



1963 American Farm Bureau Officers and Board OFFICIAL PORTRAIT... of the AFBF Board of Directors. Pictured are the 29 farm leaders...

'Farm Bureau at Work'

Listed are radio stations carrying Farm Bureau's weekly 15-minute variety broadcasts on a regular basis. Tune in, — let your local station know that you appreciate this fine public service programming.

- Adrian; Dial 1490...WABJ Saturday 12:35 p.m. Albion; Dial 1260...WALM Thursday, 6:15 a.m. Alma; Dial 1280...WFYC Saturday Farm Program 6:30 to 7:00 a.m. Alpena; Dial 1450...WATZ Monday 6:30 a.m. Ann Arbor; Dial 1050...WOIA Saturday 6:45 a.m. Ann Arbor; Dial 1050...WPAG Thursday 7:20 a.m. Battle Creek; Dial 930...WBCK Farm Bureau Features Monday thru Friday 12:35-1:00 Battle Creek; Dial 1400...WELL Announced Locally Bay City; Dial 1440...WBCM Saturday 12:15 p.m. Big Rapids; Dial 1480...WBRN Saturday 12:30 p.m. Benton Harbor; Dial 1060...WHFB Tuesday and Thursday 12:40 p.m. Charlotte; Dial 1390...WCER Saturday Farm Show 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. Cheboygan; Dial 1240...WCBY Friday 1:05 p.m. Clare; Dial 990...WCRM Friday 12:45 p.m. Coldwater; Dial 1590...WTVB Saturday 6:15 a.m. Detroit; Dial 760...WJR Announced Locally Dowagiac; Dial 1440...WDOW Saturday 12:15 p.m. East Lansing; Dial 870...WKAR Saturday 10:30 a.m. Escanaba; Dial 680...WDBC Saturday 11:35 a.m. Fremont; Dial 1550...WSHN Announced Locally Gaylord; Dial 900...WATC Thursday noon Grand Rapids; Dial 1410...WGRD Saturday 6:40 a.m. Greenville; Dial 1380...WPLB Saturday 12:45 p.m. Hastings; Dial 1220...WBCH Tuesday 12:30 p.m. Houghton Lake; Dial 1060...WHGR Monday 12:30 p.m. Ionia; Dial 1430...WION Saturday 8:10 a.m. Jackson; Dial 1450...WIBM Saturday 6:30 a.m. Jackson; Dial 970...WKHM Announced Locally Kalamazoo; Dial 1420...WKPR Friday 6:00 a.m. Lapeer; Dial 1230...WMPC Monday 6:00 p.m. Lapeer; Dial 1530...WTHM Wednesday 11:45 a.m. Ludington; Dial 1440...WKLA Saturday 7:00 p.m. Manistee; Dial 1340...WMTE Saturday 1:00 p.m. Marinette, Wis. Dial 570...WMAM Friday 11:55 a.m. Menominee; Dial 1340...WAGN Saturday 6:15 a.m. Midland; Dial 1490...WMDN Saturday 6:30 a.m. Osego; 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 Announced Locally

Hospital Ward Is 'Adopted'

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...

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...

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.



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 activities.

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

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.

Farm Bureau Insurance Holds Annual 'State-Wide' Meeting

Record Crowd Attends

More than 500 agents and wives, county presidents and wives, county secretaries and husbands, and Farm Bureau board members gathered at the Jack Tar Hotel in Lansing for the 1963 Farm Bureau Insurance Statewide Meeting, March 7.

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 Sales award.

A special feature of the day was recognition of twenty-six county Farm Bureau presidents who attended the meeting. Each president was presented with a beautiful desk pen set which displays the new Farm Bureau Insurance emblem.

Appearing on the program were N. L. Vermillion, administrative vice-president for

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 Bu-

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Farm Bureau Market Place

Try A 25 Word Classified Ad for \$1 SPECIAL RATE to Farm Bureau members: 25 words for \$1 each edition. Additional words 5 cents each per edition. Figures like 12 or \$12.50 count as one word. NON-MEMBER advertisers: 10 cents per word one edition. Two or more editions take rate of 8 cents per word per edition. All classified ads are cash with order.

Farm Tax Future Uncertain

Property Tax Burden Limits Now Reached

Farm-Bureau Study Is Revealing

Heavily taxed Michigan farmers, who are now paying, based on income, two to three times more property tax than any other group, face a bleak future if the present tax structure remains unchanged. 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.

Equally treated? citizens, and the same tax per gallon of gasoline. However, there is too much evidence of inequalities throughout the state with regard to property taxes. Aside from the fact that the farmer has, out of necessity, large property holdings subject to tax, the manner in which he is treated is not equitable throughout the state.

Advertisement for Farm Bureau Oyster Shell and Seed Potatoes. Includes text: 'It's Time To Buy MICHIGAN Certified SEED POTATOES' and 'PURE CRUSHED TRIPLE SCREENED OYSTER SHELL FOR POULTRY'. Also includes a table for fertilizer analysis.

Large classified advertisement section containing various listings: BABY CHICKS, FOR SALE, PLANTS & FLOWERS, POULTRY EQUIPMENT, HORSES, REAL ESTATE, LIVESTOCK, GOATS, NURSERY STOCK, and PLANTS & FLOWERS.

