Although the Michigan Farm Bureau moves one step closer to the half-century mark with the advent of its 45th annual meeting November 10-11-12 — Farm Bureau Women, as befits ladies, will show only half that age in celebrating their 20th anniversary of activity. Opening officially on Tuesday morning, November 10 (one week after the national elections), the big three day meeting will get underway in the auditorium of Michigan State University, with the president's address by Walter Wightman.

According to J. Delbert Wells, Annual Meeting Staff Chairman, the forenoon of the first day will again be devoted to general sessions followed by adjournment at noon for commodity and special-interest conferences. The 20th anniversary meeting of Farm Bureau Women will be held in the ballroom of the Union building on the afternoon of the first day, highlighted by ceremonies honoring all past Chairmen.

Speaking on the Women's program will be Mrs. Frank Garrison, Detroit, representing Farm and Garden Clubs of the state. Mrs. Leon Borgeuse of Berrien County will entertain the group. The business meeting will be conducted by Mrs. Maurine Scramlin, Chairman of the Farm Bureau Women's Committee.

A well-known Kalamazoo doctor who heads his own medical production firm, Dr. Homer H. Striker, president of Striker Corporation, will speak at the annual banquet. His topic is "So You Want To Go Into Business" makes him with first-hand hard-headed business experience and advice. Other highlights of the meeting include debate on resolutions and the election of directors to the MFB Board from the even-numbered districts, 2-4-6-8-10 — plus two Directors at Large.

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By Clarence E. Prentice Secretary-Manager, MFB

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President's Column

People-Problems, Problem People

Walter W. Wightman, President
Michigan Farm Bureau

Sometimes it seems as though we have not progressed very far in the 2,000 years since Christ tried to teach us a better way.

Over the ages love, truth and justice have been lost in the world. The struggle has gone on to lift men to the level of Christ's challenge to love and respect one another,—to abolish hatred from our hearts. This challenge was given us directly, for Christ said "This shall all men know, that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another." Men have come near, but then have drifted far from this great principle. It is so easy to return to the pagan barbaric violence.

People still seek, still hate and refuse to live with one another in peace and quiet.

Across the seas we see violent unrest, bloodshed and inhuman atrocities. We are tempted to think "they don't know any better, they haven't been trained in the Judeo-Christian atmosphere as we have of ours every day.

But what of those of us who have? What about us? Are we better?

In Michigan, of the year 1964, in this enlightened state of well-educated people, we see farms as the most important organization of a nation good, strong and united. We hear of violence and gunplay, of threats and destruction of personal property because one person has an idea different than the other on how best to increase farm income!

How incredible that we have advanced so little in the art of human relations that penwiper-pour-out-of-pig can strip off the veneer of "civilization" and the "benefits that force is used, or its use threatened by those who would whip everyone into line with their own way of thinking."

Nor is Farm Bureau immune.

Even in our own organization we have had honest people called "liars" and those of one religious faith attacked by those of another.

Farmers and rural people of these United States need a united, closely-knit organization to fight for them and to protect them from such things as government intervention in their affairs.

They need a united, strong organization to represent their interests and to make the change, to protect them from ruthless buying tactics exalted by the very few buyers who now control commodity prices at the retail end.

Farmers do not need their voice weakened or their important issues clouded by their own voices in discord.

We have about three choices: We can run our own business, we can turn the job over to labor unions or the government. Any time we weaken ourselves through a lack of unity, we signal others to step in.

The issues of agriculture are far too great to let personalities stand in the way of progress.

Within Farm Bureau we have a sound, sensible, practical type of leadership. There is no radicalism or lawlessness there.

Farm Bureau reached an all-time high in membership last year, and is headed for a second all-time high of 40,000 more members than at this time last year.

In Farm Bureau there is more than three times as many members as in the other two farm organizations combined. Farm Bureau is the only organization of the farmer, and no other farm organization comes near having a state organization in every state.

We have much to gain by working together in the largest, fastest-growing farm organization in the world.

We have equally much to lose if we don't.
County Annual Meeting Schedule

In the words of Clarence Prentice, Secretary-Manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau — in this organization YOU are important! But making most of your opportunity to speak up in Farm Bureau is your responsibility.

Each of the 71 County Farm Bureau organizations in Michigan hold an annual meeting in October. Most of the dates and details are listed here.

If for some reason your county is not among them, watch for local announcements.

Plan to be there. Plan to be heard!

ACADIA — Oct. 5, 8:00 p.m., Harrisville High School.
ALEXANDRIA — Oct. 15, 6:30 p.m. Potluck supper, Algonac Consolidated Auditorium.
ALPENA — Oct. 13, 8:00 p.m., Wilson Community School.
ANTHIM — Oct. 14, 8:00 p.m., Lakeview Auditorium.
ARENAC — Oct. 8, 8:00 p.m., Twinning Community Hall.
BARAGA — Oct. 13, 6:00 p.m., potluck supper, Community Center, Baraga.
BAY — Oct. 15, 8:00 p.m., Monitor Township Hall, Bay City.
BENZIE — Oct. 22, 8:00 p.m., Community House, Benzonia.
BERKLEY — Oct. 15, 6:30 p.m., supper, Youth Memorial Bldg., Berrien Springs.
BRANCH — Oct. 12, 8:00 p.m., 4-H Cabin, Coldwater Fairgrounds.
CALHOUN — Oct. 20, 8:00 p.m., S. E. Henry Community Hall, Marshall.
CASCI— Oct. 17, 7:00 p.m., County Center Bldg., Cassopolis Fairgrounds.
CHARLEVOIX — Oct. 7, 7:00 p.m., Elementary Gym, Boyne City.
CHEBOYGAN — Watch for local announcement.
CHIEF — Oct. 8, 8:00 p.m., 4-H Bldg., Charlevoix.
CLARE — Oct. 2, 8:15 p.m., potluck lunch, Grant Township Hall.
CLINTON — Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m., potluck supper, 4-H Bldg., St. Johns City Park.
DELTA — Oct. 3, 8:00 p.m., potluck lunch, Bay de Noc Elementary School, Rapid River.
EATON — Oct. 9, 7:00 p.m., furnished dinner, 4-H Bldg., Charlotte Fairgrounds.
EMMET — Oct. 12, 8:00 p.m., Activity Room, Harbor Springs grade school.
ENGENHARDT — Oct. 1.
GRAND — Oct. 6, 8:00 p.m., Groot Town Hall.
GRADE — Oct. 13, 8:00 p.m., Big Rapids.
HILLSDALE — Oct. 14, 7:00 p.m., potluck supper, 4-H Bldg., Hildale Fairgrounds.
HOUGHTON — Oct. 8, 8:00 p.m., Superior Nat’l Bank, Hancock.
Huron — Oct. 15, 7:00 p.m., furnished dinner, Farm Bureau Ctr, Bad Axe.
INCHAM — Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m., potluck supper, American Legion Bldg., Mason.
IONIA — Oct. 12, 5:15 p.m., Youth Bldg., Ingham Fairgrounds.
JOSCO — Oct. 13, 8:30 p.m., Tawas Township Hall.
IRON — Oct. 10, 8:00 p.m., Bates Township Hall.
ISABELLA — Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m., supper, United Brethren Church, S.E., Mt. Pleasant.
JACKSON — Oct. 19, 7:50 p.m., supper, Michigan State High School.
KALAMAZOO — Oct. 8, Special luncheon at 12:45 p.m., 4-H Bldg., Kalamazoo.
KALKASKA — Oct. 10, 8:00 p.m., Cement Bldg., Kalkaska.
KALISPEL — Oct. 10, 8:00 p.m., Kalkaska High School.
KENT — Oct. 5, 8:00 p.m., Cafe- teria line “at will,” Schmitt’s Restaurant, Grand Rapids.
LAFER — Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m., supper, County Center Bldg., Lapeer.
LENAWEE — Oct. 7, 7:00 p.m., dinner, 4-H Bldg., Adrian Fairgrounds.
LIVINGTON — Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m., Supper, Fowlerville High School Gym.
MACKINAC-LUCE — Oct. 5, 8:00 p.m., Traverse City High School.
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MACOMB — Oct. 14, 7:00 p.m., banquist, Immanuel Lutheran School (Waldenburg), Mt. Clemens.
MANISTEE — Oct. 14, 8:00 p.m., Farr Ctrter, Onekama.
MARQUETTE-ALGER — Oct. 12, 7:45 p.m., Skanold School.
MASON — Oct. 21, 8:00 p.m., Amber Town Hall.
MESCOTA — Oct. 13, 8:30 p.m., Morley-Stanwood High School.
MENOMINEE — Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m., Sportmen’s Club Rooms, Stephenson.
MIDLAND — Oct. 19, 8:00 p.m., Hope Community Hall.
MISKAUK — Oct. 1, 8:00 p.m., McBain Public School.
MONROE — Oct. 8, 8:00 p.m., Ida Township Hall.
MONTCLAIR — Oct. 14, 8:00 p.m., Central Michigan High School, Stanton.
MONTMORENCY — Oct. 15, 7:00 p.m., potluck supper, Hillman High School.
MUSKEGON — Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m., potluck dinner, 4-H Center, Wolfe Lake.
NEWAYGO — Oct. 20, 6:00 p.m., Frumpton Foundation Bldg.
NORTHWEST MICHIGAN — Oct. 20, 6:45 p.m. supper, Twin Lakes 4-H Camp, Traverse City.
OAKLAND — Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m., dinner, C.L.A. Bldg., Waterford.
OCEANA — Oct. 7, 7:00 p.m. potluck supper, Shelby Congregational Church.
OCEMA — Oct. 12, 8:30 p.m., West Branch Community Bldg.
OSCEOLA — Oct. 15.
OTSEGO — Oct. 20, 8:00 p.m., Livingston Township Hall.
OTAWA — Oct. 15, 8:00 p.m., Alliance Township Hall.
PRESQUE ISLE — Oct. 14, 8:00 p.m., Progressive Bldg., Harrison.
SAGINAW — Oct. 20.
SANILAC — Oct. 12, 6:30 p.m. cake supper, Farm Bureau Bldg., Sandusky.
SHAWNEE — Watch for local announcement.
ST. JOSIEPH — Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m. potluck supper, Farm Bureau Bldg., Marysville.
TUSCOLA — Oct. 20, 7:00 p.m. banquet, Carsio High School Cafeteria.
VAN BUREN — Oct. 24, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Farm Bureau Bldg., Paw Paw.
WASHTENAW — Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m. potluck supper, Farm Council Bldg., Ann Arbor.
WAYNE — Oct. 9, 8:00 p.m., 4-H Bldg., Bad Axe.
WEXFORD — Oct. 12, 8:00 p.m., Calholic High School Cafeteria.

$500 “Fine” for Speeding

Farmers are being subjected to a $500 “fine” every time they go two miles an hour over the speed limit. It happens every fall in Michigan corn fields.

Drivers can run high when the speed of a corn picker is just a two miles an hour over the recommended rate,” reports Richard Pfister, Michigan State University farm safety engineer. The normal corn picking speed is two-and-one half miles per hour.

Here’s how Pfister figures the $500 “fine.” Losses amount to about one bushel per acre at the higher speed. This means 560 bushels per 80 -acre field, or a $56,000 loss with corn prices at 50 cents a bushel.

Americans are drinking more milk. Americans are drinking more milk. Americans are drinking more milk.

For the first time since 1956, per capita sales of fluid milk have increased. Sales rose to 125 quarts per person in 1963, up from 125 quarts in 1952.
Property Taxes Top Concern

"Keep farm property taxes from going any higher," (Monroe) said, "is needed for increased property taxes. "School taxes should be collected from everyone. Perhaps... more sales tax could be allocated. "(Lanenace) School district budgets set up according to pupils and valuation over a larger enough area to balance high and low points." (Ogemune)

"It is advisable and economical to make fewer and larger high school districts..." (Montcalm)

"State income tax solely for school operating needs," (Alpens)

"A payroll tax should be considered." (Manistee) "Flat rate income tax of 3%... earmarked for schools with a reduction of 20% on property taxes..." (Alpena)

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"In Michigan, people believe, however, that better school education and job training will be available within the new state highway commission. But, in 1965, Michiganers will face a grim financial situation. Most of the ordinary classroom... most of the special education or "job training" for dropouts etc.; more community colleges; and many more..." (Gladwin)

While a more equitable formula for state aid could be developed, it should be recognized that tax increases, it is far from a total answer..." (Manistee)

"Total school costs will continue to rise because of: increased numbers of pupils; more "special education" programs for the retarded, disabled, homebound, emotionally disturbed, etc.; greater school emphasis on vocational education or "job training" for dropouts; etc.; more community colleges..." (Manistee)

"These and also mean continued and increased building programs..." (Alpens)

Special programs are very expensive, often costing double that of the ordinary classroom. Most people believe, however, that better education and job training will result in less welfare and delinquency later..." (Alpena)

"Other pressures on property will also increase. For example, the new state highway commission taking office January 1, 1965, will face a grim financial picture. Michigan can be proud of its roads but they must be paid for. It has already been seen how large other better school education and property taxes. In the 1964 legislative session all "county home rule" counties face the prospect of increased property taxes. In the 1964 legislative session all "county home rule" proposals to change county form of government were defeated..." (Alpena)

"Michigan has a growing state, and also a wealthy state. Michigan citizens want tax reform..." (Manistee)

"Should not the entire tax structure be reviewed..." (Alpena)

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Tomatoes Move to Market

Farmers can cooperate—and on a multi-state basis at the recent Saginaw-Bay area tomato sale proved.

The members of the Ohio Agricultural Marketing Association (MACMA) to the Lake Odessa Canning Company represented over 100 tons of tomatoes. Back in 1936, the Saginaw-Bay tomato and pickle producer met with the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association (MACMA) to discuss the low contract prices and poor delivery conditions proposed by the area's processor, the Heir, Franck Company.

By late fall of 1963, MACMA, OAMA and the growers got together and determined that the Ohio association could effectively absorb the smaller grower group and give them better service than a new small division of MACMA.

After working out the details, MACMA personnel went to work explaining to the tomato producers that a multi-state cooperative effort would give them a better chance of success, and enlisted the eager growers into the ranks of OAMA already representing many of southern Michigan's tomato producers.

In early 1964, a membership drive was launched, and more than 80% of the acreage grown for the Franck Company was signed. Since then, the membership has continued to increase. Negotiations were then begun with the processor, but no significant contract improvements were made regarding either price or delivery conditions.

In the spring, growers voted not to approve the processor's contract and not to grow tomatoes for the company. Instead, they planted substitute crops that were available and offered a better still be the topic of Linley Jorns, Associate professor of the Dept. of Agricultural Economics, M.S.U. on the afternoon program.

An address by Noel P. Ralston, Asst. Dean, College of Agriculture, M.S.U., and Director of the Cooperative Extension Service, on M.S.U. and Michigan Cooperatives Working Together for a Better Agriculture will close the day's sessions.

READY FOR ACTION—And action is what the Saginaw County Farm Bureau-Women got, as hundreds of hungry people in a seemingly endless line stopped for fried fish, barbecued chicken, baked beans, rolls, etc., during their visit to the new grain and bean terminal. The women worked from early morning to late afternoon to serve the large open house crowd on September 4.

SAGINAW WOMEN SERVE OPEN HOUSE CROWD

...AND VISIT THE RETAIL GARDEN-STORE

SAGINAW COUNTY'S EVER-ACTIVE Farm Bureau Women made a tour of Farm Bureau Center facilities in Lansing recently in lieu of their regular monthly meeting. They were shown inspecting shrubs and evergreens in FB Services' retail garden store.

Which size Savings Bond you should buy

...and why

1. Starter size for steady savers. Worth $25 at maturity; sells for only $18.75.
2. Increasingly popular size and very big with Payroll Savers. Only $9 weekly buys one a month comfortably. Sells for only $37.50.
3. Brand-new size and very big with small investors. You get guaranteed interest, excellent security. Worth $500 at maturity; sells for only $375.
4. If you're in a hurry to build up savings, this one's tailor-made. Each is worth $100 at maturity; sells for only $75.
5. Perfect for bonuses, tax refunds and other windfalls. Grows into a tidy nest egg of $200 in 6 years. Sells for just $150.
6. For big-time savers ... and small investors. You get guaranteed interest, excellent security. Worth $500 at maturity; sells for only $750.
7. Perfect for savers, ... and small investors. You get guaranteed interest, excellent security. Worth $1,000 at maturity; sells for only $750.
8. Good place for reserve funds—for business and other institutions except commercial banks. Good for you, too, when you happen to have $7500.
Violence Marks Holding Action!

Violence, long predicted as the chief result of attempts by NFO members to impose their withholding ideas on non-members, stalks the otherwise peaceful Michigan countryside.

In spite of protestations of peaceful intent by NFO leaders, a growing list of incidents of violence has accumulated in areas where "peaceful" picketing is conducted.

As long ago as last spring, Farm Bureau leaders warned farmers that based on past experience, this could be expected as the usual pattern.

Following the deaths in Wisconsin of two demonstrators who were among a mob impeding the progress of a livestock truck, farm leaders of the Midwest said that NFO officers must accept the moral responsibility for the tragic loss of life, adding that the withholding action should be cancelled immediately.

Speaking from their fall conference in Minnesota, Farm Bureau state presidents and secretaries of 12 midwest states, said that NFO officers and leaders have the responsibility to control and limit their members to legal and peaceful activities. Cited beside the loss of life were property destruction, threats and growing community bitterness.

Wheat Price Down, Bread Price Up!

By: Harold Taylor, Chairman Montcalm Legislative Committee

Why are bread prices going up for consumers? The Wall Street Journal of August 13, 1964 carried the report of a spot check made among 400 members of the independent grocers in the Greater Chicago area. This report indicated that these grocers expected an increase of one to two cents per loaf causing the farmer for the increase?

The Legislative Committee and the Executive Committee of the Montcalm County Farm Bureau decided to find the reason.

What part did the certificates in the increased cost of bread? The millers tell us that wheat now coming to market, so let us place the blame where it belongs, on a bad law rather than the selfishness of farmers.

We are just about prepared to believe that the 1964 wheat law is something that only a philospher could figure out and explain. It just does not make sense that some two thirds of the wheat growers should be fixed by their government for not complying with a law that did not exist when the wheat was planted.

This in effect is what has happened.

When the housewife pays a bread tax when she buys a loaf of wheat bread, let her remember that it is not the farmer who is responsible for the tax, it is the government farm programs.

Let the housewife also remember that the farmer has had a much rougher deal than she has from the government.

The prospect for 1965 is even worse than the 1964 season has been for wheat farmers and bread buyers alike.

You as a consumer can help by writing your congressman, asking for the repeal of the 1966-67 wheat bill.

The soundness of Farm Bureau's positive marketing program is measured time and again in many areas of service and savings to Michigan farmers.

That statement by Elton Smith, Kent county farmer and president of Farm Bureau Services, applies to any one of a dozen Farm Bureau marketing activities.

Last year Michigan apple producers had a stronger voice in setting price and other terms of trade with processors through the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association, a Farm Bureau affiliate.

Growers have estimated that Farm Bureau action resulted in a price increases of up to $24 per hundredweight.

Farm Bureau Services Egg-Marketing Division is another of the many examples. This Division provides the only complete, detailed and unbiased source of information.

It serves the producer-member from start to finish in getting the best return for his "Fresh Fancy Quality" eggs. It is the Fresh Fancy Quality standard, highest in the industry, adopted and only by Farm Bureau, that has set the quality and premium price standards of the Michigan market.

Farm Bureau Services, affiliated with the Farm Bureau Services program or not, have benefited by the Farm industry-wide price and better demand.

The impact and influence on markets of the state is the single greatest measure of Farm Bureau success. Over the years many special marketing programs have been developed by the Farm Bureau to meet special needs.

Among them is the Farm Bureau’s Post Program—specialized insurance programs to meet the needs of modern farms: Michigan Livestock Exchange, to provide cooperative selling; to give farmers the ownership and control of crude oil and refinery products, and the Michigan Elevator Exchange Division of Farm Bureau Services, and the new "gateway to the world" facilities on the Saginaw river.
Today's land must raise many crops, not the least of which is outdoor recreation. This is a crop, however, that is easily blighted by worry.

The fear of being sued for injuries or damages occurring on his land is an old bugaboo of every property owner, and it is often the reason behind "No Trespassing" signs on private lands.

Michigan Farm Bureau has long recognized this problem and has constantly worked with conservation authorities, sportmen's groups and public officials to find a workable solution.

Even major land-holding corporations, ultra-sensitive to the winds of public opinion, are often fearful of announcing that their lands are open to outdoor enthusiasts.

When the subject of public recreation on industry lands is raised, lawyers usually hoist storm signals and warn of liability lawsuits. The time and money costs of such legal doodads are enough to make strong men tremble, whether they own a "back forty" or most of the country.

According to the conservation department of the Ohio Madison Chemical Corporation, "whenever a man owns a fishing lake or a good squired timber, there are certain things he must face:

"Most cases classify a person going on another's land (without paying to do so) as a trespasser, a permissive, or an invitee. The landowner's responsibility is determined in each case by the category of the visitor."

A major step taken by Michigan's legislature was the adoption of the Horton Trespass Act which enabled farmers to take legal action against trespassers for up to a year following the intrusion. The Michigan Farm Bureau played an important role in getting this bill "on the books."

The landowner owes no responsibility to a trespasser except to refrain from willfully injuring him. The landowner may be liable, however, if the trespasser can prove the owner's intent to harm him.

In most states the doctrine of "attractive nuisance" hardly applies to outdoor recreation, and it is rare that a trespasser can sue on that ground. A lake, for example, is usually considered part of the landscape and does not constitute an attractive nuisance in the same sense as a backyard swimming pool.

A "permittee" is one whose use of the land is permitted — either expressly or implied — by the landowner. He enters the owner's premises by permission only, and there is little legal distinction between the responsibility owed by a landowner to either a trespasser or permittee.

But the "invitee" is different. He has been invited onto a property by the owner, either on business or for their mutual benefit. Generally, the law requires a landowner to exercise reasonable care for an invitee's safety — a positive duty that goes beyond mere restraint from injurious acts.

Charging fees for the recreational use of private lands is another matter. This is a direct business benefit to the owner, and he can be protected against liability by buying insurance.

It's possible for any landowner to insure himself against liability, but lacking a good liability relief law, it's simpler for him just to lock his gates, post his lands, and bar all public outdoor recreation on his property.

This then, was the problem facing Michigan farmers — to provide liability relief for those who do not charge for recreational use of their lands.

The accumulated effort of Farm Bureau and many other interested groups over the years finally paid off this spring with the passage of House Bill No. 401, which was approved by the governor on May 22nd.

The purpose of the bill was the restriction of lawsuits "by persons coming upon the property of another for the purpose of hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, hiking, sightseeing or other similar outdoor recreation use; and to declare the limited liability of owners of property within this state."

According to the law, no cause of action shall arise for injuries to anyone who is on the lands of another without paying the landowner for permission to be on the premises providing the injuries were not caused by gross negligence or wilful and wanton misconduct of the owner, tenant or lessee.

This also applies to anyone trespassing on the lands.

Pursage of this law does not assure the landowner against the possibility of a lawsuit, but it does make the probability of such an event rather remote. Most important of all, it eases the fears of the farmer in permitting the free recreational use of his lands.

A farm is likely to have more insecticides and other poisons, and in larger quantities, than other homes. These materials should always be locked up away from small children.

Cooperation Pays Off

The Marshall Farm Bureau Oil Company has called in for payment, $14,000 worth of patronage stock issued for the business year ending May 31, 1964.

Farmer's Petroleum Cooperative reminds farmers that these memberships-patronages received this return by doing business with themselves, and that such opportunities exist in many communities of the state.
"Blue Ribbon" to Jackson FB Women

An outstanding example of cooperative effort by the Jackson County Farm Bureau Women's Committee and their men's paid off in big dividends recently when their unique fair exhibit was tagged with a "Blue Ribbon."

To correspond with the Agricultural Building's "1790" fair theme, the Jackson members set up an attractive display highlighting farming of yesteryear as compared to the modern agriculture of today.

Using a replica of Mrs. Ward Swarthout's great grandmother's horse driven wagon which was built around 1890, the group added corn cribs and other buildings, and placed a miniature wagon and horses in the drive.

In marked contrast, on the opposite side of the display, was a modern ranch-type home, complete with a well tended garden, a car, a farm truck and several pieces of the lastest farm machinery.

An impressive display of the bounty of Jackson County farms was in the form of vegetables, fruits, flowers, herbs, spices, and farm foods. Add to this several antiques such as a 100-year-old butter churn, and it was easy to see why judges picked this exhibit for a top award.

Mrs. Wesley Moeckel, retiring Women's chairman, praised the generosity of all who participated, including the children who contributed their toy farm implements for the display.

Mrs. Moeckel also reports that the Women's "sales booth" with Mrs. Emaline Hatt in charge, did a good bit of business. Customers lined up to pay their $1.00 to buy the homemade bread, pies, cakes, cookies, donuts, brownies and nut bread.

City people flocked to the booth to buy these goodies plus sweet corn, cucumbers, eggs, jellies and jams, aprons, pot holders and other handmade articles. Proceeds from the booth went to the Women's "Rath M. Day" scholarship fund for nurses.

"Heritage Tour" to Convention Planned

Philadelphia, the "cradle of Liberty," will be the site of this year's 46th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation, December 7-13.

The third annual "Heritage Tour" to Philadelphia will provide a perfect chance for Michigan farm people to combine attendance at the annual sessions of the world's largest farm organization with a visit to one of our nation's most historic cities.

Further, arrangements are underway for a sight-seeing side trip by rail to Washington, D. C. for a full day in the nation's capital.

It was in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776, the Liberty Bell rang out with news that Americans were determined to be free.

It was here that a small group of men "took up their swords, their lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor" in the balance when they signed the Declaration of Independence.

In modern Philadelphia, modern farmers will reaffirm their own independence with official Farm Bureau resolutions sessions to symbolize the beliefs and work program for the coming year.

Contemporary, more than 5,000 persons will be the convention, including 100 or more from Michigan. This year, because of the convention city's historic significance and the special "Heritage Tour" side trip to Washington, even more from Michigan are expected to attend.

Testfme plans call for departure from Lansing at 7:45 a.m. Saturday, December 4, returning to Lansing, Indiana, at 8:30 a.m. on the 9th. There the Michigan group will join a special trainload of Indiana and Wisconsin farmers and spend much of the day touring together. An evening program is planned, featuring a special banquet for the three state delegations.

On Sunday, the groups will leave by train for Philadelphia, arriving in the convention city in time for the afternoon opening ceremonies.

The Farm Bureau Women will again sponsor their Washington, D. C. luncheon tent set for March 14-17. Plans call for visits with AFBF Washington office personnel to discuss current Congressional action, a full day at Congress with special meetings with Michigan representatives, and a sightseeing tour.

The famous Willard Hotel will be the headquarters for tour participants. A moderate cost of $10.077 includes transportation by NW Airlines and out-of-town activities.

Clement Bennet and Milton Deurloo, district chairman, and Mrs. Paul Fitzgerald, county chairman, acted as food booth manager. Work shifts were organized and women from all community groups volunteered to work at the least one shift. Delicious homemade pies, a feature of the booth, were also donated by the groups.

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Camp, planned for the first week in April, 1965. The camp was discussed at the district's advisory council meeting, August 25, at the Hillsdale County office.

Special banquet for the three state delegations.

Chairman Mrs. Hornbaker announced that any county having more people in attendance at the two 1964 district meetings than future in the 1963 meetings would receive two free tickets to the final year's 46th annual meeting luncheon, scheduled for Nov. 10.

A HAPPY BIRTHDAY was wished for Mrs. Ardeth Wieland by her fellow members.

Mrs. Donald Bush, county Women's chairman, Mrs. Milton Deerloo, vice-chairman, and Mrs. Paul Fitzgerald, county chairman, formed the committee to oversee arrangements and improvements to the fair, with Mrs. Gerald Simon acted as food booth manager. Work shifts were organized and women from all community groups volunteered to work at the least one shift. Delicious homemade pies, a feature of the booth, were also donated by the groups.

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Held at the Allendale Town Hall, and open to the public, the meetings featured Republican candidates one evening, and Democrats the next.

Mrs. Langeland also reports that many "thank you" notes have been received by the Ottawa Farm Bureau from the Alambam at their meeting in July to view their various programs and procedures.

There's a decided public taste for sour cream. A survey of 79 of the nation's major markets indicates that average daily sales of sour cream increased 8 percent between 1962 and 1963.

DIST. 2 COUNCIL

"Why news is suppressed" was the theme chosen to highlight the special "Heritage Tour" to Washington, D. C. and the American Farm Bureau Convention in Philadelphia, December 4-10. Send full details.

To: Information Division, Michigan Farm Bureau 4000 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing, Michigan

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By Don Kinsey, Coordinator, Education and Research

The deliciously tantalizing odor of baking bread wafted through the house of Faryner, the king's baker, who lived in Pudding Lane, London. A hot fire blazed on the hearth under the old brick oven. Faryner wiped his brow on his apron. He took a fresh armful of faggots from the pile beside the hearth and heaped the fire.

He must pop down the street for a bit and see the miller about flour for tomorrow's bake. He had been gone but a minute when a glowing ember snapped into the faggot pile on the floor. The breeze from the open door fanned the ember.

Thus, on September 2, 1666, began the great fire of London. The baker's blaze spread to 13,000 homes, stores and warehouses. It leveled 430 acres, wiping out three-quarters of the city. Two hundred thousand people were left homeless.

In the lore of primitive man, fire was a friend and the wind a witch.

Records of ancient times show that people had learned to cooperate in times of calamity. King Hammurabi of Babylon provided for the collection of disaster funds as early as 2285 B.C. Babylon provided for the collection of disaster funds as early as 2285 B.C. Babylon provided for the collection of disaster funds as early as 2285 B.C. Babylon provided for the collection of disaster funds as early as 2285 B.C. Babylon provided for the collection of disaster funds as early as 2285 B.C. Babylon provided for the collection of disaster funds as early as 2285 B.C.

The ancient Greeks and Phoenicians developed a plan to spread the risks involved in the losses of ships at sea. Each member was required to contribute money to a fund for losses. In the "back country" of early America, farm mutuals grew, took in more subscribers, and helped the farmer lay up a good stock.
Fellowship and Work at A. I. C.

EYVIN FARM COOPERATIVE ATTORNEYS got into the act during the 36th annual meeting of the American Institute of Cooperation at Michigan State University, August 9-12. Nearly 3,000 rural adult and youth leaders attended the conference. Participants in a special session included left to right: Morrison Neely, AIC legal consultant; Allen Lauterbach, AFBF general counsel; E. F. Steffen, Farm Bureau Services' general counsel; and L. S. Hulbert, AIC legal consultant. Part of the attorneys' session covered patronage refunds, and according to E. F. Steffen, "Cooperatives do not practice unequal treatment of patrons when they apply the numerically-part of a dividend to a patron's delinquent account. This type of allocation is permitted by statutes but must be made after patronage dividends are distributed to all patrons on the same basis as provided in co-op bylaws."

VOCAIIONAL AGRICULTURE TEACHERS AND EDUCATORS attending the annual AIC meeting studied methods of farm business training in public schools through the use of educational aids and other resources. Panelists during the afternoon session were from left to right: Harry Nesman, Department of Public Instruction; Raymond M. Clark, Michigan State University; M. J. Buschle, Distribution Division, Farm Bureau Services; Grayson J. Mahin, Rushville High School; and William Paul Gray, Future Farmers of America. Representatives from 39 states and six foreign countries were on the MSU campus for the AIC meeting.

THE PETROLEUM BUSINESS, LIKE THE FARMER, has been faced with increasing operating costs and lower product prices which have resulted in a margin squeeze. Farmer cooperative petroleum specialists, like Jack McKendry (left), general manager of Farmers Petroleum, agreed that some system must be devised to maintain or increase the net savings or profit in view of shrinking margins.

GRAIN AND BEAN FARM MARKETING COOPERATIVES need to learn more about foreign markets, use of the St. Lawrence Seaway, long-range investments and what the grain market of the future may bring. J. Stanley Sherman (left), manager, Michigan Elevator Exchange division of FBS, was part of a panel discussing grain and marketing problems of today . . . and tomorrow.

Being human, we tend to forget. We forget what Farm Bureau has done and is doing for farmers. In this space, a new series of short reports will bring you a condensed, up-to-the-minute accounting of Farm Bureau actions, results and services.

LEGISLATIVE GAINS, 1964

TAXES — Farm Bureau supported the law now requiring state "equalized valuation" to be shown on tax statements. Farm Bureau said "no" to shifting more taxes to property owners; to increases in gas and weight taxes and to diversion of certain highway funds.

SCHOOLS — Farm Bureau worked for better school-aid formulas and for school programs of job training plus "dropout" work-training program.

MARKETING — Supported "Truth in Packaging" law; potato buyer licensing and bonding program; new certified seed laws and a clarifying amendment to the egg law.

PRODUCTION — Supported funds for insect research; cattle disease prevention bill; fought for acceptable water management laws and protection of farmers' water rights. Fought attempts to regulate and license certain farm equipment and a proposed driver's license for farm implement operators.

LABOR — Farm Bureau opposed mandatory Workmen's Compensation law for farmers; the requiring of "paid time off" for workers to vote; supported the requirement that welfare recipients work on relief projects; and promoted progress in farm-labor relations.

THE NORTHWEST MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU WOMEN'S COMMITTEE will hold their 4th annual Cherry-Dairy Smorgasbord at Twin Lakes 4-H Camp on October 4. They will feature the usual cherry-dairy foods plus ham and barbecued chicken — "and everything else that makes for an interesting menu," reports Sylvia Lauder, county chairman.

The Northwest Women will use this opportunity to sell and install seat belts as a part of their traffic safety campaign.

The Calhoun F. B. Women had the young people in mind at their recent county fair. 4-H and other children could buy a cup of milk and a homemade cookie at the Calhoun Women's fair booth for only 5¢. Easier on the pocketbook and more pleasing to mother than the higher-priced "bottle of pop," the milk and cookie idea was a huge success. Although the women sold the milk at cost, they made a good profit on the cookies and a bake sale.

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Agriculture in Action Around Michigan

Census Takers Coming

Farms and ranches in all 50 states and Puerto Rico will be counted during the Census of Agriculture scheduled for November and early December by the Federal Government's Bureau of the Census. An estimated 80 per cent of the census-takers will be women, and all will be local citizens hired temporarily to take the count in their communities. The Census of Agriculture is taken every five years in the years ending in "4" and "9."

Underground Farming?

Sub-surface farming is what the crude oil men of Farmers Petroleum Co-op call the waterflood projects under way in several Michigan oil fields. Water, injected into low production wells, flushes out additional oil. Such a project is currently being tested in the Bentley Field acquired in 1950 by the Co-op.

Crop Moves More Beans

On August 10th three Church World Service trucks loaded out of Saginaw and on the 12th, two more loaded out of Henderson to complete a 320,000 pound purchase of beans by Michigan Crop for shipment to Burundi, Algeria, and Haiti. These shipments were made possible by contributions left over from the 1963 campaign purposely held to meet needs that might and did arise before the 1964 campaign began.

1964 Resolutions Committee Meets in Lansing

The 1964 Michigan Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee held its first meeting at Farm Bureau Center, Lansing, on August 19th. Ralph Burch, Plymouth, the Committee's chairman, announced future sessions in October and November. By annual meeting time, this committee will have heard from more than fifty organizational representatives and resource people, and will have sifted through some 1,000 resolutions originating from the county FB annual meetings. Other resolutions from the state commodity committees will also have been examined.

Terminal Control Center

Complex control panel—fo the Michigan Elevator Exchange Division grain and bean terminal is demonstrated for Charles Shuman (right), president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, during the recent Open House. To the left is Robert Reave, Terminal Manager. Near him is Walter Wightman, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau. The men join the crowds touring the new facility prior to their appearance on the speaking program, September 4.
FARM BUREAU MARKET PLACE

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CATTLE FEEDERS—Feed high analysis Perfect Balancer 8% forage mineral. Feed free choice. Put Perfect Balancer in your ground feed. You can eliminate bone meal with the Balancer. Get Perfect Balancer at your elevator. The Gelatin Bone Co., Box 125, Emmett, Michigan. (8-30-19p) 1

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FARM BUREAU MARKET PLACE

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Five years ago, Mom had cancer.

Mrs. Paul Holmes, of Newport, Indiana, wrote:

Five years ago, Mom had cancer. Now she is cured. The number of people cured of cancer grows steadily as research advances medical knowledge and leads us closer to conquering the disease. If you would like to receive a free copy of the latest issues of the American Cancer Society's "Cancer," please write:

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Party Planks and Farm Programs

Department of Education and Research
Michigan Farm Bureau

Is there a change in the political wind for farm programs and farm people? Washington weatherwinds are pointing to such a change. Farm reporters in Washington have sensed the mood of Congress and examined the new party platforms.

They come up with a picture of de-emphasis on agricultural affairs.

Bulletins from commentators in Washington declare that Congressmen are backing off from the expanding agricultural budgets. More so than in former election year.

The cause, they say, is the diminishing power of the farm vote. The "farm bloc" has been whittled away to a chaff and respect for it, so strong in the past, is disappearing.

More politicians are talking about "letting the farmer fend for himself." More are pointing to the farmer's capacity to work his own way out of the production and income muddle.

What's back of all this murmur? Behind the scenes is a growing realization that future control of Congress will be city-centered and city-controlled, say our observers.

The U. S. Supreme Court ruling on the reapportionment of Congressional seats has strongly tipped the balance in a new direction.

Straws in the Wind

One wonders why little talk is reaching the public about farm programs in this election year. News articles on the subject are hard to find. Radio and TV have been rather alienated to the subject. There's a lot of talk in 1960.

Washington farm observers were startled by statements made and questions asked by Sen. Hubert Humphrey in a speech one week before his nomination for Vice-President at the Democratic Convention.

Humphrey called for a "better approach" to farm problems. He described "free markets" for farm products as "the most nearly perfect mechanism in the economic world."

He raised the question whether government programs have helped to improve efficiency of production or to expand farm markets, and questioned the old policy of granting funds to the Commodity Credit Corporation to dispense as it sees fit.

Such ideas ARE startling, coming from a key Democratic leader. They have a totally different "ring." One wonders whether it is all just "election year smoke."

Washington farm analysts seem to think there is some fire beneath it. But time will tell.

Sen. Barry Goldwater has shifted his position, too, since the Republican Convention. He has no intention of kicking farm programs overboard bodily, and now advocates farm surpluses, which will keep the farmer in a sound economic position and help to improve the flow of products to market.

Attitudes of Congressmen will tip the scales of future farm programs. But the report is growing "confidence in farmers' business" where farm programs are concerned. Observers predict that Johnson will get less government involvement in agriculture than he wants, and Goldwater will get more involvement, but the trend is toward less emphasis than in past years.

The "sudden brush-off" for farm affairs seems to show up in the planks of the party platforms. The Democratic farm plank is the briefest ever. Much of what it says is more emphatically pointed at the consumer than at the farmer.

Stamp Program and the school-lunch and other surplus-food programs are to be dumped in favor of research into new industrial uses of farm products, to assure maximum use of an abundance of wholesome foods at fair prices here and abroad.

Price support programs and agricultural cooperatives to assure rural America decent housing, economic independence, and full participation in the building of the Great Society. We pledge our continued support to the rural telephone program and the Rural Electrification Administration, one of the greatest contributions of the Democratic Party to the well-being and comfort of rural America.

Note that, in point 3 of this plank, the emphasis on commodities, the Rural Electrification Administration, is a place within the general plan for the farmer of the Democratic Party to the well-being and comfort of rural America.

We pledge that the development of truly new domestic and foreign markets) and questioned the old policy of granting funds to the Commodity Credit Corporation to dispense as it sees fit.

Such programs should aim only at productivity, not at income guarantees, and not aim at being self-expanding nor aim at being dependent, for his economic survival.

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It is not aim at income guarantees, but at increased marketing outlets, both domestic and foreign, in which will keep the farmer in a sound economic position and help to improve the flow of products to market.

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Democratic Farm Plank

It takes few paragraphs to quote the Democratic farm plank in full. The old pledges for commodity price supports are strongly missing. This plank declares:

"The roots of our economy and our life as a people lie deep in the rich productivity of our land. Our policies and programs must continue to recognize the significant role of agriculture and rural life."

"To achieve the goals of higher incomes to the farm and ranch, the family-sized farm, lower prices for the consumer and the taxpayer. Our Government, we will continue to carry forward this three-dimensional program:

1. Commodity programs to strengthen the farm income structure and reach the goal of parity of income in every aspect of American agriculture. We will continue to develop and use new domestic and foreign markets for the products of our farms and ranches.

2. Consumer programs, including the expansion of the Food-

3. Marketing programs and agricultural cooperatives to assure rural America decent housing, economic independence, and full participation in the building of the Great Society. We pledge our continued support to the rural telephone program and the Rural Electrification Administration, one of the greatest contributions of the Democratic Party to the well-being and comfort of rural America.

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