The National Election

As seen by J. Delbert Wells,
Manager, Family Program Division

If there is to be a contest — there must be contestants. In the national election contest, it is hopeful that the widely differing viewpoints between Johnson and Goldwater are recognized and understood sufficiently by voters to make the election a significant choice between ideals and leaders.

Last time, around 68 million citizens voted in the presidential election. This year there will probably be closer to 75 million people who vote.

In most cases, attitude alone will guide the hand that casts the ballot. No man can accurately assess how that attitude has been changed by such things as government payments or the threat of their loss.

Political experts report that about 60 per cent of the regular voters are "party-line" voters. These people vote for the party rather than the candidate (or even a political philosophy).

This leaves an important 40 per cent out of the 75 million who could be classed as "swing votes." These are the persons who ignore parties to vote for candidates with the most appeal to them personally.

Lyndon Johnson and Hubert Humphrey represent a viewpoint which many label as the "liberal approach." Senator Barry Goldwater and William Miller represent a viewpoint that others label "modern conservatism." It appears that the liberal viewpoint calls for a larger Federal government with corresponding reduction of sovereignty by state and local governments.

It appears that the modern conservative viewpoint calls for limiting the size and scope of the federal government with a strengthening of the system of checks-and-balances. There are dozens of other issues, but these seem basic.

How Michigan voters turn out November 3, may well have an effect on the results of the national election. Michigan's colorful candidates for Governor, the election of nine Justices to a new Court of Appeals, and a rare referendum vote on an act passed by the legislative, (the "Massachusetts" ballot) may combine to bring more voters to the polls.

In 1960, only about 2,700,000 Michigan residents voted in the Governor's race. Although about 3,000,000 total votes were cast, it is estimated that there are 4,000,000 registered, eligible voters in our state. A difference of a half-million Michigan votes could more than make the difference in who becomes President of the United States.

Before voting November 3rd, there are some questions each voter should ask himself:

Am I voting for the person and his platform rather than for a party slogan?

Am I voting in an intelligent manner? Have I worked at the job of becoming informed?

Am I voting for what will be best for my family and my country in the "long pull" rather than for a short term?

Finally, when my vote has been cast, will I face my family and proudly say, "See the form of government we have? — I helped make it that way"?

Every Member Invited

How does the Michigan Farm Bureau reach policy conclusions?

Why does it undertake special programs to build services of certain kinds?

Those who attend the forthcoming 45th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, to be held on the campus of Michigan State University, November 10-11-12 will see for themselves how policies are made.

The Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting is not, and never has been, a closed affair. Every member has a cordial invitation to attend.

Voting is done by representative delegates from each County Farm Bureau, "one delegate for every 100 members or major portion thereof ... " Nearly 700 voting delegates and several thousand non-voting members are expected to attend.

Such a gathering of farmers at one time is notable in itself. There is an air of excitement, a chance to learn, a chance to "grow." Debate and discussion is often lively on proposals offered for consideration.

There will be inspirational songs and speeches. There will be a "Miss Farm Bureau" contest — a 20th Anniversary Party for Farm Bureau Women.

Check page three of this paper for details of the special commodity conferences and other events.
More than most, this year's general election November 3rd, bears with it an air of destiny. Whether Johnson or Goldwater — the fact remains that on this day a new President will be elected and voters going to the polls should do so with a feeling of self-importance.

Farmers especially have much at stake. In January, the new Congress will begin considering a long list of programs, among them at least five of major farm importance. Due to what might be termed an accident of history are the "emergency" Feed Grains program, the controversial Wheat Certificate and Cotton plans, the International Wheat Agreement and both the National Wool and Sugar Acts.

Farm Bureau members strongly oppose any extension of the Wheat Certificate and Cotton programs if he is elected. Rather than these programs the "emergency" Feed Grains program and have called it unworkable and costly. Michigan sugar beet farmers have been outspoken in asking for a larger share of the national sugar quota.

Working against farmers this year is the administration ordered by the Supreme Court, and which stands to weaken their representation in the Legislatures and Congress. And even at some levels of local government! Right here in Livingston County.

Working on the farmer's side is the more "common sense" attitude toward agriculture that seems apparent in both major political parties. Both believe in a morality that near everyone, consumers and farmers alike, are tired of political farm maneuvering.

Farmers have made it as plain as they know how, that most government "help" has been of little real aid, that thirty years of farm programs have not increased farm incomes.

Consumers are tired of being taxed for food they are not allowed to eat. The sale of wheat to Russia and the semi-secret livestock inspections, have helped highlight the part international politics play in setting farm prices.

The recent bread price increase caused by manipulations of the wheat market through the Wheat Certificate Program has given consumers a nationwide view of the connection between farm politics and their pocketbooks. Perhaps because of these things, both major Presidential candidates spent most of their time in Michigan on farm matters. Farmers cannot help but feel this is all to the good.

Barry Goldwater has firmly stated that he will not favor abrupt dropping of farm support programs but that when these programs will be gradually shifted toward helping farmers move themselves into a sound economic position.

President Johnson has let Democratic Vice-President, Hubert Humphrey, speak mostly for the Party on farm matters. Humphrey continues to emphasize statements made first as headline guest at last year's annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation, in Chicago. He has continued to call for a "blue ribbon" agricultural commission to study farm problems and suggest solutions. He has praised the free market system, but has suggested compulsory or direct payments to producers of certain farm commodities.

How should Michigan farmers vote November 3rd? They should vote for candidates who in their opinion, will allow them the most latitude in running their own business.

The Michigan Farm Bureau has endorsed whom they believe are most serious in allowing the laws of supply-and-demand to work in setting prices in the free market place instead of at some politically determined level.

They should measure all candidates and their programs against the gardantick of dollar signs. We urge you to list your personal, party programs in terms of dollars from the national treasury which you and I pay in taxes.

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Final plans have been completed for the 45th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, scheduled for November 10-12, at Michigan State University.

Following a pattern of recent years, the annual meeting program will begin officially with registration of voting delegates in the basement of the Auditorium, 8:30 a.m., November 10. Secretary-manager Clarence Prentice will call the business meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. — followed by the President's address at 10:25. The general session will adjourn at noon, with special commodity and Women's sessions scheduled in the afternoon.

In keeping with a tradition in which the state's Chief Executive has been invited to take part in the annual meeting, an invitation has been extended to Governor George Romney to address the delegate body.

The Governor has confirmed his attendance, and is scheduled to appear on the program, Wednesday, November 11, at 11:05. His talk will follow what features Dr. Warren Collins of the American Farm Bureau's Commodity Division.

Following the general commodity session, those attending will break into groups for special-interest programs, all to be held in various rooms at Kellogg Center. In addition, a special luncheon meet­
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A panel of persons representing such important offices as that of the Attorney General, and asso­ciates such as the Michigan Meat Packers, will examine the meat inspection question.

Dr. Harold Riley, professor of the Agricultural Economics Department, MSU, will continue the program with a "cut-away view" of meat marketing costs.

Poultry

Those interested in poultry may attend a poultry program which is scheduled for the three-day program, November 10. Its title is "Poultry Need to Know," with Dr. Homer Styrsky, who heads the Michigan Farm Bureau's Poultry Division.

"Corn Cobs" and "Market E-X-P-A-N-S-I-O-N" are intriguing titles for presentations scheduled in the Field Crops sector, with Basil McKenzie, chairman of the Farm Bureau Field Crop Advisory Committee, in charge.

Dairy

The growing problem of milk residue will be discussed in the Dairy Conference, chaired by Robert Zeh, Michigan's Outstanding Young Farmer for the past two years, and well-known dairyman, who heads the Michigan Farm Bureau Dairy Advisory Committee.

Associate Professor Don Murray, of the Dairy Extension Department of MSU, will review the problem, while entomologist Dr. Ray Jorand will discuss how to use various pesticide materials.

G. M. Trout, professor, Food Science Department at Michigan State, will conclude the program by discussing "Your Dynamic Dairy Industry."

ELECTION

The consideration of resolutions will continue through Thurs­day, November 12, with time out for election of directors from the "even numbered" districts of the state, plus two directors "at large." Nominations will be reported Wednesday, elections Thursday, and votes Friday from 4-8 p.m., plus the "at large" positions currently held by incumbents Dean Prody and Walter Frashr.

ANNUAL BANQUET

The annual banquet program of the Michigan Farm Bureau will include the surprise crowning of "Miss Michigan Farm Bu­

reaux Commodity Division.

EXCITING 45TH ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM COMPLETE

CITIZENS IN A HANDFUL OF STATES, — could control the popular vote. The states of New York, California, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Texas, Ohio and Michigan could overshadow the rest of the United States, allowing what Madison warned against, "the tyranny of the majority . . ."

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blished. States having large masses of the population could not look with understanding and sympathe to the problems of their small and sometimes remote sister states.

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The popular vote氯rom the same principle which has led to an outright appointment of our Legislature on a strict population basis. "Do away with all minority influence," is the demand by those who propose the change.

Let the majority, and the ma­

jority alone, rule.

Just as four Michigan coun­

ties, Wayne, Genesee, Oakland and Macomb can totally domi­

nate representation in the Mich­

igan Legislature under the "pop­

ulation principle" — so, under the principle of "popular vote," a few states having a majority of the voters can dominate the choice of President. In either case, it takes only 51% of the people.

The seven large population states could control the vote — New York, California, Pennsyl­

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tion, but none have been adopted.

The view was, let each state study its own proposals, and if a better method be found, let it be considered.

Delegates to the Michigan Farm Bureau convention in 1963 suggested a constitutional amendment whereby any of the states could be voted on in a state-wide primary. The reminder for which a state is eligible would be elected from districts as determined by the State Legislature. The number of electors from the various states would not be changed from the present allot­

ment.

American government was never set up on the selfish prin­

ciples that majority, and majori­

ties alone, should gather all power to themselves. The pride of Americanism has been that it recognizes all men and considers the rights of minorities.

Even those who advocate the destruction of the electoral col­

lege often parade under the dis­

guise of "serving the people's nor­


ditions. But, let thinking people be cautioned, lest they take the disguise for the real purpose. It is the control of government by themselves that these pro­


turers seek — otherwise they would not urge the change.
Michigan farmers have strong feelings about the use of guns by intoxicated hunters and have watched with growing horror the number of hunting accidents which could be attributed in part to the use of liquor.

Last Fall, at the annual resolutions session of the Michigan Farm Bureau, they asked that the Governor call attention to the problem by discussing it publicly just prior to the opening of the new hunting season.

In line with the resolution, Governor Romney has issued a message to Michigan hunters, doing so just ahead of the opening day of the first fall hunting season. The Governor urged careful use of firearms, safety in traffic, fire prevention, and respect for property rights of landowners.

Farmers who have had trampled fields, wounded livestock and burned woodlots, are grateful for this attention to their properties.

The Governor’s message follows:

Approach of the fall hunting season reminds us once again of the diverse opportunities that outdoor Michigan affords to sportsmen. From the first of October through the end of February, both resident and visiting hunters will be reaping a harvest of game of many kinds — partridge, pheasants, deer, bear, elk, rabbits, squirrels, ducks, geese, woodcock, jackrabbit, and many more. Few states have so much variety to offer the hunter, or provide so long a period for him to enjoy his sport.

As opening day nears, I re­call to the minds of all friends of hunting the importance of gun safety and respect for property rights of landowners.

I urge, too, that hunters practice safety in driving to and from their sport. I urge that they keep in mind the main that alcohol and gunshot make a deadly mixture.

We are fortunate that the fire which necessitated emergency action a year ago appears to be a much diminished threat this fall. Still, it is simple prudence to remember that a thoughtlessly discarded match or cigarette, or a carelessly left un­doubtedly have enormous potential for destruction.

Finally, I remind all hunters of the vital need to respect the property rights of landowners.

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There will be two such ballots. November 3. One will be the non-partisan ballot for the first-time election of judges to the Court of Appeals. The other will be a referendum on a proposed change in Michigan's ballot form.

A "Yes" vote will change the present straight balloting into a "straight ticket" ballot, to an "office block" type with all candidates for the same office grouped together in one block.

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Michigan farm leaders consider roll-call votes in the U.S. House and Senate to be a form of barometer showing closely how Michigan's 19 Congressmen and two Senators represent farmers of our state.

Eight roll-call votes of interest to farm families were taken in the House of Representatives during the two sessions of the recent 88th Congress, while eleven such roll-call votes were recorded in the Senate.

U. S. SENATE

Michigan's Democratic Senators, Hart and McNamara, consistently voted against Farm Bureau's stated position on five bills.

Michigan's Republican Senators, Hart and McNamara, cancelled out each other's vote when the Senate approved the House version of a bill to extend the Mexican Labor program for one year. Farm Bureau favored passage of this bill without restrictive amendments.

Both Senators voted against passage of the controversial wheat certificate, cotton bill, which later became involved in a vote trading in the House and was passed by a close vote of 211 to 203 against the strong urging of Farm Bureau.

On other major issues such as passage of the Feed Grain Bill (four separate votes involved), the Proximate Dairy Bill (two separate key votes) and the most recent amendment to the Social Security Bill to include "Medicare" on both Senators voted against passage of this bill.

Both men voted to approve a weak appropriation amendment which Farm Bureau opposed in favor of a stronger measure.

HOUSE VOTES

A summary of roll-call votes taken in the U.S. House of Representatives on major issues of interest to Michigan farm families is equally revealing. Again, several of the same issues that faced the Senate were involved.

Prime among them was extension of the Mexican farm labor program, which Farm Bureau supported, the Administration's wheat certificate and cotton bill, and the feed grain bill, both of which Farm Bureau opposed.

Besides the bills mentioned, roll-call votes were taken on a motion to recommit the foreign aid authorization bill, a "pair" bill, and on the Administration's tax reduction bill, a domestic cotton payment program, and the Administration's "poverty" bill.

The motion on the foreign aid bill was designed to reduce foreign aid authorization by about $550 million. Farm Bureau had voted for a larger reduction, and supported the motion to recommit the bill. Later Farm Bureau supported an amendment to the foreign aid appropriations bill forbidding any guarantee by the Export-Import Bank of credit extended to Communist countries.

Farm Bureau opposed the tax reduction bill because it felt no tax cut had been earned through effective controls on federal spending.

PERFECT SCORE

On the eight roll-call votes, tied to eight separate issues on which Farm Bureau had a well-announced stand, seven of Michigan's 19 Congressmen had a perfect score from Farm Bureau's viewpoint.

Farmers' Petroleum Cooperative

Annual Meeting Set

The annual meeting of Farmers' Petroleum Cooperative will be held at Kellogg Center, on the campus of Michigan State University, Tuesday, November 24, according to Carl Heisler, FPC president. The meeting is scheduled for the hours of 10:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.

Jerry Voorhis, executive director of the Cooperative League of America, will speak at the noon luncheon. A well-known cooperative leader, Voorhis is the author of many articles and books. His subject will be "Cooperatives, new hope for the world."

The fast-growing Farmers Petroleum Cooperative was organized in 1949 to bring quality products to farmers at a savings.

In addition, the board authorized payment of the balance of earnings for the past year in 25 per cent cash, and 75 per cent patronage certificates. An additional $60,000 in interest was mailed to debenture investors in the last part of August.

The organization has interest in four separate issues involved, with one "pair" and one "no-vote" recorded. The "J-3" Club was popular then, "Horses, Hay and Hands." See above photo.

Another concern was a "no-vote" on "poverty" bill. The "J-3" Club is still in effect, but changed now to "High OCTANE, Horsepower and Hydraulic."

Costly modern farm machines demand fuels especially designed for today's high-powered tractors and equipment.

FB Services Meeting and Election

"If we are not careful, we can become as obsolete as a team of oxen." That statement by J. W. Stiles, director of Research and Development for Agway, Inc., was one among many visionary statements heard at the 55th annual meeting of Farm Bureau Services, Incorporated, October 5.

Held in Kellogg Center on the campus of Michigan State University, the big meeting attracted an estimated 550 persons, many of whom took part in the evening session appropriately spine-chilling in a cooperative fashion by F.B. Services. Michigan's general manager, St Paul Bank for Cooperatives and the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives.

Earlier in the day, General Manager Maynard Brimlee reported that the 1963-64 year was another financial success, with new record volumes established in nearly all areas.

A total dollar volume of $71,800,000 was transacted. This included grain and bean marketing, egg marketing and all farm supply sales at both the wholesale and retail levels.

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AGRI-REPORT

Stockman Links Price With Production!

What follows is an interview with David Morris, Grand Ledge, Michigan, livestock man and community leader. Morris is a member of the board of directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau, representing district 5. His farm is located in Clinton county.

QUESTION: You appear to have a good number of cattle in your lots right now, how many do you usually run?

MORRIS: Right now we are running just a bit under 800 head. We have filled our barns in the past to what may be a little over capacity with around 1,000 head, but 600 is a nice number for our set-up.

QUESTION: How are livestock prices in your opinion these days?

MORRIS: There has been an upward trend that began last May. We have these seasonal quality fluctuations in incidence of commodities. This year more in line with the prospects we might sell them for as finished cattle. This end of it looks better than the last two years we've gone through.

QUESTION: Do you think that livestock and which have been responsible in part for some of the fluctuations in livestock prices because the market really doesn't want? — Heavyweights and the like.

MORRIS: No, I don't. These things are pretty much the result of economic factors. What prices are good and the feeder is making money, he is willing to take the chance. It's a matter of time and refile his feed lots on a regular cycle to keep his production going.

During a declining price trend, the producer is reluctant to face a loss on every animal, and has a tendency to hold back, which results in heavier cattle. This may add up to an over-all tonnage that is undesirable.

But as far as deliberately pricing undesirable cuts, this does not happen. The packer pays us according to what he and the retail markets can get out of the livestock he buys. We always work to produce something that will be in demand, and which the packer will buy.

QUESTION: Obviously you are in the cattle-feeding business to stay, do you see the future appear well?

MORRIS: People enjoy nothing more than eating good meat, and when I say "good meat" I mean something that has good flavor and not a lot of waste to it. — Something they can put on the table and enjoy every day of the week. Meat has become a very noticeable part of the American diet, and what we eat and how we eat is determined by what is available. There are people who want to gain of organized labor over the past 30 years and suggest that this is the road for farmers to follow. There is a vast difference between what the American farmer has encountered and what the man who goes "down-town" to work.

There are problems that have nothing more than a dinner-bucket invented in his job. The American farmer has tied up his entire life earnings and in many cases, the earnings of generations before him.

He isn't just going to sit back and say "I'll withhold or keep off the market until you pay my price." We farmers have to consider what people need, want and are willing to pay for. That's the American way of doing business and I hope it never changes...

Two well-known Michigan broadcasters have been honored by the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives.

They are Robert Coleman, former manager of Michigan State University radio station WKKR, and Dan Covell, Farm Director of station WION, Ionia.

Both men received appreciation certificates for their contributions to rural understanding through radio.

Colman, who now serves as Executive Secretary of the Michigan Association of Broadcasters, was Director of Radio for Michigan State University for nearly a quarter-century, from 1934 to 1966. He introduced many program innovations including a regular schedule of agricultural broadcasting.

Under his direction a weekly half-hour "Farm Forum" devoted to rural educational material was started. Now in its 17th year, the program continues with the monthly cooperation of the Michigan Farm Bureau and others.

Covell's work is proof that radio continues its important role in "life on the farm," the citation read.

The awards were presented by Theodore Laurens, vice president of Michigan Milk Association, who serves as president of the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives.

Other Honors

Each year the Association also honors the cooperative most effectively using local news media. This year's award, presented to Harvey Hartwell, representing the Rural Electric Cooperative Association, was based on the greatest number of columns inches and a group of "appreciation" awards were given for service of unusual merit, including one to Leo J. Veale, who has served for 20 years on the board of McDonald Cooperative Dairy. He has been president of the cooperative for the past eight years.

Don Olson, Walter Brown, Don Armstrong, Lyman Clark, John Hall, and Martin Bauer, managers of Cass C-ops, Inc. Ypsilanti Farm Bureau Association, Buchanon C-ops, Inc., Kent City Farm Bureau, St. Johns C-ops Cooperative, and Hemlock Farmers C-ops, respectively were honored for their contribution to management-director clinic programs last year.

George Dike, chairman of the 1964 American Institute of Cooperatives annual meeting program was given an appreciation award for his work and leadership in A.I.C.
MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER BEFORE TO...

SPEAK FOR YOURSELF THROUGH MEMBERSHIP IN FARM BUREAU VOLUNTARY, STRONG—45 YEARS OF SUCCESS!

BUILD FARM BUREAU
Contrary to their nature, there's a group of women who are admitting their age — and proudly so! Who are these “daring” women? — and what is the age they admit? They're the Michigan Farm Bureau Women and they're 20 years old this November.

Their birthdate: the 25th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau in 1944. Their birthplace: Michigan State University, East Lansing. Now 20 years later, women from all parts of the state will convene at this same site to commemorate the grand occasion.

Some of the women who will gather in the M.S.U. Union Ballroom, November 10, will be those who were present at that historic meeting 20 years ago and to them, the tribute program will bring nostalgic thoughts.

To the newer and younger members, it will spark a new interest, a greater enthusiasm for growth in its 20 years.

For any birthday celebration, there must be a cake — with candles, of course, and the ladies are no exception! Lighting the candles on the cake will be the women who played a starring role in the history of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women — the state chairmen from 1944 through 1964. Each of these chairman will recall a highlight of her “reign” as she lights the number of candles signifying the years served.

So that others attending the annual meeting may have an opportunity to wish the women a “happy birthday,” a reception will be held in the parlor across the lobby from the Union Ballroom from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., November 10. All county delegations are invited.

A receiving line to greet the guests will consist of the past chairmen; the current chairman, Mrs. Wm. Scrailml; Mrs. Florence Thomas; representing the American Farm Bureau Federation; and Mrs. Marjorie Keker, former coordinator of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women’s Activities.

The Women’s annual meeting will begin with a noon luncheon in the ballroom of the Union Building. County delegations will be busy for weeks prior to this designing and preparing individual table favors for the birthday celebration.

Mrs. Frederic Garrison, of the Huron Farm Bureau Family Clubs, will be the featured speaker.

Huron Farm Bureau Family Hosts So. American Youth

You can always make room for one more, decided the Don Southworth family of Huron County, when South American, Augustin Uribe asked to spend the summer with the young farm couple and their six children. Augustin came to the United States in January and spent the summer with the young farm family. Although Augustin had never done any physical labor in his native country, he reports he “enjoys working.” He became acquainted with the Southworths while studying English at the University of Michigan.

“I LET’S HAVE ANOTHER CUP OF COFFEE” — says Ruth Hooper (left) chairman for the event and the season, Mrs. Scrailml closed her talk with Wm. Carruth’s poem extolling the beauties of rural America in the fall, “... the ripe, rich tint of the cornfields, ... the charm of the goldenrod — some of us call it autumn, and others call it God,” ...
District 6 Women Hold Fall Camp

The lowdown on narcotics, a "know your candidate" exercise, a mock wedding, a Hawaiian Luau, fellowship and fun — all this and beauty, too — the beauty of the fall season at Camp Kett.

Mrs. Florence Southworth, district chairman, assisted by each county providing a segment of the program.

Lapeer County presented a mock wedding. St. Clair conducted a get-acquainted game; Tuscola staged a Hawaiian Luau in cooperation with Consumers Power. Huron led the vesper services, and Sanilac participated in a Roll-Call skit.

Mrs. Elly Peterson, candidate for the United States Senate, appeared before the ladies to make a few comments and answer questions. Senator Hart was also invited to be on the program but was unable to participate.

Again this year, the Michigan Farm Bureau Women find themselves well-represented on the important Resolutions Committee, which will submit policy resolutions to the voting delegates at the MFB annual meeting on November 10-11-12.

Mrs. Ben Bongraf, Hudsonville; Mrs. Jerold Topliff, Eaton Rapids, and Mrs. Eugene DeMaille, West Branch, represent the Women on the committee charged with the job of reading and closely examining all resolutions submitted to it by the 71 county Farm Bureau organizations of the state.

The committee meets several times prior to annual meeting to hear from resource people, and long hours are spent in checking the resolutions and referring them to various subcommittees.

Mrs. Bongraf, chairman of the Ottawa County Farm Bureau Women serves on the Conservation, and National and International Affairs subcommittees.

The vice-chairman of the State Women's Committee, Mrs. Jerold Topliff, was appointed to the Taxation and Education, and the Bylaws and Internal Affairs subcommittees.

Safety Study Presented to Governor

Four months of study, frequent meetings and hard work on the part of some 240 Michigan people representing all walks of life, has resulted in a complete study of one of our state's biggest problems — traffic safety.

Serving on the Governor's Traffic Safety Study Committee, as a representative of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women, was Mrs. Anton Hoot of Portland. She reports that among the many recommendations which have been presented to Governor Romney are:

- the Farm Bureau-endorsed "implied consent" legislation for driver's licenses, the point system to include 16-year-olds, and more State Police.

Governor's Regional Safety Conferences, open to the public, are scheduled throughout the state during the next few weeks. When the Governor presents the report to the Legislature, committee members and other interested people are urged to encourage representatives and senators to consider the recommendations contained in the study.
The city became a prime target of the British as the cradle of the American revolution. It suffered capture and occupation for many months. Nearby, General George Washington and his rag-tag army starved the winter through at Valley Forge.

Philadelphia rings with the voice of American history.

There, in Philadelphia, Benjamin Franklin set up his printing press and started the first fire brigades, experimented with electricity and invented lightning rods and the Franklin stove.

American farmers will gather in Philadelphia, December 7-10, for the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation, much as the small group of determined men who signed the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia nearly 200 years ago. Modern farmers will shape their future by hammering out their own "declarations of independence in policy resolution sessions.

Michigan Farm Bureau members will join men-of-the-soil from all States of our Union in doing this. Earlier, those attending the important meeting will have had a chance to visit another historic city — Washington D.C.

LOYALTY IS TO SHAREHOLDERS, NOT TO DAIRY FARMERS*

*Who is the first to lose, and LOSS the MOST, if the milk market decreases? Obviously, it's the dairy farmer... he has 95% of the investment in the dairy business.

American dairy farmers are supporting the American Dairy Association's total promotion program. Those who don't are missing the opportunity to help themselves.

A great majority of Michigan's dairy farmers are supporting the American Dairy Association's total promotion program. Those who don't are missing the opportunity to help themselves.

Heritage Tour

Special arrangements have been made through Farm Bureau's Travel Service for those attending the American Farm Bureau convention to join groups from Indiana and Wisconsin in pre-convention sightseeing around our nation's capital.

Tentative plans now call for the Michigan delegation to board a train at Detroit at 5:30 in the afternoon of Friday, December 4. The following morning at 8:30 the Michigan group will arrive in Washington, breakfasting at the Washington and transfer to the train station before beginning the day of sightseeing.

Planned are stops at the Capital, US National Cemetery and a trip to Washington's home at Mount Vernon. The group will lunch together at historic Alexandria.

The Michigan delegation will stay at the Willard Hotel, near the White House. In the evening a special banquet for the three state delegations will be held, followed by an educational and entertainment program.

The morning of Sunday, December 6, will be left free for attendance at church. At 11:00 a.m. the groups will transfer from their hotel to the rail station, leaving Washington by Pennsylvania Railroad, arriving in Philadelphia for transfer to hotels at 2:00 in the afternoon.

There will be ample time to attend the American Farm Bureau Federation Vesper Services, scheduled late in the afternoon.

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Cost Details

The tour, as described, MINUS COST OF HOTEL IN PHILA-
DELPHIA, at the Willard Hotel, is $82.39 per person.

Included in the cost is rail coach transportation, pillows for all passengers enroute; baggage handling throughout trip; transfers in Washington, Philadelphia; sightseeing in Washington; luncheon in Alexandria and the banquet dinner in Washington.

NOTE: Your convention hotel reservations to Philadelphia must be made through Farm Bureau, since each state is pre-assigned a limited number of rooms.

For reservations and information contact:

Farm Bureau Travel Service
Information Division
Michigan Farm Bureau
4000 North Grand River Ave.
Lansing, Michigan
"We'll Beat You!"

"We will be first to reach our county Farm Bureau membership goal — that's the boast of Mr. James Quisenberry, live-wear Holl-county Farm Bureau membership challenger "put it in writing."

To make sure that everyone is aware of the challenge, the couple will re-state it in person during the Roll-Call "Benevolence" dinner-session scheduled for the first night of the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting, November 10.

Ground rules for the contest, as outlined by Mr. and Mrs. Quisenberry, include limiting the territory to the lower peninsula and the requirement that the challenger "put it in writing."

"No time limit . . . just 'We'll be first!'."

How's that for confidence?

Any takers — in writing?

Robert Briggs

"The new eight-member state Board of Education, established by the new Constitution, will have an important effect on Michigan people," according to Robert (Bob) Briggs, of Jackson, a candidate for one of the seats. Briggs is Executive Vice President of Consumers Power Company. He is a former teacher, faculty member and Vice President of the University of Michigan.

Michigan Farm Bureau

We're tillers of the soil, We're livestock raisers too Poultry . . . produce . . . fruit . . . Food for all of you. Together we progress, Working problems out. So here we pledge our firm belief and loyally we shout: (Chorus)

Our policies begin in grass-roots so they say; Counties got them next And they are on their way. Our State Convention votes With firm and thoughtful voice, Then members at A.F.F.B. Proclaim our farmers' choice. (Chorus)

We pray that God above, Will be with us each hour Keeping us good citizens Well mindful of His Power. Though but this mighty land With mind and hand and heart We'll work to keep our country strong and always do our part.

CHORUS:

Michigan Farm Bureau . . . Works for us each day, 'Cause we are a member team; We get things done O-kay, hey! In Michigan Farm Bureau, Stronger we have grown, Thus we do together what we cannot do alone.

Says ELMER N. BUFFINGTON, Milleville, Illinois, Winner of Feedlot Magazine National Beef Feeder Award

"I'm a great believer in concrete. Back in 1937 when I was renting, I laid my first concrete feedlot out of my own pocket.

"Today, we have nine paved feeding areas on our 260-acre farm and feed out 750 to 1,000 head of cattle a year. We couldn't handle anything like this without concrete. Otherwise, we'd need much more land—an expensive resource around here.

"It's easy to see how concrete pays off right from the start. Cattle make better daily gains, stay cleaner. We save valuable manure for irrigation, too.

"For more information on paved lots, write for free booklets. (U.S. and Canada only)

"Paved feedlots are essential for feeding steers in close confinement!"

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THE MARK OF A MODERN FARM . . .

McGhan Farm Bureau

Has Own "Theme Song"

For last year's annual meeting, Mrs. Claudys Ames of Genesee County wrote a "Michigan Farm Bureau Song." It was well-received by the attending delegates and visitors, and during the next several months, Mrs. Ames received many requests from people who "heard she had a song."

In response to these requests, we print "Michigan Farm Bureau" for possible use in community and county meetings. The tune used for this song is the familiar "Jingle Bells."

Recently, Mrs. Ames has turned her talents toward writing a special song for the Farm Bureau Women's birthday celebration on November 10. Titled, "Women of Farm Bureau," it will be released on that date.

10,000 Potato Acres Wanted!

A new, $2,000,000 potato processing plant is being built near Greenville, Michigan, by "Ore-Ida" Foods, Inc. This firm, which operates plants in Oregon and Idaho, is one of the largest and best known processors of potato and vegetable products.

The new plant has great promise of boosting the Michigan potato industry. Besides creating jobs for 300 plant workers, company officials predict that 10,000 additional acres of Michigan-grown potatoes will be needed to supply their facility.

Contracts are now being written with growers for production of 1965 crop potatoes. The company prefers the Russet-Burbank variety although they are considering the use of our more commonly grown round white variety.

The company plans to have their 60,000 square foot Greenville plant under roof before winter, and ready for operation to handle potatoes from next year's crop. Farmers interested in growing potatoes for processing can get information about contract possibilities by writing Ore-Ida officials at their headquarters in the First State Bank building in Grandville.

Ore-Ida Food selected Michigan because of the closeness of markets and the availability of quality potato soil. They had first considered possible plant sites in Wisconsin and the Red River Valley of the North.
AGRICULTURE IN ACTION AROUND MICHIGAN

PART OF THE CROWD

THE BALLROOM WAS FILLED at Kellogg Center when Farm Bureau Services' annual meeting was held in the forepart of October. Luncheon speaker J. W. Stiles of “Agway, Incorporated” talked on the topic of “agricultural obsolescence.” He warned farmers and farm leaders that “we can become as obsolete as a team of oxen.”

MACMA MOVES APPLES

WORKING WELL INTO THE NIGHT, Robert Broden, Field Services Director for the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association (MACMA), directs the flow of tons of members' apples to their highest market value use. Night-time calls found busy apple growers at home instead of out in their orchards.

"SOME PUMPKINS . . .""

BIG MAX . . . a new huge pumpkin, developed by the W. Atlee Burpee Company is examined by "Widge" Burpee. Big Max averages 100 pounds in weight and up to six feet in circumference.

A D.A. PROVIDES MILK

U. S. OLYMPIC Swim Team members relax with milk at Olympic Village, Tokyo. Second from left is Cynthia Gayle, Detroit. The Milk Bar is sponsored by U. S. dairy farmers through the American Dairy Association.

CHAMPION TROPHIES FROM FB INSURANCE

GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS IN THE FAT STOCK COMPETITION—at the Saginaw Fair, received “Farm Bureau Insurance” award-trophies presented by Jim Erskine (right) Farm Bureau Insurance Agency Manager for Bay and Saginaw counties. Lee Breasbois, Merrill, Michigan, is pictured with his Grand Champion Hereford. John Zelinko, St. Charles, had the Reserve Champion. Erskine expects to continue the practice of presenting trophies to award-winning stock owners in the future. He is joined in the venture by Agents Ernest Stimpfl, Norbert Forbes, Spencer Bartlett, Richard Wenzel and Walter Trinklein.
Exciting 4-H Contest Feature

Again, the Michigan Farm Bureau and affiliated companies have joined in sponsoring one of the most exciting contests held each year as part of the State 4-H Show.

The “Model Business Meeting” competition is an important, popular part of the four-day show, and participants spend months grooming for the event. In the contest, 4-H “teams” conduct a sample business meeting. Parliamentary procedure, business techniques and other usual parts of a regular 4-H meeting are displayed before a panel of judges.

When the contest was first held in the Senior Division, a team from Washtenaw County won. Now the Junior Division of the “Model Business Meeting” demonstration, part of the recent state 4-H Show, is held on the campus of Michigan State University. It was won against strong competition from all parts of the state.

WASHTENAW 4-H WINNERS—take first place honors in the Senior Division of the “Model Business Meeting” demonstration at the recent state 4-H Show, the Michigan Farm Bureau and affiliated companies provided the awards given to these entrants.

WAYNE COUNTY TEAM—takes top honors in the Junior Division of the “Model Business Meeting” demonstration at the annual 4-H Show, held on the campus of Michigan State University. They won against strong competition from all parts of the state.

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THIRTEEN

46th Annual AFBF Program

For the 46th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation, December 6-10, is to be held at the Masonic Temple, the convention program will be dedicated to the philosophy and spirit that prevailed in this city in 1778 when the Constitution was drafted there. Guest speakers have been chosen to speak on the role and responsibility of each branch of our federal government, Executive, Legislative and Judicial.

Acceptance has been received from Senator Allen J. Ellender, (D) Louisiana, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, who will speak at the general session, Tuesday, December 8, as a representative of the Legislative branch of government.

Governor William Scranton of Pennsylvania will deliver a wel- come address to the convention delegates on the opening session of the convention on Tuesday morning, December 8.

Final consideration and adoption of legislation by the voting delegates will come Thursday morning, December 10.
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MICHIGAN STATE INSTITUTIONS

DISCUSSION TOPIC

County regulations are not uniform in inspection of meat. Michigan farmers lose many markets. The Michigan market alone consumes $150 million worth of livestock per year. Thirty-five percent is locally inspected, in one way or another. About 25% of the meat sold in Michigan is not inspected. It is often difficult to dispose of diseased meat, either as a part of the problem. Such inspection work is a service properly calling for the use of public funds. It is a service properly calling for the use of public funds.

State institutions do not have uniform inspection of meat from other states. These institutions require federal regulation, which is a part of the problem. It is a service properly calling for the use of public funds. It is a service properly calling for the use of public funds.

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You Gain Seven Ways with Farm Bureau’s...

...Poultry Profit Package

To meet the needs of today’s poultryman, Farm Bureau Services offers you the most complete poultry program available in Michigan. Everything needed for profitable egg production: guaranteed building, equipment, birds and feed, all of which may be financed; a guaranteed market for your quality eggs; management assistance by trained Farm Bureau Services personnel; modern record keeping materials and training; and we even take care of the sale of your old birds.

Decades of agricultural experience and service to the farmers of Michigan; research farms across the country; two modern feed mills, with quality control as their watchword; plus five years of public acceptance of Farm Bureau Services egg marketing program all are combined to give you the greatest opportunity ever offered to Michigan poultrymen. The package can be yours...see your local Farm Bureau Services dealer tomorrow!

Wayne Playford, Farm Bureau Services flock supervisor, discusses bird health with poultryman Alvin Appold, owner of a 73 acre farm near Bay City.

SAYS: Mr. Appold: “I’ve been using Farm Bureau feeds for the past ten years and the results have been tops. I have 5430 DeKalb birds in cages. Last year the hen housed average was 253 eggs, in 14 months from 20 weeks of age. My feed conversion was 4.2 lbs. feed per dozen eggs with a 14.9c feed cost.”

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MARKETING
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Above, Agents Bob Balzer and Harry Steele of Tuscola County discuss new Annuity contracts just introduced by Farm Bureau Life

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The reason is a new line of Annuities which can guarantee you a monthly income for as long as you live. With an Annuity, you receive maximum return on your retirement savings.

Your Farm Bureau Agent will plan an Annuity specifically for your financial needs — whether you're retired now or saving for the future. He knows a good thing when he sees it. He has reason to be excited.