IRIS — "The Goddess of the Rainbow..."

"HI-JINKS" — A NEW AND LOVELY FLOWER

The Greeks knew what they were doing when they named the iris for the rainbow. They considered Iris, Goddess of Greek mythology, as a lovely flashing messenger for the other deities.

As usual, the Greeks had the right word for it, a feeling easily confirmed by standing in a Michigan iris field in full bloom. A half-million orchid-like blossoms in all colors of the rainbow will soon greet visitors to the A. F. Bloese iris farm near Bedford, about halfway between Kalamazoo and Battle Creek. Peak blossom time is usually from June 1 to June 15, depending upon the season.

A long-time member of the Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau, Bloese (it rhymes with "Daisy") looks forward to the visitors who come from all parts of the country to admire his blooms. He loves to talk about iris, he enjoys the thought that most will be unable to resist taking a number of the hardy rhizomes back with them to plant in their own gardens. Many of the iris are like part of his family — in fact, many were created by his hybridization experiments.

Pictured, actual size, is one such "Hi-Jinks" — which Bloese describes as a dark mahogany color, with "standards" about 4 inches across and the "falls" 7 inches across. The standards are silk-like in appearance, and the falls are chocolate-brown.

Although a huge flower, "Hi-Jinks" is dwarfed by another Bloese creation, "Heroique," an all-white giant considered the world's largest, and now winning prizes coast-to-coast in national flower shows. Blooms are up to nine inches across and three flowers frequently open at one time on a stalk.

Opposite in color is a midnight bloom, called "Top Hat," and another iris among the dozens of original varieties is called "Black Orchid" — although no absolutely black bloom has as yet been perfected. If one ever is — it might well happen at Bedford Gardens, where an estimated 300 distinct varieties are growing, including a number in test plots.

Of this amount, more than 150 are on the market, with a number of the newer, more rare types bringing top prices. All — no matter how lovely, must prove to be hardy without protection from Michigan winters.

Still, Bloese is first to concede that usually, iris are "easier to grow than weeds" — enduring a greater variety of soils than many weed types, some of which only thrive on poor soil, some on sandy land, while others need heavy humus. Iris will do well on all of these — but does have an aversion to acidity.

While in France during the first World War, he was intrigued by fields of iris, buying some roots for as much as $25 — considered an extravagant price at that time. He grew iris for fun for many years, beginning his hobby of hybridization about 40 years ago, and selling commercially (mostly in wholesale lots) for the past 20 years.

Many of his blooms traced in international trade, through a Belgium firm, which in turn trades with East Germany growers.

The story of 72-year-old A. F. Bloese and how he has turned a long-time iris interest into a full scale retirement business (to the point where he ranks among the three or four largest growers in the United States) is significant to farmers everywhere.

Many Michigan farmers are now growing flowers as their main or only crop — finding ready markets for bulbs, seeds, plants and roots. Others have turned to such horticultural crops as trees, both ornamental and fruit, vines and berries, all typical of the many ingenious ways in which Michigan farmers have specialized to turn the new leisure time and higher standards of living most Americans enjoy — into new farm income...
EDITORIAL

FARM TELEVISION

Among other things, the last U.S. census has revealed the startling fact that only about six U.S. homes out of each 100 do not have a television set.

At almost the same time, a check by the Reuter Survey discloses that 65 per cent of today's adult population feel that they receive most of their information from television. Other independent research shows they spend nearly six hours per day, in doing this.

Yet this is a medium which until now, farmers have largely ignored — possibly because it provides frightening technical problems and is so obviously costly.

As farmers hesitate, every day brings new evidence of the great need for them to tell their products and services to the busy, non-farm public.

Recognizing this, Michigan Farm Bureau management directed the Information Division to study the possibility of Farm Bureau making a significant entry in farm television programming on a Public Service basis.

Division personnel reported that such an ambitious move was feasible, that it could be done within modest cost-limits and without sacrificing present important information projects.

At their May meeting of last year, the Board of Directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau carefully examined the staff and management report, and instructed the Information Division to move into the field of farm public service television "as soon as feasible".

It was decided that primary efforts would be in the areas of urban-rural understanding.

Since that time, much effort and some money has been spent in getting ready. An impressive sound film has been made, highlighting needs and studied and tests made. A number of station owners and managers offered encouragement and advice.

The actual "shooting" of pilot films followed — something tangible to show stations as being typical of a regular offering to be expected over a period of years. The film, "Accident — Agriculture" seemed to fit, and budget and personnel time-problems suggested that initial programs should be presented in 15, 30 and 60-minute lengths.

Farm Bureau leaders have been typically helpful in giving of their time and talent to help make these films. Ralph and Walter Franzen of Frankenmuth, members of the MFBI (MFB) Board entertained a busload of Saginaw children on their farm for the Farm Bureau camera. Herbert Schmidt of Bay City did the same, opening their farm for the Farm Bureau camera. Herb Pridleton, Montgomery, R-l; Robert Zeeb, Bath, R-l; and L. David Morris, Grand Ledge, R-l have all contributed.

Mrs. John Cutler of Plainwell spent a complicated morning in their 10,000-ten laying house, helping record the television story of a "Fresh Fancy Quality" egg.

Mary Edith Anderson faced the bright lights to explain why Farm Bureau Women are involved in the Christian Rural Overseas Program, of which she is state Vice Chairman.

Board Member David Morris explained the costs of today's farm equipment and tractor costs of today's farm equipment.

At this point, five television stations were on record as being interested in the project. Meanwhile, a check by the Michigan Post Office Box 960, Television, Lansing 8, revealed that 485,012 persons are currently watching television in the state. Thus, there is a technical feasibility of getting Farm Bureau television programming on a Public Service basis.

Meanwhile — watch WZZM-TV — Grand Rapids. On June 1, with "Accent — Agriculture" to be aired at 8:30 a.m. Fridays.

Watch WKNX-TV — Saginaw, Channel 25, beginning June 6, with "Accent — Agriculture" to be aired at 7:45 a.m. Saturdays.

When you see one of these shows, let the station know you appreciate this fine public service to agriculture!

"I PROMISE TO LOVE AND HONOR, BUT REPEAT THAT PART ABOUT DOING THE MILKING."

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION IS HERE TO STAY

By N. L. Vermillion

Executive Vice President

Farm Bureau Insurance Group

On Saturday, April 28th, Governor Romney signed a bill delaying the effective date of Farm Workers' Compensation. At present, agricultural employers are scheduled to come under the law on July 1st of this year.

At this point, there is little chance that the law will be repealed or even significantly changed. Workmen's Compensation is here to stay.

Unfortunately, many farm businesses are not aware of the law's implications. Many are not aware that they will be affected. Here are the facts:

1. Every farmer who employs any labor for five or more consecutive weeks will be required to provide either full- or partial Workers' Compensation benefits.

2. The State Insurance Bureau has ruled that Employer's Liability coverage found in most "Farm owners" and "Farm operators" policies are not adequate — and must be changed July 1st. In essence, this means that every farmer who employs one hired hand for even one hour per year — should obtain a Workers' Compensation policy for his own protection.

Farm Bureau Insurance has made every effort to comply with the law and will be able to provide the necessary insurance for most farmers. Rates and minimum premiums have been established at levels which will minimize the financial burden to be placed on agriculture.

If you have questions regarding the law or required insurance, contact your local Farm Bureau Insurance Representative.

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

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Women and Young Farmer Committees throughout the state when the dumping stalled every price advance in 1965 and 1966. In 1967, there are better prospects for market price rises than Michigan wheat would be affected very little, even if the program

Producers will receive the average price of the wheat sold of promotion and administration.

You do not plan to store on the farm. 

Wheat in the program. Once in the program, he can choose his level of participation in any given year.

Again, growers are reminded that the sign-up ends June 15th. Since the government has less wheat to dump on the market

Money at harvest time? An advanced payment will be made


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Final payment to the grower will be made within 9 months, has been named to replace Donald Kinsey as Director of Education and Research within the Information Division, according to Melvin Woell, Division Manager.

Robert C. Nixon assumes the Regional Representative's position in the Saginaw Valley region, June 5. Nixon replaces recently-retired Charles Munsford. Nixon comes to Farm Bureau from his job as Vocational Agriculture teacher at Cheboygan, Michigan, a position he has held for five years. He has lived in or near Cheboygan in Saginaw County all of his life, and is familiar with the area and the people of his new location. His interest in agriculture has been continuous since his early youth when his parents owned and operated a farm. He graduated from Michigan State University in Agricultural Education in 1961. At the University he was a member of the Agricultural Council and served as vice president in 1960-61. In 1965, he attended the American Institute of Cooperation concert as a guest of the Michigan Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Services.

Nixon, who is single, has been active in Saginaw Community service organizations.

Theprogram will be of interest to any wheat growers who:

And if the run when their wheat is sold by experienced wheat marketers.

Want to participate in orderly marketing instead of dumping their wheat on the market at harvest time.

BAREHARVEST TIME?

An advanced payment will be made which will net the producer slightly over 81 per bushel in nearly all parts of the state. Advances will differ according to freight rate areas in the same manner as wheat prices now vary around the state.

Participating elevators will receive a per bushel fee for handling program wheat. This handling charge will be the same as that on the normal margin on the wheat they buy.

The program Wheat Marketing Program has much to offer the wheat grower. He has a number of options and choices available to him each year. He can put all or a part of his wheat crop in the program. Once in the program, he can choose what he wants to do with his wheat crop each year simply by returning a sign-up card which will be mailed to him. He can deliver his wheat to any participating elevator which is handy to him. He is not penalized if he decides not to participate that particular year.

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Growing areas of the state. The grower should contact the nearest cooperating elevator manager to arrange for delivery either from the farm to the elevator or to a terminal. Temporary farm storage may be used under the program.

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BIRDS—with a black reputation!

Blackbirds! Blackbird! It would do little good to bake four and twenty of them into each of a thousand pies. It would cause scarcely a flutter among the blackbirds’ five hundred millions.

Blackbirds have been increasing in numbers, and nearing to agree in a naught for ten years. You may love the trill and warble of the red-winged blackbird’s song, but his family came to dinner on the farm, millions strong.

The blackbird family loves your fruit and has learned how to open the husks of the ears of corn when they are ripe in the milk.

You will have no love for the screech and chatter of the starling horde. Some hitherto well imported these birds from Europe as “songbirds” in 1909. May they screech throughout his eternity! And who could love the dry clack of the grackle with the music of two blocks of wood whacked together?

Altogether there are now about five hundred million blackbirds in the United States, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. They not only came between $50 million and $100 million in damage to fruits, vegetables, corn and grain on our farms. They also carry human and livestock diseases.

In many places hordes of these blackbirds swoop down onto the livestock feeding yards. There, they consume vast quantities of feed, and contaminate what is being eaten by the animals with their droppings.

People in our cities also regard these birds as pests and a menace to health. Hordes of them root in cornices of buildings, leaving an unwholesome filth of their droppings to mutilate the buildings. They invade the pastures where children play and spread their disease-carrying filth. The farmer is not the only citizen to be disturbed by the exploiting pest bird population.

Control of these bird numbers is becoming an absolute “must” to protect our nation’s food supplies, our farm incomes and the health of our general public. The damage to Michigan’s fruit crop, alone, ran to two and a quarter million dollars in 1966. Presenting decoy traps and other control devices have been losing out in the fight to keep down the numbers of the blackbird invaders.

The Michigan Legislature provided $85,000 in 1966 toward a research program to control destructive birds and animals. This program, funded under the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Small Game Task Force is provided jointly with the Fish and Wildlife Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior. The Department of the Interior has included a request for $815,000 in its 1967 budget for control research on destructive animal and bird life.

Such efforts to increase the effectiveness of control programs have been backed strongly by Michigan Farm Bureau delegates.

"Blackbirds, starlings and other destructive wildlife are still on the increase and do considerable economic damage. We commend the Michigan Legislature for appropriating funds for the development of a plan of control through the Michigan Department of Agriculture with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service."

"This action takes advantage of the matching funds available from the federal government. We urge the Legislature to appropriate continuing funds for the support of this vital service. Also, we encourage every producer having problems with blackbirds, starlings and other destructive birds, to build and operate an adequate number of traps to control the population of these pests."

Some progress has been made with lethal chemicals, fatal only to the blackbirds or causing sterility in the mature birds. Chemical bird repellants or mechanical devices for scaring birds off from crops are only temporary half measures. Only the reduction of bird numbers will approach a solution to the problem.

This is a public problem. It is a proper function of government to conduct a program of research to reduce these predatory pests to controllable proportions.

STATE RESOLUTIONS Committee named

Appointment of the 1967 Michigan Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee has been announced by President Elton Smith. Acting as chairman of the 18-member group will be Mrs. Andrew Jackson, Howell, Livingston county farm wife well-known for her Farm Bureau Women’s and Legislative activities. Mrs. Jackson becomes the first woman in Michigan Farm Bureau history to chair this committee.

By district, those who have accepted the Resolutions Committee appointments are: 1-Arthur Bailey, Schoolcraft, Kalamazoo county; 2-Wayland Hart, Clayton, Lenawee; 3-Arthur Gibbs, Ypsilanti, Washtenaw; 4-Russell Sill, South Haven, Allegan; 5-Ralph Leston, Charlotte, Eaton; 6-Alfred Goodall, Cass City, Tuscola; 7-U. Van Aelst, Hart, Oceana; 8-Harmon Williams, Au Gres, Arenac; 9-Calvin Latza, Kalkaska, Manistee; 10-Edwin Estelle, Gaylord, Otsego; 11-Herman Roberts, Fenn, Delta. Representing the Farm Bureau Young Farmers are Ray Lausten, Williamson, Ingham county; Michael Satrell, Clare, Traverse, and Jack Bouguet, Hudsonville, Ottawa county.

In addition to her chairmanship, Mrs. Andrew Jackson will represent the Farm Bureau Women, along with Mrs. Richard Wieland, Ellsworth, Atrium county, and Mrs. Robert Burandt, St. Joseph, Berrien.

Directors-at-large serving on the Resolutions Committee will be Dean Pridgen, Montgomery, Branch county; Eugene Roberts, Lake City, Missaukee, and Robert Zecb, Manistee; 10-Eugene Lutz, Kaleva, Manistee; 11-Edwin Estelle, Gaylord; 12-Richard Wieland, Ellsworth, Atrium county; 13-Mrs. Andrew Jackson, Howell, Livingston county; 14-Robert Burandt, St. Joseph, Berrien. Directors-at-large serving on the Resolutions Committee will be Dean Pridgen, Montgomery, Branch county; Eugene Roberts, Lake City, Missaukee, and Robert Zecb, Bath, Clinton.

Between now and November, when the policy recommendations are presented to the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting voting delegates, the committee will have several meetings for hearings, presentation of background materials, and work involved in compiling resolution into a “tentative” booklet.

Michigan Congressmen Support Marketing Bill

Support by Congressmen for the Agricultural Producers Marketing Rights Bill has been building with new sponsors in the House and Senate to lend support to the bill. By May 15th there were 50 Representatives and 8 Senators who signed the bill 109 and its companion bills in the House.

Among the new sponsors in May were Senator Fred Hart, Representative Eldred Colesberg, and Representative James Harvey of Michigan. They, among others, have recognized that this legislation is needed to allow farmers a chance of a fair bargaining position in today’s marketing world.

At a meeting on March 8th in Grand Rapids, Senator Hart made public his support for the legislation. He described farmers’ bargaining position with that of the industrial worker of the 1930’s, saying that farmers face the same corporate attitudes today that factory workers faced then.

“The food-processing industry is rapidly becoming concentrated in the hands of fewer and fewer big manufacturers. This means that there is less and less competition for the farmer’s produce, making it tougher for him to get a decent price,” said Senator Hart.

The vigorous opposition to the bill by the processing industry has been surprising. It would appear that the processor-contractors want to keep full power to dictate all terms of price and sale. As one processor put it, “We do not consider it desirable for anyone to stand between the grower and us.” Apparently this means “not even the organized growers, themselves.”

As Farm Bureau sees it, the Agricultural Producers Marketing Rights bill would not hamper any buyer-procress in the operation of his business. But it would give the grower the protection he needs from those processors that do penalize him for acting cooperatively in his bargaining.

The “Marketing Rights” bill would forbid such buyer-contractors from interfering with the rights of farmers to work freely through bargaining associations.

This is not a tough nor unreasonable expectation. Buyers could protest it only if they planned such interference.

S. 109 would simply stop any buyer-contractor from:

Depriving any producer the right to join and belong to an association of producers.

Discriminating or threatening to discriminate against a producer because of his membership in or his contract with an association of producers.

Ceritificating or intimidating a producer into withdrawing from his association.
The 20th BIRTHDAY of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women was celebrated at their annual meeting in 1964. Lighting the candles on the cake were (left to right) Miss Ruth Hooper, Gratiot County; Mrs. Ray Neikirk, board of directors, 1944; Mrs. Belle Newell, chairman, 1946-49; Mrs. Marvel Whitaker, 1950-53; Mrs. Carlton Ball, 1954-57; Mrs. Arthur Muir, 1962-63; Mrs. Alex Kennedy, 1958-61; Mrs. Wm. Scramlin, present chairman, and Mrs. Florence Thomas, representing the AFBF.

1947 — TWO DECADES AGO, the Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau Women sponsored a camp at Torch Lake, a project they undertook annually for 20 years. Recognize anyone? The gentleman in the front row, who looks a bit out of place in this feminine company, is Wesley Hawley, former staff member, and “watch dog” for the women from his post just outside the camp gate.

1967 — 20 YEARS LATER, Farm Bureau Women still recognize the value of leadership training camps, one of the areas discussed at their “program of work for 1967” meeting in January. Shown are the current district chairmen who represent the Farm Bureau Women in the 13 districts of Michigan, with their coordinator of women’s activities, Miss Helen Atwood.
MRS. WM. SCRAMLIN (MAURINE) has been chairman of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women for the past four years. She is shown here speaking at a press conference sponsored by the Women to promote better understanding of agriculture by the non-farm public.

MRS. CLARE CARPENTER (FLORENCE) — As vice-chairman of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women, she represents the women at such functions as Michigan Week meetings. Here she presents a "Country Kitchen Cookbook" to Mrs. Leland Smith of Keep Michigan Beautiful.

MRS. LAVERN KRAMER (DOROTHY) — chairman of District 2 Women, assists Mrs. Scramlin in answering questions about the Associated Country Women of the World. The ACWW triennial meeting scheduled for M.S.U. in 1968 will be a big event for Farm Bureau Women.

MISS HELEN ATWOOD is Coordinator of Women's Activities. One of her first "coordinating" responsibilities when she came here from New Hampshire in 1965 was the "Country Kitchen Cookbook," a Michigan product promotion project. Helen (center) and Mary Edith Anderson (left) show the cookbook to former Michigan Farmer women's editor, Marilyn Harvath.

MRS. EARL MOREHOUSE (VIDA) is chairman of the District 1 Women. She has been an active Roll Call worker and member of her community group. As a grain farmer's wife, her responsibilities include keeping the books and running errands for husband Earl.

MRS. CLAYTON ANDERSON (MARY EDITH) — chairman of District 3 Women, has a vital interest in the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP). Steve Van Slyke, director of Broadcast Services for the Michigan Farm Bureau, interviews Mary Edith on this subject for a future TV show.
YOUR STATE COMMITTEE

The women of the Michigan Farm Bureau are divided into 13 districts. One representative elected by each district, plus an elected chairman and vice-chairman, make up the state women's committee, which is assisted by a staff coordinator.

These 16 women meet twice a year at a planning group, recommending program action to county committees. An executive committee, consisting of the chairman, vice-chairman and third member, meet whenever a special need arises.

Working together on the national, state, district, county and local levels, their main goal is to make the rural community a better place in which to live.

MRS. FRANCIS CAMPANU (ANN) — chairman of District 4, is a strong believer in the value of public relations for Farm Bureau. Here she chairs a meeting of Farm Bureau leaders and members of the press, radio and TV in the Grand Rapids area.

MRS. LEWIS BABBITT (JEANNETTE) is chairman of District 5 Women, contributors to the "Country Kitchen Cookbook." Mrs. Babbitt (third from right) and her district leaders were active in promotion of this project highlighting Michigan agriculture.

DISTRICT SIX

MRS. GEORGE SOUTHWORTH (FLORENCE) — District 6 chairman (right), introduces special guest Helen Atwood to Mrs. Horace Davis (center) at a district "Spring Rally."

DISTRICT SEVEN

MRS. ARTHUR MUIR (MARGARET) — District 7 chairman (right), is a former state chairman (62-63). She is shown here with Mrs. Alex Kennedy, also a former state chairman.

DISTRICT EIGHT

MRS. B. H. BAKER (MARTHA) — District 8 chairman, is well known for her outstanding culinary abilities and is a frequent contributor to Farm Bureau sponsored dinners.

DISTRICT NINE

MRS. EARL HENDRICKS (DOROTHY) is chairman of District 9 Women. She is shown here as a server for the 20th birthday celebration of Michigan Farm Bureau Women in 1964.

DISTRICT TEN-WEST

MRS. RICHARD WIELAND (DORIS) is chairman of 10-W Women. She and her husband, who serves on the MFB board of directors, are typical of today's young farm leaders.

DISTRICT TEN-EAST


DISTRICT ELEVEN-WEST

MRS. LAURI HORKALA (ELEANOR) — District 11-W chairman and active Upper Peninsula leader, presents a membership drive award to Iron County Roll-Call worker, Eino Kasell, at a victory dinner.

DISTRICT ELEVEN-EAST

MRS. CLEVE LOCKHART (HATTIE) is chairman of District 11-E Farm Bureau Women and another outstanding U.P. farm leader. Hattie (second from left) served on the state Resolutions Committee in 1965 and 1966, representing the Farm Bureau Women.
WORKING—NOT WATCHING

SAFETY

SLOW-MOVING VEHICLE EMBLEM legislation was signed by Governor Romney in the presence of Farm Bureau safety chairman Mrs. Eugene DeMatio, state women's chairman Mrs. Wm. Scramlin, Helen Atwood, women's activities coordinator, and interested legislators. The Farm Bureau Women were active in promoting passage of the bill, informing the public regarding the new law, and in the actual sale of the emblems. County Women's Committees have sold over 35,000 of the life-saving emblems.

WASHINGTON AIR TOUR

LEGISLATIVE LEADERS — briefed and trained prior to their meetings with Michigan Congressmen in Washington, D.C.— were a feature of this year's annual legislative air tour. The group met with both Republican and Democrat Congressmen to give their views on such issues as farm labor shortages, discussed here with Senator Hart.

FARM BUREAU FUN

THERE'S TIME FOR FUN, TOO — such as this style show with “original” creations modeled by women of District 5. Shown are: Belle of the Ball, Mrs. Richard Garn, Eaton; Tullula Toast, Mrs. Marvin Tiedeman, Genesee; Nattie Nellie, Mrs. Raymond Mayers, Clinton; Sweat Sue, Mrs. Lida Dunning, Eaton, and Tillie Twist, Mrs. Meryl Byington, Shiawassee.

INFORMATION—UNDERSTANDING

“TELLING THE STORY OF AGRICULTURE” — has been an important project of Farm Bureau Women. Helping tell the facts were such nationally-known farm leaders as Mrs. Haven Smith, chairman of the AFBF Women's Committee, shown here on WXYZ-TV with Richard Arnold on “Rural Newsreel.”

LEGISLATION

FARM BUREAU WOMEN have been instrumental in many of the organization's legislative efforts including the Daylight Savings Time issue. Here Livingston County farm leader, Mrs. Andrew Jackson, presents Rep. Thomas Sharpe with stacks of petitions to keep Michigan time unchanged.

COMMODITY PROMOTION

A “COUNTRY KITCHEN COOKBOOK” — and a basket of all-Michigan farm products for recipe ingredients were presented to Governor Romney during Michigan Week by Mrs. Maxine Topliff, cookbook editor, and AFB president, Elton Smith.
Women learn - HAPPINESS IS... A SAFE YOU

“Happiness is a safe YOU” was the theme of the 37th annual Michigan Safety Conference Women’s Division meeting held at the Lansing Civic Center, April 20.

For the Farm Bureau Women, Happiness is having their state safety chairman crowned “Mrs. Safety — 1967.” This honor went to Mrs. Eugene DeMatteo, West Branch, chairman of the Farm Bureau Women’s state safety committee for the past several years, and third member of the Women’s executive committee.

The crowning was a highlight of the Women’s Division program. Each year the Mrs. Safety award is presented to the outstanding woman volunteer worker in the area of safety education and accident prevention, nominated by her club or organization. “Lori” was nominated by the Michigan Farm Bureau Women. She was crowned by her predecessor, Mrs. Harry Hazard, Detroit, last year’s Mrs. Safety.

First runner-up was Mrs. Philip McCabe, Dimondale; second runner-up was Mrs. John Richard, Farmington.

Mrs. DeMatteo was chosen on the basis of her leadership in promoting the slow-moving vehicle emblem, defensive driver program, safety legislation, driver education, and the training of county Farm Bureau leaders to conduct sound, working safety programs in their own communities.

In addition to her activities in Farm Bureau safety programs, she is also a representative on the board of the Michigan Rural Safety Council and served on the steering committee for the 1965 and 1966 Michigan Women’s Conferences on Traffic Safety.

Speakers at the conference included Gerald Woolever, Jr., assistant Civil Defense coordinator; and medical adviser to the Farm Bureau’s roadside assistance program, introduced by Michigan State University’s school of public health, G. Robert Martin.

“Some reason why you should be interested — disease, lost time, loss of work, loss of income, and lost lives.”

Mr. Woolever is professor of industrial hygiene at Michigan State University and served as a consultant for the U.S. Public Health Service.

The conference was held at the Lansing Civic Center.

A GIFT FOR MRS. SMITH — A jar of sorghum from “down south” is presented to camp pianist Mrs. Jesse Smith, Kalamazoo County, by Steve Van Slyke, director of broadcast services for the Michigan Farm Bureau. Mrs. Smith’s organ music is frequently used on the “Farm Bureau at Work” radio programs.

TRAFFIC LAW TEST — is given to the 50 attending campers at the Farm Bureau Women’s Holiday at Wesley Woods, by Michigan State University safety specialist, Mrs. Leota Westfall. Most of the women passed the test with flying colors.

MRS. SAFETY OF 1967 is Mrs. Eugene (Lou) DeMatteo, Farm Bureau Women’s state safety chairman. She was crowned by her predecessor, Mrs. Harry Hazard, Detroit, at the 37th annual Michigan Safety Conference, held in Lansing, April 19. Runner-up in the annual contest was Mrs. Philip McCabe (left), Dimondale. Lou was selected for this honor as the woman who has contributed most to the cause of safety.
Women Remember... "There are no Strangers"

By Mrs. Win. Scramlin, Chairman, Michigan Farm Bureau Women

Rural women in Michigan will have the opportunity to prove the saying, "There are no strangers, only friends we have not met," when the Associated Country Women of the World hold their triennial conference on the campus of Michigan State University, September 2-14, 1968.

The Associated Country Women of the World is the only world organization of country women. It represents six million country women and homemakers from nearly 80 countries on five continents.

Unlike most organizations, no program is planned. The members organize existing events in their own right, keeping their own characteristic and cultural influences in their own activities. By remaining independent they have more to contribute to other countries.

The aims of ACWW are many, including improving living conditions and better homes everywhere in the world, providing goodwill, friendship and understanding between countrywomen, and to be a voice for women in international affairs.

It assists in arranging "exchange programs" with other countries, it helps offer hospitality to country women when they visit other countries, and to establish a monthly magazine called "The Countrywoman," to the ACWW keeps the women's point of view before the United Nations on such matters as food, health care, and problems in the world.

For the meeting in the fall of 1968 at M.S.U., each member society in the United States will have five voting delegates and one alternate for our Women's Committee, which includes three Native American ladies who will help to attend this triennial conference.

The state Women's Committee will have the voting delegates. The state committee has been asking what delegates can play for the state.

First is the money that we will contribute to the fund for entertaining ACWW. We have, as of today, given $300 which was taken from the Interfraternity Council. This year we will add to this amount.

Some women may decide they want to pay for an additional guest in their home for a two or three-day trip after the conference. Women in Lansing may wish to have a guest for a few hours on Sunday. Many of us will be returning late in the afternoon.

We hope our members will become more interested in the purpose and history of ACWW and be concerned that we continue to make Michigan women's lives as interesting as possible.
WOMEN PROMOTE —
MICH. FOOD PRODUCTS

Farm Bureau Women, proud of their part in Michigan's great agricultural abundance, authored a "Country Kitchen Cookbook," featuring 43 commodities and over 300 family-tested recipes. The unique cookbook contains product promotion for each of the commodities, a salute to Michigan agriculture, and an explanation of Farm Bureau, in addition to the many unusual recipes contributed by county Farm Bureau women. What other cookbook offers the cook an opportunity to read interesting facts about Michigan rhubarb while she bakes her pie? Where else can she find a recipe for onion shortcake or carrot cookies? Under the direction of Mrs. Jerold Topliff, former state women's committee vice-chairman, counties selected a particular commodity grown on their farms and submitted recipes using this crop. Clinton County, for example, contributed recipes using peppermint and spearmint.

Michigan dairy products, Michigan cherries, Michigan apples, Michigan flour, Michigan beans — these and many more of the state’s farm products are promoted within the pages of the "Country Kitchen Cookbook" and the Farm Bureau Women are especially pleased with out-of-state sales. They believe that few "outsiders" realize that Michigan grows such a great variety of foods and comes closer to completely setting the family table than any other state.

Over 9,000 "Country Kitchen Cookbooks" have been sold by the Farm Bureau Women. A limited number remain and may be ordered through county women’s chairman or from Miss Helen Atwood, Michigan Farm Bureau, 4000 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing 48904, for $1.50.

June is Dairy Month. It's also the month of brides. Each new homemaker who starts her "career" with a Country Kitchen Cookbook has a double advantage: recipes from the world’s best cooks and an appreciation of agriculture, the important industry that allows her to feed her family better and more economically than anywhere else in the world.
DREAMS TURNED INTO REALITY BY FARM BUREAU WOMEN

By Mrs. Hope Spencer
Cass County Reporter

Over 15 years ago, the Cass County Farm Bureau Women's Committee wished to have a vital part assisting with a community project which they considered worthwhile. This project was the Cass County Center Building.

After some deliberation, we decided to set up a barbecue stand at the county fair. We rented a small building near the grandstand and on the first day of the fair, we were open for business. These barbecues have become a by-word among the fairgoers.

As the years went by, our business grew — but it was not always smooth sailing. At times there was the weather which was sometimes most uncooperative. Once we were nearly flooded out of business.

Then came the year we had to find a different building. One of our Farm Bureau families donated the use of a brooder house. How we worked to get it moved, cleaned and painted before fair time! It looked very inviting that year. We moved to a concession booth donated by the Cass County Farm Bureau.

Some of our food was solicited. Some of our pies were sold by the Cass County Farm Bureau women. Each local group sent four workers along with the pies. These workers came at a certain shift designated to them before the fair dates.

Each year the major portion of our profits from the food booths have been presented to the County Center Building fund. We are represented on their board by one of our committee women.

Our gratitude is extended to the various chairmen who have given us full support and assisted in so many ways, to the Cass County Board of Directors who have given us full support and assisted in so many ways, to the people of the county Farm Bureau who have been so gracious with their time and to the Farm Bureau youth who waited on tables, ran errands and helped in many ways. Without the cooperation of these people throughout the years, we could not have accomplished the degree of success we now enjoy.

The Cass County Center Building is now erected. The finishing touches are being added. A dream has become a reality — and the Cass County Women's Committee is proud to have a part in this outstanding project.

By Mrs. Ray Postma, Chairman
Chippewa County Farm Bureau Women

"That could never happen here" is the oft-repeated phrase heard in the Upper Peninsula. But Mrs. Helen Marshall, wife of the local Civil Defense director and herself past director of the Genesee County Civil Defense, told the Chippewa County Farm Bureau Women that it could happen here.

She told the women that the "tornado watch" was issued five times last year for this area, and that the "tornado belt" was moving northward.

We were convinced that this should be presented to all residents of our area, and Mrs. Marshall agreed to teach a class in "Emergency Preparedness in a Natural Disaster." From this meeting in April at least three community programs have been planned. Near the Soo, two groups are planning a joint information meeting and in the Byrdswood area, Farm Bureau Women belong to the ambulance corps which is also active in this type of program.

A joint effort is being made to make this a community-wide project. We are happy that we can do this for the community because it strengthens Farm Bureau's image as well as educates the public. In other words we are serving a double purpose, and for this we are most proud.

TRIBUTE TO PAST CHAIRMAN

One of the outstanding members of the Chippewa County Women's Committee is former chairman Mrs. Bob Sims, known to us as "Kitty." Under her leadership in 1965-66, our county accomplished many things, including an exchange day with Charlevoix county, a "Christmas in July" booth at the Soo sideload days, sponsorship of a Miss Chippewa County, participation in the "Share-A-Loaf" program, and sending two delegates to the Freedom Conference.

We also presented gifts to the patients of an old people's home and to the long term care patients at the Soo, as well as many other interesting and informative monthly programs.

We pay tribute to her not only as an outstanding Farm Bureau worker, but also as the "special" kind of person she is in her home and community.

Besides being a devoted mother to her own three children, she is also a "counselor mother" to a neighbor girl, doing her weekly laundry as well as that for an elderly man in the community. She has canned and frozen over 600 quarts of garden produce for the needy.

In her spare time she has served as a Cancer Fund representative. These are some of the reasons we are proud of Kitty, a real asset to our Women's Committee and to our community.

By Mrs. Elizabeth Ritchie,
Secretary, Alcona County Farm Bureau Women

Early in our existence, in 1950, the Alcona County Farm Bureau Women recognized the need for a convalescent home in their county. They proceeded to work by committee, by inquiry of the various ways to secure one. Farm Bureau members Mr. and Mrs. Herman Knight built one known as Lincoln Haven, and the women presented the House with a walker, and later with money to be used for cosmetics for the patients.

In 1954, attention was called to the need for a bookmobile for our schools. We asked townships to help with contributions, and the response was tremendous. Today Alcona County is proud of its library — among the first in its class in our state.

Other projects include contributions to the Pearl Henderson Memorial Nursing Fund, the Mickey Campbell Leukemia Fund for Research, purchase of "America, Its People and Their Homes" for exchange students, and the book, "The Naked Communist" for our county high school.

From the beginning, the Alcona Women have served on the Cancer Fund, helping stock its loan closet, furnishing pillow cases and a mattress, made bandages, etc. Other work has included with Red Cross and the Sister Kenny Foundation.

We have participated in the sale of the County Kitchen Cookbooks, and have given clothing for the Calumet Orphan's Home.
Like Mother—Like Daughter!

November 10, 1944, Michigan State College: At the 25th annual meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, a motion has been made from the floor to have a Farm Bureau women's organization. The motion carries.

Ten years later, the woman who made that history-making motion commented: "I did not visualize the great organization it would become. Who was to make this motion?"

She was Mrs. Claude Burchard of Livingston County, well known in her Howell community as a vital and enthusiastic woman who exemplified her Christian principles in many positions of leadership. She was a strong believer of stewardship of the soil and felt a responsibility toward agriculture.

Her drive and dedicated efforts were not only urban as well as rural activities as she served in various offices for King's Daughters, Garden Club, the Howell Women's Club, Women's Christian Temperance Union, and as a Sunday-School teacher. She and her husband were active members of one of the original commonwealth Farm Bureau, and Mrs. Burchard was the first chairman of the Livingston County Farm Bureau Women.

In early 1944 she attended a Farm Bureau regional conference in Chicago, where she and up to 100 other Farm Bureau women and Jack Yang, at the time a state executive, were introduced to the Farm Bureau Women's Membership Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau, and later to become Established.

She was impressed with the dynamic leadership shown at this meeting and learned what an important role women could play in making the organization effective, especially in the area of legislation. She came home determined that the women of the Michigan Farm Bureau should have this opportunity.

This "pioneer," who made the motion at the 1944 meeting in 1959, but left behind a heritage which is now proudly and efficiently advertised as a daughter to whom she once told, "Always be proud that you are farmer's daughter."

Mrs. Andrew Jackson, current chairman of the Livingston County Farm Bureau Women, followed her advice, because, you see, Mrs. Burchard was her mother. "I was proud to be a farmer's daughter and now I am proud to be a farmer's wife," she says.

The Jacksons live on the same farm as their parents and their grandchildren, the late Mrs. Jackson inherited her mother's drive and dedication. Her efforts on the petition drive to exempt Michigan from Daylight Savings Time, and her recent performance as a member of the important state Resolutions Committee, are just two examples.

As Mrs. Burchard was a pioneer of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women yesterday, so is her daughter, Mrs. Jackson, a pioneer of tomorrow.

Champion Saledslady!

The Oakland County Farm Bureau Women nominate as their "aren't we lucky to have her on our team" candidate—Mrs. Grant Beardslee, better known as Blanche to many farmers.

Mrs. Edward Bourns, county Women's chairman, reports that Mrs. Reardon was the "Champion Saledslady" in their area for selling the Farm Bureau Women's "Country Kitchen Cookbook" and a poster touting of the many food crops raised in our state, with the percentages of the national products included.

This year we plan to incorporate the slow-moving vehicle emblem along with other ideas for a Michigan Week project.

$20,000 Worth of Emblems

By Mrs. Wesley Huyster

Chairman
Kent County Farm Bureau Women

Promotion of the slow-moving vehicle emblem has proven to be an excellent project for the Kent County Farm Bureau Women.

Sales were rather slow when we began introducing them. But about mid-March, sales zoomed faster than we could fill the orders. To date, Kent County alone has sold well over $2,000 worth. A few days of "spot" announcements on our local radio stations seemed to be helpful in informing the public.

Again, Farm Bureau was able to promote the emblem. It was obvious that most farmers compared prices with their neighbors. As Farm Bureau women's prices were cut almost immediately, to $1.00, a great many women who have worked with the Emblem Department have been able to purchase large quantities.

ANTRIM

For the past eleven years, Antrim County Farm Bureau Women have been making monthly visits to the Traverse City Hospital to take a party to the patients in their "adopted" ward there. The women also have a special Christmas party for these patients each year.

Antrim Women are also proud of their "Make-a-Costume" project. "Much credit goes to county chairman, Mrs. Robert Arnold, who personally delivers them to the county, contacted industries that use tractor parts and implements, and handled advertising, orders and deliveries," says Mrs. Dorothy Coon, county news reporter.

FIRST WOMEN'S CAMP held in Barry County at Algonquin Lake in 1948 attracted a good attendance, as evidenced in this 20 year old photograph. Mrs. Leon Dunning was county women's chairman then. Mrs. Belle Newell, state chairman, was one of the speakers.

SMALL IN NUMBERS—LARGE IN ACTION

By Mrs. Clifford NeCally

Chairman
Marquette-Alger

Farm Bureau Women

Since Marquette-Alger takes in a lot of territory and has fewer people, their "aren't we lucky to have her on our team" candidate—Mrs. Louis Walter, report was that problems and interests remain much the same, with "Farm and Home Safety," "Health is Everybody's Business," and a discussion on rural-urban affairs as part of the 1948 program.

One method we use to do this was a Michigan display of the Farm Bureau Women's "Country Kitchen Cookbook" and a poster touting of the many farm crops raised in our state, with the percentages of the national products included.

This year we plan to incorporate the slow-moving vehicle emblem along with other ideas for a Michigan Week project.

Know Your Farm Bureau is Barry County Project

In 1944 the Barry County Farm Bureau had two directors on their board who saw the need for a women's committee in their county. These two women—Mrs. Walter Hobbs and Mrs. Leon Dunning—accepted the challenge and started their organization work. The meetings were held in the homes of various members and before long Barry had one of the most active committees in the state.

They held their first women's camp in 1948. This became an annual event and is still held at the Bay City Camp, Algonquin Lake. A look at the first camp program indicates that the problems and interests remain much the same, with "Farm and Home Safety," "Health is Everybody's Business," and a discussion on rural-urban affairs as part of the 1948 program.

The spotlight was on Barry County Farm Bureau Women in 1949 when Mrs. Louis Spalden-ner won the state speaking contest "A Farm Women Looks at Her Problems." The following year another Barry County woman took second place in the state contest when Mrs. Maurice Craig spoke on "What Farm Bureau Means to My Family."

In 1958, attention was again focused on Barry County as the women began their "braded rug" project. It took 18 months of hard work to make the huge rug which was sold to a Detroit woman. The money from this sale, plus that of many small braided rugs, served Michigan breakfasts, and countless other projects, went toward financing the remodeling of a basement conference room in the Farm Bureau office building, the room where the women now meet each month.

The past few years, their program emphasis has been on "Know Your Farm Bureau." They have sponsored young people to the Citizenship Seminar, taken tours to learn more about the publishing, processing and marketing of farm products, and had speakers on the various areas of Farm Bureau.

Their current project is learning more about the Associated Country Women of the World in preparation of the triennial conference to be held at Michigan State University in 1968.

Mrs. Gerald Smith, current chairman, points with pride to the scrapbook kept by Mrs. Dunning through their years of progress and to the women who made the program a success. Mrs. Smith explains, "As we went through the scrapbook, we see the names of so many women who have worked hard and long for the organization without recognition. Those in office have not done the job without their help."

MICHIGAN AND IOWA

Mrs. Wilford Bunyee, Wayne County Women's vice-chairman, reports that their county is 4-H recently entertained the Iowa 4-H, and the visitors were presented with "Country Kitchen Cookbooks," featuring home-tested recipes using Michigan-grown food crops.

Each year the Wayne Farm Bureau Women serve the meals for the day at the county's 4-H fair. During the winter months, they have two county-wide pot-luck suppers and a "Fun night"—which Mrs. Bunyee describes as a huge success—for the entire family.

MONEY FROM SMORGASBORD

The Bay County Farm Bureau Women's Committee held a smorgasbord in January to raise money for their project fund. From this fund, they bought materials to make cancer bandages. Mrs. Robert Arnold, the project chairman, reported that they have made 550 doses bandages.

Another project of which they are proud is the truckloads of items taken to the Traverse City State Hospital. At Christmas, they also buy many small gifts for the old people at the county medical center.
By Mrs. Harold Butzin, Historian
Saginaw County Farm Bureau Women

Adventures in citizenship and international understanding have highlighted programs of the Saginaw County Women for several years, with special emphasis on health and safety, tax reform, marketing, rural-urban relations and youth work.
We have sent delegates each year to the Young People's Citizenship Seminar at Camp Kett, fulfilled our building fund pledge of $1,000 for the Farm Bureau dormitory at Camp Kett, enjoyed working in the promotion of the annual Freedom Conferences, and have had representatives on the Washington Legislative Air Tour since its inception.
We have had the privilege of entertaining visitors from other lands in our homes and at our meetings. Many exchange students from Europe and South America have shared our women's potluck dinners, where we have discussed together family living and school education, and exchanged ideas on fashion and food.
We had two visitors from Santiago, Chile, and many from the countries of Europe, and we learned much from the teachers who came here from Vest Germany and Mushi, a teacher educated at a mission who had received a scholarship to return to Africa.

Edith (Mrs. Winston) Ray-Ford and Clare County Farm Bureau Women are synonymous. Our members salute her as Clare County's candidate for the "pioneer" honor roll.

Edith has devoted many years as an officer-cadre of the Women's Committee. She was the original chairman when Clare County organized in 1953 and since that time she has held that office intermittently for a total of five years. Since the organization of this county she has held an office of some sort on the Women's Committee all but three years and even then the two always on hand to help.

Edith has not limited her activities to the county as evidenced by the fact she was just re-elected Secretary of District 8, an office she has held for the past seven years.

At the farmers' wives' meetings she is, as they have taken an active part in the operation of the dairy farm and her husband owns in Clare County. She is active in church affairs and also is township treasurer.

We are proud to have her for a friend and fortunate to have her for a member.

GENESEE

By Mrs. Edna Tiedeman
Genece County Reporter

Since the Genece County Farm Bureau Women were organized in 1946, we have had many interesting programs on education, legislations, citizenship, social work, medical interest and recreation.

Talks on national, state and county affairs of interest have been regularly scheduled to acquaint members with the problems in question. For example, one of our outstanding meetings occurred when Mrs. George Romney, wife of Michigan's Governor, spoke to us in 1953 regarding "The New Constitution.

Our annual programs include a Men's Day, a tour to a place of interest, an auction of baked goods and other donated articles, and dinners to reimburse the project fund. A "birthday box" is passed each month and Christmas donations are given to the Retarded Children's School.

Through the efforts of all the women who have given of their time and work, our county has had successful years and friends to remember.

For the 20th anniversary celebration of Michigan Farm Women in 1949, one of our members, Mrs. Gladys Anez, wrote a special song for this event.

In her words, "For in any need, women help or lead, Farm Bureau knows that this is so ... and whatever the goal, women have a role in the future of our Farm Bureau. May we keep an upward pace knowing well that's the way we must go.

MACOMB "PIOtEER"

By Mrs. Leonard Eschenburg
Chairman
Macomb County Farm Bureau Women

The Macomb County Farm Bureau Women select as their "pioneer" Mrs. Celestine Young, who served as our chairman for six years.

Mrs. Young was also District 3 Farm Bureau Women's chair from 1947-1948. She worked on the Road Crew program for an outstanding number of years and was active in organizing our Community Centers in our county. She is on the Public Relations Committee of our county board and has been active in the membership drive for many years.

The Youngs have been farmers all their lives, are retired now and still live on their farm home, where they recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Young still attends our women's meetings and currently serves as our safety chairman. We think she is worthy of honorable mention on the Farm Bureau Women's "pioneer" list.

KALAMAZOO

The Kalamazoo County Women's Committee honors Mrs. Roy (Helen) Buckham as one of their outstanding Farm Bureau Women.

According to Mrs. Lawrence Rhoda, committee chairman, Mrs. Buckham joined Farm Bureau in 1929 and is an active member ever since. In the fall of 1939 she helped organize the first community group in Kalamazoo County, a group which is still meeting today, nearly 30 years later.

Mrs. Buckham served as county Farm Bureau secretary from 1942-1945, was on the Farm Bureau board for many years, and was delegate to the state convention several times. She still regularly attends the community group and women's meetings.

"Mrs. Buckham has helped Farm Bureau grow in our county, and has seen it do many things for farmers," reports Mrs. Rhoda.
LIVINGSTON WOMEN consider their Christmas workshop one of their most unusual and successes — they hold their Annual workshops and demonstrations are displayed by (left to right) Mrs. Alan Campbell, vice chairman; Mrs. Andrew Jackson, chairman; Mrs. Clifford Van Horn, past chairman; Mrs. Harold Armstrong, treasurer and Mrs. Howard Jenkins, secretary.

MONTGOMERY
By Mrs. Earl Hergen Montcalm County Women's Committee The Montcalm County Farm Bureau Women salute as their pioneer, Mrs. Carl (Bertha) Johnson for her years of service to Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Women.

The Johnsons joined Farm Bureau in 1945 and have been active members since that time. In early 1949, Mrs. Johnson helped organize the Montcalm County Women's Committee and was appointed chairman, an office she held for three years.

She was also secretary of the county Farm Bureau Board from 1950 to 1957, and served as Women's District chairman for 4½ years. In addition to serving on many county Farm Bureau committees, she has also been on the state Resolutions Committee and is currently serving on the state Marye Karcher Scholarship Committee.

We are proud to submit the name of Bertha Johnson as our Farm Bureau Women's "pioneer.""}

LENAWE YEARS SHOW SUCCESS
The Lenawee County Farm Bureau Women rang up another success in their series of outstanding projects over the years when they held their Christmas banquet, with over 300 persons in attendance.

ST. CLAIR WOMEN held a successful rural-urban event in the form of an all-Michigan smorgasbord which was attended by over 200 persons. Women's committees members (from left) Mrs. Vin Reid, Mrs. Frank Burrows, Mrs. Russell Draves, and Mrs. Roy Lindsey, watch as regional representative Duane Sugden, lights the candles on this table of Michigan-grown food.

CHICKEN BARBEQUE IN OTTAWA COUNTY

MNCHEN BARBECUE IN OTTAWA COUNTY

By Mrs. Edward Langeland Ottawa County Reporter During the past several years, Ottawa County Farm Bureau Women have been active in numerous activities, including our annual chicken barbecue which has attracted many well-known political figures from our Michigan Legislature, as well as local dignitaries and Farm Bureau friends and neighbors.

The proceeds from these have been used for Farm Bureau activities and the past three years the Women's Committee has underwritten the cost of sending two delegates each year to the Young People's Citizenship Seminar at Camp Kett.

The Women's Committee in their bi-monthly meetings have had a variety of interesting speakers on such subjects as education, health, traffic safety, police protection, legal matters, insurance, tornadoes and other disasters, Michigan and its history and Exchange students.

Their annual tours have taken them to the Gerber plant at Fremont, the Wolverine (Hush Pup-py) shoe factory at Rockford, the American Laundry and Dry Cleaners in Grand Rapids, the egg marketing plant in Jenison, and the Grand Valley State College in Allendale.

Another big event was the Rural Urban Day in 1965 when city guests were taken on a tour of three farms — a fruit farm, a beef farm and a dairy farm.

The Women's Committee entered a float in the annual Fourth of July celebration in Allendale, and won second place for their "Let Freedom Ring" entry.

But, last but not least, the Women's Committee always provides all the good food at the Ottawa County Farm Bureau annual meetings.

Religion-Schools-Health

PROJECTS OF THE NORTHWEST MICHIGAN

On December 27, 1944, Mrs. William Hoolihan, appointed chairman for the Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau Women, met with a group of women to discuss plans for their newly-organized program. They felt a need for work in the areas of religion, school, and health.

When the county board of directors met for a planning session in January, 1945, Mrs. Hoolihan (Harriet) presented their recommended projects and the directors accepted them. From that day on, the Farm Bureau Women of Northwest Michigan have worked with dedicated efforts to realize their goals.

Mrs. Hoolihan went on to become the first District 9 chairman and helped organize women's committees in all counties of her district. She was founder of the first leadership training camp, which continued annually for 20 years, with Mrs. Hoolihan acting as director for five of the 20 camps.

MR. & MRS. HOLLIDAN
"Her attendance at meetings is outstanding," explains current Northwest women's chairman, Mrs. James Call. "She atten- ded special meetings in Lansing where she was a member for three terms, and has missed only three district and six monthly meetings in the past 23 years."

Mrs. Call points out that the Northwest Michigan Women are proud of their "pioneer" — Mrs. Hoolihan, and recognize her for "her untiring efforts to keep us a strong organization."
"FRESH FANCY QUALITY" eggs, featuring the poultry operation of the Jake Cutter farm near Florida, was the subject of a recent "Accent on Agriculture" television production of the Michigan Farm Bureau Information Division. Interviewing Mr. Cutter is broadcaster Steve Van Syke.

MONEY CORSAGES

"FOR SALE - USED MILL MACHINERY - FOR SALE - LARGE PULSATOR MACHINERY - FOR SALE - LIVESTOCK - PAGE 26 - FARM BUREAU MARKET PLACE - PAGE 27 - AGCORN"
Lyle Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Murphy, Sr., of Michigan, has been selected to go to Botswana, Africa as an International Farm Exchage delegate. Under the sponsorship of the National 4-H Foundation. An active Farm Bureau member from Ionia County, Murphy is a senior at Michigan State University where he will be in June with a degree in Vocational Agriculture Education.

DON KINSEY RETIRES

"UNCOMMON" MAN

A familiar figure to Farm Bureau people throughout the state, Don J. Kinsey, Director of Education and Research, well-known as the writer of the monthly Community Group discussion topics and Package Reporter, special feature articles for the Michigan Farm News, author of "Farm Bureau History in a Nutshell," and numerous articles promoting the American way of life, for which he won a Gold Medal Award from the Freedom Foundation.

Respectfully and popularly referred to as "Dr. Kinsey," he was the "counselor" at Farm Bureau Center in Lansing to whom everyone came when they needed to know the facts about something—Farm Bureau philosophy, history, agricultural statistics, human behavior problems, economics—whatever the area in question. Don, it seemed, had the answer—or knew where to find it.

Recently Don wrote an article about the "uncommon man," which encompasses his philosophy in life, which so distinctly left its mark on the Farm Bureau organization which he served for 20 years.

"I Would Like to Have Been . . ."

Should a fellow feel satisfied when he approaches the end of his active service in life? Well, I don't. It disturbs me that I have not been able to be a more uncommon man.

Why should I be unhappy to be just a common man? Frankly, I do not like to get lost in the crowd—to do only what the crowd does, and nothing more. Doing only what the crowd does is to react under the drug of monotony—to lack originality and ingenuity. Moving only according to the passive push of the crowd prevents the launching of new and different plans and blocks any exploration of new frontiers.

It is for more fascinatirig to be different than to be regimented in the stuffy goose-step march of the Main Street regiment, wearing a plume just because "most people do, you know."

It is perfectly clear that "the uncommon men" of history did not move mankind along the road to progress. They were men who begged to differ with the world, who did not do things just because to do them was to fulfill the approved way. They recognized that even freedom held something of the art of being different—an individual!

The honor roll of human history bears the names of many uncommon men—Jesus Christ, Copernicus, Galileo, Magellan, James Watt, Abraham Lincoln, Billy Mitchell. Their greatness was not measured by the appliance meters. Often they were unpopular or even persecuted for being different. But they would not sell mankind short simply because more people thought that they were wrong than thought they were right.

I would like to have been one of the more uncommon men. And there are many who knew him, personally or through his writings, including the Farm Bureau Women for whom he was a great "booster"—who believe that, indeed, Don Kinsey was and is an uncommon man.

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Whether the State shall stay on Eastern Standard Time or shift to double daylight time until a referendum is held, the Court did respond to an appeal by the Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau's complaint that the Board of Canvassers did not need to decide on the petition for a referendum until the validity of signatures on the petition was determined. The Court held that the Board of Canvassers would not need to decide on the signatures until a referendum is held. Even legal "higher-ups" disagreed on this.

The State Board of Canvassers met on May 10th, and decided that the petitions, which would disagree on this.

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The Act establishing the Uninsured Motorist Fund was passed by the Michigan Legislature on October 25, 1965. It became effective on January 1, 1966. The passage seemed "rather sudden" to many Michigan motorists. Not much discussion of it had gone on in public circles — and suddenly, there it was!

Citizens found out about it, first hand, when they went to get their 1966 license plates. The owner had to produce a certificate or other proof that he had auto liability insurance in force. If he had satisfactory proof of being insured, he paid a $1 fee toward The Uninsured Motorist Fund, plus the regular license fee.

If he had no proof of insurance, the penalty was a $33 fee plus the plate costs.

What does this fund do for motorists in general — and for the person who pays the $33 fee? Actually, for the still uninsured motorist it does NOTHING beyond permitting him to operate a motor vehicle.

He has no personal protection from the Fund — no benefits that are included in normal insurance coverages. If he becomes liable for an accident, the Fund does not have any assets to pay it off — and if he were found liable, he would have to pay for it himself.

The aim of The Uninsured Motorist Fund is to assure that motorists will carry insurance. The Act did have some effect. Insurance coverages went up 200% immediately after the Act was passed. This gives motorists better financial protection on Michigan highways.

There are two ways in which the Fund may provide payment where a motorist has a damage or injury claim against an uninsured motorist.

1. If the uninsured motorist admits that he was at fault and is liable for the accident, and if he wants to sign an agreement to pay back to the Fund the amount paid in settling the claim, the Fund will make immediate payment to the person making the claim.

Where this happens, the uninsured motorist loses his license plates and his driving privileges until he has repaid the Fund in full — or agrees to repay on a schedule acceptable to the Fund. These requirements do not cause these people to stop driving, however.

Where a citizen enters a claim of liability against an uninsured motorist, the Secretary of State notifies

the accused by certified mail that the claim has been filed. If the uninsured motorist does not protest the claim or the charge of liability within thirty days, the Fund may pay the claim and take similar action against the uninsured motorist to recover the money.

If the uninsured motorist denies his liability, the Fund can only notify the citizen having the claim to proceed with court action, if he sees fit. The law does not deny the uninsured motorist his chance for "a day in court," where proof of responsibility is in question.

2. A person suffering damage may file suit in court directly, without first appealing to the Fund. If a court judgment is obtained against the uninsured motorist, application may be made to the Fund for settlement by the lawyer of the claimant. If the claim is in proper order, payment will be made.

The Uninsured Motorist Fund has a hit-and-run provision and a stolen car provision. A person suffering loss must file a notice of intent to make a claim against the Fund within one year. The hit-and-run provision does not cover property damage. Property damage recovery is possible in general accident cases (with a $200 deductible) but not in the hit-and-run situation. For one thing — was "the hit-and-runner" an uninsured motorist?

The Uninsured Motorist Act provides that to give false evidence of being insured is a misdemeanor. It is punishable by a fine of $100 or 90 days in jail — or both. False evidence of being insured also brings the loss of the guilty person's license plates and driver's license for one year. This penalty also becomes effective if the motorist cancels his insurance or is found driving without paying the Uninsured Motorist fee or failing to obtain proper insurance.

The Fund covers everyone that becomes involved in an accident with an uninsured motorist — even pedestrians.

The fees of $1 and $35 are the only source of revenue to the Michigan Uninsured Motorist Fund. No other taxes are collected to cover claims and costs. Administrative costs must be covered from monies collected, of course.

The Uninsured Motorist Fund is established in offices in Lansing, employs a full-time administrator and staff. Customary operating costs are to be expected.

In Michigan, a court judgment against the Fund is not necessary to allow for the filing of a claim against the Fund. In states where such judgments are necessary to allow a claim, the Funds go broke fighting such judgments in courts.

People raise the question whether the Fund will just "pile up money" without need or without actual coverages of claims. Such questions must be dealt with without being hasty! The program is not yet in full swing so that the actual cost experience can be fully known.

It is true that only $310,000 was paid out by the Fund in 1966, while $10,670,000 was collected by October 30th, 1966. But the $310,000 paid out is no indicator of the rate of loss the Fund will face in the future. A backlog of unsettled claims is building up in 1967. In some states, where the fees were cut because of low rates of loss in the early stages, the Funds went broke in a hurry. So, Michigan should not be hasty.

Many ask the question, "Well — how can the fund lose, when the law requires that the uninsured motorist who is found liable shall repay the Fund in full for its losses?" But one must remember that, however the law may read, most of the losses are uncollectable. The old expression is that "you can't get blood out of a turnip."

The uninsured motorist is the person who was fundless to begin with — and that is why he is uninsured, for the most part. As such programs in other states have progressed, the Funds have had trouble keeping ahead of their losses. Up to now, the Michigan Fund has set a proper course for itself. Probably no protest by most motorists would be heard at all — except for the fee of $1 added to his license fees. But it can be considered that the insured motorist has a new source of protection from uninsured motorists that is worth the extra dollar he contributes to this new Michigan Fund.

With highways becoming crowded with all kinds of drivers, the motorist needs all the forms of protection he can get.

NEXT MONTH
INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND
SOME CURRENT PROBLEMS
What about Workmen's Compensation?

Effective July 1, 1967, nearly all agricultural employers in Michigan will be required to provide Workmen's Compensation benefits for employees:

1. Farmers who employ three or more employees for 13 or more consecutive weeks will be required to provide full Workmen's Compensation benefits.
2. Most farmers who employ any part-time labor will be required to provide partial Workmen's Compensation benefits.
3. The State Insurance Bureau has ruled that the necessary insurance can be provided only with a separate Workmen's Compensation policy.

Farm Bureau is ready to provide Workmen's Compensation insurance for most farmers. The program which has been developed includes broad coverages—at minimized rates.

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