"New - Con" Best For Michigan!

"YES" FOR PROGRESS

April 1 brings with it one of the most important Spring elections in Michigan history.

Approval of the new Constitution and voting for candidates for major state offices guarantees its importance.

Farm Bureau delegates wrote: "The new Constitution is excellent and worthy of the support of all Michigan voters.

Every Farm Bureau member is challenged to back that belief in an all-out effort to bring about an overwhelming "yes" vote election day.

Farmers wrote: "We approve the ending of the present system which permits "packing" of the Supreme Court through appointments by the Governor to fill vacancies.

"We believe that the proposed plan of Legislative districting will stand the test of either State or Federal Supreme Court actions and at the same time give protection to rural areas.

"Local government has been maintained while at the same time new problems in this field have been recognized. Bureaucratic powers have been curbed and the people's voice in government preserved and strengthened."

Michigan has been cursed with a poor national image. It is looked upon by many as a state of payless paydays, a state where politics are dominated by a few self-seeking labor leaders.

Adoption of the carefully prepared and totally

updated new Constitution will greatly improve Michigan's national reputation.

Vested interest and special interest groups are armed and in action. This labor-led opposition to the New-Con is hard at work to side-track the work of the Convention.

The new Constitution does not stand as a mere document of today, - it has been in the building for 20 years. Behind it have been two conflicting doctrines of government.

There has been a powerful drive for total government by the majority areas, against the principle of fair representation for all of Michigan's citizens.

By adopting the new Constitution April 1, we will avoid a future government of special privilege for any group.



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Research Funds Supported

Wightman Rejects **Fund-Cut Proposal**

Although most recently the House Ways and Means Committee substantially endorsed Governor Romney's budget requests, farmers won't breath easy until they have complete assurance that threatened monies for agricultural research are actually appropriat-

At issue are funds for continued and expanded programs of agricultural research and education as outlined in Governor Romney's budget message, which help guarantee Michigan residents a continuous supply of quality foods at reasonable prices.

Also involved are funds needed to keep ahead of new insect and disease problems, several of which appear to have entered the state as part of the stepped up traffic through the St. Lawrence Sea-

Cuts in proposed appropriations were asked for by Harlan Hatcher, president of the University of Michigan, who reportedly felt that the money could be better put to other

His appearance before the Senate Appropriations Committee drew heavy fire from Farm Bureau which has a longstanding policy of support for work done at the agricultural experiment stations through the College of Agriculture and the Extension Michigan State Services of University.

Michigan farmers have especially urged increased emphasis on improving the quality of farm products and in developing new uses and new markets for farm products.

In a strongly worded statement to Senator Frank Beadle, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, MFB president Walter Wightman said that high farm productivity has been the result of research and that the general public has been the prime benefactor.

He compared American farm productivity with that of other countries and said that research had provided consumers with "the most abundant and wholesome food supply at the

lowest possible cost in percentage of income in the history of this country or any other in the world."

Michigan farmers, he said, need more research to face the challenge of new plant and animal diseases and insects now reaching Michigan. He referred to the great damage done in southwest Michigan this past year by the sudden appearance of the cereal-leaf beetle. "Research is a good investment, not an expense," Wightman said.

The Farm Bureau protest was joined by similar statements from two other alert farm groups, the Michigan Association of Nurserymen and the Michigan Milk Producer's

MMPA president Glenn Lake pointed out that nearly 780,000 Michigan jobs are directly or indirectly created by agriculture,-for a total of about 25 per cent of all job opportun-

Richard Somalski, president of the Nurserymen, declared that much research is of value to the nursery business which in turn is of an increasing importance to the state.

A Message To Farm Women

(- - And all Other Family Members - -)

FROM MARJORIE KARKER Coordinator, Women's Activities Michigan Farm Bureau

The date, April 1, 1963, has great significance for the residents of Michigan.

On this date, we have the opportunity to decide whether we will have a new state Constitution, who will represent us on the township level, who will have the responsibility of directing the course of our Michigan educational systems, and who will serve on Michigan's Supreme Court.

Many Americans vote in the exciting national elections and then put their "citizenship responsibility" back into mothballs for the next four years.

If we fail to have good government on the local level,can we really complain if we have poor government at higher levels? Are we concerned enough about America's future to vote for those who will have the responsibility for our children's educational systems? Are we worried enough about the role of the Judicial Branch in our modern-day life to vote for people who will best serve as Supreme Court Judges?

It is a sad commentary of our times that so many people are "not too much concerned" about this Spring election, or brag that they know "absolutely nothing" about the proposed new Constitution.

A young Cuban refugee, now living in Lansing, told me that one of the things which made it possible for Castro to take over Cuba was that Cubans 'took freedom for granted."

One of the responsibilities of a free people is that of voting intelligently on candidates and issues. Voting intelligently is not easy. It's not merely a matter of walking into a voting booth and marking some names and crosses on the issues before you. You do these things AFTER informing yourself,-this is the way YOU have decided.

We, as good American and Michigan citizens have a grave responsibility on April 1.



WARM WELCOME IN TULSA

AN "OLD-FASHIONED GIRL,"-Miss Rita Payne, prepares to welcome fifty state winners in the annual "Outstanding Young Farmer" competition, sponsored nationally by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the National LP-Gas Council. Robert Zeeb, of Bath, will participate in the event, scheduled for April 7-9 at Tulsa, Oklahoma. There, "Four Outstanding Young Farmers" will be selected on a national basis.

Do You "Just Belong"

Ottawa Member Asks Pointed Questions

Mrs. Edward Langeland, active Ottawa County Farm Bureau member, devotes much of her time and effort to Information and Citizenship work. She asks these thought-provoking questions . . .

"We have the duty and privilege to vote on the new Constitution and other local candidates and issues, - April 1.

The Task Is Ours

"We, as American citizens, have the freedom to exercise our political views. whatever our party affiliation may be; - we should and must take the initiative to find out just what is going on-and not give the timeworn excuse that we don't have time or 'I don't know anything about it, let someone else do it.'

"In these critical days, we should take time to learn and know what is going on around us. Politics is a personal and individual problem and the only way to profit from it is to get to work and find out about candidates, their offices, platforms and views.

"Politics concern YOU, and your way of life.

"Assume your responsibility in your own local, as well as state and national government. Make it a point to learn all the facts,-and VOTE APRIL 1."

Wheat Vote Becomes A Major Farm Issue

Published Monthly by Michigan Farm Bureau

Farmers Face Systematic Control From Washington "Command" Post

There are two obvious theories on how best to increase farm income.

One, promoted by Agricultural Secretary Orville Freeman and the USDA, is the "supply-management" route, with farm production and marketing tightly controlled by government. This theory operates on the assumption that farmers cannot and should not be allowed to handle their own management affairs.

THE CUSTOMER IS RIGHT

The other theory is that of the free-market system, where supply and demand are given full play and where the customer, not government policy determines prices, based on supply, quality and demand.

Last November, voting delegates to the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting made plain their feelings about a choice between the two systems. They reviewed the "thirty years of political farm programs that haven't worked," and stated that any farm program to be realistic should be tied to market require-

Further, that it should eventually return farmers to private, competitive markets, "which we recognize as the basis of our economic system."

In December at the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Atlanta, Georgia, Michigan farmerdelegates joined those of other states in unanimously "reaffirming our desire to move as rapidly as possible to the market-price system, which will more effectively serve the interests of farmers at a greatly reduced cost to taxpayers."

At the same time they stated their outright opposition to multiple-price, or certificate plans, such as now offered wheat growers in the spring referendum.

"Fortunately," they said, "wheat producers can defeat this plan by voting 'no.' "

Farm Bureau officials urge 'complete acquaintance" with the wheat referendum proposal. They point out that it contains the most restrictive, complicated and all-inclusive farm controls ever devised for American farmers. Further, that although the referendum supposedly applies to a oneyear program, ASCS officials speak of it in terms of the "wheat program for 1964 and succeeding years."

Wheat producers with 15 acres or less of wheat will be eligible to vote in the referendum if they indicate their in tention to participate in the program should the referendum pass.

It does not mean that because a grower has "signed up" in order to vote, that they must vote for the program. Many wheat growers are planning to register only in order to make their positive "No"vote count.

FARMERS TO BE "YES-MEN?"

Secretary Freeman, - supposedly an impartial observer in the referendum, early abandoned his proper role as administrator of present law, and has spent great amounts of time, effort and taxpayers' money to work for a "yes" vote and the controls he wants.

"If farmers vote for controls, they will surely get them,' Charles Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau, dryly / remarks, "along with the total destruction of the free-market idea."

DEMOCRATS

Paul L. Adams, of Sault Ste.

Eugene Power, of Ann Arbor

Eugene F. Black, of Port

Dr. Lynn M. Bartlett, of

Grosse Pointe Woods

Donald M. D. Thurber, of

Don Stevens, of Okemos

Jan B. Vanderploeg, of

Candidates For The Supreme Court

Court Vote Important

The Michigan State Supreme Court has become a pivotal body when the philosophy and form of our Michigan government is taken into account.

The most recent decision of the Michigan Supreme Court stirring the interest of our citizens was handed down last July. It discarded the "Balanced Legislature" approved by the voters in 1952 as an amendment to the Constitution.

In effect, the Court declared the representative apportionment of Michigan's Senate to be in violation of a clause of the Federal Constitution. The implication was that the only apportionment of Senate seats that would satisfy this clause would be one based strictly on a population count.

The July decision reveals the viewpoint of the majority of the incumbent Justices reth garding Michigan's Legislar ture.



NINTH DISTRICT PRESIDENTS,-visit together following a "signal-checking" meeting in Cad-

illac. Members of County Farm Bureau Executive Committees of the district gather at inter-

vals with Eugene Roberts, their District Direct or on the MFB board, to hear progress reports

and make plans for action programs. From the left, they are: Keith Shugart, Northwest Mich-

igan; Clive Haswell, Benzie; Willard Evens, Wexford; Louis Hayward, Kalkaska, and Earnest

Olsen, Manistee. Absent was Jacob DeYoung, president of Missaukee County.

EUGENE F. BLACK

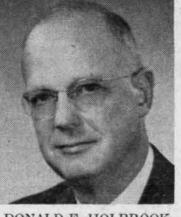
A former State Attorney General, Eugene F. Black has been a Supreme Court Justice since his election in 1955. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School. He was nominated at the Democrat convention.



PAUL L. ADAMS

Appointed to the Supreme Court by Governor Swainson in 1962, Paul L. Adams failed in his November bid for election. Previously he served as Michigan Attorney General. He was nominated at the Democrat convention

If You Approve of Past Supreme Court Decisions, Then Vote For These Candidates



DONALD E. HOLBROOK

Circuit Judge of the 21st Judicial Court since 1947, Donald E. Holbrook is former Clare County Prosecuting Attorney. He is a Farm Bureau member and past president of the Judge's Association. Nominated at Republican Convention.



RICHARD G. SMITH

Circuit Judge of the 18th Judicial Circuit since 1957, Richard G. Smith served as State Representative from 1953 to 1956. In 1955 the Jaycees named him one of Michigan's "Outstanding Men." Nominat-ed at Republican Convention.

If You Want a Change in Supreme Court Attitude, Then Vote For These Candidates

Michigan April 1 Election Ticket

Listed are candidates for major Michigan offices in the April 1 election. We suggest you clip this listing and carry it with you to the polls as a handy voting guide.

REPUBLICANS

Richard G. Smith, of Bay City Donald E. Holbrook, of Clare

Raymond M. Hatch, of Okemos

William B. Cudlip, of Grosse Pointe Shores Ink White, of St. Johns

Stephen S. Nisbet, of Fremont Arthur K. Rouse, of Boyne

Dr. Alfred H. Whittaker, of Detroit Marshall V. Noecker, of

James F. O'Neil, of Livonia

OFFICE

State Supreme

Superintendent of Public

Instruction University of Michigan

Board of Regents

Michigan State University Board of Trustees

Wayne State University Board of Governors

Leonard Woodcock, of Grosse Pointe Park

Muskegon

Detroit

Michael Ference Jr., of Dearborn

State Board of Education

Gerald Tuchow, of Detroit

EDITORIAL

The Goal Is Control

One thing about Agricultural Secretary Orville Freeman, - he doesn't give up easily.

Further, there is no beating around the bush with this man, for he has made it painfully plain what he intends to do.

Control farmers and farm production, that's

That's the real reason back of President Kennedy's talk about "voluntary" farm programs in his message to Congress. But when the programs are examined, nothing has changed. Dig deeper and it becomes apparent that the word is out to soft-pedal the "supply-management" theories for a while, at least until after the wheat referendum.

This does not mean a change of tune, - just a slight turn-down of volume.

Nobody in government expected that farmers had much fight left. Softened by years of support programs, bedeviled by "farm leaders" who use microscopic membership in attempts to speak for all of agriculture and choked by a vicious cost-price squeeze, farmers were considered easy pickings by the controllers.

The turn-down of the loaded Turkey Referendum was the first real signal that farmers might balk at the bleakness of a government-managed future.

Congress listened enough to turn down the 1962 "Food and Farmer Control" Act, but just to make sure they heard right, they passed a potential "multiple-price, certificate plan" for wheat.

They provided an escape hatch if farmers were really serious about wanting less government in their business. The escape hatch is the vote in the coming wheat referendum.

Before the scheme can be put into effect by the Secretary, law requires that it be placed before wheat growers, and receive a favorable vote by twothirds of those voting.

It is the one major weak spot in the Freeman plan. He has frantically tried to plug it by threats of one-dollar wheat, and by using his hordes of employees to sell the program.

By his own declaration, Agriculture Secretary Freeman has mobilized the full use of "... all media and methods of communications . . . direct mail and personal contacts . . . all outlets of the office of information, . . . and those of the ASCS, the Federal Extension Service, and other agencies . . . " to induce a "YES" vote in the forthcoming wheat referendum.

Farmers who believe that propagandizing by government is dangerous to self-government, have observed these antics with grimness.

There are those who suggest that all that is involved is a simple choice between two wheat programs,-nothing more. Farmers know better.

Were this true, there would be no need for the frantic flood of USDA booklets, leaflets, memorandums, films, tapes and speeches all in support of the new wheat scheme.

There would be no need for Secretary Freeman to predict \$1. wheat, and to state that a turn-down of the referendum would result in "chaos for agriculture." No need to pretend that Congress will refuse to write a better program.

All these tactics suggest the desperation of a man about to lose a big battle, and that battle has little to do with a simple choice between two programs.

The choice, - the only real choice, is between the original goal of supply-management control of all agriculture by government, and the free-market

That's why the referendum is so important. Once farmers have made their choice clear, Congress will back them.

That's why, farm leaders say a "No" vote in the referendum is a vote for a free-market system.

WHEAT

BE WITH YOU FELLOWS IN A MOMENT ..."

Readers Write on Wheat Referendum

Many Important Questions Raised

Dear Editor:

I should like to ask questions regarding rules on the upcoming wheat referendum.

I am a farm owner and operator of 160 acres. I have raised wheat on 15 acres for the last five years. My actual allotment is 7 acres. My questions are: Am I eligible to vote in the wheat referendum this Spring? Will it be necessary for me to register at some place or time before the date of actual voting?

If I 'elect' to sign up to participate in the control program if the referendum carries, does that mean the so-called '15 free acres' is eliminated for my part but not for others who did not elect to sign to participate?

> R.O.C. Montcalm County

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Yes, you are eligible to vote in the referendum,-providing you register when the Secretary of Agriculture designates the time and place, and have a "legal" interest in the crop. your wheat allotment been more than 15 acres, you would be automatically reg-

Remember, in the new law, the old 55 million acre national wheat allotment has been eliminated and along with it the 15 acre exemption. This is true whether or not the referendum is approved.

Electing to sign up in order to be eligible to vote, means signing an agreement to participate in the program if the referendum passes. It does not mean that because you have signed up, that you must vote for the program;-this is still America, and what you do when you are alone in the polling booth is your own business. Many wheat growers plan to register in order to make their positive "NO" vote

If you register, and the referendum is approved, you will be subject to the same strict controls that apply to larger growers. You will be given "certificates" on a percentage of your wheat allotment, based on "normal yield" as ascertained by your ASCS office. The remainder of your crop can be sold at no higher than the current feed-grain prices, regardless of the wheat qual-

If you do not sign up and the referendum passes, you will still be able to raise as much wheat as your base, (the 15 acre small - farm base)minus a ten per cent cut, and you will get no "certificates" and no price supports. If your wheat is sold, it will be at feed-grain prices, regardless

With defeat of the referendum, the Secretary is still required to make price-support loans to "cooperating producers" at 50 per cent of parity. This is about \$1.24 per bushel.

again, of quality.

SUMMING UP: The referendum gives you and other wheat producers a chance to accept a bad deal with temporarily attractive payment possibilities, (diversion payments possible up to two years, etc.) or vote it down and get a program that really works for you, both now and in the future. (See editorial.)

EDITOR'S NOTE TO MRS. S. L. Howell, Michigan

In response to your question regarding the importance of the coming wheat referendum -here to consider are some behind the important facts actual vote.

Two years ago plans were laid by officials and advisors in the USDA in Washington to bring practically all of the products of agriculture under strict supply-management control. We know that the coming vote on wheat will be more than a mere vote for the plan itself. It will be a signal for more or for less of the same treatment in other farm commodities. It will establish a

I believe that the most important question behind the whole matter is "What will it do for farm incomes?" And what will it do for them in the long run? Flat statements have been made that it will maintain high farm incomes. How can

Net farm income is dependent on a number of things. Reducing it to simple arithmetic you have a volume of products to sell at a certain price. You have to subtract your costs of production.

The program involved would cut the acreage of wheat growers (reduced national allotment, spreading of the allotment to hundreds of thousands of farms that become eligible under the law.). Your right to sell at the favorable support price is limited (certificates). The C.C.C. takes a share of the marketing quota, national which must be subtracted from what the farmer can sell. Any wheat that exceeds the certificate quota would have to be sold at feed grain prices. So your average price would be "watered down" as applying to the total crop. And don't forget the compulsory land retirement in all this.

The most unfortunate thing. to me, is that the farmer's welfare has been made a partisan political issue. The issue is not politics. It is prosperity or poverty for the farmer. Politicians grind political axes. Their own axes come firstthe farmer's real welfare is somewhere down the line.

I am not sure of the right to vote on the wheat referendum. I thought we could sign up and vote "NO" and then not comply if it did pass.

The word coming out of an ASCS meeting yesterday says that if we sign up we must comply. There are many of us who have always stayed under the 15 acres who are afraid of being stuck with ASCS if we sign up. I would like to know the straight of this.

Thank you, B. E. Barry County

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The straight of it is that the ASCS office is right.

If you sign up and the program passes, you must comply Make no mistake, this program is for keeps, and has some real implications for the future. If the referendum passes, it will be the "law of the land" and you, and all other wheat growers in the United States will live under it, whether you like it or not.

But not registering, - staying home and not not the answer. In fact, it is the worst possible thing you could do if you are serious in your opposition to the pro-

Read what another farm couple has to say about it. . . .

OPEN LETTER

Regarding the wheat referendum vote, the proponents for the new wheat plan tell us they will get us more dollars for our crop.

But more dollars does not necessarily mean more money.

The government program will be very costly to the taxpayer and every farmer's income will be affected by the cost. For 30 years we have feared to trust in market demand to establish wheat price. Are we ever going to be brave enough to depend on demand for price again or would we rather continue to live in the fear of the past?

It is all right to fear something, but let us fear the right thing. We should fear the continuing growing bureaucracy that a "yes" vote brings. More and more controls and supervision would be placed on us and it is time to be aware that once our selling is out of our hands, then it is not a very long step before our buying can be controlled also.

As to a price collapse in case the referendum does not carry, remember we still have a Congress that can present a better plan. Besides the President and the Secretary of Agriculture desire to remain in office.

The farm vote is smaller than former days but he is a big buyer of goods and if this buying is curtailed by an income collapse it would rock clear into the White House. As citizens with citizenship in our land of the U.S.A., the small and big grower should get out

Checking What They Are Saying... President's Column

Rush For "New-Con" BY CARL B. RUDOW

his political thought because of

Michigan's first Constitutional

Convention in more than half

a century

Back in the

days when

Con - Con was

a dream or a bugaboo, de-

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to modernize the state's basic law.

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Rush

vention effort ALLEN F. RUSH

Rush, a beef cattle and apple

grower on some 600 acres of

owned or rented land west of

here, was uneasy like other

rural residents. He felt ultra-

liberals would seize control of

a Con-Con and destroy the safe-guards he wanted to re-

"I thought a new constitu-

tion would be written by labor

and I was afraid," he said. "We

rural people were worried

township and even county government. We worried about

loss of the 15-mill tax limita-

tion and the exorbitant taxes

we might face. We were afraid

the earmarking of highway

When Michigan voters adopt-

ed the so - called gateway

amendment of 1960, changing

the ground rules for calling a

convention, and the next spring

voted to call a convention into

existence, Rush still was pes-

He ran for election as a Con-

Con delegate, however, he said,

to offer his bit of voting power

when the 144 delegates did

their work in Lansing's Civic

Center during more than seven

Now that Con-Con's finished

product is in the hands of the

voters at the April 1 election,

Rush is in a role far different

than the one he once had. He's

a strong booster for the new

constitution, a speaker in its

behalf whenever he gets a

chance, a convert who believes

the document delegates wrote

deserves the support of both

"We delegates in the conven-

tion preserved the better fea-

tures of the old document and

made a lot of improvements."

He said urban residents can

approve the document because

they will get greater repre-

sentation in the Legislature.

He added that the Con-Con ap-

portionment plan protects rural

"We have an apportionment

plan I think will stand up in

court," he said. "It's fair to the

cities but it doesn't give every-

WELCOMES CHANGE

As a local policy-maker in

education, Rush is impressed

with the new constitution's ar-

ticle on that field. One provi-

sion enlarges the State Board

of Education and makes the

state superintendent of public

instruction an appointive rath-

"Educators had asked for

that plan for years," he said.

"As a matter of fact, Demo-

cratic leaders did, too-before

the convention. The plan to

make the state board a coor-

dinating and planning agency

for all public education is good

So is the advisory board for

community colleges, which are

growing rapidly and need a

separate group to study their

problems.'

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and school funds would end."

the preservation of

Recently we returned from the Chief of Lansing Bureau The Detroit News "American Heritage" tour, arrang-ROMEO, Feb. 23 - Allen R. ed by the Michigan Farm Bureau. Rush has had a revolution in

The tour took us into the Eastern states where much of the history of this country was written. were reminded of many things that happened in those early days.



Walter Wightman

We were particularly reminded of the sacrifices and hardships of those early patriots who were willing to suffer rather than submit to tyranny.

Talents at Work

Wealthy men gave up fortunes. Others gave up the satisfaction and comforts of their homes.

All risked their lives, and thousands paid the supreme sacrifice. The leaders would have been hung as traitors had they not won out in the conflict of the American Revolution.

In studying the history of these early settlements, one thing is noticeable,—these people had the same human characteristics evident today, the same strengths, the same weakness.

You will remember how the Jamestown Colony at one time set up a common storehouse to which all brought their produce, to be doled out later to each family as their needs required.

They were quick to learn that the indolent ones received as much as those who worked hard to fill the storehouse. The result was that in two years the colony nearly starved to death.

The situation became so desperate that the Governor issued an order that every man would, from then on, be entitled to the fruits of his own labors. Gardens began to flourish and there was an abundance for all.

This is only one example of the basic laws of human society.

If we continue to take from those who have, and give to everyone according to his needs regardless of whether he expended any effort to get it, we eventually break down the moral fiber of the whole society. We destroy the incentive to produce and to exert oneself.

In the Parable of the Talents which Christ used to teach this basic principle of society, the servant who failed to put his talent to work and to make it produce, was condemned by his Master. The talent with which he had been entrusted was taken away from him and given to another whose talents had been put to work.

If we expect to preserve the heritage which our early pioneers bought for us at such a sacrifice of life and property, we will need to do a better job of teaching thrift to our growing generation.

We cannot live a life of ease and be a strong people. We have been told that hardship makes strong people. It is going to take strong people and leaders to guide this world from now on.

It takes a lot of fortitude to be thankful for hardships and the problems of life.

We are told that most of us are using only about one per cent of the abilities we have. I like to think that these abilities which we have are God Given Talents.

I am also sure that if we put our abilities to work. other talents will be added to them as in the parable. Wouldn't you hate to be like the man with the one talent who had it taken away because he didn't use

If we are using only one per cent of our total abilities, what would happen to the world if we began using two, or even four per cent of our capabilities?

This human mechanism is a wonderful machine if we can only learn to use it.

What is Plumbicare?

Plumbicare is a plan by which we can save through Social Security for our old-age plumbing bills.

It is a known fact that people over sixty-five have more plumbing trouble than do younger people.

Under the Plumbicare plan, all of the plumbing bills of those over sixty-five would be paid. The whole thing would be financed by Social Security. We all know that many senior citizens are povertystricken, and we would not want them to be faced by staggering plumbing bills in their twilight years.

If we can unite our brethren in Washington and force passage of Plumbicare, the way will be clear for Electricare, Autocare, Teeveecare, and then the ultimate goal of our Welfare State, Embalmicare.

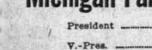
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Melvin L. Woell April 1, 1963



PURPOSE OF FARM

BUREAU

Bec'y-Mgr......C. E. Prentice, Okemos
DIRECTORS BY DISTRICTS

1-Max K. Hood......Paw Paw, R-1
2-Wilbur H. Smith, Burlington, R-1
3-Allen F. Rush...Lake Orion, R-2
4-Elton R. Smith...Caledonia, R-1
5-Dale Dunckel-Williamston, R-1
5-Ward G. Hodge, Snover, R-1

DIRECTORS AT LARGE Representing

WOMEN OF FARM BUREAU Arthur Muir Grant, R-1 Representing

FARM BUREAU YOUNG PEOPLE

Michigan Farm Bureau

- Ward G. Hodge.....Snover, R-1
- Guy C. Freeborn......Hart, R-1
- Lloyd Shankel.....Wheeler, R-1
- Eugene Roberts...Lake City, R-1
- Edgar Diamond...Alpena, R-2
- Edmund Sager......Stepheason

and vote NO in the wheat referendum.

Enoch and Marian Carlson Rt. 1, Alto, Michigan

PRAISES MACKIE

"That takes the department as much out of politics as is possible," Rush said. "We've always had good elective highway commissioners. Mackie (John C. Mackie, Democratic state highway commissioner) has done a good job but we may not always get that kind of a man elected in a political

department should be chosen for his ability to build roads, not get votes." Democrats have argued that

"The man at the head of the

the Con-Con proposal on highway taxes, which shall be earmarked for highway purposes "as defined by law," is a weakening provision. Without the phrase, "as defined by law," a highway purpose was determined in the courts rather than in the Legislature.

"I can't be disturbed about the change," Rush said. "This is a place in which I can have confidence in the Legislature."

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"The Referee is Taking Sides" in Referendum Decision, Shuman Says

Declares Tremendous Pressure is Affront to All American Farmers

The tremendous pressure being brought by the Administration on farmers to vote for Secretary Freeman's wheat certificate plan this spring is an affront to the traditional American sense of fair play, according to Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Shuman pointed out that when Congress authorized the national wheat referendum it was for the purpose of allowing farmers to make their own choice as to whether or not they wanted a wheat certificate plan.

USDA Out of Role

"I think that Congress envisioned that the Department of Agriculture and the Administration would act in its proper role of providing the necessary mechanics for the referendum and impartially outlining the rules," Shuman said. "I don't think Congress intended for the referee to take sides."

However, Shuman said, the Administration is using the tremendous power of the federal government and "every political clout" at its command to impose the certificate plan on wheat farmers. These tactics, he said, are the same that have been used unsuccessfully in the past to "sell U.S. citizens on medicare, federal aid to education and increased foreign aid expenditures."

ERA OF "HARD SELL"

As an example of the Administration's "hard sell" campaign, Shuman referred to President Kennedy's farm message to Congress which placed the prestige of his office behind the certificate plan, while advocating "so-called voluntary programs for other com-

"President Kennedy warned farmers that 'failure to approve the wheat program will leave the wheat farmer without either supply management or effective price supports-at the mercy of unlimited production and unprotected prices. I do not believe that anyone who clearly understands the choice would prefer a return to the depression conditions that preceded the initiation of price

FARM BUREAU

maintenance of State Parks.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION

the program is doing its job

and moving along successfully.

Nearly \$4 million raised by the

sale of bonds supported by per-

mit fees are now committed to

improvements and land pur-

Even more important is the

fact that a new issue of \$1 mil-

lion in revenue bonds was sold

at a considerably reduced in-

terest rate. Credit for the drop

in interest rates is attributed

to the fact that vehicle permits

have earned nearly three-quar-

ters of a million dollars above

bond payment requirements

DEER HERD QUESTION

and should we maintain in the

southern part of the lower pen-

insula?" — is a question in

which farmers have a good

deal of interest.

"How large a deer herd can

during the last two years.

We are glad to report that

out Governor Williams' signature.

legislation for wheat is neither necessary or feasible this year."

Shuman said that this "take or leave it dictatorial attitude is deeply resented by farmers who consider themselves members of a free society."

also believe," Shuman "that members of Congress resent the efforts of the President and the Secretary of Agriculture to speak for them by indicating that new wheat legislation is neither necessary or feasible following defeat of the wheat certificate plan. As far as I know, Congress is still the duly elected representative body responsible to all citizens.

This fact may irritate some of the government planners in Washington who often become impatient with our representative process, but it's a fact they will have to live with for some time. The possibility of passing sound farm legislation will be much better if the wheat referendum is defeat-

"THE ISSUE IS FREEDOM"

Shuman also asserted that he believes Farm Bureau members think that "freedom is a relevant issue in the forthcoming wheat referendum despite the cynical quip of Administration spokesmen who jest that all farmers have to lose with a yes vote is 'freedom from \$1 wheat."

"In the dollar and cents balance sheet that the Department of Agriculture has issued on the consequences of yes and no votes, there is one major item that is not evaluatedfreedom of farmers to make supports a generation ago. New their own management deci-

which alled to put mes latent to work and to make it

State Park Fees; How Large a Deer Herd?

BY DAN E. REED

Associate Legislative Counsel, Mich. Farm Bureau

of the State Park fee system, whereby the users would

provide additional money for the improvement and

The bill was opposed by AFL-CIO president August

Estimated at nearly 40,000,

the southern Michigan deer

herd is a trouble-maker on

highways, and causes some

damage to crops, occasionally

Last year, 1,643 deer were

killed on highways of the

southern part of the lower

peninsula. This is nearly dou-

ble the number killed in 1959

Most deer-car accidents cause

considerable damage to the

vehicle and potential personal

injury. The average damage

suffered by a car involved in

an accident where the deer is

killed cost insurance firms

There is no record of the number of deer-car accidents

where the deer was not killed,

vehicles in this category.

about \$180 per car.

in this region.

Scholle, but became a law on May 11, 1960, -with-

For several years Farm Bureau worked in support



CHARLES SHUMAN

sions," Shuman said. "Without this item, I cannot see how comparable totals can be calculated. A farmer may well ask, how many marketing certificates will I receive for the exchange of my freedom? Do the quotations fluctuate on freedom? Will I be offered a higher price next year, or less? Unfortunately, history has proved that sale of freedom is a one-time transaction.'

FREEDOM TWINS

The national farm leader also pointed out that economic freedom and political freedom are interrelated.

"Neither can be impaired without impairing the other," he said. "The man whose economic position depends on a particular program is under great pressure to vote for the candidate who promises to continue the program. In the same manner, there is tremendous economic power vested in the administrators of programs who are invested with the political power of their office. The billions of federal funds doled out through the committee system administering farm control programs constitutes a dangerous power.

"The prediction of chaos-of \$1 wheat is obviously an attempt to scare farmers into voting according to the wishes of the Secretary of Agriculture. If the certificate plan is defeated, price supports well above the \$1 level will be in effect. Furthermore, Congress would undoubtedly act on one of many proposals for a transitional program.

mend the enactment of legislation to provide that: (1) wheat allotments and marketing quotas shall be terminated beginning with the 1964 crop; (2) the support price shall be set at the higher of the average world price of wheat during the preceding three mar-keting years, or 50 percent of parity, with premiums and discounts to reflect the demand for milling and baking quality; (3) wheat producers shall have an opportunity to participate in a sound cropland retirement program on a voluntary basis, and (4) no CCC wheat shall be sold for unrestricted domestic use at less than 115 percent of the support price.

"The wheat referendum to be held this spring is not just a vote on a wheat certificate plan. Only wheat farmers can vote, and they are the only ones immediately affected, but the outcome of the referendum will determine whether government will manage and control dairy producers, livestock producers, poultry producers, feed grain producers, and others not now controlled.

SUPPLY MANAGEMENT

"Willard Cochrane, Secretary Freeman's economic adviser, has stated that all of agriculture must be managed by government—that his plan of supply management cannot operate successfully with part of the agricultural plant free and part controlled.

With the goals Professor Cochrane has in mind for agriculture he is probably right. The economic health of the controlled section of agriculture cannot stand the comparison with the large segment of agriculture which is relatively free of controls and supports and not burdened with depressing surpluses.

"I am confident that wheat farmers will withstand Administration pressures and will exercise their own freedom of choice in the forthcoming wheat referendum. I'm sure that neither the Secretary of Agriculture, the President of the United States, or any farm organization leader needs to tell them how to vote."

The Wheat Referendum What Kind of Security?

"The Most Important Decision In Years"

Thoughts to consider about the Wheat Referendum by Max Hood, Van

What are we looking for in the wild "security" scramble in which we find ourselves today?

Is it power and prestige that we may sway people?

Is it guaranteed income that will

increase as our needs and expenses

increase? If we ask for security in this form, what will be the costs? Perhaps you are saying, "This is going too far, no one is asking this much." And yet, let us take a look at the wheat referendum to be held this spring.

Guarantees of What?

The president of the National Farmer's Union says that this will be one of the most important decisions with which farmers will be faced in many years, a statement with which we fully agree.

He also says that it will be an easy decision to make; it's simply a matter of dollars and cents; - if a farmer votes for controls, the government will guarantee a high price for the wheat,-part of it, that is.

Of course, he would not be allowed to produce as much. The decisions would be those of a politically appointed government official. What kind of security would this be?

To quote from the "Successful Farming" magazine, (March, 1963) "More than wheat is at stake in the vote. Here's why: The real prize will be political prestige and influence. It is less a question of what than of who. Farm Bureau says it speaks for its farmer members. Freeman tells Congress this is not true-and he would like to have this honor. Congress, confused now, will side with the winner.

New-Con

or where the deer was able to Michigan's New-Con respects drag away from the accident, perhaps to die later from car injuries. Nor is there any estimate of the damage to approach. Vote YES!

"If Freeman wins: He will have removed a major obstacle to a new supply management program for dairying and for some other commodities."

It looks as though it would be a much easier job to operate a farm under such a system because the decision-making would be out of the farmer's hands. Farmers have always been independent, resourceful businessmen. They have been a respected and important part of the community.

Samuel Goldwyn has some words of advice in regard to security: "The greatest security a person can have comes from within himself-not from the outside. If you give to your work-whatever it may beevery bit of your enthusiasm, talent, energy and determination, you will find an inner strength and security that can never be taken away from you. Dare to believe in yourself and act accordingly."

If we, as wheat farmers or cherry growers or milk producers, do not dare to believe in ourselves and our ability to make decisions,-we will surely end with someone else making these decisions for us.

the interests of citizens in counties of small population. It leaves them a voice in government. New-Con, - the positive

Michigan's New-Con is subject to amendment. It is flexible. It freezes nothing into law that the people do not want as permanent. Add your support, vote YES.

Better Informed Taxpayers

TAXPAYER, JOHN FARMER

RURALVILLE, MICHIGAN

New Tax Statements Are Helpful Idea

Did your tax statement show the information contained in the sample printed nearby? Most probably not, — some show a portion of it, but few if any, show all they could. If they did, you as taxpayer would not only know how much tax is levied by each unit of government, but you could to a greater degree, be your own assessor.

VALUATION IS KEY

How? Look at the columns under "Valuation." The assessed (\$4,300 in the sample) is only the beginning of a chain of events leading ultimately to your tax. Next comes county equalization by a committee of the Board of Supervisors to determine at what per cent of value the property in your township is assessed and what per cent of taxes your township will pay. Next, the value of your county in relation to all counties in the State is determined by the State Board of Equalization. All taxes are based on this figure, known as the State Equalized Valuation

As a result of this process, your township is assigned a 'coefficient" or equalization factor. The sample shows a factor of 2.87. Such factors run anywhere from 1 to 4, or even Multiplying the "assessed" by the "factor" will re-

TAX STATEMENT CITIZEN TOWNSHIP

County Fiscal Year - January 1 to December 31 Mary Doe, Township Treasurer

The sum stated below is for taxes assessed upon the following described property in said Towaship, Everybody's County, Michigan

VALUATION MILLAGE X STATE EQUALIZED VALUATION = TAX Allocated Millage Assessed Special Voted Millage Valuation x Equalization THIS AMOUNT Township Special Sch. Oper. 2 \$ 24.68 Sch. Bldg. Debt 4 49.36 County Operation (1% of Sch. Bldg. Debt Co. Hosp. Debt School Operation 111.07 Tax) ASSESSED EQUALIZED Special Education \$2.71-\$4,300 \$12,341

sult in the "State Equalized Value," the real figure on which your tax is based.

CITIZEN

Here is where you become your own assessor. The "State Equalized Value" figure should be one-half of the actual value of your property. If it is higher than one-half of actual value, you probably are overassessed. The "80" in the sample actually exists. It happens to be for sale. Real estate dealers say \$12,000-\$14,000 would be its maximum value, You will note that the assessed value is, in reality, based on a value of more than \$24,000! It is, of course, obviously overassessed.

This is not an "unusual" situation. Tax studies by M.S.U. and others have shown that farm property in relation to other kinds of property is, more often than not, over-as-

The sample form is what Farm Bureau voting delegates had in mind at last November's annual meeting when they passed a resolution strongly urging County Farm Bureaus

to work closely with Board of Supervisors to get the "coefficient" or "equalization factor" printed on the tax notice.

Tax statements similar to this sample would do much to properly inform taxpayers and remove much of the confusion that now exists. It also should lead to a better and more equitable job of assessment and equalization.

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

Bigger Yields-**Better Quality** use MICHIGAN CERTIFIED SEED



The surest way to increase your yields of top quality crops is to plant Michigan Certified Seed — the seed of known performance and known quality developed for Michigan's growing conditions.

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The Women; -- Citizenship, -- Tour Reports

"Ambassadors" Visit Congressmen

Sixty - three people representing 32 county Farm Bureaus participated in the annual Washington Air - Tour, sponsored by the Farm Bureau Women, Feb. 24-27.

The group left Detroit's Metropolitan airport on Sunday evening and two hours later were settled for the night at Washington, D. C.'s Hotel Continental. Monday, they were joined by 30 participants of the "American Heritage" Tour, sponsored by the Family Program Division of Michigan Farm Bureau.

These nearly 100 Michigan "ambassadors" heard Roger Fleming, Secretary - Treasurer and Director of the American Farm Bureau Federation, state, "The wheat referendum along with the administration's shove for a tax cut, (without cutting the budget)-are our two biggest problems." He reminded the group that although ear-Farm Bureau nearly "stood alone," - now many others including Senator Byrd, Congressman Mills of the Ways and Means Committee, and the Committee of Economic Development, all agree that a tax cut without cutting expenditures could be dis-

TOUR USDA

At the Department of Agriculture, the two Michigan tour groups saw many new farm products including methods to dehydrate oranges, injection of bacteria into milk to make a fast-method cheese, a new method of treating wool to prevent shrinkage, a new paint made with emulsified linseed oil called "hydro-lin," and many others.

Tuesday, the Michigan delegation visited with their Congressmen and Senators to discuss Farm Bureau policies. Senator Hart told them that "there is no group as conscientious as Farm Bureau in presenting their views," which made the group wonder why he so seldom represented

Lunch at the Congressional Hotel with Michigan Congressmen was the highlight of the tour, reports Mrs. Margaret Harger of Stanwood, a tour participant. Congressman Elford Cederberg told the group that "We have more problems than solutions . . . you can't spend more, take in less and come out even.

all sick with the flu.

"We've had a telephone on the farm

ever since Helen and I were married,

almost twenty-seven years ago. It's come

in handy lots of times: like the night

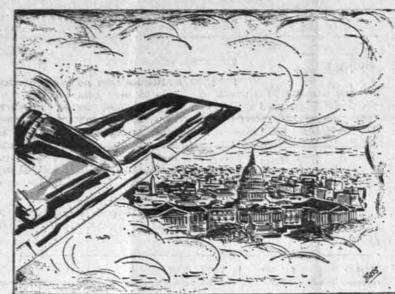
Jimmy was born, and the time we were

"But over the years, I've found that

the calls we make day in and day out

are just as important . . . for instance,

when I call to check on the latest prices,





MRS. ALICE WIGHTMAN, - wife of Michigan Farm Bureau president, Walter Wightman, pours at a tea given by Mrs. Neil Staebler, at her home in Washington. A Democrat, Congressman Staebler was elected "at-large" in the November election.

Congressman Harvey of the 8th District stated that a handwritten letter receives the most attention because "they know that people who take this trouble will support positions that are fundamentally sound-and will vote."

A tea held by Mrs. Neil Staebler was attended by some of the Farm Bureau ladies. Mrs. Walter Wightman, wife of the MFB President, was selected to pour.

Although Congress was not in session to correspond with their pre-scheduled plans, tour participants felt they had gained much from their experiences in Washington and as a result, were better equipped to

"THE PHONE? I COULDN'T DO WITHOUT IT!"

inform fellow - members in their home communities about the problems and methods necessary for effective legisla-

After an inspiring sight-seeing tour of the nation's capital and its many historical landmarks, the group returned to Michigan convinced that the Washington Air-Tour, like so many Farm Bureau Women's projects, was educational, worth-while and of great importance to the effectiveness of their organization.

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

or when I have to order a part for the

tractor or talk to the county agent. You

know, a lot of things are essential to

running this farm, and the telephone

sure is one of the most important. It's

one convenience I couldn't do without."

Yes, the telephone does save you time

and worry. Nothing else in your home

gives you so much service and security

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Spotlighting the Farm Women Who

Washington had his Martha, Lincoln had his Mary, Jack has his Jackie, -and Michigan's "Four Outstanding Young Farmers" have their Virginia, Loretta, Mildred and Carol.

As these four young farmers accepted their honors at the recent Jaycee-sponsored event, they shared the spotlight with women who could rightly be called the

Although they don't claim to work "shoulder - to - shoulder" plowing, planting and harvesting, each is nevertheless an important and essential mem-

Without the steadfast encouragement and faith of these "women behind the men," the achievements of the young farmers would have been more difficult and not half as ful-

Mrs. Richard Gentz (Mildred) is raising three "hired men" for their farming operation,-

R og er, 12: Raymond, 10 and Royal, 6. In addition to this full - time she helps with

errand - run- Mildred Gentz ner and occasionally drives the tractor during the summer.

Her outside activities include a project leader for foods and clothing in the 4-H club, teacher of an ungraded primary room at the Onsted Communclub and the Lenawee County Farm Rureau

What was her reaction to be-

Mrs. Paul Edwards (Carol) takes an active part in their farming operation including

buildings, etc. one

her

four children, Michael, 6; Diane, 5; David, 4 and Thomas, who will be 1 in April. The Edwards both agree that the farm is the best place to raise a family.

Despite her busy schedule, she still finds time to be a volunteer registered nurse participant in the semi-annual

When asked how she felt Farmer" couples, Mrs. Edwards paid this tribute to her thought of my husband as an father. It was a thrilling moment to see him receive local achievements and hard work.

New-Con News Notes

The proposed new constitution has more than 3,000 fewer words than the often-amended 1908 version, making for greater clarity and understanding. Add your support vote

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"Behind every good man,-there's a woman."

"Four Outstanding Young Farm Wives."

ity and thankfulness and acts

as an incentive to do even bet-

Mrs. Joseph Janca (Loretta)

has made a smooth transition

from "city girl" to farm wife

and now pre-

fers life in

the country.

Her two

dren, Lynn, 2

years old, and

months, keep

young

Thomas,

Bureau.

chil-

Janca

She does find time, however,

to be her husband's "chief

bookkeeper." Her experience

in this line of work before

marriage has proved valuable.

Mrs. Janca is a member of the

St. Joseph Catholic Church and

the Shiawassee County Farm

Her reaction to the state;

wide Jaycee award: "I am

proud and honored to have

been chosen among the 'Four

Outstanding Young Farmer'

Mrs. Robert Zeeb (Virginia),

making plans

to accompany

her husband

to the nation-

al FOYF con-

test in Tulsa,

O kla homa,

April 7 - 9.

When they go

they will take

wife of Michigan's most "Out-

standing Young Farmer," is

with them the best wishes of

all Michigan, - but especially

of the 70,000 farm-family

members of the Michigan

The three little Zeebs, Pat-

rick, 5; Christopher, 3; and

Michael, 11/2,-keep Mrs. Zeeb

well occupied. She finds time,

however, to serve as secretary

for her community Farm Bureau group, as a 4-H leader,

and as a council member of

Mrs. Zeeb has this to say

about the honor bestowed up-

on her husband, "We were

very pleased when Bob won

the honor, and I was proud to

have had some small part to

play in it. However, I must

confess I have always consid-

ered him an outstanding

young farmer as well as an

This is a story of faith,-Faith

of women in their men. In all

that huge crowd waiting ex-

pectantly for the FOYF win-

ners to be announced, the

least surprised to hear the top

names were the wives of the

"Four Outstanding Young

Farmers." - They knew all

along they were outstanding!

outstanding husband."

an Extension group.

couples in Michigan."

Virginia Zeeb

Farm Bureau.

Loretta Janca

FULL-TIME PARTNERS

ber of the partnership.

So, it's the "other half" of these honored partnerships upon which we'd like to focus the spotlight, - the half who performs daily tasks for which no honors are bestowed.

occupation, the bookkeeping, is chief

being a Sunday School teacher, ity Schools, president of the Onsted Teachers' Club, member of the Pentecost Extension

ing named one of the "Outstanding Young Farmer" couples? "It was the most thrilling moment of my life. It was something Dick and I never dreamed could happen to us."

helping with milk testing, baling. record - keeping, painting Her number project, however, is raising



blood donor drives.

about being named one of the "Four Outstanding Young husband, "I have always 'Outstanding Farmer' as well as an outstanding husband and and state recognition for his Such an occasion filled me with a great amount of humil-

"YES" on "New-Con!"

"Rural Newsreel"

Farm Variety Television Show Detroit

(Winner of the 1962 Associated Press Award for best locally pro-duced farm television show.)

Outstanding Young Farmer.



BOXES OF MICHIGAN BEANS AND APPLES,-went along on the "American Heritage" tour, as friendship gifts to Farm Bureau hosts of other states visited enroute. Fancy apples from Bull Brothers Orchards, are loaded by J. Delbert Wells, head of the Family Program Division, tour sponsor. Handing up beans, donated by the Michigan Elevator Exchange, is Don Kinsey, Coordinator of Education and Research, and tour guide.



MICHIGAN CONGRESSMEN, - lunched with Farm Bureau members from two tours to Washington. The luncheon was held at the Congressional Hotel, Feb. 26. Mrs. Vernon Hutchinson, Mrs. Marion Sutton and Adolph Engler, Farm Bureau members of Oakland county, talk over a proposal for the farm program with their Congressman, Hon, William S. Broomfield, of Michigan's 18th District, - while awaiting the lunch hour.

Touring Groups Cross Paths in Washington

When they got together at the Congressional Hotel for lunch on Tuesday, February 26th, there were 93 Michigan Farm Bureau people visiting with their Congressmen.

Thirty members of an extended "American Heritage Tour" departed Lansing by bus on February 22. They sought scenes and places dear to the history of America's birth of

Tour members enjoyed discussing the Washington political climate with their Congressmen at the February 26th luncheon at the Congressional

Attending this luncheon were "freshman" Congressman Edward Hutchinson of the 4th District. Gerald Ford of the 5th District, Charles Chamberlain of the 6th District, James Harvey of the 8th District, Robert Griffin of the 9th District, Elford Cederberg of the 10th District. Victor Knox of the 11th District and William Broomfield of the 18th District.

Unable to attend, but sending representatives were Congressmen John Bennett of the 12th District and August Johansen of the 3rd District.

Congressman William Broomfield remarked, "When Farm Bureau speaks, I listen. I have found the views of their members sound and right on most issues."

The Michigan delegation appreciated the hospitality of their Congressmen and Senators in taking time from their overloaded schedules to meet with "the folks back home' and listen to their views.

The American Heritage tour group followed the freedom trail through New York to Boston, Lexington, Concord, Old North Church and Bunker They stood beside the "old North Bridge" at Concord where the Minutemen of 1775 stood "their flag to April's breeze unfurled-and fired the shot heard round the world."



CONGRESSMAN-Edward Hutchinson, visited with Farm Bureau members from Michigan's Fourth Congressional District at the Congressional Luncheon held as part of the Washington Tour. The group includes (left to right, front row) Mr. and Mrs. Francis Finch, Mattawan; Mrs. Nyle Nye, Battle Creek; Mrs. Walter Wightman, Fennville; (back row) Congressman and Mrs. Hutchinson; Mrs. Robert Knuth, Berrien Springs; Mrs. Winnie Anderson, Coloma; Nyle Nye; and Hutchinson, a Farm Bureau member, has recently been named to the House Agricultural

Women Plan European Tour

reau members will have the opportunity to see the romantic and historical sites of the European continent at "group discount" prices due to the efforts of the F.B. Women.

The itinerary will include visits to England and its famous courts and castles,to the "Hook of Holland," Amsterdam and Germany,to Italy and its gondola trips in Venice, the Vatican City and St. Peter's Basilica.-to Paris and the inside story of perfume making,-to Monte

In September, Farm Bu- Carlo, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and many other famous places.

> Of special interest to members will be a stop at the Farm Bureau Trade Development Corporation, Rotterdam office.

Cost of the tour is \$990 based on current rates. Any members interested in this jet - airliner European trip will receive complete details and an illustrated brochure by sending the attached coupon to Farm Bureau Center in Lansing.

Clip and Mail To:

EUROPEAN TOUR

Marge Karker: F. B. Women, Michigan Farm Bureau 4000 N. Grand River, Lansing, Michigan

Please send me full information about the Farm Bureau European Tour.

Signed: Address:



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Spring-Time is Time to Paint!

Bureau Boards See How "Unico" Paint is Made

Through Farm Bureau Services, Inc., -Michigan farmers are part owners of a modern paint factory. Farm Bureau Services is a member of the "United Cooperative" family, headquartered at Alliance, Ohio, where the paint is made.

QUALITY CONTROL

Pigments and paint bases are lab - checked under tight quality-control in the Alliance plant where members of Farm Bureau affiliated company boards visited on an annual tour of cooperative facilities.

Of interest were special stones used in grinding the rare earths and pigments that combine to make the radiant colors of modern paints. The group was told that the best grinding stones are those imported from the beaches of Normandy. Steel balls can be used to some extent under certain conditions, but have a tendency to discolor certain pigments, the group was told.

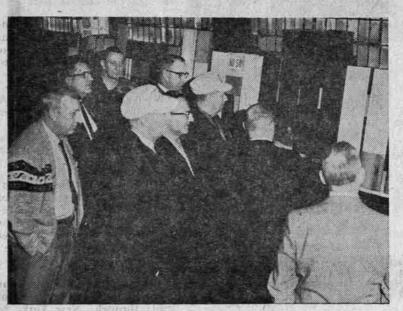
A STIRRING SIGHT

Much as huge batches of taffy, paint-making is mostly a matter of stirring and mixing. Mixers containing the grinding stones are often run for days and nights until the exact consistency is reached. Color blending is another process that takes considerable care.

modern Alliance plant, practically any color of the rainbow is produced. "Alkyd" semi-gloss and flat enamels vie with the quickdry high-gloss types, and the "Acrylic" latex in turn competes with the "weatheramic" exterior finishes.

All are under constant testing at a nearby "farm" where carefully numbered painted surfaces weather on "fences" for at least a decade. Sunlight and northern exposures are compared. So too are qualities of other, competing paints.

Those on tour had little difficulty picking out the Unico samples. They were the bright ones,-even after ten years.



Unico "Paint School"

COLOR TEST PANELS, - used in "paint schools" conducted by United Cooperatives for staff persons of member-companies, are examined by the touring group. Color shadings are shown and best application is studied. Michigan Farm Bureau Services personnel recently attended the sessions.

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FARMERS EVERYWHERE tell the same story. Big dividends from farm land made more productive with drainage lines of concrete tile! Increased crop yields-more usable acres-extra profits the first year that often pay the whole cost of the drainage system. Then too, good drainage lets you plant earlier, cuts losses from soil erosion.

And when your lines are concrete tile, you can depend on good service. Concrete tile are designed for extra-high strength. They resist frost and freezing. You'll find concrete tile-made to the highest quality standards—are being produced right in your town or a nearby community. And the people who make the tile will be glad to recommend a contractor to install them for you.

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Unico Factory Readies For Spring Rush

PRESIDENT WIGHTMAN, - watches the mixing process of white exterior paint, working in a huge "churn," (left picture). Board members of the Michigan Farm Bureau, Farm Bureau Services and Farmer's Petroleum Cooperative watch as the finished batch is poured into drums, (right picture), for later color mixing and packaging. Spring always means a rush for paint and painting



Packaged Paint, Ready and Waiting

FROM HUGE PAINT DRUMS, -down to tiny pressurized cans, "Unico" paint comes in nearly as many sizes as colors. Here at the United Cooperative warehouse, Farm Bureau board members check over the stockpiles. Paint first attracted United to the Alliance area, where historically much of the nation's paint has been made. Each year about 50 residences throughout the nation are used in "actual condition" consumer tests.

Birthday Luncheon Featured

The Barry County Farm Bureau Women's Committee recently hosted a "Birthday Luncheon" with nearly 200 people paying a "penny-per-year" of

The guests inserted this "fee" into a beautifully-decorated artificial cake located at the head of the cafeteria line and were then served a hot meal, complete with real birthday cakes, at tables designated and decorated according to months.

Featured on the program was a presentation of color slides and narration by Mr.

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and Mrs. Lloyd Gaskill of his trip to Europe.

The scene of this successful event was the newly remodeled dining room of the Barry County Farm Bureau Building. The remodeling of the basement into a dining room has been the number-one project of the Barry County Women during the past year.

After many hours of work, with some donating labor and others money,-and some contributing both,-the result is an excellent meeting place for county Farm Bureau activities.

Mrs. Billie Hoort, District No. 4 chairman, reports that this energetic group of ladies has several other projects to their credit, including the donation of money to the Barry County School for Retarded Children, and some kitchen utensils to the YMCA Camp at Algonquin Lake.

In Memoriam

ESMOND WHISENNAND (Following the death of Esmond Whisennand, respected member of the Almena Farm Bureau Community Group of Van Buren county, the organization adopted the following resolution. . . .)

In recognition of his service to our organization, the Almena Farm Bureau would like to express its sense of personal loss in the death of Esmond Whisennand on February 7, 1963, and its appreciation of his efforts on behalf of the Almena Farm Bureau and the Van Buren County Farm Bureau.

Mr. Whisennand was genuinely interested in the Farm Bureau organization and was a sincere spokesman for its beliefs and policies. He held various offices in the Almena Group and served as Chairman for two years. He also acted on several County Farm Bureau Committees.

gratitude for Mr. Whisennand's service to our organization and community, be it therefore resolved that this expression of appreciation be sent to his family, to the Van Buren County Farm Bureau, to the Michigan Farm Bureau, and that it be included in the official minutes of this meeting.

Respectfully presented, Almena Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee

Mrs. Francis Finch Mrs. Willard Rumsey Estelle Vermeulen

Cheboygan Board Hears Greek Youth **Unusual Presentation**

Topics Include Rutabaga Farming, **Exchange - Student Turkish Report**

Dressed in the colorful attire of a native Turkish farm girl, Miss Jeanie Stewart of Indian River made an interesting appearance before a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Cheboygan County Farm

Jeanie was one of a group of six students assigned to Turkey from among 121 International Farm Youth Exchange students (IFYE) from 62 countries that took part in the 51/2 month-long visitation program. In telling of her experiences, Miss Stewart used slides taken of the area where she lived with the host families, of their farms and crop methods.

Salutatorian of the 1959 graduating class of Inland Lakes High School at Indian River, Jeanie was in her Junior year at Michigan State University when she was invited to join the IFYE group. She is at present engaged in substitute teaching, but plans to resume her studies at MSU next year, majoring in English and foreign languages.

Also on the meeting program was rutabaga farmer, Elmer Bogues, who has found unusual success in growing "beggies." He has proven that the sandy-loam soils of Cheboygan county are particularly suited to this vegetable which is mostly imported into the "States" from Ontario, Canada.

Bogues sees no reason why this 95 per cent of the U.S. market now served by such importation can't be supplied from our own farms. Financial returns should also interest local farmers, Bogues suggests, in that a gross of nearly \$1,000 is possible on about one acre of rutabagas.

That Bogues is an expert is indicated by blue-ribbon prizes won at the Michigan State Fair in each of the past two

In view of the potential in rutabaga growing, Bogues suggested that a cooperative association be formed to spread experimental work among interested farmers to have one marketing agent and to control production.

County President Vic Lyons appointed a committee to work with Bogues to examine the possibilities for Cheboygan County.

The board also went on record as opposing the compulsory wheat controls and favoring the Farm Bureau resolution to coordinate and standardize inspection of milk and

R.E.A. Co-ops Meet in Clare

Walter Wightman, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, will discuss Farm Bureau and our Michigan Rural Electric Cooperatives at a meeting scheduled for April 10-11-12 at the Dohorty Hotel in Clare.

Managers and directors of fifteen Rural Electric Co-ops, serving over 88,000 members, will attend this event which

will be hosted by the Oceana Cooperative of Hart; Harley Johnston, manager.

Rural Defense Educational Coordinator, Victor Stine, will be present to tell of the Rural Electric Cooperative's role in preparing for rural defense. Other information of interest to managers and directors will be on the 3-day agenda.

was the thought - provoking presentation featured at a recent Calhoun County Women's meeting. Mr. Angelo Sach Peroqlow, attending Olivet College on a Fullbright Scholarship, told the group how he felt about the United States and made comparisons between our country and Greece. "Conditions in any country

Views U.S.A.

Asks: "What Will I

Do. Back Home?"

A view of the U.S.A. through the eyes of a Greek student

do not seem terrible if you've never known anything different . . . but what will I do when I return to Greece in an advisory or clerical capacity? Can I look down upon the laborers as I'm supposed to do? No, not after being in the U.S.A. and learning to treat each person as a human being," he said.

"Can I go back and say to Dad, 'You find me a wife and I'll marry her'?-No, not after being here and knowing that you make your own choice. All this will be difficult because my people won't under-

Mr. Peroglow told the women that no matter who is visiting where .- each must find reasons for differences in social status, culture, ideals, so that he won't offend others. "Never forget that you are an unofficial representative of your country and that both you and your country will be judged by your actions.'

Mrs. Glen Hombaker, Women's Chairman of District 2, noted one interesting observation of the Greek student . . that in America, we live too rapid a pace,-and used the example of how fast and how much we consume liquor. Pointing out that he thought we make too big an issue of temperance, he explained that Greeks spend all one afternoon, relaxing, having fellowship and sipping wine. Yet he had never seen a drunken person until he came to this country.

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Emergency Trip Pays

The next time you have a breakdown and quick trip for repairs, remember what happened to Farm Bureau member Donald Smith of rural Ad-

emergency trip to sharpen his chain saw resulted in Smith's winning a grand sweepstakes prize worth \$10,-000. Earlier the lucky farmer had registered in a national contest conducted by the Mc-Culloch Chain Saw Company. Now, he has a choice from four groups of prizes valued at \$10,-

A graduate of Michigan State University in Agriculture, Smith is a long-time member of the Michigan Farm Bureau. The Smith's have four sons, all of whom are growing up in the 4-H movement and expect to remain active in



THE SURPRISED WINNER-of the \$10,000 grand prize in the McCulloch Chain Saw sweepstakes gets the good news. Don Smith of rural Addison, talks over the prize selection with Jerry Langford, (center) Michigan distributor, and dealer Horace Butcher, (right) in Manitou Beach where Smith registered

FARMERS PETROLEUM

Rural Safety Council Meet

The Michigan Farm Bureau, one of 35 interested volunteer groups, took part in the annual meeting of the Michigan Rural Safety Council, held on the Michigan State University campus, February 14, 1963.

From its first statewide beginnings 16 years ago, the Council has moved a long way from its single "Farm Work" program. Currently there are standing committees which include farm work, home safety, rural fire safety, and rural traffic safety.

The Rural Fire Safety Committee, headed by Francis Bust, MFB Mutual Insurance Company Fire - Safety Engineer, recently completed a fire safety project involving 991 primary district schools in 47 counties.

The project centered around a teacher packet outlining the material to be covered, and in-



PRIMARY DISTRICT SCHOOLS,-are awarded certificates for work in the Fire Safety project sponsored by the Michigan Rural Safety Council. Left to right, Council president, Leslie Silvernale; vice-president, Francis Bust, and Secretary, Dr. Richard Pfister complete certificates awarded to 991 primary district schools that participated.

cluded samples of student participation material-fire safety songs to learn, cartoons and posters to be drawn, stories to write, and home inspections. Each participating school was awarded a certificate upon completion of the project.

A nationally developed slidefilm presentation, made in cooperation with the Automotive Safety Foundation and the National Safety Council, has been available from the Rural Traftic Safety Committee to inter-

This highly informative film MFB Information Division.

Officers elected to the Michigan Rural Safety Council for the coming year are: Leslie R. Silvernale, MSU professor, President; Francis Bust, Vice-President; and Dr. Richard Pfister, Executive Secretary.

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salesmen and others that use

the roads day in, day out, in a

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"Here are some of the prac-

and they keep their vehicles in

Expert Drivers Needed Techniques of Experts Save Lives

The following are remarks by Ray Radigan, Safety Engineer for Farm Mutual Insurance, as made on the 47 station, Michigan Farm Bureau radio network program, "Farm Bureau at work." These comments were later re-broadcast on a nationwide network of 450 stations, as part of the program "Across The Land."

"Although most of us would agree that we don't exactly drive 'like the experts'-we still think we do

"True, in most cases we do drive fairly well, but most of us would admit that there still is plenty of room for improvement. Why then, don't we compare our driving habits with the techniques of the experts?

of the other person. He antici-"Professional Types" pates the worst. He is prepared. "Who are they? They in-

He remains defensive at all times. "Driving in the future is part

of the 'expert' attitude. Hazards, real or potential, crossroads, side roads, unusual conditions of any kind, these are all considered.

"Only fish travel in schools -not the professional driver. He gets out of the pack as quick as he can,-generally by slowing down, or leaving the road for a rest or 'milk-break.' One mistake by one driver in a pack of cars can bring a bloody tangle of flesh and steel, in a flash.



Assistant Treasurer Retires March 1

EMPLOYEE RETIRES,-after 38 years of service to Farm Bureau Companies, Gilbert, ("Gib") Griswold retired from his position as Assistant Treasurer, March 1. Pictured with him are, (from left) Clarence Prentice, Secretary-Manager, Michigan Farm Bureau; Griswold, Leon Monroe, MFB Treasurer, and Maynard Brownlee, General Manager of Farm Bureau Services, Inc. The Farm Bureau Companies and employees honored Griswold with a party and gift of golf bag and cart.

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"UNANIMOUS SUPPORT"

This particular provision had almost unanimous support when adopted by the convention delegates on the second reading (the last time when individual sections were voted

Only six voted against the provision, three Democrats and three Republicans. Why all the hue and cry now about "save our roads?" Should not the legislature have some authority and responsibility to determine proper highway use of taxpayers' money?

The legislature has the responsibility for raising taxes for highway use. The amount of taxpayer money used for highway purposes in Michigan in the last five years is nothing short of astounding! Gas and weight taxes have amounted to more than \$1,890,600,000, Federal taxpayer money for state primary roads \$121,316,000 and Federal tax money for the interstate system \$302,729,000

Add these together with

income and it totals nearly 21/2 billion dollars! This is not all -in addition, taxpayers will have to pay off over 1/2 billion dollars of bonds outstanding as of June 30, 1962. The grand total is nearly 3 billion dollars.

Neither is this the whole story. The Highway Department's study on the needs of Michigan's highways for the period of 1960-1980 calls for an expenditure of 11 billion dol-

It is estimated that existing tax sources will provide only 8.1 billion dollars, leaving a gap of 2.9 billion dollars which according to the accompanying fiscal study, must be raised by increasing present highway user taxes and increasing "nonuser" taxes for highway purposes. This can only mean a step backward by increased property taxes.

The new Constitution RETAINS all earmarking of funds for highway purp and in addition, assures the taxpayer that they will be properly used as provided by law.

"Save Our Roads, Eat Grapefruit?"

"Mrs. George Romney verbally spanked opponents of the proposed state Constitution for what she called abusing and distorting the truth and twisting words and meanings to suit their purpose," said the Flint Journal reporting on her recent appearance at a meeting sponsored by the Genesee County Farm

LARGE CROWD PRESENT

Mrs. Otto Tara, Genesee Woto Mrs. Romney, special guests included Ward G. Dexel of the Central Committee.

attention to billboards along Michigan highways which read: "Save our Roads, Vote No on the New Constitution," and asked "what has this to do with the new Constitution? They might as well say, 'Save our roads-eat apples or grapefruit.' - It would make as much sense."

Michigan's super highways are being built as part of the federal interstate highway system, she explained, and roads are being built with \$0 per cent federal funds.

visions which opponents condemn, Mrs. Romney pointed out that the proposed document gives Genesee, Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties 70 per cent more representation. She expressed the belief formula which divides the district 80 per cent on population and 20 per cent on area is constitutional.

"Michigan has the opportunity to be a leader among the states in self-development by adopting the new Constitution," Mrs. Romney said. "It would take a century to try to amend the present Constitution to add the good proposals contained in the new document."

The delegates wrote the Constitution for everyone in Michigan, she declared. "If it is partisan, then it is evil. If it is not as good for the Demoncratic party as it is for the Republicans, then it will not be a document that will live."

She pointed to the growing list of non-partisan groups which are supporting the proposed Constitution as proof that it was not written in behalf of one party. "These groups have studied the proposed Constitution and have found it to be an improvement over the existing one-and would not be supporting it if they did not believe it would strengthen the state," stated Mrs. Romney.

Adoption of the new Constitution, she declared, is "vital" to the future development of Michigan.

Genesee Women Hear "Lenore" Speak For New Constitution

Bureau Women.

men's Chairman, and Mrs. Edna Tiedeman, vice-chairman, report that 250 people attended the meeting. In addition Flint and Genesee County New Constitution Committee, and Mrs. Elly Peterson, Vice Chairman of the Republican State

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March 7.

Farm Bureau Insurance Holds

Annual "State-Wide" Meeting

In planning their program for 1963, the Kalkaska County Farm Bureau Women voted to continue a worthwhile project in which they have participated for the past three years,the "adoption" of a ward at the Traverse City State Hospi-

This project has involved all community groups of the Kalkaska Farm Bureau as each takes a turn at providing treats of cakes and cookies for the patients. At Christmas time, the Farm Bureau Women send cards, each personally signed as though coming from a friend, with a small gift such as handkerchiefs and ball point pens. Serving the refreshments and helping in any other way possible at the Christmas party has brought the Farm Bureau Women in closer contact with the people for whom they are creating a happier holiday.

In addition to their adoption of a ward, the Kalkaska Women have contributed books, magazines, and clothing to the hospital in general. Along with other groups, the County Farm Bureau has donated money for a new church that will be built on the State Hospital grounds.

A better understanding and knowledge of what personal visits mean to the patients will prompt the women to continue their good work. Mrs. Dorothy Hendricks of Kalkaska, reports. "We feel very humble and only wish we could do more. It is always a privilege to be able to help those in need."

Other programs on the agenda for the year include: the Farm Bill, Education, Juvenile Delinquency and "School Dropout," First Aid and Home Nursing, Medicare and many others. The women also plan a tour of the Wurtsmith Air Force Base some time in June. A year-round effort to bring as many women as possible to the monthly meetings completes their action-packed program.



Adrian; Dial 1490.....WABJ Coldwater; Dial 1590.....WTVB Lapeer; Dial 1230......WMPC Saturday 6:15 a.m.WALM Lapeer; Dial 1530......WTHM Detroit; Dial 760.....WJR Thursday, 6:15 a.m. Announced Locally

1963 American Farm Bureau Officers and Board

OFFICIAL PORTRAIT,-of the AFBF Board of Directors. Pictured are the 29 farm leaders

who direct the operation of the nation's largest farm organization, Farm Bureau. Included, (sec-

ond row, third from right,) is Walter Wightman, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Wight-

man was recently re-elected to his fourth two-year term on the American board. Pictured are:

L. Randolph, Charles B. Shuman, Mrs. Haven Smith, Louis Rozzoni, and Allen Lauterbach.

(First Row Seated, Left to Right)-Charles Marshall, Boswell Stevens, Roger Fleming, Walter

(Second Row, Left to Right)-Marvin Morrison, Olen Monsees, William Kuhfuss, William E.

Bensley, L. L. Lovell, Walter C. Peirce, E. H. Finlayson, Paul Nay, Lewis Munn, Walter Wight-

(Third Row, Left to Right)-Henry F. Wilson, Jack Welch, George Doup, Keith Wallace, E.

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Otsego; Dial 980.....WDMC Announced Locally Owosso; Dial 1080......WOAP Monday 12:35 p.m. Rogers City; Dial 960 WHAK Friday 12:00 noon Saginaw; Dial 1210 WKNX

Saturday 12:40 p.m. St. Johns; Dial 1580......WJUD Saturday 11:15 a.m. Sturgis; Dial 1230.....WSTR Announced Locally Tawas City; Dial 1480 WIOS Tuesday 12:45 p.m. Three Rivers; Dial 1510..WLKM

Hospital Ward Youthpower Congress

Teenagers To Gather

Twelve young people from Michigan will be attending the National Youthpower Congress in Chicago, Illinois, March 27-30. The delegates represent leaders of youth organizations in Michigan or have been active in local Youthpower ac-

The Youthpower Congress brings together teenagers from all over the United States to discuss food, and learn of careers in the food industry. They spend much of the four days in discussion groups to learn more from each other and from outstanding leaders from education and the food industry.

An important part of the Conference will be tours to various food industries in the Chicago area. Each delegate

> reau's legislative staff as one of the speakers, music furnished by Central Michigan University, a foreign student presentation, and others," said

The meeting is scheduled for April 10 at the Central Michigan University Center in Mt. Pleasant beginning at 10:00 a.m. Isabella, the "hostess county," extends a cordial invitation to all District 8 Farm

will be the guest of a company for the day to study its functions. Tours will range all the way from the Chicago Stockyards to the American Medical Association. Research, manufacturing, storage, wholesaling, promotion, etc. will all be discussed.

Highlights of the Congress will be a presentation entitled, "A Dramatic Study of the Social, Economic, and Nutritional Importance of America's Food Supply." Charles B. Shuman, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation and the National Food Conference, will take part in this program.

These twelve delegates will pass on their newly acquired knowledge to approximately 100 young people during the "Michigan Youthpower Congress" to be held April 20.

District Meeting

Realizing the importance of being informed voters on April 1st, the Isabella County Farm Bureau Women scheduled their March meeting one week earlier than usual and featured a speaker on New-Con.

Mrs. Edmund O'Brien, Isabella Women's Secretary, reports that plans for the District 8 spring meeting are in process. "This promises to be a very interesting meeting with Robert Smith of Michigan Farm BuMrs. O'Brien.

Bureau ladies.

Record Crowd Attends Farm Bureau Insurance; Walter Wightman, president, Michigan Farm Bureau; Jin Erskine, Lenawee county agency manager; Ken Cassens, County Companies, Bloomington, Illinois; and Bob Richards, former Olympic pole vault

> champion. Ivan Allison, sales manager, presented awards to agents for outstanding performances during 1962. The company's "Pace Setter" Life trophy went to Norman Lohr of Monroe county. Lohr was also honored for issuing over \$1 million of life insurance during the year.

The "Top Agency" Life trophy went to Jim Erskine of Lenawee county. Eight agency managers received awards for having agencies that reached all five production objectives for 1962. They were Wendell Smith, Calhoun county; Bob Nelson, Jackson county; Jim Erskine, Lenawee county; Max Bixler, Livingston county; Wilbur Lohr, Monroe county; Gerrit Elzinga, Ottawa county; and Junior Clemens, Arenac, Iosco, and Roscommon counties.

Pete Sackett, Kalamazoo county agency manager received the 1962 Distinguished

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A recent Farm Bureau study shows that "property" is now paying more than 47% of all taxes in the state in spite of the fact that the increased sales tax yields 23% of the total taxes. Because the farmer has need for larger than ordinary amounts of land and buildings to operate successfully, he is responsible for a greater portion of the local government tax load than many of his city neighbors. citizens, and the same tax per

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However, there is too much

evidence of inequalities

throughout the state with re-

gard to property taxes. Aside

from the fact that the farmer

has, out of necessity, large

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ed value.

EXCEPTIONS NOTED There are two exceptions to this limit, however. Cities may levy for operating purposes, an amount not in excess of an additional 20 mills; and the people may vote additional millage for special purposes.

Not too long ago, when tax rates and tax bills were lower, side-of-the-road assessments, and those made from the office, or after supper at home, weren't as significant with regard to the errors compiled; but today's tax bill, with its high rate, compounds the original error. An error in assessment then might have cost \$30

-now it could cost \$150. Because of the assessors' varying degrees of judgment, it is necessary for the taxing districts to be equalized at the

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For example, if an assessor is assessing all of his properties at approximately 50% of their market value, the ratio assigned to his district would be 100%. This means that he is assessing his property at 100% of the state Tax Commission's standard (50% of the market

If the assessor was making his assessments at only 25% of the property's market value, he would be assigned a 50% ratio which indicates that he is assessing at one-half of the

commission's standard. THEORY AND PRACTICE

Theoretically, equalization compensates for the difference in levels of assessment between assessment districts. The difference does not effect the total of the tax bill for the district because the tax is applied against the equalized and not the assessed value. Again, the only difference possible, at least in theory, would come about with the levying of any extra voted millage, which would have been approved by the people within the taxing

The greatest problem in the assessing of property lies in the inequalities that exist within the assessing district. The possibility of perfection in assessments is almost nonexistent, but assessments within 10% of the assigned ratio could be considered reasonably

district.

On paper, equalization is effective, but in reality it is difficult to achieve because it assumes that the actual tax roll assessments made within the taxing district were equitable. If this was not the case, then the whole system bogs down.

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Examining: Do Farmers Need Tax Reforms?

Discussion Topic

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It is not an exaggeration to cite the farmer as the "number-one man" in the middle of Michigan's tax predicament. Our state and local property tax problems arise from a combination of conditions.

These include an expansion of population, the constant inflation and what it does to government costs, and formulas for state equalization.

Expansion of the Population

The demand for living space has spread cities and villages into surrounding farm lands. These shifts have brought increased demands for new services and facilities — schools, roads and streets, lighting, police and fire protection, etc. The pressure for local revenues to provide these things has risen enormously.

In many instances such pressures have hit the farmer hard. He has been caught by a combination of three factors.

Michigan State University reports that the farmer's tax problem is heightened by the fact that farm property is generally assessed at a greater percent of its value than other property.

Frequently farm land is assessed in terms of its value for platting as a suburb.

New residential properties are not often placed on the tax rolls as soon as they are occupied. They sometimes remain free of tax bills for almost two years. Yet they require and demand the new services. Farmers have had to shoulder the burden.

Inflation Hits Government Costs

Continuing devaluation of the dollar under a rapidly rising federal debt has increased the costs of doing business for the state and local governments. It costs more to build schools or other government units. Equipment and wages cost more. This makes more revenues necessary.

State Equalized Valuations

Some people place the blame for rising taxes on the requirement to apply the state equalization factor. Yes and no. To some extent this is overrated. Generally considered, millage rates can be adjusted locally to maintain an actual tax rate at the normal level.

But the state equalization formula did have its effect on actual tax rates. Since it raised the total valuation level of local government units * in many cases the local government was able to borrow more money without exceeding the 15 mill limitation under the 1908 Constitution. Such increased local debt automatically required increases in local revenues.

Farm Land Values Go Up

Both demand and inflation have resulted in a rapid increase in the sale value of farm land. Farm real estate values rose 240% from 1954 to 1962. Farm taxes per acre rose faster—386%.

If we combine the rising land values with the effect of state equalization, we may see how the shock was multiplied. In some urbanized townships, state equalized values on farm land increased as much as 600%.

Competition for Tax Dollar

State and local governments have been hard pressed by the competition of the federal government for the available tax dollar. The lion's share of the increase in total taxes has gone to the federal level.

In 1960, the federal government took 80.38% of the tax dollar of Michigan residents. The State's share was only 10.4%, and the local governments got 9.22%. It must be noted, however, that over half of the State's share was returned to schools and local governments. This leaves the State with a problem.

Heavy tax collections by the federal government serve to lower the state and local tax base. This is not merely in "dollars" which leave the state. Those dollars would otherwise be invested in local enterprises which would broaden the local tax base.

The heavy federal "take" also limits the forms of wealth

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many years, local governments

self-direction.

In the year 1959 to 1960, combined local, state and federal taxes in Michigan increased by \$2 billion. The federal government took \$1.8 billion of this increase. The federal government enjoys the advantage of having no limit on the rate

have had no tax base except

property. And the narrowing

of this tax base often pressures

local governments to turn to

the federal government for aid.

Federal money, given back, be-

comes tied to regulations, and

local governments lose their

Property Owners Hollering "Uncle"

of taxes it can collect.

Even non-farm property owners recognize that property taxes have reached their limit of toleration. Millage and bond issues are being voted down more frequently. Property owners have "had it."

This creates a problem of providing expanding services in the communities. Some local governments, in the face of increasing populations, have been hard pressed to continue necessary services at established levels.

The biggest shock on property taxes has been for schools. Taxes for this purpose have increased 750% from 1940 to 1960.

Property Taxes Absorb More Farm Income

The property tax load on the farmer becomes clearer when we consider how it compares to his net income. While property taxes have been going into orbit, farm incomes have suffered a squeeze. These taxes become part of the costs of operating a farm. They are "fixed costs" — they do not rise and fall with income, They must be paid in years of loss as well as years when earnings are favorable.

When property taxes cut more and more deeply into earnings, the problem grows. In 1939-40, real and personal property taxes took 5% of the farmer's net income. By 1960, it was 14.6%. In high-tax areas, some farmers are now paying about 20% of their incomes in taxes.

Generally, farmers are paying two and a half times as great a share of their net incomes in property taxes as the state average — including the farm percentage in that average, however.

Have we seen the end of the rise in property taxes? Economists say "No." And a new highway study declares that Michigan must find new sources of revenue for highways which are not based on the use of the highways. Could they be thinking of property

Property Tax Relief? – How?

The facts cited draw a picture which leaves no uncertainty of the need for relief in property taxes on the farm. But what solutions are possible?

Some people balk at the idea of any new tax. That is something like throwing pennies in a wishing well. Trends and developments in Michigan point the opposite way. Popular pressures are growing to do something about the State deficit and to bring property tax relief.

The 1962 Legislature came within a whisker of passing a tax reform bill. The Senate had passed the bill, but recalled it. The House probably would have passed it. That bill included a 3% flat rate tax on personal incomes, 5% on corporate incomes. It would have returned 1c of the sales tax revenues to County governments. Such funds could be used to reduce property taxes. Such a refund would pay for 73% or more of the costs of county government. Under it, a possible reduction of more than 4 mills on the state equalized valuation would be possi-

ble.

A variety of provisions might be made into law to provide for property tax relief, other than the move made by the 1962 Legislature. Some share of the income tax, itself, might be returned to the counties. There is broad resistance, however, to adding new forms of "earmarked" taxes.

There could be a law permitting local governments to collect a limited income tax to replace property taxes, in part. In fact, some cities have already established such a tax.

The form of tax itself has not been protested. But the fact that people are being taxed who work in that city, yet are forced to support the community in which they live—this has brought protest. They face double taxation. And the "payroll income tax" in the city of their job brings them no relief on property tax loads at home.

Farmers can be caught in this trap. Some have jobs in small cities—or large ones. Many Michigan cities, small and large, are considering the local "payroll tax" on all who work within the city limits.

Why Pay It All to Washington?

Some states now intercept part of the money that would otherwise go to Washington in income taxes. Local and State taxes are deductible on the federal income tax return. A state income tax is deductible. If Michigan had a flat rate income tax, the State would get a share of the money now paid to the federal government. And if the law allowed the federal income tax to be deducted from the state return, the taxpayer would pay only a little more income tax than at pres-

In contrast to property taxes, income taxes are not "loaded" against farmers. Their net incomes are lower than average. Non-farm people pay about twice the income taxes which farmers pay on the average.

A Boy to Do a Man's Work?

If property taxes are to be relieved to any important extent, a large tax base must be substituted. No other source of wealth is large enough to provide such a base. "Nuisance taxes" never could produce enough revenue to dent the problem.

Property has suffered from severe pains of over-taxation in the past. And twice in this century the burden was eased. In 1925, the burden for building roads was shifted from property when the gas and weight taxes on vehicles became law. Roads and highways became financed by those who used them. Farm Bureau got that job done.

Again, property was given relief in the early 1930's. It came when the sales tax diversion was passed. Part of the sales tax collections were returned to schools and local governments, reducing the need for taxes on property.

Both of these actions brought property tax relief in their day. But in the last thirty years the noose has gotten tighter than ever. When any tax becomes so burdensome that it confiscates what it taxes, it is not sound.

Bureau Delegates Say Relief Needed

At their meeting last November, Michigan Farm Bureau delegates did not just "go all out for a state income tax." They approved of a flat-rate income tax in Michigan only if some form of relief was provided for property.

Their approved resolution says: "We applaud the Legislative committee studying economy in state spending, and urge that every effort be put forth to cut excessive spending. However, there is little doubt that true tax reform is needed in Michigan. Property cannot continue to carry an ever-increasing load.

"We believe any fiscal reform in Michigan should:

"Repeal the Business Activities tax and the intangibles tax. "Repeal or significantly low-

er the personal property tax.

"Return a portion of the present sales tax to the counties on a per capita basis, to be

"Provide new sources of revenue for local and school use.

used to lower property taxes.

"We recognize that repeal of certain taxes and lowering of others will require new sources of revenue. We believe a broad-based flat rate state income tax is the most equitable method of replacing lost revenue. We believe that counties should be allowed to 'piggyback' this tax only by a vote of the people and only for

the purpose of shifting increas-

ing county and school costs from property."

Questions

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Discussion Topic

For the Months of May Through August
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July: The Japanese and Cereal Beetles—Their

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Opportunity is offered, too, for members to help decide what the topics for discussion shall be. Groups may vote on a ballot or propose ideas for discussion on a free-choice basis.

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