funds Support Many Health Research Projects



### THE EXPERT'S STATEMENT....

It's almost impossible to watch television or listen to radio these days without colliding with a commercial dealing with butterfat, corn-oil or "polyunsaturates."

Every day people are subtly advised about the attributes or failings of these products, but how important are they to human needs? No one really knows for sure.

A little-known work of the American Dairy Association is aimed at finding out. As part of its continuing effort to aid the dairy farmer in his marketing programs, A.D.A. sponsors and supports product and nutrition research projects by the score. Many of these are in conjunction with the National Dairy Council.

One-half of the National Dairy Council's national program budget is supported through an ADA appropriation.

In order to get at the truth, the ADA has been conducting research studies for the past three years on the effects of butterfat and corn oil in relation to their effect on the human body. Such studies are still in progress at the University of Illinois, under the supervision of Dr. F. A. Kummerow, Dept. of Food Technology.

Butter—"the solidified fat of milk obtained from cream or milk, usually by churning." A fairly simple dictionary definition of a well-known dairy product found on the dinner table of millions of American families; yet today, this simple commodity is one of many products which are subject to intensive ADA research.

Across the United States, research centers and universities are examining its composition, properties and manufacture in an attempt to develop new approaches to the making and marketing of a dairy product that has basically remained unchanged throughout the years.

Still other projects are attempting to determine the chemical compounds responsible for the aroma and flavor characteristics of butter, and what further processes are necessary to increase its spreadability under various temperature conditions.

The more dramatic sales efforts of A.D.A. have hogged the spotlight in recent years. Their success has hidden equally important efforts in research that may eventually benefit dairy farmers the most.

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## Employee Retires



"BOB" KRAUSE

The recently retired Director of Public Relations for the Michigan Elevator Exchange, "Bob" Krause, will become the envy of fellow golfers when snows clear from local courses and he can use a special gold plated putter. The putter, inscribed with the words, "Best Wishes, M.E.E. Friends, 1962" was presented to Krause at a luncheon given by well-wishers.

The Exchange gave Krause a wrist watch in recognition of his many years of service to the organization where he began as a stock salesman, then advanced to director of field services before becoming director of the Public Relations department.

He plans some fishing, some traveling, and special assignment work for both the Exchange and Farm Bureau Services.

Then of course, there is that "gold star golfing" with a gold-plated putter.

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# Conference Brings Understanding

## 150 Attend All-Day Session

The Alpena County Farm Bureau recently took a "giant step" in furthering community understanding of farmers and Farm Bureau at a Farm-Clergy Conference at Wilson Township Hall. The all-day conference, jointly sponsored by the Alpena County Farm Bureau board of directors and the Women's Committee, was attended by 150 persons.

County President, Harold Wegmeyer, welcomed the guests and explained the purpose of the meeting and Edgar O. Diamond, District Representative, described the policy-making procedures within Farm Bureau. Interest was evidenced by a request that a copy of the 1963 Farm Bureau policies be distributed to all pastors.

Also on the program was Barbara Wegmeyer, who sang the "American Farm Bureau Spirit" accompanied by Harry Schultz, pastor of Herron St. Matthew Lutheran church.

After a planned pot-luck luncheon, served by the Women's Committee, Mrs. Alex Kennedy traced the history of Michigan Farm Bureau, American Farm Bureau, and the Alpena County Farm Bureau, noting that the latter was organized in 1946 with 40 members.



DISCUSSING THE PROGRAM,—for the day-long Farm-Clergy Conference recently sponsored by the Alpena County Farm Bureau board of directors and Women's Committee are, (left to right) J. Delbert Wells, manager of MFB Family Program Division; Mrs. Fred Bey, County Women's Committee chairman, the Rev. R. E. Fitzpatrick, Assistant Pastor at St. Bernard's, Rev. Allen B. Rice, pastor of First Methodist Church and president of the Alpena Ministerial Association; Harold Wegmeyer, Alpena Co. FB president, and Norman Beyer, Farm Bureau member.

J. Delbert Wells, MFB manager of the Family Program Division, explained "What Farm Bureau Stands For" and gave a slide presentation entitled, "The American Way."

The clergymen guest list included: Rev. Fr. Joseph Friske, St. Bernard's; Rev. and Mrs. Marvin D. Hileman, Salem Lutheran; Rev. Harry Schultz, St. Matthew Lutheran; Rev. Homer March, Leet Lutheran; Rev. Donald J.

Smith, First Church of God, Long Rapids; Rev. and Mrs. Norris Beck, Greely Baptist; Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Merce, Herron St. Paul Lutheran.

Others were: Rev. Leonard Sanders, Alpena County Methodist circuit; Capt. Herbert Luhn, Salvation Army; Rev. Adam Graf, Ossineke Trinity Lutheran; Rev. and Mrs. John Keetch, Wilson and Beaver Lake Free Methodist; Rev. Floyd E. Welton, First Baptist;

Elder and Mrs. Harding Torsch, The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints; Rev. and Mrs. N. H. Klann, Ripley Blvd. Baptist; and Mrs. Al Salesbury, representing her husband who is Assistant Pastor at Trinity Episcopal.

The meeting adjourned appropriately with the entire group singing "God Bless America."

# Genesee Charter Member Passes

## Always Active In Farm Bureau

Howard E. Bentley, 72, died suddenly December 22, after a full life of farming and prolonged service to Farm Bureau as a volunteer leader. He was a Charter Member of the Genesee County Farm Bureau and had served for a time on the board of directors. He served repeatedly on Roll-Call drives and had deep concern for agricultural problems.



Howard E. Bentley

He was born and raised on the farm in Mundy Township, Genesee County, where he resided at time of death. He married Gladys E. Jennings, daughter of pioneer farmers of the township. He is survived by his wife, two children, James H. Bentley and Mrs. Joyce Rockwell, and six grandchild-

dren, all of whom still reside within the boundaries of the Bentley farms.

Services were held at the Bristol Methodist Church where he was a lifetime member and served on the Board of Trustees.

He will be sorely missed by his family, his community and by Farm Bureau.

# Eaton Member

Eaton County Farm Bureau member Frank Bush, (73) passed away December 15, 1962. A member of the Grand River Valley Farm Bureau Community Group, he served as Discussion Leader up to the time of his death.

He is survived by his widow, the former Frances Shank of Delta Township and three children, Edward, on the home farm; Mrs. Margaret Deitz of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Betty Griess of Paris, France. He was active in the Trinity Episcopal Church of Grand Ledge.

# Six Michigan IFYE Youths Selected To Live Abroad

Six farm-reared Michigan college students,—five of whom are Farm Bureau members,—have been chosen as Michigan's International Farm Youth Exchange delegates for 1963.

The six youths will live and work with farm families abroad for six months. They are Lynn Munson, Ithaca; Thomas Thorburn, Mason; Alice Bonomo, Vandalia; Terry Edington, Grand Ledge; Jack Morse, Bellevue and Charlotte Webster, Hillsdale.

Three of the youths — Thorburn, Edington, and Munson,—plan careers in agriculture-related fields. Thorburn and Morse hope to join the Peace Corps for two years upon completion of their terms as IFYE delegates.

## Students Seek World Understanding

IFYE seeks to improve world understanding through shared experience and culture. About 2,750 young people have gone to and from the United States under the 15-year-old program. The National 4-H Foundation conducts the project in behalf of the Cooperative Extension Service. In Michigan, 62 IFYE "alumni" have visited more than 40 countries.

IFYE's success encouraged the Peace Corps idea. However, unlike the Peace Corps, IFYE delegates do not serve formally as technical supervisors or helpers. They work hard, but only as "adopted sons and daughters" of farm families.

# Berrien YP Alumni Meet

The Berrien County Junior Farm Bureau Alumni group held their annual "Winter Party" on February 2 at the Youth Memorial Building near Berrien Springs. This is the building which resulted from the hopes, dreams, plans and projects of the alumni members when they were in Jr. Farm Bureau and remains the popular meeting place for them and other groups in Berrien County.

The "Winter Party" began with a potluck supper followed by a business meeting with chairman Mrs. Dale R. Foster of Niles presiding. Square and round dancing climaxed the evening's entertainment.

Other officers of the group are Kenneth Blackmun of Buchanan as vice-chairman and Mrs. Robert Morlock of Coloma as secretary.

Committee members for the evening included the Stanley Radewalds of Niles, Franklin Ratters of Benton Harbor, Alton Wendzels of Watervliet and Robert Klings of Hartford.

# Chippewa Women Tour

By Mrs Franklin Schwiderson

A tour of the county jail and bomb shelter at Sault Ste. Marie was the highlight of the January meeting for the Chippewa Farm Bureau Women. Under the congenial guidance of Sheriff and Mrs. Stanley McKee, the women were shown through the entire jail facilities with detailed explanations of prison life adding to the educational tour.

Of most interest to the tour participants was the role played by the Sheriff's wife. Inspection of women prisoners and preparation of menus and meals are part of this role, they learned. Mrs. McKee explained that some of the women prisoners become like a "part of her own family" and that the most trusted ones are allowed to help her in the kitchen. Menu preparation takes a lot of planning, said Mrs. McKee, on an allowance of 40c per meal for food and any extra help needed.

The tour concluded with an examination of the bomb shelter located in the basement of the county building. The 20 Chippewa County Women in attendance were shown the equipment, food, etc. necessary in case of an atomic attack.

A letter of thanks from the Newberry State Hospital, acknowledging the several boxes of used clothing and Christmas gifts sent by the Chippewa Women, was read by Secretary Elsie Rippon. "This Christmas was made much happier for those who don't otherwise receive gifts," stated the letter which made the group feel this project had been very worthwhile.

The next meeting of the Chippewa County Women will be February 6 at the Kinross 4-H Center for the annual "Birthday Tea," a get-acquainted, social event to celebrate the birthdays of women from all groups of the county. A penny for each year of age is the "fee" for participants,—with all money going into the treasury. Groups in charge of this meeting are Speedway, McCarron and Brimley.

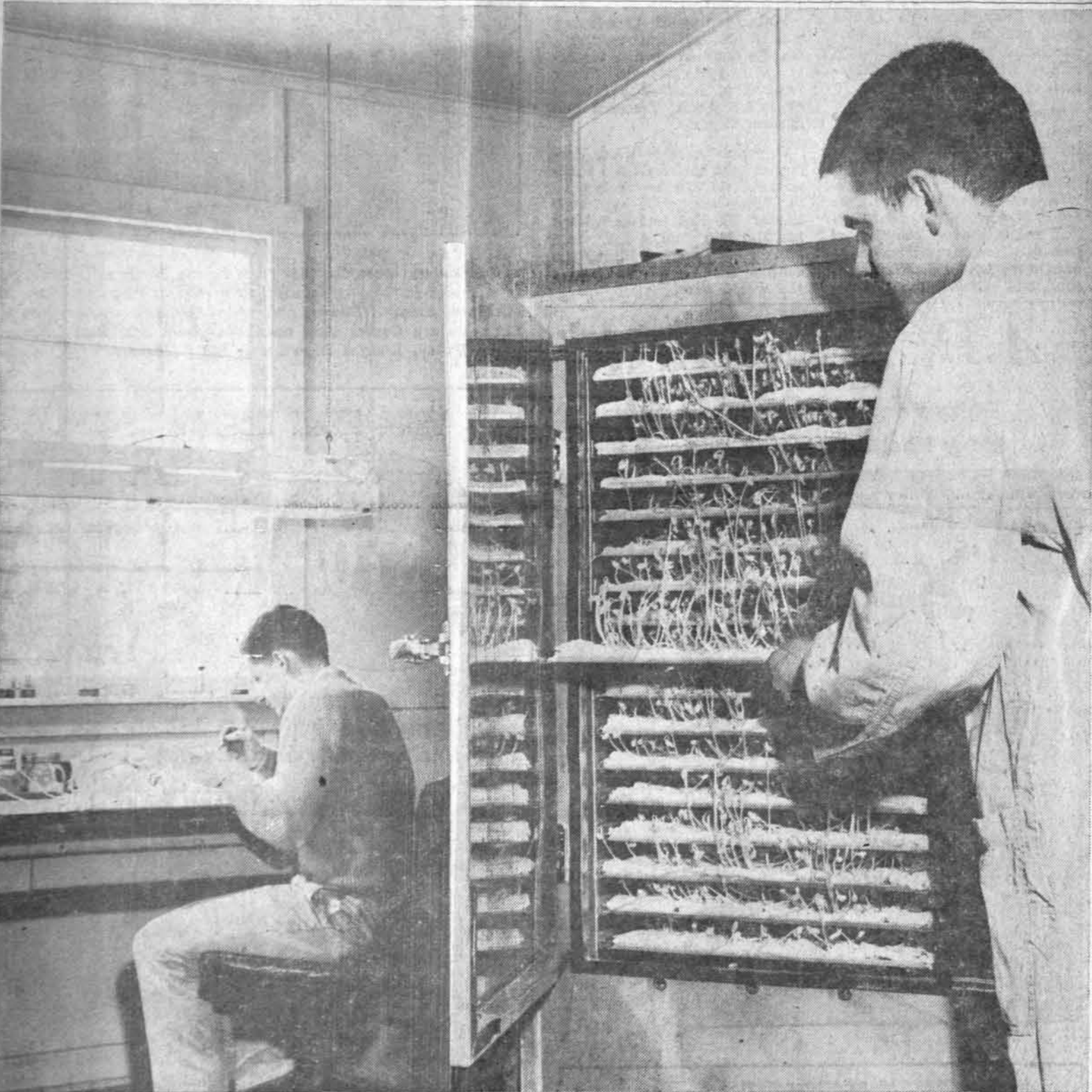
## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

### COMMUNITY SERVICE INSURANCE CO.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Community Service Insurance Company of Michigan, a corporation, will be held at its Home Office, 4000 North Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, on Monday, February 25, 1963, beginning at 1:30 P. M., for the following purposes:

1. To receive reports from officers and management.
2. To elect directors.
3. To consider such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

Attest: February 1, 1963  
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ELTON R. SMITH President  
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# The "New-Con" and Education

By DAN E. REED  
ASSOCIATE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

"Take education out of politics," has long been the cry of thinking citizens of Michigan.

Adoption of the proposed new Constitution, ("New-Con") — would be a long step in this direction. General supervision of public education would be placed in the hands of an elected policy-making Board of Education. This is now done in 47 states and in Michigan's local school districts. It is also the plan used in the operation of Michigan State and Wayne State Universities and the University of Michigan. In these educational systems, policy-making boards are elected and an administrative officer. (School Superintendent or University President) is named to carry out the Board's policies.

## HAMPERED BY POLITICAL PRESSURE

At present, Michigan's Superintendent of Public Instruction must be nominated by his political party, must run on a political party ticket and must be elected. He is subject to political pressures, and party disciplines which are normal in the selection of policy-making officials, but which hamper an administrator in the unbiased operation of his program.

Farm Bureau has long favored the election by the voters of an enlarged State Board of Education which would then appoint a Superintendent to administer its policies and the law.

The "New - Con" would continue the present status of U. of M., M.S.U. and Wayne State U., and would also grant constitutional status to the other State institutions of higher education. Each State college or university would be governed by its own Board, which would be required to open all formal meetings to the public and to give the Legislature an annual accounting of all income and expenditures.

## PROVIDES FOR LOCAL CONTROL

Community and Junior Colleges would be locally supervised and controlled, but the Legislature would be required by the New-Con to provide for financial support. A State Board of Community and Junior Colleges would be established, with members appointed by the State Board of Education.

Education, treatment, care and rehabilitation of the mentally and physically handicapped would be continued as a responsibility of the Board of Education.

The Legislature would be required to provide for the establishment and support of libraries "to be available to all residents" instead of the present requirement for a library in every township and city. This requirement has never been followed in actual practice. Penal fines would continue to go to the support of libraries.

## SIMPLIFIED AND SHORTENED

The New-Con has combined and simplified the language in the Article on Education (Article 8)—which resulted in replacing the present 16 sections with nine sections in the new document.

School-aid funds are covered under Article 9.—Finance and Taxation. One-half of all sales-tax collections are earmarked for education, along with such other tax revenues as the Legislature shall provide. The Legislature is at present reaching deeply into the General Fund to supplement earmarked school funds and last year appropriated 45 million fund-dollars to make the School Aid formula pay out in full.

Testifying to the soundness of New-Con provisions for education is the active and vigorous support of the P.T.A., the Michigan Education Association, and the Michigan Division of American Association of University Women. These organizations are members of the Coordinating Committee for the New Constitution.



THE MARK OF A MODERN FARM...  
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Carl Crusenberry, manager of 370-acre dairy and beef cattle farm tells why they chose "tilt-up" concrete shelter to protect their \$35,000 worth of machinery.



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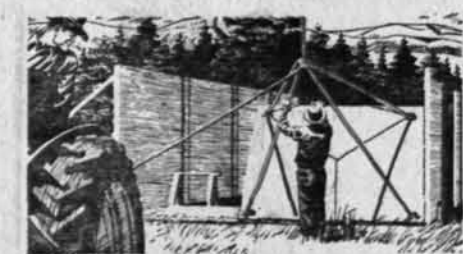
says CARL CRUSENBERRY, Whitesburg, Tenn.

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# Water Resources Conference Held



In 1798, Robert T. Malthus warned that man's population tended to outstrip his food supply... He would have been even more sensational had he substituted the "water for food," said Russell G. Hill, MSU Co-op Extension Service. Hill (2nd from right in photo) was one of several speakers at a Water Resources Conference held in the Lansing Civic Center. Other speakers were: (left to right) L. F. Oeming, Executive Secretary, Water Resources Committee; Curtis G. Beck, Assistant Attorney General; and (extreme right) R. W. Purdy, Chief Engineer, Water Resources Commission.

### Action Urged By Farm Bureau

During the recent Water Resources Conference held at the Lansing Civic Center, Dan E. Reed, Associate Legislative Counsel, Michigan Farm Bureau, called for a renewed effort on the part of all Michigan citizens, private and corporate, to solve Michigan's growing water problem.

No amount of legislation, he said, is going to increase Michigan's basic natural water supply; and while new water supplies may be developed the only real and permanent solution is present and future problems lies in the prudent and foresighted management of present water resources.

### "Follow-Up" Meetings Scheduled

In a continuation of the conference, the four sponsoring organizations, the Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan State Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Municipal League, and the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, held the first of many follow-up meetings on December 28, 1962.

In the all-day discussion sessions, agreement was reached on two suggested legislative proposals that would help to inventory, for the first time, the actual quantity of water available for use by Michigan citizens.

Through longtime policy resolutions concerning water rights, management and regulation, the Michigan Farm Bureau has maintained a constant interest in water resource conservation.

"Laws are made in the minds of people throughout the state," said Reed, "not at the state capitol."

"We can sit back and study the water problem completely," he said, "and develop an entire water code which would consume much time and many meetings, or we can find a point on which all are in agreement, and make progress now, while working on a sound basis."

Curtis G. Beck, Assistant Attorney General, Michigan Water Resources Commission, summed up Michigan's water problem solution in a talk before the same conference.

## Trip Won To Grain Clinic

James O'Conner, 18-year-old farm youth from Armada, St. Clair county, is the winner of trip awarded to the 12th annual Grain Marketing Clinic and tour of the Chicago Board of Trade, Jan. 29-31.

He is joined by winners of 4-H grain marketing projects from 12 other states. All were awarded trips by the Board of Trade.

O'Conner has a partnership arrangement with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin O'Conner, for crops produced on their 125 acre farm. He is accompanied to Chicago by Richard Payne, Elevator operator of Farm Bureau Services at Yale.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

### FARM BUREAU LIFE INSURANCE CO.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company of Michigan, a corporation, will be held at its Home Office, 4000 North Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, on Tuesday, February 26, 1963, beginning at 1:30 P. M., for the following purposes:

1. To receive reports from officers and management.
2. To elect directors.
3. To consider such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

Attest: February 1, 1963  
N. L. VERMILLION LEROY D. DUNCKEL  
Secretary President

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

### FARM BUREAU MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.

The annual meeting of the policyholders of Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Michigan, a corporation, will be held at its Home Office, 4000 North Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, on Wednesday, February 27, 1963, beginning at 1:30 P. M., for the following purposes:

1. To receive reports from officers and management.
2. To elect directors.
3. To consider such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

Attest: February 1, 1963  
N. L. VERMILLION ELTON R. SMITH  
Secretary President

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# Marketing Clinic

To Be Held At MSU March 12

The theme of this year's Clinic, "Changing Marketing Patterns," will be carried out in six separate commodity sessions held simultaneously from 10 a.m. until noon and from 2 to 5 p.m. Commodity groups will meet for a joint luncheon in the Big Ten Room, with Pierre Martineau, Marketing Research Director for the Chicago Tribune as featured speaker.

## Power Protection

### "Surge Arrester"

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John Bennett, (right) Eaton Rapids dairy farmer, talks over advantages of Farm Bureau Mutual's "surge-arrester" program with Fire-Safety Engineer Francis Bust.

### President Signs F.P.C. Agreement

A "SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT" — the first for the new 6%, 10-year debentures being offered by Farmers Petroleum Co-operative, is signed by Walter Wightman, (center) President of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Waiting next in line with check-in-hand is (right) Jack McKendry, F.P.C. General Manager. William "Bill" Rocky, Sales Promotion Manager, helps with the transaction.

Other characteristics are striped hoofs, mottled skin around the lips and face, and a white "sclera" called the "human eye," which surrounds the brownish colored pupil. Most other horses have a deep colored eye without the white area.

Since Ford's arrival in the Kalamazoo area, there have always been horses on the "Circle Double F" Ranch. Ford and his wife Norine began their career in horses with Arabians and then graduated to Quarter horses and then to the Appaloosa breed. They bought their 20 acre Richland Farm two

## Counties Iron County Govern News Notes

Four Farm Bureau members, and the son of a fifth, have been honored by the Iron County Kiwanis Club in recognition of their contribution to the local economy.

Honored at the annual Farmer-Merchant luncheon at the Iron Inn Hotel were, Elmer Viskler of the Circle C Ranch, Baskwood, a breeder of Black Angus Beef cattle; Simon Brzoznowski, Rt. 2, Gibb City, a breeder of Hereford cattle; Chester Kudwa, a dairyman from Crystal Falls, and Eugene Pellizzaro, also of Crystal Falls.

### Purebred Calf Given

Ben Kudwa, son of Joseph Kudwa, 4-H Dairy Club member, was named the winner of this year's purebred heifer calf. Ben, the third annual winner of the "Kiwanis calf," will, in turn, present his first heifer calf to another deserving 4-H Dairy-Club member.

The leading local farmers honored were introduced by County Extension Agent, Roy and Kaven. Mr. Brzoznowski and Farm Bureau Insurance Agent, Eino Kaski, rounded out the luncheon program with a discussion on the feeding and marketing of beef cattle.

At least one "farmer"—the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad—said "NO" to government payments. The C&O bought a 57-acre Michigan farm and was informed by the ASCS that it was entitled to receive \$631 per year for not farming. The railroad refused the offer.

### HOW TO GET A BLACK EYE

"Too many of those who believe in a stepped-up public relations program for agriculture are also vociferous supporters of the economically unsound government programs which are giving farmers a black eye with city folks." (Heard at AFBF convention.)

### FARM FORUM

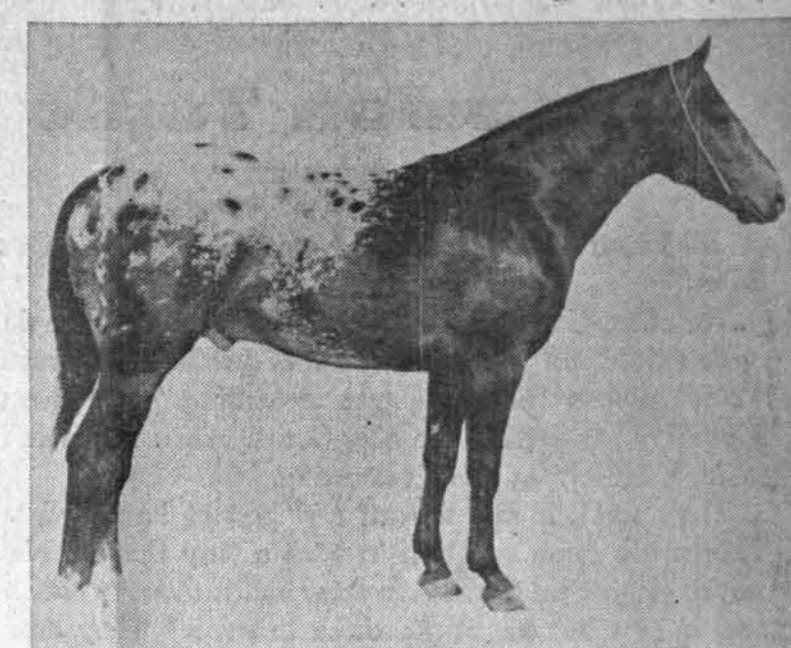
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# Appaloosa Stallion Named Champion

### Kalamazoo Horse Fancier Takes Many Honors

A registered Appaloosa stallion, "Ta-Tan-Ka," — and a special Farm Bureau Services feed, added up to a champion stallion and three crowns for a Michigan horse fancier in the 1962 Horse Show season.

The two-year-old stallion, owned by Farm Bureau member Vince Ford, Promotion Manager for radio station WKMI, Kalamazoo, won out as the Champion Stallion-at-halter, in the Michigan Appaloosa Horse Club.



APPALOOSA CHAMPION—Ta-Tan-Ka, owned by Kalamazoo Disc Jockey Vince Ford. The Appaloosa breed is an unusual, intelligent and strikingly pretty horse. There are many colors in the breed; the most recognizable or accepted type is the "blanketed" Appaloosa. Patterns range from spotted to roan. Most unusual characteristic is the human appearing eye, with a white area surrounding the brownish colored pupil. Mottled skin around the lips and face complete the distinctive beauty of this breed.

### Special Formula

Fed a special ration devised by owner Ford and "Big John" Vloch, Assistant Manager of the Kalamazoo branch of Farm Bureau Services, Ta-Tan-Ka beat out aged horses for points as the top stallion.

Other honors for the year included high point Appaloosa Stallion and Reserve Champion Stallion in the "all-breeds registered class," in the Michigan Association of Western Horse Clubs. It is the first time in Michigan's equine history that an Appaloosa horse has won such positions for high points.

Ford believes that Ta-Tan-Ka's championship bloom and finish is, at least in part, the result of the special diet developed in cooperation with "Big John" over the past five years. In fact, the appropriately named "Vince Ford Horse Feed" is quite popular with area people who raise show and "family" horses.

Known as the oldest breed of horse in the world, the Appaloosa has been traced back as far as 500 B. C. in ancient China. Migration to Libya and Arabia began about that time and it is believed that Cortez introduced them to the North American continent when he brought his horses into Mexico.

According to Ford, there are many color patterns in the breed, ranging from a roan to spotted type. The most recognizable or accepted type, however, is the blanketed Appaloosa, such as Ta-Tan-Ka.

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### 23 LIVESTOCK

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### 26 POULTRY

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### 24 NURSERY STOCK

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### 30 SEED POTATOES

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### 31 SILOS

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### 41 HELP WANTED

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# The New Constitution -- Protective, Positive

## Discussion Topic

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Michigan voters are being worked over by "Con Men."

Not Con-Con Men, — but "Con-Men" — people who would sell you a bogus bill of goods. The word "con" means "being against something," and these Con-Men are against the new Constitution. It is well to look closely at their reasoning.

Their work is like that of a sleight of hand artist. Things are done and said in such a way that people notice only what the manipulator wants them to notice and miss what he wants them to miss. They lose sight of the real facts.

Today, opponents of the new Constitution are waving before the public eye tiny images of bogey men—distorted, grotesque. These images bear the labels of "faults of the new Constitution." They are intended to distract public attention from its real virtues.

Even well-meaning people have become fascinated with some of these little twisted idols so that their vision is blurred to the total document and its true meaning. They are like a person being offered a thousand dollar bill, but turning up his nose because someone points out a fly speck or so.

### April 1—Voters' Day of Decision

What is the real deep-down, underlying issue?

It is whether Michigan's basic law shall be open to attack by groups demanding a government of special privilege—or whether we shall have a Constitution that preserves a government to serve the interests of ALL Michigan citizens.

A majority of the opponents of the new Constitution are the same people who, before the Con-Con, attacked our present Constitution and sought to do away with it. They want neither the new nor the old one. They just want control of the government—complete and final.

### No Return to Status Quo

It is folly to think that if the new Constitution is not adopted, Michigan will return to "things as they have been." These opponents don't favor the old Constitution. They seek a change—a Constitution of their own making.

If the proposed new Constitution is rejected, we may well expect a drive for a second Con-Con. Costs? Spend another \$3½ million? Why sure! These people have never balked at unlimited government spending. What difference the cost, if they get control?

Their effort has a long history. Fresh in our memories should be their attack in the State Supreme Court against Michigan's Senate apportionment in 1960 and 1962. They are still cheering the 1962 decision.

Remember?

The people of Michigan voted to apportion the Senate to balance population and area in 1952. They then had a choice between a strict population basis versus population plus area. They chose a balanced legislature. But the State Supreme Court ruled the people's amendment to be a violation of the federal Constitution. The Court said that we must go back to the wording of the 1908 Constitution, a clause of which says:

Article V, Sec. 4: "At the Session in 1913 and each 10th year thereafter the Legislature shall rearrange the Senatorial districts and apportion the representatives ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF INHABITANTS, using as the basis for such apportionment the last preceding census of the State."

### New Kind of "Twist"

Since Michigan became a State, every Constitution was written and interpreted to take both population and geographical area into account in apportioning the Senate. But now, this is taken to mean that BOTH Houses are to be set up by population only. Senators, they imply, are "representatives," as mentioned in the clause of Article V, Sec. 4.

Thus they use the 1908 Constitution (substituted by the Court for the 1952 Amendment) to over-rule citizens of minority areas. They make a trap of the Constitution for people of minority areas who, under their "majority rule" would have no rights other than majority areas might grant them.

These people oppose the new Constitution because it would



Total rule would rest in four southeast counties.

By contrast, the new Constitution is fair and considerate both of the needs of high and low population areas. Michigan would rank 10th from the top in terms of Senate apportionment—third from the top in the nation in House representation by population numbers. This should satisfy the "population issue." Yet, some insist, "All power to us!"

### New Constitution—Fair for Everyone

The new Constitution would increase the Senate districts from 34 to 38. Single member districts for both Houses of the Legislature would be established. Apportionment of Senate districts would emphasize 30% on population, 20% on geographical area. Legislative redistricting would be automatic every 10th year following each federal census.

Apportionment would be carried out by a bi-partisan Apportionment Commission. This would free the Legislature from the almost impossible task of reapportioning itself. What Legislature can easily decide to abolish seats for some of its members and friends?

### One Member-One Vote?

#### Wait a Minute!

Our "Con Men" object to the proposed single member districts. Under the present Constitution, voters in Detroit cast ballots for two or three House members per district. Thus each voter has a multiple voice in the House of Representatives.

A certain group of political bosses of that area argue for "one man-one vote" when demanding apportionment of the Legislature strictly on population. But they want to keep their "one man-three votes" system for election of House members. Political control over multiple districts concentrates elective power for the controlling party.

The political party boss, controlling a multiple member district, sees his power slipping away if the area is split into single member districts. He fears that a district formed from his present area of control might be captured by the opposite party. In his present district lay-out he has the balance of power.

In his mind the "one man-one vote" idea is a one way idea. Hit the other guy with it, but it does not apply to me. The political "Twist" is getting popular too.

### "Packing the Supreme Court"

What about the 1962 Supreme Court decision? It is notable that 5 out of the 8 Justices now in our Supreme Court obtained their offices by governor's appointment. The intent of the Constitution is that Justices should be ELECTED on a non-partisan basis. But the method has been anything but "party-proof."

Before the State Supreme Court's attack on the Michigan Senate last July, the Con-Con delegates had written a new provision designed to prevent the "packing" of the Court. Here was their problem:

Under the present Constitution, vacancies that occur on the State Supreme Court are filled by a governor's appointment. Such vacancies can and do occur. Thus, the majority of the Court may owe allegiance to the Governor and his party

and be obligated to do as they are told.

Two principles of good government are violated:

1. "Checks and balances" are destroyed. The Executive gains control over the Judicial branch of government. This concentrates undue power in the executive. Constitutions aim to prevent such a concentration of power.

2. The basic function and purpose of the Court is undermined. Courts were established to render decisions based on an unbiased interpretation of the law. But if partisan selection prompts prejudice or favor in any issue, public or private, the function of the Court is destroyed.

Con-Con delegates recognized these dangers. The new Constitution would provide that Supreme Court vacancies are to be filled by election, rather than by the governor's appointment. If a vacancy occurred between elections, the Supreme Court itself may fill it by temporarily appointing a retired judge who would not be eligible for re-election.

To avoid the possibility of "split decisions," the number

of Justices of the Supreme Court would be reduced from eight to seven.

At the last Michigan Farm Bureau Convention, our delegates declared: "We approve the ending of the present system which permits 'packing' the State Supreme Court through appointments by the governor to fill vacancies."

### Local Elections—Strengthen the Vote

A Constitution should encourage the maximum participation of the people in the affairs of government. One of the chronic weaknesses in our self-government system has been the absence of voters from the polls in our bi-ennial spring elections.

The new Constitution seeks to reinforce voter response in elections for county and township offices. All regular elections for "national, state, county and township offices" would be combined in the November general election. It is estimated that this will save a half million dollars for each spring election eliminated. Elections are a considerable expense to local government.

There are some who point out that this shift may cause problems (such as a new township treasurer taking over on the verge of a new tax collection period.) If any such problems of local government arise because of the election date shift, these problems can be met by the Legislature. Laws can be changed to provide the needed adjustments. The new Constitution would not be rigid in such matters. The benefits of the change would out-pace the problems.

### Order Out of Chaos in State Government

For many years, citizens of Michigan have called for greater efficiency and economy in State government. As we now stand, there are 126 separate and quite disjointed state agencies cluttering the administration. They have simply popped up like mushrooms in a field. There was little attention to organization among them. Such chaos makes it practically impossible for a governor to know whether

there is efficient or economical work being done.

The new Constitution would require a reorganization of these agencies into not more than 20 principal departments. Reporting to the governor would be put on a systematic basis.

This does not mean cutting of costs automatically. It does not mean the dropping of any necessary government services. But it does open the way for economies that are not possible amid the present chaos.

### Consider the Whole Document

Don't let your thinking get ditched by a little bump in the road. The new Constitution is worth your study AS A WHOLE. If you get stuck on some little feature of the document and throw the whole thing out think twice! You may be straining at a gnat and swallowing a political camel.

To deal with all the positive advantages of the new Constitution in this article would be out of the question. But if you would study them in depth, look about you. Other articles in this issue discuss features dealing with financing and taxes, education and the problems of local government as handled by the new Constitution.

### Discussion

#### Period Activities:

1. Have certain members of the group review the positive features of the proposed new Constitution as outlined in several articles in this copy of the Michigan Farm News.

Resource materials have been sent to your Discussion Leader, including the policy position passed by the County Farm Bureau delegates at the last November state convention and the Con-Con delegates' "report to the people" following the close of the Constitutional Convention.

2. Have your group lay out a plan by which members can inform their neighbors concerning the importance of the new Constitution and the changes in Michigan government which may be expected if the new Constitution is not approved in the April election.

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