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BUILDING TOMORROW TOGETHER

"The growth and success of our Farm Bureau has been due to building programs to serve the needs of the members. Even better programs must be built on this sound basis."
— 1968 Policy Statement, Michigan Farm Bureau

The framework for such new program-structures was blueprinted November 18-19-20 on the campus of Michigan State University, East Lansing, when voting delegates at the 49th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau have adopted action-policies and work programs for the future. Farm Bureau members are invited to attend in the future. The meeting theme . . . "Building Tomorrow—To



Editorial

A Vicious Hoax!

Perhaps farmers are naive, for they continue to find it hard to believe that they actually are the victims of "big lie" techniques deliberately spread by the very church groups to which they belong.

The lie is aimed at first discrediting farmers in the eyes of the public, and then using this public pressure to bring about a labor-union take-over of their farms!

The action is in California now, centering on the table grape crop there, but union officials say that Michigan farmers are next.

Since open efforts to do this would quickly be recognized, a behind-the-scenes program was begun months ago to enlist the aid of those who might (unwittingly or otherwise) lend an air of respect to the campaign — which most recently has taken the form of an illegal nationwide secondary boycott of the grapes.

Well-meaning Church leaders, often lacking in their understanding of political or economic issues, and just as often searching for causes of moral indignation and social concern to champion, appear to have been easy marks.

Taken in and being used are such usually astute groups as the World Plenary Assembly of the International Catholic Movement for Intellectual and Cultural Affairs (Pax Romana) and the National Council of Churches.

In Michigan the union propaganda has been spread by the Michigan Council of Churches in conjunction with the Michigan Migrant Ministry. Priests and pastors have been urged to preach it from their pulpits and some have caused the union hate-literature to be slipped into their Sunday bulletins.

The normally discerning Presbyterian Life magazine (October issue) sent to all members of the United Presbyterian Church, devoted its cover and six inside pages to a grossly distorted, labor-oriented and anti-farmer view.

All of which points up the fact that the propaganda campaign is subtle and well-heeled. It originates in the offices of the AFL-CIO (where it costs \$10,000 per month) and includes substantial help from Walter Reuther and the United Auto Workers (another \$7,500 per month, according to Time magazine).

Further, substantial grants of public tax dollars have gone into the grape boycott campaign (directly and indirectly) through the office of Economic Opportunity (more than \$500,000) and thousands of additional dollars have been added by misled church members through various Migrant Ministries and similar appeals.

That something is drastically wrong should be evident to almost anyone who compares this lavish outpouring of money funneled into the "United Farm Workers Organizing Committee" of the AFL-CIO, with the results gained over a three-year period.

The Organizing Committee — under the leadership of professional union man — Cesar Chavez, has enticed only a handful of farm workers into the union, "less than two per cent" says Jose Mendoza, one of the workers who has been dismayed at the pressure tactics used.

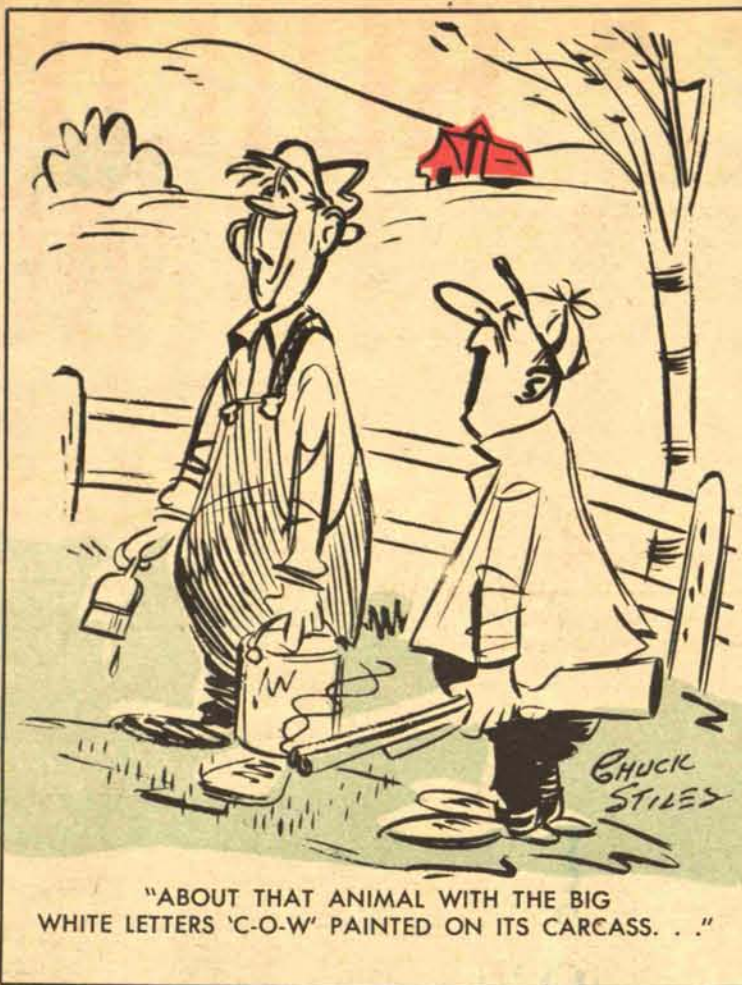
"Bottles of gasoline tossed in the pickups, pounds of nails scattered in the driveways . . . calling a fourteen year-old girl words which do not appear in any dictionary . . . and much more" Mendoza says.

"We do not have a migrant force to speak of, almost all of our farm workers are permanent residents employed all year around. Chavez does not represent our people . . ." Mendoza — who heads the 5,000 member Agricultural Workers Freedom to Work Association, declared.

Almost totally frustrated in his efforts to gain voluntary enlistment of workers into the union, Chavez and the AFL-CIO have called the grape boycott to try forcing growers into signing closed-shop contracts, thus in turn forcing workers into the union and setting a national pattern for a labor-union take over of agriculture.

The whole issue is a vicious hoax and one to which Christians should refuse to allow the use of Christ's Church.

M. W.



"ABOUT THAT ANIMAL WITH THE BIG WHITE LETTERS 'C-O-W' PAINTED ON ITS CARCASS. . ."

— OFFICIAL NOTICE —

The 49th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau will be held at Michigan State University, East Lansing, on the dates of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 18-19-20.

Bylaws of the Michigan Farm Bureau provide that each county Farm Bureau shall be entitled to seat two voting delegates plus an additional delegate for each one hundred members, or major portion thereof, in excess of the first two hundred members of record as of August 31, 1968 — not including associate members.

The meeting of Voting Delegates will convene at 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 18, at the main auditorium, Michigan State University, and will continue through November 20. The annual banquet will be held in the Civic Center, Lansing, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening, November 19.

Purposes of the meeting include:

- (1) Election of members of the Board of Directors. Even-numbered districts will elect directors for two-year terms. Also to be elected for two-year terms will be two Directors-at-Large, and one director representing Farm Bureau Young Farmers will be elected for a one-year term.
- (2) Reports of officers.
- (3) Consideration and action on the recommendations of the Policy Development Committee to determine action policies of the Michigan Farm Bureau for the coming year.
- (4) Consideration of proposed amendments to the By-laws.

The Policy Development Committee will be in special session the first day of the convention — November 18, following the commodity conferences. Any Michigan Farm Bureau member is welcome to appear before the committee on any issue.

It is important that all delegates plan to attend the entire three days, and that the SAME delegates represent their county continuously during this period.

Dan E. Reed, Secretary-Manager

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President's Column

MSU Trustees

One of the most important elections this November involves filling two vacancies on the Board of Trustees at Michigan State University.

Farmers have a great stake in this election for a number of reasons, among them the continuation of solid support for agriculture and agricultural research, as well as the assurance that the College of Agriculture and Extension Service will not be neglected or shoved into the back ground of a growing university.

The new Board of Trustees may have the burden of selecting a new president within the next few years, because Dr. John Hannah is nearing retirement, and the attitude of the new president will be very important to farmers for many years to come.

Michigan State University is not only the oldest and first Land-Grant University, it is one of the best. Our state has been fortunate to have this sound, well-grounded University to do our agricultural research and to help prepare our children for the new technology of the future. MSU has one of the highest scholastic standings of any University in this country, and research facilities are excellent.

In the past 12 years over \$32 million have been invested at MSU in new facilities directly related to agriculture. Such improvement has not just happened, rather it has been brought about by continued support on the part of all agricultural organizations, chief among them, Farm Bureau. It has required the cooperation and sympathetic understanding of the University administration.

In countless ways, the Board of Trustees sets the tone for this "friendly administration" — and farmers cannot afford to allow those who are indifferent to our needs in this office.

Not that farmers look at the University from only a narrow, selfish viewpoint — rather we ask for a Board of Trustees which can evaluate fairly the importance of agriculture, the needs of our industry, and keep an open mind concerning these needs.

In order to adequately serve on the Board of Trustees, it appears to me that a candidate should have several important attributes. First, he should be a graduate of MSU — and I feel that this qualification should be made a legal requirement for serving on the Board. Since this is not now true, (and until it is) I believe voters should not consider supporting an individual who has not attended the University. We need people who are dedicated to the University serving as Trustees — not persons who have been pushed into the position to further some political aim or special-interest group.

Next, I believe that any Trustee should first of all be successful in his own business affairs. Michigan State is one of the truly big businesses, and I cannot see trusting this vast educational operation to just anyone who may be a good politician but can't make things go in his own right.

We cannot afford the luxury of mismanagement at the largest University in the state.

Further — we cannot afford the luxury of continued political disagreements and powerplays between members of the board, often along purely party lines. We have recently witnessed the spectacle of an incumbent Trustee using a Board decision in which he participated to spur on a student revolt against this decision. His place for dissent was in the Board session — and having made that dissent it is not fair to students, the University or its administration to undercut authority by carrying the issue to the student body.

The job of management is to manage — not to pit student factions against management of the University to serve political purposes.

Perhaps we should consider the placing of the Trustees election on a non-partisan basis as we now do for most of our local government positions.

November 5, each of us should be prepared at the polls to support those candidates we believe will best attend to the administrative job of this great university.

Elton Smith

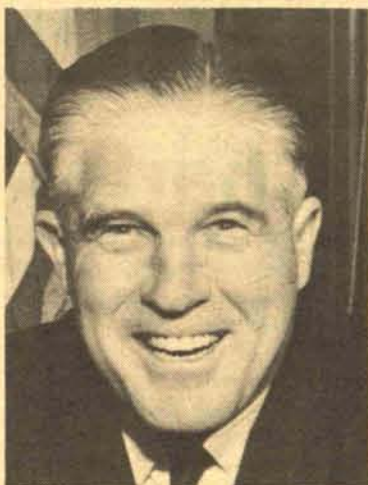
FARM BUREAU

BUILDING TOMORROW TOGETHER

49th annual meeting . . .
 — Michigan Farm Bureau
 November 18-19-20 . . .
 Mich. State University
 . . . East Lansing



DR. NORMAN VINCENT PEALE — will be headline speaker at the annual banquet program, Lansing Civic Center, Tuesday night, Nov. 19.



GOVERNOR ROMNEY — has accepted an invitation to address the delegate body to give farmers a direct report of Michigan affairs.



JOHN HANNAH — Michigan State University President, will bring official greetings to Farm Bureau delegates from the University.



ROBERT TAYLOR — "Fat Bob" of musical fame, will sing popular classics in his appearance before the Civic Center banquet crowd.



KENNETH CHEATHAM — of the Program Development Division, American Farm Bureau, will speak to Young Farmers, Monday night, Nov. 18.

Delegates to make "Sharp Appraisal"

Looking ahead to next year's Golden Anniversary, the Michigan Farm Bureau has completed preparations for an action-packed annual meeting, November 18-19-20 — centered on the theme "Building Tomorrow Together."

The action of voting delegates meeting in the main auditorium of Michigan State University, East Lansing, will be of unusual significance this year, in that Farm Bureau's annual meeting comes sufficiently after the national elections to allow a sharp appraisal of the new administration and its intentions toward agriculture.

NOTE: Pages 6 and 7 carry major farm plank pledges of both Republican and Democrat parties — as well as Farm Bureau's recommendations for federal farm programs. These should be studied carefully by all Farm Bureau members prior to the national election, November 5.

Barring unforeseen events which could take him out of state, Michigan Governor George Romney has given assurance that he will be present on the second day of the convention to give his views of state affairs and of Michigan agriculture.



BUSH FAMILY BAND — Mom and Dad and all of the dozen children are pictured in the L. Elwood Bush home where it often is music and more music after farm chores are done. They are Lenawee county Farm Bureau members.

Again this year, Farm Bureau Insurance Group will provide coffee and doughnuts for arriving delegates and guests with registration scheduled for 8:30 Monday morning, November 18.

Mrs. Jesse (Louise) Smith — talented Kalamazoo county Farm Bureau member will provide convention organ music, with a half-hour "Community Sing" set for 9:30 — just ahead of the official call to order at 10:00 a.m.

Michigan State University President, John Hannah, will welcome delegates, followed by the annual address of President Elton Smith. An exciting awards program by the Field Services Division will close out the forenoon, with bus service provided at 12:00 to move delegates to either the Kellogg Center or Union Ballroom luncheon and afternoon program.

"Commodity Day" will begin with the noon luncheon in the Union and include the finals of an exciting "Discussion Meet" contest staged by Farm Bureau Young Farmers on the topic of farm marketing and bargaining.

Later, special commodity interest groups — including Livestock, Fruits and Vegetables, Dairy and Field Crops, will meet in various rooms of the Union building. (A

detailed program for each section is printed on page 5.)

Also beginning with a noon luncheon, the programs of Farm Bureau Women will be held in the Big Ten room of Kellogg Center, where featured speaker will be Dr. Richard Cutler, Vice President of the University of Michigan. (a detailed program is found on page 8.)

Immediately following all special interest programs the Policy Development Committee (resolutions) will hold an open session in the Kellogg Center Auditorium. Any Farm Bureau member is invited to appear on any subject.

6:00 o'clock evening programs include the President's Banquet (exclusive to county Farm Bureau Presidents and wives) and the Young Farmer banquet and program which will be held at the same hour in the Big Ten Room.

Special guests will include Kenneth Cheatham of the Program Development Division of the American Farm Bureau Federation and James Erskine, Farm Bureau Career Agent, Saginaw.

The program is open to all interested persons with tickets available from County Farm Bureau Secretaries and from the Information Division, Michigan Farm Bureau.

Business reports and resolutions will occupy delegate attention on Tuesday, November 19, including nominations for directors from the even-numbered districts — 2-4-6-8-10 and two Directors at Large, plus one Young Farmer representative.

The evening program will be in the Lansing Civic Center, where Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, famed author and Pastor of New York's Marble Collegiate Church, will speak on the topic "Why positive thinkers get positive results."

This program is open to the interested public — with tickets again available from either county Farm Bureau offices, or from the Information Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Robert Taylor — "Fat Bob" — the national winner in the Metropolitan Opera contest, will sing popular classics, and awards will be made to those selected for Distinguished Service to Agriculture. Another program highlight will be the choosing of Farm Bureau's "Queen" for the 1968-69 year.

Final consideration of policy resolutions will occupy delegate attention on Wednesday, November 20, along with formal election of Directors nominated earlier.

— FARM BUREAU FAMILY BAND —

From Beethoven to Tijuana Brass — that's the musical range of the versatile L. Elwood Bush family band, scheduled for two appearances at the annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau — November 18.

The band will appear on the Women's program following the noon luncheon and again in the evening at the Young Farmer's banquet, both programs in the Big Ten room of Kellogg Center, on the MSU campus, East Lansing.

All 12 children are musically talented, David (18) plays all saxes, flute and piano. Dan (17) plays all valve horns, and has twice appeared at the National Music Camp, Interlochen; Michael (16) plays bass or alto clarinet and soprano sax. Jim (15) plays sousaphone, tuba or string bass; Marianne (13) plays all saxophones, flute and piano; Doug (12) plays trombone and Paul (11) trumpet. Both play first-chair in their school bands. Dawn (9) Debbie (8) and Dorothy (7) play an original 6-hands trio on the piano.

Dad plays the drums, mother the piano. The Bush family are Lenawee county Farm Bureau members.

candidate confusion -or, three's a crowd



Michigan Supreme Court Justice Michael D. O'Hara is an incumbent candidate for re-election to the Court, November 5. Fellow Justices presently serving on the 7-man court include Thomas M. Kavanaugh — not up for election this year.

Under our new Constitution, incumbents may file for re-election at the close of their terms, without party ties. However, new candidates must be nominated by a political party, and opposing O'Hara for the single spot now open on the Court is Thomas G. Kavanaugh, Democrat nominee — and thought by some to have been selected by his party because of the similarity in names to incumbent Justice Kavanaugh.

Adding to the confusion is another prominent person with a similar name — Detroit Mayor Cavanaugh, who really is not involved at all.

To set the record straight, the contest is between Justice O'Hara (described by the Detroit Free Press as "one of the better legal minds on the Court") — and newcomer, Thomas G. Kavanaugh.



CHARLES J. DAVIS — (left) shown receiving the 1967 Farm Bureau Distinguished Agricultural service award.

Charles J. Davis

Michigan agriculture and Farm Bureau have lost a staunch friend in the untimely death September 30, of Representative Charles J. Davis — who only last Fall was presented Farm Bureau's award for Distinguished Services to Agriculture.

Davis, 57, was Chairman of the House Budget and Expenditures Committee and a member of the Appropriations Committee. He was a candidate for re-election to his fifth term in the House at the time of his death.

He was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, past president of the Ingham county Farm Bureau and of the American Dairy Association of Michigan. At the last annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau he was praised for his many contributions to agriculture by Michigan Farm Bureau president, Elton Smith who presented him with a plaque reading: "For Distinguished Service to Agriculture — Charles J. Davis — Outstanding Dairy Farmer, Farm Bureau Leader and member of the Michigan Legislature — but above all, representative of the best in agriculture . . ."



capitol report

time, tax issues explained!

By Robert Smith
Legislative Counsel, Mich. Farm Bureau

Unfortunately, many voters, as they go to the polls November 5, will have a misunderstanding of Proposals No. 2, regarding Double Daylight Saving Time.

It cannot be repeated too often that to eliminate fast time, and to return Michigan to Eastern Standard Time the year round, the VOTE ON PROPOSAL NO. 2 SHOULD BE NO.

of the high personal exemption (\$1200) and sliding scale credits for property taxes, city income taxes, and rent paid. Only three states have higher exemptions than Michigan.

In the study comparing the "effective rates" of Michigan's flat income tax as compared to the median rate of all other income tax states, it shows that for a family of four Michigan's tax on incomes up to more than \$5,000 is zero; at the \$7,500 income level it is only 3/10 of 1%; at the \$10,000 level it is 8/10 of 1%; at \$17,500 it is 1.5%; at the \$25,000 income level it is 1.8%. Thus, it can be seen that there is a six-fold increase between the \$7,500 income level and the \$25,000 income level. In other states having so-called graduated income taxes, this same comparison between \$7,500 income level and \$25,000 income level shows a 2.7-fold increase.

The study also clearly shows that the total income tax burden is lower in Michigan than the average in all other income tax states. But, the fact is that the effective tax rates in Michigan are more progressive than the median rates in the other income tax states. Also, in the other states, the effective income tax rates apply at the \$5,000 income level.

Income Tax

There have been many questions raised regarding Proposal No. 1. This proposal will permit the voters to decide whether the Michigan Constitution should be amended to permit a graduated income tax. Michigan's present income tax is flat rate.

The wording of this proposal has become somewhat confused. It states that: "An income tax at flat rate or graduated as to rate or base may be imposed by the state or any of its subdivisions." (Emphasis added)

Legal experts believe that the proposal goes further than the Legislature intended and would permit the total of 2,904 units of local government in the state to levy an income tax. This total figure is made up of 83 counties, 522 cities and villages, 1,254 townships, 110 special districts and 935 school districts.

According to a study recently released by the Citizens Research Council, Michigan's present income tax is progressive because

— LETTERS —

Department of Conservation

Dear Mr. Woell:

I was pleased as a Farm Bureau member and Conservation Commissioner to see the lengthy statement in your September issue about proposals 3 and 4 on the Nov. 5 general election ballot. Proposal 3 covers a Clean Water bonding program and Proposal 4 covers a Quality Recreation bonding program. Both issues have strong support from Governor Romney, the state legislature, business and industry, labor organizations, church groups and a host of other public-spirited groups throughout the state . . .

The FARM NEWS does not often take a stand in the Discussion Topic — and that is sound editorial judgment. But I was very pleased, and want to thank you, for selecting these two important public issues for presentation. Now that both proposals have received wide acclaim, we members of the Conservation Commission have high hopes they will pass by wide margins November 5. Nothing but good can come from the programs, and I'm sure that Farm Bureau members everywhere will help boost that total winning vote margin substantially.

Yours Truly
Carl T. Johnson, Farm Bureau member
— State Conservation Commissioner



"WATER POLLUTION — must be controlled," states Representative Raymond J. Smit, (R) Ann Arbor, shown in an interview with Farm Bureau Broadcasting Director, Roger Brown. Of prime concern is pollution caused by dispersal of phosphate residues into state waterways. The interview was taped for Community Group discussion use. More than 200 groups now use these spoken commentaries in monthly meetings.



Much of this stems from an Associated Press release, which was confusing to the point that some newspapers and others throughout the state misled their readers. In some cases it was done knowingly, but in most cases it was caused from too great a dependence on one news source.

Farm Bureau has straightened out several such situations by direct contact with those involved. In every case, there have been excellent cooperation and efforts made to clarify any misunderstanding.

In some instances the proposal's key question has been left out. The key question on the ballot is: "Shall the State of Michigan observe Daylight Saving Time? Yes:..... No:....."



VIEWPOINTS WELCOME AT OPEN SESSION

The Public Affairs Division announces a special "Open Session" of the Policy Development Committee (Resolutions) during the 49th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau. This opportunity for members to be heard on any issue, will follow the afternoon special interest sessions (Commodity — Farm Bureau Women) and will be held in the auditorium of Kellogg Center, beginning at 4:30, Monday, November 18. All members are welcome.

"COMMODITY DAY" PROGRAM!

"We ask that marketing be given high priority in the expanded program of the Michigan Farm Bureau."

— 1968 Policy Statement, Michigan Farm Bureau —



An unusual discussion contest between six young farmers on the topic of marketing-bargaining, will be one highlight of "Commodity Day" programs, Monday, November 18, at the annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

The discussion will follow a noon-time luncheon in the Union Ballroom of Michigan State University, and will be the finals determining the state champion to represent Michigan in Kansas City, Missouri, during the American Farm Bureau Convention.

Earlier, the six semi-finalists will be selected in competition among 22 district Young Farmer winners. The "Discussion Meet" is a technique in leadership training wherein participants are involved in a free-wheeling discussion on a selected topic. At the Commodity Day program, the state finals will be followed by a "reactor panel" to round-out thinking on the topic "What can my farm organization and I do to improve our Marketing and Bargaining position . . ."

Following the contest, there will be special-interest conferences for *Field Crops, Fruits and Vegetables, Dairy, and Livestock.*

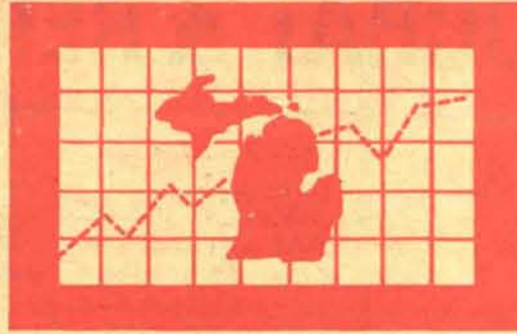
David Morris, member of the Michigan Farm Bureau board, and prominent cattleman, will chair the Livestock session where a group of feeding and marketing experts will appear. They include Dr. Robert Merkle, MSU — "Producing, Feeding and Marketing the ideal meat animal;" Dr. Terry Greathouse, MSU — "The Michigan Cow-Calf Industry;" Robert O'Connor, President, Michigan Cattle Feeder's Association, speaking about the Association's activities and services, and "Ike" Walton, of the Michigan Livestock Exchange, with an outlook report on the state's livestock industry. A question-answer period is planned.

Michigan Farm Bureau board member, Harry Nye, will be chairman of the *Fruit and Vegetable* conference where progress and problems in the industry will be the main topic. There will be a speaker representing processors, while Carl Davis of Jewel Tea will talk about fresh markets. Labor and mechanical harvesting problems will be given a hard look.

Richard Wieland, of the Michigan Farm Bureau board, will chair the Dairy program, where dairy promotion and research alternatives will be examined by Hollis Hatfield, of the Research and Commodity Activities Division of the American Farm Bureau.

"Milk Component Pricing," including the impact of changing from a butterfat to a solid—not fat pricing system, will be discussed by Dr. Glynn McBride of the Department of Agricultural Economics, at Michigan State.

The Field Crops program will be under the direction of Michigan Farm Bureau board member, Walter Frahm, where a panel will discuss the Federal Feed Grains and Wheat Program, with the question "time for a change?" deliberately raised. Examining alternatives will be Dr. Arthur Mauch, MSU economist, with present programs examined by George Parker of USDA; the grain-trade situation by Ed Powell of Michigan Elevator Exchange division of Farm Bureau Services, and an over-look of Farm Bureau policy by Robert Smith, Legislative Counsel for the Michigan Farm Bureau.



MARKET DEVELOPMENT



HOLLIS HATFIELD

Former Administrative Secretary of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, Hollis Hatfield now works within the Research and Commodity Division of the American Farm Bureau, where dairy activities are a chief responsibility. He will appear on the Dairy program at Farm Bureau Commodity Day.



ED. R. POWELL

Manager of Grain Merchandising for the Michigan Elevator Exchange Division of Farm Bureau Services, is Ed Powell, grain sales expert who will speak on the Field Crop program at the Farm Bureau Commodity Day, November 18. Powell is a member of both the Detroit and Toledo Boards of Trade.

Farm Management Quiz —

Can you readily provide your banker with an accurate financial statement of your farming operation? Would your present farm records be adequate to withstand an Internal Revenue audit? Do you have accurate and up-to-date information upon which to base your farm management?

If you cannot answer "yes" to all of these questions, then "Freddie Computer" is the helping hand you need. Freddie Computer is Farm Bureau's reliable electronic farm record-keeper. Freddie is now completing his third year of providing Farm Bureau members with accurate, simple, low-cost, and complete farm records.

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GET MORE DETAILS FROM
YOUR COUNTY FARM BUREAU
-OR THE MICH. FARM BUREAU



MICHIGAN PARTICIPANTS — in a recent Midwest Farm Bureau Dairy Conference pose for the camera in Chicago's Sheraton hotel. They are: (back row, from left) Michigan Farm Bureau President, Elton Smith and fellow Kent county dairyman, Frank Wiersma; Howard Ebenhoeh, Saginaw. Front (from left) Al Almy, MFB Dairy Specialist; Remus Riggs, Branch county and David Crandall, Menominee dairyman.

BROADER BENEFITS

Michigan Farm Bureau Blue Cross and Blue Shield subscribers have now been covered under the new Michigan Variable Fee (MVF) plan since August 30th of this year.

Along with this new Variable Fee "paid in full" program comes an extension of benefits. Blue Shield protection provides even more coverage under the M.V.F. plan than before under M-75.

Your new extended coverage is illustrated by the following examples:

- Bed-patient Medical Care Unlimited days
- In-patient Medical Care for
Plumony T.B., Nervous, and 45 Days
- Mental conditions
- Emergency First Aid Rendered at any time
- Radiation Therapy For treatment of any condition
- Technical Surgical Assistance Wherever and
whenever it is needed
- Unlimited Medical Consultations When a hospital
bed-patient
- Cosmetic Surgery New liberalized benefits

These are some of the highlights of the new coverage now available to Farm Bureau members who qualify.

Pre-Election Review:

FARM PLANK PLATFORM PLEDGES

REPUBLICAN PARTY...

MAJOR FARM PLANK PLEDGES

Actions by the Administration, in line with its apparent cheap food policy, have held down prices farmers received.

Government payments to farmers, from taxes paid by consumers, have far from offset this loss . . .

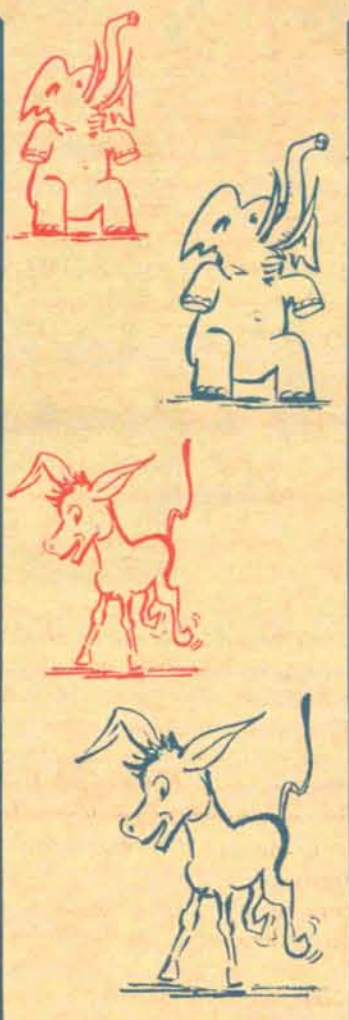
Without adequate net income to pay off indebtedness, the farm owner has no choice but to liquidate some of his equity or go out of business. Farm tenants are even worse off, since they have no comparable investment for inflation to increase in value as their indebtedness increases.

To promote the development of American agriculture . . . **We pledge:**

- Farm policies and programs which will enable producers to receive fair prices in relation to the prices they must pay for other products;
- Sympathetic consideration of proposals to encourage farmers, especially small producers, to develop their bargaining position;
- Sound economic policies which will brake inflation and reduce the high interest rates;
- A truly two-way export-import policy which protects American agriculture from unfair foreign competition while increasing our overseas commodity dollar sales to the rapidly expanding world population;
- Reorganization of the management of the Commodity Credit Corporation's inventory operations so that the Corporation will no longer compete with the marketings of farmers;
- Improved programs for distribution of food and milk to schools and low-income citizens;
- A strengthened program to export our food and farm technology in keeping with the Republican-initiated Food for Peace program;
- Assistance to farm cooperatives including rural electric and telephone cooperatives, consistent with prudent development of our nation's resources and rural needs;
- Greater emphasis on research for industrial uses of agricultural products, new markets, and new methods for cost-cutting in production and marketing techniques;
- Revitalization of rural America through programs emphasizing vocational training, economic incentives for industrial development, and the development of human resources;
- Improvement of credit programs to help finance the heavy capital needs of modern farming, recognizing the service credit problems of young farm families seeking to enter into successful farming.
- A more direct voice for the American farmer in shaping his own destiny.



RICHARD NIXON



DEMOCRAT PARTY...

MAJOR FARM PLANK PLEDGES

We shall:

- Take positive action to raise farm income to full parity level in order to preserve the efficient full-time family farm. This can be done through present farm programs when these programs are properly funded, but these programs will be constantly scrutinized with a view to improvement.



HUBERT HUMPHREY

- Actively seek out undeveloped foreign, commercial markets since international trade in agricultural production is a major favorable factor in the Nation's balance of payments. In expanding our trade, we shall strive to insure that farmers get adequate compensation for their production going into export.
- Expand our Food Assistance programs to America's poor and our Food for Peace program to help feed the world's hungry.
- Establish our Strategic Food and Feed Reserve Plan whereby essential commodities, such as wheat, corn, and other feed grains, soybeans, storable meats and other products will be stockpiled as a safeguard against crop failures, to assist our Nation and other nations in time of famine or disaster, and to insure adequate supplies for export markets as well as to protect our own farm industry. This reserve should be insulated from the market.
- Support the right of farmers to bargain collectively in the market place on a commodity-by-commodity basis. Labor and industry have long enjoyed this right to bargain collectively under existing legislation. Protective legislation for bargaining should be extended to agriculture.
- Continue to support and encourage agricultural cooperatives by expanding and liberal credit and to protect them from punitive taxation.
- Support private or public credit on reasonable terms to young farmers to enable them to purchase farms on long-term low interest loans.
- Support the present Federal Crop Insurance Program.
- Reaffirm our support of the Rural Electrification Program, recognizing that rural America cannot be revitalized without adequate low-cost electric power. We pledge continued support of programs to assure financing to meet the growing generating and distributing power needs of rural areas. We support the Rural Telephone program.
- Support a thorough study of the effect of limited payments to farmers. If necessary, we suggest graduated open-end limitation of payments to extremely large corporate farms that participate in Government programs.
- Take a positive approach to the public interest in the issue of health and tobacco at all levels of the tobacco economy. We recommend a cooperative effort in health and tobacco research.

FREEMAN TO MAKE MOVE

Without waiting to see the November election returns, Agricultural Secretary Orville Freeman has made plans to abandon his largely thankless job.

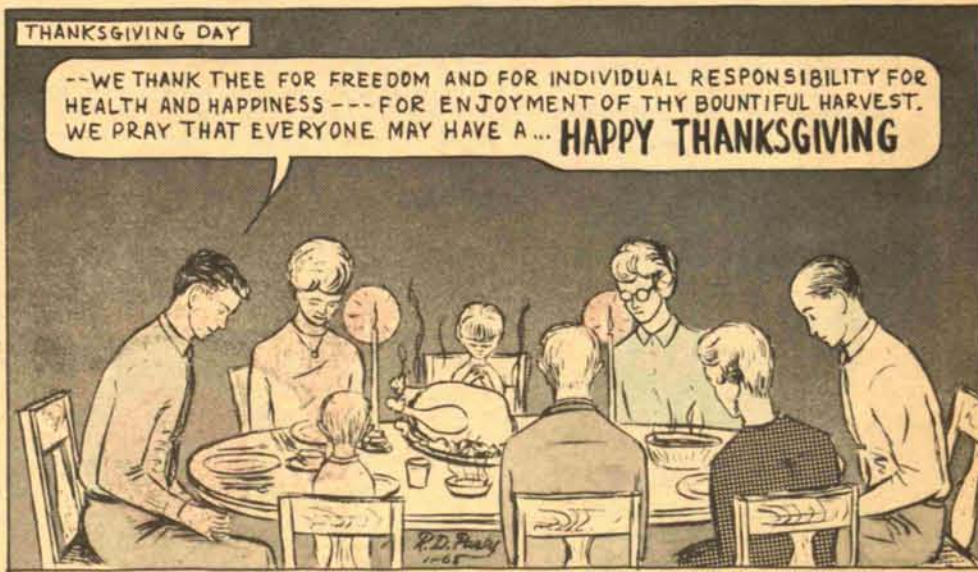
The former Minnesota lawyer who learned the facts about farming the hard way — after being named Secretary by the late President Kennedy, has announced plans to become president of "EDP Technology International" a new firm which devises new applications for computers.

The decision to move couldn't have been a hard one to make, for obviously Richard Nixon will name his own Secretary of Agriculture — if he's elected. Should Hubert Humphrey win the Presidency, he quite probably would be unable to forget that it was Freeman who made the nominating speech for JFK at the national Democrat convention while fellow Minnesotan Humphrey waited (in vain) in the wings.

Freeman begins his new work in January — few farmers will be sorry to see him go.

A time for thankful rest

By Rodney Parks





50th ANNIVERSARY CAKE — is sliced at the St. Clair county annual meeting by Mrs. Helen Vermeesch, Women's Chairman as well-wishers look on. Members were asked to come dressed as Farm Bureau members of a half-century ago. County Farm Bureau organizations are older than the Michigan Farm Bureau, which will celebrate its 50th anniversary next year.

FARM BUREAU WOMEN

working, not waiting

renowned psychologist to appear on Farm Bureau Women's program

A renowned psychologist who is also a top university administrator, will bring Farm Bureau Women a fascinating glimpse of the sweeping changes which have occurred in American society over the past 30 years.

He is Dr. Richard Cutler, Vice President for Student Affairs and Professor of Psychology for the University of Michigan. He will appear on the afternoon Farm Bureau Women's program, in Kellogg Center, on the campus of Michigan State University, November 18.

One of five special-interest conferences held as part of the first day of the three-day annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, the Women will meet at the same time Commodity groups hold their sessions in the union building. Both programs begin with luncheon.

Presiding at the Women's luncheon will be Mrs. Jerold

Topliff, Chairman of the Women's Committee of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Group singing is planned and an appearance by Elton Smith, President of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

The Bush Family Band—12 musical members of the L. Leland Bush family, Lenawee county Farm Bureau members, will contribute a mini-concert, and following Mrs. Topliff's Chairman's Report, an award presentation will be made.

At one time coordinator of clinical training in psychology, Dr. Cutler will draw on his impressive background to show how changes in our society have affected the way our children are brought up, and how this in turn is contributing to many of the problems parents (and school administrators) are presently having with some of the young people.

He is expected to show how such complex factors as the threat of nuclear weapons, the dangers of world communism, the demands of underdeveloped nations, race problems, ever-growing government, giant unions and giant business corporations, have all combined to make young people feel threatened and helpless in their shadow.

Cutler will develop the theme that raising children over the past

20 years has so changed that parents and young people are really less able now to deal with such problems than they were earlier in our history.

Finally, he will trace how these two sets of volatile forces are combining to pose a real threat to our society and to the survival of the American system as we know it.

His talk should be an excellent prelude to the appearance of Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, himself an accomplished psychologist and a person who strongly believes that parental permissiveness and lack of direction is largely responsible for rising crime rates and disrespect for law and order.

Peale will speak on the evening banquet program, the second day of the annual meeting, November 19, at the Lansing Civic Center.



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F. B. Women announce "Washington Seminar"

This year's air-adventure to Washington, D. C. — the 9th annual trip to our nation's capital sponsored by Farm Bureau Women, will fly under a new title of "Washington Seminar".

The dates are Monday through Thursday, March 17-18-19-20, with the "Seminar" theme stressed to underscore the serious nature of the trip in helping farm people to both study and take part in one of our most basic governmental processes — the direct presentation of our beliefs and problems to those who represent us in Congress.

Missing from this year's schedule will be the usual stay at Washington's venerable and historic Willard Hotel, closed following the wave of violence, looting and burning after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. Daily "marches" from the Poor People's camp on the nearby Lincoln Monument mall to downtown buildings kept tourists and other visitors away in huge numbers and cost Washington businessmen millions of dollars.

Instead of visiting our seat of government, hundreds of school busses loaded with youngsters on school-end outings turned elsewhere instead, toward such places as Montreal and the "Man and His World" exhibit there, rather than take a risk of becoming embroiled in Washington rioting.

Already on shaky financial ground, the Willard — often described as the home of presidents, (Lincoln watched his inaugural parade from a balcony there, and almost all of the presidents stayed at the Willard at one time or another) — couldn't stand the drop in revenue and reluctantly closed its doors.

This year, Michigan Farm Bureau Women have arranged to house the Seminar group in the nearby modernized Washington Hotel, adjoining the Willard and a half-block closer to the White House.

Undaunted by last year's disturbances, (all of which occurred later in the year and well after the Michigan Spring tour) Farm Bureau Women have planned another comprehensive trip by jet plane, and again involving two groups — Legislative Leaders and Seminar participants.

Block reservations have been made on two Northwest Airlines non-stop jets for the trip from Detroit to Washington (one plane makes a single stop on the return trip) and for the serving of dinner enroute each way.

The two groups will leave Monday, March 17, arriving in Washington in the early evening. A group breakfast has been arranged Tuesday morning, March 18, after which the entire group will spend a full day sight-seeing with stops at the White House, Bureau of Printing and Engraving, the Washington Cathedral, Arlington National Cemetery and George Washington's home at Mt. Vernon, in Arlington.

Wednesday, March 19, the Legislative Leaders will have a full day of briefings and meetings with Congressmen, while the Seminar group will examine Great Documents and the lives of Great Americans.

Thursday, the Seminar group will be briefed on actions of Congress and later visit the Capitol for a period of time prior to their 4:30 p.m. departure to Detroit. Legislative Leaders will attend Congressional hearings and make calls on their Congressmen prior to their 6:00 p.m. departure.

Price for the complete tour, including jet air fare, bus and baggage transfer, hotel 3 nights in Washington, a group breakfast and luncheon and guided sightseeing, is \$127. Not included are meals other than those listed and personal expenses.

Reservations are now open, according to Miss Helen Atwood, Women's Director for the Michigan Farm Bureau — who adds that early action can avoid the disappointment of missing out on what has proved to be an exciting and profitable trip.

The Washington Seminar is open to all Farm Bureau members (men and women) and to Farm Bureau friends.

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VINEYARD WORKER — Jose Mendoza, tells Michigan newsmen in the Lansing Press Club, of the AFL-CIO Grape "Strike" hoax and of the illegal boycott the union has called against farmers.

vineyard worker calls grape "strike" a hoax and labor-union fraud

Efforts by union professionals to impose compulsory unionism on unwilling agricultural workers through a boycott of California table grapes, have been bitterly denounced by the workers themselves.

One mass rally in opposition to the AFL-CIO union effort brought more than 4,000 vineyard workers together under the Agricultural Workers "Freedom to Work Association" banner. The meeting was a demonstration in opposition to the

United Farm Workers Organizing Committee of the AFL-CIO and to the thinly disguised tactics used by labor to force the workers into joining.

At the rally, the vineyard workers picked one of their number, Jose Mendoza, as General Secretary and asked that he tour the country to tell the general public of the union harassment.

Mendoza visited Lansing and Boyne Mountain, in Michigan to tell this story. In Lansing, he met with newsmen in the Lansing Press Club. At Boyne Mountain he appeared before the state convention of the Michigan Association of Food Dealers.

On both occasions his presentation was impressive as he explained that from the worker's viewpoint, the grape "strike" is a contrived hoax and labor-union perpetrated fraud.

"Grape pickers are making good money—we are not migrants and we are not starving just because we do not belong to the union. The 5,000 farm workers in Kern county, California, where the AFL-CIO is trying to organize, are the best paid farm workers in the state of California. That's why the union wants us—they want people with enough money to pay the high dues and special assessments planned," Mendoza said.

"There is no 'strike' and all of the stories about workers striking because they do not have income, job benefits, or the right to organize are false.

The disputed area has a great concentration of permanent resident farm workers who are employed all year around, and who always have plenty of work available. Our average minimum wage is \$1.63 per hour," Mendoza told the newsmen.

"If the union had any kind of following, this thing would have been settled long ago instead of taking three full years and many hundreds of thousands of dollars . . ." he said.

ALCONA ANNUAL

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Siebert were selected delegates to the Michigan Farm Bureau meeting at the annual meeting of the Alcona county Farm Bureau.

Doris Cordes, Secretary and Roll-Call Chairman reported Alcona as a "Goal" county in 1968—with a number of new members for '69—plus 150 renewals!

Lee LaForge for Farmers Petroleum and Marvin Higgison for Insurance, reported gains in both fields. Regional Representative Lee Brady added further encouraging notes with "We've just begun to move . . ."

County Equalization Director Dennis Gehres explained local tax assessments and state tax requirements.

Mary Ellen Morrison and Joanne Campbell, students from the county attending Camp Kett's Citizenship Seminar in July, gave excellent reports and introduced their "sister"—exchange student Leena Kaarkehto, of Germany.

John Sharboneau gave a hilarious reading "My Pa" dressed in the costume of a truck driver, and Mrs. John Sharboneau, Sr., (his mother) lovely in costume, gave the poem "Over the Hills to the Poor Farm" . . . this time, there were many misty eyes.

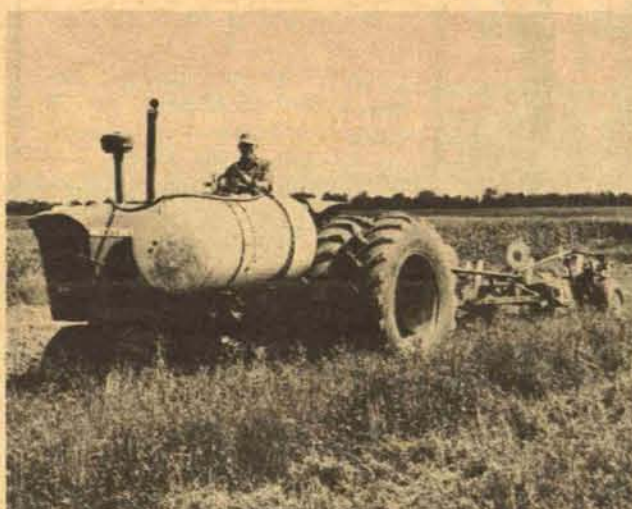


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WORLD PRESIDENT VISITS

November! Oh, yes that means Annual Meeting, deer hunting and corn picking. I hope plans for attending the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting are shaping up for you. Everyone has worked hard to have a good meeting for you to come to, and I'll be looking for you on the 18th. I'm sure you can plan around the deer hunting season and take both the annual meeting in and also be at home for the major part of the deer season, including the first day.

I also hope the corn harvest is complete so all you who have corn can attend too. Please remember to keep all protective shields in place on those machines and do stop the machine to remove caught ears of corn. Let's all go into the winter with all our fingers intact!

It's a wonderful time of year, many of summer's busy days are memories, the fruit jars are full of good things to eat, our freezers are bulging with the many packages of food ready for family or friends who might drop in, and ACWW in Michigan is only a memory, and I might add a very pleasant one too. I have one memory from ACWW I'd like to share with you, let's call it the "4 days visit of our ACWW World President, Mrs. Aroti Dutt."

When we received the letter about 3 weeks prior to ACWW asking us to host Mrs. Dutt for a period of rest and relaxation for 1 to 3 days after the meeting ended on September 14, we were surprised, but very pleased. I told them we did not have a fancy show place and that we were just average farmers, but friendly, and would be very happy to entertain her. We picked her up the 15th of September and she stayed until the 19th when we took her to Metropolitan Airport in Detroit for her flight to Toronto, Canada.

In those 4 days we learned to love her very much. She is a very gracious person, and gets homesick just like any of the rest of us. She can tease and take a joke and get a big kick out of it too. She's a conservative lady, and she worries over her son and husband just as much as you or I.

Mrs. Dutt left her home in Calcutta, India the first of July, spending a month with her son who is a student in England. She then started her tour of Eastern Canada, then came to Michigan for the Conference, returned to Canada to continue her tour of Western Canada, leaving Vancouver October 13 and arriving home in India on the 15th.

Do you ever wonder what impression people from other countries have of Americans? Well, this concerned Mrs. Dutt, who said that many think that all Americans have lots of money and a glass of alcoholic beverage in their hands all the time. She says "this isn't so, and you people should make the movies stop portraying you this way. You are a hard working people, that's why you have so many things." We decided that each of our countries have "servants," India has human servants and we Americans have electrical and mechanical servants.

Mrs. Dutt told me that she had been given two choices of places to stay after the Convention, one being in Detroit and the other a farm. She told those in charge of her tour that she represented a country women's organization, so she thought she had better visit a farm to see how the rural people of the world live.

She has visited many sized farms on her various trips to many parts of the world. She likes pictures of snow, tractors, other machinery used on the farm, and leaves that are changing color. She can show these things as they are not common in India.

These are a few of the fond memories I have of Mrs. Aroti Dutt, president of the Associated Country Women of the World.

Mrs. Jerold (Maxine) Topliff

"Golden Opportunities — For a Golden Year"

American Farm Bureau Soon at Half-Century!

Both the Michigan and American Farm Bureaus will be 50 years old next year.

However — observances of the 50th anniversary year for the American Farm Bureau will officially begin in Kansas City, Missouri, December 8-12 where the theme will be "Golden Opportunities for a Golden Year."

A large delegation from Michigan will be on hand to help launch the celebration, with a planeload of County Farm Bureau membership leaders scheduled to add almost 100 Michigan Roll-Call workers to the nearly 7,000 farmers from 49 states and Puerto Rico, expected to be on hand.

The Michigan delegation will also include many traveling by train and private car, with a total of 150 persons expected from the Wolverine state at this important annual meeting of the largest general farm organization in both the nation and the world.

At the end of 1967, membership in Farm Bureau stood at 1,753,532 member families. Another record membership year is expected to be reported by American officials at the Kansas City sessions where key issues will in-

clude future direction of government farm policy, farmer marketing-bargaining, and government monetary and fiscal policies.

General sessions of the convention will be held in the Kansas City Municipal auditorium — site of many national conventions of the Future Farmers of America. Convention headquarters will be at the Muehlebach Hotel.

Traditional vesper services will open the convention on Sunday afternoon, December 8.

Remainder of the program schedule includes:

Monday, Dec. 9, morning, general sessions; address by Federation President Charles B. Shuman. Afternoon, organization conference, American Farm Bureau Women's annual meeting, natural resources conference, insurance conference, and at 4:30 p.m., open meeting of the resolutions committee.

Tuesday, Dec. 10, morning, general sessions; annual report of Federation Secretary-Treasurer, Roger Fleming. Afternoon, dairy, field crops, horticulture crops, livestock and poultry conferences. Regional caucuses of voting delegates for the purpose of nominat-

ing candidates for the board will be held at 4:30 p.m. A recognition and awards program will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 11, will be devoted to the business session of the voting delegates for the consideration of policy resolutions for 1969. The annual meeting of the American Agricultural Marketing Association will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 12, will include the conclusion of the business session of the voting delegates with adjournment of the convention expected to come at noon or early afternoon.

Climax of the 50th anniversary year celebration will come at the 1969 annual meeting of the Federation in Washington, D.C., in December, 1969.

KANSAS CITY

Because of expected crowded housing conditions at the December 9-12 annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation, arrangements have been made for all delegates from each state to stay in quarters assigned by the Convention Housing Bureau. Reservations sent direct to Kansas City hotels will not be honored.

All Michigan reservations must go through the Michigan Farm Bureau, which is holding a block of rooms near Convention Center. Unused rooms in this block must be released by November 20.

Your reservation for single, double or twin bedded rooms must be in the hands of the Michigan Farm Bureau soon . . . we suggest by November 15. Send to: Information Division, Michigan Farm Bureau, Box 960, Lansing, Michigan.

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construction gains are impressive at new mill

Rapid progress is being made on the Battle Creek Feed Plant under construction by Farm Bureau Services. Concrete work has been finished and now the structural steel rises into the sky.

As each floor of steel is placed, major equipment such as coolers, scale hoppers, mixers, drag conveyors and grinders are also placed to save much valuable time later.

Structural steel is presently to the height of the bottoms of the large ingredient bins, with over 500 tons of steel in place. Soon, erection of the ingredient bins will start, each measuring eight by eight feet, by 60 feet. They are now being constructed at off-site locations and as needed will be moved to the plant and added as single units. Tops of the bins will be 90 feet above the ground and elevators and distributor equipment will extend another 55 feet. There will be a total of 100 working bins.

STRUCTURAL STEEL — rises into the sky at Services' new Battle Creek plant.

NEW TARPS ARE TOPS!

Farm Bureau Services has added high-quality, premium tarpaulins to their line of farm supplies — a fact of significance to Michigan farmers now facing bad weather in the months ahead.

New with Farm Bureau Services, is the Unico premium tarpaulin, manufactured by Brown and Brown, of Mobile Alabama. The cotton duck traps are made of American fibers and feature triple stitched panel seams and a double-fold, triple thick hem on all four sides. A 3/16 sisal rope is sewn into the hem as a grommet reinforcement.

The fabric itself features a weather tight water and mildew resistant treatment which is not just a surface coating, but a thorough impregnation throughout the material.

Services officials say the tarps offer a tremendous protection at modest price — with materials and workmanship guaranteed against defects.

These Unico (United Cooperatives) tarpaulins are now available to those who want the most rugged fabrics on the American market today — through Farm Bureau Services dealers everywhere in Michigan.

GOOD YEAR FOR CENTRAL CO-OP

Michigan was well represented at the recent 22nd annual meeting of Central Farmers Fertilizer company. Attending the meeting of the Chicago-based farmer-cooperative were Wm. Guthrie, Executive Vice President and general manager of Farm Bureau Services; W. R. Beattie, W. E. Callum and John Sexson.

Representing both the Michigan Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Services, was President Elton Smith.

Central Farmers is a basic fertilizer manufacturing and distribution organization owned by 20 regional farm cooperatives in the United States and Canada, including Farm Bureau Services.

In reporting on operations for fiscal 1967-68, Kenneth Lundberg, Central Farmers president, said that farmer cooperatives had strengthened their manufacturing and distribution systems during the past year, "helping to insure a permanent place in the fertilizer business for a farmer-owned and controlled system."

Lundberg stressed that despite the current fertilizer oversupply and depressed industry prices, the long-range outlook is favorable for both substantial growth in volume and earnings.



"We Doubled our Milk Production in less than six months"



Says: Gerald DeFouw and son, Les, who operate a 36-cow dairy herd in the Holland area in northern Allegan county. "Since Holland Co-op and Farm Bureau Services tested our feed and forage and we went on the new feeding program our cows have doubled their milk production. They have also come up a lot in body weight and we now have healthier and growthier calves with the Farm Bureau Dairy-Heifer Program. I'm a real believer in Farm Bureau's 4-R Dairy Program."



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FARM POLICY TIME!



POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE — of the Michigan Farm Bureau, hears Extension Director, George McIntyre tell how inflation and higher pay schedules have handicapped Ag-Extension programs. Members of the Policy committee recently toured important state offices and visited with state officials.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT



STATE AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE — visits in the office of the Michigan Department of Agriculture with Deputy Director, John Calkins. The group examined regulatory activities including licensing of pesticide applicators. A majority of the Department's regulatory activities have to do with what may be termed "consumer protection". Included are weights and measures, milk and meat sanitation and product-purity or adulteration tests.

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT



PESTICIDE CONTAMINATION — came in for spirited discussion with Farm Bureau's Conservation subcommittee meeting with staff of the Michigan Department of Conservation. Pesticides and their use in agriculture, will be a major Farm Bureau policy topic November 18-19-20.

AGRICULTURE IN ACTION — — PICTORIAL REPORT

QUEEN CONTEST ENTRANT



TUSCOLA QUEEN — is pretty Kay Davis, Mayville. She will represent her county in the state Farm Bureau Queen contest at the 49th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau — November 18-19-20 in East Lansing. Crowning her is David Loomis, Chairman of the Tuscola Young Farmer Committee.

COUNTY ANNUAL MEETINGS



CLARENCE REID — Former Michigan Farm Bureau president, reminisces with Mrs. Helen Vermeesch, St. Clair county president Robert Wilson and MFB president, Elton Smith.



SERVICE AWARD — goes to Dick Petty of radio WKYO, Caro, by Tuscola Farm Bureau president, Leon Kienath — who praised Petty's work on behalf of farmers.

SENATE TAX COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN



TAX REFORM — and property tax equalization — were discussed by members of the state Policy Development subcommittee on taxation, with Senator Harry DeMaso, chairman of the powerful Senate Taxation Committee through which all tax reform bills must clear.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

TWO VACANCIES TO BE FILLED

What's so important about the State Board of Education? Just about everything, from the concerned citizen's viewpoint!

Consider: our Constitution states that the Board of Education shall have the power of "leadership and general supervision over ALL public education, including adult education . . ."

The Constitution decrees that this eight-member body, representative of the people of the state, "shall serve as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education, including higher education . . ."

In short, this board has a great deal of very real authority over the education of every child and adult. Its members must be astute, well qualified education-minded people.

The board also makes recommendations to the legislature on the financial requirements of the school system, reorganization of schools and special education programs.

Two vacancies are to be filled in the November election.

Farm Bureau members do well to study the background and qualifications of the four candidates for these two important positions.



MARILYN JEAN KELLY

A Democrat candidate for the State Board of Education is Marilyn Jean Kelly, (30) — organizer of the Eastern Michigan Democratic "Academic Resources Council" and presently a second-year law student at Wayne State University. She has done graduate work at the Sorbonne, Paris, and formerly was Assistant Professor in French at Eastern Michigan and Instructor in French at both Cleary and Albion Colleges.

She is an incumbent member of the State Board of Education, serving since 1965.



MICHAEL DEEB

A Democrat candidate for the State Board of Education is Michael Deeb (33) — director of the "Citizens for Humphrey" campaign in the Detroit Metropolitan area.

He is presently employed as an instructor at Highland Park Community College and has had ten years of teaching experience in Flint, St. Clair Shores and Highland Park.

Deeb is a member of both the American Federation of Teachers and the American Association of University Professors.



JAMES TEN BRINK

A Republican candidate for the State Board of Education is James Ten Brink, (62) — with 40 years of service as teacher, school Principal and Superintendent.

He is past president of both the Michigan Rural Teachers' Association and the Michigan Association of Intermediate Superintendents.

He holds B.A. and M.A. degrees from Hope College and Life Membership in both the Michigan and National Congress of Parents and Teachers. He is active in the Unity Reformed Church.



BARBARA DUMOUCHELLE

A Republican candidate for the State Board of Education is Barbara Dumouchelle, (36) — wife, mother, teacher, of Gross Ile, Michigan. She has taught in the public schools of Lansing, Dearborn and Detroit for five years, and has taught adult education classes in Lansing schools.

The mother of 3 children, she holds a permanent elementary teaching certificate and a B.A. from Siena Heights College, graduating Magna cum laude. She currently serves on the Governor's state School District Reorganization Committee.

How Our Congressmen Voted

"Tell us how they voted in Congress! We elect these people to represent us in Washington, we should know how they vote on those issues of importance to agriculture and to Michigan farming . . ."

This plea, made by voting delegates at the last annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, has been answered on several occasions throughout the year in pages of the FARM NEWS by printing voting records on such vital issues as the extension of the Food and Agricultural Act of 1965 (which Farm Bureau opposed) and the passage of the Marketing Rights Bill, (which Farm Bureau supported).

Now, the combined voting record of Michigan Congressmen on these two issues, plus their vote on the conference report on the Tax Economy Bill (which Farm Bureau supported) is printed nearby.

A check of the record shows that a majority of our Congressmen voted with Farm Bureau in each instance.

Only one Michigan Congressman (Representative Dingell, Detroit) voted consistently against Farm Bureau's position on all three of the critical issues, whereas six Congressmen voted for the Farm Bureau position on all three.

Included in this grouping were Congressmen Esch, Brown, Chamberlain, Harvey, Vander Jagt and Cederberg.

Congressman McDonald voted with Farm Bureau on two of the issues, but missed a perfect score by not voting on one. In similar fashion, Congressman Ruppe voted with Farm Bureau on two of the issues, but is shown "paired" (no position given) on one.

COMPLEXITIES OF CONGRESS

Before checking the vote-record of your Congressman, remember

that a "y" — indicates a yes, or "yea" vote. The "n" shows a no, or "nay" and the letters "nv" means that he did not vote on that issue.

The letter "p" shows that his vote has been "paired" as indicated — either yes or no — (p)y or (p)n — or as is sometimes the case just (p) — without position indicated.

It should also be remembered that a paired yea vote balances out a paired nay vote, and that these votes are not counted among total votes cast.

Farm Bureau urged a YEA vote on the Market-Rights bill. Farm Bureau urged a YEA vote on the Economy Tax Bill.

Farm Bureau urged a NAY vote on the Act of 1965 (Farm Program) Extension. In the voting chart, a capital letter indicates that the vote was in accord with Farm Bureau policy.

three major issues . . .

CONGRESSMAN'S NAME-DISTRICT	MARKET RIGHTS BILL	ECONOMY TAX BILL	EXTEND FARM ACT
1 Conyers	D.....(p)n.....	n.....	(p)n.....
2 Esch	R.....Y.....	Y.....	N.....
3 Brown	R.....Y.....	Y.....	N.....
4 Hutchinson	R.....Y.....	n.....	N.....
5 Ford, Gerald	R.....Y.....	Y.....	y.....
6 Chamberlain	R.....Y.....	Y.....	N.....
7 Riegle	R.....Y.....	n.....	N.....
8 Harvey	R.....Y.....	Y.....	N.....
9 Vander Jagt	R.....Y.....	Y.....	N.....
10 Cederberg	R.....Y.....	Y.....	N.....
11 Ruppe	R.....(p).....	Y.....	N.....
12 O'Hara	D.....n.....	Y.....	y.....
13 Diggs	D.....(p)n.....	n.....	N.....
14 Nedzi	D.....n.....	(p)y.....	(p)n.....
15 Ford, Wm.	D.....n.....	n.....	(p)n.....
16 Dingell	D.....n.....	n.....	y.....
17 Griffiths	D.....n.....	(p)n.....	N.....
18 Broomfield	R.....(p).....	n.....	(p)n.....
19 McDonald	R.....Y.....	Y.....	nv.....
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UNIONIZATION OF FARM LABOR ...the BIG lie

This has been the summer of the "Big lie" in the farm labor unionization battle. Most of the legal weapons have been used, also some of doubtful legality such as the secondary boycott of California grapes.

Many farmers apparently feel that the California growers must fight their own battles. If only the California farm workers were involved, this might be right, but much of the money for the unionizing effort is coming from Michigan.

The United Farm Workers Organizing Committee reported to the U.S. Department of Labor that they collected \$82,000 dues from members in 1967. At their rate of \$3.50 per month for dues, this would indicate that somewhat less than 3,500 of the 200,000 California farm workers have joined.

During this same period, it has been reported that the AFL-CIO contributed \$10,000 monthly to the campaign. The same report indicated that the United Auto Workers contribute \$7,500 monthly to support the program. This adds up to close to \$300,000 to sign 3,500 members.

There are reports of other donations by churches, the Migrant Ministry and private foundations. In one case the Office of Economic Opportunity made a grant of \$267,000 to the organizers in October of 1965. The agency also made an indirect grant of \$246,000 to the cause through the California Center for Community Development.

Numerous other funds reportedly have been made available from church and private sources, but their amounts and use are very hard to trace.

In case there are those among us who still don't understand what is in progress let us quote from a union report of some months back:

"Our principal 'enemy' is a straw-man, an image. This image is the commonly accepted picture of agriculture as being made of the sturdy yeoman, the solid, earthly American family farmer.

"The organizing task has a major task if it is to succeed, the destruction of this false image of family-farmerism, the identification of agribusiness for what it is: ruthless, coldblooded big business exploitation of people and the land. . . .

"The question is raised and must be answered: how do you destroy that false image? Is this image as important as you say it is? . . .

"The first question is answered thusly: we destroy this image by a systematic education campaign aimed at the trade union movement, which has its own press, and at the general public. . . ."

In case you still have any doubts about the aims of the organizational program for labor and whether it is important to us here in Michigan, it should be noted that some 25 tomato producers were unionized in western Ohio in about three days in early September of this year.

Organizers also made an appearance in Southeastern Michigan about the same time; however, they appear to have been unsuccessful, this year.

To put things in sharp focus, let us examine the real purpose of the so-called "grape strike and boycott." Was there a real strike of farm workers

as reported? There has been an intensive organizational effort but it would appear that few workers joined the organizers who were admittedly paid workers for the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee.

The U.S. Department of Labor certified that "a labor dispute exists" but has not ruled on the merits of the case so far. The fact remains there is no true strike of vineyard workers.

Having failed to enlist large numbers of farm workers voluntarily, the unions turned to the boycott to force farmers to require union membership of their workers. Churches, and other social action groups have joined the boycott attempts to bring pressure on producers through retailers and handlers. This is commonly called a secondary boycott, although this time people outside the union are becoming involved.

The boycott of grapes by the unions has taken a new twist recently as most union faces seem to have disappeared from the picket lines to be replaced by college kids and social minded city people. It could be that the order of the NLRB to New York unions to cease their questionable boycott practices has discouraged open union participation. Secondary boycotts by unions are forbidden by Federal law.

There are several possibilities we need to consider if we are to win this battle against compulsory unionism, and it is doubtful that we as a voluntary organization could in good conscience oppose the voluntary organization of farm labor, however distasteful it might be.

It is essential that we rebuild this friendly image which the unions have worked so hard to tear down. The public needs to know that we do provide good housing, often free; that we do pay good wages for good work; that we do provide Workmen's Compensation as required; that we are improving conditions as rapidly as money becomes available and that we help provide medical assistance.

Some people have said that mechanization will be the answer to the unions, but this may be a long way off. As a matter of fact, the partial mechanization of the cherry harvest caused problems this year for later harvests. Available migrant labor found it difficult to find enough work to tide them over the normal cherry harvest season. Some of them became so discouraged that they left the state before the apple harvest started.

Another area in which we appear to be greatly deficient appears to be that of management of available labor on our farms.

Most management specialists say that the most important tool in the hands of the manager is good communications with his labor force. The worker must know exactly what is expected of him, when and where he will be paid and what deductions will be made.

Unfortunately, we have not always been careful in explaining exactly how we want a particular job done and then made sure it went off exactly as we explained it.

Maybe we should develop written job descriptions

for major farm jobs much on the order of industrial job descriptions. It's much easier to settle a disagreement if the parties have the agreement in writing.

The use of migrant housing has often been a source of friction.

Maybe we should adopt the written housing agreements used by some of the larger employers of migrant labor. These employers not only explain the terms of housing occupancy, but they also list charges for the replacement of such items as broken window panes, missing screens and the like.

From a legal standpoint perhaps we should move now to get legislation changed before there is pressure from the unions to make modifications unfavorable to our industry. The prohibition of strikes is usually ineffective, but such a prohibition during the harvest season might give better legal standing in courts for those who have the time and money.

At least one U.S. Senator has suggested that farm labor be placed under the jurisdiction of the National Labor Relations Board. We need to look at this suggestion very closely before we accept it. In the first place the NLRB has operated in a manner which couldn't be called unbiased; then too, its procedures are long and tedious, tailored to an industrial atmosphere.

If some way could be found to divorce the NLRB from both labor and management, the proposal might have some merit. Then too, it would be of limited benefit unless its procedures could be speeded up drastically.

Another possible legal angle would be to write into the law provisions guaranteeing the producer the right to harvest and market, unmolested, his crop while negotiations progressed. Under present laws he is prevented from hiring through government channels any other labor while the labor disagreement certification is in effect — meantime his crop rots in the fields.

In view of this year's attempts to boycott California grapes, it may be time to tighten the laws relating to the use of boycotts of products to compel employees to require union membership. Few of the pickets were employees or former employees of the farmers picketed, but they were working the plans of the UFWOC and probably should have been classed as agents of the Committee. Most were students, militants and social actionists.

Whatever the outcome of the California organizational drive, Michigan may very well be faced with a major effort to organize farm workers another year.

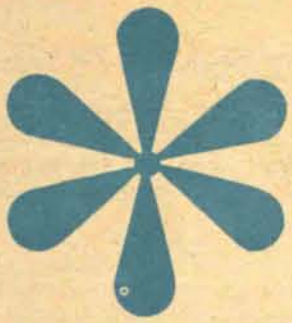
If Michigan farmers are to avoid crippling strikes, they must be prepared to cope with attempts to stop harvesting of perishables.

Clearly written agreements, complete and patient explanations of work, close supervision and complete, timely accounting for pay and deductions can more effectively discourage unionization than whole reams of anti-union propaganda.

In the meantime we must be prepared to complete harvests with exchanged labor between farms or other emergency means. We cannot wait, we must plan now.

First and foremost we have to remember that employees are people with some of the strengths and most of the weaknesses with which people are blessed. Patience in working with them pays big dividends.

Does your group have suggestions to meet or head off the union organization effort?



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