IT'S BEAN HARVEST TIME — in Michigan, where about 6,000,000 bags are expected. The crop is down about one-million bags from normal. Quality is good, color and splits are not yet a problem. Most Michigan navies enter the processing trade with many moving to European canners who are now closely watching our harvest and growers' attitudes toward the bean pool. Roumania, a chief Michigan competitor, releases beans in a steady flow at a constant price. Michigan farmers must work closely together to match such competition.

FARM BUREAU SERVICES — through the Michigan Elevator Exchange Division, is working hard to increase our bean movement into European markets including promotion of sales at the Swedish Trade Fair. Services urges use of the pool to give growers a direct voice in marketing. A short crop makes the pool more valuable with a committee of growers directing a smooth release of beans aimed at gaining price stability. Enough beans in the pool this year can be reflected in market-stability and improved prices to Michigan farmers.

attend your county Farm Bureau annual meeting!
Editorial

People Kill People

It's that time of year again—when a farmer is wise to keep the cows close to the barn—watch that the gates remain shut, and note any strange dogs which may be running through the fields.

In short, it's Fall—and the cry of the hunter is heard across the land.

Lacking legitimate prey, an occasional frustrated owner may choose to pepper a barn with shot, or pot a roadsign or mailbox. He may be unable to resist the urge to try out his aim on a highline or telephone insulator.

He may be a complete idiot—the worst kind, a slob with a gun, and it is his kind who cause all manner of trouble for everyone; for farmers, for true sportsmen, and for the gun itself, who wishes to continue having the right to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by our constitution.

That basic right is threatened now. Senseless killings and other crimes against nature have enraged the public and stirred Congress to the point where attempts are being made to adopt radical gun-control laws calling for regulation and even licensing.

Although farmers have suffered greatly, more we suspect than any other single group, from the consequences of irresponsible gun use on their land by others, they remain strongly opposed to stringent new gun controls.

Having always used guns in close connection with their work, farmers know for what they are—a useful tool to be highly respected and carefully handled. They are not toys for children, they are not to be used by the inexperienced, and their competent use by anyone requires supervision and training.

A complete and workable code of ethics has evolved between farmers and sportsmen, allowing the opening of farmlands to the savourable harvest of game with the farmer's consent.

Sportsmen worship the name, seek the farmer's permission to hunt, and conduct themselves as guests on another man's property at all times. They obey the rules of safe gun handling and firmly insist that others with whom they hunt do the same.

They obey all the game laws and support conservation efforts to assure good hunting for future sportsmen to whom they give of their time and skills in training as youngsters. Properly, this training begins in schools, where recognition by students that all our resources—soils and minerals, forests, waters and wildlife have been placed in man's hands, and that to remain great, our nation must protect them.

This does not mean. selling them off in some sort of super-cucum, to be observed under glass, where they have no control and where the public is blind to their value.

"Gun safety training has shown that hunting accidents can be reduced through knowledge of proper handling of firearms. We commend voluntary groups which are now doing much in this area"—states one Farm Bureau resolution dealing with hunter safety.

Sportsmen and farmers are painfully aware that any irresponsible gun use provides further grounds for those calling for tighter gun-control laws.

"No law is going to save a life. There is no indication that the availability of firearms has anything to do with crimes"—says Harold Glassen of Lansing, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Farmers too recognize that only people kill people—noting that an unarmered citizenry too often in the annals of history of this world has been herded into3 organized groups by an all-powerful government which grew that way after first disarming the populace.

"The Constitution was written to guarantee the right of people to keep and bear arms. We therefore oppose any additional legislation requiring the registration of firearms" reads the current Farm Bureau resolution.

M.W.
Dear Mr. Voell:

First a word of thanks for taking two pages of September’s FARM NEWS to present the Farm Bureau’s point of view concerning the boycott of California grapes. The issues need to be raised in the public forum and you have made a good beginning. Among some errors in interpretation and fact which need clarifying or correction is one which I cannot let go by. The Lansing State Journal chose to ignore a telephone call correcting the misinformation has spread. The Michigan Council of Churches has not made any statement concerning the boycott. Its Board of Directors has not discussed the grape boycott issue, and that neither the Council-or to Christians everywhere.

Mr. Langdon refers to an item concerning the passing of former board member, George Wheeler, in which it is written that he was one of the oldest living former member of the Michigan Farm Bureau Board. Wheeler was 77 — Mr. Longdon is 79, and retains an active interest in the home farm.

Michigan Council of Churches Lansing, Michigan

Mr. Benallack: Thanks for your letter expressing your point of view concerning the Council of Church’s actions in the attempted boycott of California grapes.

I am unable to ignore a letter on hand from the Michigan Council of Churches, dated August, and signed by Executive Director Robert R. Brown, in which a full page was devoted to promoting the totally false issues of the boycott, including union propaganda urging the kind of illegal Secondary Boycott which the National Labor Relations Board stopped in New York City.

Perhaps the material was presented as “information” — so, it was completely one-sided, and certainly not to the credit of the Council—or to Christians everywhere.

Melvin Woell

Reminder to avoid unduly hasty acts

On Aug. 19, the Lansing City Council adopted by a vote of 6 to 2 a resolution supporting a boycott of California grapes. At this week’s meeting, the councilmen voted 5 to 3 to rescind the previous action. This sequence of events points up in our opinion, the need for council caution against unduly hasty actions.

We don’t intend at this point to attempt to evaluate the situation in the distant California vineyards, and the Council’s decision to rescind the resolution indicates that a majority of the councilmen now feel the same way about it.

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For Distinguished Service!

Nominations are open for Farm Bureau's Distinguished Service to Agriculture award — given annually during the banquet program at the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting.

County Farm Bureaus, cooperatives of our state, and other agriculturally related groups have been invited to make nominations for the award. Self-nomination is permitted in Michigan whose service to agriculture has been of statewide, regional or industry-wide importance eligible.

Persons so nominated (the selection committee may pick several — or none) may pick none, in that there is no set rule concerning the number of persons that may be named) are to be honored in person at the evening program, November 19 in the Lansing Civic Center.

This is the program at which Dr. Norman Vincent Peale is featured with the awards presented just before Dr. Peale's appearance.

Last year's recipients were: Irwin Wolff, editor of the Escanaba Daily Press; Ward Hodge, former president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, and Representative Charles Davis of Onondaga, Michigan.

A total of 41 persons have been so honored in the years the award has been made.

Current officers and staff members of the Michigan Farm Bureau are not eligible for consideration. All nominations are acted upon by a committee of judges representing the Michigan Farm Bureau.

CEMENT WORK — for the main building and outside storage, had been completed in late September on Farm Bureau Services' new million-dollar feed plant, southwest of Battle Creek.

Alcona — Oct. 7, 8:00 p.m., Alcona Com. High, speakers and charter member recognition, lunch following.

Allen — Oct. 3, 7:00 p.m., Griswold Ault, Allegan, potluck.

Arenac — Oct. 9, 8:00 p.m., Errolspire Legion Hall, speaker: Duke Sherwin, 25th anniversary president, refreshments. 1. Frank Case, potluck.

Baraga — Oct. 3, 8:00 p.m., Elkton School, Elkton, buffet.

Barry — Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m., Conn. Bldg., Hastings, queen contest, citizenship seminar reports, potluck supper.

Bay — Oct. 17, 8:00 p.m., Manistee Twp. Hall.

Benzie — Oct. 14, 8:00 p.m., St. Joseph Parish Hall, Benzonia, queen contest.

Berrien — Oct. 10, 6:30 p.m., Youth Memorial Bldg., Berrien Springs, crowning of Co. F. B. queen, potluck.

Branch — Oct. 14, 8:00 p.m., 4-H fairground, Coldwater, speaker: Nick Smith, refreshments.


Charlevoix — Oct. 2, 8:00 p.m., Charlevoix High School, speakers: Kathleen Stempky and Gertrude Rotter.

Cheboygan — Oct. 15, 8:00 p.m., Black River Elem. School, speakers: Charles Bailey, ham dinner.

Clinton — Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m., Smith Hall, St. John's, speakers: Elton Strong, queen contest, 5-H awards, queen and talent winners, dinner.

Delta — Oct. 5, 7:00 p.m., Rapid River School, potluck dinner.

 Eaton — Oct. 10, 7:00 p.m., 4-H Bldg., Charlotte, ham dinner.

Emmet — Oct. 14, 8:00 p.m., Harbor Springs Elem. School, business meeting, entertainment, refreshments.

Genesee — Oct. 15, 7:00 p.m., Rankin Twp. Hall, potluck.

Glenn — Oct. 1, 8:00 p.m., Flint High School, potluck.

Hilldale — Oct. 7, 7:15 p.m., 4-H Club Bldg., Fair Grounds, program, drawings, potluck.

Houghton — Oct. 2, 8:00 p.m., Eldred Lake Res., Houghton.

Huron — Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m., Arenac Community Bldg., Bad Axe, speaker: Larry Ewing, roast beef supper.

Ingham — Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m., Stockbridge Legion Hall, speaker: District Director, Dave Morris, potluck.

Ionia — Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m., A. A.额, Elem. School, Ionia, potluck supper.

Iosco — Oct. 8, 8:30 p.m., Tawas Twp. Hall, speaker: no term, Camp Kett students, refreshments.

Iron — Oct. 7, 7:00 p.m., Sturgeon Lake Twp. Hall.

Isabella — Oct. 7, 7:00 p.m., St. Henry's Church, Roscommon, Co. F. B. queen, citizenship winners, steak dinner.

Jackson — Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m., Flora St. School, River Junction, speaker: Dan Reed, refreshments.

Kalamazoo — Oct. 8, 7:00 p.m., Co. Center Bldg., Kalamazoo, speaker: Dan Reed, supper.

Kent — Oct. 29, 8:00 p.m., Sch. cafeteria, Eastbrook Shopping Plaza, dinner.


Lenawee — Oct. 10, 7:00 p.m., Adrian, county recognition supper.

Livingston — Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m., Fowlerville High School, seminar students, P. F. B. queen, banquet.


Macomb — Oct. 17, 7:00 p.m., Immelman Lutheran School, Romeo, speaker: John Carew, Hert. Dept. MSU, banquet.

Manistee — Oct. 3, 8:00 p.m., Furr Center, Osceola, business meeting, entertainment, refreshments.

Marquette-Alger — Oct. 9, 7:00 p.m., Chatham Town Hall, potluck supper.

Marquette — Oct. 9, 8:00 p.m., Amber Town Hall, lunch.

Mecosta — Oct. 12, 11:00 a.m., Stanwood High, speaker: Sylvester Van Dorn.

Menominee — Oct. 8, 8:00 p.m., Bank of Stephenson.

Montcalm — Oct. 10, 8:00 p.m., Central Montcalm High School, business, Co. F. B. queen, refreshments.

Mecosta — Oct. 7, 3:00 p.m., Hillman High School, speaker: Steve Weidman.

Munising — Oct. 8, 8:00 p.m., Wulf Lake 4-H Center, speaker: M. J. Buschman, luncheon.

Newaygo — Oct. 15, 8:00 p.m., Newaygo Co. Bldg., speaker: Ken Ball, Citizenship students, refreshments.

Northeast Michigan — Oct. 9, 7:00 p.m., Twin Lakes 4-H Camp, dinner.

Oakland — Oct. 3, Presbyterian Church, speaker: M. L. Cranney.

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Osceola — Oct. 3, 8:15 p.m., Lincoln Town Hall, Reed City, speaker: Bob West, Citizenship students, potluck lunch.

Otsego — Oct. 16, 8:00 p.m., Gaylord State Bank, lunch.

Ottawa — Oct. 15, 8:00 p.m., Allendale Town Hall, Allendale, entertainment, queen contest, refreshments.

Pere Marquette — Oct. 9, 8:00 p.m., Reading Town Hall, refreshments.

Presque Isle — Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m., Swan House, Saginaw, Co. F. B. queen and talent winners, refreshments.

Sanilac — Oct. 7, 6:00 p.m., Croswell, speakers: Ken Ball, Citizenship students, potluck lunch.

Saginaw — Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m., Midland Co. Bldg., speaker: Robert Smith, Camp Kett girls, potluck slipper.

Steele — Oct. 8, 6:30 p.m., Caro High School, Caro, speaker: Charles Bailey, ham dinner.

Van Buren — Oct. 19, 6:30 p.m., Co. F. B. Bldg., west of Paw Paw, refreshments.

Wahala — Oct. 19, 7:00 p.m., Farm Council Bldg., Saline, dinner meeting.

Wayne — Oct. 8, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Fair Grounds, Belleville, speaker: Robert Smith, Camp Kett students, refreshments.

Westford — Oct. 15, 8:00 p.m., Jr. High School, Cadillac, lunch following meeting.
October CO-OP Month

COOPERATIVE LEADERS — attended the signing of the “Co-op Month” proclamation in the Governor’s office, Lansing. In the statement, Romney urged recognition of the importance of the state’s farmer-cooperative movement. Pictured (left to right) are: Dan Reed, Michigan Farm Bureau; Don Var West, McDonald Dairy; Douglas Peirson, Michigan Animal Breeders; Eugene Erskine, Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives; John Carmichael, Cooperaaice Co-op Elevator; Romney; Dean Priddyson, Michigan Farm Bureau; Terry Morrison, Cherry Growers; Dave Schafer, Cherry Growers and L A Cherry, Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives.

COOPERATIVES “opening doors to progress…”

A substantial delegation of farm cooperative leaders and guests attended the 40th annual meeting of the American Institute of Cooperation in Blacksburg, Virginia, in early August. Among youth delegates attending was Richard (Dick) Posthumus of Alto, Michigan, state president of the Michigan Future Farmers of America. His trip was sponsored by Farmers Petroleum Cooperative.

The report which follows was written by the youthful farm leader after taking part in the institute, his first such experience.

Upon arrival I discovered that American Institute of Cooperation is actually a university without a campus. It was chartered in 1925 as the educational and research organization of farmer cooperatives. This year 10 young people from Michigan attended.

As soon as we arrived we began meeting some of the outstanding youth in the United States. Seventeen youth organizations from forty states were represented at the Institute held at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Sunday evening a program of meditation was held. I was impressed by the American spirit in the American youth down here that evening. One of the highlights of the conference was the keynote address by the Honorable Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Governor of Virginia. He said “I hope farmers will always retain their individuality and I think they will.” He ended by telling us we must find ways to give everybody the right to earn a living, but to give nobody a free living.

The high point of the conference for me was Tuesday evening. At this time a group of young people called “Sing Out South” entertained us. It was comprised of over thirty young people who have traveled on three continents. In their songs they showed a spiritual optimism for the future which the majority of youth actually feel today.

I believe that as we packed up and left the campus of VPI all came away with a better understanding of cooperatives in our American Economy.

Fred Beichow of our group said of the AIC conference, “We had the chance to learn what cooperatives can do for you, and also prepare young farmers to become future cooperative members.”

Richard “Dick” Posthumus
Pres. Mich. Future Farmers of America

Congratulations... ...and THANKS!

By Larry R. Ewing, Manager
Field Services Division

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What does this mean to you as a Farm Bureau member? It means that your membership is worth more to you because your organization is stronger. A larger number of members gives this added strength. As farmers become a smaller minority in our society, they must be more closely united. A well-organized minority can gain great accomplishments in legislative activities, marketing ventures and other economic services.

Your organization is stronger also because more members mean your organization is better financed. A farm organization, to be effective, must be well financed.

The organization is also stronger for the year ahead in that more people are available to participate in the programs of the organization at the county level. There are more members to work on projects.

New members joining Farm Bureau this year answer the question of some that “there are no young farmers.” Over one-third of the 3,513 new members signed this year were under 35 years of age. About 90% of these were classified as regular members by county Farm Bureaus. A regular member in Farm Bureau must receive income from being actively engaged in production of agricultural or horticultural products.

Membership gains were made in all parts of the state. Thirty-one counties made membership goal this past year. A total of 57 counties increased membership over the preceding year.

The membership increase can be related to many things. It points out the successful accomplishments farmers have made through their organization legislatively in the past few years. It shows farmers are concerned about the problems they face. It indicates successful affiliate companies providing economic benefits to Farm Bureau members. But most important, it points out that members believe enough in their organization to go out and work for it and ask other farmers to join with them.

To all of you, the members of Farm Bureau, who worked so diligently this year on the membership campaign, much thanks and congratulations are due. The entire Board of Directors and Staff of Michigan Farm Bureau offer you sincere congratulations and a heartfelt thanks for a job well done.

1968 GOAL COUNTIES

Baraga
Muskegon
Charlevoix
Montmorency
Benzie
Saginaw
Chippewa
Cheboygan
Wexford
Arenac
Alcona
Antrim
Gladwin
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1968 MEMBERSHIP GAIN COUNTIES

Allegan
Barry
Berrien
Calhoun
Clare
Clinton
C h a r e t
Hillsdale
Ionia
Iosco
Isabella
Jackson
Kent

Livingston
Mac-Luce
Marq.-Alger
Menominee
N. W. Michigan
Ottego
Gennesse
Delta
Macomb
Manistee
Mecosta
Ingham
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FIVE MAJOR ISSUES FOR NOVEMBER VOTE

By Robert E. Smith
Legislative Counsel, Michigan Farm Bureau

Citizens will have particularly heavy responsibilities at the polls November 5. In addition to selection of a President and Vice President, and many other public officials down to the local level, they will make decisions on five important state issues. Two of the proposals will amend our Michigan Constitution and three proposals are referendums. In summary, the proposals are:

PROPOSAL NO. 1 — Graduated Income Tax — If this proposal carries, it would remove the present Constitutional restriction against the adoption of a graduated income tax. Michigan’s income tax, adopted in 1966, is a flat rate income tax. However, it is due to high personal exemptions for property taxes and rentals, the structure, as it was previous to the federal mandate requiring each state to adopt Daylight Saving Time, will be continued. As it permits the voter to explain the proposition as it will appear on the ballot and to be sure the voters understand that a “no” vote will return Michigan to a time schedule in keeping with daylight hours.

Other issues before us include: taxes and school finance, further tax reforms including farm land assessment. Then there is the whole area of pesticides, herbicides and pollution. Another area of concern is that of labor relations, unionization of farm labor, strikes and boycotts.

It is not enough for farmers to be against this or that, we need to lead the way in proposing laws that we can live with. Various proposals are coming in all of these areas that I have mentioned and others too, we had better come up with some things positive or someone else who has little or no concern for agriculture will supersede our desires upon us.

Farm Bureau is people working together for the good of all. Farm Bureau is careful not to promote ideas which are detrimental or unfair to others.

But, I repeat, this process of Policy Development in Farm Bureau begins with the county committees and the county meeting. If you want a change, now is the time to start. We are listening.

NOW IS THE TIME TO FIRM UP YOUR PCA LINE OF CREDIT

A visit to your PCA Office may well be the most profitable move you make all year!

Intermediate Term Loans for Productive Purposes Made To Responsible Farmers and Ranchers
**COMMODITY NOTES**

Michigan Milk Producers Association bargaining efforts increased the average dairy farmer's income last year by $1800.

"The Michigan Milk Producers Association has been a well-known pioneer in cooperative marketing. Cooperative Month provides an opportunity to assess our progress—more than a half century of it—in cooperative marketing.

"Our first concern always has been, and is today, to provide the greatest possible financial return to our dairy farmers while maintaining and improving their market for milk. The cooperative way has been the best way in the past.

"We move into the future—with emphasis shifting to regional bargaining and marketing through such groups as the Great Lakes Milk Marketing Federation—still convinced and still dedicated to the idea that progress for dairy farmers will come only through cooperative effort."

Jack Barnes, General Manager, MMPA

**Christmas Tree Vote**

An overwhelming negative vote defeated a proposed Michigan Christmas tree marketing program, according to the Michigan Department of Agriculture. The department is responsible for conducting marketing referendums.

The proposed program included advertising and promotion, research, information to growers and other services and was to have been financed by an assessment of 2 cents a tree on Christmas trees sold. Eligible to vote were growers who had sold more than $500 worth of Christmas trees in any one of the last three producing seasons.

In order to pass, the program required a favorable vote of two-thirds of the growers representing 51 per cent of the volume of Christmas trees or 51 per cent of the producers representing two-thirds of the Christmas trees sold.

Results of the voting showed 45 growers or 27.6 per cent voted yes on the proposal while 126 growers or 72.4 per cent voted no. Eligible votes amounted to 174.

A total of 1,936,773 trees were represented. Of that volume, 300,266 or 15.8 per cent were yes and 1,636,505 or 81.7 per cent were no.

**Bean Commission**

Three prominent Farm Bureau members have been elected to posts within the Michigan Bean Commission. They are Basil McKenzie, rural Bleekeemiddle, newly elected Commission chairman; Dean Jickling, Marlette, vice-chairman, and Glen Harrington, Akron, assistant secretary.

A well-known Gratiot county farm leader, McKenzie operates 445 acres with 130 planted to beans. He also raises hybrid corn, soybeans and certified wheat, and is a director of the Michigan Crop Improvement Association. McKenzie represents District 2 on the Commission, composed of Clinton, Gratiot, Ionia, Ingham and Kent counties.

The new vice-chairman, Dean Jickling, farms 220 acres in Sanilac county, with 80 planted to beans. Other cash crops include oats, soybeans and wheat. He is a member of the Michigan Crop Improvement Association.

Newest Commissioner is Glen Harrington of Tuscola county, where he is a producer of foundation and certified wheat, oats and Sanilac beans. He is president of the Michigan Foundation Seed Association.

The re-elected Commission treasurer is Stanley Sherman, who has had extended service in agriculture and the bean industry, including work until recently as general manager of the Michigan Elevator Exchange Division of Farm Bureau Services.

Formed by an act of the Legislature in 1965, the Bean Commission sponsors research and expanded markets at home and abroad.
SAVE UP TO $5
on livestock and poultry feeds during

By booking your total feed order now, we can guarantee your per ton cost for a full year on all dairy, beef and poultry feeds and for 6 months on hog feed. The lowest prices between now and November 15, 1968 will be protected on your full order. You can start drawing booked feed December 1, 1968 and take delivery when you need it. Watch for the announcement of the feed booking meeting by your local FBS dealer ... he's out to help you save money and he has a FREE FAVOR for you. Order now and get guaranteed feed costs!

The most economical way to buy fertilizer is in 50-ton bulk cars from Farm Bureau Services!
New this year is Special Beef Supplement 32%, fortified with vitamins, minerals and salt to eliminate the need for free choice feeding of minerals and salt. This supplement, the first of its kind to be offered in Michigan, contains enough sulfur to maintain a 15 to 1 ratio of nitrogen to sulfur in the total silage-grain-supplement ration. Also new is our Beef-Cattle Conditioner and our Dairy-Heifer Developer. Your local FBS dealer now offers detailed books on the care and feeding of beef and dairy cows, swine and poultry. He'll not only help you raise them, he'll help you market them through the Farm Bureau Services hedging program...the one with the built-in profit!
Around the World in Twelve Days...

By Mrs. Cleve (Hattie) Lockhart

Would you believe you could take a trip around the world in twelve days, visit some fifty nations and never leave Michigan? It can be done, not in the usual way but via a conference.

The Associated Country Women of the World held their Twelfth Triennial Conference on the beautiful campus of Michigan State University, September 3 to 14. Some 1,550 women and 50 husbands were in attendance.

The opening reception the first evening was sponsored by Michigan Farm Bureau Women and provided the first opportunities to get acquainted. The national costumes worn by participants from many nations gave one the feeling of a miniature United Nations. Still, one soon realized though we were dressed differently, were of many races, creeds and cultures, our reasons for attending all focused on the same objectives: to improve the conditions of women around the world, to study ways to feed the world's hungry and to learn to live together in peace in a world of tensions and stresses.

The theme of the Conference "Learning to Live" was presented to us in many different ways—through speeches, reports, forums and discussions. Each presentation helped us stretch our minds to new ideas, listen without prejudice, discuss with intelligence and think through how best we fit into the solutions of the problems created by our world today.

The opening ceremony of carrying in the flags of the nations belonging to ACWW gave each of us a sense of pride in our country.

For the first time, we were joined by some 5,000 more women of the United States, and enjoyed their fellowship. The greetings from the 31 nations to the United States that day touched our hearts.

Fun times were provided by the Navy Band, the 4-H Chorus, the Koshare Indian Dancers and the Purdue Glee Club.

Our serious work came during the passing of resolutions, listening to the reports of the work in each area of the world and in the forums which had four divisions: The Home—concerned the individual and the family; The Community—concerned our participation at the local levels as leaders; The World—concerned the technology for feeding a hungry world, the scientific developments in foods and the population problem; The ACWW and the U.N.—concerned the aims and purposes of ACWW and how it works with the U.N. agencies to help implement these.

To summarize the twelve days, we can say we each opened our hearts and minds to take a long look at ourselves and examine just where we seem to fit in this complex world picture.

After self-examination, we know we cannot cure the world's ills alone but we can each work with willing hands and loving hearts and attack these problems from day to day on our own doorsteps—then working together through ACWW we can help make our world a better place because we care.

"MEMBERS OF HONOR"—meet in informal session during the ACWW conference in East Lansing. (from left) include: Lida N. Snow, India; Mrs. D. M. Grigor, United Kingdom; Mrs. Raymond Sorey, former AFF Women's Chairman and past ACWW President; Mrs. Charles Russell, and Mrs. Helen Carlton-Smith, both of the United Kingdom.
SHUMAN—World Must Use Profit Motive

Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation made a major address before the Associated Country Women of the World during their recent Triennial Conference, held Sept. 3-14 at Michigan State University, East Lansing.

Selected quotes from his talk follow:

"There are ample resources in the world to produce all the food that is needed, but the areas with the fastest population growth rates have the least capacity to utilize these resources. They lack capital and know-how."

"As a prerequisite for continued U.S. food aid, we should insist that the developing nations encourage private capital investment by permitting incentives to operate, by checking inflation, and by removing other obstacles to progress."

"Every effort should be made to encourage the development of methods and new crops that use foreign capital investments so that private industry will be encouraged to invest in the underdeveloped nations."

"Food aid cannot be considered a permanent solution to the problems of hungry people. The only sound solution is to help the developing countries increase their productivity and to encourage the establishment of needed processing, transportation, storage and distribution facilities."

"Private capital investment in these countries can do much to bring about these improvements. One of the best ways for a country to obtain technical know-how is to encourage investment by foreign companies which have already developed this know-how."

"Many of the maladies which afflict the agriculture of the less-developed areas were common in the United States in the early days of our nation.

"The United States could have become a hungry nation 50 years ago when the supply of new land was exhausted."

"However, in American agriculture we have witnessed a phenomenal increase in agricultural production during the last three decades with little or no increase in the acreage under cultivation."

"The key to this remarkable surge in productivity per acre is the application of capital and management to the farming business."

"Without this capital flow, the more efficient equipment, the marvelous new chemicals, and the other improved methods developed through agricultural research would have remained largely unused."

"The hungry nations have depended on land plus labor to supply the food for their people. U.S. farmers have added the essential ingredients of capital and management to land and labor."

"There has been a disappointingly slow rate of acceptance of the results of agricultural research in the developing nations, which I attribute to lack of incentives."

"Without the profit incentive, which causes farmers to seek better methods, research tends to become academic and extension educational programs fail."

"Improvement in the general educational training of rural people in the developing countries also is necessary to the acceptance of new and better methods for farmers."

"In seeking to aid the developing countries, the United States is repaying the Old World for the contribution it made in the development of agriculture in America."

"Several years ago E.N. Holmgren, director of the Office of Food Agriculture, said, 'American agriculture has borrowed much from the Old World. We have adapted and improved techniques, procedures, crops and animals from all points of the world. Not one of our major agricultural crops is native to the United States..."

"We think the people of the United States have something to give the world in return by offering to demonstrate in other countries how to make knowledge work for people. We can repay our debt for our borrowing by planting the seeds of this philosophy in areas of the world which are willing to work with us on an equal basis for a higher standard of living and a peaceful existence.'"

"Farm Bureau, is dedicated to continuing its endeavor to foster understanding among the farm people of the world as a means of furthering international good will."

"Our policy resolutions for 1968 specifically direct Farm Bureau to seek opportunities for the exchange of views and information with voluntary farm organizations throughout the world. Our policy states that consideration should be given to developing programs designed to obtain a higher degree of cooperation with such organizations."

"The Associated Country Women of the World is a means of promoting understanding and good will throughout the world. The exchange of students and young farmers should be encouraged. Farm families traveling on tours sponsored by the Farm Bureau or groups at home, also contribute to this objective."
ELECTED...

KENNETH BAUSKKE—Manager of Michigan Animal Breeders Association, East Lansing, has been named president of National Association (including 38 breeding groups) at a recent meeting in Tennessee.

RICHARD LEROY—is new Southwest Regional Representative for the Michigan Farm Bureau. He recently served as Executive Secretary of an Illinois county Farm Bureau; plans to move near Kalamazoo soon.

AIR "FARM-CITY ROUNDUPS"

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GOOD OLD DAYS—of the kerosene lamp and lantern, are discussed at the Alpena Rural-Urban dinner, which featured a skit using old farming tools. Pictured (from left) are Mike Bruning, who sang motion picture themes, and Presque Isle county president, Edwin Quade.

Champion 4-H Steer—purchased by the Mecosta county Farm Bureau, will be roast beef at the county annual meeting, October 12—in the Morley-Stanwood highschool in Stanwood. Pictured are Mecosta F. B. President, Kenneth Babbit, and V. Pres. Frank Wemland. The steer was purchased from Rebecca McLachlan, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McLachlan, Sr.—Mecosta Farm Bureau members.
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Meet MSU Trustee Candidates

TRUSTEE RACE IS IMPORTANT

Farmers have much more than a passing interest in the race for two seats on the Michigan State University Board of Trustees, sponsored for contest in the fall election.

Charges of political maneuvering, by members of the Board, questions of permissiveness in handling student desks, and the adoption of a highly controversial "ability to pay" tuition system, includes Stephen Nisbet, Fremont; Frank Merriman, Deckerville and Kenneth Thompson, Lansing. Merriman is presently the only farmer on the board. The seats held by Connor Smith and C. Allan Harlan, will be in contest in the coming election.

For these posts, the Republicans have nominated Richard Ernst, Birmingham businessman, and David Diehl. Both men have been athletic stars at Michigan State—Diehl as co-captain of the MSU football team (1938) and later he played regular end with the Detroit Lions after graduation, and before joining in the family farming partnership. Ernst was a track star while at MSU, and started a school of his own at Michigan State Belrays, Spartan Relays, Mid-American and NCAA College Championships.

Democrat nominees include former MSU Trustee Warren Huff, defeated in a previous election, and Blanche Martin well-known MSU athlete of Eaton County.

Martin (31) was named "All-American" for two years, and in 1955 was co-captain of the MSU Spartans. He is a dentist. Huff, former chairman of the Board of Trustees, at one time had extensive farm interests, but currently is Executive Director of the "National Association of the Partners of the Alliance," Washington, D.C.

The importance of the post sought by these men is outlined by the state constitution, which confers upon them the final authority in governing the University. Among their duties is the election of University president, the appointment of instructors, the assignment of salaries, and similar operational chores and finally, to grant the appropriate degrees and diplomas to students for completed work.

Among controversial actions of the Board in recent months has been the approval of a non-academic labor union contract, and the adoption of the controversial sliding scale tuition plan. The Republican minority on the board opposed the plan at the time of adoption, but were overruled by the Democrat majority.

Chicken barbeque to be annual Cheboygan affair

The all-member chicken barbeque held by the Cheboygan county Farm Bureau has been so successful that it will become an annual affair.

Last year's barbeque — largely under the leadership of Albert Lenk, was so well attended de- spite a torrential rain, that the board decided to repeat it each year in the future and that a permanent barbeque pit would be a good addition to the buildings at the fairgrounds.

This year's event was prepared in the new fifty by twelve foot barbeque building which had been completed after only three years plans fashioned by Dick Kirch, county extension di- rector.

The substantial menu included a half-chicken, baked beans, potato chips, shoe, rolls, coffee and milk, ice cream and cake, all served over several hours to 536 people.

Attending as representative of the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors was Richard Wieland and family.

Other working included the Women's committee under the di- rection of Mrs. Berniece Wilson, with Mrs. Heinzman as "soul girl." Mrs. Kretchman was chief coffee maker and Secretary, Mrs. Ger- trude Rocheleau worked in many capacities, as did Frank Bur- keep busy much of the time shredd- ing salad cabbage.

Mrs. Geraldine Robbins brought her Black River 4-H girls to serve the coffee, milk and dessert, with many compliments received on the excellent job they did.

The Cheboygan county Farm Bureau board of directors is especially appreciative of the use of the building and facilities granted by the Methodist Women.

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be expected to oppose such a plan since they might have too few customers to continue operation.

If the program of land retirement were restricted to low income farmers, the net effect of any production changes would be largely insignificant on total farm production. The problems of over production of certain crops would be still with us after the low income farmer had been eliminated.

With this in mind, what sort of program would help the commercial farmer eliminate the burdensome surpluses of grains and soybeans while returning to him control of his own business?

Most suggested farm programs include some or all of the following features to give the farmer a chance to get away from government direction: elimination of acreage or production controls; the use of recourse loans for price supports; an aggressive program of negotiation and foreign trade; elimination of international trade agreements such as the current grain agreement; and voluntary organization for bargaining.

There is indication that many of the larger commercial farmers are not planting within their grain allotments under the present program. The allotment program hampers their management and lowers their efficiency. Elimination of allotments would allow the crops to move to those farms which can do the most efficient job of production.

Through the use of recourse loans, stocks of the Commodity Credit Corporation would be purchased and distributed to the farmer. Farm crops used for collateral would be sold on the open market to settle these loans, preventing their acquisition by the CCC. The technique of government guarantee of recourse loans has been well developed in several areas such as the Federal Housing Administration.

Under the recourse loan program, local lenders would make the loans and the government would guarantee some part of the loan to make it more attractive to lenders. One suggestion has been guarantees at 90 per cent of the market price for the past three years. Any government-owned stored crops are a potential danger to the market, regardless of promises by government officials. They remain subject to release for political reasons and their shadow falls long over the market.

At maturity of the loan, the farmer would be responsible for selling the crop and settling the loan with the lender. In this way no crops would fall into the hands of the CCC.

Any foods needed for the various give-away programs would be bought in the open market.

The recently inaugurated International Grain Agreement has pointed up again the need for an aggressive program of trade negotiation. In an apparent effort to please other countries, our government agreed to divide up the world market for wheat. Although promoted as a means to increase American sales and improve wheat prices, exports and prices have fallen drastically.

Any world solution to the marketing of farm products suffers from the same problems which doomed our domestic controls—our inability to forecast market needs and inability to control all factors of production.

Another help to farmers in solving their own problems would be increased organization for bargaining for price and conditions of sale. Such voluntary organizations have been relatively successful with crops having limited areas of production. Extension to larger areas might require added legislation. (For further information on bargaining see the discussion topic for April, 1968.)

In 1969 there is very likely going to be a major change in the direction of farm programs. Regardless of the party in power, the urban members of congress are likely to demand the shifting of substantial portions of the agricultural budget to some of the urban social programs—and they appear to have the votes to do the job.

For this reason if for no other, it behooves farmers to develop some program to solve at least part of their problems at modest cost. If they fail, there is the possibility that all supports and direct payment programs may be eliminated with little notice.

Such a program might include:
- termination of government stockpiling
- termination of crop controls
- termination of compensatory payments
- expanded land retirement for marginal farms
- aggressive foreign trade promotion
- termination of international trade agreements
- encouragement of farmer bargaining associations

The problem of farm income is complicated and will not be easily solved. It has taken us 35 years to get to our present state, we should not expect to completely clear it up in a year or two. Although we will work for years to correct errors of the past few years, now would appear to be a good time to start.

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