

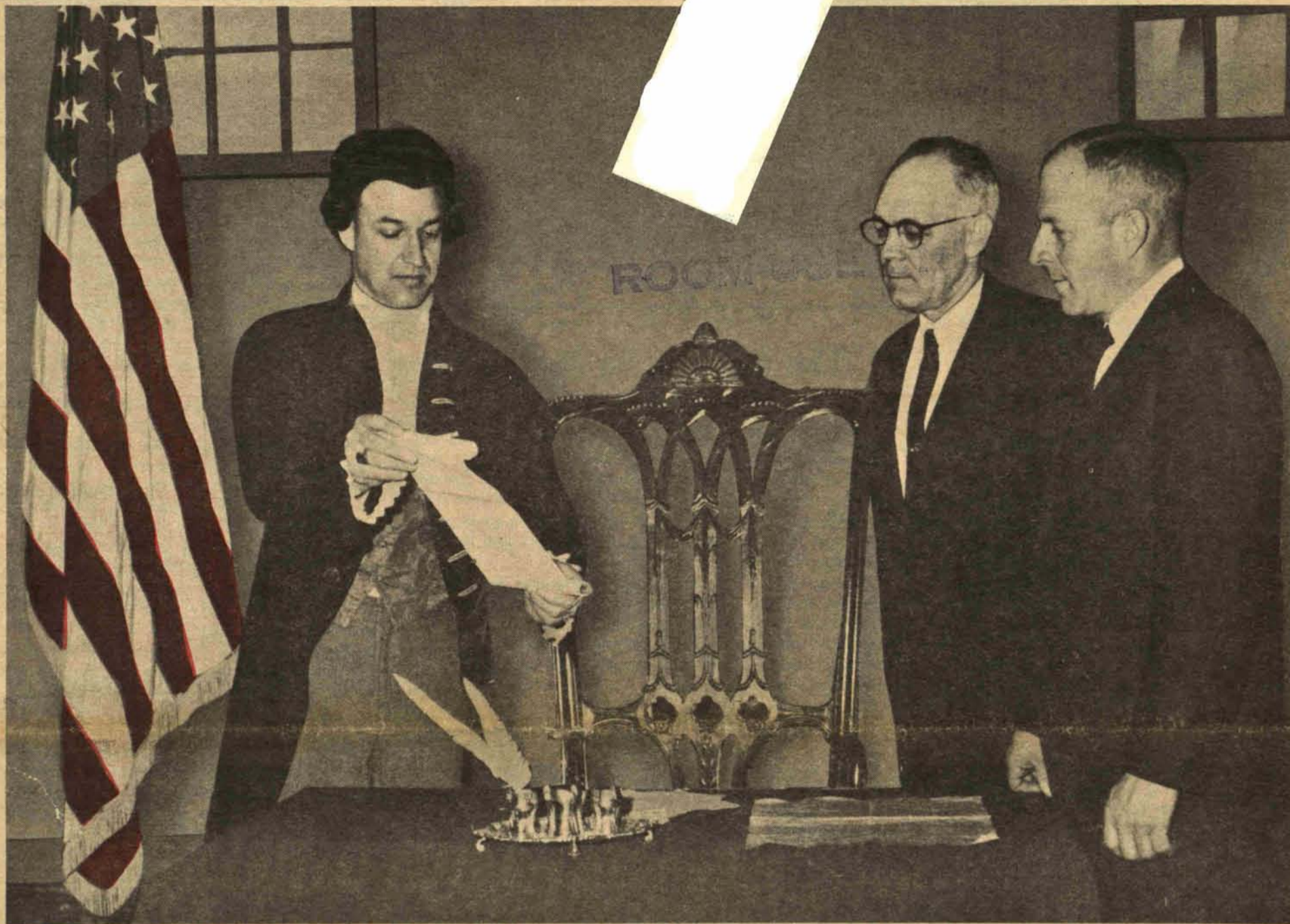
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IN INDEPENDENCE HALL — Philadelphia, "James Madison" shows a freedom scroll to J. Delbert Wells and Dean Pridgeon. The Declaration of Independence was signed at this desk which, along with the pen set, is original. George Washington sat in the chair when he convened the first Continental Congress. Looking at the sunburst design on the chair's back, Benjamin Franklin said: "I now have the

happiness to know that it is a rising and not a setting sun." Pridgeon (right) is chairman of the Michigan Farm Bureau Citizenship Committee. Wells (center) staffs citizenship activities. Fitted out as Madison is Ward Cooper, former Michigan staff member now with the American Farm Bureau. Earlier, Cooper joined other AFBF Staff in staging an impressive Annual Meeting patriotic pageant.

"The Truth Shall Make You Free"

A program which promises to be as local as a township election and as global as a review of world trouble spots, has been arranged for the two-day Farm Bureau "Freedom Conference." "Freedom through Information" has been adopted as conference theme.

The popular conference has again been scheduled for the Student Center of Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, February 11-12. Although designed primarily for Farm Bureau members and their friends, the two-day and evening affair is open to the general public.

Registration at the Student Center begins at 9:00 on February 11, with the formal meeting slated to begin an hour later continuing through 4:00 p.m. An evening program has been scheduled for the first day.

"Is the Far-East worth the cost?" That question will be examined by Dr. Walter Judd, former U. S. Congressman from Minnesota. Judd once served as a Medical Missionary to China, and suffered imprisonment by the Communists more than 30 years ago.

An outspoken critic of American foreign policy in the Far East, Judd will be heard both in forenoon and afternoon sessions of the first day.

Climaxing the evening session will be a pictorial report of Castro's Cuban Dictatorship, presented by J. Perez Sabido, a refugee from Communist terrorism.

According to J. Delbert Wells, manager of the Family Program Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau and conference coordinator, goals for the event include presenting a broad background on foreign affairs, specifically on areas of Communist activities in Cuba and the Far East. Locally, the program is aimed at strengthening government through personal political activity and effective work in the political party of each person's choice.

Along these lines will be a presentation by a member of the Lansing Exchange Club, "A Civic Club speaks out on Freedom." In other sessions the importance of our two-party system will be examined, along with the question of why pressure groups are important to American politics. A three-part group session will provide a close look at voting machines and how they work, versus the paper ballot; precinct work, "Where elections are won or lost" and an analysis of what a county political party Chairman expects of citizens interested in the party.

Another popular speaker will be D. Hale Brake, outstanding authority on local government and director of the education division of the Michigan Association of Supervisors. His topic will be training programs for local government.

The sessions conclude with an appraisal of "our job — this year," both in the legislature and in the local political action field, followed by the admonishment, "Go home — go to work."

Montcalm First Mackinac-Luce is Second

As enthusiastically predicted Last November, the Montcalm County Farm Bureau has become first in the state to reach membership goal, continuing an unbroken goal-winning streak begun three years ago.

At the MFB annual meeting in November, Montcalm officials challenged all other counties of the Lower Peninsula to a goal-race, which on January 13 they won as predicted, after a close race with Newaygo county. Meanwhile, Mackinac-Luce, in the Upper Peninsula, became number-two statewide, to reach goal.

Montcalm volunteer workers wrote 107 new members and re-signed 855 "old" members to reach a goal of 962. They were led to victory by Roll-Call Manager Mrs. James (Audrey) Quisenberry, who is quick to point out that total teamwork did the job.

"This membership campaign proved again and again that Farm Bureau is a cooperative, family affair. Women did chores while their men worked on the drive, and some husbands got their own meals while the women worked.

"Why, some of our teams are still out working. Things are going so well that although we have reached goal, we just can't turn it off," Mrs. Quisenberry said.

Editorial

Fight Goes On

"What has Farm Bureau done for me?"

How would you answer that question, knowing that those who ask it really mean "what has Farm Bureau done for me lately, — or right now?"

Somehow in today's fast thinking, fast moving society, it has become common to make light of past accomplishments, even while their effects reach out from the past into our daily lives.

But is any fight ever over?

Michigan farmers have won many important fights in the 45 years since they first pooled their strength through Farm Bureau. The returns on these time-and-money investments continue to pour in, even though many of the benefits are now taken for granted.

Yet all such benefits bear only temporary "grants" — one year at a time. It is an unusual year when someone in authority fails to suggest that they be removed.

Farmers exemption from paying the sales tax on farm production supplies and equipment is a good example. This was the result of a successful Farm Bureau fight way back in 1935 and some people joke about Farm Bureau's taking credit for it now. How can Farm Bureau continue to take credit for something that happened thirty years ago?

The big error lies in assuming the exemption is now as certain as sunlight in August. It isn't.

What if the exemption did save farmers \$1,877,000 per year in the 1930's? Should we overlook the fact that Farm Bureau support for the same exemption has continued through the years, and that farmers now save three times as much in 1965?

It is no secret that each year members of the legislature and tax people search for more sources of revenue. A legislative "Ways and Means" Committee is exactly that, and one of the ways sometimes suggested to get more money is by the means of removing the tax exemption from farm production items.

It is a popular thought, and legislative apportionment which has brought nearly 80 new faces into the current legislature, may make it more popular. Instead of something permanent and having to do only with past history, the farm sales-tax exemption is as current as this year's legislature. Farmers must help Farm Bureau protect it with their strong membership strength and support, if they are to keep it for future years.

In much the same manner modern farmers must continue to defend themselves against increases in property taxes. One old issue concerned increasing property taxes for road building purposes. Last year that idea was modernized when suggestions kept popping up to raise more funds for highways. Some people had an "inspiration," — they proposed to let the state tax property again.

More property taxes! That's all farmers need.

Is any fight ever over?

Some of the most dramatic farm battles are just beginning. A good example is in the area of farm income. What can Farm Bureau do to improve prices farmers get for what they produce? Farm Bureau's MACMA did it for apple growers in 1964, — can this kind of success be applied to other commodities?

Michigan's 1964 processing apple crop was an 18½ million bushel whopper and promised to bring with it a sure price-bust. But Farm Bureau's "Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association" had built an effective Processing Apple division, and growers used it. Together they gained prices equal to, or better than those paid in 1963 when the crop came to only 12 million bushels.

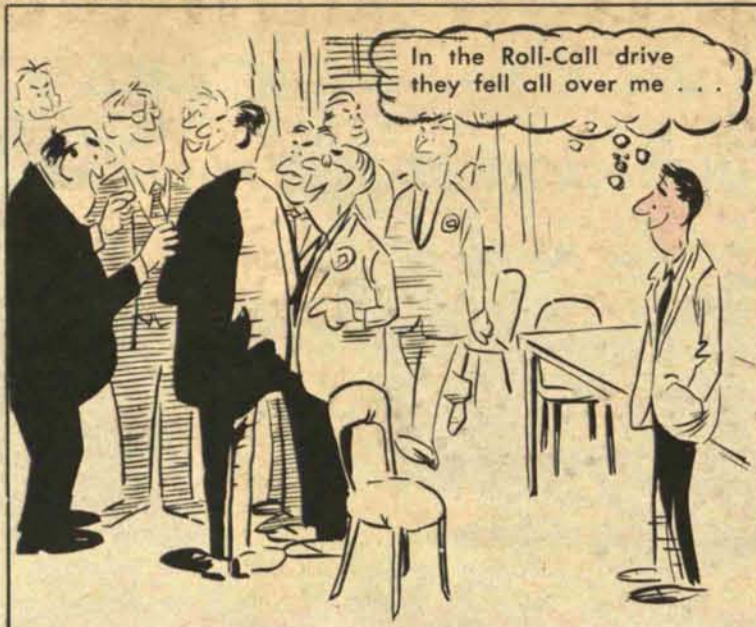
Fifteen years ago there was a much-quoted expression among Farm Bureau members, "We have not yet found out how much we can actually do if we just get together and do it!"

Those folks had a clear picture of how an organization as such, is helpless to do things. Organizations don't do anything.

People do it, — through it.

M.W.

IS FARM BUREAU LIKE THIS?



The Membership Committee that works like blazes on a prospect, — then lets him shift for himself! (George Wolfe cartoon, and idea, "lifted" from the "Kiwani's Scene.")

The Need to be Needed

It is good to feel wanted.

Perhaps as many people have joined Farm Bureau because their friends and neighbors convinced them that they were needed than for any other reason. Being human most of us want to belong. Even the cynical hold-out who refuses to join in with the crowd, often does so because he wants to be begged. Along with the begging he gets attention so desperately craved.

Just as there is a warm feeling that comes from being wanted, there is equal satisfaction from being used. Those who study human nature say that to make a friend, use him. Not the grasping Simon Legree type of usage which consumes friendship, but the kind of use which allows a person to develop and grow and which enhances his own importance.

How well does Farm Bureau rate on this score?

In many counties and communities the record is excellent. Some Farm Bureau leaders seem instinctively to create opportunities for others to gain satisfaction from serving. Almost always these are the county Farm Bureaus that also grow because they serve their members so well.

At the other end of the scale there are those who invite people to join Farm Bureau and then proceed to ignore them after having convinced them how badly they were needed.

Whose responsibility is it to make new members welcome? To extend to them the "right hand of fellowship" and also to give them the privilege of helping to build the organization which they have joined?

The job of proving to new members how badly they are needed, belongs to all members of Farm Bureau and especially those in positions of leadership. It is the job of the board of directors, the officers of each local Community Group and those who make up committees. It is the job of those who plan the picnics and the annual meetings, who arrange and do the work of Farm Bureau Women, — legislation, information, and membership.

It is a special responsibility of the membership committee, for there is no sight more sorry than to observe those who work on membership now ignore a new member upon whom they had worked like blazes during Roll-Call, only to let him shift for himself after joining.

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President's Column

Tough Problems

I wish that I could pass along to every member the "lift" that I got from being one of your delegates to the American Farm Bureau Convention in Philadelphia last December.

It is a real inspiration to watch such a group of capable and dedicated men go to work on a tough problem. And the farm program is rough.

These men know that a lot can ride on ideas they consider and decisions they make. If they get what they ask, the prosperity of American farms and farm families is at stake! So, they have to be positive and practical. And they have to be right!

Farm Bureau leaders at the convention went to work on bills to present to the 1965 session of Congress drafting a positive farm program.

It would be impossible to state the detail of those proposed bills in this short article. But we can sketch the direction in which they were aiming. You can rest assured of one thing, these men were farmers that set up the goals for the program. The main target in their sights was the improvement of per-family farm incomes. They were interested in building better markets at home and abroad.

We need to understand the point from which they approached this goal. They believe that the income problems of the American farmer can never be solved without taking account of sound market economics.

American agriculture will simply continue to be in trouble when government programs persist in throwing agricultural production out of balance with market needs and actual consumption.

Government can serve a positive role today, if it will, in helping to bridge the gap between where we are and where we must get if markets are to yield good incomes for farmers. We must abolish programs which encourage and stimulate the production of un-needed surpluses. Misuse of these surpluses has become a roadblock to good farm incomes. And real markets need to be expanded at home and abroad to use the production of our farms.

The Farm Bureau delegates' approach holds that farmers can earn the highest real incomes when they have the right and opportunity to use their land, capital and labor according to a proper management plan for the individual farm.

No sweeping program of regulations and controls will consider the needs of the individual farm, its financing problems, its best cropping potential or its production for local marketing needs and conditions.

The bills which Farm Bureau introduces in Congress will keep these important matters in mind. They would put an end to wheat allotments and the present feed grain program, and call for properly working provisions to reduce cropland use. Under this plan, all grains would be put on the same program basis.

It would abolish "historic bases, yield factors, minimum allotments" and the like. There would be no limitations on individual farm operations except those required where land is voluntarily retired under the program.

All farmers would be entirely free to use their non-committed land as they chose, except for crops under marketing quotas. The object is to restore our farms to efficient production planning in relation to competitive markets which can yield maximum returns through prices which are permitted to improve.

The Farm Bureau program would give farmers protection from the price depressing practice of dumping government stocks on the market. Under our program, these stocks would not be released for less than 125% of the prevailing support levels, plus reasonable carrying charges, except where such sales are offset by purchases from the open market.

Numerous other provisions were included, but these give the core of the approach. Our delegates do not believe that our government should sell the American farmer short and destroy future opportunity on the American farm.

E. S.

Membership Roll-Call Nears Goal...

State at 62,000 Mark

Maintaining an over-all membership lead ahead of last year at this time, the 1965 Michigan Farm Bureau membership "Roll-Call" figure now stands above the 62,000 farm family mark, according to Glenn Sommerfeldt, manager of the Field Services Division.

Three counties have reached or topped their 1965 goals, led by Montcalm, closely followed by Mackinac-Luce and Newaygo, in that order.

Statewide, renewals and total memberships continue to run substantially ahead of last year, reports Sommerfeldt, who stresses the importance of writing more new members in "agriculture's most effective farm organization," to assure an even greater effectiveness.

In the Upper Peninsula, heavy snows and a record low temperature in one instance (52 degrees below zero), have not chilled membership enthusiasm, according to Hugo Kivi, Regional Representative. Kivi points to the record 95% renewal of last year's membership in Mackinac-Luce as one indication that counties of the "U.P." will again be heavily represented among the "top ten" of the state.

A growing list of county Farm Bureaus, now above the 90% of goal mark, vie for "goal busting" positions at this writing. Included are Alcona, Alpena, Benzie, Cass, Cheboygan, Charlevoix, Ionia, Lapeer, Manistee, Missaukee, North West Michigan, Oceana, Sanilac, Tuscola, Washtenaw and Wayne.

Last-minute reports indicate that these additional countries are also at, or above the 90% of goal mark: Bay, Clinton, Gratiot, Gladwin, Midland and Saginaw.

State-wide enthusiasm continues high as success reports mount. Typical is the work of Ronald Motz of Clinton county, who made five contacts one recent afternoon, resulting in five new members signed.

COUNTY REPORTS

"It can be done, and we're doing it," that's the opinion of Sanilac county Roll-Call manager, Mrs. Leonard Wiswell. Each new member receives a Farm Bureau "stop" sign, installed at the end of their driveway by Insurance Agents Dave Bondt and Lee Staser.

"We gained goal by having a plan, and working that plan," reports Mrs. Arthur Muir in explaining her Newaygo county Roll-Call goal-victory. Roll-Call chairman, Mrs. Muir signed 15 of 56 new members written.

She and her membership committee of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Huisjen and Miss Ann Becker, promise a prize to the Community Group writing the most new members. Miss Becker has signed enough members to start a new Community Group.

Membership workers are buzzing around Ottawa county, where Earl Spoor has signed up 10 new members; Ken Willard, 7; and Ted DeJonge and Gerrit Elzinga both 5 new members each.

Huron county has four Community groups which earned awards for 100% membership renewal. They are the groups of Middletown, Hayes, "Friendly Neighbors" and Mud Creek.

Volunteers in Saginaw, the state's largest membership county, are fast closing in on a goal of



FIRST TO GOAL—Montcalm county president, Herman Rader (center) is enthusiastically congratulated by Farm Bureau staff members at Farm Bureau Center. He attributed Montcalm's victory to an "early start, aimed at just one thing—going over the top." Giving the Victory sign (left) is Robert Smith. Others are J. Delbert Wells, Family Program manager, and L. A. Cheney, secretary, Michigan Association of Farmer Co-ops.

2,738 members, with workers out everywhere, really covering the field, at last report.

Paul Friedenstab, Lapeer county dairy farmer and chairman of the Almont Community Group, arrived at the county board meeting early in January with four new Farm Bureau memberships garnered in one day of work.

Although handicapped by a full schedule of farm work, plus a serious family illness that caused much time spent away from home, Paul has continued to be the Farm Bureau Roll-Call "sparkplug" for his part of the county. Mrs. Friedenstab who

represents the Almont group on the county Farm Bureau Women's Committee has also been a stalwart supporter of Farm Bureau work.

A Montcalm county man, Earl Herzog, has written 21 new members in 1964-65; to bring him a four-year average of 15 new members per year. This is above all the renewals he brings in.

Earl went to one place eight times before getting their membership, four times no one was home, but four other times he talked Farm Bureau. On the eighth call, a new Farm Bureau family membership was added to the growing Montcalm county list.

They Know Why...



CAROLYN PFIESTER—serves some of that good milk from the Pfister herd to the menfolk of her family, Ronnie and Roger. The Pfiesters were representatives from Ingham county at the recent Young Farmer conference, sponsored by the Michigan Farm Bureau and affiliated companies.

Although they are comparatively new Farm Bureau members, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Pfister, R#3 Williamston—are a young farm couple who know why they belong to Farm Bureau. Their beliefs in the need for an organized agriculture are reflected in everything they do on their 375 acre dairy and general farm in Ingham county.

The Pfiesters rely upon the Michigan Farm Bureau to effectively represent them in the legislature and in Washington. They use Farm Bureau Insurance. They depend upon the Michigan Livestock Exchange for cattle sales and they use the Michigan Elevator Exchange division of Farm Bureau Services for sale of grain.

Further, they make it plain that they would support the idea of Farm Bureau buying controlling interest in a major food-market chain in order to gain more recognition in the retail market. "This segment of our food industry has been gaining too much control of our farm income," they say.

When asked why they have joined Farm Bureau, their replies are forcefully direct. "Farm Bureau represents my own thinking," says Roger. "It believes in letting farmers such as myself solve our own problems. I am bitterly

opposed to government control. These are a detriment to the agriculture of this nation and against democratic principles. Farm Bureau is one of the few organizations applying brakes to a general national trend toward socialism."

The Pfiesters feel that other than the obvious business opportunities they gain through use of Farm Bureau affiliates, they also gain the opportunity to "throw our weight in the direction of our own thinking."

Mrs. Pfister (Carolyn) said that Farm Bureau appears to be the only farm organization whose actions are based on the principles of democracy and the free-enterprise system upon which our country was founded.

"Farm Bureau works continuously to get things done, and does not blow its horn without action-accomplishment—as do some other farm organizations," she said.

Young Farm Leaders Explain Why They Joined



JERRY AND ANN SIETSEMA—are Grand Rapids area fruit growers. "We are enthusiastic about Farm Bureau and appreciate the services it has to offer. In this day and age it is important to have a voice in government and we feel there is no more effective way than through membership in Farm Bureau."



ROBERT AND ANN WENKEL—are nearly newly-weds, having been married less than a year. In a way they are new to Farm Bureau too, although Robert's father and brothers have been members for some years. With his brother, Robert farms in the Saginaw valley. They consider Farm Bureau an important tool in their farming business.



GEORGE AND JANET SCHNIERLE—operate a fifty-cow dairy near Ann Arbor. Both have been active in Farm Bureau Young People's work. "Why do I belong to Farm Bureau?—because of the things we can do, not only legislatively, but in special service areas such as insurance, farm supplies, and many more."



FRANK AND MARCIA GRINSTEINER, of Stephenson, in Menominee county, are dairy farmers with four children. Telling how he first became a Farm Bureau member, Frank said: "The more I found out about Farm Bureau, the more I knew we had better belong. One of the main things I like is the legislative program."

Young Farm Couples Learn Together

Story and Photographs
By Charles Bailey

The theme was "Farm Bureau and its Affiliates," the participants were twenty-five young farm couples from Michigan; this was Michigan Farm Bureau's 1965 Young Leaders' Conference.

As part of its continuing program to inform and build leadership, Farm Bureau invited these outstanding young folks to come to Lansing and spend two and one-half days studying their own organization, January 5-7.

Arriving at Kellogg Center late in the first afternoon, participants spent the early evening getting acquainted with each other and with the internal organization of Farm Bureau.

As one wife remarked, "I was full up to here with details after that first evening, but I needed it all to understand what I saw later."

Members of the Michigan Farm Bureau staff, led by Secretary-Manager Clarence Prentice, presented a comprehensive report of the various departments and services performed by the total organization. Questions from the group led to further clarification of relationships and services within Farm Bureau. One of the highlights of this first evening was getting together and comparing notes on crops, friends, and of course, children.

A group breakfast the next morning gave staff and leaders more time to become better acquainted before taking off on a busy day of study and visiting.

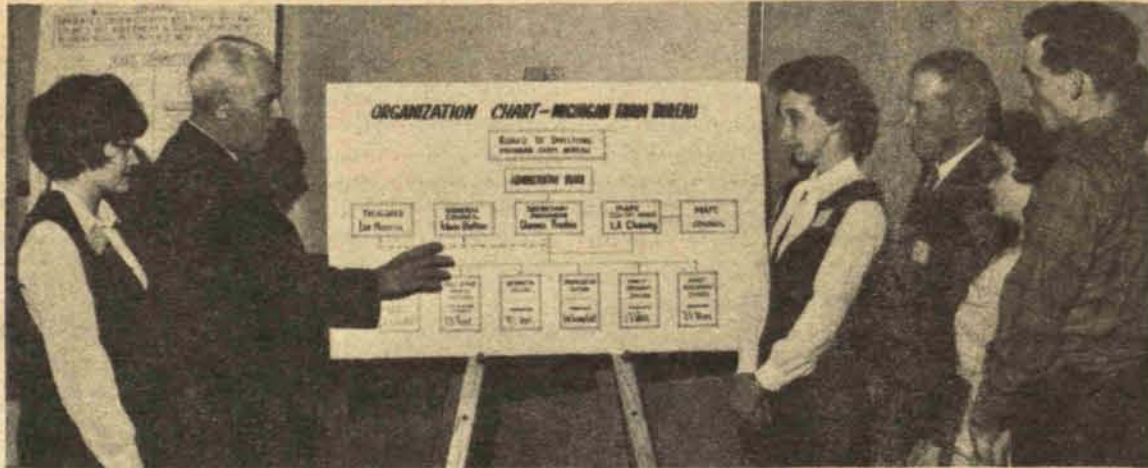
Before noon, Farm Bureau Services personnel had outlined their many services available to Farm Bureau members, while those from Farmers Petroleum Cooperative briefed everyone on these areas of operation. After

a group luncheon with no speakers, the group loaded into cars and buses for the tour of service facilities in the Saginaw Valley Area.

First stop was the refinery where fuels, oils and other petroleum products are produced for Farmers Petroleum. Every one got a first-hand look at the elaborate quality-control system operated by the refinery to assure farmers only the best.

As they drove through the plant, several people asked to see a "cat cracker" (catalytic crude oil "cracking" unit), others were amazed to learn that the oil industry is a major producer of sulphur. The guide explained that sulphur in fuels and oil are detrimental and that better refineries remove it during processing for sale as a by-product.

At the huge Saginaw Terminal complex, chief grain inspector, Kenneth Craig, showed the visitors how he tests and classifies each load of grain coming into the terminal. Later he led the group through the unloading and storage areas showing step by step the process of receiving, sorting and storing grain in the 36 huge bins, and the later movement of these grains into sea-going ships



GETTING THE INSIDE on Farm Bureau organization from Secretary-manager Clarence Prentice are: (left to right) Jeanne Sparks, Cass county, secretary of the Michigan Farm Bureau Young People's Committee; Prentice; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald E. Hayward, Kalamazoo county, and Mr. and Mrs. Warner Green, Calhoun county.

at the elevator's private dock facilities. Bean growers in the group were understandably interested in bean handling facilities present at the elevator.

At the modern feed plant near by, everyone saw one of the latest type mechanized feed processing and handling systems where F.B. Services produces high quality livestock feed.

A tour through F.B. Services' fertilizer plant at Saginaw gave the visitors an insight into the many processes involved in the conversion of the raw rock-phosphate and other ingredients into modern, high analysis fertilizers ready to be spread. They were justly proud to find that their own organization has been a leader in the evolution of to-day's efficient high analysis mixes.

All too soon, along came dinner and another opportunity to compare notes. At this stage, most agreed with Jerry Sietsema of Grand Rapids who said, "I

thought I knew something about Farm Bureau before I came, but I've decided that I actually knew very little."

The last morning was devoted to a discussion of insurance programs, farm marketing and farmer cooperatives. After seeing the actuarial statistics presented by insurance company representatives, one or two were seen shaking their heads and wonder aloud how he or any other young man ever gets insurance at a reasonable cost.

Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association, Field Services Director, Robert Braden, reported to the group on the processing apple sales program, and pointed out other areas where this organization could possibly be of help to farmers in marketing their products. Marketing is an area in which the group showed great interest, for as one put it, "We don't seem to be doing as good a job selling the

product as we do in producing it."

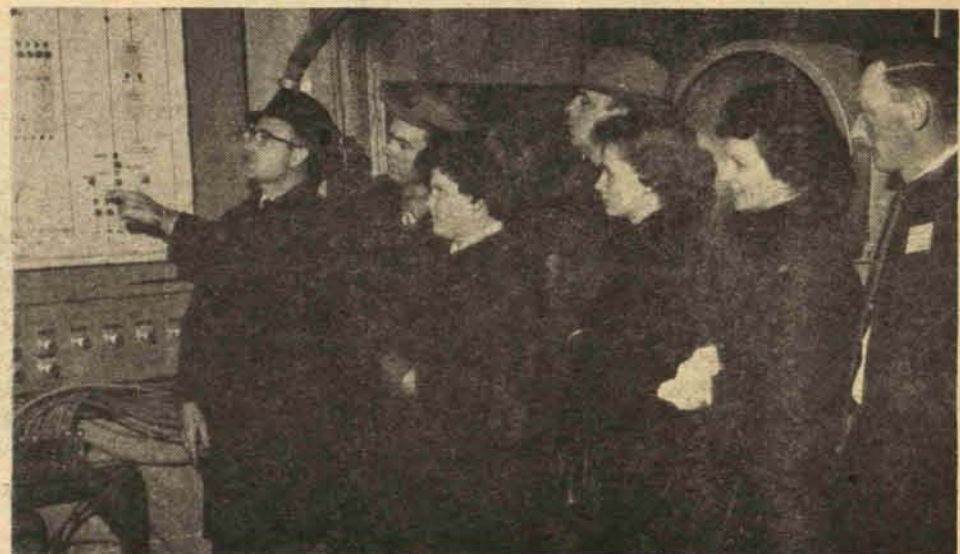
L. A. Cheney told the visitors of the work of the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives which he serves as secretary-manager. He pointed out that the cooperatives operated by Michigan Farm Bureau are active participants in the Association which helps protect the interests of all farmer cooperatives in the state.

At "leaving time," all were ready to get back to family and farm, but reluctant to part with new-found friends. By now all were on a first name basis and several made tentative plans to get together at home later in the year.

The Robert Woods, of Marlette, expressed the opinion of most of the participants when they said, "It was an excellent conference. We would certainly encourage continuation of the program and personally urge other couples to attend."



KENNETH CRAIG, chief grain inspector for Saginaw Grain Terminal, demonstrates how each load of grain entering the terminal area is inspected and classified before being assigned to storage. Shown are (left to right): Craig; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Van Til, Mecosta county; Mr. and Mrs. William Conine, Marquette-Alger; Ray Launstein, Ingham county, and Ray Kucharek, chairman of the Michigan Farm Bureau Young People's Committee, Otsego county.



"AND THIS SWITCH starts the load up to storage," says Ray Bohnsack of Farm Bureau Services as he explains the remote handling facilities of the Saginaw elevators. Left to right are: Bohnsack; Mr. and Mrs. Orvel Roggenbuck, Sanilac county; Mr. and Mrs. George Shriver, Newaygo county; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Marwede, Alpena county.



LABORATORY TECHNICIAN, Mrs. Mary Johnson, at Leonard Refineries shows one of the many analysis records produced in the quality control laboratory of the refinery. Left to right are: Mr. and Mrs. Roger Pfister, Ingham county; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wagester, Isabella county; Arlo Wasson, Farmers Petroleum staff member, and Mrs. Johnson.



J. DELBERT WELLS, Michigan Farm Bureau Family Program Manager, points out major features of the control panel of the new, automated feed mill at the Saginaw terminal. Shown are (left to right): Wells; Mr. and Mrs. Max Macauley, Delta county; Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Hendricks, Missaukee county.



AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE to Farm Bureau Center, Lansing, Mrs. Ruby Selleck, receptionist, welcomes conference participants with her usual quiet charm and ready smile. Left to right are: Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hayward, Kalkaska county; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Burk, Clinton county; Mr. and Mrs. Grover Zettle, Ogemaw county, and Mrs. Selleck.



LYNN WILTON, computer expert at Farm Bureau Center, demonstrates one of the new tape controlled computers operating in the computing department. Left to right are: Wilton; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wood, Sanilac county; Mr. and Mrs. James Call, N.W. Michigan county; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Laurie, Tuscola county.

COOPERATIVE

Director Institutes

Directors of Michigan cooperatives will have an opportunity to attend a one-day school planned especially for them in a series of nine meetings to be held throughout the state. Six in the series are scheduled for February, and all are sponsored by the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives in cooperation with Michigan State University and local cooperative leaders.

The first meeting will be held February 11 in Cassopolis in the Bank Building. Mr. Van Kampen, manager of the Berrien County Milk Producers, will present the directors' responsibilities and Mr. Antle, District Marketing agent of Benton Harbor, will discuss the director relations with members and the manager. George Dike, of Michigan State University, will give ideas on when and how directors should "direct." L. A. Cheney, executive secretary of the association, will outline "a successful board meeting."

Similar meetings will be held in Allendale, February 16; Chesaning, Feb. 17; Ubly, Feb. 18; Jackson, Feb. 23, and Onaway, Feb. 25. Board members discussing director responsibilities will be Elton Smith, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau; Merrill Irwin, president of Alma Production Credit Association; Roman Booms, president of the Ruth Farmers Elevator; Carl Heisler, president of Farmers

Petroleum Cooperative, and Bernard Kline, president of the Presque Isle Electric Co-op.

The directors' relationship with members and managers will be presented by John Trocke, District Extension Agent of Zeeland; Quentin Ostrander, District Marketing Agent of Bay City; Fred Sackrider, County Extension Director of Jackson, and Reuben Kaarre, County Extension Director of Harrisville.

Other M.S.U. staff members assisting in "improving director performance" will be Henry Larzelere; Dan Sturt, Dan Kebler, Agricultural Agent, Caro, and John Hodge, District Extension Agent, Petoskey.

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The Mysterious Crash

By: Bob Bunker

What is the Mysterious Crash?

It's the one car accident—the kind that involves a single vehicle in a traffic mishap.

Each year this type of accident results in one-third of the traffic deaths—almost as many as in the two car crash. Why call it the mysterious crash? Because it's a real highway who-dunnit.

Dead men don't fill out accident reports and those who do survive often won't admit their mistake. And it is a mystery why it happens to anyone at all since it's the one type of accident over which the driver has almost complete control. You can prevent the mysterious crash from happening to you by learning its causes and avoiding them.

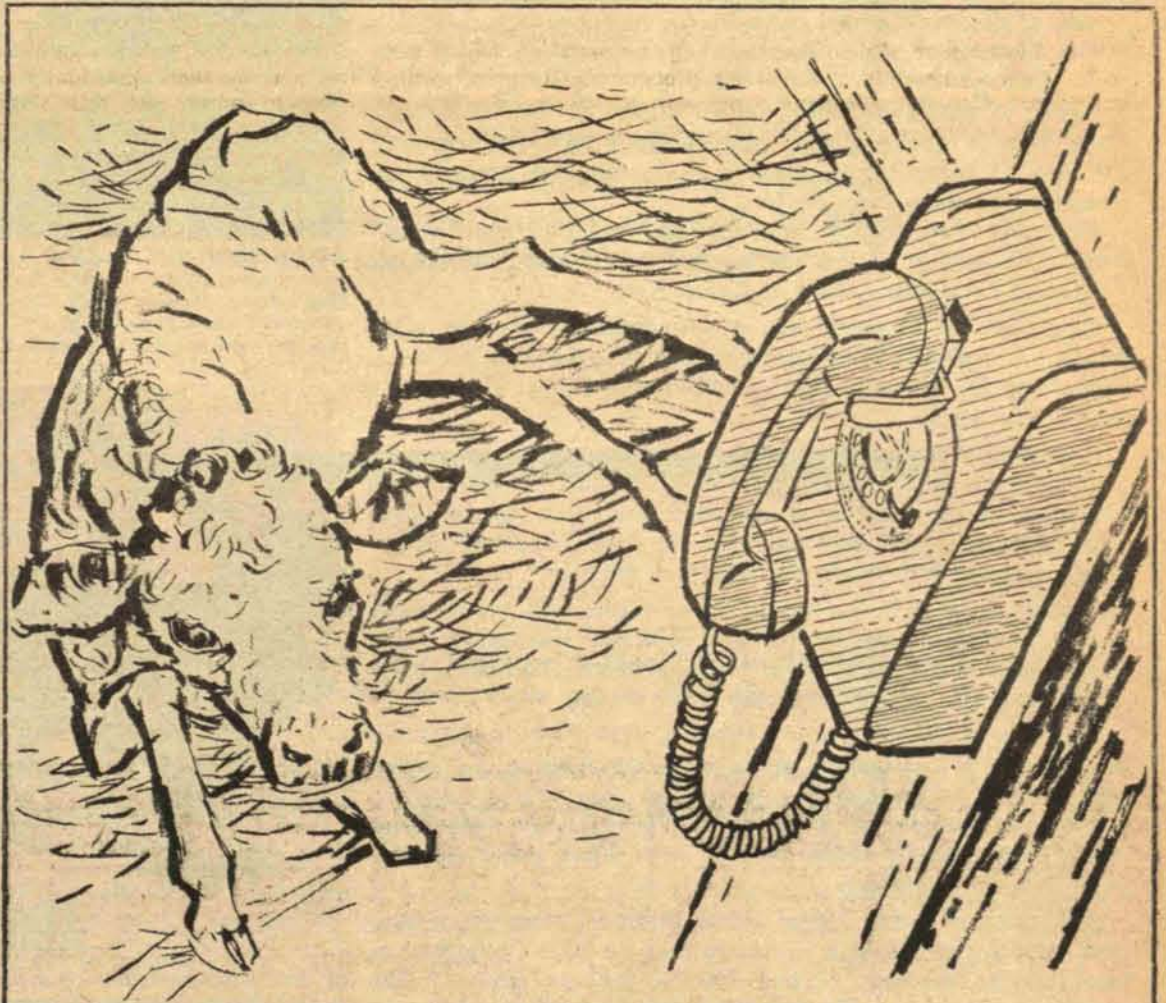
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Bustling Year Foreseen

It is an unusual day when there are not at least two or three important meetings going simultaneously at busy Farm Bureau "Center," Lansing. Often the limited conference facilities in the building are taxed to a point where groups overflow into hastily improvised sessions held in main-office work areas.

The subjects closely reflect policy matters outlined by the voting delegates in their annual resolutions session, as staff members work with Farm Bureau, industry, business or other leaders to turn policy statements into actuality.

For example, all but one of the groups pictured on this page met either at the same time or within hours of each other one recent day. Groups included the state "Relationship" committee, a state Farm Bureau Women's program planning committee, the state Young People's committee and a group of county leaders working on a specific tax problem.

"Unofficial" meetings of somewhat more routine nature were also held during the day. They included a meeting of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative staff members, busily making final plans for their series of FarmPOWER shows scheduled over the state in February and March. Similar planning and sales conferences were held by other affiliate company staffs.

Among major activities resulting from this one-day sampling will be Farm Bureau's first state Food Conference, a program of food promotion that will place farmers in a position of total leadership within the industry that centers around their life's work.

Tentatively scheduled for mid-April, the state Food Conference is a project of the Family Program Division, and will bring together farm and food industry leaders such as Gerbers, Posts and Kelloggs, from all parts of the state.

It will tie into the National Food Conference and the national Youthpower program, sponsored by the American Farm Bureau Federation. Food careers, nutrition (particularly as it applies to today's teen-agers) and farm production economics, are all phases of this multi-phase project.

The 11-member state "Relationship" committee, which acts in an advisory capacity to Farm Bureau management, continued its series of studies touching on all phases of local and state Farm Bureau work. County programming and finances and the roles of volunteer and elected leadership, are areas of examination by these farm leaders.

February 15-16, county presidents and executive board members will benefit from this committee's work during the annual Presidents Conference, held at Camp Kett.

Farm Bureau Women district vice-chairmen met to offer program suggestions to be later placed before the state Women's Committee for discussion and possible adoption as their year's program of work.

Elsewhere, Public Affairs staff members were working with a group of concerned leaders from Manistee and Grand Traverse counties — on a local tax matter with statewide implications. Later, they met with the State Tax Commission about assessment practices outlined in the Assessor's Manual.

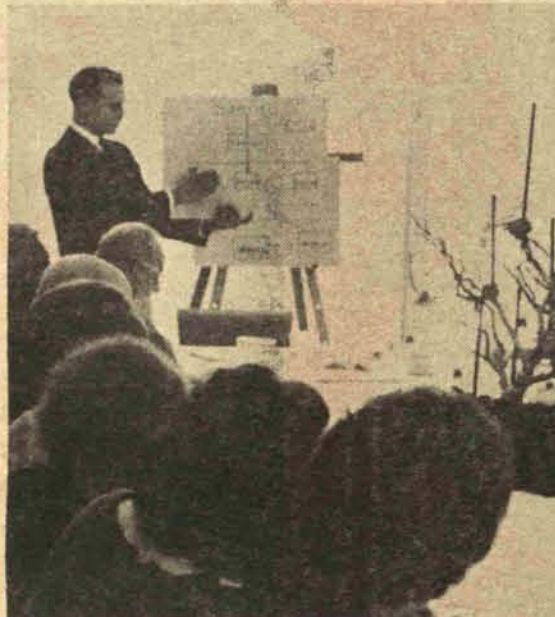
Meanwhile, twenty-five young farm couples who were guests of the Michigan Farm Bureau and affiliated companies, were touring office facilities at Farm Bureau Center, — on the second day of their two and one-half day study session.

Members of the Information Division were kept on the move taking pictures and making radio tapes with visiting specialists, such as Dr. A. William Jasper, poultry expert and Assistant Commodity Director of the American Farm Bureau Federation. Jasper visited briefly before moving on to Flint, and a meeting with farm leaders there.

Although not every day in Farm Bureau Center is as jam-packed as this sampling, it is evident that the state Farm Bureau headquarters has truly become the "center" for many, if not most, of Michigan's really important farm activities.



FARM BUREAU AT WORK — County leaders representing their various districts, plus three appointed Michigan Farm Bureau board members, form the "State Relationship Committee," an important group which acts in an advisory capacity to management, regarding inter-county relationships. Meeting recently at Farm Bureau Center to discuss pertinent matters were (left to right): Charles Anderson, Scottville; Warren White, Clare; Louis Hayward, South Boardman, Waino Rajala, Dukes; David Morris, Grand Ledge, MFB board; Howard Erbe, Carsonville; Merl Byington, Corunna; Glenn Sommerfeldt, MFB staff; Edgar Diamond, Alpena, MFB board; Donald Ruhlig, Dexter, MFB board; Marjorie Gardner, MFB staff; Edward Bourns (chairman), Wixom; Clarence Prentice, MFB staff; Donald Hartsell, North Adams, and Tinus VanderWoude, Wayland.



ARTHUR SEEDS, staff member of the American Farm Bureau and director of the National Food Conference, shows a food-industry planning group how others have organized statewide "Youth Power" and food conference projects. A pilot program has been arranged for Michigan.



TAX TROUBLES — in Northern Michigan, are examined by this group of concerned leaders from Manistee and Grand Traverse counties. Seated (from left) are Guy Nugent, Roy Howes and Ray Carroll. Standing are, Robert Smith, MFB Legislative Counsel; Steven Bowling and Calvin Lutz.



DISTRICT VICE-CHAIRMEN — of Farm Bureau Women, act as a state program planning committee. They are shown meeting in Farm Bureau Center where presentations were made before them by several organizational representatives. Pictured speaking is John Call, of the Michigan Heart Association. Later, a suggested program of work was presented to the full Farm Bureau Women's Committee.

Winter Camp Program

Farm Bureau Young People of Calhoun county have reserved Gilbert Lodge, near Traverse City, for their February 19-21 Winter Camp program.

Members of Farm Bureau People's Committees in other counties, along with members of Young-Farmer Community Groups are invited to attend. Camp costs will depend upon the number enrolled, but are estimated to be in the \$8 to \$12 area.

For further information, write: Miss Marilyn Jones, Box 448, Route 4, Marshall, Michigan.



YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE MEMBERS — also plan a busy year full of projects. Included as new programs will be a day-long "Legislative Seminar" — aimed at young farm couples, and a scrapbook contest designed to stimulate interest in promoting Young People's activities.



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Dynamic in World Progress!

Worthy project plus women who believe in its goals — equals success. This was the conclusion of the 1965 Michigan Week Committee as they put out a call for members of women's organizations to come to the aid of their state.

Representatives of 40 different women's groups responded to this

call, among them — the Michigan Farm Bureau Women. Present at a noon luncheon meeting in Detroit, January 14, to represent the Farm Bureau Women, was vice-chairman, Mrs. Jerold (Maxine) Topliff.

"Nothing will do more to achieve the objectives of Michigan Week than women at work

for their state," said Lee Murray, well-known radio personality and chairman of the Michigan Week Council of Women's Organizations.

She encouraged the women to urge their respective organizations and clubs to participate in Michigan Week activities and offered to act as a "clearing house" for project ideas. Suggestions sent to Miss Murray at WJR, Detroit, will be passed along to other organizations for possible use.

Dr. Woodrow Smith, vice president of Central Michigan University and general chairman of the 1965 Michigan Week, along with his four "deputy chairmen" outlined the aims of the annual activities — to build knowledge and appreciation of our state — and "sell" its attractions to the nation and the world.

"Michigan can only be as big, broad and good as its citizens wish to make it," they said and urged groups to be planning early for their participation in this year's Michigan Week.

"Michigan — Dynamic in World Progress" is the theme for 1965. "Your organization can contribute to the enrichment of its members and to the advancement of Michigan by giving emphasis to this theme," the women were told. "Join in interpreting Michigan to people of other countries, and in helping expand Michigan's role in world progress."

Year-around active cooperation in the Michigan Minuteman program (every-citizen-a-Michigan-salesman) was requested by the committee.



LIKE MOTHER, LIKE DAUGHTER — (and Granddaughter too) — as all three take part in planning the Women's Holiday camp. Representing Lenawee county (left) is Mrs. M. M. Halley, her daughter, Mrs. Norman Bless, and Granddaughter, 3½ year old Susan Bless.



WOMEN AT WORK — for their state, gathered in Detroit recently to lay plans for 1965 Michigan Week activities. Forty women's groups were represented at the meeting, including the Michigan Farm Bureau Women. Shown discussing the Michigan Week "special days" are (left to right): Mrs. Don Weeks, of the Greater Michigan Foundation; Lee Murray, radio personality and chairman of the Michigan Week Women's Council, and Mrs. Jerold Topliff, vice-chairman, FB Women.

Washington Tour

For the sixth consecutive year, the Michigan Farm Bureau Women will sponsor a Washington Air Tour, offering an opportunity for farm leaders to visit the nation's capitol and gain a greater knowledge of our legislative process. Dates have been set for March 14-17.

At 5:30 p.m., Sunday, March 14, tour participants will depart from Detroit Metropolitan Airport aboard a NW Airlines Electra-prop jet airplane.

Dinner will be served aloft. Arriving in Washington in less than 1½ hours, the group will be transported to the historically famous Willard Hotel, headquarters for the three-day stay.

Monday will be spent meeting with staff members of the American Farm Bureau Federation Washington office, where the Michigan people will be briefed on current happenings "on The Hill."

Watching Congress in session will be the highlight of Tuesday, March 16. Special meetings will be arranged for the group to personally visit with their Congressmen and Representatives.

The final day will feature a sightseeing tour to the White House, Bureau of Printing and Engraving, Arlington National Cemetery, and Mount Vernon.

Cost of the tour — \$101.57 per person — includes air transportation from Detroit to Washington and return, baggage handling, three nights at the Willard Hotel (twin-bedded rooms), tips to bellboys, etc., noon luncheon on the 15th, tour and luncheon on the 17th, plus dinners served by the airline while enroute to and from Washington.

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Women's Holiday Camp

Mrs. Haven Smith, the Nebraska farmwife who serves as chairman of the American Farm Bureau Women's Committee, has confirmed her appearance on the 1965 "Women's Holiday" camp program, offered to all Farm Bureau Women and their urban friends.

"Communications — an avenue for action" has been selected as theme for the Holiday, set for the dates of April 7-8 at Wesley Woods Camp, near Dowling. The annual camp is sponsored by the Farm Bureau Women in Districts 1 and 2.

Prominent broadcaster, John McGoff, president of Mid-State Broadcasting Corporation, will appear on the program to analyze the operations of modern news media. Later a tour is planned to a nearby modern daily newspaper plant.

Newsmen Hugh Harper and Gordon Anderson of radio-TV station WKZO, Kalamazoo, will also make an appearance at the Women's Holiday. They will be among the news media representatives who will be guests of the area Farm Bureaus at a special "information-public relations" evening dinner-meeting, April 8.

City women are to be issued special invitations by local committees who are urged to stress the rural-urban character of the Holiday.

Mrs. Smith will appear on the program the afternoon of April 8th, and will take part in a press-relations dinner meeting that evening.

A special feature of the two-day Holiday will be supervised care for pre-schoolers during program periods, and half-price meals for the tots.



HOLIDAY CAMP COMMITTEE MEMBERS — arrange fun and program details for their big two-day (and one-night) program, April 7-8 at Wesley Woods Camp. Built on the theme "Communications — an avenue for action" the program will feature a visit to a modern newspaper plant — talks by prominent newsmen, and plenty of relaxation and "fun-time." Committee members include (left) Mrs. Ruth Halley, Mrs. Louise Smith, Mrs. Erma Hombaker, Mrs. Elma Schultz, Mrs. Lucile Sanford and Mrs. Leta Sanford. The Holiday is open to all Farm Bureau women and their friends.

Legislative Seminars to Begin in February

The 1965 Legislative Seminars will be held at the YWCA in Lansing, located just one-half block south of the Capitol on Townsend Street.

The YWCA is ideally located for the convenience of Legislators who will attend the luncheon and for Farm Bureau members who will be visiting the Capitol.

All members of State Affairs Committees of County Farm Bureaus are expected to attend the Seminars. National Affairs Committee members are also invited. Other County Farm Bureau leaders are welcome.

The Seminars will be held on the basis of Farm Bureau regions and the following schedule has been approved:

- February 17
Southeast Region
- February 23
Southwest Region

- February 24
Thumb Region
- March 3
Saginaw Valley Region
- March 4
West Region
- March 9
Upper Peninsula, Northeast and Northwest Regions

The Seminars will be called to order at 10:00 A.M. with a review of Farm Bureau legislative issues and a progress report. Legislators representing the region will join the group for luncheon and a short program. The luncheon session will adjourn in time to permit the Farm Bureau leaders to visit the House and Senate in session in the Capitol.

The Seminars are especially important this year because of the great number of new members of the Legislature. Every member of the State Affairs Committees should plan to attend.

Emphasize Reform Need

Anxious to implement an adequate program of state tax reform as outlined by Farm Bureau voting delegates — members of the board of directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau have emphasized farmers' concern by endorsing this statement:

As are all citizens, Michigan farmers are proud of the phenomenal economic recovery accomplished in our state during the past two years.

However, the fact that Michigan's deficit has been eliminated and a healthy balance is on hand is no excuse to delay the balancing of Michigan's tax structure. *The need for true tax reform is more urgent today than ever before. Progress and fiscal solvency cannot be continued under Michigan's present inequitable tax structure. No longer can local government survive and flourish by depending on a single source of revenue — the property tax.*

A century ago property was a good measure of wealth and the ability to pay, but this is no longer the case.

Farmers, in particular, find themselves in the unenviable position of paying a greater portion of their income for property tax than most other groups pay on all state taxes combined. We call

attention to the fact that no end is in sight for the continued rise in real and personal property taxation.

Farm people have supported and continue to support programs that will insure further progress for Michigan. We, therefore, call upon our elected state officials and members of the Legislature to seriously consider *total tax reform* during this session of the Legislature. The nearly 70,000 members of the Michigan Farm Bureau, acting through a community, county and state delegate policy development process, support total tax reform including a statewide income tax in order to balance both state and local tax structures and *relieve the burden now placed on real and personal property.*

We believe every Michigan citizen expects to support his schools and other local and state governmental services through a fair and equitable tax structure. *The need is urgent, the time is now!*

ACCIDENT STRIKES CASS FARM LEADER

Mead Burton, 68, — well known Cass county Farm Bureau leader, was the victim of a freak accident which took his life in early January at his farm home near Niles.

An old tree near the family home was being cut down by Burton and his son James. Although they had taken care to brace the tree, for some unknown reason it twisted, fell the wrong way and pinned the victim who died later in the Niles hospital.

Burton had long served Farm Bureau, giving freely of himself as a member of the Cass county Farm Bureau board and Executive Committee. He also served as a member of the important Michigan Farm Bureau "Relationship" committee.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

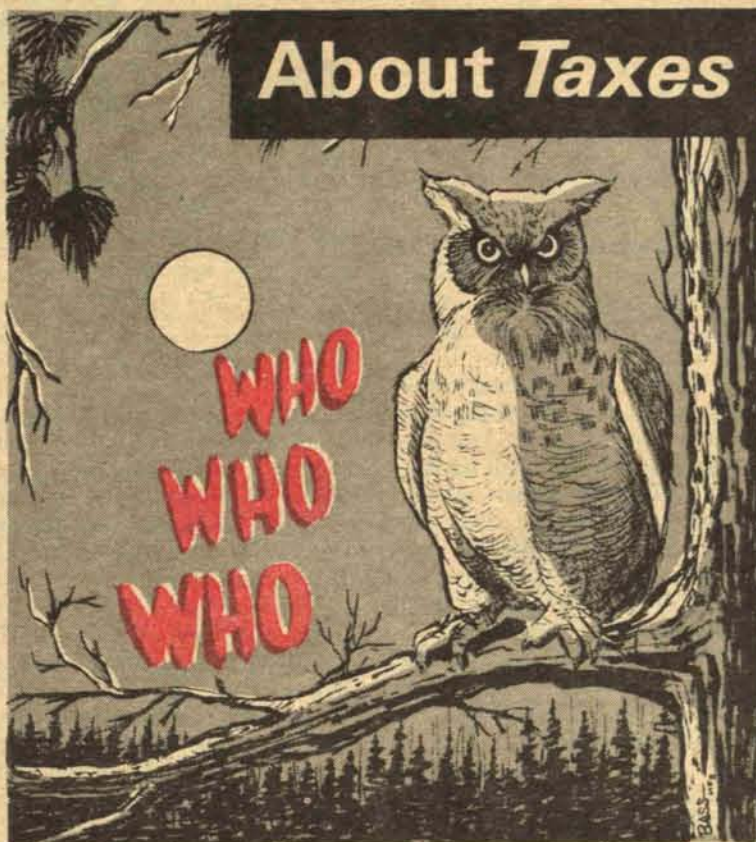


OVER 700 NAMES appeared on the "Honor Quilt" made by the Isabella County Farm Bureau Women's Committee. Members solicited names at 10¢ each and found an eager response. Names included those of state employees, county and state officers, and members. The quilt was given as a registration prize at the county annual meeting. The lucky winner — Mrs. Donald Sandbrook, Blanchard, shown proudly displaying her attractive red, white and blue quilt.

capitol report



About Taxes and Trees



Who, — who, — who indeed, They wrote: pays the costs of "everybody's" trees?

What connection is there between state and national forest land and local property tax levels?

More than many people might believe, especially in parts of Michigan where public agencies now own more than one-third of the forest land. This actually is true in the northern two-thirds of the state, almost 50 per cent of which lies in our Upper Peninsula.

The problem and a suggested solution is spelled out in a resolution passed by Farm Bureau voting delegates at the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting.

(1) Presently the state reimburses counties north of Town Line 16, at the rate of 15¢ per acre in lieu of taxes, which is divided between the township and school districts. No part of this is retained by the county.

(2) There is an alarming inconsistency in federal policy on reimbursement to the local community.

(3) A comparison of private, state and federal payments to local governments is revealing. A private "forty" pays taxes of 50¢ or more per acre; a state-owned "forty" 15¢ per acre; a National For-

est "forty" 7¢ per acre; a National Wildlife Refuge "forty" 1½¢ per acre; and a National Park "forty" — nothing!

The delegates said further that the state and federal governments should recognize that all these lands yield multiple-use benefits to our people — incomparable summer and winter recreation areas, waterfowl refuges which protect birds for the Southern sportsman, a wealth of cool, clear water and a variety of forest products.

They also said that: (1) the present state payment of 15¢ per acre be increased to a realistic figure with county governments sharing in the revenue; (2) the federal government has an equal responsibility to contribute to the support of local schools, roads or other community needs, especially since many of these lands are in depressed areas; (3) public ownership must recognize its responsibilities to the local community and to the people living therein.

In the 1964 legislative session, Farm Bureau supported bills to increase state payments in lieu of taxes. The bills died in committee. It is expected, however, that northern legislators will introduce similar bills in the 1965 session of the legislature.

Michigan Congressmen will be requested to consider this important problem as it relates to federally-owned lands.

Realistic state and federal reimbursement to local government can help relieve property tax burdens.

Ottawa Calls for Tax Reform

"Resolved: We approve a flat rate state income tax for Michigan provided it is used to bring relief to property taxes and is limited not to exceed 3%."

Ottawa County Farm Bureau members unanimously approved this resolution at the county annual meeting last fall.

County President Franklin Schmidt and the County Board of Directors appointed a county wide "Blue Print Committee" with Clinton Peterson as chairman to carry out the intent of the members and also study the needs of the County.

Five working subcommittees have been appointed. Taxation, Marketing, Pest Control, Schools and Urban Growth, and County Highways.

The taxation committee, headed by Neil Moore, held its first meeting January 20.

Farm Bureau Legislative Counsel Bob Smith was present to discuss Farm Bureau's total tax reform program and the legislative possibilities.

The Committee concluded that there is no question but that property taxes will continue their rapid

rise and, unless other tax revenue is found, farmers will pay an even greater percentage of their incomes than the present 14-15% which is three to four times more than most other groups. It was felt that every effort should be made to pass tax reform legislation, including a state-wide income tax, before too many cities adopt an income tax and suburban people are forced to pay income taxes to the city where they work, while the greatest need is where they live.

Ottawa County farmers, for instance, would suffer a severe tax blow if Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Holland and other surrounding cities adopt an income tax. The suburban growth and the resulting school and other needs would have only the property tax for

support. Such a situation exists in Ohio where 82 or more cities impose an income tax, thereby, in effect, denying its use to the rest of the state.

County home-rule could add further property tax burdens inasmuch as the proposals offered to date have provided that home-rule counties be financed by an additional 5 to 10 mills property tax. Farm Bureau has thus far successfully insisted that home rule counties be financed by tax revenue other than increased property taxes.

Farm Bureau's tax program is designed to achieve a balanced tax structure and it should not be necessary for property taxes to be higher than the 15-18 mill constitutional limitation.

The committee also considered other possible legislation that would increase the property tax load such as, changes in highway financing, community colleges, special education, "drop out" training programs, mental health programs, and others.

Elevator Exchange Division Returns!

By Don Kinsey

Welcome back "M.E.E.!"

It was no prodigal son that returned to the Farm Bureau household on January 10th. When the Michigan Elevator Exchange moved back with the rest of the Farm Bureau family, it had done right well for itself in almost ten years of living "away from home."

Farm Bureau and affiliated companies moved from the old Cedar Street location in Lansing in August of 1955. Although the Michigan Elevator Exchange began as a department of the Michigan Farm Bureau, in early 1921 the leadership saw that grain marketing was "too big an operation" for a department to handle.

So a full-fledged, independent grain marketing company was formed. The M.E.E. stayed on with Farm Bureau in the same building for twenty-four years, until Farm Bureau operations moved to the new Center Building in 1955. Then, for over nine years, M.E.E. went it separate ways.

But on November 1, 1963, the grain marketing cooperative rejoined the circle and became a division of the Farm Bureau Services, Inc. By so doing, combined strength was given to the building of a new grain terminal on the Saginaw River.

New quarters at the Farm Bureau Center were completed in late December of 1964. M.E.E. took the new year of 1965 as a time for moving to the new quarters. This means that for the first time all Farm Bureau operations are under one roof—at 4000 N. Grand River Avenue, Lansing.

SERIOUS PROBLEM

In moving, the Michigan Elevator Exchange could not leave all of its problems at the old address among discarded papers. Its spokesmen point out that they now share a serious problem with Michigan farmers. The federal government has put the problem in their laps.

Terminal and elevator facilities are jammed with Michigan soft white wheat. The U.S.D.A. seems determined that it shall not move. Normally, this wheat would be moving into export long before this. But the government agency is acting to spank Michigan farmers for their "No" vote in the 1963 wheat referendum.

No export allocations for Michigan soft wheat have been granted. Past history shows that the United Arab Republics call for soft white wheat entirely. Pakistan and India have taken a considerable quantity of this wheat in past years.



BUSY, BUSY, BUSY — that's the impression gained in the new Michigan Elevator Exchange quarters at Farm Bureau Center. Standing is Stanley Sherman, Division Manager, while in the left foreground is Dick Schantz at work on the "bean desk." Directly back of him is Donn Kunz (grain merchandiser) and in the left corner is Ed Powell, Manager of the grain department. Others pictured include Herman Geers (grain merchandiser), Dale Kuenzli (bean merchandising), Bud Seely (traffic manager), and Ray Marsh (bean accounting).

But, since the 1964 harvest, these countries have been told that only hard red wheat is available to them—take it or leave it. Thus Michigan wheat farmers have been frozen out of the P.L. 480 export market.

Our Michigan soft white wheat has always been in demand. The U.S.D.A. has stalled its normal movement. The jamming of storage facilities not only leaves the price of Michigan wheat down, but hits the price on grain and beans across the board. You cannot buy if you have no place to store the commodities.

Stocks of Michigan soft white wheat on hand as of January 1, 1964 were only 5,639,000 bushels. Government roadblocks mean that stocks of this wheat now pyramid to 14,138,000 bushels as of January 1, 1965. The ten year average for that date is 9,521,000 bushels. There is the impact of government policy.

Farmers who have held their wheat with the expectation of a price rise have been doomed to disappointment. They cannot realize their storage costs on the wheat they have held. In past

years, Michigan soft white wheat has commanded a premium price 2¢ to 3¢ above soft red wheat. But this winter soft white is 2¢ below the price of soft red.

Four to five cents per bushel is being taken out of the pockets of Michigan wheat farmers.

Michigan Elevator Exchange officials have watched this political club descend on the heads of Michigan farmers, helpless to word off the blow.

We wish the situation could be a happier one. But nevertheless, welcome back M.E.E.!

News From Michigan Cooperatives!

Seattle Council Attracts Leaders

An estimated 500 farm and cooperative leaders, a strong Michigan delegation among them, attended the annual meeting of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives in Seattle, Washington, January 18-20.

They represented more than 5,700 farmer cooperatives from all parts of the United States and Puerto Rico.

The council is a nationwide organization of marketing and purchasing associations such as Farm Bureau Services, of Michigan. It represents a combined membership of nearly 3 million.



ALFRED ROBERTS (seated), recently elected chairman of the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperative council, looks over 1965 program plans with L. A. Cheney, secretary of the co-op organization. Roberts resides at Pigeon, Michigan.

Designated as Michigan's official voting delegate was L. A. Cheney, Williamston, Secretary-Manager of the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives. Cheney also served as a member of the national council's resolutions and nominating committee.

Other official delegates at the meeting were Elton R. Smith, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau and of Farm Bureau Services, Inc.; Maynard Brownlee, general Manager of Farm Bureau Services, and Carl Heisler, representing Farmers Petroleum Cooperative.

A report was made to the "Transportation" and the "Legal and Tax" sections of the three-day meeting by Edwin Steffen, legal counsel for the Farm Bureau companies. Leon Monroe, Treasurer of the Michigan Farm Bureau, also served at the meeting as a member of the Agricultural Credit and Finance Committee. Also in attendance was Jack McKendry, general manager of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative.

Sessions on marketing and foreign trade, farm supply and service, legal and tax matters were conducted along with election of officers and the adoption of a slate of council policies.

According to Cheney the urgency for farmer cooperatives to gain greater bargaining strength in the market place was a primary topic of the general sessions.

Rural Electric Report...

Number two in a series of background reports dealing with the "why" and "how" of Rural Electric Cooperatives. By: Jim Porter, "Top O' Michigan" Rural Electric Company.

The importance of electricity in modern living hardly needs mentioning. The advantages and necessity of area electrical coverage is self-evident.

But twenty-five years ago most rural areas were non-electrified. Most existing electric utilities at that time were either municipally or investor owned. Neither were interested in serving sparsely settled rural areas.

The municipals were satisfied to serve within their own corporate limits; investor owned utilities, organized primarily for financial investment return, could not justify and reconcile rural electrification within "affordable" uniform rate structures.

These and other factors may have prevented existing utilities from extending distribution lines. So rural people had a choice—do without, move out, or find some means to make electrical energy available in their area.

They made their decision. They designed for America the greatest "do-it-yourself" kit in history,—rural electrification by means of rural electric cooperatives.

Farmers and other rural residents held long meetings and discussions.

The initial high investment dictated the need for a long term, reasonable financing. They recognized the need for trained, experienced managements and personnel. Who would supply the energy to flow over the lines, after they were built? One by one the almost insurmountable obstacles were overcome.

The federal government through the newly formed Rural Electrification Administration approved by Congress, supplied the necessary financing.

Engineering firms designed the systems. Managers and employees were hired.

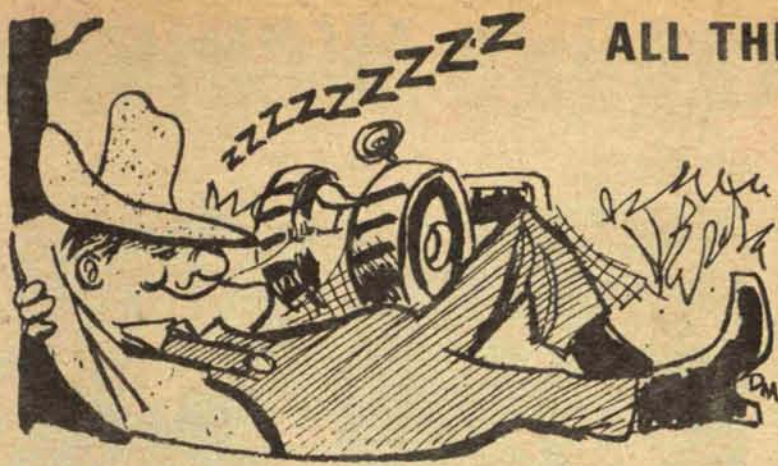
In spite of many hardships, local co-ops were organized, funds were borrowed, lines built and the great dream came true. Rural electrification, ranking in importance with surfaced roads, became a reality.

The uninformed and misinformed take issue with the means and method of this accomplishment.

The informed students of our economy know that to have delayed rural electrification until existing utilities could, or would choose to serve, would have been unwise.

The increase in efficiency, saving in labor and convenience in home and barn dictated that this economic advance be accomplished.

Rural electric cooperatives are a tribute to our free-enterprise system.



ALL THIS And FIVE Grand Too!

The following editorial is reprinted from the pages of the Detroit Free Press.

With a new Congress only a few weeks away, the outstretched palm line is already beginning to form. Some want cash-in-hand. Some want a priority lien on the pork barrel. Still others want some special advantage or protection.

But no one has joined the line with a more whimsical proposition than the Farmers Union. It wants a guaranteed annual net income of \$5,000 a year for family farms.

Now the farmer, family or otherwise, is a private business man, an entrepreneur. He is the owner and manager. And if the government is obligated to arrange a minimum net earning for his business, it is also beholden to do the same for the filling station proprietor, the candy store owner, the barber and the broker.

True, the farmer can be the victim of circumstances beyond his control, but so can any other owner of any business. And it is equally a fact that, like the businessman, the farmer can go profitless for no reason other than his own lack of diligence and competence.

The Farmers Union has, of course, presented an attractive possibility. Get enough together to buy 40 acres of useless land. Throw a few seeds around. Spend sunny days following a hound and rainy ones in front of the TV. Claim defeat in an arduous effort to wring a livelihood from the soil and pick up a check for \$5,000.

Congress is not at all likely to embrace any such fantasy, but its solemn presentation does show the kind of thing Congressmen have to waste time being polite about.

National Apple Committee

Four nationally prominent apple growers, including one from Michigan, have been named by the American Agricultural Marketing Association to a new apple grower-processor relations committee.

Representing this section of the United States is Walter W. Wightman, apple grower from Fenntville, Michigan, and immediate past president of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Others on the committee are Howard Baker, New York state, Ben Lacy, Virginia and E. W. Lins, Maryland. All are well-known growers and authorities on apple marketing.

The new grower-processor relations committee, along with AAMA management personnel, will meet periodically with officials of apple processing companies to explain the program and objectives of the American Agricultural Marketing Association.

The AAMA processing apple marketing program, beginning its fourth year of operation, is being recognized more and more as a valuable asset to the total marketing-apple structure, according to reports made recently by the advisory committee at a meeting held in Pittsburgh.

Committee members from Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia credited the AAMA's efforts with providing a firm stabilizing force in the processing-apple industry last fall when the crop, then considered large, was a potential trigger to a catastrophic price decline.

The Association's effort to find and recommend favorable realistic prices early in the season was a decisive factor needed to support the processors' desires to cooperate with growers to market apple products at favorable prices, according to committee members.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

FARM BUREAU LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company of Michigan, a corporation, will be held at its Home Office, 4000 North Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, on Tuesday, February 23, 1965, beginning at 1:30 p.m., for the following purposes:

1. To receive reports from officers and management.
2. To elect directors.
3. To consider such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

Attest: February 1, 1965
N. L. VERMILLION Secretary MAX K. HOOD President

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

COMMUNITY SERVICE INSURANCE COMPANY

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Community Service Insurance Company of Michigan, a corporation, will be held at its Home Office, 4000 North Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, on Monday, February 22, 1965, beginning at 1:30 p.m., for the following purposes:

1. To receive reports from officers and management.
2. To elect directors.
3. To consider such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

Attest: February 1, 1965
N. L. VERMILLION Secretary WILBUR H. SMITH President

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

FARM BUREAU MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

The annual meeting of the policyholders of Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Michigan, a corporation, will be held at its Home Office, 4000 North Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, on Wednesday, February 24, 1965, beginning at 1:30 p.m., for the following purposes:

1. To receive reports from officers and management.
2. To elect directors.
3. To consider such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

Attest: February 1, 1965
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Fowl "Flight-Fuel"? Manuremobile Works

Two notes from Merry Olde England show that things are still progressing on that Tight Little Isle, what with an ingenious British engineer inventing a new fuel for automobiles using chicken manure instead of gasoline, and another Briton having become involved with bumbling bureaucracy at its bumbling best.

The dungmobile inventor, 60 year old Harold Bates, adapted a surplus British army car to run on methane gas obtained by heating chicken manure. He says that pig or cow manure work about as well. The chicken droppings are converted into the gas on which the car has been driven around Devon, South England, at speeds up to 70 miles per hour.

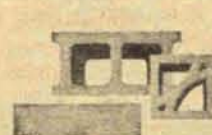
The gas-producing plant costs less than \$150 to make, and the converting engine is said to have no offensive odor.

"We've heard of putting a 'tiger in your tank,' but this seems

to be carrying things a bit far," one wit remarked.

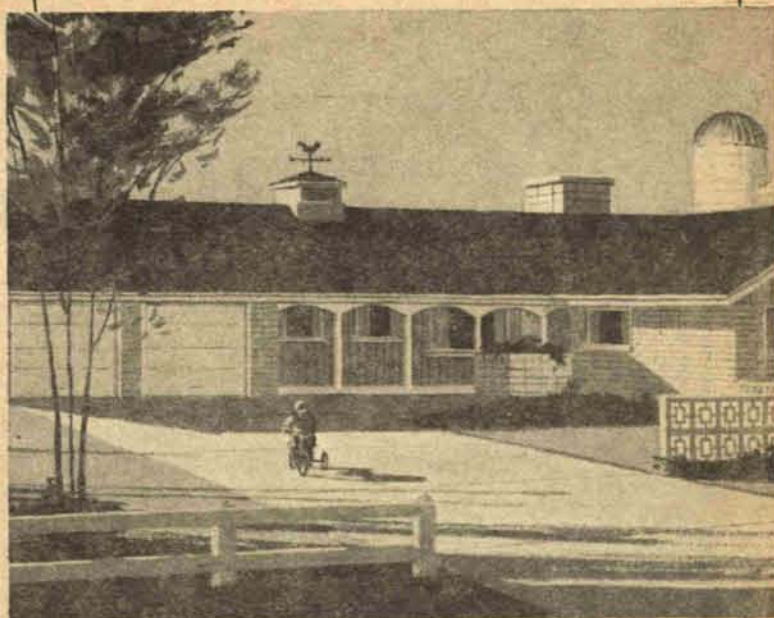
That too is the opinion of a poultry farmer over in Essex, England, where Mr. Albert Clarke has been ordered by the Basildon Council to pull down his \$4,200 poultry house that was built in a rural area without first consulting the "Planning" board.

The nice thing about it all is that Clarke has been assured by the Board that if he complies by tearing down the building, they will graciously follow up at once by giving him permission to rebuild it—in the exact same place.



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"MOST OUTSTANDING"—is the designation given Irvin Mahaffy, pictured with Mrs. Mahaffy moments after an awards presentation made by the Marlette Jaycees. To the left is Lee Staser, F.B. Insurance agent, and program chairman. At the far right is Al Shaver, Agency Manager for F.B. Insurance in Tuscola and Sanilac. Similar award programs are now being held throughout the state.

ROLL-CALL TEAM



EIGHT NEW MEMBERS—and an equal number of renewals, that's the record of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dancer, Jackson County. Although confined to a wheelchair, Mrs. Dancer joins her husband as an excellent membership worker.

BETTER BEEF YEAR IN '65?



"WE CATTLE FEEDERS hope that 1965 will be a better year for us." That's what Lyle Cunningham (left) of Jackson county is saying to Willard Evens, Wexford county livestock farmer (center), and Larry Ewing, Coordinator for the Market Development Division. Evens is vice-chairman of the Michigan Farm Bureau's Livestock Advisory Committee.

FAITHFUL SERVICE



A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION—in the name of the Sanilac Co. Farm Bureau, is given retiring secretary, Mrs. Mary Ellen Klaty and her husband Herbert, by county president Howard Erbe.

VIRGINIA FARM LEADERS VISIT



VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU VISITORS—examine the Eaton County Farm Bureau publication, shown them by Mrs. Lucille Sheridan, county secretary. Others pictured (from left) are S. T. Moore, member of the Virginia State Farm Bureau board; R. S. Ellis, county leader and W. B. Adams, a county Farm Bureau president.

GUIDE TO FUN



A NEW GUIDE-BOOK, of special interest to vacationers or outdoorsmen, is offered by Michigan United Conservation Clubs. Here, MUCC Executive Director Jim Rouman, (left) shows a copy to Farm Bureau president, Elton Smith. (See story on page 13.)



ORGANIZATION DIRECTOR—Louis Chisholm (left) joins other Virginia farm leaders in checking over membership record-keeping procedures in the Berrien County Farm Bureau office. With county secretary Mrs. Jeanne Bauer, is Wesley Prillwitz, vice president of the Berrien County Farm Bureau.

MULTI-STATE MEETING SCORES PERFECT ATTENDANCE



ONE-HUNDRED PERCENT ATTENDANCE—of state Farm Bureau board members and key staff people from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, was the recent record at a "Multi-State Conference" held in the Farm Bureau building at Madison, Wisconsin. Two earlier attempts to bring the busy farm leaders together failed, and an all-out effort brought the perfect-mark in mid-January. Similar con-

ferences have been held in all parts of the United States, with Farm Bureau leaders taking time-out to evaluate and plan together. The program was built around individual participation and designed primarily to help Farm Bureau leadership set goals for the future.

Little Brothers Outlets Affiliate With Services

Little Brothers outlets in Kalamazoo and St. Joseph Counties will become branches of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., effective March 1, 1965, according to a joint statement issued by A. H. Little, C. R. Little and C. S. Force, the current Little Brothers partnership, and Elton R. Smith, President of Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

Mr. Little says this affiliation will continue the plan first started by his father, G. E. Little, in 1904. This plan was to make available to the farmers of the area a complete farm supply organization, equipped to provide markets for the farmers' products.

The Little Brothers outlets in Schoolcraft, Vicksburg, Climax

and Mendon will be operated as branches of Farm Bureau Services, with no personnel changes and only minor revision in the mechanical operations. Patrons of these operations will be able to utilize the facilities of Services' Michigan Elevator Exchange Division for their grain marketing, as well as Services' Egg Marketing Division for their eggs.

Farmers of Kalamazoo and St. Joseph Counties will have quality farm supplies available to them. Feed grinding and mixing facilities are maintained at all locations and grain dryers are located at Schoolcraft, Mendon, and Vicksburg. Bulk grain storage at the Little Brothers facilities totals approximately 345,000 bushels.

Outdoor Guide to Fun

For all those who enjoy Michigan Outdoors, there is now available a newly-published, information-packed, 128-page book which can double the pleasure of every fisherman, hunter, skier, sight-seer, hiker, or birdwatcher.

Titled, *Guide to Fun in Michigan*, the colorful book includes detailed maps of all 83 counties, highlighting their major lakes, history, geography, features and attractions.

A complete listing of all campsites in Michigan with full information on canoe trails and waterways will be a boon to the state's many campers. Vacationers and tourists will appreciate the listing of all color tours, riding and hiking trails, ski hills, resorts and toboggan slides, waterfalls and harbor facilities.

Fishermen will be especially interested in the information on state lakes and ponds planted with trout, smelt waters, state

fish hatcheries and trout rearing stations—plus information on how to get hydrographic maps of 75 of the state's best fishing lakes.

A listing of all state parks, roadside parks, cities and villages, a pronunciation guide, identification by sight and track of Michigan wildlife, and an explanation of highway signs, are all included in the glossy-covered book.

"Never before has so much information about our great state been compiled in one book," explains Jim Rouman, director of Michigan United Conservation Clubs, who suggests that *Guide to Fun in Michigan* book would be perfect as a gift, as well as invaluable to every person with outdoor interests.

The book is available for \$3 from Michigan United Conservation Clubs, P.O. Box 2235, Lansing, Michigan 48911.

Farm POWER Show Series

Rural residents of Lower Michigan are urged to watch for local announcements of the scheduled series of PowerFARMING "shows" to be staged in weeks ahead by Farmers Petroleum Co-operative staff specialists.

More than 20 of the lively meetings remain to be held.

The February schedule is as follows: February 2nd, Alpena; 3rd, Ellsworth; 4th, Twin Lakes 4-H Building, Traverse City; 9th, Palmyra; 10th, Bad Axe; 11th, Saginaw Fairgrounds; 16th, Harjetta; 17th, Grout Town Hall (Gladwin); 18th, Scottville; 23rd, F.B. Oil Company, Coldwater.

The March schedule includes: March 2nd, Caro; 3rd, Memphis; 4th, Sandusky; 9th, Dorr Twp. Hall; 10th, Grant; 11th, Allendale; 12th, Charlotte Fairgrounds; 16th, Marshall; 17th, Ionia and Barry counties; 18th, Clinton and



FARM-POWER "SHOWS"—all over Michigan, are planned by Farmers Petroleum Co-op staff members (from left) Julius Rabe, John Jansen, Wm. Armstrong, Arlo Wasson, Dave Klink, Leslie Sheridan and Lyle Sherman.

Shiawassee; 30th, Ashton, and 31st, Remus.

Local meeting places and other details of the day-long fun and information attractions can be had by checking with the county Farm Bureau office, or with a local Farmers Petroleum representative.

Support Cucumber Grades

As one of the last steps in the promulgation of the regulation, the State Agricultural Commission approved *Proposed Regulation No. 537 Michigan Standards for Cucumbers for Pickling* during their January 6 meeting. The Commission also directed that the regulation would become effective on December 1, 1965. Purchase of cucumbers under the new state standard grades would then start with the 1966 crop.

Buyers having to make any adjustments in their handling practices will have over a year to adjust to purchasing on the same grade basis as all other buyers.

Most of the commodities produced on Michigan farms are sold on the basis of standardized measures of quality, size and weight. One notable exception has been pickling cucumbers, which is the largest processing vegetable crop grown in the state.

Pickle growers have found that accurate comparisons between the grade sizes and prices offered by the contract buyers has been nearly an impossible task. Grade sizes have varied so much between buyers that price and other terms of sale could not be reported in an understandable manner.

Producers of cucumbers for pickles, with the assistance of the Michigan Farm Bureau Market Development Division and the MACMA Pickling Cucumber Division, have been working to establish a set of Michigan standard grades. A request was submitted to the Michigan Department of Agriculture to have uniform grade standards put into effect by regulation. A proposed regulation was drawn up and considered during a formal procedure which included a hearing held on October 20.

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The Fight For Enough Water

DISCUSSION TOPIC

Prepared by the Education and Research Department,
Michigan Farm Bureau

Many of us are apt to look on water problems as no more serious than a puddle at our doorstep. We get complacent about water. As long as the tap delivers or nobody gets typhoid, we go on our careless way.

Water is a commodity of many uses in our modern society. A flood or a failure of supply means disaster. In primitive times, men were few and the uses of water were simple. Just move from waterhole to waterhole, or camp by a river or stream.

Modern man jams the countryside. Modern homes have water-consuming gadgets of many sorts — automatic washers, dishwashers, shower baths, air conditioners, two and three toilets to the home.



Recall the disappointed Texas lady who kept drilling for water but only hit more oil? It may be hard to sympathize, but her predicament is not really funny . . .

A shortage of water raises quick havoc. And this immense mass of people throw off vast volumes of waste to pollute the water supplies around them. Sewage and industrial wastes threaten with diseases and poisons.

The clock ticks — a baby is born. It ticks again, and there is another. An endless event, day after day. Every added person competes for the available water supply and adds to the wastes.

Modern society consumes water like a spendthrift. Homes add swimming pools. Thousands of new lawns to sprinkle every year. Factories consume water by the billions of gallons. Yes, they are air conditioned, too.

Massed concentrations of people must earn a living. Factories must have water. And factories mean jobs or no jobs. It takes thousands of gallons to make a ton of steel, more thousands to machine parts for an automobile. And factories multiply across our countryside. Their demands would total up to a large river without taking into account the homes and stores.

Farms without water would become a desert. Wherever life exists there must be water to sustain it. Crops and livestock must have it and production is in direct proportion to proper seasonal rainfall. Farmers add to this by irrigating. Farmers increase their irrigation practices about 10% each year, and that is the Michigan rate.

Recreational uses and demands for water increase by leaps and bounds. There were 465,000 boats registered in Michigan in 1964. Fishermen and hunters want plenty of clean water in our lakes, streams and marshes. A howl goes up when wildlife refuges are threatened.

As modern problems grow, fewer and fewer people take water for granted. More and more rise up "to fight for their water rights." The silent ones — the complacent ones — can be left in the lurch.



LIMITED SUPPLY

The world's supply of water never changes. Nature may freeze vast amounts into glaciers. Much water flows away to the oceans leaving cropland arid and dry. But the quantity is still the same. Either it just is not in the right places in the needed amounts, or what remains is spoiled by the action of man.

Water gathers into water-courses — streams and rivers. It forms lakes. It seeps into the ground. A vast flow is necessary to carry away the waste products of a civilized society. Sewage and industrial wastes are thrown off in tremendous quantities. It enters the streams and other surface bodies. It seeps into the ground. Even ground waters become contaminated.

In newly populated areas seepage from septic tanks often ruins the water supply for the community. Even the deep wells sunk by cities have shown up with cyanide or chromium poisons from the factories or chemical plants.

Nature contaminates some for the use of man with saturations of salt or sulfur. An ample supply often means the need to clean the contaminating substances from available water. It is not easy to do.

When some people take a vast share of the supply, others find their supply exhausted. Factories and cities drill large casings thousands of feet into the ground. With heavy pumping, the shallow wells of homes and farms dry up for miles around.

All these developments mean that conflicts over water "rights" multiply faster than the problems causing them are solved. One man's solution is another man's problem. Squabbles and fighting over the problems never solve them. Neither have our courts made much ground in solving problems of water rights. Michigan just does not have the water laws that fit the growing problems.

Nobody stands clear of these problems — by the way! The reader should remember how prone some people are to "pin the tail on the farmer" when fish and wildlife die in our rivers and streams. Pesticides may even be "the goat" where industrial wastes are the real cause. It happened on the Mississippi River.

Farmers who irrigate get under fire, too. You pump down that lake or stream, and boating enthusiasts don't like it. Or you dry up the marshes so that ducks and wildfowl lose their nesting places. You then become the target of hunters. Or you are accused of contamination for the run-off from your barnyards. So — all join hands and circle to the right!

NEEDED — POLLUTION-SOLUTION

Pollution becomes one of our biggest water problems. We ruin so much water for reuse. Under present pollution laws, individuals or corporations face criminal liability with a penalty up to \$500 a day for each violation. But still pollution goes on.

Communities dump raw or partly-treated sewage into rivers. Other communities downstream stand in the path of an epidemic. The pressure grows to require sewage disposal plants. Few such really clean up the water. The most complete methods remove about 95% of the solid wastes. Not all plants are this efficient. Chlorine is added to the outflow to kill germs. The water of the stream is expected to dispose of what is left.

Under favorable conditions it will oxidize and gradually disappear. But often too much is added for the size of the river. It gets saturated with sludge sewage. Even beaches on some of our Great Lakes have been closed as health hazards because of being fouled in this fashion. County drains sometimes become problems when unauthorized sewage is channeled into them.

Drains that are too efficient also get into the controversy. Waters flow away when some want them preserved. There is need for a system to conserve waters that come during periods of heavy rainfall. More dams and reservoirs will appear. It will mean more farm land condemned for public use. Water problems may lead in many directions.

You can add the areas being considered by the federal government for recreational purposes. Facilities increase taxes. Land going to government cuts back on local tax bases. More farm property taxes. Many angles, indeed!

WATER FIGHTS

Our large metropolitan areas are being forced to take action to add to their water supplies. In some cases battles spring up over who is going to pay for what and how much — over

whether to join hands in building a pipeline or disposal plant, or to go it alone.

The vast, six-county area around Detroit now holds four and a half million people. A new pipeline to Lake Huron will carry water to serve six million. Greater Grand Rapids will pull more water from Lake Michigan.

Smaller communities could not afford these mammoth pipelines. They must recover and store water locally.

WHIRLPOOL

Thousands of our Michigan water problems get tangled into a gigantic snarl. None are set on a sound footing by settling an endless parade of petty fights. The Legislature has passed almost no new laws to help clear up the growing muddle.

People "muddy the Legislative waters" by conflicting demands. Wrangle and Jangle have held the floor on a long filibuster. The legislature has found it hard to see through this fog.

The Governor has taken a necessary and proper step. He has appointed a "Task Force" to untangle the skein of our water problems — to get the facts, to study needs and procedures. From such a study can emerge the basis for good water laws in Michigan. It is a BIG job.

Our laws must fit our own peculiar situation. The federal government talks of taking over jurisdiction in all matters of water use. Such regulations would never fit local problems and needs properly. They are set up from a nationwide viewpoint. They do not examine local conditions, nor state differences.

No set of laws, not even the best, can perform the miracle of satisfying everyone. The first steps toward their passage must be compromise. All groups, including farmers, must have capable spokesmen to insure that they are a part of the final code of Michigan Water Laws.

Without doubt, some of the first steps will be taken in 1965.

Discussion Exercise

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