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.

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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 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. Is anything 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 continues to pour in as new opportunities for the many 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 new as well as as old as August. It isn't.

What if the exemption did save farmers $1,500,000 per year in the 1935? 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 important that each year members of the legislature and tax people search for new services of revenue. A legislative "Ways and Means" Committee is exactly that, and one of the tools 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 to which farmers have 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 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. Only in the last few years have state and local taxing authorities agreed to set up road building purposes. Last year that idea was modernized when suggestions kept popping up to raise more money for road building during the next few years.

Some of the more recent 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 MAMCA did it in 1964—but can this kind of success be applied to other commodities?

Michigan's 1964 processing apple crop was an overwhelming producer and provided with bringing it a sure price—but Farm Bureau's "Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association" had built an effective Producers Marketing and Growers Association. 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 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!"

The results of Farm Bureau as an organization as such, is helpless to do things. Organizations don't do anything. People do it—through it.

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 helped. Along with the begging he gets attention and respect from others.

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 things they need to begin 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 blazing down Roll-Call, only to let him shift for himself after joining.

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 just that, tough.

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 the farms and farm units is at stake! So, they have to be positive and practical. And they have to be right!

When Farm Bureau leaders at the convention went out on bills to work on plans 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 space. 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 this instance was the improvement of per-family farm incomes. They were interested in building better marketing formulas for farms.

We need to understand the point from which they approached this goal. They believe that the income problems of the American farmer cannot be solved without taking account of sound market economics.

American agriculture will simply continue to be in trouble when government programs persist in providing a market floor strong enough to interfere with balance of 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 "right things"—thereby encouraging and stimulating the production of un-needed surpluses—Missure of these surpluses has become a roadblock to good farm incomes. And real markets need to be created and expanded to near and abroad to take advantage of the production of our farms.

The Farm Bureau delegations' approach holds that farmers can earn the highest real incomes when they can use their land, capital and labor according to sound market economics.

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State at 62,000 Mark

Maintaining an over-all membership lead ahead of last year at this time, reports Sommefeldt, who stresses the importance of writing more new members in "agriculture's most effective farm organization," to assure an even greater effect.

The opportunities 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 counties are also at, or above the 90% of goal mark: Bay, Clinton, Gratiot, Gladwin, Hillsdale.

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.

They Know Why...
Young Farm Couples Learn Together

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 three days 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 headed 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 crudes oil "cracking" unit), others were amazed to learn that sulphur in fuels and oils are detrimental and that better refineries remove it during processing for sale as a by-product.

At the huge Saginaw Grain 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 area to explain the process of receiving, sorting and storing grain in the 50 huge bins, and the later movement of these grains into sea-going ships 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 nearby, everyone saw one of the latest types 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 today's efficient high analysis nitrate.

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 farm cooperatives. After seeing the actuarial statistics presented by insurance company representatives, one or two were seen shaking their heads and wondering aloud how he or any other young man ever gets insurance at a reasonable cost.

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

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 the 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 Duke, 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; Cheboygan, Feb. 17; Ubly, 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; Robert Bosc, 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 Tracks, District Extension Agent of Zeeland; Quentin Outrander, District Marketing Agent of Bay City; Fred Sachse, County Extension Director of Jackson, and Reuben Knaur, County Extension Director of Huronville.

Other M.S.U. staff members assisting in "improving director performance" will be Henry Lefebre; Dan Start, Dan Kohler, Agricultural Agent, Carsco and John Hodge, District Extension Agent, Petoskey.

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MICHIGAN FARM NEWS
**Getting in Gear for an Action Year!**

**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 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 Gerber, Fost and Kellogg’s, 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 today’s teens-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 Ket. 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, touring office facilities at 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.

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.

**Winter Camp Program**

Farm Bureau Young People of Calhoun county have reserved Gilbert Lodge, near Traverse City, for their February 10-12 Winter Camp program.

Members of Farm Bureau People’s Committees in other counties along with members of Young-Farmer Commodity Groups are invited to attend. Camp costs will depend upon the number enrolled, but are estimated to be in the $5 to $12 area.

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FARMERS PETROLEUM CO-OP
**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 capital 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 aboard. At 1½ hours, the group will be transported to the historically famous Willard Hotel, headquarters for the three-day stay.

Monday will be meeting with staff members of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Washington, office of 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.

**RESERVATION REQUEST**

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**WOMEN'S HOLIDAY CAMP**

**MICHIGAN FARM NEWS**

February 1, 1965
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 residence of Legislators who will attend the luncheon and for Farm Bureau members who will visit 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 members of 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

Emphasize Reform Need

Anxious to implement an adequate program of state tax reform as outlined by Farm Bureau in recent voting delegates — members of the board of directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau have endorsed this statement:

"Resolved: We approve a flat rate state income tax for Michigan provided it is used to bring relief to property taxpayers 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 state tax-reform program and the legislative process.

The committee concluded that there is no question but that property taxpayers continue their constant battle for relief, 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 citizens 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 county.

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" schools, mental health programs, and others.
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 "among friends 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 1961 the leadership saw that grain marketing was "too big an assignment" 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 1983. 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 under one roof—at 4000 N. Grand River Avenue, Lansing—were jammed with Michigan soft white wheat. Our Michigan soft white wheat has always been in demand. The U.S.D.A. has recognized 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.

But, since the harvest year, 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.

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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 34,338,000 bushels as of January 1, 1965. The ten year average for that date is 9,521,000 bushels. There is the impact of government roadblocks. 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 2c to 3c above soft red wheat. But this winter soft white is 2c 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.!
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 income for him, he is also beholden to do the same for the filling station proprietor, the candy store owner, the barber and the broker.

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. Wrightman, apple grower from Ferndale, 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. Linn, 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.

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

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 investing 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, adopted 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.

A farm home of concrete masonry gives you extra livability and charm.

New shapes and colors, textures and patterns give homes of modern concrete masonry special warmth and interest. Upkeep is no problem. And homes are easy to heat in winter, cool in summer.

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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 Shaver, 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.

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 Ebe.

A NEW GUIDE BOOK, of special interest to vacationers or outdoormen, is offered by Michigan United Conservation Clubs. Here, MUCC Executive Director Jim Bissman, (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 membership record-keeping procedures in the Berrien County Farm Bureau office. With county secretary Mrs. Jeannie Buser, is Wesley Prillwitz, vice president of the Berrien County Farm Bureau.

MULTI-STATE MEETING SCORES PERFECT 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 conferences 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. The informal meeting point statement issued by A. H. Little, C. G. Little and C. S. Forge, the current Little Brothers partnership, and Elton R. Smith, President of Farm Bureau Services, Mr. Little says this affiliation will continue the plan first started by his father, C. G. Little, in 1904. This plan was to make available to the farmers of the Kalamazoo and St. Joseph Counties proper facilities for handling and marketing their products. The Little Brothers outlets are located in Schoolcraft, Vicksburg, Climax and Mendon and will be operated as Independent Farmers' Cooperative businesses, with no personnel changes and only minor revision in the mechanics of operation. Patrons of these operations will be able to utilize the facilities of Service, Michigan Elevator Exchange Division for their grain marketing, as well as Services' Egg Divisions for their eggs.

Farmers of Kalamazoo and St. Joseph Counties will have quality processing services available to them. Feed grinding and mixing facilities are maintained at all locations, including those 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 lead to Michigan's fishing, hunting, sightseeing, camping, trail hiking, and skiing opportunities. Michigan Outdoor Guide was developed by the Michigan Department of Conservation and has been published by the Map Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. This guide offers a newly-published, informative, 128-page book which can lead to Michigan's fishing, hunting, sightseeing, camping, trail hiking, and skiing opportunities. Michigan Outdoor Guide was developed by the Michigan Department of Conservation and has been published by the Map Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. This guide offers a wealth of information on Michigan's outdoor opportunities.

Support Cucumber Grades

As one of the last steps in the promulgation of the regulation, the State Agricultural Commission has taken action to establish a set of Michigan standard grades for cucumbers. This action was taken after a comprehensive study of the present grading system and the development of a new grading system. The grading system now in effect is based on the Michigan Agriculture Commission's grading rules and procedures and is designed to provide accurate and uniform cucumber grades. The new grading system is expected to improve the marketing of cucumbers in Michigan and to provide better quality control for farmers and marketers.

Pickle growers have found that accurate comparisons between the grade sizes and prices offered by the four pickling 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 Agriculture Commission, have been working to develop a new grading system. The new grading system has been developed in cooperation with the Michigan Agriculture Commission and has been adopted by the Michigan State Iciemiet's Department of Agriculture. The grading system now in effect is based on the Michigan Agriculture Commission's grading rules and procedures and is designed to provide accurate and uniform cucumber grades. The new grading system is expected to improve the marketing of cucumbers in Michigan and to provide better quality control for farmers and marketers.

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Personal contact with farmers from a retail farm supply store. Sales and service of all types of production supplies, seed, fertilizer, farm chemicals, etc. Must be alert, energetic, and able to work with farmers to improve their farming programs. College training in Ag or general agriculture desirable.

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High school graduation or equivalent, aggressive attitude, good personality. No physical requirement. Knowledge of ground required. Previous experience desirable. Will work evenings and Saturday mornings, paying according to instructions and performance. Will prefer college graduates, seed, and beans. Excellent mechanical skill to operate elevator repairs. Familiar with sales techniques in the elevator. Will contact persons through the Personnel Department of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., Kalamazoo; 7th, Charlotte Fairgrounds; 18th, Marshall; 17th, Ionia and Barry Counties; 18th, Clinton and

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FARM POWER SHOW Series

Rural residents of Lower Michigan are urged to watch for local Farmers Cooperative presentations of Power-FARMING "shows" to be staged in weeks. The eight Power-FARMING shows are a joint effort of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative staff specialists. More than 20 of the lively meetings remain to be held. The February schedule is as follows: February 9, Alpena; February 10, Elkhorn, 4th, Two Lakes 4-H Building, Traverse City; 9th, Fowlbury, 10th, Ied Axe, 11th, Saginaw; 12th, Grand Lagoon; 17th, Grout Town Hall (Gladwin); 18th, Scottville, 23rd, Fowlbury. The March schedule includes: March 2nd, 2nd, 3rd, Michigan State University, 2nd, Co- operative Extension service of all types of production supplies, seed, fertilizer, farm chemicals, etc. Must be alert, energetic, and able to work with farmers to improve their farming programs. College training in Ag or general agriculture desirable.

CROSSLAYS for more...

A listing of all state parks, road-side trails, ski hills, resorts and attractions. Ways will be a boon to the state's outdoor interests. Detailed maps of all 83 counties, seer, hiker, or birdwatcher.

FARMER-Power SHOWS—All over Michigan, are planned by Farmers Petroleum Co-op staff members (from left) Julius Baeh, John Jenson, Wm. Armstrong, Aria and Stimmel, Shaanavesh, 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.

FREE FILM

“FREE FILM” shows are a way of selling the Pump and Motor Co., Box 125, Emmett, Michigan. (9-64-to-12p) 6

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The Fight For Enough Water

LIMITED SUPPLY

The world’s supply of water may be severely depleted, and some areas may face vast amounts into glaciers. Much water flows away to the sea, through evaporation, as desert, and even in 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 enters into watercourses—streams and rivers. It forms lakes. It seeps into the ground. A vast flow is necessary to carry away the waste products of a civilization. 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.

Modern society consumes water like a spendthrift. Homes add swimming pools. Thousands of new lawns to sprinkle. Dishwashers, shower baths, air conditioners, two and three toilets to the home.

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.

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HEALTH

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