When times seem uncertain, young people often give up the idea of preparing themselves for the future. There is a tendency to sit back and say, "What's the Use? Our plans will only have to be abandoned anyway, and so we will wait." Five years ago critics scoffed at the "lunacy of reaching the moon." Today optimistic scientists foresee space stations on the moon, with agriculture sufficient to care for the needs of the inhabitants. Artist Norm Goodling gives a brief insight of what could very well be a reality in a few short years. Dr. Robert Parker, a scientist-astronaut with NASA, will address the annual banquet of the Michigan Farm Bureau at Lansing Civic Center, November 11. (See page 3.) It is appropriate to have a young man who is scheduled for one of the near future space flights bring us up-to-date on what can and will take place. It is also fitting, during these uncertain times, to get a report on the vital role space travel will play in the lives of each of us.

Don't Miss Your Michigan Farm Bureau Annual Meeting At Michigan State University...
November 10, 11 and 12, 1969
Are we Thankful?

A question often asked, but seldom really answered - "Why should we wait until Thanksgiving to give thanks for the many things we have and for the many things we do not have?"

There isn't any of us that can't travel, even a little, nor any of us that can't see the faces of many, many persons, in need of our help. We should be thankful for the measure of health and strength we enjoy. We should humbly but proudly admit that we're the beneficiaries that we are thankful.

It is revealing — and relaxing — to capture the feelings and reflections of children who haven't been exposed to the confusion of world affairs and personal problems.

One Thanksgiving season a wise schoolteacher asked her class to tell her what they individually, would thank God for in their Thanksgiving prayer. The replies warrant repeating.

The teacher listed the children's answers into one prayer, which read: "We bow our heads and thank Thee ... for the sound of laughter; for the joy of children that swart and flourish with the autumn; for the smell of chocolate cake in the oven; for big red garden tomatoes; for our playmate that gets tangled up in pink yarn; for our sister's smile on Christmas morning; for our brother's love; for the whispers to the wallpaper that carry me across the sea when I look at them; for the shade of the maple trees in our yard; for which we are thankful that we can see.

Will you join me?

Evans Hale

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Maurice H. Stans, U.S. Secre-
ty of Commerce told the 10th
plenary meeting of the National
Export Expansion Council re-
"The fundamental trade policy of the
Nixon Administration is expansionist, not protec-
tionist. There are no barriers we are committed to the achievement of
free trade between nations, and we are aggressively seeking
the greatest possible expansion of
American exports."

The National Export Expansion Council is composed of 74 promi-
inent business, labor, and profes-
sional leaders appointed by the
Secretary of Commerce to advise
him on international business pol-
icies. According to President
Shuman, president of American
Farm Bureau is one of 36 new
members named to the Council
this year.

The Secretary told the Council of
the Administration's official export
goal of $50 billion by 1973
"The first national export goal in the
history of our country.

"Beyond the setting of goals we are taking the practical, posi-
tive steps to achieve our American
business to do business abroad.

"We are going to reduce the
demand requirements for
exports.

"We are going to restore the
American merchant marine as an
effective instrument in greater
world commerce.

"We are going to improve the
ways and means of providing more
credit for export financing.

"We are considering ways to
help our farmers高新技术
competitive tax barriers which are
being raised against them in coun-
tries abroad.

"In every country where it is
appropriate to do so, particularly
Japan, we are pressing vigorously
for the elimination of restrictions
— open or covert restraints —
aggravating the U.S. competition
American investments," the
Secretary said.

AFBF ANNUAL BECKONS COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Final preparations are being made for the Fifteenth Annual
Meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation in our na-
tion's capital.

Michigan Farm Bureau members have shown a definite in-
terest in attending this historic Golden Anniversary meeting
with many reservations already received.

Of special interest is the invitation for all County Farm Bu-
reau presidents to be in attendance at this important meeting
and to receive recognition for the outstanding accomplishments
of the past year. A section of the general assembly area will be
reserved for County representatives. I urge participation by
those attending to the AFBF annual
meeting. From all indications this will be the greatest annual
meeting in the history of Farm Bureau.

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Governor Names November 9-15 Farm Bureau Week in Michigan

MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS—witnessed the signing of the proclamation. Left to right are Clayton Ford, David Morris, Andrew Jackson, Dean Pridgen, Kenneth Bull, Eugene Roberts, Governor William Milliken (seated), Calvin Lutz, Pres. Elton Smith, Lawrence Karsten, Maxine Topliff, Richard Wieland and Harvey Louenhager. Not present was James Sorey.

PROCLAMATION

Governor Milliken has proclaimed the week of November 9-15, 1969, as Farm Bureau Week in Michigan.

The proclamation reads:

"Agriculture, Michigan's second largest industry, provides for nearly one-third of our total employment through agricultural production, processing and distribution.

"The Michigan Farm Bureau this year celebrates its golden anniversary with 50 years of outstanding accomplishment and service to Michigan agriculture.

"Farm Bureau makes significant contributions to the economic and social well-being of our state and communities, helping farmers to work together economically, legislatively and educationally. In 1969, every county Farm Bureau in Michigan has achieved significant membership growth, resulting in a total of more than 55,000 member families.

"Therefore, I, William G. Milliken, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim the week of November 9-15, 1969, as FARM BUREAU WEEK in Michigan, and urge recognition of the importance of this state and of Farm Bureau.

NASA Astronaut To Address Annual Banquet

Dr. R. A. Parker

Carrying out a theme—"Looking to the Future"—Dr. Robert A. Parker, Scientist-Astronaut from NASA'S Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, will be the principal speaker at the 50th Anniversary MFB's annual banquet, November 11 at 6 p.m. in the Lansing Civic Center.

Dr. Parker is tentatively scheduled for a space mission in early 1970. He has degrees in Astronomy and Physics and is a member of the American and Royal Astronomical Societies and the International Astronomical Union. Prior to his appointment as an astronaut, Dr. Parker was an Associate Professor of Astronomy at the University of Wisconsin. He was selected as scientist-astronaut by NASA in August, 1967, and has completed the initial academic training and a 53-week course in flight training at Williams Air Force Base.

Opening Day Session

The voting delegates will be called to order at 10 a.m. Monday. After the opening welcome there will be a presentation of Freedom Foundation Awards, the President's address by MFB President Elton Smith and at 11 a.m., a Veterans Day ceremony by four members of the U.S. Marine Corps, Lansing. An address by Gov. William Milliken will complete the first morning's session.

Two special luncheons will be held on Monday — The Women's luncheon at Kellogg Center in the Red Cedar Room at 6 p.m., while the Young Farmer banquet will be held at 6:30 in the ballroom of the Union Building.

Pres. Shuman at Tuny Session

Following the Treasurer's report by William Beattie and the Secretary's report by Dr. F. Reed, AFBF President Charles Shuman will address the general session. A special award will be presented to Michigan Farm Bureau by Michigan Milk Producers; charter members will be recognized and a challenge of the future will complete the morning session. At 1 p.m., the delegates will reconvene to consider resolutions. Delegates from Districts 1, 2, 5, 7, 9 and 11 will recess for caucuses at 4 p.m.

Also at the 6 p.m. banquet, county Farm Bureau program awards will be presented; Distinctive Service Awards will be presented and a 1970 Farm Bureau queen will receive her crown.

Young Farmers to Compete in National Contest

Three hundred Young Farmers are expected to attend this year's Young Farmer banquet at the Municipal Auditorium, November 10, at 6:30 in the ballroom of the Union Building.

Hans Odegard, "fresh" from Denver, will be the featured speaker. The 1969 Farm Bureau Queen Diane Traver, national and state Young Farmer Committee member, will be in attendance.

The semi-finalists from the District Discussion meets will compete for state Young Farmer Committee sponsored banquet.

The Farm Bureau queen contest will be held Tuesday, November 11. More than 30 contestants are entered and the 1970 FB queen will receive her crown.

50th ANNUAL MEETING

Michigan State University

November 10-12, 1969

Charter Members

Farm Bureau members are a "hearty group" — proving that farm life is a healthy life. Previously we listed 87 charter-family members — those having been Michigan Farm Bureau members for 50 years. Since then we have received names of 104 more. We are indeed proud of the outstanding work of members who have contributed greatly to the success of Michigan Farm Bureau.

Family members, by county, include:

- Allegan: Andrew C. Lohman, Walter Wightman, Gilbert Imms,
  Harvey Imms, George Koopman, James Koopman.
- Branch: Otis O. Barnes, Calhoun: Roy Brazee, Charlevoix:
  Lavern E. McGahan, Clinton: Harold Desheme, William King
  Lee, Delta: Wesley S. Hawley, Eaton: Minnie Clarke, Julia
  O'Neil, Chester Smith, Vern Smith. Ingham: Floyd Rice.
  B unsettling. Kent: Arthur Bowman, Ella Buttrick. Lenawee
  Edna Bessarak, Winona L. Leach, Faye
  E. W. Lyon, Ottawa: D. H. S. Rymer (Sam), Saginaw:
  Williams F. Larkin, G. W. Schomaker, Peter Young, Jr. Shiawas-
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  gardner, Clifford Bristol, Ray Byington, Arthur Davis, Lila
  Aldrich, Mary E. Bell, Clare Ill, Ewald Inclad, Rind Knoblet, Frank Koch, John P. Newton, Edward Petzold, Fred Seitz.
  Vernon: S. E. Buskirk.
- Washtenaw: Anna M. McCalla, Frank Geiger, Lawrence
  Boettiner, Ralph Leland, Ray Gibbs, Angelina Hellner. Kalamazoo:
  Earl Anderson, Daphne Bailey, Claire J. Brown, Helen
  Benson, Velmae Buckham, Violet Maltby, Cyril Root. Genesee:
  Gladys Bentley, Carl Brown, Laura Cooney, Roy F. Crouser,
  Almyne F. Fox, George Fromwiller, Joseph Goodrich, Emma
  Green, Roy Hammond, Gladys B. Harris, Helen Hill, Elneman
  Hill, Carol Hedges, Mary A. Huggins, Earl Johnson, Maude Kurtz, L. R. Lang, C. Mildred Leach, Faye C. Myers, Joseph B. Myers, Jr., Clara Perrin, Nina Pierson, Mr.
- Bay County: Clarence F. Reynolds, Perry Sherman, William Sherman, Charles Warren, Donald West.
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Gov. Milliken Presents Educational Reform Recommendations

by Robert E. Smith

A statewide property tax is recommended in the report. In each mill would be concentrated on some important changes. The Governor talked in terms of 20 mills of state-wide property tax. He Governor cut this figure to 16 mills. The first proposals were "open-ended" with no limit. The Governor added a limitation, saying that in future years the programs for schools would not be permitted to exceed the "same percentage contribution to state expenditures for schools as that contributed by the 16-mill levy in the first year." It is estimated that, under present conditions, the 16 mills statewide would yield about 35% of the school operating cost. This means that the property tax revenue would not be increased by more than about 35% of the cost of school operation. Here again, the people involved in the final decisions through a constitutional amendment. The present 15-18 mill system is used in 26 districts, the regional concept which, in turn, would affect the Superintendent of Public Education. There seems to be general agreement, that as now constituted, it has been a monstrous law. The reorganization would replace the present 7% with a new 5% and financial institutions. It is the 12 bills that have been introduced will be subject to much criticism and it is likely the property tax, many prefer it over the income tax, they have regarded as the most difficult and what appears to be different? It is possible to eliminate property taxes. It is recognized that huge amounts of money are involved and that the Michigan policy development process is now in progress, but in our testimony, so far, we have encountered many proposals for reorganization. The Board of Education which is closer to Farm Bureau's own school and taxation policies. Governor Milliken has received general commendation for the courage that he has displayed in calling for a complete school and tax reform. The program is so broad that it can be said — it pleases everyone and, likewise, displeases everyone in other ways. Nonetheless, it is clear that there are many school problems throughout the state and a vehicle to be used by the Legislature. The Board acted in November. The Board was able to improve the system. It carries it out, some type of constitutional amendment is also recommended that "nonpublic school receiving state aid be required to undergo periodic evaluation, accountability and quality controls as public schools." The Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors, in session on October 16, considered some of the Governor's education recommendations in light of Farm Bureau's policy. The Board of Directors recommended that the property tax be lowered to 10 or 12 mills and that income tax is the fairest method of replacing the large amounts of money involved. If the Legislature is truly committed to school reform and the tax reform needed to carry it out, some type of constitutional amendment must be passed, whether it's the Governor's, the Commission's or our Board's. In any event, it is estimated that it would take three years to put a complete program into effect.

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FARM BUREAU BOARD NEWS

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A style — the election of a state chairman and vice chairman — plus an address from Michigan's lady state Senator will provide an interesting full day for more than 700 Michigan Farm Bureau Women expected to attend the 50th Annual Meeting program November 10.

Presiding will be Mrs. Jerold Topliff, Chairman, Women's Committees, Michigan Farm Bureau.

The luncheon will start at 12:30 in the Big Ten Room, Kellogg Center. Mrs. William Scrannin, Past Chairman, will give the invocation, and following the luncheon, Mrs. Clare Carpenter, Vice Chairman, will introduce many guests.

Always of interest is an election — this year, the state's chairman and vice chairman posts are on the ballot. The only announced candidates for these offices are Mrs. Topliff, the incumbent. Mrs. Richard Wieland and Mrs. Frances Campau have filed for the vice chairman position.

Senator N. Loraine Beebe, 12 Dist., Michigan State Legislature, will address the ladies by telephone on "Women's Role in Today's Society." Mrs. Beebe is a member of several state committees and also national chairman of the Consumer Rights Committee.

MFB President Elton Smith will visit with the guests; Mrs. Topliff will give her annual report and Helen Atwood, Coordinator, Women's Activities, will present awards to county Women's Committees for outstanding performance over the past year.

The ladies will join Don Funk, East Lansing Songster and songstress, and Mrs. Louise Soule, pianist, in a group-singing session before the long-awaited Style Review.

Winners of local needlecraft contests, held in each county, will model their winning costumes in a style review while other "non-wearable" articles will be on display nearby.

As gold is the selected color for the 50th Annual Meeting, the State Committee are using gold color for decoration, including the wearing of "something gold" in their costumes.

Senator Beebe Reports on Hawaiian Labor Laws

Michigan State Senator N. Loraine Beebe, Chairman of the nationwide Consumers' Rights Committee, has issued the following statement:

"I have just returned from an unpublicized visit to Hawaii, the only state in the nation with a collective bargaining law for farm workers, to find out for myself how effective this law is and to determine in what measure any of its provisions or concepts could be incorporated in a national farm labor bill to solve the dilemma facing all American agriculture.

"After talking at length with legislative leaders of both parties, labor attorneys who are expert in the operation of the Hawaii act, business leaders and labor leaders — including officials of the ILWU, who have organized farm workers in Hawaii — I concluded that the great thing about the pioneering Hawaii act is that it works. The interesting thing is that everyone I talked to said the farm labor law benefits all aspects of Hawaiian agriculture — the farmer, the worker, the consumer and the unions.

"I am no labor lawyer myself and all those to whom I talked made it perfectly clear that they did not know whether the Hawaii act would serve the needs of any other state or as a model for national legislation. But, going through the provisions of the act as a lay person with Hawaiian workers have to live with it, I was struck by the fact that Hawaii's law so closely parallels in so many respects the concept contained in Senator George Murphy's Consumer Agricultural Food Protection Act, that I think the United States Senate will shortly hold hearings.

"My visit convinced me that agriculture all over the United States would benefit from farm labor legislation, such as Senator Murphy's, that is national in scope, equitable in purpose, and designed to protect the interest of all parties concerned with the free flow of food from the farm to the consumer.

"The purpose of any such act must be to protect the consumer and his food supply. A necessary corollary of that is that the act must give a voice to farm workers by providing guidelines within which they may organize peacefully through secret election and bargain collectively.

"In this way we can hope to see the end of such destructive and discriminatory tactics as the attempted boycott of California table grapes, which has cost consumers dollars; and settle farm disputes in the farm, where they belong.

"As chairman of the Consumers' Rights Committee, which now numbers 30,000 members, I have travelled the nation seeking information on the needs of agriculture. My fact-finding tour of Hawaii has taught me that the state has pioneered well in this important area. The fact that Hawaii's act so closely parallels Senator Murphy's model convinces me that the solution is to be found in this concept.
WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE

Father Cletus Healy, well-known Jesuit writer tells of his visits to California vineyards, to gather first hand material about the so-called Grape Strike.

When Chavez set up his cooperative, he and his two companions of Delano, Saul and Mrs. Billie Wapner, and Murray Norris, a Catholic journalist from Fresno, went to the vineyards to gather first hand material about the so-called Grape Strike.

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CLARK L. BRODY was the first Secretary-Manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau. For a wide span of years he guided the organization through political and financial challenges and from humble beginnings into a recognized state Farm Bureau. His book, "In the Service of the Farmer," is a warm recounting of the turbulent times when the Bureau was still trying to find itself — to determine members' needs and practical means of meeting those needs. In 1959, for example, he told us how members once debated the pros and cons of capital expenditures between short term gains which could later become "bad run economies..."

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OUT OF THE THIRTIES AND INTO WAR

In 1936 the affairs of the Michigan State Farm Bureau took an upward turn as the depression which had been maintained ever since. By the end of 1941 assets had grown from $700,000 to $1,240,000, and net worth from $300,000 to $507,000. Membership increased by almost 100% to 12,000. These five years merely pre-figured the phenomenal growth that was to occur immediately after the war.

Commissions from selling automobile insurance policies to farmers was the largest source of income. In 1940 it was 41% of the insurance business of Michigan farmers pretty much a monopoly, which was remedied as soon as possible. But the Pope does not consider the labor union the ideal, "it would be some time before the workers..."

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WAR AND THE TRANSITION TO PEACE

When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, I have long since forgotten as the populace rallied to the support of the government. The war effort, and labor unions, industrialists, and farmer organizations provided an outlet for energy and emotions.

With the onset of war, the membership of the Michigan State Farm Bureau increased fast. John Yaeger, with the assistance of Earl Turner, and later Wood D. Eastman, through the war emergency commissions, farm leaders, had begun to enlist members on a large scale. The threat of parity prices and the threat of depletion of the farm labor force inclined farmers to hang together. I think of Dolores Mendoza referring to the "Lousiana" days, when the farmers were with my mildness and conservatism. For my part, I welcomed relief from managerial mistakes which I had shouldered since 1921. Between 1952 and 1958, when I was serving as a member of the Federal Farm Credit Board, which agency administers the Federal Farm Loan Act, I have had numerous contacts with the Bank for Cooperatives. This appointment increased my influence in the Department of Agriculture, where several friends of mine — True D. Morse, James O'Brien, Ed Rock, and John Davis, the President of the Commodity Credit Corporation, Dr. Dr. Earl Butts, Assistant Secretary for Marketing, and Dr. W. J. Figg, Assistant to Secretary Ben-}

POST-WAR EXPANSION

At the end of World War II the post-war era was ushered in, a time of prosperity, the like of which had never known before, even in the prosperous twenties. War-torn countryside needed our goods and services for rebuilding. Americans, their pockets swollen with money, were ready to spend, but they had been denied during the war, but it would some time before product could reflow for peak time production. With an extreme undersupply of goods and great oversupply of money, the economy was ripe for inflation. Agriculture, in the initial stages, enjoyed a plentiful supply. Hence, in lieu of having other things on which to spend their money, the farmers bought in great quantities. Farm prices, therefore, rose more than the prices of many other commodities. Moreover, contrary to what most experts had predicted, the foreign demand for food, feed, and fiber continued high after the war. It was found that the Farm Bureau improved with those of the farmer. In 1945 membership had grown to more than 700,000 community farm bureaus. We were on the threshold of a new era and a new generation of leadership. Our thinking about the basis of the organization was changed. A new circle. We decided that the major part of the money for financing the war could not come from dues, rather than from membership fees, the only way we could safely increase dues if the Bureau provided more and better services and information than other organizations. Hence, in 1947 dues were raised from $5 to $10. In one year, rather than the former $3000, we sold $12,000. We fell from 48,000 to 34,000; but by 1952 it grew to 50,000. In five years, we sold more than doubled.

RETIRED AND REFLECTIONS

On August 15, 1952, the Board of Directors appointed John F. Yaeger as executive secretary-treasurer and general manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau. The Board made me executive vice president. My duties, besides assisting Yaeger, were to direct the public affairs and legislative programs of the Association. Thus I had in effect been carrying out the duties of his new position months before he actually became departmental official. We made a good team — him with his vigor and impetuosity, and with my mildness and conservatism. For my part, I welcomed relief from managerial mistakes which I had shouldered since 1921. Between 1952 and 1958, when I was serving as a member of the Federal Farm Credit Board, which agency administers the Federal Farm Loan Act, I have had numerous contacts with the Bank for Cooperatives. This appointment increased my influence in the Department of Agriculture, where several friends of mine — True D. Morse, James O'Brien, Ed Rock, and John Davis, the President of the Commodity Credit Corporation, Dr. Dr. Earl Butts, Assistant Secretary for Marketing, and Dr. W. J. Figg, Assistant to Secretary Ben-
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MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

NOTES FROM ALL OVER...

Shereen congratulations to Farm Bureau member Keith L. M. Ricks from Blissfield who was presented the top National FFA Award in Crop Farming at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. Keith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Ricks of Blissfield.

Eisenmann was cited for using modern agricultural tech- niques learned in vocational agriculture which increased yields of soybeans on an average of 30 to 40 bushels per acre. His average corn yield is 125 bushels per acre.

He is currently attending Michigan State University majoring in agricultural studies.

Glenn Lake, Michigan Milk Producers Association president, has been appointed to take part in the White House Conference on Agriculture in Washington, D. C. Preliminary meetings of the various panels involved in the conference are also scheduled. Purpose of the conference is to lay a foundation for a national policy and to advise President Nixon on the best methods of eliminating hunger and malnutrition in the United States.

Mrs. Haven Smith, Chappell, Nebraska, chairman of the American Farm Bureau Women's Committee, has been named chairman of a Presidential Task Force on rural development. A White House announcement said the task force will review the effectiveness of our present rural assistance programs and make recommendations as to what might be done in the private and public sectors to stimulate rural development. Clifford G. McHutchin, director of AFBF's natural resources department, was named as one of the nine other members of the task force.

The plans for the 1970 Michigan Week festivities are already under way. Robert J. Hutton, general chairman for Michigan Week 1970, has named Frank T. Buchanan, Michigan Bell Telephone Company and Coordinator of Michigan Bell's 29th Agricultural Achievement Week and special events, to serve as deputy general chairman-at-large, working with state committees for the 17th Annual Michigan Week.

Rep. Stanley Powell's name was not listed under the picture of Gov. Milliken's signing of the proclamation naming October as "Cooperative Month." We're sorry, Rep. Powell.

We at the Michigan Farm Bureau office are still in need of some of the earlier Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors pictures. Week 1969. Featured speakers for this historic annual meeting will include U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Clifford Hardin, Charles Shuman, president of AFBF and Roger Fleming, Secretary-treasurer, AFBF. One more speaker will be announced later. Plan now to attend this all important meeting, December 7-10 in Washington, D. C.

Commodity Day Program

Dr. A. Meurer L. Nelson Dr. T. Nieder K. VanPatter

Dr. S. Greg Dr. R. Risks Dr. D. Sturt D. Stachowick

Six Young Farmers will participate in a competitive discussion — "Can Farm Bureau Survive Another 50 Years?"—a part of the noon Commodity Day Luncheon program in MSU's Union Building. The discussion meet is a technique in leadership training wherein participants compete in a lively discussion the points of view of the three speakers.

Following the luncheon, Walter Framer, Michigan Farm Bureau Field Crops Advisory Committee Chairman, will host the Field Crops program in room 31 of the Union Building. Dr. Arthur Mauch, Department of Agricultural Economics, Michigan State University, will participate in the session beginning at 2:15.

Richard Wieland, MFB Dairy Advisory Committee chairman, will have a panel discussion in room 35, Union Building — discussing the Status of Dairy Promotion and New Dairy Products. Don Carlson, American Dairy Assn., chairman; Dr. Hugh D. Nisson, Dept. of Dairy Science, MSU; and Dr. R. Hughes, Food Science Dept. and Kenneth VanPatter, Mich. Dept. of Agriculture, comprise the panel.

Michigan's Fruits and Vegetables in the Market: Where Do They Stand? What Is Their Future? is the theme of the Fruit and Vegetable program, scheduled in room 30 of the Union Building. Dr. Smith Greig, Dr. Donald Risks and George Stachowick, all of MSU, will participate.

David Morris, MFB Livestock Advisory Committee chairman, will conduct a Livestock program in room 38 of the Union Building. Dr. John Quinn, State Veterinarian; Larry De Vuyt, Mgr., MACMA Feeders Pig Program; Don Shepard and B. H. "Buck" Walton will participate in the session.

Dr. Daniel Sturt and M. J. Buschion will talk on the Farm Labor Advisory Committee chairman will lead the meeting in parlors A and B in the Union Building.
Here’s a Traction TIP for Icy Roads from Farmers Petroleum!

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TWO great tires designed for TRACTION... designed for ice grips (studs) with a specially engineered ice-grip support area in the tread. These tires are reverse molded to put more tire in contact with the road, improving tread mileage as well as skid resistance. The generously slotted treads resist side-slip and full depth tread grooves provide traction throughout the entire life of the tread. Both tires are suitable for front end operation in applications where four ice-grip tires are desired. As much as 75% of your car’s braking effort is on the front wheels, so make your car super safe with Unico ice gripper tires on all four wheels. You’ll have more control on turns, corners and hills. See your dealer now.

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AN EVOLUTION

Summer is past, most migrant workers have left the state, but the threat of farm labor unionization continues.

Efforts are being made to organize farm workers in states other than Michigan. But very few successes by these organizers have been reported.

On the other hand the social conscience of many urban and some rural people has been aroused by the many unfair and inhumane practices which have been written during recent months.

For example, farmers are being blamed for the plight of their hired workers. Legislators and special interest groups have been accused of blocking legislation supposedly designed to help farm workers, and various agencies of the government have been accused of inaction.

The unfavorable publicity may have been politically motivated and urged on by social reform groups. However, one thing is certain, the unions have been given much free publicity to help further their movement.

Farm employers need to take part, to get involved, to guard their own interests and others. By way of example, congressmen, writing the newspapers and by telling both, the farmers side of the issue. A positive approach is a proven way of doing it; news stories on the economic value of agriculture, in terms of product values, workers employed, payrolls generated, and more could very well help to soften the effects before future sessions of the legislature.

What many non-farming folks fail to realize is that farm workers, whether hired or otherwise, are not different people. Migrant labor can voluntarily organize into their own groups for bargaining power. And if they have complaints they also have the right to picket! They also have the right to withhold their labor if they are not happy. Collective bargaining is new to farm workers.

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Over 5,000 Farm Bureau members including 300 from Michigan will converge on the nation's capital December 7-10 for the 50th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The Michigan delegation will be housed in the Starlet-Hilton Hotel, located about 2 miles from convention headquarters. According to a spokesman from the American Farm Bureau, shuttle buses will be used to transport Farm Bureau members between meetings and events.

Transportation and housing have been arranged with a charter flight originating from Lansing for membership chairman and their wives. Two flights will originate from Detroit Metro Airport, with a special bus leaving Lansing for all members desiring to leave their cars at the Farm Bureau center.

Total cost for transportation from Detroit is $52.00. There will be a $7.00 bus fee for the round trip from Lansing to Detroit. An alternative plan with plane transportation from Lansing to Washington will cost $79.80, it was announced by Larry Ewing, Manager, Program Development Division. All reservations for transportation and housing should be made with Mr. Ewing before November 14.

It was emphasized that room reservations at the Starlet-Hilton are in the name of Michigan Farm Bureau and individual reservations must be made with Mr. Ewing by writing: Program Development Division, Box 960, Lansing, Michigan 48904.

EUGENE K. GREENAWALT, former school teacher and an active Farm Bureau member in both Indiana and Michigan, has joined the MB staff on Southwestern's Regional Representative. He is active in 4-H, his church and is a navy veteran. Mr. and Mrs. Greenawalt and their two children live in Kolamooze.

HARRY A. FOSTER, a MACMA staff member for four years, has been appointed Red Tart Cherry Division Manager, according to MACMA Manager Robert Braden. Harry has developed and carried out a successful grape and asparagus marketing program. Rodney Bull is chairman of the MACMA Red Tart Cherry Committee.

JERRY CAMPBELL, Field Representative for the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association... MACMA... has been with the association since 1968. Recently Michigan, has been named Grape Division Manager for Farm Bureau Mr. Campbell and his family live in Decatur. He replaces Harry Foster in this position.
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