

"MIGHTY MAC" — Michigan's famed five-mile Mackinac Bridge, symbol of summer travel and a growing tourist industry. Farm Bureau members join those who feel that present bridge tolls are excessive and that ways should be found to make the bridge avail-

failed to receive support in Senate Committee, and continue to urge action by the Legislature to provide a bridge refinance plan.

-Michigan Tourist Council Photo

Board Votes Expanded Program

11 at Farm Bureau Center, Lansing, the board of directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau voted to endorse a greatly expanded

To add emphasis to their action, the board moved to call a nancing to carry it out.

Earlier, the board had received and accepted the official report of the "State Relationship Committee" which had been charged last November by Farm Bureau voting delegates to continue their year-long study of Farm Bureau finance and program structure.

At the time the delegate body asked that the committee make specific recommendations "to the Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors and membership" on adequate financing and program expansion.

In its prolonged study, the Re-

present Farm Bureau programs and compared them with needs reported by local members in a series of county and multi-county and strengthened Farm Bureau Farm Bureau meetings held in all parts of the state during March and April.

special delegate meeting for the program expansion were listed in be called to consider these actions. purpose of considering such pro- the county reports, with such gram expansion and necessary fi- practical advice offered as, "Farm Bureau must change and grow, and must be adequately financed to do more.

> The committee emphasized the need for study into different methods by which Farm Bureau can serve members through such economic services as legal advice, tax and management analysis.

> Recommending an adequate dues structure to finance the proposed program expansion, the committee took into consideration a forthcoming 50¢ per member increase in American Farm Bureau membership dues.

In accepting the State Relation-

In historic action taken May lationship Committee examined ship Committee report, the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors also accepted the recommendation that present dues be increased by eight additional dollars per year, three to be reserved for County Farm Bureau use; further, that a special meet-Hundreds of suggestions for ing of the voting delegate body

To be held in the Fairchild heatre, M.S.U., East Lansing, this special meeting has been called for Monday, August 16, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Attending will be nearly 700 county leaders who make up the official House of Delegates of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Program advances to be considered at that time will include added services to County Farm Bureaus, strengthening the Community Group program, new moves in the fields of marketing, an enlarged legislative program and new methods of telling the story of agriculture to nonfarmers.

RESOLUTIONS COMM

Appointment of the 1965 Michigan Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee has been announced by President Elton R. Smith. Following the pattern adopted two years ago by former President Walter Wightman, the appointments of new members are made for two years. Committee members serving the even-number districts were appointed in 1964 and will continue to serve in 1965.

Committee appointments made by President Smith include: Adolph Dongvillo, Jr., Berrien county, District 1; Dwain J. Dancer, Jackson county, District 2; W. Arthur Rowley, Macomb county, District 3; Gerald Waldeck, Kent ounty, District 4; Robert D. Zeeb, Clinton county, District 5: Alfred Goodall, Tuscola county, District 6; Lawrence Robison, Mecosta county, District 7; Harmon Williams, Arenac county, District 8; Louis Hayward, Kalkaska county, District 9; Eugene Fleming, Otsego county, District 10; and Charles Donaldson, Jr., Menominee county, District 11.

Representing Farm Bureau Women on the committee will be: Mrs. LaVern Kramer, Hillsdale county; Mrs. Jerold Topliff, Ingham county; and Mrs. William C. Lockhart, Chippewa county.

Raymond Kucharek, Chairman of the State Young People's Committee will represent young-farmer interests. Appointed to positions "At Large" are Dean Pridgeon, Eugene Roberts, and Donald Ruhlig, all members of the Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

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Editorial

On The Move. . .

Farm Bureau is on the move in Michigan.

At county-wide meetings in all parts of the state, busy, full-time farmers — with an eye to a future they intend to help mold — have been measuring Farm Bureau in terms of jobs they want done.

Their reports, made in "Farm Bureau of the Future" meetings, have been gathered, sorted and examined by a special statewide study committee which has been working for nearly two years, and now has made its official report to the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors.

That report, given in detail on the adjoining page, deserves the careful attention of every Michigan farmer. It represents many hours of time spent away from their farm homes by hard-working members of the "State Relationship Committee," made up of one Farm Bureau member from each of 11 districts, including the Upper Peninsula.

It represents the best thinking of this group of farm leaders who had the difficult task of measuring Farm Bureau as it now exists in Michigan against the tasks they feel lie ahead for organized agriculture.

In painstaking detail, committee members examined the structure and finances of the 71 County Farm Bureau organizations in our state. They made note of weaknesses and strengths in the Community Group program, which has been copied by many other states.

They heard reports of expanded programs and increased finances in other state Farm Bureau organizations. They compared service programs and facilities, and took special note of the responsibility Michigan farmers have in building and keeping strong a nationwide American Farm Bureau Federation.

They examined the special problems farmers face in telling their story to a busy non-farm majority. They judged future needs against the background of legislative apportionment and a government geared more to the appeal of the majority.

The list of past Farm Bureau accomplishments which they examined was so long that it threatened at times to blind the pathway to a future which will bring its own special needs in areas of Marketing, Legislation, Information and still unthought-of Economic Services.

Some suggested a new Farm Bureau labor recruiting program to help offset the loss of Bracero workers. Legal, tax, farm management, counseling, accounting, estate planning, county zoning, credit advice — these and many more new service areas were examined as possibilities for organized farmers.

"Why not retain more control of what we as farmers produce? Why not own and operate meat-packing facilities? — retail food store outlets? Why not handle more of the products we create instead of turning these over to others for processing and distribution?"

Some of the ideas suggested might be called "way out" by some, such as the suggestion for cooperative purchase of land for recreation, or a Farm Bureau "elevator" in Europe for grain storage and sale overseas.

Who is to judge which ideas are sound and will stand the test of time, or which ideas are the kind from which only dreams are made?

Who, for example, could have foreseen the Farm Bureau Trade Development Corporation, or the Farm Bureau trade office at Rotterdam, The Netherlands? Who could have envisioned the tremendous growth of Farm Bureau cooperatives, or have guessed that the young Farm Bureau movement of a few years back would grow to include three out of every four organized farmers in the United States?

Only people with vision. People with the kind of vision which built Farm Bureau in the first place 50 years ago.

People with vision reborn each generation, the kind of people who will now rise to the challenge of stretching the Michigan Farm Bureau into new shapes of the future.

M.W.



Emblem Promotes Products

JUNE INDEED IS DAIRY MONTH.

The stylized flower-symbol of this fact is to be seen "growing" everywhere, on grocer's shelves, in dairy store windows, in restaurants and every other fertile ground for June dairy promotion.

The farmers can be proud of their part in planting the "seeds" from which it springs. The American Dairy Association has grown from an idea in the minds of dairymen to a successful nation-wide effort. June Dairy Month is just one of the promotions that has become part of the American scene.

A.D.A. has become a rallying point for the entire industry wherever dairy foods are sold and a constant reminder that farmers have come a long way since they first decided to disprove the old theory that "he travels farthest who travels alone."

By joining A.D.A. — and refusing to travel alone, dairymen have moved farther and faster than any other specialized group within agriculture. They have taught others an important lesson, that farmers themselves can be a positive force in promoting their own products — that the farmer's job does not necessarily stop at his farm gate.

Why indeed should farmers be only PRODUCERS?

Why have farmers allowed others to gain control of all other phases of the food industry except production, OFTEN THE LEAST LUCRATIVE END?

Should farmers not demand and retain the right to do more than produce, to process, transport, promote and retail their products if they so wish?

The American Dairy Association of Michigan and its counterparts in other states have shown how successful farmers can be in the promotion field. Is there any reason to think farmers would be any less successful in other areas if they set their minds to it?

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President's Column

Control Authority

Farmers have talked a lot about what happened to wheat and feed grain prices during the last year. They were baffled. Why should the Secretary of Agriculture dump wheat and feed grains on the market when prices were already near distress levels?

In April, I attended the Annual Meeting of the National Federation of Grain Cooperatives. At that meeting the Secretary gave his own answer to this question. I found it a bit shock-

He was answering the Farm Bureau request that the Department of Agriculture be checked in this practice of dumping stocks on the open market to depress prices. Farm Bureau had asked Congress to limit this dumping of Commodity Credit Corporation stocks by raising the level for releasing them from 105% of the loan rate, to a range of 115% to 125%. Farmers need that price protection!

The Secretary's statement at that meeting indicated pretty clearly what he felt was the thing of main importance in his mind. It was not that farmers should be given an opportunity to make a fair income on what they produce. He felt that something else was more important!

The Secretary's comment before the meeting was that he could not let prices go to 125% of the loan rate because, if he did, farmers would not sign up for his program. He repeated this idea in his testimony before the House Agriculture Committee regarding the 1965 wheat and feed grains bill.

So, it seems rather clear what comes first for Secretary Freeman; — his own program and authority to control farmers.

What has happened to open market wheat prices pretty well paints the picture of how this force to compel farmers into the program has been built.

The Wheat Certificate program went into effect July 1, 1964. The first week it was in force the Secretary dumped nearly 7.5 million bushels of wheat on the market. A year before that he had dumped only 1.9 million bushels. The support rate for 1963 had been \$1.82 a bushel. But the new rate in July 1964 became \$1.30 and the Secretary dumped his July 1964 wheat at \$1.37 a bushel.

We should take note that by dropping the support level in the 1965 law to \$1.25, he can now dump wheat at a still lower price.

Open-market wheat prices for the year from July 1962 to June 1963 had averaged \$2.03. For the twelve months from July 1963 to June 1964, the open market prices held at an average of \$1.92 a bushel.

But from July 1964 to March 1965, the openmarket price nose-dived to an average of \$1.37.

It is clear that the Secretary is determined that no farmer shall continue to operate outside of the fences that he has built.

Naturally, the sign-up of farmers in the Secretary's programs has increased under this pressure. The size of the sign-up is used politically to argue that farmers "want the program." It is supposed to mean that the program is "successful." But, beyond the Secretary's Department, successful for whom?

The new program will also bait the trap for soy-bean growers. It will allow growers to plant soys on part of their wheat and feed grain diverted acres. Again, why — when they are being paid to divert the land?

Soy-beans have seen rather uncertain prices on the open market. But I fear for what can happen when the glut from the new acreage hits the market.

This is bound to mean overproduction of soys, distressed prices, and farmers in distress unless soys are brought under the same certificate programs now imposed on wheat and feed grains.

As I see it, Farm Bureau people have the most pressing need to defeat the Administrations 1965 farm bill and to get the needed limitations on the powers of the Secretary by supporting the Farm Bureau bill (S 891 and HR 4254).

Elton Smith

PROGRAM EXPANSION PLANNED

Report Accepted

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau paved the way for a period of accelerated Farm Bureau growth in accepting and endorsing a report made to it by the "State Relationship Committee".

Last Fall, voting delegates to the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting charged this committee with the task of studying Farm Bureau finances and program structure and to make an action-report to the Board for its guidance.

Meeting May 10, in Lansing, the 11-member committee agreed upon contents of this report, which in its final form included a general broadening of Farm Bureau activities, within Community Groups, in County Farm Bureau programs and within the Michigan Farm Bureau itself.

In accepting the report in its regular session, May 11, the Michigan Farm Bureau board expressed confidence in the work of the committee and supported its program-expansion

Implicit within the planned expansion is an eight-dollar membership dues adjustment needed to adequately finance the areas of growth which were first listed for the Relationship Committee by local Farm Bureau members and county Farm Bureau boards.

The need for more dues money to support this growth became evident when additional work and service areas listed by local members were interpreted by the committee in terms of dollar-

Proposed program advances recommended by the committee include placing more emphasis on Farm Bureau's legislative programs, an increase in legislation, and in creating interest in local political activity and the total election process.

"More emphasis needs to be placed on marketing, with the expansion of this program into new commodity areas," the committee members reported. They backed considerable added emphasis on research for legislative, marketing and informa-

They supported increased activity in areas of membership and Community Groups, in Citizenship and Young Farmers

An examination of the total Farm Bureau information program pointed up a need for more broadcast activity, particularly a move into public service television programming. The committee noted that substantial offers of public service television time have made to Farm Bureau, most of which cannot be accepted with present staff and equipment. An expansion of the Farm Bureau information work into telecasting was one of the areas of advance, supported by the Relationship Committee.

As they moved to accept and work for this expanded work program, a member of the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors summed up what appeared to be a general attitude, "We are all impatient with present progress. It is amazing that these gains for Farm Bureau can be made by an increase in dues which in the year total only about the price of recent increases for haircuts!"



THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS — of the Michigan Farm Bureau examine the report submitted to them by a delegation from the state Relationship Committee. Facing the camera at the far end of the table (center) is Committee Chairman Ed Bourns. At the left is Louis Hayward, Kalkaska, and right, Howard Erbe, Sanilac. Later the board voted to accept the

Members List Program Needs

Bureau must have "a positive attitude and definite goals." That is the opinion of Ionia County Farm Bureau members, who were among those from many counties of the state showing their own positive attitudes by listing goals to help shape Farm Bureau's

When submitted by Farm Bureau boards, these suggestions served to guide the State Relationship Committee in preparing its report dealing with future programs and finance to the board of directors of the Michigan Farm

'Continue and expand work in the legislative area, especially on tax reform, to help lessen the burden of the school tax on property," was another Ionia county suggestion. Concerning Farm Bureau finances, the Ionia farmers said that any needed increase in dues should be sufficient to cover the cost of carrying program expansion for a period of years, thus eliminating the need for additional increases for some time to come.

"Farm Bureau has to change and keep changing" - was the opinion expressed by members of the Washtenaw County Farm Bu-

To serve farmers best, Farm reau, who said that one of the main causes of failure is the lack of ability and knowledge to know when to change. Among changes recommended in the operation of Farm Bureau, the Washtenaw leaders suggested an expansion of marketing work to all farm products, with more study on the areas

> A similar feeling was expressed by members of the Livingston County Farm Bureau, who suggested that Farm Bureau members work together to keep government out of their business. "We need more information on hogs and feeder pig marketing, and possibly should organize a hog-marketing division similar to the processing-apple division of MACMA," they said.

> "Let's inform the public on the farmer's share of the food dollar,' said Farm Bureau members of Montcalm County, who felt that group study meetings to examine their organization and its direction were worthwhile and that more should be held.

> Much the same sentiment was expressed in Van Buren where, at a county-wide meeting of the membership, local farmers also urged improved communications

between farmers, urban people and members of the legislature.

"As we become more of a minority, our lobbying efforts will need to improve," observed farmers of Ingham county, who added a concern for more research and information about legislative issues. Training for Community Group leaders and an improved Discussion Topic system were other suggestions, along with "more information to the general public, with special emphasis on radio and television."

Four separate meetings with an attendance of 125 people who spent their time discussing state and county Farm Bureau problems, was the record in Kent county, where emphasis was placed on Farm Bureau working with allies, with possible "guidance to help like-groups of one commodity interest to merge into one strong group - such as pulling together the many milk asso-

"More money is needed in the County Farm Bureau to help finance expansion there," was the opinion of Emmet County farmers, who added that too many volunteers have been required to give of their time and transportation without reimbursement.



STATE RELATIONSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS - study the report they prepared for consideration by the Michigan Form Bureau board of directors. Working on the report were 11 committee members, one from each Farm Bureau district. Pictured are (from left): Ed Estelle, District 10; Waino Rajala, District 11 (Upper Peninsula); Louis Hayward, District 9; and Committee Chairman, Ed Bourns, District 3.

Policy Resolution

The State Relationship Committee has been guided in its work by a clear-cut policy resolution adopted at the last annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

In part, the resolution stated: "At the 1963 Michigan Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, the delegates called for a study of the financial and program structure of Farm Bureau. Both state and county levels were to be con-

"The State Relationship Committee worked diligently on this matter during the year. They noted that most County Farm Bureaus are operating on an extremely close budget. With costs such as postage, supplies and repairs rising, most counties are curtailing spending on programs such as membership acquisition, information and Community Group promotion. The Michigan Farm Bureau is using some of its reserve funds accumulated after the dues increase in 1960.

"We commend the State Relationship Committee for its work. We ask that the study be continued in the coming year, and that specific recommendations be made to the Board and membership on adequate financing and program expansion for Farm Bureau.'



SPECIAL TO

Northern Michigan

Farm Bureau members living north of the Bay City-Muskegon line including the Upper Peninsula will be pleased with the legislative progress made so far on Farm Bureau resolutions regarding State and Federal forest taxation, swampland tax, snow removal, and "Big Mac" tolls. Legislative committees recommended passage of the following bills: S. 33, Introduced by Senators Mack, Schweigert and others would increase the swampland state payments from the present 15¢ to 20¢ per acre.

H. 2970 will, if passed, change the Commercial Forest Reserve (Pearson) Act to guarantee a 25¢ per acre annual payment to local government. Yield taxes would be retained by the state. The bill was introduced by Reps. Erlandsen and Jacobetti and had not been acted on by the Conservation Committee until Farm Bureau, two days before the deadline, testified and requested that it be reported out.

H. 2024 — Introduced by Reps. Erlandsen, Jacobetti, Hellman and Constantine, would allow counties in the Upper Peninsula to contract with citizens for snow removal. Farm Bureau appeared before the committee four times and finally succeeded in getting it reported out.

Efforts to refinance "Big Mac" in order to lower the tolls failed in the committee but chances are good that something can still be accomplished this session.

LEGISLATIVE

ACTION REPORT

Late reports prior to presstime list a number of bills supported by Farm Bureau have passed in the House of Representatives.

They include:

H. 1049 - Uniform Meat Inspection

H. 2650 - Extending the life of the Michigan Potato Council

H. 2119 - Creating a Bean Commission

H. 2165 - Prohibiting Unfair Dairy Trade practices.

Reports are that all passed by nearly unanimous votes.

This victory for farmers can be made complete through active Farm Bureau member-support in urging Senators to vote for these bills when they come before that body.

Let your Senator know what these measures mean to farmers. Let him know what you think about these important

TAXES!



HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, - Representative George Montgo ery (D. Detroit, right in photo) and Representative James Folks (R. Horton, left) -past Committee Chairman are both recognized tax experts.

Outlook in the House

tee headed by Rep. Montgomery reported out and recommended for passage a package of bills which could finance state operations for the next two years.

Included are bills to impose the 4% sales tax on nearly all services including "everything but hospital bills." About \$84 million a year would be raised and such services as haircuts, shoe repairs, auto and other repairs, dental bills, admissions, etc. would be taxed. The Business Activities tax would be changed to become a 5% tax on net income and which would increase revenues from the present \$98 million a year to about \$155 million. The tax on beer would

The House Taxation Commit- be reduced from \$6.61 per barrel to \$4.10 per barrel or about 7/10¢ a bottle and would cost about \$14

> The Committee also reported out without recommendation and laid on the table a number of taxation bills which could lead to a complete tax reform program. Eight of the bills comprise a package and were introduced by Rep. Folks and others.

A flat rate income tax is included with rates of 3% on individuals, 5% on corporations, and 7% on financial institutions. Property taxes would be cut \$5 per \$1000 (5 mills), and would repeal intangibles and business activities taxes.

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FARMERS PETROLEUM

What Happened to Tax Reform?

\$ What Next for Michigan? \$

By: Associate Legislative Counsel Robert E. Smith

Michigan is again headed toward a fiscal nightmare unless the economic "facts of life" are recognized. Complacency is the order of the day for too many people.

Governor Romney, speaking before 700 Michigan citizens attending a meeting on the state's fiscal problems, pulled no punches when he laid on the line the financial plight facing the state within three years unless fiscal reform is brought about. He indicated that an income tax will be needed to balance the tax structure and make it equitable

The picture at the moment appears rosy with the nearly \$100 million deficit of the late 1950's having been paid off and the pleasant prospect this year of a \$100 million or more surplus.

However, the increasing population with 50,000 or more added school children each year plus the need for expanding educational programs at every level (elementary, high school, and college) plus the growing numbers of elderly people, plus additional services by government will mean that the surplus will become a deficit by 1967.

The Governor's 1965-66 recommended budget totals \$788 million. \$94 million more than last year. However, this record budget is a cut of over \$200 million from the nearly \$1 billion requested by the various state agencies.

As this is written it appears that the Legislature will exceed the Governor's budget by at least \$22 million and perhaps as much as \$70 million. Should this be the case, Michigan could (without new revenue) be in the red \$200 million to \$300 million by 1968.

The Legislature, of course, recognizes that new revenue will be needed. The question is "Will total tax reform be tackled to ensure that every Michigan citizen pays his proper share of the costs of government or will the inequities merely be compounded by the addition of a few more patches to Michigan's fiscal cloak?"

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SENATE LEADERS, — especially interested in tax reform are Senator Basil Brown, (left) Democratic Floor Leader of Highland Park, and Senator George Fitzgerald, D. Grosse Painte Park, Chairman of the Taxation Committee. Both men have been tire less workers on behalf of tax reform.

ax Reform Outlook in Senate

Early in this session Senator Brown took the leadership in promoting tax reform and introduced a package of tax bills identical to Governor Romney's tax program which was considered in a special Legislative fall session in 1963. The program died in the then Republican controlled Legislature through "bipartisan inaction.'

Senator Brown, upon introduc- the present \$1000 to \$5000. tion of the package, urged support of the Governor's tax approach provided the voters were given an opportunity at an early election, to decide whether or not the Michigan Constitution should be changed to allow a graduated income tax.

Senator Fitzgerald is serving his first term in the Senate and has a broad experience as an attorney. It is his position that tax reform cannot be accomplished unless the new Constitution is amended to permit a graduated or progressive income tax.

The Senate Committee also reticular importance to farmers, S. 177. This bill would raise the personal property exemption from

It is possible that interim study will be given to tax reform measures including farm land assess-

GENERAL OUTLOOK

Tax reform is still possible. It will take work, understanding and bi-partisan support. For example, bills to do the job have been reported out of the House Committee and laid on the table. A majority-vote there, can bring them up for action.

Public understanding of the need for tax reform can help. Citizen's groups throughout Michigan ported out some tax bills without have been formed to promote tax recommendation and laid them on .reform, and most recently two the table. Included is one of par- state-wide women's organizations and two educational groups have combined to circulate petitions urging fiscal reform action.

MONROE PUSHES TAX REFORM

Monroe County Farm Bureau leaders are taking an active part in a "Citizens for Tax Reform' movement which began in the county and is beginning to spread into surrounding counties.

County Farm Bureau President Frank Smith is one of the officers of the movement and reports that the 5 point program is the same as Farm Bureau's tax reform pro-

In addition to contacting Legislators, the citizens group has declared that "until tax reform is accomplished they will work to defeat any extra voted millage

The group is not opposed to improved schools but is insisting that property can no longer carry the load.

Action programs such as this throughout the state could result in legislative action this year. How about it?





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Growers Given

MESC for A-Team farm workers no later than Friday, May 21."

The above information was contained in a telegram, dated May 19, 1965, which was received by the Michigan Employment Security Commission from federal agents of the Department of

In order to qualify for any possible use of Mexican workers under a bracero-type program, pickle growers and others must use all available domestic labor.

Efforts are being made to recruit "A-Teams" for use in Michigan throughout an area of some 20 states. High school principals in every Michigan school and in schools in other states have received announcements of the program, which is limited to boys 16 years and over and promises a live-in-camp experience under carefully supervised conditions - with pay of \$1.25 an hour and transportation, housing and supervision provided at the grower's expense.

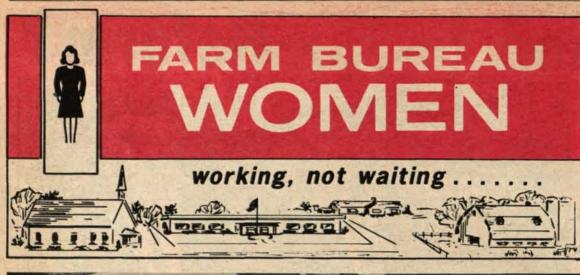
The Teams will be supervised

"All Michigan employers de- by responsible adults - in most siring to maintain foreign worker cases probably by a high school eligibility must place orders with instructor, who will receive, as supervisor, \$4.00 per week for each boy in his Team. Teams may consist of from 20-31 boys.

"Employers must utilize this source of supply before certification of foreign workers will be considered." This requirement by the Labor Department undercuts Wirtz in Detroit of his Michigan Farm Labor Committee's recommendation for certification of 5,000 Mexican National workers.

The rate of \$1.25 per hour is not based on the number of pickles picked, but is a straight hourly rate. It is estimated that this may nearly double the cost of picking 100 pounds of pickles.

Growers' planting decisions are tempered by the question as to how much dependence they can place on the continuing service of such "A-Teams." If Teams are secured, will the boys stay on the job throughout the pickle season, or will they leave after a week or two? If so, can Mr. Wirtz provide a back-up supply of braceros on one day's notice?





"A FARM BUREAU FAMILY AFFAIR" — that's the description of the Cooperative Cookbook planned by Farm Bureau Women. Pictured at work on the project is (left) Mrs. Jerold Topliff, vice chairman of the Farm Bureau Women's Committee assisted by Miss Helen Atwood, Coordinator of Farm Bureau Women's Work. Idea for the project came in part from a similar booklet

Cooperative" Cookbook

agricultural products, while at the same time, put the name of Farm Bureau before thousands of homemakers throughout the state, has been initiated by the Farm Bu-reau Women, in the form of a "cooperative" cookbook.

The attractive, hard-covered recipe book will feature the "kit-chen-tested" favorites of Michigan farm families, plus a short promotion and eye-appealing artwork on each product, and a resume of the activities of the state's largest farm organization.

County Women's committees have been notified to submit their choice of commodity by June 21. When commodity areas have been designated, each county will be asked to contribute six recipes using the particular commodity as the main ingredient. Deadline date: August 15.

A project to promote Michigan Bureau Women's cookbook is Mrs. Jerold Topliff, vice-chairman of the state committee and wellknown for her own culinary abilities. Marketing specialist, Larry Ewing, Market Development department of the Michigan Farm Bureau, is assisting the women in

this commodity promotion project. Release date for the cookbooks has been set for October 1.

The decision to publish the attractive booklet came during Michigan Week, a fitting coincidence in that promotion of Michigan farm products will be featured throughout. Such products as Michigan pea-beans, Michigan mushrooms, rhubarb, celery, Michigan cherries and other fruit, are considered "naturals" for recipe promotion.

Unusual uses of farm products will be stressed with the booklet reflecting both the personality of "Editor-in-chief" of the Farm Michigan's products and people.

N.W. Women Celebrate "Birthday"

By Mrs. Marjorie Plamondon, Editor N.W.M. Farm Bureau News

More than 100 people attended the 20th birthday celebration of the Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau Women's Committee, held recently in Traverse City.

Guests who paid tribute to the women for their 20 year record included Elton Smith, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau; Wesley Hawley, Escanaba, regional representative of 20 years ago, and Mrs. Marjorie Karker, Michigan State Medical Society, and former Women's Coordinator for the Farm Bureau.

Praise was given to the women for their work over the past 20 years by Wesley Hawley. "I believe it was the coming of the women into Farm Bureau that allowed this organization to reach the heights it has today." He also cautioned the group that there is a great deal of work for Farm Bureau in the future, and encouraged the women to continue to play an important role.

General chairman for the event, Mrs. William Hoolihan, was cited by the present county women's chairman, Sylvia Lautner, for her work and efforts over the past 20 years. Mrs. Hoolihan was the first chairman of the Northwest Women's Committee and had continued to serve on the committee since it was organized.

Miss Lautner summarized the activities of the Women's Committee during its 20 years of service, including the founding of Camp Kett, rural-urban conferences, nursing scholarships, funds for polio and cancer research, help for the Salvation Army, and the annual Cherry-Dairy Smorgas-



EACH MORNING — the District 10-E Farm Bureau Women's Chairman can be found gathering eggs from the 1,000 laying hens on the DeMatio's "Shady Lane Farm." A former city girl, Lou DeMatio has adjusted well to farm life.

Tractor Replaces Trip

By: Donna Wilber

"I was born and raised in the city - scared to death of a horse or cow. So what do I do? - Marry a farmer!"

This was the predicament of Mrs. Eugene DeMatio 25 years ago when she spoke her marriage vows. But love overcomes all obstacles they say and today nothing could lure "Lou" back

justment to farm living is evidenced in the vital enthusiasm with which Lou tackles her duties as a full-time partner in "Shady Lane Farm," home of 1,000 laying hens and headquarters for a dairy business. Even stronger evidence is the good-humored acceptance of her "trip to Hawaii" tion to their 160 acre farm near man. West Branch.

of the trip to Hawaii that we talked about taking when we were married 25 years. Oh well, we'll get there yet," says the energetic Lou, chairman of District 10-E Farm Bureau Women.

Lou's family includes daughter Judy, who takes over when she must be away from home to attend various Farm Bureau meetings; son-in law John, who helps on the farm; son Don, who attends Central Michigan University; and grandchildren Jeff, 5, and Julie, 3, "pride and joy" of grandpa and grandma DeMatio.

'And last, but not least, my husband Gene. Need I tell the women that without a congenial, understanding husband you can-

Her successful and happy ad- as an officer of an organization? This is especially true in Farm Bureau," Lou added. Her Farm Bureau activities in-

clude serving as State Safety Chairman of the Farm Bureau Women and as a representative on the board of the Michigan Rural Safety Council. She has held almost every office on the which is symbolized by the John county level and is in her third Deere 30-20 tractor, newest addi- year as district women's chair-

When Lou was asked why she "Whenever I look at it, I think thought it was important to give of her time and energies to Farm Bureau activities, her answer was: "First, I believe in Farm Bureau. When we joined the organization back in 1948, our leaders sold me on Farm Bureau and the role we women must play. They set a fine example — a grass roots thinking organization with good member and leadership relations.

"I learned early in life (as a member of a family with 12 children) that if we believe in something, let's stand up and be counted. 'Faint heart never won fair lady' has always been my motto. There is a place, big or small, for all of us and we are needed to accomplish the aims and goals we have set for ournot do your best when serving selves in Farm Bureau."

Clip Out and Keep. . .

In answer to a request for a short listing of important Farm Bureau actions "that we may clip out and pass along" - the Farm News this month cites highlights of the Farm Bureau Women's activities.

Safety has been a prime project of the Farm Bureau Women during the past year, with emphasis on the reduction of deaths, injuries and property damage resulting from highway accidents. The State Safety Committee has held its first statewide workshop to help initiate campaigns on the local level, and has kept county committees alerted through regular "safety newsletters."

Information and a better understanding of Farm Bureau and agriculture in general - by members and the public - is the aim of the Farm Bureau Women as they undertake such projects as press relations dinner-meetings, ruralurban and farmer-clergy conferences, and a speaker's bureau to train local leaders to tell the "Farm Bureau

Commodity Promotion of Michigan agricultural products through the publication and distribution of a Farm Bureau Women's cookbook will be an important upcoming project. Recipes from throughout the state will be featured, together with product promotion information, and an explanation of "What is Farm Bureau?"

"Safety-Wise in '65"

Representatives from 21 Farm Michigan State University, who counties met May the Embers Restaurant, Mt. Pleasant, for a Safety Conference Workshop. Farm Bureau Women safety leaders from as far away as the Upper Peninsula attended this first meeting.

"Safety Wise in '65" was the theme of the workshop, under the direction of Mrs. Eugene De-Matio, West Branch, chairman of the Farm Bureau Women's state safety committee. Mrs. DeMatio's committee includes: Mrs. Don Root, Ithaca; Mrs. Harland Welke, Mayville; Mrs. Verness Wheaton, Charlotte, and Mrs. Nelson DeGroot, Bellevue.

Featured speaker on the program was Mrs. Leota Westfall, traffic safety specialist from

presented a four-hour presentation on driver improvement with emphasis on programs that could be conducted by county leaders in their own locality.

Also on the program was Robert Bunker, Assistant Underwriting Manager, Farm Bureau Insurance. Bunker told the women of a "Save-a-Life" project being introduced by Farm Bureau Insurance, promoting the resolution as passed by voting delegates requesting an active safety campaign.

The leaders were given several ideas for local campaigns, which will require the assistance and cooperation of every member in successfully promoting a sound, working safety program in each community throughout the state.

Scandinavian Co-op Tour Planned

Air-Trip Offered By Co-op Council

Of special appeal to farm leaders throughout the state is a 23-day "Co-op Tour" to Scandinavian countries, scheduled for early fall. Sponsored by the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives in cooperation with the Information Division of Michigan Farm Bureau, the tour is designed to give a first-hand look at farming methods and the operations of farmer cooperatives in Scandinavia.

Leaving Detroit by jet on August 30, the tour group will arrive in Oslo, Norway, the following day. Visits to the famous Cathedral, the Munch Museum and the Vigeland Sculpture Park is planned during the stay at Oslo.

A visit to the Federation of Swedish Farmers' Associations will be a highlight while in Stockholm as will a tour of the A/B DeLaval's experiment farm in Hamra, and the Institute of Animal Breeding at Viad.

Four full days will be spent in Stockholm with visits to include the Swedish Cooperative Union and Wholesale Society and the cooperative insurance company, Folksam.

Helsinki, Finland, is next on the agenda with a memorable day planned for tour participants, highlighted by a four-hour sightseeing trip to the House of Parliament, the Olympic Stadium Tower, the Grave of Marshall Mannerheim, Finnish National Museum and Mannerheim Museum.

The second day in Finland will be spent meeting with representatives of the Federation of Finnish Farmers' Associations and visits to some surrounding farms.

A sightseeing tour of the Swedish seaport, Abo, will be followed by a boat trip to Stockholm. From there a chartered motorcoach will take the group through the beautiful province of Sodermanland and on to Ostergotland, an important agricultural province where a study visit will be made. Part of the tour will run along Lake Vatter, Swenden's second largest lake.



"BEAUTIFUL COPENHAGEN"

In Denmark, visits to farms will be combined with tours of famous castles and palaces, to make this an especially exciting trip for the ladies. Four days will be spent in Copenhagen, where stops are scheduled at the well-known "Meat City" to see the amazing uniformity of Danish pork, and the "Answlaurvalget" for information about the Danish cooperative movement.

Approximate cost for the 23-

day tour is \$1,100 per person. This includes tourist jet air transportation from Detroit, all hotels, tips, sightseeing, service transportation, and two meals per day, based on the Continental breakfast and dinner plan.

L A Cheney, executive-secretary of the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives, will be the tour guide. His long-time experience and knowledge of farmer cooperatives will be an added asset on this tour.

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first-hand information in an area of especial interest to farmers and cooperative leaders, plus the enjoyment of visiting memorable sites of the Old World in a setting of breath-taking beauty, the tour is an ideal "package" for the entire family.

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WORLD'S FAIR

County.

Six days at the fabulous New York World's Fair, leaving by rail from Detroit in late August. This tour will include visits to Chinatown and the Battery and a boat trip around Manhattan Island. Cost — approximately \$140.

Tornado Progress Report...

Avenue for Action

"It will be years before some of the junk scattered over Michigan farms by the Palm Sunday tornadoes is picked up — and much of it never will be . . ." That is the opinion of storm victims, many of whom gathered in early May at a meeting held in Farm Bureau Center, Lansing.

Called by the Michigan Farm Bureau as a progress report, the meeting opened by president Elton Smith asking for a county-by-county listing of damage and clean-up results. Reports were heard from 11 counties, represented by nearly 50 persons.

Two concerned members of the Michigan legislature, both representing counties in which heavy damage occurred, attended the meeting and spoke to the group. They were Representatives Frederic Marshall, Allen, and James Folks, Horton. Marshall's district contained three of the heaviest hit counties, Branch, Hillsdale and Lenawee, where a total of 1,500 buildings were destroyed.

Kenneth Saunders of the Legislative Research Council outlined tax assessment problems, pointed out some of the chain-reactions which would result in re-assessing property to give tax relief to storm victims.

The group made a blackboard listing of priority items needing immediate attention and agreed to ask for direct state appropriations from the Legislature to provide 50 per cent personal property tax relief for storm victims.

They were reminded that our form of government tends toward deliberate slowness as a built-in safeguard against rash actions, a desirable quality under most conditions, but one which can allow hardship in times of emergency.

Most of the victims confessed that the work of Farm Bureau neighbors and total strangers organized to do clean-up jobs through County Farm Bureau coordination, proved a much greater help than "all of the promised aid from the government agencies combined . . ."



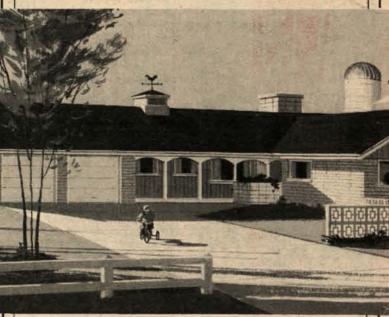
BRANCH COUNTY FARMER Robert Smith, tells of tremendous damage in that area, where the toll reached ten million dollars in property lost, at least half in farm areas. Smith also told of promised help which failed to arrive, and of need for heavy equipment. Seated (center) is Eaton county president, Herbert VanAken.



"AN AIR OF GENERAL CONFUSION" — is the impression which Dan Reed, (left) said characterized the work of state and federal agencies involved in the tornado clean-up and assistance programs. Reed, Legislative Counsel for the Michigan Farm Bureau termed the tornado experience further proof of the fallacies of federal aid. To the right is president Smith.



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Deadlines Hit Legislature Bills Must Clear Calendar

By: Legislative Counsel Dan E. Reed

With nearly 500 bills facing two weeks. House bills will be them on calendars of record length, the Michigan Legislature started the race against time to pass bills through the house of origin by May 28. The Legislature had set this deadline for itself, and bills still on the calendar as the gavels fell May 28 are dead.

remain for legislative action to be completed. On its return after the Memorial Day holiday, the Legislature will spend much of its time in committee work, considering the bills passed by the house where the bill originated. All bills must clear the committees in the second house by Friday, June 11.

It now appears that the following bills, which have strong Farm Bureau support, will be facing committee review during these

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under consideration by Senate committees and Senate bills will be under review by committees of the House. All the measures need strong evidence of support if farmers are to secure the muchneeded legislation: H. 2980, by Representative

Floyd Mattheeussen and several other Representatives, would relieve the situation facing growers who have fruits, pickles and tomatoes harvested on a piecework basis. The bill would amend the Minimum Wage Act to exempt those who have picking done on a contractual basis when such contractural basis is of a piecework

H. 2165 prohibits unfair trade practices in the milk industry. Below-cost selling, under-the-table payments and favors have plagued the dairy industry and have had a harmful effect on milk prices. The bill does not provide "price fixing" as is sometimes charged by its opponents, who like to use milk as a below-cost price leader.

H. 2049 provides for uniform state-wide meat inspection under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture. With strong sup-

port from the Governor and the leadership of both parties, this much-needed program can be passed this year. The bill will need your support in the Senate.

S. 572 and S. 393 will provide a uniform state-wide milk inspection program. It will also help maintain and increase out-of-state markets for Michigan milk and

milk products.

S. 106 provides enabling legislation to permit producers of agricultural commodities to develop marketing programs. A referendum vote by growers of the commodity covered by the proposed order would be required. The orders could be developed by the producers of any agricultural commodity desiring to do so. With another large crop in prospect, cherry growers are eyeing this measure with great interest.

H. 2119 would create a ninemember Bean Commission for research and promotional activities. The program provides for nonparticipation by growers who do not wish to take part in the program. The bill has been carefully developed through many conferences of producers, and meets the standards set by the delegates at the last Michigan Farm Bureau convention who said - "We favor the passage of legislation that would create a State Bean Com-

Labor Bills Galore

A staggering package of farm labor bills awaits final action! The major farm labor legislation for 1965 was the Workmen's Compensation bill which was passed by the Legislature, called back from the Governor's office, and amended in line with a compromise developed between the Governor and legislative leaders.

While the bill, as passed, is less restrictive than the Legislators' original version, it still provides greatly increased costs and record-keeping for farmers. In the revised form, the Act requires that

(1) all agricultural employers of more than two regular employees who are paid on an hourly wage or salary basis and are employed 35 or more hours per week for a period of 13 or more weeks during the preceding 52 weeks must provide full Workmen's Compensation coverage for these employees; and

(2) all agricultural employers of one or more employees who are employed 35 or more hours per week for a period of five or more consecutive weeks must provide these workers with medical and hospital coverage such as is required under the Workmen's Compensation law. Employers would not need, however, to provide full Workmen's Compensation, which includes pay for time lost as well as numerous other death and dependency: benefits.

A benefit sometimes not recognized is that if full Workmen's

Compensation coverage is provided, the employer's liability is limited to those payments pro-vided by the law. The new Act specifically removes this limitation of liability in regard to employees who are provided only medical and hospital coverage. Where there is any contributory negligence on the part of the employer, the employee's right to sue is maintained.

Other farm labor legislation includes bills to:

(a) license and regulate farm labor contractors (which duplicates present federal crew leader registration);

(b) regulate and license all agricultural labor camps by the State Health Commissioner; and

(c) provide for the adoption of rules and regulations by the Department of Agriculture covering the health and safety of migrant workers traveling to or returning from employment in agriculture. It would not cover travel in passenger cars, station wagons or common carriers.

Bills which have Farm Bureau's support are:

H. 2973, authorizing MSU to establish a Rural Manpower Center to assist in solving migrant labor problems;
S. 118, providing an experi-

mental program of special educa-

tion for migrant labor children. Other bills would affect farm labor as part of the general labor force in Michigan.

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Michigan Wheat Growers Backed by Farm Bureau

Washington meeting between Farm Bureau leaders from six states and representatives of the United States Department of Ag-

At issue was the method of authorization currently used by the USDA to place American wheat higher on the "available" list for purchase by foreign countries who buy American goods with local currency under Public

The soft wheat producers contended that hard wheat sales have been given most attention by USDA, pointing out that through February of this year large hard wheat sales had been authorized compared to only one authorization granted to soft

Representing Michigan growers at the meeting were Elton Smith, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, Clarence Prentice, MFB Secretary Manager, Larry Ewing of the Market-Develop- influence them greatly. All we ment department and Edward ask is that our product is given Powell of the Michigan Elevator the consideration it deserves."

Representing the Department of Agriculture at the meeting was under-Secretary, John A. Schnittker, - who along with his staff explored the problem and assured the group that their request would receive every consideration.

In explaining farmers' concern, Elton Smith said, "Soft wheat

Michigan's soft wheat produc- producers see what appears to be ers were represented at a recent an example of a government program acting to boost the price of hard wheat, which is already in surplus. It also depresses the price of soft wheat where supply and demand have been kept fairly well in line. It doesn't make sense."

It was pointed out to Secretary Schnittker and his staff that USDA places all classes of wheat in the same situation when acreage allotments and price supports are determined. When it comes to deciding P.L. 480 sales, the "equal" treatment stops. "We would like to see the Department issue an authorization for wheat and let the foreign buyer have some right to decide what class of wheat he wants. After all, the foreign buyer is spending the money of his nation for wheat,' said Smith. "We do not want government to set the prices of our products. We recognize, however, from the practical standpoint, that the government can

President Smith concluded, "We found Dr. Schnittker and his staff attentive to our problems and receptive to our ideas. We, and they, are aware that solving the problems of soft wheat producers is not easy. We shall continue to meet with the USDA and other groups to improve the income of the producers of soft

Apple Division Elects

Six new members have been elected to the Apple Marketing Committee of the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association (MACMA), according to Robert Braden, Association

In a series of district elections, Howard Gilmer, Augusta; Vernon Bull, Casnovia; Thomas Braman, Belding; Harold Fitch, Ludington; Donald Beck, St. Johns and Charles Hough, Romeo, were new members elected to the statewide committee.

Re-elected to serve were Donald Barden, South Haven; Raymond Anderson, Chief; Raymond Meckley, Cement City and Merlin Hauch, Watercliet.

Later at a reorganization meeting, Hauch was elected Committee Chairman and Raymond Meckley was named Vice Chairman. The Processing Apple Committee is responsible for the operation of the MACMA apple marketing program.

The new committee adopted a resolution of commendation to retiring chairman, Kenneth Bull, Bailey, for "his constant efforts on behalf of Michigan's apple producers and the MACMA program since its inception." They gave recognition to Bull for his leadership in building the applemarketing program in the past two years.

In other action, Hauch and MACMA president, Walter W. Wightman, were nominated to represent Michigan on the American Agricultural Marketing Association's apple advisory marketing committee. This committee holds regular meetings with apple industry leaders from other major producing states.

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MICHIGAN - has every right to be proud of its Farm Bureau Community groups, reports MFB Regional Man, Duane Sugden, before the American Farm Bureau Institute. He cited Tuscola county as a prime example.

CONGRATULATIONS



CITIZENSHIP SEMINAR candidates, Michael Matula and Libby Hyer, are congratulated by Upper Peninsula regional representative, Hugo Kivi, following the announcement by the Marquette-Alger County Farm Bureau board. Both young people are 16, in their sophomore year at New Marquette High School, and are from Farm Bureau families. They will attend the Young People's Citizenship Seminar, July 12-16 at Camp Kett.

CO-OP CONFERENCE



— and their structure was the topic for Maynard Brownlee, Manager of Farm Bureau Services, before Michigan State University Extension Services Marketing staff members recently. Brownlee outlined the operations of cooperatives and their roles in helping Michigan farmers solve marketing problems.

SPEED SKATING CHAMPION



WORLD SPEED-SKATING CHAMPION — Michigan's own Terry McDermott of Bay City, was a hit at the annual Dairy Foods program sponsored by the American Dairy Association of Michigan in cooperation with 4-H officials and the MSU Dairy Department. McDermott confessed he is already in training for the 1968 Olympic Games.

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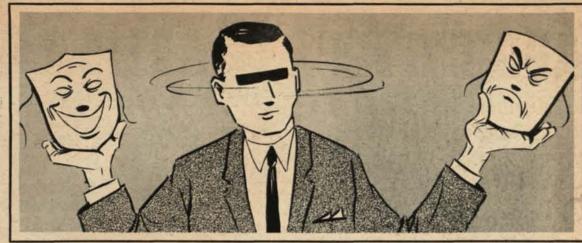
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Local Governments, — and Their Future

Changes Coming!

Take a look at me! I'm your County Government. Within a couple of years I am scheduled for a face-lifting operation. After that you may not recognize my old features. They will be remolded in a number of ways. In many local areas the operation may be painful.

In some counties the change can be quite complete — in others, less so. That can depend on how much change has taken place in the communities of the county. Some counties have grown into wide-spreading urban centers. These will see broad changes in government make-up. But all counties will have some upset of their government applecart, without doubt.

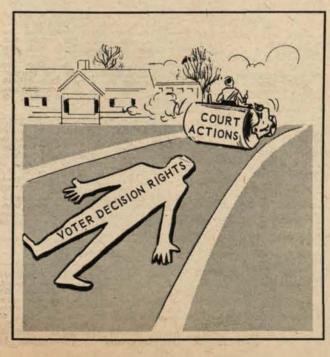
These counties that grew into highly urbanized centers had problems. Community developments did not take any recognition of township lines. Urban communities overflowed township borders and even overflowed into more than one township, in some cases.

When the new constitution was drafted, these problems were recognized. The new document provided that a county may, if the voters approve, adopt a county "Home Rule Charter" form of government. Such a charter would put the county on a similar footing to a city, with many of the same powers and privileges. It could even be true that more than one county could join to form a single county, if the people voted for such a merger.

Let it be clear that no county is forced to adopt a Home Rule charter. Some people seem to have gotten that mistaken idea. A charter county would have to be approved by a majority vote of the electors of the county.

But even where they might approve it, it could not begin operating under a charter — yet. The necessary foundation of laws has not yet been passed by the Legislature. The constitution says that counties may operate as charter units of government "as provided by the laws of the state." Laws are needed to establish the rights of such governments to levy taxes, elect their officials and pass local ordinances, etc. So, the "Green Light" for Home Rule counties still waits on the action of the Legislature.

Two bills have reached committee in the Legislature to provide this basis of law. Under both of these bills, the charter county would become the





only local unit of government. Township governments would be dissolved, except as geographic areas of a county. Some old township names might hang on.

These two bills (S 112 and S 353) are very much alike in content. One important difference exists between them. S 353 (the County Officers' bill) would require that members of the county's legislative body must be elected from districts containing "as nearly as possible, an equal number of people." That idea has become contagious, as we shall see.

S 112 (drafted by Wayne County interests) would allow a charter county to elect its legislative officers either by districts of equal population — or on an at-large basis. The voters could decide which way it would be done. It sounds very "democratic" until you look at it closely. Where's the catch?

It is quite clear that the cities and suburbs could control a majority of the votes to decide which way it would be done. Having decided that the election should be at-large, they could then, by majority vote, assure that every member of the county legislative body came from the city.

Quite clearly, the establishment of electing districts would be more considerate of the people in all areas of a county, since each area would then be assured of some representation in the county's governing body.

Now the question comes up—how is any facelifting going to happen in counties that do not become charter governments? This puts the important finger on another development that hits at their

As of now, it develops that a federal government ruling is reaching down into the citizen's front yard. Much ado has been made over the ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court of June 15, 1964 — and rightly. This ruling would compel all states to reapportion both houses of their legislatures "as nearly as possible" to provide an equal number of people in both their state senatorial and representative districts.

The Supreme Court took the position that its ruling was supreme over any vote of the people to apportion its legislature on any other basis. After the Court's decision, voters in Colorado approved an apportionment of their Senate on an area basis. The Court declared the vote to be "off base"—unconstitutional in its power to decide such a matter.

So, in our time, the people can no longer decide on the makeup of their state governments. All this makes it appear that state governments have been operating illegally ever since the constitution was adopted 175 years ago! The Court disregarded 175 years of interpretation contrary to its decision.

On Our Doorstep!

Many states have been deeply stirred by the Court's ruling. It has been bitterly debated both in Congress and in state legislatures. Twenty-two state legislatures have passed resolutions asking Congress to call a national Constitutional Convention. The object is to draft an amendment permitting states to apportion their legislature according to the decision of the people — with one house on the basis of some other factor than population. It would take action by thirty-four states to require the calling of such a convention.

It is interesting to note that Michigan's already revamped legislature has asked Congress to pay no attention to the resolutions of other states bearing on this question. But if thirty-four states made the demand, it would be unconstitutional, in itself, for Congress to disregard their demand. Are we no longer a nation governed by a Constitution?

This decision has moved right onto your front doorstep. In September of 1964, Judge Fred N. Searle, of the Circuit Court of Kent County, Michigan, ruled that the U.S. Court's decision applies to representation on the County Board of Supervisors. In other words, each supervisor must represent about the same number of people and counties must be redistricted for this purpose.

Judge Searle warned that if the Michigan Legislature did not act to change the laws to conform to the ruling, he would act on his own. This implies a supreme power both over the people and over the Legislature.

The Legislature is not in a position to do this work in the 1965 session. It is already buried under 1681 bills and 48 joint resolutions. It cannot work with its usual dispatch, with a large percentage of the seats being occupied by "freshmen" lawmakers who are not familiar with the "ropes" of procedure.

Some legislators say that it is absolutely necessary to ask Judge Searle to wait, at least until the 1966 session. A resolution is being proposed to request such a delay of action.

This resolution proposes that an interim study committee go to work on the complex body of law involved in the problem and to continue work during the 1965 session. Changes would be introduced in the session of 1966.

This makes it clear that, if all these decisions stick, no county will escape a face-lifting of its government. The national and state issue has become a local issue.

For Discussion

- 1. What should our group members include in letters to our Congressmen asking for a national Constitutional Convention to assure the people the right to apportion their state and local governments according to the descisions of the people rather than of the Courts?
- 2. Should our group members encourage our state representatives and senators to request a delay of action in the ruling to apportion our County Boards of Supervisors by population districts?



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