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## Wheat Controls Can Bring Licensed Farms

### "Managed News" Practiced By Dept. of Agriculture

#### Tax Funds Used to Influence Wheat Vote

Less dramatic perhaps than the "managed news" fiasco of the Cuban Invasion but with more long-run national implications, are current attempts by the federal government to manage farm news toward a "yes" vote in the May 21 wheat referendum.

Thousands of news releases, written, printed and mailed at taxpayer expense are currently aimed at every newspaper in the country. "These releases make up the bulk of the farm news that I get," reports one Michigan farm editor.

Filed and taped broadcast material from the United States Department of Agriculture, which formerly was made up of research reports and similar educational material have become so loaded with propaganda that most reputable broadcasters refuse to use them. All tell of the "good" to come if farmers vote for the wheat controls, and of supposed lower farm incomes if it fails.

These brazen attempts to propagandize the electorate, have caused the Detroit Free Press to hit back. To those who shrug off such misuse of government power as something which has always been with us, the editors write: "Recourse to this defense is rather like contending that since medical records have always recognized the existence of a disease, there is no reason to become upset over an epidemic of it."

#### OTHER EDITORS WRITE

Farm Journal, the largest general farm magazine, editorially states that the two-price

wheat certificate scheme would give too much power to the Secretary of Agriculture. According to the Journal, the question farmers must decide May 21, is whether to take a bad deal with an attractive price or vote it down and ask Congress for something reasonable to live with.

Successful Farming magazine is bothered by what editor Richard Hanson calls "The massive amounts of your money and mine being used by the Secretary of Agriculture to get you to vote 'yes' in the new program." He adds: "In a referendum, — a democratic procedure where citizens are given an opportunity to tell their government what they want that government to do, — the government shouldn't so blatantly threaten and propagandize voters to get what it wants."

Farm and Ranch, a militant farm magazine of the south, says "Secretary Freeman is using all the power he has and some he's never been given, to influence the vote."

The "New England Homestead" magazine of Massachusetts, reports that if wheat farmers vote in favor of the control program it will open a Pandora's box and "Spill evils of this program into other commodities such as milk, corn, feed grains, and almost any other crop one can mention."

### County News Notes

#### About Farm Bureau People and Places

##### OCEANA COUNTY

Oceana County Farm Bureau's second annual "Cherry-Dairy" Festival will be held Thursday, June 27 in the new Hart High School auditorium. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hawley of Shelby are co-chairman of this year's festival.

##### SAGINAW COUNTY

The "Ice Breakers" Community Farm Bureau Group of Saginaw County, held a free-will collection with proceeds designated for the Saginaw County Society for Crippled Children and Adults. The usual 100% cooperation and generosity of the group netted the Society \$72.

##### JACKSON

A loyal member has been lost with the passing of Frank Trull, Grass Lake. He served unselfishly as an outstanding volunteer worker.

##### KALAMAZOO

Alan Early, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Early, members of the Kalamazoo county Farm Bureau, has been honored for his scholastic abilities. He received the College of Agriculture's academic award, presented by the Michigan Farm Bureau and based on maintaining a near all-A average (3.7 out of a possible 4.0) during the past four years, meanwhile taking an active part in student affairs.



DAIRY PRINCESS CONTESTANT SELECTED

OSCEOLA COUNTY DAIRY PRINCESS.—17-year-old Delores Becker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Becker, of Evart, receives her crown from Elmer McLachlan, (center) Dairy Banquet Chairman. Miss Becker is symbolic of the nearly 40 county winners in the state-wide Princess contest, and will compete in Lansing at the Michigan event, May 27-28. Representing the Osceola County Farm Bureau is county president, Robert Eggle.

### Outstanding Farmers Have Been Selected

#### Shuman is Speaker

Four young farmers, —all under 36 years of age, —whose personal achievements demonstrate clearly that farming can be a satisfying and rewarding occupation, were named America's Four Outstanding Young Farmers for 1962 by the U.S. Jr. Chamber of Commerce and the National LP-Gas Council at an awards banquet at Tulsa, Okla., April 9.

The awards were announced after the group had been addressed by Charles Shuman, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

#### Named were:

Robert L. Alcott, 35, Worland, Wyoming, who in 11 years swelled his original 90-acre farm into 560 acres and pioneered building concrete irrigation ditches in his area.

Wayne D. Brown, 35, Hastings, Minnesota, who purchased the farm he once rented after increasing production from his three-phase operation in dairy, fruit and poultry.

James T. Moss, 35, Youngsville, North Carolina, who increased crop production and raised the average weight of his calves from 390 to 500 pounds despite four years of drought and a hail storm that wiped out all crops.

Eldon C. Weber, 32, Geneseo, Illinois, who began growing Christmas trees on the family farm he manages. The trees now account for about half of the annual income and today the farm produces a better living for two families than it originally did for one.

All four national winners are members of their respective state Farm Bureaus.

Michigan was represented in the competition by Robert Zeeb of Bath Township, who was recently honored in a concurrent resolution in the Michigan Legislature. The resolution read, in part, "Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring) that the Members of the Michigan Legislature extend their sincere congratulations to Robert Zeeb for his outstanding achievements."

The resolution also extends congratulations to Robert's wife, Virginia, "Whereas, as is so often stated, 'Behind each successful man is a caring and loving wife,' and in Robert Zeeb's case there is no exception, for Virginia Zeeb, wife of Robert, and the mother of three children, shares each in operating the various phases of the Zeeb operations. . ."

### A.D.A. Princess Event, Other Promotions Set

#### State Contest to be May 27-28

The search for the new 1963 Michigan Dairy Princess is well underway throughout the state, according to officials of the American Dairy Association of Michigan.

About forty county contestants are expected in the exciting Princess finals, to be held at Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, May 27-28. A number of new counties are participating for the first time in recent years, including Alpena, Emmet, Iosco and Lenawee.

#### CHANGE IN SCHEDULE

Instead of the usual week-end event, the contest this year will be held on Monday and Tuesday, with the "Princess Banquet" scheduled for Tuesday night, May 28. Earlier, the princess candidates will have spent nearly two days in interviews with contest judges.

Banquet tickets are available to the interested public at \$3.00 each, with reservations to be made through the A.D.A. of Michigan, at 3000 Vine Street, Lansing.

#### 23RD ANNUAL MEETING

In recent action by delegates attending the 23rd annual meeting of the American Dairy Association in Chicago, the national princess contest will be changed from September, as at present, to become part of the June Dairy Month promotion of 1964.

Attending the national meeting was Herman Koenn, Chelsea, president of the American Dairy Association of Michigan.

He reported the following significant actions:

The Ozzie and Harriet ABC-TV network show has met with such fine acclaim that the contract has been renewed for another year, September 1963 through June 1964.

Six new research projects to develop new dairy products

were authorized.

Following a special promotion campaign last fall a market research study revealed that not only were teenage girls a responsive market for milk, but they developed a more favorable image toward milk from advertising directed to them through newspapers, magazines, television and radio.

Frank Neu, director of the American Dairy Association's public relations department, told delegates that the goal of the department was to enhance the high level of confidence the American people have in dairy foods, the industry, and their organization.

"Through the distribution of our four motion pictures," he said, "and through our highly specialized public relations advertising campaign the American Dairy Association will be delivering carefully targeted messages to millions of people in 1963."

This year's program is concentrating on weight control and the role that dairy foods play in developing sensible approaches to reducing weight or maintaining weight at a healthful level.

The association re-elected President W. J. Hitz, Iowa dairy farmer and Vice President Troy Kern, Texas dairy farmer, for another 2-year term each. Eldon Corbett, Colebrook, New Hampshire, was elected to the executive committee as a member-at-large.

### Supply-Management Is the Basic Issue

#### May 21 Set for National Referendum Congress Closely Watches Outcome

Government planners are hard at work behind the scenes in the national wheat referendum set for May 21.

According to Dr. Willard Cochrane, mastermind of the scheme and "Director of Agricultural Economics" to the United States Department of Agriculture, the wheat scheme is the forerunner of similar controls for all agricultural commodities.

#### COMMODITY APPROACH

In public statements Cochrane has explained "By supply-control I mean the conscious adjustment of supply to demand, commodity-by-commodity, year after year, to yield prices in the market THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN DETERMINED FAIR BY SOME RESPONSIBLE AGENCY. . ."

In other statements, Dr. Cochrane has stated that after a few commodities have adopted supply control, others will be forced in. He has explained that food needs of the total nation should be worked out in terms of "T.D.N." — Total Digestible Nutrients, and that every farm should be assigned its quota of these.

Viewed against the backdrop of such control plans for American farmers, the wheat referendum May 21 takes on much greater significance. It will flash either a red or green light to Congress, now closely watching to see how farmers react.

#### FARM BUREAU'S PROGRAM

Farm Bureau opposes this stupendous farm control scheme, while at the same time backing a program to return the management rights of the farmer and expand his opportunity to earn a favorable income in the market place. Farm Bureau delegates felt that any scheme to limit the farmer's right to produce and to sell, can never bring such an opportunity to farmers on a long-term basis.

These delegates drafted their plan for wheat and feed grains before the present certificate scheme was put through Congress last year.

Farm Bureau recognizes that it will be necessary for farmers to make adjustments in their production both to reduce the surpluses and to bring market price stabilization. It also recognizes that government can aid in this adjustment.

The delegates have recommended an extensive cropland retirement program on a voluntary basis, with land being offered on a bid basis to the U.S.D.A. and with compensation based on the bid acceptance. There would be no land retirement contract for less than three years, and whole farms or parts of farms could be eligible. There should be premiums for the retirement of whole farms where such are offered. Land under such a program should be in addition to land normally left idle or allowed where less than the whole farm is involved. Grass or other cover would be required, and weeds kept down. None of this land should be harvested or grazed during its retirement.

Rental payments could be in cash or "in kind" at the choice of the farmer. But grain released as payments in kind would be valued at not less than 115% of the going support price for that grain.

Land on the rest of the farm could be used as desired by the operator except for acreage allotments under any special program.

Farm Bureau delegates recommend that premiums and discounts be used in wheat loans to reflect supply and demand conditions for milling and baking quality wheats.

Government wheat programs in the past have led to upsets in production and in pricing relationships among wheat varieties. Also, our wheat exports have been endangered by artificial pricing arrangements, making it necessary to employ costly export subsidies to move the wheat abroad.

When farmers reject the wheat proposal on May 21, they can plant as they please on land not retired without first getting permission from someone at the A.S.C.S. office.

Members are working actively to inform wheat growers of these real issues.



### HURON CHARTER GROUP CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

CHARTER MEMBERS.—of the Pioneer Farm Bureau Community Group of central Huron county are shown at the observance of its twenty-fifth anniversary at a recent dinner-meeting. They are (left to right): Mr. and Mrs. William J. McCarty, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Crumback, Mr. and Mrs. Ray English and Mr. and Mrs. George Southworth. Two members, Mrs. Crumback and Wm. McCarty are past County Farm Bureau Secretaries. Today, Huron county has 67 Community Groups, largest total of any county in Michigan.

### F. B. Backs Extension Funds

#### Farmers Deeply Concerned by Cuts

For two months Michigan farmers have been engaged in a running battle to prevent drastic slashes in funds for Cooperative Agricultural Extension and Experiment Station work.

Earlier in the year, Governor Romney had recommended an increase in funds for these important services. In March, the Senate Appropriations Committee lumped the two funds and reduced the total by \$386,396. This amount was \$200,000 less than money granted the Extension Service and Experiment Station for operating in the current years.

Farm Bureau members were quick to let their Senators know how they felt. Further, that although the work of both the Experiment Station and Extension Services were primarily agricultural, their benefits accrue to all Michigan citizens. Backing them were Farm

Bureau policy statements calling for new research findings to be brought to the prompt attention of state farmers. "This can be done to the best advantage through the Cooperative Extension Service," the policy resolution affirms.

#### OFF AGAIN, ON AGAIN

In mid-April, after stormy hearings, the House Ways and Means Committee again shifted the monies to restore the cuts, granting each service an amount equal to that which it received for the current year.

Just prior to press-time, the Senate, by a vote of 16 to 16, refused to agree with the House action and farmers are waiting to see what the results of a House-Senate conference will be. The bill, S 1380, carries appropriations for Michigan's institutions of higher learning and other educational services.

##### MONTCALM

Deanna Jorgenson of Lakeview, has been named Montcalm Dairy Princess. Her court includes runners up, Avis Wilson and Virginia Plath, both of Sheridan.

##### OCEANA

The Oceana County Farm Bureau is sponsoring the annual 4-H Leaders Banquet, Thursday, May 2, in the Hart Congregational Church at 7:30 p.m.

##### WASHTENAW

"Ours is a free voluntary organization, and we are capable of masterminding our own agricultural program. Please join with me in an all-out effort to defeat this wheat proposal. . ." reports county president, Bob Tefft, in an open letter to his membership about the May 21 wheat referendum.

##### NORTHWEST MICHIGAN

Officers and Information Committee members of District 9 met in Manton recently to check the possibility of printing a "district-wide" monthly Farm Bureau paper.

**IT COULD BE A LONG TRAIN**

**Vote NO Wheat May 21 Controls**



# EDITORIAL

## Sowing a Good Farm Future

Springtime planting plans should include a good crop of farm public relations.

Farmers should plant, and carefully cultivate, the seeds of mutual respect, helpful kindness and neighborly feelings.

The harvest will be understanding.

As a tiny minority of the population, farm businessmen have everything to gain by letting others know that they are really no different from other kinds of business people. In fact, how well farmers do in the future depends increasingly on this understanding.

Farm voting power is dwindling. It is smaller now than that of many other industries, —many ethnic groups. The "farm" vote is smaller than the "negro" vote. Other groups will only grow larger, but the farm vote will become less.

Fortunately, food fights on the farmer's side. Food in such quantities and of such quality that the world stares in disbelief. Respect for the ability to produce this abundance adds to the farmer's prestige.

Food is a personal thing. Nothing is more personal than hunger.

Those who would tamper with the food supply are more to be feared than all armies or super-weapons combined. He who controls the power of food, controls the world.

"Enlightened self interest" is the key phrase for America's farm future. To the extent that others understand and support the beliefs of agriculture, will they prevail.

Nearly everyone understands this, but few do much about it.

"How many farmers are members of civic clubs such as Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Optimists, Civitan? Why not? These people are community leaders." Such questions are raised by one of Michigan's best farm public relations salesmen, Orville "Shorty" Walker.

Now a Marketing Agent for the Cooperative Extension Service, Walker is a former District Governor of Rotary International. He feels that the Rotary motto of "service before self" also applies to agriculture and that farm leaders should mix and take active part with the other leaders of each community found in such clubs.

Walker praises the Farm-City Week project of Kiwanis International as an object-lesson in farm public relations. He suggests that every service club should plan "at least four farm programs each year," —pointing out that there no longer are true "farm problems" rather that farm problems are city problems too.

"But just joining is not enough," asserts J. Delbert Wells, head of the Family Program Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau. "Working together is the key, and I stress the word 'work'. If farmers will join such groups and work as hard at the job of being a good service club member as they now work at farming, mutual understanding will grow beyond belief."

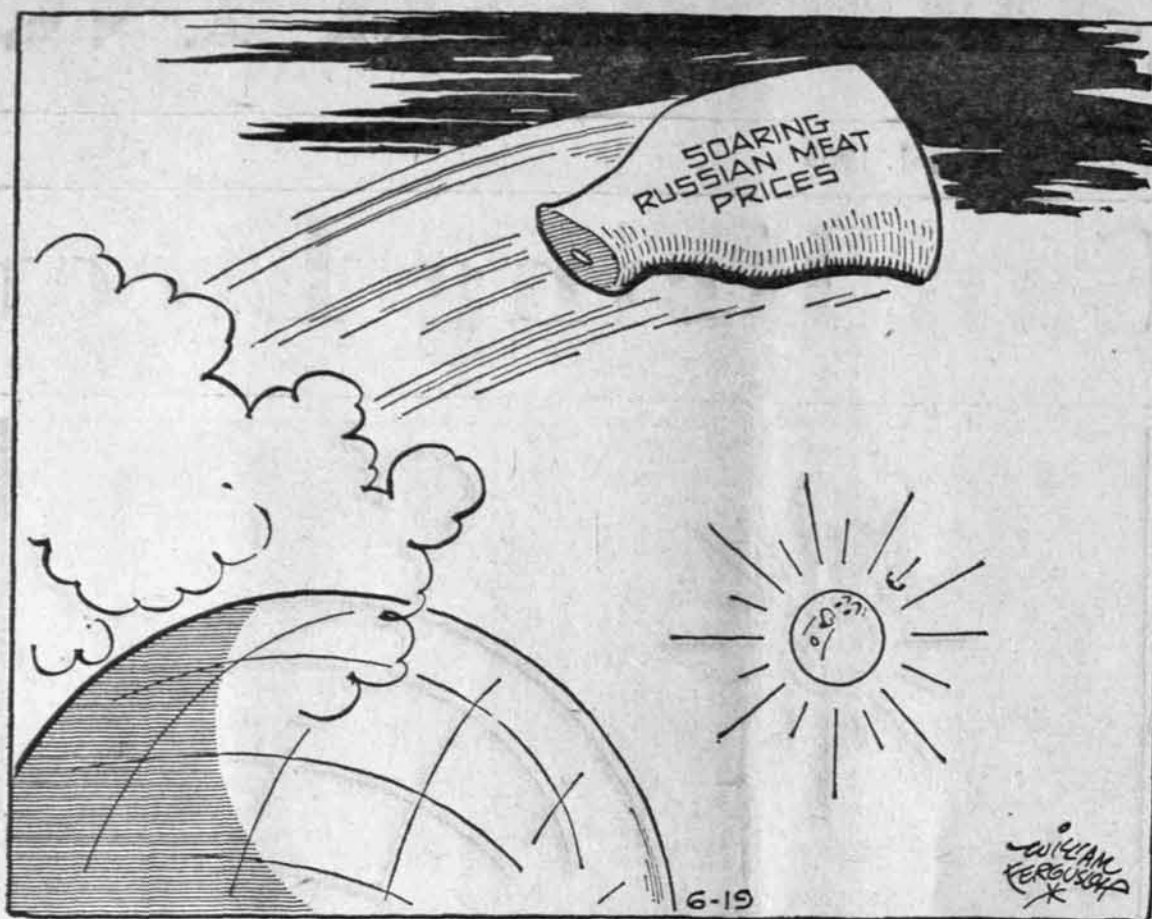
Fortunately, many farmers and farm groups are now working hard at the job of public relations through Farm Bureau. The Bay County Information Committee invited local newsmen to a smorgasbord dinner meeting last month, where all the Community Group reporters visited with them about the best way to prepare farm news.

A series of Farmer-Clergy conferences have been held, and school problems have been discussed with groups of educators in another series of meetings. County Farm Bureaus have conducted farm-city tours and product promotions such as cherry-dairy festivals and the famed bean smorgasbords.

May 6-7-8, the Alpena, Charlevoix and Houghton County Farm Bureaus will act as host counties for area meetings between farmers and members of the working press, of radio and television.

More such projects are needed. A good farm future depends upon it. M.W.

## The Commies Have Outdone Us Again



—The Chicago Daily Drivers Journal

## Russian "Supply-Management" Fails

### Khrushchev Deposes Agricultural Minister

"YOU'RE OUT!" —cried the umpire. He was used to making that call, . . . he had reached the same decision three times in the last five years.

The umpire was Nikita Khrushchev. The "player" —Agricultural Minister, Konstantin Georgiyevich Pysin. The "game" — Russian agriculture. Pysin struck out in much the same manner as his predecessors. All failed to produce the greater quantity of food demanded.

### THEY SEEK OUR SECRET

Pysin tried. He tried hard. He even made a trip to the United States seeking the answer to Russian farm failures that happened even in the "virgin" farm lands of the Kazakhstan region, once expected to be the answer to Russia's growing food problem.

But even in this country of free enterprise he couldn't "see" what he saw. The forest hid the trees . . . the harvest hid the seed.

But even if he had been able to "see" he could not believe; he would not be allowed to believe. He failed to recognize the American farmer's "stewardship of the soil" . . . his sense of responsibility toward the upkeep of his land. So he took our "better" seed, and our mechanical ideas back to Russia's matchless soil, but he left behind him belief in God, freedom to plant, to plan, and to be boss of a farm bought with the sweat of the brow.

### RUSSIAN "REWARDS"

About a year ago Khrushchev made it known that he wanted more food produced in Russia. He wanted it so badly that he shocked the whole Communist system by announcing "rewards" (a nasty capitalist method) for those who produced more.

Even with this surprising incentive the controlled and planned Russian agriculture could not produce more. The controlled farmer has little practice in making decisions, trying new ideas. He lives in fear. His abilities atrophy, much like a muscle that shrinks and weakens from lack of use.

About the same time he initiated the "reward" plan, Khrushchev also announced a 30% increase in the retail price of meat. Imagine paying 50c per pound for meat one day and 65c the next . . . by government order! IF there was meat available, which is not always the case in Russia.

Russia produces about one third as much beef, and one half as much pork as the United States. Since Russia's

Low production of meat, high meat prices, low per capita meat consumption, and class distinction in distribution are all facets of the "planned" agricultural program in Russia. That's what happens in any game when the planners write the rules, keep the score, and act as umpire.

### MORE COMPARISONS

Compared to the finest example of socialism our free farmers produce approximately 80% more food on 1/4 fewer acres, with only about 1/4 of the number of people working at farming.

In Russia about 45% of the available labor force is needed on their 501,000,000 cultivated acres, while we employ only about 8% to work our 329,000,000 cultivated acreage. The average collective farm of 68,000 acres in Russia has some 386 families involved. In the U.S. the average farm is about 410 acres and is family owned and operated.

Our average American farmer feeds 27 other people, while in Russia one farmer is able to feed only four or five. It costs us less, too. We spend only 20% of our take-home pay for food, while it costs a Russian 50% to set the table.

population is larger (over 250,000,000 compared to our 187,000,000) naturally there is less meat available per person.

### HORSEMEAT HAMBURGER?

In frantic attempts to increase meat production, Khrushchev has extolled the virtues of horse meat as human food. He argues that the horse is properly a dual-purpose animal, that the meat is tasty and highly nutritious.

More recently he has called for active production of camel milk, stating that even a working camel may be used for such production. Most Russians consider camel milk "stringy" by bovine standards, and the idea has not caught on to any great degree.

## U.S.A. Production Versus The U.S.S.R.

Meat is only one example. . . "one inning in the game." According to U.S. Department of Agriculture figures, Russia cannot raise crops any more successfully than animals. Average yields per acre compare this way:

	U.S.	U.S.S.R.
Rye:	19.7 bu.	12.7 bu.
Barley:	31 bu.	18.7 bu.
Oats:	45.3 bu.	23.3 bu.
Potatoes:	184.3 cwt.	82.4 cwt.
Wheat:	26 bu.	11.4 bu.
Soybeans:	23.7 bu.	7.3 bu.
Tobacco:	1559 lbs.	1017 lbs.
Corn for grain:	48.3 bu.	21.7 bu.

Russia did lead in one crop, cotton, but even there the margin was relatively less. They were able to raise an average of 610 lbs. per acre compared to our 448 lbs.

### COMPARED WITH AMERICA . . .

The average meat consumption in America is 160 pounds per person each year.

In Russia it is 68 pounds.

However, that figure is only a statistic. It is not truly significant of the average person because the elite has first claim on the meat that is produced . . . the party leaders, military scientists and athletes. The masses get what is left over.

Vegetarians and other groups in America who get on the "poly unsaturate kick," who warn us of the "dangers" in eating animal products, would find the Russian diet relatively "safe." The average American consumes 97 grams of protein daily, of which 66 grams is derived from animal sources, compared to the Russian who is fortunate to obtain 92 grams per day, with only 26 grams coming from animal sources.

### WHEAT REFERENDUM

One of the most important things to remember in the coming wheat referendum, May 21st, is that a YES vote will mean you are also willing to

submit to strict controls on dairy, poultry, and other farm commodities. The Director of Agricultural Economics, USDA, has outlined this objective.

It not only takes more Russian people to produce the necessities of life, but more hours too. For instance, in the U.S. it takes about 3 hrs. to produce food for five people, while in Russia it takes 9 hrs. This extends into other areas also. The cotton stockings we produce in 1 hr. takes Russians 24 hrs.; woolen gloves, U.S., 2 hrs., Russia, 100 hrs.; cotton shirts, U.S., 3 hrs., Russia, 520 hrs.; and tooth brushes, U.S., 15 min., Russia, 4 hrs.

Do we need further proof that free men produce more than those controlled by the government? Our country rates second to none in our ability to produce greater abundance of higher quality goods, with fewer people, in less time . . . proof positive that individuals who have the opportunity for private gains will provide more and better products for himself and his fellow man, and will prosper while doing it.

"P. S. He also has more time left over to go see his favorite team play in a real ball game!"

## TO THE EDITOR:

It is not our usual practice to in view of a recent case, resulting in huge financial loss, I felt an article that might prevent a repetition is in order.

Dr. William Ball, Veterinarian, Marne, Michigan

### DEATH IN THE SILO

Every year at this time farmers are confronted with the problem of moldy, and otherwise spoiled ensilage. Ensilage is normally considered a good food for cattle.

Food, according to the dictionary, is anything which provides nourishment and enables living things to continue fulfilling life functions. Substances which prevent life functions are called poisons. The dividing line between poison and food is often very faint. Ensilage and other food substances, when allowed to be altered by weather and other factors, can become dangerous and powerful poisons.

A dairyman in north Ottawa County lost six yearling heifers at an estimated value of \$1,000 because of his failure to realize the danger of these poisons. Once these poisons get into an animal there is very little a veterinarian can do to remove them.

On the subject of moldy feed, Dr. E. A. Woelffer, in a veterinary column states, "This is an excellent example of where the only treatment is care and caution by the herd owner to prevent mold poisoning from occurring." Anyone suspecting these poisons in their silo should proceed with extreme caution. Testing ensilage, by feeding small amounts to easily observable animals, is highly recommended.

With this year's severely cold winter, the problem is acutely increased. Oscar Anderson, Manager of the Coopersville Co-op Elevator, has reported several farmers complaining of spring diarrheas and resulting loss of milk production. Many of these complaints may be traced directly to the feeding of spoiled foodstuffs.

The housewife checks her canned goods for unsealed lids which predispose family food poisoning. The farmer should check his silo for alterations and poisonous products which will cause animal food poisoning. In all situations, it is easier to bury bad feed than it is to bury your livestock.

W. B.

## Newspapers Show Concern

Comments by Michigan newspapers indicate a growing concern over the principle of forced labor union membership:

" . . . To prohibit a man from accepting employment because he does not belong to a union is, in all fairness, as discriminatory as keeping him from a job because of race, creed, color, national origin or age. By definition, a creed is a belief or opinion and to deny anyone a job because he does not believe in union membership is as unfair as to bar him on religious grounds. . . ." (Battle Creek Enquirer and News)

"The militant opposition of union members to compulsion has been a prime factor in the passage of Right To Work laws in 19 states thus far. . . The American public is not going to stand aside much longer and see free-born American workers shaken down or fired for refusal to join a union." (Coldwater Daily Reporter)

" . . . Ever since 1944, when the first Right To Work proposal was passed by a state, a growing body of statistics is refuting the claims of unionists that such laws are ruinous to unions and workers. . . ." (Monroe News)

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# President's Column

## Dignity of the Individual

We are faced with difficult times.

The solution of each major crisis up to now, has preserved the unity of our group of states, and along with it has been preserved the basic philosophy that the individual is important.



Walter Wightman

This is one of the basic principles taught by Christ - the importance of the individual. He was always talking to individuals. You remember he was talking to Peter and asked him, "Whom do men say that I am?" But then he put the question to Peter himself. "But whom say ye that I am?" This was the important thing.

We recently heard a speaker say, "After the divinity of God, nothing is so sacred as the dignity of man."

The basic philosophy of some people in the President's Cabinet, and particularly the Secretary of Agriculture and his chief advisors, (and this includes some of the President's chief economic advisors) is that the American citizens do not know how to take care of themselves. They have said so in just so many words. They must be looked after by an all-powerful governmental system of bureaucratic planners. This is an insult to the dignity of every American citizen.

They say we must have a "managed" economy. This is an insult to the dignity of American business leadership. It is an insult to the dignity of American agricultural leadership and to the individual farmer.

Most of us older people can remember when it was considered an affront to family pride if one of the family accepted Welfare benefits. We took care of our older folks, regardless.

Now, —it is not uncommon to see cases where people would rather accept Welfare support than work at certain jobs. It is not uncommon to see people wearing fur coats and driving big cars, pick up surplus food at distribution centers for their parents.

To quote from Congressman Edward Hutchinson, "It is more honorable to be on welfare than to work nowadays."

The dignity of the individual is being destroyed. Pride of accomplishment is lacking.

Farmers have ample proof that government can't solve individual problems. They have been trying for over 30 years and farmers find themselves in a worse mess than ever before.

On the other hand, we have sufficient proof that farmers can take care of themselves. Hundreds of thousands are doing it. They built the most efficient agricultural production program we have ever seen. Its efficiency cannot be matched anywhere in the world.

Never, anywhere in the history of the world, has such a small percentage of the population been able to feed such a large percentage of the population. In this case, 8.7% feeding 91.3%. This has made prosperity possible. No country that requires 40% or 50% of its population engaged in Agriculture, to feed its people has been able to prosper.

Even industry has not been able to match the farmer in his increase of productive efficiency per man.

Today, we are faced with the problem of preserving the opportunity for the American farmer to do just what he has been doing in the past. These opportunities include freedom to own property, freedom to make his own decisions, freedom to use his own initiative and freedom to worship when and where he pleases.

All these things are threatened by our ever increasing tax load, deficit spending, federal subsidizing of everything we do, and the attempt by the planners to control every phase of our lives. To make a real concise statement, this is really the basic principle involved in the coming wheat referendum.

Dr. T. K. Cowden, Dean of Agriculture of Michigan State University, once said in discussing our international relations, that the single most important thing we export to our friends overseas, is "dignity in agriculture." If we lose this, we would not have much to offer to the many countries in the world who are looking to us for leadership.

Our military defense is important but the food we produce is more important. Mr. Khrushchev knows this. The most important deterrent to military aggression on the part of Russia is the fact that they know they could not feed their armies with their communal farm system.

W.W.

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3—Allen F. Rush, Lake Orion, R-3  
4—Elton R. Smith, Caledonia, R-1  
5—Dale Dunckel, Williamston, R-1  
6—Ward G. Hodge, Snover, R-1  
7—Guy C. Freeborn, Hart, R-1  
8—Lloyd Shankel, Wheeler, R-1  
9—Eugene Roberts, Lake City, R-1  
10—Edgar Diamond, Alpena, R-2  
11—Edmund Sager, Stephenson
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**WOMEN OF FARM BUREAU**  
Mrs. Arthur Muir, Grant, R-3
- Representing  
**FARM BUREAU YOUNG PEOPLE**  
James Sparks, Cassopolis, R-4



FARM BUREAU  
**CAPITOL REPORT**



**From The Legislative Division  
Michigan Farm Bureau**

**MIGRANT LABOR BILL**

By a 15-13 vote (18 votes are required for passage) the Senate turned down a bill to regulate the transportation of migrant farm labor in Michigan. Proposed by Senator Basil Brown, of Detroit, the measure would cover transportation in motor vehicles except passenger cars and station wagons.

State Police records do not indicate that the movement of migrant farm labor is more hazardous than other group travel.

Much emotion and little information has led to the introduction of a number of bills to regulate migrant farm labor housing and travel.

A Legislative Study Committee on migrants is in the offing. It can do much to focus on the facts. The new "Perspective on Michigan's Farm Labor Problems," prepared by the Agriculture Economics Department of M.S.U., was developed at the request of the Michigan Citizens Council on Agricultural Labor and throws much light on the subject.

The publication is available from: Bulletin Office 10, Agriculture Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing.

**CHILLING EXPERIENCE**

During the 20-below-zero weather in February, a Farm Bureau member reported that a truck-load of onions was held outdoors in the sub-zero weather on order of a Justice of the Peace in Jackson County.

The truck trailer was not overweight in total, but was heavy on one axle and the load needed to be balanced. Instead of permitting the load to be moved to a heated garage, it was reported that the truck was held outdoors until a fine was paid "in cash."

By that time the Diesel tractor had "frozen" and could not be started. Result—the load stood in the extreme cold for more than 15 hours.

The Farm Bureau member is concerned because similar action might result in the destruction of any perishable load—in either hot or cold weather.

There is a question about the legality of the action of the Justice, but no question about the lack of wisdom in the handling of the case.

The new Constitution will eliminate the fee system under which the Justice of the Peace now operates and the office of the Justice of the Peace will be abolished within five years. The Legislature is directed to set up a system of courts of limited jurisdiction (poor man's courts) to replace the Justice system.

**Tax Bills Await Fall Term**

In general, all bills which would amend Michigan tax laws have been killed, looking toward a legislative session this fall which will take up the whole matter of tax reform and revision.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

One exception is S. 1141. When introduced, the bill aimed to exempt nursery stock from personal property taxation. In the Senate, all the language was removed and new wording substituted which provided for increased veterans' exemptions. When Lieutenant Governor Lesinski ruled out the new language, the Senate reinserted the old wording, then added the new provisions as an amendment and passed the bill. It appears that the nursery stock exemption may ride to approval on the politically attractive veterans' bill.

Regardless of the outcome of the ADC-U hassle, the attempt by the U.S. Department of Health heads to make Michigan toe the mark is another evidence of the impossibility of having Federal Aid Programs without Federal Controls.

We have gained a point! Farm Bureau members have demanded that "voting eligibility" (in referendums) be extended to all farmers who have produced the commodity for at least three years." (1963 Farm Bureau Policies)

**OUR CLUTTERED ROADS**

Bills to prohibit use of throw-away glass beer bottles and aluminum beer cans died in the Liquor Control Committee in the House. Anyone who drove Michigan's billion-dollar super-highway system as the snow was going this spring would have recognized the need for such legislation from the standpoint of appearance and cost of cleanup.

But farmers have an added reason to fight for some relief from the hazards of the easily shattered "throw-away" damage to implement and tractor tires on road shoulders, and even in fields, is on the increase.

There is a big economic interest in the continued manufacture and sale of the "throw-away."

This year wheat farmers can vote in the wheat referendum on May 21 even though they plant less than 15 acres.

A Huron County Community Group has asked for clarification of the meaning of "Out-State Michigan." Does it mean "rural," they ask?

As we understand the term, it means the part of the State not in the "Greater Detroit" metropolitan area. This would include cities such as Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and Marquette, as well as rural areas.

Said Richard Babcock (Publisher and President of Farm Journal) recently — "Raising support prices in 1961 may have made Freeman look like a friend of the farmer then, but dairy products, cotton and soybeans, which weren't in surplus, at that time, have presented real problems since."

**Tangled Web**

Sir Walter Scott wasn't thinking of cotton subsidies, of course, when he penned his familiar "Oh what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive." But they do dramatically illustrate his point.

Currently the government guarantees the farmer 32.5 cents a pound for his cotton. But this is 8.5 cents higher than the world market price. So to sell United States cotton abroad, the government puts up the extra 8.5 cents as a subsidy.

Thus foreign textile manufacturers buy United States cotton at the subsidized bargain rate, make it up into finished goods and sell them in this country at prices our own mills, working with 32.5-cent cotton, cannot match.

So what does the administration propose doing about it? Lower or abolish the subsidy? Perish the thought. It proposes to complicate matters further by extending the 8.5cent subsidy to domestic users so they also can buy at the lower world price.

While the planners are busy patching their web, the American Farm Bureau, which speaks for more farmers than any other group, looks to a gradual reduction in price supports and a move toward a reestablished free market as the only sensible solutions to the farm problem.

Perhaps it is time the government let the farmers themselves have a go at running their own business.

(From The State Journal, Lansing, Michigan)

**Hillsdale College Honored**



AN APPRECIATION PLAQUE, stressing the part Hillsdale College has played in support of the free-enterprise system, is presented by Jerry Cordrey (right) of the American Farm Bureau, to college president J. Donald Phillips.

The annual rural-urban dinner held by the Hillsdale County Farm Bureau served as the occasion for area farmers to show their appreciation to Hillsdale College for working through the years with Farm Bureau.

Three hundred persons were present to hear Allan Kline, former AFBF president, speak on "Being An American," and to see president J. Donald Phillips accept a plaque on behalf of Hillsdale College from Jerry Cordrey, Hillsdale native son and former Organization Director for the Michigan Farm Bureau, who is now assistant director of Program Development for the American Farm Bureau.

Mr. Cordrey pointed out that the philosophies of the school and Farm Bureau are almost identical and that the two have worked well together developing discussion groups and training leaders.

In his speech Mr. Kline said, "I want to see a free agriculture, where a man can make his own decisions. I think it is more secure that way, but even if it isn't I'd still prefer it. We want to keep for ourselves a country where life can always be a noble adventure."

Honorary memberships in Farm Bureau and letters declaring them ex-officio members of the county F. B. board of directors were presented by Howard Cordrey, father of Jerry, to four Hillsdale College staff members: Dr. Phillips, Laurence J. Taylor, Dr. Michael Kolivosky and Charles Campbell.

**Anna R. Edwards Taken By Death**

**Barely Misses Century Mark**

The Michigan Farm Bureau lost the member believed to be the oldest with the passing of Mrs. Anna Rebecca Edwards of Bear Lake, Manistee County.

**LED EXCITING LIFE**

Mrs. Edwards, who led an exciting life in the pioneer days of Michigan and remained active throughout her nearly 100 years, passed away March 19—just two months short of her century mark.

Several months ago the Farm News published some of the exciting highlights of her long

life, taken from an accurate record kept by Mrs. Edwards of her experiences in early Michigan. The article was suggested by the Manistee County Farm Bureau, of which she was a member.

Mrs. Edwards is survived by sons Ray of Elberta and Dean of Bear Lake and daughter Mrs. Ruth Olson of Florida; by five grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

**Prominent Cass Woman Passes**

**Served as Women's Chairman**

Mrs. Lee Bakeman, prominent member of the Cass County Farm Bureau, passed away March 23, at the Lee Memorial Hospital in Dowagiac.

**"TIRELESS WORKER"**

Mrs. Bakeman had served as chairman of the Cass County Women's Committee for four years, 1958-1962. She had been active in all phases of Farm Bureau work for many years and was well known in church work, civic organizations and throughout her community and county.

Mrs. Murl Spencer, present Women's Chairman reports "Mrs. Bakeman was a tireless Farm Bureau worker and will be greatly missed by her many friends." She is survived by her husband, Lee, who is a past president of the Cass County Farm Bureau, and a daughter, Norma.

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**Community Groups Expand, Members Invited to Join**

Twenty new Community Farm Bureau groups have been organized in recent months. Honors go to Emmet and Missaukee for having organized two groups in each county. In all, eighteen counties added new groups.

Actual organization work has been done by the Community Group Committees, a group of Farm Bureau members who make contacts and help to set up the groups. Community Farm Bureaus are the basis of participation for F.B. members in Michigan. There are about 1500 Community Groups meeting regularly each month to study issues, discuss plans and programs, and to carry out activities.

Special effort has been made to organize 50 new groups in the months of March through May. An invitation has been extended by J. Delbert Wells, head of the Family Program Division to all members not now active in group meetings. "You are missing a valuable part of Farm Bureau benefits" he contends.

New Groups organized during February, March and April

are: Allegan Co., Pleasant View Group; Branch Co., Mat-ton Center Group; Chippewa Co., Circle Seven Group; Emmet Co., Woodland F.B. Group; Menominee Co., Klondike Group and Osceola Co., East LeRoy Group.

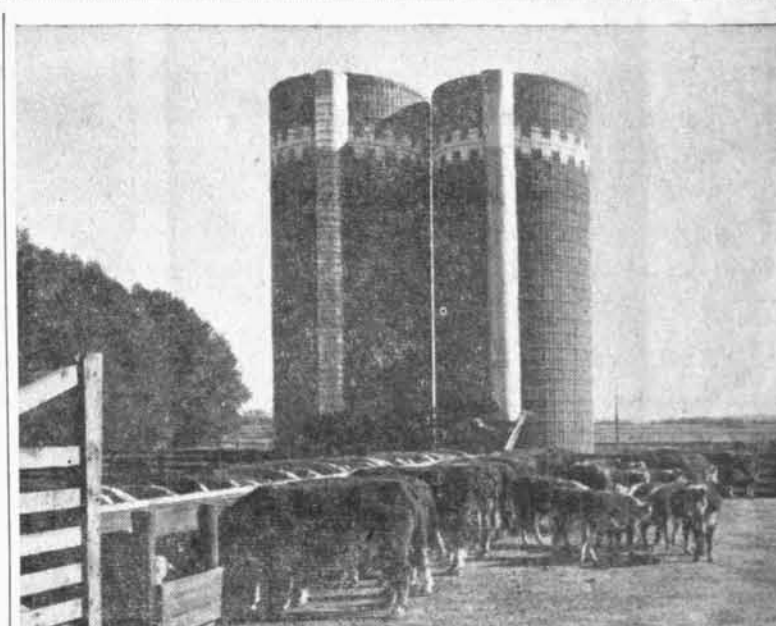
New Young Farmer Groups organized during the same period are: Arenac Co., unnamed; Charlevoix Co., Hilltoppers Group; Clinton Co., unnamed; Emmet Co., Hilltoppers Group; Gladwin Co., Billings Area Group; Ingham Co., Young Adults Group; Lenawee Co., Britton Group; Missaukee Co., Falmouth Young Adult Group and an unnamed group; Montcalm Co., unnamed; San-ilac Co., Gold Star Group; and Tuscola Co., North Elmwood Group.

Groups reorganized are: La-peer Co., Squaw Lake Group and Mackinac-Luce Co., Mil-lecoquin Group.

**THE PASSING PARADE**

THIS POEM was composed by a member of the Kent County Farm Bureau who prefers to remain anonymous.

We, who live unto ourselves alone,  
We, who stop, and haven't grown,  
We, who cry out in mortal pain,  
"Please, oh Lord! Keep things the same,"  
We, who are afraid of the hidden path,  
(You go first, let me be last —)  
Someone else can spark the light,  
We're timid souls, we shun the light,  
Tomorrow's victory, was our defeat today  
Because we were afraid to show the way.  
We vest only in our personal claim,  
The trampled spirits, let others reign.  
We, who owe so much to those gone by —  
We, who stand, and only sigh,  
We, who glory in our foolish pride  
And fail to take life in its stride,  
To those that have so much to bear,  
We, but gaze and only stare.  
Man is of the earth, man is the soil.  
We are as one, in our chosen toil  
And when we learn to love, and kindred be —  
'Tis only then, the light we'll see;  
For those who live by bread alone  
The ray for them, has never shone.  
So, as we join the passing throng,  
Help us Lord, be wise and strong.



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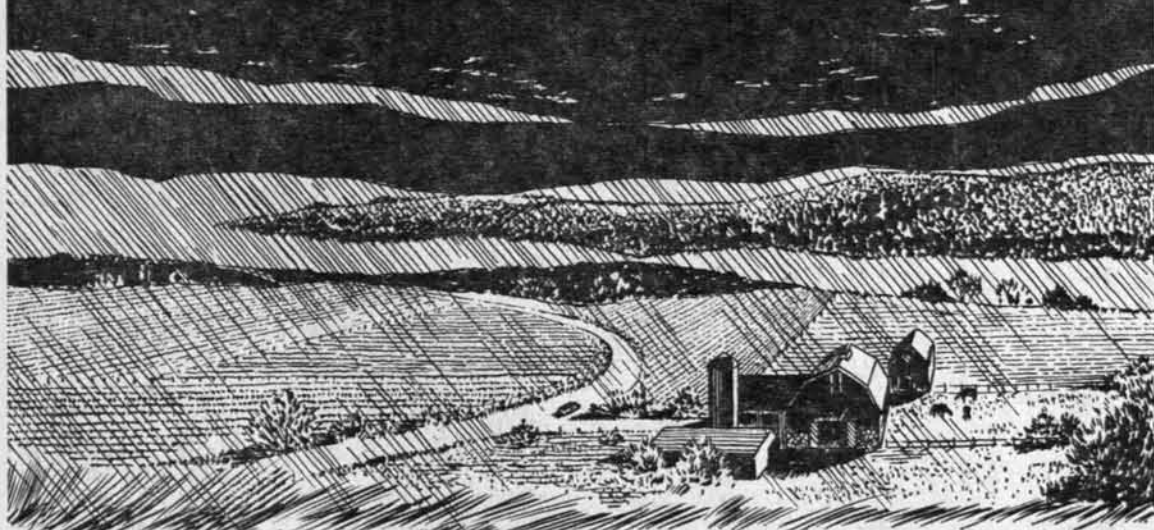
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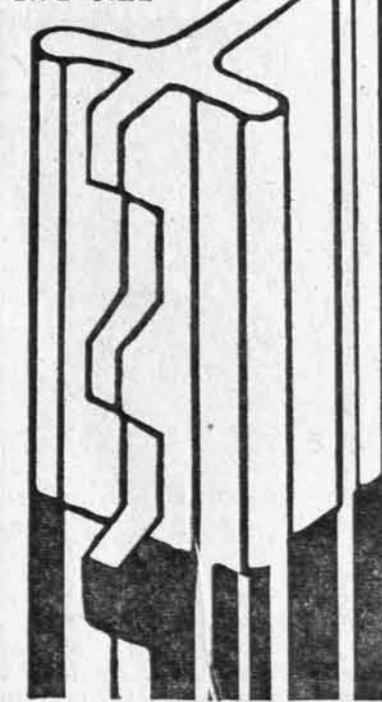
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## Rural-Urban Program

The purpose of Rural-Urban events is to create a better understanding between farm and city people—and this is what the Tuscola County Farm Bureau Women accomplished at their program on April 18 in Caro.

Bankers, automobile dealers, village presidents and clerks, school superintendents, ministers, gas dealers,—each personally escorted by Farm Bureau members, enjoyed a potluck dinner and fellowship with their rural neighbors. Press and radio representatives were also present.

Mrs. Clare Carpenter, Tuscola Women's Chairman, proved to be a successful mistress of ceremonies as she conducted the introductions, punctuated with humorous stories about farmers and city people.

"I understand now what this farmer and government squabble is all about,"—and "I learned something I didn't know" were comments made by the city guests following a presentation by Marjorie Karker, Coordinator of Women's Activities for the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Mrs. Karker traced the farm story as it began years ago when the government decided farmers were not able to manage their own farms and made their own decisions. This led to her explanation of the upcoming wheat referendum, which created a great deal of interest among the 60 meeting participants.

The Tuscola Women's Committee and the county Board of Directors agree that the affair was a "tremendous success and well-received." Several of their guests asked to be invited to their next rural-urban meeting which, in view of its fine acceptance, is certain to become an annual affair.

# County, Community Projects

## Saginaw Women Work At Bean Promotion

### Huge Crowd Attends Smorgasbord

"One of the best county functions of the year to alert urban people that there is a Farm Bureau," is the way Mrs. Ethel Nichols, Saginaw County Secretary, describes their annual Bean Smorgasbord, held March 26th for the fourth consecutive year.

Sponsored by the Saginaw County Farm Bureau Women's Committee, the affair serves as a "showcase" of Michigan bean products and points up the importance of local efforts to keep Michigan agricultural products in the spotlight.

### BEAN CAKES, PIES, ROLLS

The 4-H Memorial Building at the Saginaw County Fairgrounds, site of the successful event, fairly bulged at the seams—with over 500 people anxious to enjoy the results of the hard-working Saginaw Women's ingenuity. Those in the crowd who were attending a Bean Smorgasbord for the first time were of the opinion that it would really take a lot of ingenuity to turn the "unglamorous" navy bean into cakes, salads, rolls, cookies and many other mouth-watering dishes.

Some came because they had looked forward to the event

since their attendance the year before; others came out of curiosity to see just how pies and cakes made from beans really tasted. None were disappointed! "Lovely to look at,—scrumptious to eat," was the verdict.

Focal point of the Smorgasbord scene was a centrally-located, beautifully decorated table laden with prize-winning dishes from the "Bean Cook-Off." A professional camera man was on the job as the ladies displayed their dishes and these pictures will now become a part of a film being made by the Michigan Bean Shippers Association. Maurice Doan,



Large or Small, Loaded Plates for All!

Executive Secretary - Treasurer of Michigan Bean Shippers Association, was a guest at the Smorgasbord.

Mrs. Harold Butzin, chairman of the Saginaw Women, and Mrs. B. H. Baker, Smorgasbord Chairman, both termed the project a "huge success." Their plans for the proceeds are still tentative, however,—it is certain that some worthy organization will benefit from their hard work and planning. Their group was the first organization to donate money to the YWCA for a new building and have made contributions to the Crippled Children's Society, 4-H, etc.

Walter Wightman, Michigan Farm Bureau President, greet-

ed the Smorgasbord participants from his office at Farm Bureau Center in Lansing by a farm inter-phone system. Extending congratulations to the Saginaw Farm Bureau, he said, "There is tremendous competition for markets, and those who win them will be those who exercise imagination and work hardest. Your bean product promotion is typical of the kind of vision agriculture needs most."

"The Farm Bureau Women's Committee, the Board of Directors and the dozens of volunteer leaders who have made this event possible, are the kind of people that will assure a solid future for farming," he said.



## NEW OTTAWA COUNTY DAIRY PRINCESS CHOSEN

MISS BETTIE WESTFIELD receives her crown as 1963 Ottawa Dairy Princess to climax a banquet held in the Coopersville High School. Assisting with the ceremonies are, (left) Michigan Dairy Princess, Miss Gail Priddy and Miss Karen Van Noord of Jamestown, 1962 Ottawa Princess; right.

Bettie, aged 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Westfield of Zeeland. She is a Senior at Unity Christian High School in Hudsonville where she is on the Honor Roll. She plans to become a beautician upon graduation. She has had five years of 4-H Clubwork and is president of the Future Homemaker's Club at Unity. Bettie is especially interested in good grooming of animals and was a member of the 1962 4-H Judging Team at Michigan State University last summer.

Last year the Westfields lost their barn and contents in a disastrous fire. Eldest son, Terry, is taking over the farm which contains 200 acres. Four younger brothers give him a big hand.

## Egg-Cooking Winners Listed

### Allied Poultry Industries Co-sponsor

Winners have been announced in the state-wide egg-cooking contest sponsored by Michigan Allied Poultry Industries, Inc., in cooperation with the national contest sponsored by the Poultry and Egg National Board.

Mrs. Richard Rorth, Dearborn, won in the State Senior Division, while Miss Cathy Howell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Howell of Camden, was named winner of the Junior division.

Runner-up in the Senior division was Mrs. Richard Chapman, Bellaire. Miss Gail Sim-

unec, Detroit, was Junior runner-up. Other state finalists were Mrs. Tillie Simunec, Detroit; Mrs. Erin Hile, Detroit and Mrs. Harry Jones, Jr., Rives Junction.

Both top state winners will compete in the national Egg Cooking Contest to be held in Chicago, May 16-17, at the Morrison Hotel.

## WOMEN'S CAMP

"Let's Be Informed" will be the theme of the Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau Women's Camp, scheduled for June 11-12-13 at Twin Lakes Gilbert Lodge near Traverse City.

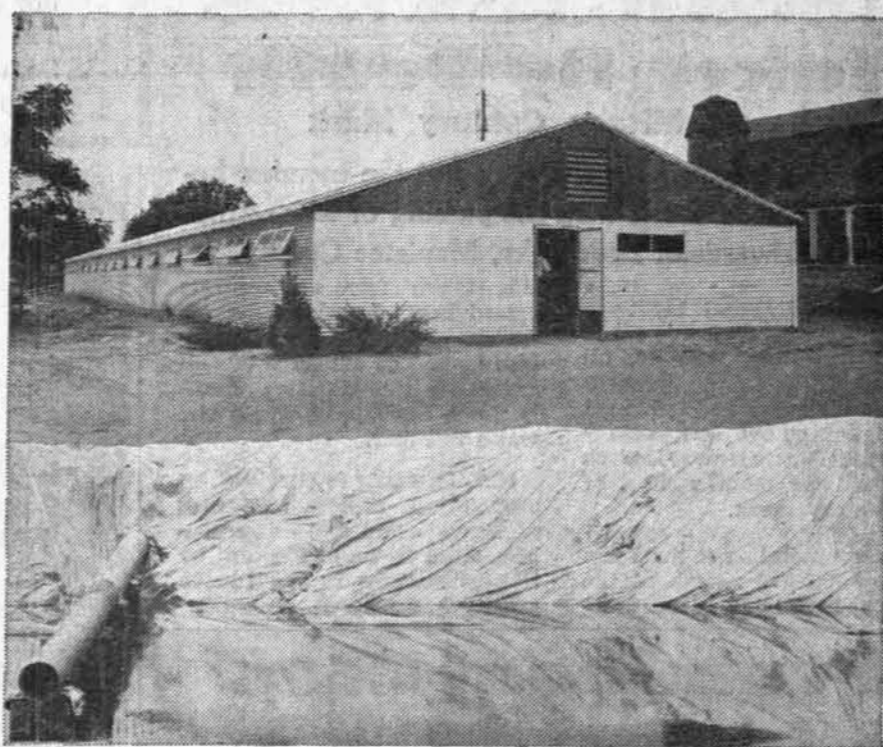
Several outstanding speakers are scheduled to appear on the 3-day program, including Mrs. Haven Smith, Chairman of the American Farm Bureau Women's Committee.

All Farm Bureau Women are invited to attend this camp. Full information regarding reservations may be secured from Mrs. Leslie Dobson, Camp Secretary, Route No. 1, Traverse City.

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## "Batty" Baskets Raise Much Money For Charity

### Saginaw Group Has Fun Raising Funds

Did you ever open a beautifully decorated package at a box social, anticipating a temptingly delicious meal, only to find coleslaw made with stoker coal and cabbage, chocolate pie with mud as the major ingredient, or sponge marble cake made of household sponge and marbles?

The male bidders of the Townliner Community Group in Saginaw county, who met recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Hoernlein, found imaginative foods of this variety in many of the boxes offered for auction, at a minimum of \$2.25 per box.

The auctioneer, Al Kuch, donned 100 year old top hat and spectacles for the occasion. The bidders were surprised by play-money substituting for lettuce and shoestring potatoes made of real shoestrings.

Others discovered spaghetti made of string, with a side dish of stone meat balls. Two unsuspecting men were served a "Sloppy Joe" topped with a plastic doll wearing a white knitted sweater bearing the name "Joe" and a banana split made with a doll doing the "splits" perched atop a paper banana. Some found such un-

eatables as discarded household goods meant for the rubbish barrel.

After much laughter the hungry Townliner men were fed a more satisfying potluck supper by the women who played the "Hilarious Hoax."

Marlene Reimer and Marge Weiss received first prizes for the funniest and prettiest box, respectively.

Proceeds from the unique box social will be used for a project for local needy children.

Committee reports by Marion Reimer, Henry Boldebeck and Al Kuch were followed by a discussion of the proposed new constitution led by Julius Suto.

## Regional Man



CLAUDE BILES

A District 2 Field Representative has been named by the Feed Department of Farm Bureau Services, according to an announcement by M. J. Buschlen, Manager of the Farm Supply Division. He is Claude Biles, who comes to the position with many years of feed and milling experience.

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## Farmer's Petroleum Asks Sticky Question on Oils

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Granted, 1963 car manuals, in some cases, state that a 6,000 mile oil change is all that is necessary, but most of them also list exceptions such as "only under ideal driving conditions."

Few people drive under "ideal" conditions. Short trips and stop-start driving comprise the bulk of many people's driving habits. This type of driving is the most severe from the standpoint of oil deterioration. Stop-and-go driving results in cold engine operation.

When an engine is cold, unburned fuel and moisture accumulate in the crankcase. It can build up damaging proportions if the engine doesn't warm enough, long enough, to drive off these contaminants. No long drain oil, or the additives in it, can overcome the effects of excessive quantities of these impurities.

Only draining the oil removes the danger these contaminants create. Long drain oils may keep engine parts clean, but the engine may be wearing out rapidly due to lack of adequate lubrication.

It has always been the policy of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative to insist on proven quality in petroleum products. To maintain high standards, adequate research and substantial performance data must be developed on each item before it is released for marketing.

Farmers Petroleum Cooperative feels, at the present time, this has not been done on long drain oils. As more research and actual field tests are conducted and if the results meet Farmers Petroleum Cooperative's standards, then, and only then, will it be made available to our customers.

Farmers Petroleum Cooperative continues to stress the importance of automobile owners following the American Petroleum Institute's recommendation for oil change intervals: every 30 days in winter; every 60 days in summer.

Frequent oil drains geared to the type of driving conditions provide the best insurance for long and trouble-free engine life.

## Farm Visits Scheduled

Through the leadership of Miss Betty Ellis, instructor at Royal Oak Kimball High School and Lester Bollwahn, Youth Program Director for Michigan Farm Bureau, a program of weekend visits of Detroit young people to farms is scheduled.

Miss Ellis is attempting to familiarize her students with the situation on Michigan farms and is requiring her students to write papers on Michigan agriculture prior to graduation. Parents have agreed to transport students to and from the farms and Bollwahn is asking county Farm Bureaus to cooperate in finding places for these students. It is planned that students will go to the farm on Friday and return on Sunday. Students are instructed to assist with the work and to learn the values and challenges of farm life.

The Royal Oak Kimball High School consists mainly of children of office workers, since there is very little industry in the immediate area. If you are interested in co-operating in this program, please write direct to: Lester Bollwahn, Michigan Farm Bureau, 4000 N. Grand River Avenue, Lansing 4, Michigan.

## Berrien Jr. F. B. Picnic

The annual picnic of the Berrien County Junior Farm Bureau Alumni group will be held Sunday, May 26, at the Youth Memorial Building, Berrien Springs, beginning with a potluck dinner at 1:00 p.m.

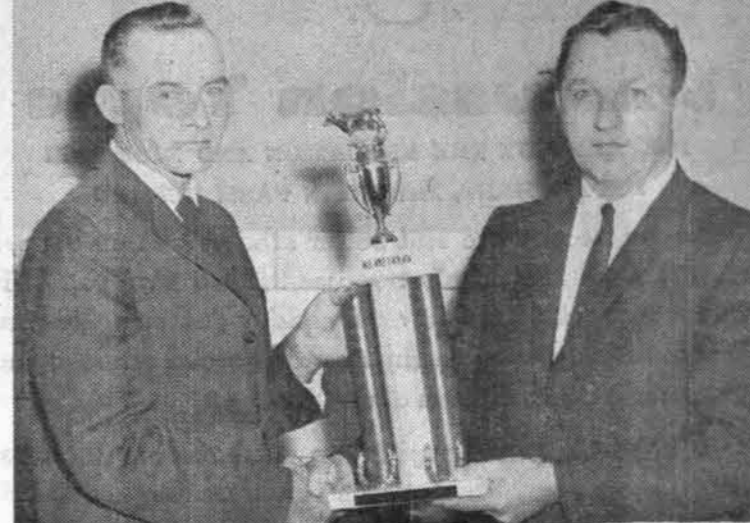
Those attending are to bring dish to pass and their own table service. All Junior Farm Bureau Alumni, their families, and friends are invited.

There will be games and prizes for those participating.

The Berrien County Junior Farm Bureau Alumni History Committee would like to receive old meeting minutes, pictures, programs, and any and all references pertaining to past years of Junior Farm Bureau. These items can be given to the committee at the annual picnic.

The History Committee includes the Ken Blackmuns, chairman, Dale Fosters, Robert Norris, Robert Morlocks, Ed Kolms, and Harold Steinkes.

## Hard Work Pays Off



MARVIN BELD, — of Coopersville (left) was the surprised winner of the Coopersville Chamber of Commerce award for Outstanding Dairyman of Ottawa County. The presentation was made by Paul Metten, vice president of the Chamber.

Beld, a farmer for 17 years, was formerly a small-scale, part-time farmer who began a more intensified program six years ago. He has enlarged his 13-cow herd to 28, including four registered cows.

Last year his 26-cow herd averaged 12,315 lbs. of milk and 452 lbs. of butterfat. He produced a total of 325,000 lbs. of milk under a one-man operation. He also received the efficiency award in the county for the lowest feed costs per 100 lbs. of milk produced.

Mr. and Mrs. Beld and their four children own a 120-acre farm and rent an additional 100 acres.

Mr. Beld is president of the Ottawa Dairy Herd Improvement Association, director of the Coopersville Co-op Elevator Co., County ASC Committee member, president of the Dennison Farm Bureau Group and served on the 1963 Farm Bureau membership drive.

## ACRES OF ORCHIDS!

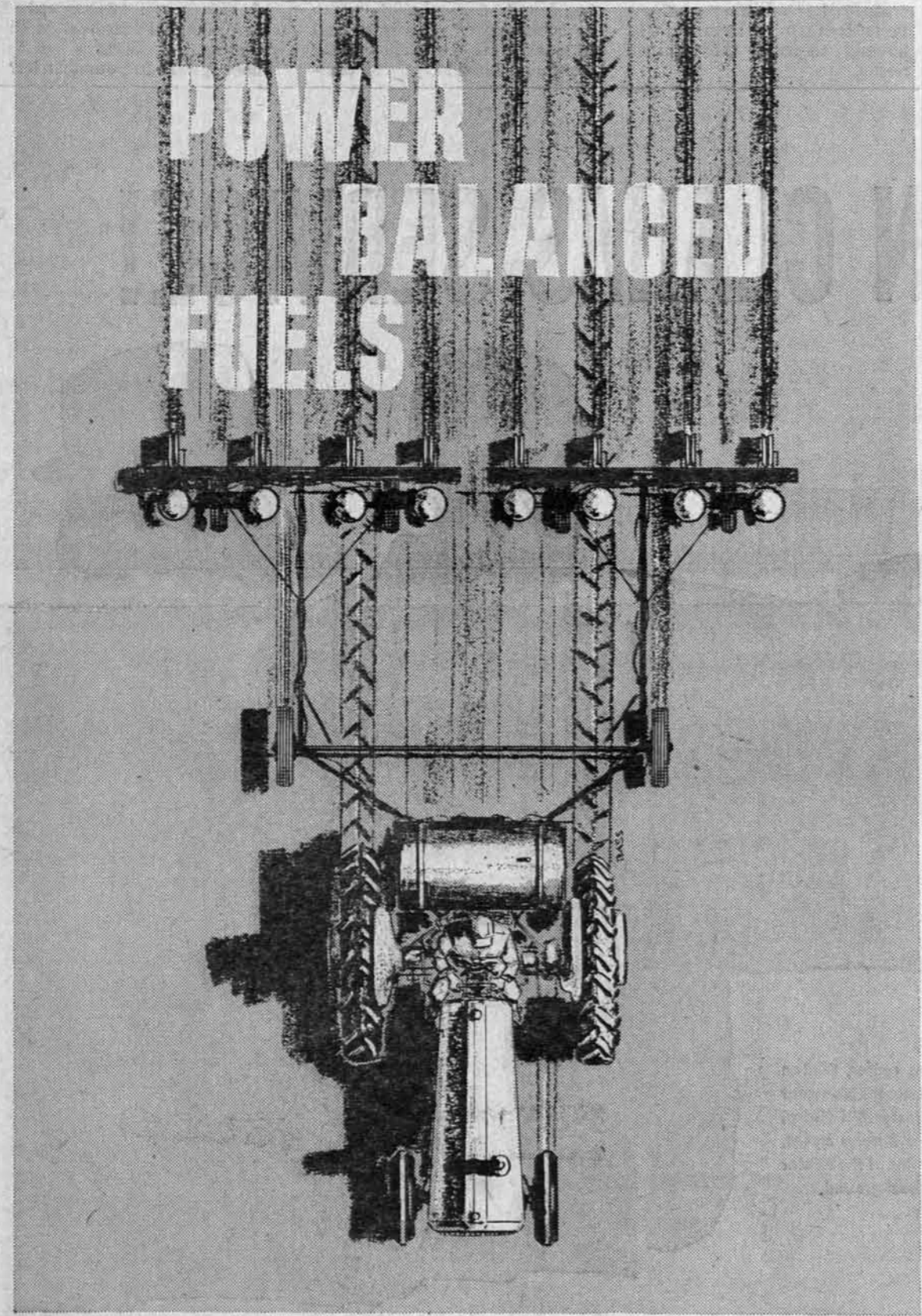
NOT EXACTLY "acres" of orchids, but nearly 60,000 acres of well-fertilized Michigan farm land resulted from the "early delivery" program of the Fertilizer Division of Farm Bureau Services.

Farmers who ordered 7 1/2 tons of Farm Bureau mixed fertilizer of any analysis, and approved it for early delivery on or before April 8, were entitled to receive one orchid. The luxurious blossoms were delivered just in time for their ladies to wear in the Easter season.

Success of the promotion is shown by the use of two nursery delivery trucks to handle the 1,209 carefully boxed orchids. Pictured passing out the boxes to the Field Force of the Fertilizer Division, is Miss JoEllyn Roe, representing the Smith Floral Company of Lansing. Each of the five to seven inch diameter "moss" orchids was nestled in downy paper. They were delivered in perfect condition through a complicated relay system that worked without hitch.

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## Clergymen Meet With Farmers

### Review Farm Problems

Members of the Antrim County Farm Bureau have been hosts to clergymen for an all-day meeting at the Legion Hall in Ellsworth.

The meeting was planned to give the clergy a clearer picture of Farm Bureau, its objectives and policies, and to strengthen the working relationship between the clergy and Farm Bureau.

Invocation was offered by Father Fish, of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Elk Rapids. Richard Wieland, county chairman, was in charge of the meeting.

Showing of the film, "Understanding the American Way," and a talk, "How We Work in The Legislature," by Dawson Way, MFB Regional Representative, completed the morning session.

Afternoon speakers were Carl Robothan on "How Policy Is Developed," Mrs. Robert Hubbell, "History of Antrim County Farm Bureau," Mrs. Richard Wieland, "Farm Bureau Women," and Mrs. Marjorie Karker, who spoke on "What Farm Bureau Stands For."

The meeting was closed with the group singing "God Bless America" and benediction by Rev. John Hammersma.

Guests included: Rev. and Mrs. John Hammersma, Atwood Christian Reformed; Rev. Curt Fish, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Elk Rapids; Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Laubaugh, Pilgrim Holiness, Bellaire; Rev. and Mrs. Fred Gibbs, Pilgrim Holiness, Ellsworth; Pastor Don Stephan, Adventist, Central Lake, and Rev. Paul Bone, Eastport Baptist. Others were: Rev. and Mrs. Salverson, Lutheran Church of Elk Rapids and East Jordan; R. H. Moore, Methodist Churches of Bellaire and Central Lake, and D. B. Myers, Adventist of Elk Rapids.

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# Using Millage Wisely in School Financing

## Discussion Topic

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Do we need more and better schools? You bet we do! This is not simply because the law says so. It is our moral obligation to each child. The struggle centers in finding ways in finance the needed schools, and in spreading the burden equitably.

Michigan's pupil population is increasing at about 50,000 per year. State costs for educating 1,750,000 pupils in 1960-61 were about \$750 million for the school year. The cost of education per child rose from \$260 in 1950-51 to \$424 in 1960-61. About 50% of this was due to inflation.

In the face of the horde of new pupils who will need classrooms and teachers, do we spend our money wisely? Are we planning to provide for them?

If there is extravagance—actual carelessness and needless spending of our school funds—we may have to pay for it in higher taxes, today, tomorrow—for years to come. We may not pass all the blame on to others in this case. Maybe our school boards are forgotten men.

Some citizens have abandoned their personal interest and participation in school planning and policy. As districts annexed and grew larger, the citizen forgot school affairs—lost interest. Such neglect, followed by criticism of school board decisions becomes pointless fault-finding when the citizen drops his active counsel and questioning about school programs and policies. The carping critic is about as helpful as a hang-nail.

A Michigan State University bulletin "Your Michigan School Costs" puts the matter very soundly: "Every citizen has the right and the obligation to share in the planning, control and support of the program of the public school system."

### Strong Reason For Active Interest

Property taxpayers have more than doubled the percent of personal incomes given to schools in a ten year period. The tax whack on the pocket-book should spur them to examine how the money is spent. Money is a necessary tool in providing a good education system. Any tool can be used to good purpose—or can be dealt with clumsily—and fail to do the job expected of it. The plan behind its use may be short-sighted.

Most school boards do a good job of looking ahead to community needs. Tax money is used with careful consideration of those needs. Citizens always possess the legal right to examine board decisions and to raise questions about the spending program.

### An Overbalanced Tax Burden

Almost all of the funds for school buildings and equipment must come from local property taxes. You can use very little state-aid money for such things. State-aid helps out in operational expenses, mainly. As the tax load on property has increased, evidence becomes clear that support of the schools needs to be spread more widely over the local population. People think of new forms of possible local revenues. Local income taxes begin to appear.

The new constitution will help to straighten out one problem of the property own-

er. Under the old constitution, many citizens paying no property tax could, outvote property owners in approving millage for schools—or raising the bonded debt limit. The new constitution, however, reserves to property owners the right to vote on bonded debt issues that carry for more than 5 years.

But another tax loophole needs plugging. Consider those residents who build new homes in subdivisions. They provide a sharp increase in the school's pupil load. Yet their new properties may not be listed as residences on the tax rolls for almost a year. They may not pay full taxes for another year. This forces the established taxpayer to carry an extra burden in the meantime.

### Where You Live Makes a Difference

Tax rates differ sharply in school districts. If you live in a high-millage district, the jolt on your purse can be severe. But taxes in other districts are "Easy Street" by comparison.

The high millage district in Michigan levies 31 mills for school operations, the low district only 6.8 mills. The average district levies 10.75 mills. (Total millage—including building, site and debt retirement—High=33.85 mills. Low=8 mills. Average district=16.1 mills.) Where does your district stand on this scale?

### Federal Aid?

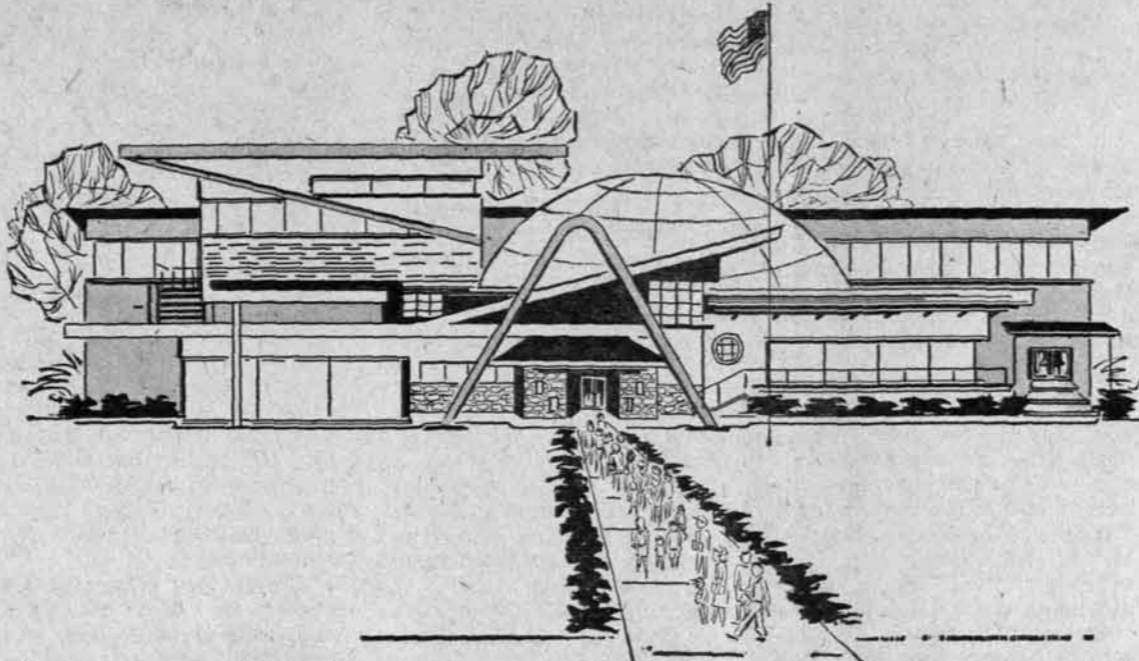
People in heavily-taxed districts may seek "escape" by turning to federal aid. Such an appeal would be unnecessary if taxes were spread to other bases besides property. The tax dollar, kept at home, goes farther (no federal "discount") and local people have more control of the uses of the funds. To keep such control "at home" there must be a careful adjustment in the share of the funds that come from federal, state and local sources. Federal regulations often force local governments to spend more than wanted or needed. Ask the community that built a federally-supported municipal airport!

### Tax Pressures—Which Way to Turn?

Expanding needs for schools and their programs have caused much head-scratching for a financial answer. More property taxes? No! New local taxes? Well, what? More state-aid? How? And should we get a major part of our school monies from big-government units? These are questions needing answers—and thoughtful consideration.

Local taxes build schools. State-aid has exerted pressures—forcing up requirements for local support. The state and local share of school support has shifted.

## SHALL WE SPEND OUR MILLAGE ON "FANCY PLANTS?"



### --- OR ON TOMORROW'S CHILDREN?

In 1953, state-aid funds made up about 60% of the available school funds, local revenues about 40%. Now, the shoe is on the other foot—local 60%, state-aid 40%. The state calls for local districts to match the gross allowance per pupil. The state has required 8 mills to be levied to be eligible for full state aid. You get no such help at all if you levy less than 6 mills,—based on state equalized valuations.

In the present Legislature, the State Department of Public Instruction has asked that local districts be required to levy 15 mills to get full state aid.

The state equalized valuation forced tax rates upward in some districts—where local assessed valuations were below state levels. Raising the valuation of the district also increased the debt limit—so more taxes could be voted through. More pressure on property.

### Deductible Millage Requires Regulation

The "deductible millage factor" in the state-aid formula helps make this adjustment. Equalization of school funds per child is not complete under the present formula. Deductible millage is now only 3% mills on a gross allowance of \$224. To bring districts closer to equality in dollars per child, an increased gross allowance would be necessary, tied to about 8 mills in deductible millage. In its present spring session, the Legislature has been asked for a gross allowance of \$250 and a 4% deductible millage.

Such support quite clearly gives the State the right to set the rate for local support. Tax requirements can be imposed on local districts and tax bases can be adjusted in valuation—so that districts receive only their legal share of state-aid funds. This becomes necessary to insure that each district will bear its proper and adjusted share of the tax burden locally.

### Sound Spending and Future Taxes

Because questions are asked about the way in which districts spend their money does not mean that criticisms are pointed at any particular school board or administration. The numerous articles written about school finance seem to emphasize the idea that money, itself, is the answer to all school problems. This can be questioned. Money for what? Increased millage for what? What trend has been set in your district for using money

provided by local taxes? Is our present spending taking into account the needs of the coming increase in pupil enrollment? Are we including classrooms and more teachers sure to be needed?

Or—are present revenues being exhausted on costly essentials—imposing architecture, "prestige construction?"

Have we decided that the school must become a local edition of a college campus with an athletic stadium, a swimming pool, a finely uniformed band, when the main need is for more classrooms, more and better equipment and more and better teachers for tomorrow's children?

### Sound Judgment Required

We have to be very careful about calling every attractive addition to a school building a "frill." When is a "frill" not a frill? In many instances, attractive elements of modern building construction are available at no more cost—or even less—than with out-dated forms of "plain" construction. A school need not be drab to be economical in construction.

The question is—Can the district afford elaborate athletic plants, an auditorium, perhaps a goldfish pond in the lobby BEFORE classrooms, laboratories, libraries and new teaching equipment?

If the taxable wealth of the district is overloaded, if bonded debt is loaded on future tax resources to provide "prestige items" when we know that future enrollments will demand more "essentials" in the school system—then taxpayers usually react by refusing additional millage for basic needs when they arise. It is happening now!

With money spent on elaborate architecture or favored "wants," perhaps your school system could have built twice the classroom space and increased the teaching staff—or taxes could have been kept in bounds to meet these future needs.

### Foolish "Economies"

Policies are just as unwise and wasteful where school boards become so "penny wise and pound foolish" that they resort to "cheap" construction. Such construction usually requires costly corrections, repairs and expensive maintenance. Pupils are crowded in and a poor teaching climate is often the result.

We are just as foolish, too, when we put the matter of adequate salaries for teachers somewhere below other things. Such a policy commits the school to substandard teaching. Capable teachers move on. Can we expect good teachers to accept pay below others in the community with similar education and ability? Have we forgotten the teacher's key role in the personal development of our children? High standards here are not a waste of school funds.

### To Face the Future

A school system that is to meet the citizen's need for tomorrow must "leave its low-vaunted past" and plan for the future. Our taxes should not be used merely to keep the school system where it always has been. Children of today and tomorrow face a new kind of world. It is a world of vastly expanded knowledge, of com-

petition at a new and vaster level.

The understandings, skills and vision of yesterday will not serve the child of tomorrow. He will need new ones to match his own age and time. Lacking them he will be handicapped.

Not the least of the challenges we face is that of preserving America as a nation of free, self-reliant, responsible and self-governing people. The tide is set—one way or another—by the decisions of our citizens.

### Questions

1. What is the present millage rate for schools and education in your school district? (See your tax statement.)

2. Have you had millage increases in your school district in the past 10 years? How many increases? For what have these tax increases been used?

3. Do you expect an increase in the school enrollment in your district during the next 5 years?

4. Have millage increases that have passed—or proposed millage increases for the future—been directed at providing for future pupil needs?

5. Have you maintained a close, personal interest in the planning and operation of the school system in your district?

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