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"New-Con" --- You And The April Elections

Proposed Constitution Is Fairly Formulated

"Vote YES April 1!"

It was born of an orderly process as provided by the law of the State of Michigan — this proposed new Constitution.

Michigan voters must not forget this fact as they vote on it April 1.

Delegates who drafted the document were elected by the people of Michigan as their representatives to perform this difficult job. One hundred and forty-four of them came from the communities—men and women whom the people knew, and in whom they had confidence.

The voters confirmed that confidence with their ballots.

For more than seven months, (almost eight)—these men and women studied the structure of their state government.

They debated the alternatives.

Thousands of different ideas were explored, debated, selected, thrown out or changed and strengthened.

There was compromise. No group of delegates could ever be expected to work out such a comprehensive document without it. And there was cost.

The people of Michigan voted to hold the Convention although they knew it would be a costly affair. Add to the direct expenses of the Convention the costs of elections and the total reaches the substantial sum of three and a half million dollars.

This was an "open" convention all the way. Delegates worked overtime to make reports to those who elected them.

When the Convention closed, the product of these elected delegates was adopted by a majority.

Few Michigan citizens have fully examined the document; fewer will have made labored studies of Michigan's government and its needs.

But April 1, with a stroke of the pen or the pull of the lever, they will declare that the work of the men they selected is good—or for some small reason, they may consign those months of work and study to the scrap heap.

Many of those who attack the proposed Constitution, do so on the same grounds with which they attacked the existing one. They were a minority at the Convention. Since they did not get all they asked for, they now condemn the entire work of the majority of the people's delegates and ask the people now to destroy that work.

But Farm Bureau members have stated their belief that the good in the new document is greater than any objectionable features, and that the new document brings to Michigan a better, sounder and more orderly government than provided by the old Constitution.

They say, "The people of Michigan elected the delegates. They did well."

To you, they say "vote YES on New-Con, April 1."



Jaycees Select Michigan's Outstanding Young Farmers

CONGRATULATIONS—are offered the "Four Outstanding Young Farmers" selected in annual competition sponsored by the Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce. Shaking hands with top winner, Robert Zeeb, 30, of Clinton County, is (left) Clarence Prentice, Secretary-Manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Be-

tween them is Paul Edwards, 29, Eaton County, one of three second-position "runners up" in the tight contest. Others (from the left) include Joseph Janca, 27, of Shiawassee County, and Richard Genz, 34, of Lenawee County. All are active Farm Bureau members.

March For Membership

The month of March signals the opening of a massive state-wide "Michigan March for Membership"—to secure an expected 3,000 additional Farm Bureau members.

March 21 has been set as the completion date for this state-wide, membership campaign.

When completed the "march" is expected to shove the Michigan Farm Bureau past the 70,526 drive goal for the 1963 year. Involved will be hundreds of Roll-Call volunteers who are concerned that Farm Bureau remain strong in the face of many agricultural threats.

The "March for Membership" plan was approved at the annual President's Conference, held at Camp Kett, February 21-22. The presidents observed that an additional 3,000 members could result from adding only two more members per Community Group.

Each County Board will assume responsibility for final efforts to bring the 1963 Roll-Call to a successful conclusion and make the Michigan Farm Bureau a "Goal Busting" state.

Freedom Protection Studied

Protection of our American freedoms through responsible citizenship was the keynote of the Michigan Farm Bureau's fifth annual Freedom Conference held at Mt. Pleasant's Central Michigan University.

Over 250 county Farm Bureau leaders attended the two-day conference February 7-8.

Political action programs and sessions examining fundamental grass-roots politics, were backed up by flannel board and film-tape presentations. Speakers, familiar with the threats to American freedom from without and within, appeared throughout the program.

One such speaker was Air Force Major General Harold E. Humfeld, who discussed America's Strategic Air Command.

What Americans can do to combat the communist threat from within, was illustrated by Edward Van Hartesvelt, instructor of the Zeeland High School's course on Communism.

Two Cuban businessmen, Manuel Lasada and Antonio Lopez (see picture), told what it is like to live without freedom in a country dominated by the communists.



Cuban Refugees Happy to be Here

Cuban refugee businessmen, Manuel Lasada (left) and Antonio Lopez (right) discuss the current Cuban agricultural fiasco with Dean Pridgeon, chairman of the Michigan Farm Bureau's Citizenship Committee, after addressing a capacity Freedom Conference audience.

Lopez described the "Agrarian Reform" in Cuba as a "big mockery."

"In spite of Castro's words blaming the large land estate owners," he said, "Cuba had accomplished a noticeable improvement of its agrarian worth."

Rice crops had gradually improved and cattle had reached high levels of quality and production, Lopez told the farm group. "But under Castro, stud bulls worth thousands have been slaughtered to feed greedy Communists," he said.

"Cuba, the sugar-bowl of the world, was able to produce seven million tons of sugar without any additional effort. Now, under Castro's boot, sugar has been ruined."

Roll-Call Nears Goal State Above 95% Mark

With state-wide membership in the Michigan Farm Bureau reaching the 67,000 farm family mark, every effort is underway to complete the drive for a 1963 state goal of 70,526 members.

A total of 12 counties have reached goal, with recent additions including Delta, Kalkaska, Charlevoix, Chippewa, Saginaw and Gladwin. Other counties are within a few members of goal.

Smith Receives Two Top Awards

"Dairyman of the Year"

MFB Board Member Honored by MSU

Elton R. Smith, Caledonia dairy farmer, was presented with the 1963 "Dairyman of the Year" award at the annual Farmers' Week, all-breed dairy banquet January 30.

MANY HONORS TO SMITH

The award for outstanding dairying was presented to Smith by Dr. C. A. Lassiter, chairman of the Michigan State University dairy department.

This seems to be the year for Smith to collect honors. He was recently named Kent County outstanding dairy farmer and also received a Distinguished Service to Agriculture award from MSU during Farmers' Week. (See picture.)

Smith, who operates a 380 acre farm and milks 91 registered Guernsey cattle, is a graduate of the MSU short course program, and an active 22-year member of Michigan Farm Bureau. He is currently president of Michigan Farm Bureau Services, the third member of the MFB state board of directors' executive committee, and is active in the local Farm Bureau organization. He also serves on the board of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative and F. B. Mutual, Life and Community Services Insurance boards.

Public School Education is Topic for Area Meetings

"Schools are 'Big Business' in tax dollars spent."—"Schools determine the future of America."—"Our schools are a sacred trust; we should guard its purpose and direction."

This type of comment is heard frequently in Farm Bureau circles. Many resolutions have been passed dealing with schools; many Farm Bureau people participate in local school affairs.

To help clarify the citizen's responsibilities with regard to the public school system, the Michigan Farm Bureau will sponsor four regional conferences during the month of March. Most of these will be Saturday meetings and will run from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Topics to be covered during the conferences are: What is a Board Member's Responsibilities? What About Vocational Education? What are the Challenges Facing our Public School System? What Can County Farm Bureaus do to Strengthen Their Public School System?

Highlight of each evening session will be a picture-presentation on elementary education in Russia, by a school superintendent who recently toured that country to study the educational system.

The conferences are open to all Farm Bureau members but are especially designed for those who serve on school boards. Members of various Farm Bureau committees, — Executive, Women's, Legislative, Community Group, Public Relations and Resolutions, —are all urged to attend.

Area	Date	Place
Northeast & Thumb	March 9	Bay City Masonic Hall
Southwest	March 12	Van Buren F.B. Office, Paw Paw
Southeast	March 23	Washtenaw F.B. Office
Northwest	March 30	Lake City High School

Voter-Issues Are Vitally Important

The "New-Con"—University Boards, Supreme Court Justices, Are Involved

The real "April Fool" is the man who says that "Spring elections don't amount to much." The Spring election of 1963 is full of important decisions for farmers and all voters.

Michigan will not be the same, Tuesday, April 2nd, —regardless of how many voters turn out to the polls or how they mark their ballots. Either they will awaken Tuesday morning under a new state constitution, or under an old one that so many people have worked to change for so many years. It is not likely that such work will end there. Bills to defray the costs of the 1961 Constitutional Convention will continue to flow through the Auditor General's office.

BIG DETROIT TURNOUT?

It is probable that voters of Detroit will turn out in record numbers. They are faced with two proposals for increased millage, which should provide strong incentive for going to the polls. Important as such local issues are, they do not equal the long-range importance of a favorable vote on the proposed new constitution.

Farmers especially, have much at stake.

They, along with the rest of Michigan's citizens were alerted by the State Supreme Court decision on reapportionment last July. This decision, if upheld by the United States Supreme Court, would change the basis of representation in Michigan's Senate to a strict "population" formula.

STATE UNIVERSITIES

Candidates for the University of Michigan Board of Regents are: Republicans, William B. Cudlip of Grosse Pointe Shores, and Ink White of St. Johns. The Democrats include: Eugene B. Power of Ann Arbor and Donald M. D. Thurber of Detroit.

DEMOCRATS ON THE BALLOT

Democrats on the ballot for the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University include incumbents Don Stevens, educational director for the Michigan AFL-CIO, Okemos, and Jan E. Vanderploeg of North Muskegon.

Republicans are Stephen S. Nesbit, Fremont, — long-time member of the Michigan Board of Education and President of the Constitutional Convention; and Arthur K. Rouse, of Boyne City.

Candidates for the Board of Governors are: Republicans: Marshall V. Noecker of Grosse Pointe Farms, and Dr. Alfred H. Whittaker of Grosse Pointe. Democrats: Michael Ference, Jr., of Dearborn and Leonard Woodcock of Grosse Pointe Park.

Although other candidates and issues will be on the ballot, this partial list of candidates for top offices plus "New-Con" provides at least ten good reasons why the Spring election is important.

Farmers should register their concern on every single one.

Supreme Court Election

Four names, for two positions on the Michigan Supreme Court, will be on the April 1st ballot. Those elected will serve on the Court until 1971,—an eight year term. The length of this term makes it important to choose men of sound, basic government policy, and personal integrity. They should be men who have no difficulty distinguishing between the historic functions of our three great branches of government, The Legislative, The Administrative and The Judicial.

Many people have felt that recent decisions of the Court, including action in the apportionment case, have come closer to policy-making than legal interpretation of existing law.

Although they are elected on a "non-partisan" ballot, candidates for the Supreme Court are nominated by political parties. Democrat candidates include incumbent Eugene F. Black. Former Supreme Court Justice Paul L. Adams is the other candidate. He was appointed to the Court by Governor Swainson, and defeated in the November election.

If you like the decisions of the present Supreme Court, you would be advised to vote for these men.

Republican candidates include Donald E. Holbrook, Circuit Judge, dairy farmer and Farm Bureau member from Clare. Richard G. Smith, Circuit Judge and former member of the Michigan Legislature in 1953-56, is the other Republican candidate. He lives in Bay City.

If you want a change in the attitude of the Supreme Court, then vote for these men.

EDUCATION OFFICIALS

On April 1st, voters will choose a Superintendent of Public Instruction for a two-year term. This is a key office in Michigan government. The Superintendent heads the Michigan Department of Public Instruction which administers the laws and regulations pertaining to Michigan's schools.

Democrat incumbent, Dr. Lynn M. Bartlett, will be on the ballot to succeed himself.

Republicans have placed Raymond M. Hatch in the race as his opponent. Dr. Hatch is a Professor of Education at

"I doubt, too, whether any other Convention we can obtain, may be able to make a better Constitution. For when you assemble a number of men to have the advantage of joint wisdom, you inevitably assemble with these men, all their prejudices, their passions, their errors of opinion, their local interests, and their selfish views. From such an assembly, can a perfect production be expected? It therefore astonishes me, Sir, to find this system approaching so near to perfection as it does. . . ."

Benjamin Franklin Said It

(Direct quotes from Franklin recorded during the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Sept. 17, 1787,—and which are equally fitting for Michigan today.)

EDITORIAL

Saying "Haw" to "Ghee" Program

It is absurd for our government to buy perfectly good butter, pay more tax dollars for storage until it is out of condition, then spend more money to melt it, and still more to ship it in the form of butter-oil (ghee) to India as part of our surplus disposal program. The absurdity lies in the \$1.20 per pound total cost that we as taxpayers pay, for the privilege of getting rid of it.

"Farm" programs such as this solve less problems than they create. This example is just one more reason why farmers have again offered to lead the way back to a balanced federal budget through asking for a ten billion dollar cut in federal spending, with one billion of that amount to come out of "farm" expenditures.

But where to cut? Farmers suggest that the "emergency" Feed-Grain program would be a good place to begin, saving something like 800 million dollars by doing away with this costly program that has again "solved" problems by creating new ones.

What would replace it?

If Farm Bureau's Cropland Retirement Program were adopted and aimed at 20 million acres the first year,—with whole farms retired on a competitive-bid basis, at \$20 to \$25 per acre, the \$400 million cost would be half that of the present feed-grain program.

Another 409 million dollars could be saved by removing the wheat export subsidy of 63c per bushel (average) that among other things has caused the European Common Market to plan tariff reprisals against us. The cotton export subsidy of 8½ cents per pound could be cut by half for a starter, saving another 100 million dollars.

By limiting Agricultural Conservation Payments to permanent practices only, instead of pouring money into temporary conservation programs, the annual cost of 250 million dollars could be shaved by 100 million.

Now add them up:

- Feed-Grain savings \$400 million
- Wheat, Cotton Export Subsidies, \$509 million
- A.C.P. Permanent Practice Program \$100 million

Total "Farm Area" Savings, one billion dollars.

This, then, represents the farmer's portion of the total cutting job that can bring expenditures back in line with income.

Another five billion dollars can come out of Defense appropriations without weakening national defense, the experts say. A full billion out of dollars allotted to foreign aid will still allow a strong program but cut some of the ghee-type butterfat out of it.

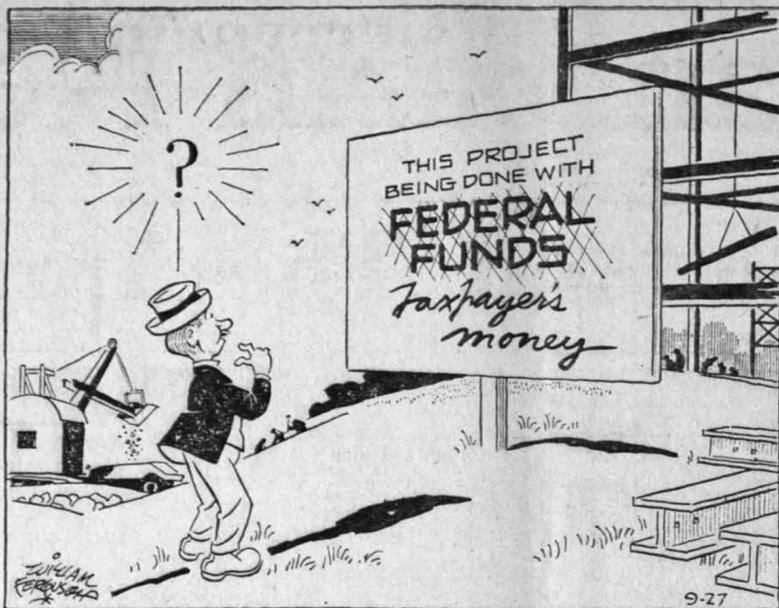
Another two billion dollars shucked out of the public-works programs when added to another miscellaneous half-billion squeezed out of other programs brings the total to the proposed ten-billion dollar mark.

In all of this, farmers keep in mind that federal expenditures are rising much faster and higher than local expenditures, pointing to a possible future when federal funds will represent 75 to 80 per cent of all money spent for government purposes.

Farmers note that there is no evidence whatsoever that a personal income tax cut stimulates the economy sufficiently to make any real difference. At best, this is shadow-boxing with an idea that has no real substance in truth.

Finally, when it comes to pinning down responsibility for big spending and big, unbalanced budgets, it's not foreign aid,—farm programs, or national defense that is the culprit. "We the people,"—you and I, who we vote for, and what we demand, add up to the biggest single cause.

M. W.



—The Chicago Daily Drovers Journal

SOMEHOW IT LOOKS DIFFERENT

"FEDERAL FUNDS"—is the wrong way to say it. "Taxpayer's Money" would be more accurate. Such terms as "federal funds," "national debt," (it belongs to the nation, not to ME) —"Grants-in-aid," all leave the impression of something highly impersonal, very far away. Such words become part of the soft-sell job done with labels to lead citizens toward pie in the sky, free meals and something for everyone for nothing. The next time someone tells of Federal Funds, start talking about Taxpayer's Money. Applying "Taxpayer's Money" to a federal project somehow does make it different.

Spending, -- Inflation Threat

Proposed Budget Largest in History

Is "Over-spending" a habit of big government? The figures for the past decade would indicate that it is. The discussion of the largest budget in our history—and the paradox of a tax cut meanwhile—are very much in the news these days. Thoughtful citizens may ask, "Were will it come out, besides the red ink figures?" Here is the record:

Yr. end	Billions of Dollars			
	Estimated Budget	Actual Spend.	Estimated Deficit	Actual Deficit
June 30 1955	\$65.4	\$64.4	\$2.9	\$ 4.2 deficit
1956	62.1	66.2	2.4	1.6 surplus
1957	64.6	69.0	.4 surplus	1.6 surplus
1958	71.2	71.4	1.8 surplus	2.8 deficit
1959	73.6	80.3	.5 surplus	12.4 deficit
1960	76.3	76.5	.1 surplus	1.2 surplus
1961	79.1	81.5	4.2 surplus	3.9 deficit
1962	80.9	87.8	1.5 surplus	6.4 deficit
1963	92.5	94.3	.5 deficit	?

1961 Actual Federal national debt (not including obligations) \$315.6 billion. This debt results from the fact that we have had deficits in 24 of the last 32 years.

The debt for 1963-64 can go much higher than the \$12 billion. In the face of the largest spending budget and the recommended tax cut, possibilities loom for such a calculation as the following:

The President's Recommended Budget	\$99 billion
High Estimate of Federal Income	87 billion
Deficit Without Tax Cut	12 billion
Reduced Revenues with Tax Cut	6 billion
Possible deficit with Tax Cut	\$18 billion

The theory that government spending and tax cuts will stimulate economic expansion so as to overcome the revenue lost and spent has never been shown to work. It does not come from economic laws—it stems from social-economic theories akin to wishful thinking.

An \$18 billion deficit would lead directly to "galloping inflation." Farmers would be among those hardest hit by inflation—with rising costs coupled with government limits on their rights to produce to overcome the costs.

D. K.

New-Con Not Partisan

Acknowledgment that passage of the new Constitution on April 1 is not a partisan issue has come in recent weeks from influential members of the Democrat party.

They include Dr. Connor D. Smith of Pinconning, Democrat Chairman of the MSU Board of Trustees, and Paul Mahinske, a Detroit lawyer who was a Democrat delegate to Con-Con. Mahinske voted against the document last August but has recently made a public announcement of a switch in his stand on the issue.

"I realize that the Democrat party's official stand is against the new Constitution, but that stand is wrong," Mahinske said.

Dr. Smith says he will support the new Constitution and "recommend to the people of Michigan that they vote for it on April 1." In their actions these two leading Democrats join five other Democrat delegates who have defied official party dictum to work for the New-Con.

Farmers View The Tax Slash

The vast majority of American farmers want less rather than more government aid, one of their most respected spokesmen said this week.

The statement was made by Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation since 1954.

He discussed farm problems at length, but the distinguished Democrat went far beyond that.

He agreed with those who say federal income taxes are too high. He spoke in favor of reducing them, "but only as we reduce total government expenditures." Without jeopardizing our defense establishment, he said "it is entirely feasible to reduce government spending by several billion dollars" annually.

He is dead against any tax cut that means throwing the budget further out of balance. He noted that national income is "at a very high level" and asserted "we can afford to pay our way as we go."

Among his comments:

"We must greatly reduce government intervention not only in agriculture, but in all segments of our economy."

"We must be willing to accept responsibility as citizens in our local communities. The appropriation of funds for various kinds of federal aid is the most common means by which responsibility is shifted from individuals or local government units to the federal government. . . . Too many people assume that federal aid programs are paid for by the wealthy, the big corporations. . . . Most of us would not be so ready to ask for federal appropriations if we would always remember that money spent by the government must be taken from the incomes of all citizens. . . . As the level of government spending increases, the proportion of the individual citizen's income left for his own use rapidly diminishes. This trend is, in itself a dangerous erosion of individual freedom—the freedom to spend one's earnings."

We share Mr. Shuman's view that a major cause of the deterioration of states' rights and local responsibility is the clamor for more federal services and "favors."

One effective solution is for individuals, communities and states to ask Uncle Sam to do for us only those things we cannot do better for ourselves. A concerted movement of that kind could pave the way for a substantial income tax cut based on curtailed expenditures—with maybe some of the savings applied to cutting a few slices off of the \$302 billion national debt.

(From the Missoula, Montana "Missoulian")

President's Column Needed, Many Micaiahs

Quoting Howard E. Kershner, Editor of Christian Economics, "The founders of our country were a small minority when they wrote the Declaration of Independence. In the early years of our history, statesmen took their stand on the basis of principles and sought a following. Today, few statesmen know what they think about public issues until after they have taken a series of polls. After they know what is popular, they formulate their policies. Would we ever have become a great nation, or indeed, would we ever have won our independence if the men who preceded us had not had the courage to stand alone, if need be, for what they thought was right?"



Walter Wightman

"How refreshing the words of Micaiah: 'As the Lord liveth, what the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak.'"

We have been told so often that the crowd is seldom right, that it makes one wonder whether it would be possible to move in the right direction in the legislative process when legislators and statesmen so often use the public poll system to determine what the thinking of the average citizen is before he makes his decisions as to what direction he takes.

We have many men in our legislative halls and in other high places who have no real convictions of their own as to what is right or what is best for the country and the total economy. They would rather vote for what they think will keep them in office.

Let us fail to appreciate statesmanship when we see it, we do have Congressmen and statesmen who are and have been willing to place their beliefs and standards before the public for their approval at the polls. They are winning now in increasing numbers. The results of the recent election is evidence of this.

There were many "Micaiahs," who originally, we are told, had the nerve to advise Jehoshaphat not to go to war with the Syrians after 400 other prophets had advised him and King Ahab that they could win that war. They didn't do battle with the King of Syria and this avoided certain defeat and saved Jehoshaphat's life and preserved the union of the people.

It has always been minorities that were able to save the day. Martin Luther tacked his 95 Theses (A Disputation for the clarification of the power of Indulgences) on the door of the cathedral at Wittenberg in spite of the advice of all his priestly friends and associates. He didn't know it then, but his dedication to honesty and integrity and his determination to live by it was the beginning of the great Reformation.

George Washington and those early statesmen took a definite stand when the odds were all against them, but our great nation had its beginning because of their courage.

Abraham Lincoln, by some phenomenon, was elected President of the United States. He was very unpopular and was considered to be incompetent by his Secretary of State. He received hundreds of letters threatening his life, but he held to his course and supported his beliefs by his determination. A nation was saved and a segment of our human society was freed from the bondage that had treated them no better than animals.

But Abraham Lincoln's name goes down in history as a great hero of our country. Few of us could have endured in that crisis. His firm reliance upon Divine Providence was his chief support. We are told that he spent whole nights in prayer.

Here and now, in 1963, we too face crisis. We have come to a position of strength and leadership in the world today. But we can't continually increase our taxes and place billions of dollars in the hands of the Executive Branch of government, where it is used to force legislators to their knees when important national legislation is the issue.

We can't continually increase our staff of federal employees and still maintain the freedoms for which our predecessors fought. We have added 145,342 new jobs to the already swollen bureaucracy in the last 2 years. The tax cut proposed by the administration is only bait to get approval for an unprecedented sending program.

Representative Clarence Cannon of Missouri says, "We are spending money we do not have for things we can do without."

If we get a tax cut and a tax reform program we will end up paying more taxes than we have been paying.

We need statesmen-leaders. We have some. Let's support them.

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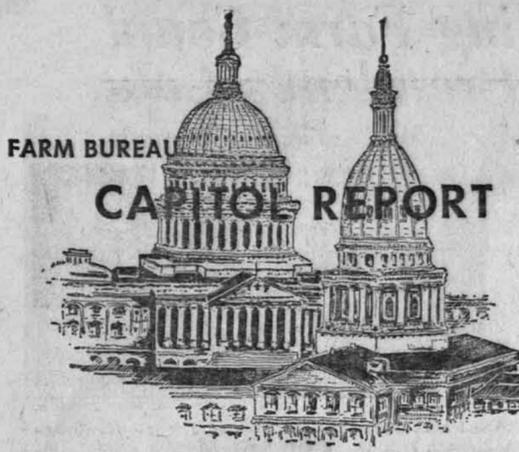
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"Get Government Out"

"I attended the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Atlanta, Georgia. There, I heard president Charles Shuman stand up before that huge crowd of farmers and tell them that 'we've got to get government out of the farming business.'"

"He outlined how farmers have been trying to do this. Here was real leadership in action. This crowd included people who have benefited in the past from government protections,—yet they stayed with him. They passed the resolution that condemns government control of agriculture.

They didn't wait to see how this issue would be settled without them, they jumped into it, right now." (Dr. Kenneth McFarland, Kansas Educator, speaking at the 95th annual meeting of the Michigan Press Association)



"New-Con" Provides Leeway in Counties

Allows County Governments to Adjust

Rural people should not expect that all County governments must be frozen in their original frames of organization. Michigan is a changing state. In some counties the population has become predominantly urban. New needs and services have arisen. If the people of some highly populated counties see the need for changing their government structure to meet their needs and problems, they should have the liberty to decide the matter. Under the present Constitution they are hampered in this decision.

The new Constitution would allow county people to change their government set-up BY A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE. It would not serve to destroy township governments or in any way disturb the type of county government where people wish to keep the present form of structure.

Where a change may be desired, five per cent of the "electors" of the county could place the question on the ballot, or it could come to a vote by an action of the Board of Supervisors.

Water Use and Management Bills Introduced

BY DAN E. REED
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Three bills affecting water-use and management are before the Michigan Legislature or being readied for introduction. They include an Act dealing with inland lakes and streams, a "Surplus Waters" Act and proposed licensing of water well drillers. All of the measures are of real interest to rural people.

Licensing of Water Well Drillers

This bill sets standards of well construction and provides for filling of "logs" giving geological data to assist in mapping Michigan's underground water resources.

Michigan annually drills or drives 18 to 20 thousand wells, more than any other state. The bill would exempt shallow, driven wells from logging requirements and would not require a license from a landowner to construct a well for own use. The measure would provide for enforcement by the Department of Health.

A similar bill last year was defeated by the Senate. Farm Bureau favored many provisions of the bill, but urged administration by the Conservation Department to avoid duplication. The Conservation Department already is responsible for oil and brine well drilling and would be expected to process geological data. Farm Bureau also did not favor requirement of a permit for repair of private wells.

Inland Lakes and Streams Act of 1963. Increasing activity along lakes and streams is resulting in growing numbers of structures, alterations and fills. There is, at present, little law to regulate this development, except the "case law" resulting from court decisions. An individual or the public is forced to go to the courts for an injunction to protect property or rights.

This bill would provide a statute law to guide shore-line development. Permits would be required for filling beyond the high water mark and for construction of piers, marinas and docks.

A riparian owner would not need a permit to put in a pier for his own recreational use. The measure would also apply to the St. Mary's, St. Clair and Detroit Rivers.

It has been pointed out that if the State does not fulfill its responsibility, it may forfeit its sovereignty to the Federal Government.

Surplus Waters Act. Authority to impound surplus or excess water for later use would be provided by a bill which has been developed to enable the State to make better use of the water available during flood periods. Conferences of water users, including agriculture, municipalities, industry and recreation interests, have improved the bill, which provides for control by County Boards of Supervisors.

WATER NEEDS COMMITTEE
The same organizations have urged the Michigan Legislature to tool up for the job of water management by naming standing committees for the purpose. In former years, water bills have been sent to a variety of committees.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
Representative Roy Spencer, of Lapeer, is proposing to exempt all livestock and poultry from the personal property tax. He points out that, at present, horses and cattle over one year old and sheep and swine not over six months on January 1, the tax date, are exempt from personal property taxation.

Representative Spencer, a farmer himself, feels that there are many injustices in this area and that the exemption of all livestock would provide a greater equity.

The policy on personal property taxation adopted by Farm Bureau delegates at the last

annual meeting urges the elimination of the personal property tax. Representative Spencer's proposal is a step in this direction.

TAX EXEMPTIONS SOUGHT

Of the first 45 bills dropped in the hopper in the House, five propose some kind of tax exemption for persons of the age of 62 or more. Four propose some kind of property tax exemption.

OHIO MONEY TROUBLES

In its monthly newsletter, the Ohio Farm Bureau says Ohio faces serious financial problems. "There is real concern as to where sufficient money will be found to meet obligations for education, welfare and highways." The spending budget of outgoing Governor DiSalle was scrapped by Governor Rhodes and his budget director who was the former State Auditor. All departments are being told to economize.

Ohio Farm Bureau says there is a growing recognition that new sources of revenue will have to be found and will continue to press for enactment of a state income tax.

Knirk Picked For Ag Board



BLAUE KNIRK

A prominent Branch county farmer, and former Vice President of the Michigan Farm Bureau, and director on the board, has been appointed by Governor Romney to the State Agricultural Commission. He is Blaue Knirk, 46, of Quincy. He succeeds Arthur Hannah of Grand Rapids who resigned last fall.

Knirk has been a life-time agricultural leader with an outstanding history of service to Farm Bureau, livestock and cooperative organizations. He currently serves as a director of the Michigan Livestock Exchange, and as president of the Quincy school board. He was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention where he served on the important Legislative Apportionment committee.

Born on a farm near his present home, he was educated in schools of the area and at Michigan State University. His farm operations include beef cattle, hogs and general crops on 452 acres.

Mr. and Mrs. Knirk have two sons, Dick, 20, now a student in the College of Agriculture, Michigan State University, and Jack, 22, in Army Officer's Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

His appointment is for a term ending September 6, 1965.

Inflationary Spending Strikes the Helpless

Thoughtlessly we can be cruel.

We may ask for government programs that increase the level of federal spending until the national debt grows and grows each year.

Groups grasp for their share of federal handouts. The slack in the federal tax take is taken up by a growing inflation. After all, the government has to pay its bills in one way or another.

Too many people assume that federal aid programs are paid for by the wealthy—the big corporations—big income men. Taxes hit everybody more or less. But the big shock comes upon those who can least afford it and can do nothing about it—people of small means, folks who are on fixed incomes from pensions, old

people who have tried to save for the years when their incomes cease. The value of their savings is eaten away as the value of the dollar drops and drops.

How ruthless is the person who thinks that this unchecked spree of government spending will cost nobody anything much? How ruthless is he who says that he should have his share of handouts, because everyone else is getting his share? Is he ruthless or just not in touch with how the thing works?

Irresponsible Tax Cuts

Everyone, needless to say, would like to pay less in taxes.

But not everyone believes that tax reduction now, in the light of current prospects and conditions, makes sense.

President Charles B. Shuman of the American Farm Bureau Federation is among them. Speaking before the Federation's annual convention, he expressed the opinion that tax reduction without a corresponding reduction in government spending would be irresponsible.

Attractive as a tax reduction is, this point of view must be given full consideration. It is true that some top officials of the government, who are concerned with tax policy, now argue that deficits are not necessarily breeders of inflation. Maybe so—but their arguments are contravened by the hard experience of the postwar years. Perhaps ever-increasing deficits—of ten, fifteen, twenty billion a year—would not produce more inflation in a time when there is idle plant capacity and substantial unemployment. But what of the time—that the government is working for—when the plants are all busy and we have full employment?

The ranks of those, in and out of Congress, who are convinced that reduced spending is a prerequisite of sound and safe tax reduction, are growing fast.

(From: Industrial News)

Corn Dumping Act Protested

Cheap Rail-Rates Used By Government

The nation's grain trade has protested government action which establishes a policy of allowing the government to sell corn in 12 Southeastern states at a price which averages \$75 to \$200 per car below competitive corn prices.

"The action," the Grain & Feed Dealers National Association said, "completely disregards transportation costs and usurps the corn markets of private grain handling firms."

IMPOSSIBLE COMPETITION

Alvin E. Oliver, executive vice president of the National Association, said that grain firms which traditionally sell corn into these states will be unable to compete with the fixed rates set by the Government.

Mr. Oliver said that if such action were allowed to continue over a period of time it will force into bankruptcy many tax-paying grain firms which normally sell into this Southeastern market.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture offers the government-owned corn for sale in the States of Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, Virginia,

Kentucky, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida.

The corn is offered at 25 cents per bushel over Chicago cash market price in quantities of five or more Jumbo freight cars or 10 or more ordinary freight cars. In quantities of one through four Jumbo cars or of two through nine ordinary cars, the f.o.b. price will be 27½ cents above the Chicago cash market price.

FARMERS HURT

The Grain & Feed Dealers National Association stressed also the effect which USDA's action would have on Midwest farmers. The government's discriminatory action, the association said, lowers the price which producers can receive for their corn in the Central, Midwest, and some Western States, because the government's price eliminates bidding by grain merchants who normally sell into the market.

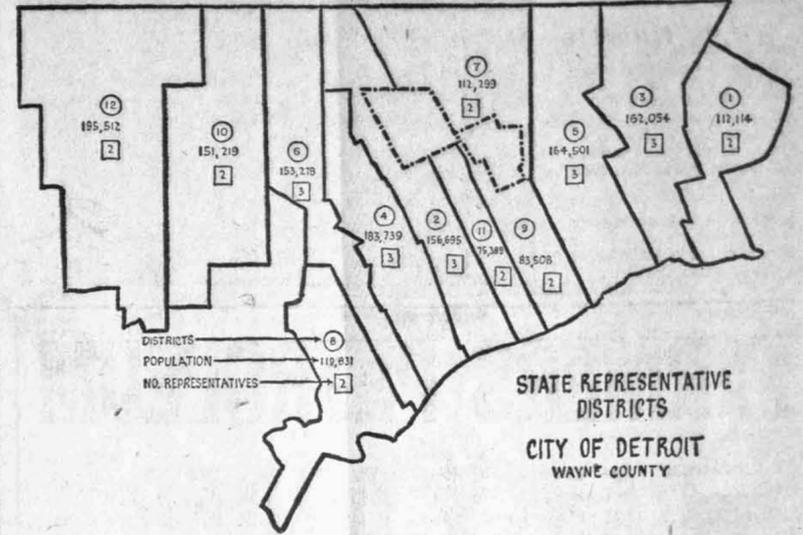
Mr. Oliver said this government sales program is facilitated by government use of reduced rail rates under Section 22 of the Interstate Commerce Act. He said these reduced rates were not intended for purposes of competing with private industry.

"Gerrymandering" Example

Interesting Map Shows Odd Districts

Printed to the right is an official map of the City of Detroit showing the Legislative districts for the House of Representatives.

These districts were drawn by the Wayne County Board of Supervisors following the 1952 amendments to the Constitution relative to apportionment. Many call this a good example of "Gerrymandering" (practice of districting to provide political control either between political parties or within a party).



GERRYMANDER

How did it start? In 1912 Governor Gerry Elbridge's political party contrived to divide Essex county, Massachusetts, into a dragon-shaped district to provide a political advantage by the unnatural shape.

It should be noted that every person in the city of Detroit votes for two or three representatives. Most people in the state vote for only one representative. Flint and Grand Rapids, with three seats each, vote as a whole and do not need to be districted.

It should also be noted from the map the number of people each representative theoretic-

ally represents. For instance, in district eleven, with two representatives, each would represent 37,695 people while in district twelve, (also with two representatives), each represents 97,756 people.

Under the new Constitution, no person could be "Gerrymandered" out of an effective vote. Under the new Constitution, every person would vote

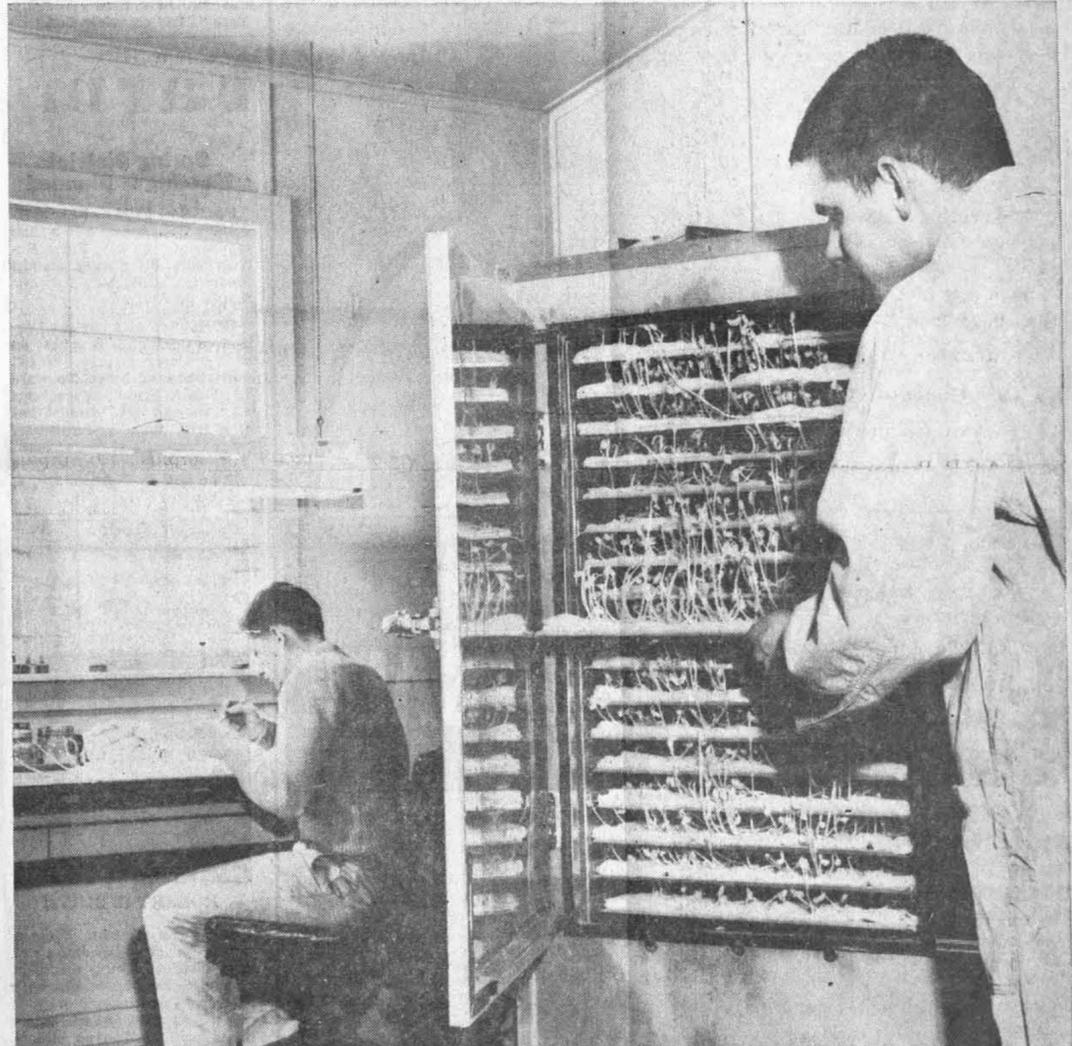
for one representative and only one.

In order to achieve this (again using Detroit as an example), the bipartisan eight-man apportionment commission created in the Constitution would be required to form representative districts that are:

- (1) "Compact and contiguous" and "as nearly square in

shape as possible," and (2) "As nearly equal as possible" in population.

Of the many added protections for the individual in the new Constitution, this is the most important. No longer would it be possible for political pressure groups to control large voting areas. This is the REAL reason for their opposition.



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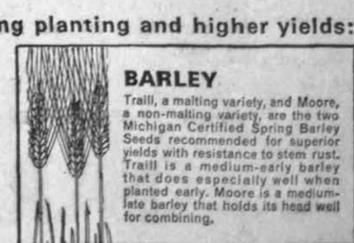
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Conservation Annual Held

25th Anniversary Meeting Observed

R. W. (Wally) Peterson, long-time Farm Bureau member, has been re-elected president of the Michigan Association of Soil Conservation Districts, now boasting 40,000 farmer-cooperators. Re-elected president of the Association's ladies' auxiliary was Mrs. John Harmon, Hudson.

Peterson, a Lakeview dairy farmer, serves as area director for the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts.



The Farmer, --- Then and Now

By CONNIE NELSON

What happened to the farmer of yester-year,
That I used to visit, when vacation drew near?
The farmer who worked in battered straw hat,
With red bandana exposed where he sat;
In faded blue overalls, complete with a bib,
(As old fashioned now as his old corn crib);
The man who always was chewing on a straw,
And was known to his family by the name of
"Paw?"
Now the tired farmers I knew back "when,"
Have become a new, different breed of men.
He now wears the attire of his city brother,
In fact, you can't really tell one from the other;
He's better informed on the news of the day,
And he plows with "horse-power" instead of a bay;
A mechanized business his farm has become,
His vote at the polls, a political "plum;"
No longer the subject of joke, and of mirth,
Is this new farmer who toils in the earth;
But one thing is unchanged in our man of the sod,
He, and his labors, remain close to God.

New-Con News Notes

Michigan's proposed new constitution abolishes spring elections. The proposal will save Michigan taxpayers about one million dollars annually. Vote "YES" on "New-Con."

When Michigan's revised constitution receives more "yes" votes than "no" votes on April 1, 1963, it becomes effective on Jan. 1, 1964. Add your vote!

Outstanding Farm Couples



MICHIGAN'S FOUR OUTSTANDING FARM COUPLES—were pictured shortly after their selection at a banquet program in Mt. Pleasant, Feb. 16. With them is Clarence Prentice, MFB Secretary-Manager, who interviewed each couple for the "Farm Bureau at Work" radio network. The winners are: (from left) Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gentz, Tipton; Mrs. Zeeb; Prentice, and Robert Zeeb, Bath, (selected as the "Most Outstanding" of the farm candidates); Mr. and Mrs. Paul Edwards, Grand Ledge, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Janca, Owosso.

"Most Outstanding"

Robert Zeeb, 30 year old farmer from Bath, in Clinton county, has been named Michigan's Most Outstanding Young Farmer, in annual competition sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Long a "Jaycee" favorite program, an average of 900 Chapters conduct the program nationally, with eighteen candidates entered in the Michigan contest this year.

Zeeb, who has a long history of activity in Farm Bureau, will be Michigan's entry in the national finals program, set for Tulsa, Oklahoma, April 7-9.

There, along with 49 other state winners who were given the all-expense trips, he will take part in three activity-packed days before the national Awards Banquet and the naming of America's four most outstanding young farmers.

A check of the records indicates that he will be an impressive contender. Only recently Zeeb was among those honored as a top farm manager by Michigan State University during Farmers' Week. Robert, along with his father and an uncle, operate an 83 cow dairy herd, with milk production better than 245,000 pounds per man. His farm is undergoing a rapid building program aimed at 100 cows in the future.

He is a director on the board of the Clinton County Farm Bureau, president of the county Dairy Herd Improvement Association, and a member of the state DHIA board. He serves on the Dairy Advisory Committee of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Unable to distinguish second, third and fourth choices in the tight contest, the judges declared a three-way tie for second position. Named were: Paul R. Edwards, dairyman from Grand Ledge; Richard Gentz, who operates a 460 acre cattle and cash-crop farm near Tipton, and Joseph Janca, Owosso, another dairyman, who has added several hundred acres of beans as a cash crop on his 600 acre farm.

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Farm Bureau Women In Action

Spring District Meetings Planned

FACTS — FUN — FELLOWSHIP... These will be the ingredients of the Farm Bureau Women's Spring District Meetings scheduled for the month of April.

Robert Smith, Associate Legislative Counsel, will appear on each morning program to tell the women of Farm Bureau's Tax Study. Afternoon programs may vary in each district but most will include luncheons, entertainment and attendance contests. Election of officers will be held in Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10E and 10W.



ROBERT E. SMITH

"All Farm Bureau Women should make attendance at their district Spring meetings a must," says Mrs. Marjorie Karker, Coordinator of Women's Activities. "Each meeting will be a rally-type gathering planned to make a good, full, well-spent day for every participant."

Meetings which have been scheduled are:

Dist.	Date	Place
7	Apr. 4	Newaygo Co.
1	Apr. 9	St. Joseph
8	Apr. 10	Isabella
3	Apr. 11	Wayne
5	Apr. 15	Eaton
6	Apr. 16	Sanilac
4	Apr. 17	Kent
9	Apr. 18	Camp Kett
10E	Apr. 25	Alpena
10W	Apr. 26	Charlevoix

Women interested in attending these important meetings should contact their county chairmen for full particulars as to date, time and place.

Oceana Reports...

Oceana County Farm Bureau members who attended the annual dinner in Hart January 31 enjoyed a trip to the Seattle Worlds Fair, via color slides shown by Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Fox of Shelby, part of a group who participated in the Michigan Farm Bureau tour to the Fair last summer.

The dinner, a pot-luck affair, held in the Hart Congregational Church, was planned by the ladies from Ransacker Community Group. Diners were entertained by Hart High School band students, as part of the program organized by the Lake-Shore Community Group.

"WOMEN'S HOLIDAY" CAMP SCHEDULED

April 3-4

The "Women's Holiday" Camp for Farm Bureau Women of Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5, has been set for April 3-4 at Wesley Woods Camp on Clear Lake, near Dowling.

"Education" will be the theme of this year's camp, with specialists on this topic scheduled to appear on the program. Highlight of the camp will be a tour of the Farm Bureau Services Egg Marketing plant at Jenison.

The popular "Tote Bags," containing county products, will again be featured, together with hobbies and recreation. Cost of camp is \$8.00. Campers are asked to bring sheets, blankets and pillows.

To make reservations, write to Wesley Woods Camp, Dowling, R-1, Michigan. The attached coupon may be used. Deadline is March 28.

Farm Bureau Women's Holiday, April 3 & 4

I will attend camp at Clear Lake.....
I will attend both days and overnight.....
I will attend for one day.....

Signed

County

Chippewa Reports...

A rose-decorated birthday cake, a wishing well, and a demonstration of the latest hair styles... each of these in itself would appeal to women. But the Chippewa County Farm Bureau Women believe in going all the way for their annual birthday tea. They combined all three and came up with an outstanding event termed "a huge success" by all who attended.

Mrs. Franklin Schwiderson reports that representatives from a Sault Ste. Marie beauty academy appeared on the program to give actual demonstrations of hair styles, hair coloring and make-up. The lucky ladies who acted as "mannequins" for the hair stylists were: Ione Barber, Pickford; Betty Braden, Rudyard; Barbara Schwiderson, Brimley and Marie Postma, North Rudyard.

Following a buffet luncheon, Chippewa County's new Home Demonstration Agent spoke to the group on "Health in the Home" and "Education for our Children." Her talk on these areas of interest to all women was well received.

Final item on the agenda was the highlight of the day, the wishing well. Built by the McCarron Group, the wishing well was the receptacle for the required "penny-per-year" of age from each of the participants. As the women paid their "fee" and turned the crank, a bucket of fortunes from the well was their reward.

Vote "YES!"
On New-Con, April 1!

Lapeer Reports...

Mrs. Bruce Ruggles, District 6 Chairman, whose counties are noted for their worthy projects, reports another outstanding effort. The Lapeer County Women sponsor a Girl Scout Troop and are making one of these girls very happy by buying her a uniform and paying her camp fee.

Mrs. Marvel Whittaker, Lapeer, former Women's State Chairman and now operator of her own travel agency, announces an independent airline tour, planned for the middle of May, to the Holy Land, the Middle East and parts of Southern Europe.

The month-long trip will include visits to Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, the Garden of Gethsemane, etc. "I'd love to have lots of my Farm Bureau friends join me in this wonderful experience of a lifetime," said Mrs. Whittaker. Detailed information regarding this tour may be secured by writing to her.

Kent Reports....

The third annual Kent County Dairy Banquet was held recently with 228 persons in attendance. Mrs. Francis Campau reports. A roast beef dinner with all the trimmings was served by the Kent County Women under the direction of Mrs. Kay Wilstead.

Proceeds raised at the banquet were used to give Mrs. Enoch Carlson, Kent County Women's Chairman, an expense-paid trip to Washington, D. C. "for her untiring efforts."

Isabella Active, - To Host District Meet

George Wheeler, retired head of Central Michigan University's Agricultural Department, was guest speaker at the January meeting of the Isabella County Farm Bureau Women. As chairman of the "Geriatric and Health Care" planning committee, Mr. Wheeler gave an interesting and informative talk on this subject, urging everyone to consider seriously the need for such care, and the responsibility of the county to provide facilities. Mrs. Edmund O'Brien reports

that the Isabella County Women will serve as hostesses at the Spring District meeting to be held April 10 at Mt. Pleasant's University Center. An excellent program is being planned with prizes awarded to the county registering the most ladies, thirty-five years of age and younger, and to the group wearing the name tag best depicting their county. Isabella will make a bid for the name tag award through the ingenuity of Mrs. Kathryn Merrill.

"I figure the concrete pavement in my barnyard paid for itself in two years!"

Says JOE NEIS, Juneau, Wisconsin



Joe Neis milks 44 cows, with a per cow D.H.I.A. butterfat rating of 458 lbs. Four cows are producing over 500 lbs. Mr. Neis is well known in Dodge County, and very active in supervision of 4-H Club groups.

"A lot of things added up to real savings when I put in concrete. Healthier cows, better milk—and more of it. No foot rot or stone cripples. Cows get plenty of exercise even in the worst weather. And I won't be hauling any more gravel to fill up holes and have it end up scattered all over the farm."

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Montcalm County Celebrates With Lively Victory Party

The Montcalm County Farm Bureau held a Victory party at the Stanton High School "commons" to celebrate reaching membership goal by the January 15 deadline. Seventy-five worker-members attended the supper event.

Earl Herzog was honored with the "King's Crown" for his contribution of 16 new members,—the greatest number signed by an individual.



MEMBERSHIP "KING"—Earl Herzog, receives his crown from Mrs. James Quisenberry, Montcalm Roll-Call Manager. One of the few women to have ever served as a county Roll-Call Manager, Mrs. Quisenberry led her volunteer workers to an early victory.

Work and Humor Mixed

In outlining the "ups and downs" of the campaign, Mrs. James Quisenberry, county Roll-Call Manager, gave a resume of humorous experiences during the drive. She was presented with a miniature hat and purse of money in appreciation for her untiring efforts. Her spirit and enthusiasm were credited with boosting Montcalm county into the 5th spot in the state as one of the top five to reach goal by deadline date.

Wilson, Irving Christensen, Earl Herzog and Mrs. Quisenberry for their work in signing the most new members.

Workers in Area No. 2 composed of Belvidere, Douglass, Pine and Cato townships, were presented with gold crowns for reaching or going over their new member goal. Evergreen and Winfield townships were cited for obtaining 100% renewal sign-up.

The supper party was entertained by Clifton and Carroll Almy's recitations and guitar playing, interspersed with humorous stories fitting the mood of celebration.

Farm Bureau lapel buttons were presented to Harry Hackbard, Richard Main, Frank

Free "New-Con" Guide

Helpful Booklet Now Available

A simplified statement of the major provisions of the proposed Michigan constitution is contained in a recently-published booklet: "Voters' Guide to the Proposed Michigan Constitution of 1962." The booklet is authored by Miss Sarah Luedders, a research assistant for the Constitutional Convention.

We believe the booklet merits the consideration of every voter, for it puts the proposed constitution in context with the government of this state as we know it today and affirmatively states how that government can be carried on under the proposed constitution.

To aid and inform the casual student of the new document, Miss Luedders divides her discussion of the proposed constitution into six parts:

1. The checks and balances operating to control the three traditional branches of government — legislative, executive and judicial.
2. The basic rules laid down by the document for such vital governmental functions as elections, qualifications of officials, civil service and local government.
3. Provisions relating to the

raising and expenditure of governmental funds.

4. Guarantees of individual rights.
5. Proposals for education.
6. Provisions permitting changes to meet changing conditions.

Fifty thousand copies of the Voters' Guide have been printed and are being distributed as a public service by the Michigan National Bank. Copies are available on request from any office of the bank.

BANK LOCATIONS INCLUDE

Bank locations include: Battle Creek, Charlotte, Flint, Grand Rapids, Marshall, Lansing (four branches), Port Huron and Saginaw. In addition, the "Michigan Bank" in Detroit also offers the booklet to the public.

Farm Management Recognition

Attention Centers On Accurate Farm Records

"Farm Management" — those two words spell the difference between profit or loss on today's modern farm.

Department of Agriculture reports show that farm costs have reached new highs just as farm prices have skidded to new lows for a cost-price ratio unmatched for 23 years.

CONTEST CONDUCTED

Good or bad farm management remains the center of attention. Helping to stress the importance of management and the accurate record-keeping it entails, is the Department of Agricultural Economics at Michigan State University. Each year the Department conducts a contest and program to search out those farm couples who have done the best jobs of managing their farms, livestock and equipment.

All selected are cooperators with the Department in a comprehensive record-keeping project, and all keep detailed records of their entire farming operations over a period of time.

Each year the contest is a major feature of Farmer's Week at Michigan State University where awards are given before a large crowd at the popular farm-management banquet. This year, Elton Smith, Kent county farm leader and member of the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors, who earlier in the week received special honors, was asked to give the "farmer's response" at the dinner.

LAND-GRANT SYSTEM PRAISED

In his response, Smith praised the unusual Land-

Grant College system which through its research, experiment station and Extension services has made the American farmer into a better educated farmer than those of any other country.

Smith cited the unusual opportunities American farmers have to make use of educational information. "He has enjoyed the right as an individual to make his own decisions; he has not been hampered by customs, histories or controls," Smith said.

"If his farm account records show he can make more net income growing continuous corn on part of his land, and if the Extension specialist provided him the know-how for this, he could make his own decisions and manage his farm accordingly," he added.

Smith indicated that he had tremendous faith in the future of agriculture under this system, even though the future will bring many changes and challenges to farming. "We must be ready to meet these changes, which includes the shrinking number of farmers each year. This minority which we have become, to remain effective, must be well organized in membership organiza-



THE FARMER'S RESPONSE—at the annual Farm Management banquet was given by MFB Board Member Elton Smith, during Farmer's Week at Michigan State University. Earlier in the week, Smith himself received both the award for top dairy production and a citation for his outstanding contributions to Michigan Agriculture.

tions and producer-marketing organizations," Smith said.

"The freedom to operate his farm as an individual and being well educated in the know-how of farming, has allowed the farmer of today to walk with dignity and respect among all people of this nation," he concluded.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Again as in past years, most of the Farm Management award recipients are active Farm Bureau members. The winners and their categories include:

FARM MANAGERS OF THE YEAR FOR 1962-63

Henry Beland, Ionia; Ward Bender, Barry; Kenneth Bull, Muskegon; Robert Curry, Lapeer; Floyd and Donald Dale, Sanilac; Murel De-Genese, Ted and Stanley Fay, Ingham; John Graham, Shiawassee; Wesley Hessler, Kent; Myron Kolk, Newaygo; E. T. Leppardt, Huron; James McDonald, Isabella; Roger McMahon, Gladwin; Pete Maxwell, Midland; Carson Parr, Eaton; Don-ald Sebright, Allegan; H. Alfred Spurr and Sons, Huron; Cecil Vicary, Jackson; Lewis Weimer, Calhoun; Zeel Brothers, Clinton.

HIGHEST CROP VALUE PER TILLABLE ACRE

Howard Hayward, Bay; Wesley Hayward, Bay; Cecil Wallace, Tuscola; Walter Schultz, Bay; J. Trepanier & Sons, Dickinson; Williams Brothers, Kent; A. W. Ostrander, Cheboygan; Lewis Boush, Leoni; Wilmar Schwab, Bay; Tom Schindler, Bay; Leo Greiner & Sons, Oceana; Marshall Knapp, Monroe; Elms Truener, Tuscola; Edward and Willet Oeschger, Huron; Lavern Engelhard, Tuscola.

HIGHEST GROSS INCOME PER \$100 EXPENSE

Lloyd & Robert Gaskill, Barry; C. R. Prine & Sons, Jackson; Paul Anibal, Shiawassee; James McDonald, Isabella; Keith Wason, Ionia; Robert Hilsdale, Lenawee; John Graham, Shiawassee; John McDonald, Isabella; Ellsworth Handrich, Oscoda; William Aukeman, Ottawa; Vern & Gordon Stoldt, Lapeer; Cecil Vicary, Jackson; Edward Marshall, Calhoun; Leon Cooper, Wexford; Donald Erickson, Ionia; Robert Moore, Clinton; Donald Sebright, Allegan; Robert Krulwin, Menominee; Roger McMahon, Gladwin; Ward Bender, Barry; Carson H. Parr, Eaton; Earl Reed, Shiawassee; Robert Beaver, Sanilac.

HIGHEST LABOR EFFICIENCY

One measure of labor efficiency is gross income per man. It rewards the total value of farm production per acre.

man including cash sales and changes in inventory.

Lyle Cunningham, Jackson; E. & W. Oeschger, Huron; William Goetz, Lenawee; Edward Marshall, Calhoun; Howard Tucker, Hillsdale; W. E. Oeschger, Huron; Tom Schindler, Bay; George Westbrook, Lenawee; Cecil Vicary, Jackson; Paul Vergote, Lenawee; Walter Miller, Lenawee; E. T. Leppardt, Huron; Crider & Wenger, Barry; Elmo Kuhns and Sons, Livingston; Lewis Weimer, Calhoun; Russell Ormsby, Clinton; Hasenick Brothers, Jackson; Beryl Lutton, Jackson; Robert Hilsdale, Lenawee; Eli Nykamp, Ottawa.

HIGHEST DAIRY PRODUCT SALES PER COW

Robert Beaver, Sanilac; Raymond Powell, Ingham; Kenneth Kurtz, Ingham; Donald Sebright, Allegan; H. Alfred Sturm & Sons, Huron; Roger McMahon, Gladwin; Alton Shultz, Lapeer; Keith Wilson, Ionia; David Gordon, Washtenaw; Harold Sikkema, Muskegon; Waldo Curry, Jr., Iosco.

HIGHEST PIGS WEANED PER LITTER

Auletus Bosworth, Eaton; Beckwith Farm, Kalamazoo; Frank Bur, Cheboygan; Paul Lovagrove, Mackinac; Dale Bradford, Midland; Glenn Vandegiesen, Kalamazoo; Martin Barnhart, Hillsdale; Rolla Bronson, Kalamazoo; Ted Lacroix, Charlevoix; Leonard and Leon Peck, Calhoun; Dale Spooner, Calhoun; J. W. Morey, St. Joseph; Clare Ash, Jr., Eaton; Francis Brothers, Calhoun.

HIGHEST EGG SALES PER HEN

Robert Baccus, Houghton; Albert Kumen, Newaygo; Archie Pentland, Lapeer; Merle Hazelton, St. Clair; John Whybrew, Delta; John Sterling, Chippewa; Charles Walls, Chippewa; Fred T. Hanson, Kalamazoo; Ward & Arthur Bailey, Kalamazoo; Stanley Oswald, Kalamazoo; Ronald Thurow, Mason; Stanley Sweeney, Monroe; Norman Barkequist, Monroe.

HIGHEST LAMBS RAISED PER 100 EWES

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Ottawa Cows Top State



DAIRY HERD IMPROVEMENT tests brought an award to Albert Polgeter (left), Allendale. He accepted the award from DHIA tester Henry Ver Meer, on behalf of the Gerrit Polgeter and Son Farm in Allendale. They are owners of the high butterfat-producing two-year old, with 803 pounds of butterfat and 17,702 pounds of milk.

The average Ottawa County dairy cow has a better milk and butterfat production record than the average cow in the rest of the state of Michigan, it was learned in a comparison of yearly reports at the county's Dairy Herd Improvement Association's meeting held recently.

ADA Banquet Closes MSU's Farmers' Week

Governor Romney "Drops In"

The 21st annual meeting banquet of the American Dairy Association of Michigan climaxed what is described as one of the most successful Farmers' Weeks ever held on the campus of Michigan State University. Over 650 dairymen and interested friends attended the banquet-meeting at Kellogg Center's Big Ten Room, February 1.

A brief and unexpected visit by Governor George Romney brought hearty applause when he told the group that the only beverages he drinks are milk and water.

Guest speaker at the dinner was Dr. Earl Butz, Dean of the School of Agriculture, Purdue University, and former Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. Pointing out that 187 million Americans and millions of foreigners are fed by farmers who represent only 8 per cent of the total American working

force, Dr. Butz told the dairymen that they could be proud of their branch of this expanding industry.

American productivity is the true secret of American superiority over Russia, he said. He pointed out that the Soviets must involve 45 to 50 per cent of their work force in agriculture just to barely feed the population.

In examining possible solutions to the "dairy industry problem" Dr. Butz used the analogy of the goose that laid the golden eggs.

"Some people," said the Dean, "say squeeze the goose harder and he will have to lay more eggs. The government says 'we'll eat the goose and lay the eggs ourselves!'"

"But I feel that the best answer is occasionally to feed the goose some of the golden eggs and he'll see the advantages in laying more."

Sing Along With John

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS—gave way to "music" when John Doneth (right) Program Chairman for the Ag-Econ department of MSU during Farmers' Week, led fellow staff members in an original song, complete with whistled chorus. All of which livened the annual Farm Management banquet program. Joining with more gusto than finesse are Economists (from left) "Hi" Brown, Myron Kelsey and Everett Elwood.

New A.D.A. President

Herman Koenn, Chelsea dairy farmer, who left a factory line 20 years ago to farm, has succeeded to the presidency of the American Dairy Association of Michigan.



HERMAN KOENN

A Farm Bureau member since 1946, Koenn is also a member of the Michigan State Grange, and of the Michigan Milk Producers Marketing Committee. He milks 55 cows on his 320 acre farm.

Elected vice president in the office vacated by Koenn was Douglas Carmichael, Flint. George Austin of Ovid was re-elected treasurer and Boyd Rice, Lansing, Secretary. ADA directors announced that member "set-aside" in Michigan has increased, by 9 per cent over last year.

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F. B. Boards Review Co-op Facilities

Tour Manufacturing Supply-Points

Board Members Attend

A four-day "Board Tour" of cooperative facilities and manufacturing plants that produce Farm Bureau Services and Farmers Petroleum Co-operative supplies, was sponsored in the forepart of February by Farm Bureau Services.

The tour followed all major steps taken to place a modern farm-supply product on the market. Beginning at Howell, a brief stop was made at the Howell Cooperative Company. Later, the new Egg Marketing packaging plant of Farm Bureau Services was visited at Brighton.

At Ottawa Lake, the group stopped at the 4-million-bushel capacity terminal of the Michigan Elevator Exchange. Still later, they saw how these facilities tied in to the Mid-States terminal at Toledo, Ohio. There, the touring board members and staff personnel learned how the St. Lawrence Seaway has had a fantastic effect on water shipment from the port of Toledo.

In a four year period, bushels of grain shipped have risen from 7 million to 57 million. Just as the 50 million bushel increase has made the port a more important part of the farmer's carrier system to world markets, it has also caused a reduction in rail tonnage.

One indication of the importance of the European Common Market can be seen in the 80 per cent of all grain shipped from the Port of Toledo, which now goes to the Common Market countries.

Other foreign shipments from the port include Britain, Japan, Italy, Denmark and others.

At Akron, Ohio, the group was hosted by officials of the Firestone Rubber Company, suppliers of truck and agricultural equipment tires made to farm specifications drawn by United Cooperatives, and sold through farm suppliers such as Farmers Petroleum Co-operative, under the "Unico" label.

In a basement "torture chamber" they saw the tires

subjected to impossible conditions and every conceivable test. "We torture the tires until they fail," an official explained, "and through this we learn. Failure means 'success' down here," he said.

Several of the tests included forcing a broom-handle shaped steel peg through the tires at terrific pressures, with results carefully measured on delicate machines. At one point, the farmers saw a tire running at 150 miles per hour, in a long-distance endurance test that had been underway for days and would continue "until point of failure."

Other tires were dropped under great pressure against huge wheels spinning at speeds up to 300 miles per hour, to simulate the landing of a fully loaded aircraft. In one corner, a truck tire was running at 75 miles per hour, with the "road-bed" suddenly shifting at right angles while greater weight was added, to duplicate sharp turns under high speeds with heavy loaded vehicles.

The farm leaders were guests of United Cooperatives at the Alliance, Ohio, headquarters of this large cooperative supply organization. "United" was originated in 1930 when Farm Bureau Services of Michigan joined together with the Indiana Farm Bureau Cooperative and the Ohio Farm Bureau Service Company to form an oil company.

This effort, aimed at providing farmers with high quality motor oils, had such apparent advantages that other products were soon added to the line. Today, these include paints, steel products, batteries, fencing and electric-fence equipment, Farm Chemicals, plus others on a long list.

Today too, United serves 32 member farmer cooperatives who supply farmers with Unico trademarked "tools of production."

Although many of these farm-supply products are manufactured for Unico elsewhere to farmers' specifications (tires, for example, which are made by both Firestone and Dunlop), Unico itself manufactures a variety of items including paints, electric fences, cattle-drinking cups,

egg-room coolers and similar lines.

Cash dividends are only part of the story, but they are one indication of what this business of farmer - cooperatives "cooperating with themselves" can mean in dollars and "sense" to farmers. Since 1930, for example, "Unico" has meant nearly ten million dollars in total return to local cooperative farmer-members.

In Michigan alone, to Farm Bureau Services and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative patrons, the return amounts to \$909,715 in the same period of time.



"BEEHIVE" OF SILOS, (above)—of the Ottawa Lake Terminal of the Michigan Elevator Exchange, makes an impressive picture. (Below,) touring members of F.B. Affiliate-Company boards stand within the silo in the north "leg" of the 4-million-bushel facility which towers over them.



PRECISION PRESSURE.—stamps out the heavy sheet-metal cases for "Unico" electric fence controllers as board members watch. Later, (right picture,) they visited a showroom display of the finished "Rocket" fencer model. Board members include: (L. to R.) Allen Rush, Edgar Diamond, Ward Hodge; Services staff members, Ray Bohnsack, manager of the Retail Division, and M. J. Bushlen, head of the Farm Supplies Division.

New-Con Meet In Ottawa Co. March 14

The Citizenship Committee of the Ottawa County Farm Bureau has arranged a special "New - Con" informational meeting, open to the public, for the night of March 14. The meeting will be held in the Allendale Township Hall, at 7:45 p.m.

According to Mrs. Harriet Langland of the county Information Committee, Stanley Powell, Legislative Counsel for the Michigan Farm Bureau, and a Constitutional Convention delegate, will be present to discuss the new document.

Lohr Hits One-Million

Norm Lohr of Monroe County, consistently one of Farm Bureau's top agents, has added a new honor to his long list of achievements.

Norm issued \$1,010,540 of life insurance during 1962. This is a landmark for Farm Bureau Insurance in Michigan with Norm becoming the first man to place \$1 million of life insurance in one year.

He is also one of six Farm Bureau Insurance Agents across the nation to accomplish this feat.



NORM LOHR

Norm has been a Farm Bureau Insurance Agent since January 1, 1954. He has qualified for the All American team several times, has earned the Distinguished Sales Award, and has won the Life Pace-Setter Trophy for three consecutive years to retire the trophy.

An article which he published two years ago in the Insurance Salesman Magazine gives his formula for success. The article pointed out that he believed sincerity, honesty, and service to be the major factors in his successful Farm Bureau Insurance sales career.

In addition to outstanding production in fire and casualty, he has shown a steady rise in life production over the years to reach his \$1 million achievement of 1962. His total production for nine years is \$4,383,091.

Norm and his wife, Vi, and their two children live near Monroe, Michigan.

Saginaw Co. Oil Manager



GARY BISCHOFF

After serving 6½ years at the Marshall Farm Bureau Oil Company, Gary Bischoff was promoted to Manager of the Saginaw County Farm Bureau Oil Company, Saginaw, Michigan, effective January 2, 1963. He was born and raised on a farm near Marshall.

Bischoff, his wife, Marilyn, and children, Kenneth, Ronald, Kathy and Steve will make their home on Center Road, Saginaw.

New-Con News Notes

In the state's proposed new constitution, civil rights are strengthened. The new document has created the first and only state constitutional civil rights commission in the United States with broad powers. Vote "YES" on "New-Con!"

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Charlevoix County Reaches Goal

AMONG THE FIRST DOZEN COUNTIES,—to reach Goal in the state, is Charlevoix. Present at a recent "Victory" meeting of the board to congratulate county officers, was Walter Wightman, (right) MFB president. Shown adding up the Roll-Call names for 1963 are, (left to right) Fred Willis, secretary; William Kortase, president; Mrs. William Parsons, Roll-Call manager; John Fear, and Mr. Wightman. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Brock of Eveline township were hosts for the board meeting.

Clinton County

Another, earlier, "goal buster" was the Clinton County Farm Bureau, where a substantial list of volunteer workers signed more than five new members each. Heading the list is LaVern Silm, with 16 new members to his credit.

Others who ranked high included: Harold Benson, John Schumaker, Bob Law, Don Witt, Ronald Spitzley, Dick Thelen (Roll - Call manager), Leo Feldpausch and the team of Romuald Lonier and Bruce Hodges.

Clare, - Isabella Roll-Call Reports

In Clare county, high ranking membership workers included Norman Hutchinson, Dale Davis and Elmer L. Miller.

Farm Bureau Women have been working hard on membership sign - up in Isabella county, where Marie Swindle-gurst and Lillian Wonsley have joined the "five - and - more" club for 1963.

Improper Use of Heat Lamps Can Bring Farm Fire Hazard

During the past few years, heat lamp brooding for young and newborn animals has been growing in popularity in Michigan. One of the reasons for this popularity is the ease of providing heat in a small area where pigs or other animals are located.

However, the misuse of heat lamp installations many times becomes a fire hazard.

Safety Experts Offer Valuable Advice

A summary of farm fires in Michigan, as reported through newspaper clippings during 1956-1960, shows heat lamps were the fifth largest known cause in terms of loss. In terms of fires caused, heat lamps were ranked in eighth place. Because of improper installations the mother animal many times will come in contact with the lamp, causing breakage or knocking it down in the straw or other bedding.

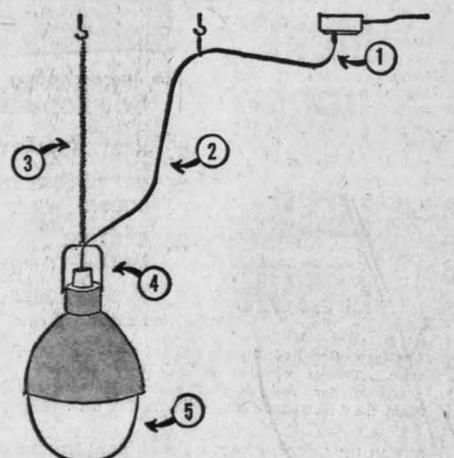
According to Francis Bust, Fire-Safety Engineer for Farm Bureau Mutual, it is vitally important to have sturdy, well-constructed brooding pens against heat-lamp fires. Farm Bureau Mutual endorses the heat-lamp installation design recommended by the Agricultural Engineers at Michigan State University.

In this design, the cord on a heat lamp unit leads directly to a permanently installed duplex outlet. For barn or farrowing house circuits, use non-metallic sheathed cable, with No. 12 A.W.G. wire protected by a fuse or circuit breaker rated at not more than 20 amperes. The maximum load for any one circuit with No. 12 A.W.G. wire should not exceed seven 250 watt lamps. If more than seven 250 watt lamps are to be used, use two or more circuits. For No. 14 A.W.G. wiring, use a 15 ampere fuse and no more than five 250 watt lamps per circuit.

Farm Bureau Mutual reminds farmers that there are many other losses associated with the direct fire loss that are not covered by fire insurance. These include loss of production, increased labor cost, inconvenience in moving business to another location and the replacement of animals and feed.

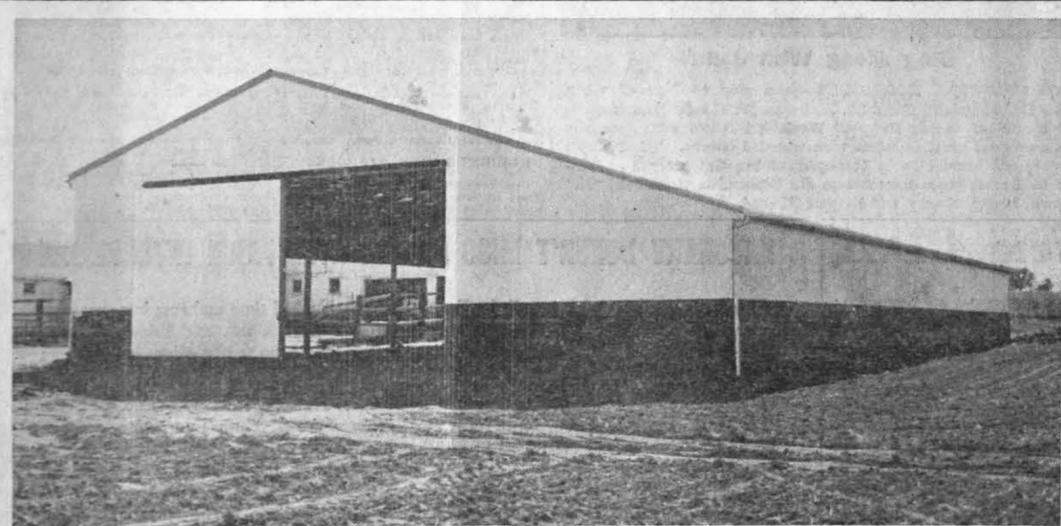
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A Safe Heat Lamp

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Allied Poultry Industries Hold Annual Meeting, Officer Election

Banquet To Become Annual Affair

A substantial crowd attended the 22nd annual meeting of Michigan Allied Poultry Industries, during Farmer's Week, January 29, on the campus of Michigan State University.

Following the annual meeting, a poultry banquet was held in the Union Building with "Bud" Guest, well-known WJR-Detroit radio personality featured.

Held for the first time this year, the banquet is expected to become an annual affair, according to Raymond DeWitt, Executive Secretary - Treasurer of the poultry group.

orange juice" and turkey-loaf entree.

DeWitt told the group that the turkey loaf will be placed on the menu in March, while the egg-n-orange-juice is strictly a mix-yourself affair.

Bud Guest was surprised to have a chicken answer a question, and do it through the unlikely method of a note centered in an egg.

A live chicken was produced and an egg taken from her cage. When broken before Guest, a tiny piece of rolled paper containing the answer fell out along with the usual white and yolk.

PRODUCERS GAIN SEATS

Earlier, at the annual meeting, a by-law revision increased producer representation on the Michigan Allied Poultry Industry board from one to three directors.

Other by-law changes provided wider representation by processors, giving them two members on the board in place of one.

Members of the enlarged board include: Peter Sikkema, Jenison, Manager of Farm Bureau Services Egg Marketing Division; Herman Busscher, Grandville; Jim Hoban, Detroit; Jay Janssen, Zeeland; Joe McIntyre, Saginaw; Wayne Schipper, Hamilton; Luther Klager, Manchester; Harold Mulder, Holland; Austun Greenhoe, Crystal; Roy Spencer, Attica; and John Chilson, Mason.

Research Director

An associate professor in agronomy at Purdue University has been named Director of Research for the American Farm Research Association. He is Merle R. Teel, former Nebraska resident.



MERLE R. TEEL

Announcement of the appointment of Dr. Teel was made by E. O. Johnston, assistant general manager, FS Services, Inc., Bloomington, Ill., and president of the American Farm Research Association.

Dr. Teel, who will assume his new duties March 1, fills a position that has been vacant since the death in 1962 of the former director, Dr. George Searsh.

The Association is jointly sponsored by the American Farm Bureau Federation and a number of state and regional co-operative farm supply companies.

Chemicals Best Killer Services Staff Attend Seminar

Chemical control of crop insects has been called necessary to meet the future food demands of the world's exploding population.

Speakers at a recent Agricultural Chemicals Seminar held at Michigan State University made it plain that chemicals have been, are, and no doubt will continue to be the principal form of insect control.

The Seminar was hosted by the Plant Food and Seed Division of Farm Bureau Services. About 80 managers and personnel from Farm Bureau Services outlets throughout Michigan attended with the management and field staff of Farm Bureau Services plant-food and seed division.

Through such training it is expected that Michigan farmers will be better served in their constant battle against plant insects and diseases that annually take thousands of dollars in farm income away from agriculture.

March Dates For Clinics

Spring "Clinics" for Co-operative managers and directors will be held throughout Michigan during March.

Sponsored by the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives, the Clinics are built around such topics as the "Revenue Act of 1962," and "Meeting Farmers Needs." In some areas a tour of local facilities has been planned with the meeting to follow.

Dates and meeting places include: March 5, Ypsilanti, 11:30 at the Washtenaw Co. Farm Bureau; March 6, Coldwater, 10:30 at Batavia Grange hall; March 7, Watervliet, 10 a.m. tour of Fruit Exchange; March 14, Boyne City, 10 a.m. tour of "Top O' Michigan Rural Electric."



Distinguished Service Award

In the two years he has been with Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, Pete Sackett has done an outstanding job of building the insurance program within his county while maintaining a high level of personal production.

For his unusual efforts, he received the 1962 Farm Bureau Distinguished Service award, won in competition with 180 other Farm Bureau insurance agents in Michigan.

The award is sponsored by Sales and Marketing Executive Clubs all over the world. Each company holding a membership in the Club, is entitled to present this award to their top man of the year.

The honor was presented to Sackett (left) and his wife, Bonnie, at the annual Service Award banquet, by N. L. Vermillion, (right) Administrative vice president for Farm Bureau Insurance.

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"THE GREAT EGG MYSTERY"—(left picture) shows Dr. Howard Zindel (standing)—head of MSU's Poultry Department, pulling a personal message from the center of an egg, and showing it to a surprised Bud Guest. The stunt was a feature of the first annual Poultry Banquet of the Michigan Allied Poultry Industries. (Right picture)—Dr. L. E. Dawson, MSU Food Science Department, is shown receiving a certificate of recognition for outstanding leadership in promoting the poultry industry. The honor was presented by Jay Janssen, second Vice President of MAPL, standing at his right. Over 100 persons attended the evening banquet.

WBCM - - - "Michigan Pioneer"

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"The Pioneer Radio Voice of Northeastern Michigan." That is the claim of station WBCM, 1440 on your dial, originating from the Wenonah Hotel, Bay City, Michigan.

WBCM manager, Leo Jylha, says "Radio is unique in its capacity to reach the largest number of people, first, with reports on current events.

"However," he adds, "this competitive advantage speaks caution—being first is not as important as being right. It has always been the aim of WBCM to maintain the highest broadcast standards serving the people with top quality adult programming."

The voice of WBCM was first heard in June, 1925 and has continuously served the people of northeastern Michigan for the past 37 years.

The Michigan Broadcasting Company owns and operates WBCM, as well as WBCM-FM and WBCM in Battle Creek.

Both stations carry the "Farm Bureau At Work" broadcasts on a regular basis.

Farm news and service has always had a prominent place in the programming. WBCM, with 1,000 watts, actively serves eight counties in northeastern Michigan. It is estimated that there is a 131,700 population involved, including 45,500 farm families.

WBCM serves this large farm audience via two morning



WBCM FARM DIRECTOR... Bob Irwin, (above) presents farm news on the local, state and national level at 12:15 P.M. daily. Irwin's Saturday show includes "Farm Bureau at Work," as one of WBCM's many public service features.

Irwin, who has been WBCM Farm Director for the past ten years, has welcomed the opportunity to meet with thousands of these farmers to discuss their problems, opportunities, and the many changes which have taken place in the agricultural field.

As agricultural broadcasters, WBCM has found it necessary to promote the business opportunities in the agricultural market itself. At times the decreasing size of farm population overshadowed the increasing size of markets in agriculture. With more of our farm production handled on a scientific business basis, there is an increasing market for tractors, fertilizers, formulated feeds, drugs, antibiotics, insecticides and a host of farm services.

Irwin said he believes, "It goes without saying that the speed of agricultural development is cause for all of us to sharpen our ability as reporters, so that the information we broadcast has substance and meaning to farmers themselves. We are happy to say that the agricultural broadcasting field is growing, as is our service to agriculture."

Each Saturday noon at 12:15 p.m., WBCM listeners hear the "Farm Bureau at Work" broadcast, — another of the many public service features of the station.

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Marketing Clinic

March 12

Featured speaker at MSU's 9th annual marketing clinic, March 12, will be Pierre Martineau, Director of Research & Marketing for the Chicago Tribune. This year's clinic theme is "Changing Marketing Patterns."



MARTINEAU Directing a consumer research department with possibly the widest scope and range of activity of any business organization, Martineau has been recognized as one of the leading speakers on marketing, consumer research and advertising.

The clinic will consist of six simultaneous commodity group sessions meeting from 10:00 to 12:00 and from 2:00 to 4:00. Mr. Martineau will be the featured speaker at the joint noon luncheon held in the Big Ten Room of Kellogg Center.

Looking Back 25 Years Ago

MARCH, 1938: J. F. Yaeger, Organization Director for the Michigan Farm Bureau, reports membership gains of from 800 to 1,000 per week.

R. Wayne Newton, Legislative Counsel for the Michigan Farm Bureau, addressed the Junior and Senior Farm Bureaus of Lenawee County on subjects that included the national farm bill and rural electrification problems in Michigan.

A contest for Minute-Men is announced, with 450 volunteers having been secured in four weeks. "The Minute-Men are on the march and already are making themselves a vital factor in Farm Bureau affairs." The contest theme: "A Farm Platform for My Legislator."

40 Years Ago MARCH, 1923: "The State Farm Bureau Purchasing Department bought 3,000 barrels of cement from the Aetna Portland Cement Company for members of local co-operative associations. Coal and feeds for its membership have also been bought in big volume."

HEADLINES: "Two Cent Gas Tax Passed By House." "Farm Bureau Brand Seed Guaranteed." "Kent Has Two Hundred Men in Campaign Ranks."

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An Action Program For The "New Con" Battle

Discussion Topic

PREPARED BY THE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH DEPARTMENT, MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU

March is a month to organize for action.

Last month we discussed the meaning of the new Constitution for outstate and rural Michigan people. Our present battle is an extension of the fight we waged and won in 1952 to keep a voice in state government for the out-state counties.

If some are inclined to be sidetracked and to oppose the proposed Constitution over a special point, let them consider that by so doing they may "win their small battle, but lose the war."

"Look To Our Guns!"

This month, the watchword becomes "Look to our guns!" April 1st—the critical day of the vote on the "New Con" at our doorstep. We must find "winning ways" for ourselves and tackle them. We cannot put it off—there is too much to lose. A lost vote will set the stage for:

Apportionment of both Houses of the Legislature on a strict population basis,—and the hold-over of a second Con-Con.

Why so positive on this point? The major opponents of the present proposal have never intended to let the old Constitution stand. They have fought it for years. Neither the new nor the old gives them the power they seek.

One of the dangers that we face is a small turnout of voters at the polls in the spring election. That has been a constant weakness of spring elections. We dare not let this happen with our people—we will need every supporting vote we can get. We should work hard to assure that we get them.

Overwhelmingly For A "Yes" Vote

Michigan Farm Bureau is FOR the new Constitution.

Most of its provisions fulfill the aims approved by long-standing resolutions. In the fall of 1962, fifty-two County Farm Bureaus forwarded resolutions in support of the New Con.

Not one opposed it. The vote of the member delegates was unanimous for the document at the November convention. Now, we have work to do! Our approach must be positive — our work "down to earth."

Recommendations and plans are being laid before all County Farm Bureaus for mobilizing member action in March. We have much strong support. We should tie our efforts to those of the supporting organizations at the County level or at the local level, where this is possible. The supporting organizations include:

The Chamber of Commerce and Junior Chamber of Commerce

The League of Women Voters

The Michigan Association of Supervisors

The Michigan Association of University Women

The Michigan Association of Registers of Deeds

The Michigan Council of Churches

The Michigan Education Association

The Michigan Congress of Parents and Teachers, (P.T.A.)

The Michigan Retailers Association

Local Strength — the Keystone

Our Community Farm Bureaus have been recognized as among the strongest organized bodies in Michigan to tackle such a job as this. One of the original purposes for which our groups were developed was "UNITED ACTION" on issues of major concern to farm people.

Where will this issue be won or lost? The answer is clear—right where you live—at the neighborhood polling places.

When must the action start? Right now — in your present meeting. The best use you can make of this March meeting is to get organized to do the job. Your plan should provide for a stepped-up pace of action up to and including election day. Time is short.

The target to shoot for? To get every supporting vote in your total neighborhood to the polls on April 1 — a "100% neighborhood turnout for the New Con."

happen with all the clamor for more revenues from property?"

Study the issues and work out your own points of emphasis.

Locating Eligible Voters

The group campaign manager should appoint teams of two or three members to work on various jobs of the campaign. A key "team" would be:

A team to obtain the list of registered voters. Where you operate under a township unit, these can be obtained from the township clerk. In a more highly populated (chartered) unit, you may have an election board that has this list.

Set the boundaries where you will make your effort. In some cases, you may be able to make your voter list by phoning the neighbors. But the best list is always the official one.

Such a list will become valuable and useful to other teams in their work. But it should be gotten quickly if it is to do the job needed.

Absentee Voter Checkup Team

The registered voter list becomes useful here. Contacts should be made to find out those who will not be able to get to the polls on April 1 and who will need to get an absentee ballot. You can salvage many a vote in this way. Phone calls help to find out who these people are. Some may be away on trips.

Since the deadline to apply for an absentee ballot is March 30th, some of them may have to do it by mail—and vote by mail. They will need "prompting well in advance" of these dates. In spite of absence or a bit of extra effort on their part, they should be urged to vote.

"Phone Out the Vote"

This should be a team to contact voters on election day. The team should be large enough so that few calls need be made by any one person and avoiding toll connections wherever possible. Women are among the best workers on such teams. Did you know that over 50% of the workers in political campaigns are women? They do a good job.

There are a number of points to be made in such phone calls, which are best done about noon of election day. First to check—"Have you voted?" and "if not, what is the difficulty?" Can we help? Need transportation? Need someone to stay with children, a sick person or old people?

The answers to these questions tie this team in with the next ones — and information should be passed along as necessary.

A Neighborly Lift

There should be a team of persons with cars available to help "shut-ins" get to the polls. Some people will miss the vote because they lack transportation. When a phone worker gives information about one of these, a "pick-up" is made, and you have won a friend.

It is a form of "good neighbor policy" too, where a team of persons is available to take care of those "shut-ins" who hold others up—the children, sick or aged. If you hit for a 100% vote, the voter will have to be able to get away. Help him by caring for the kids or old Grandad for a short spell.

Various materials containing information about the new Constitution have been prepared — some by the Con Con itself, some by the Public Affairs Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Some of these materials were sent to the group Discussion Leaders in February. Others are available to the County Farm Bureaus and the Community groups at cost. A price list is being sent to your Discussion Leader. You can help by distributing these materials.

New Constitution Still Amendable

As with other Constitutions, the new document allows for changes in particular provisions which may need change.

The argument that anything is frozen into the Constitution — any point with which you may disagree at present — is one of the distortions that is being used to confuse voters.

In many ways it becomes important for us to know the basis on which our "Yes" vote is founded. Each member should take time to study these

points carefully. You may do well to make a "fact sheet" of these points for use in your telephone campaign or other contacts.

Opponents are spending thousands of dollars to defeat the New Con. Dollars can be matched and beaten by dedicated, active people. We did it in 1952—and we can do it again. The formula lies in Farm Bureau members "putting Winning Ways to work."

Rather than questions, we have:

Operation "Yes"

Devote your meeting time to organizing the group members for an all-out campaign for a full supporting vote in your neighborhood.

D. K.

NEXT MONTH

Is your assessed valuation accurate? Everyone would like to know the answer to this question. An April meeting "exercise" will help you find out.

To make this exercise possible, BRING TO THE APRIL MEETING:

1. Your tax statement for the past year.

2. Call your supervisor, get from him the "equalization factor" against which your tax rate was figured.

With this information, you can become your own assessor at the April meeting.



Neither Snow Nor Sleet . . .

"SERVICE BEFORE SELF"—is the obvious motto of these dedicated farm leaders who serve their regions and the state as members of the Discussion Topic Committee. While winter winds howled and snow built high blockading drifts in rural roadways, the committee was scheduled to meet (January 25) in Farm Bureau Center, Lansing. Arriving from the north was Wilbur Priddy, Ogemaw county. The farm of committeeman Charles Pike, Van Buren county, was drifted in, but not Charlie. His 4-wheel drive Jeep bucked through. Out of the storm in Missaukee county came Bill Schripsema of McBain. Garnett Hoard of Gratiot county arrived, shaking snow from his collar. The women came too.—Mrs. Wesley Huser of Kent county, with her committee-companion, Mrs. Thelma Anderson. All together, they chose the topic series for the coming six month period. Such dedication deserves a special "vote of thanks."

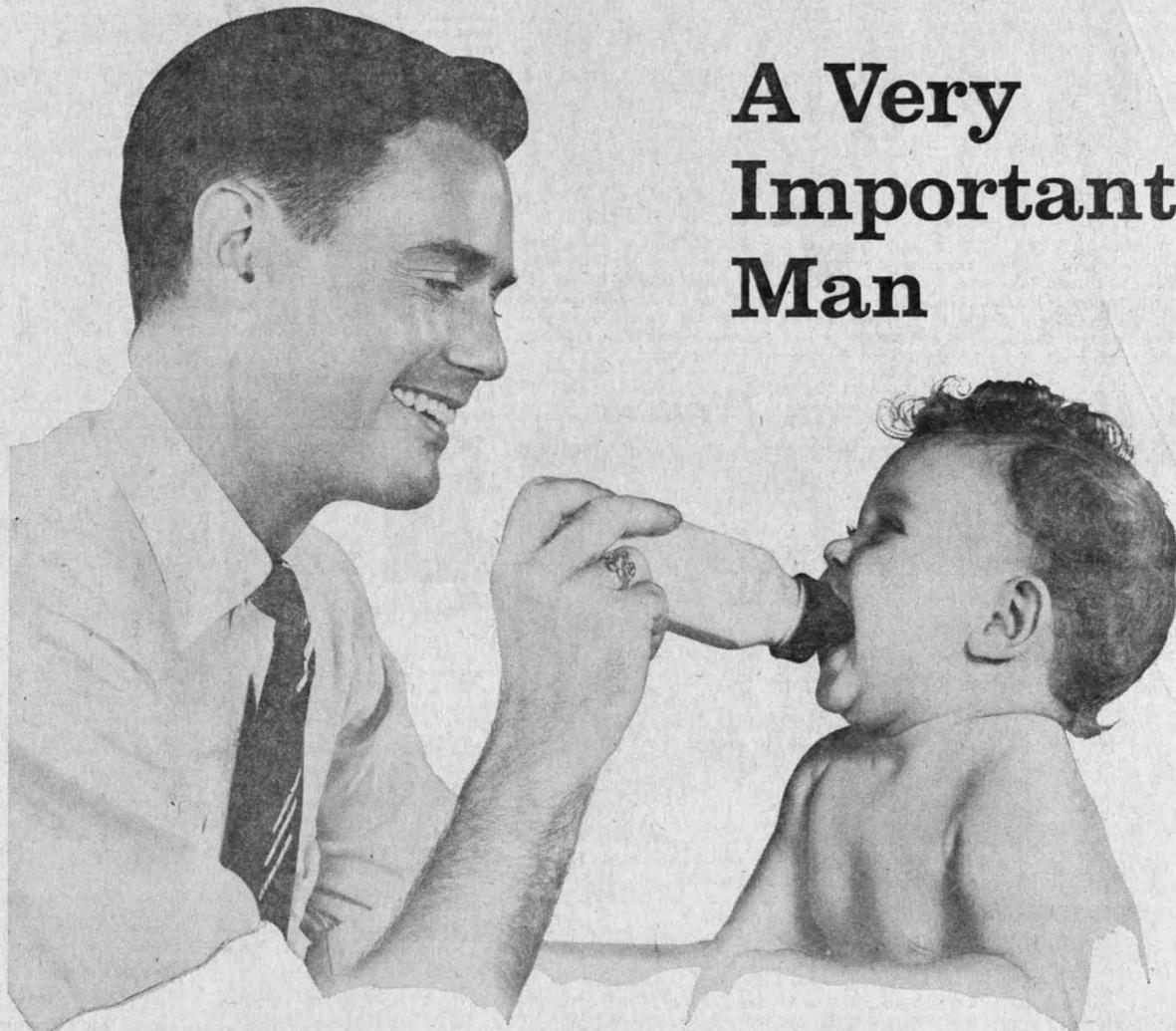
Discussion Topic

For the Months of April Through August

Topics selected and scheduled by members of the State Discussion Topic Committee in its meeting on January 25th, 1963, are:

April: Do Farmers Need a Tax Reform Program?

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